

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 2,3,4,5 Oct 60		2. LOCATION Paulding, Ohio		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Jupiter ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2030 GMT 3-6/0130Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE ---	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Very brilliant star observed in Eastern sky. Observed on 4 succeeding nights. Brilliant at times turning orange and red. Sudden disappearance with blacking out as though going away from the witness. Observed in WSW sky on last 3 nights.				11. COMMENTS Request sent for questionnaire to be filled out, however they were not returned. From the information given it is concluded that the cause of the sighting was the planet Jupiter. The planet was in the general position given for the last 3 observations and the color changes were probably due to atmospheric refraction. On the dates of the sightings Jupiter had a magnitude of -1.7. Sirius (in the Eastern sky) was probably the cause of the initial sighting.	

October 5, 1960
Poulding, Ohio

To whom it may concern: —

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this phenomena to we are
writing to you!

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time in the west south west
sky high. It is cloudy tonight
no other stars in the sky.

What is it? Mr and Mrs
, our neighbors have seen
it. Tuesday evening my brother
Mr noticed it coming

home from Detroit several (3
miles from Paulding. We called
it to the attention of Sheriff
~~_____~~ my husband, daughter
and in-laws saw it.

Is there an explanation?
Or is it top secret?

Would appreciate your
filling ~~me~~ in if you have
heard anything about this.

Thank you for your time.

Most sincerely
~~_____~~

R.R.# ~~_____~~

Paulding, Ohio

24 October 1960

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]:

This will acknowledge your letter of 5 October 1960 concerning the sightings by you and your relatives of unidentified flying objects on the evenings of 2 through 5 October 1960.

Your letter contained insufficient information for a valid conclusion. Therefore, we ask that you and other who saw the objects fill out the inclosed Air Force questionnaires and forward the completed documents to the Commander, Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio for their analysis and evaluation.

From the limited information contained in your letter, it is possible that the cause of the sightings on 3, 4 and 5 October was probably atmospheric refraction of the planet Jupiter. The planet was at a position which corresponded to the general position of the object you described. On the dates of the sighting the planet had a magnitude of -1.7, approximately four times brighter than any star except Sirius; however, this star was not visible from your location until about 0130 on 2 to 5 October, and then would have been in the eastern sky.

Would you please make an additional attempt to view the object and to obtain photographs to be forwarded with the questionnaires?

Sincerely,

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Paulding, Ohio

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AEROSPACE TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: AFCIN-4E2x

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting (Mrs [REDACTED])

19 OCT 1960

TO: SAFOI-3d (L/Col Tacker)

1. Reference copy of attached letter to the Air Force from Mrs [REDACTED], dated 5 October 1960.
2. Mrs [REDACTED] letter does not contain sufficient information concerning the sightings to allow a valid conclusion. It is suggested that your office forward several copies of ATIC Form #164, dated February 1960, to Mrs Wells for completion by her and her friends. The completed forms are to be forwarded directly to ATIC.
3. The limited information contained in Mrs [REDACTED] letter indicates that the cause of the sighting on 3, 4, and 5 October 1960 was probably atmospheric refraction of the planet Jupiter. The planet was at a position which corresponded to the general position of the object described by the witness. On the dates of the sighting the planet had a magnitude of -1.7, approximately four times brighter than any star except Sirius; however, this star was not visible from Mrs [REDACTED] location until about 0130 on 2 to 5 October 1960, and then would have been in the eastern sky.
4. Request the witness make an additional attempt to view the object and to obtain photographs to be forwarded with the questionnaires.
5. The address of the witness is as follows:

Mr [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Paulding, Ohio

FOR THE COMMANDER-

Philip G. Evans
Major, USAF

PHILIP G. EVANS

Colonel, USAF

Deputy for Science and Components

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Cy ltr 5 Oct 60 fr Mrs [REDACTED]

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Most sincerely,

/s/ Mrs [redacted]

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Paulding, Ohio

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