

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 29 June 61	2. LOCATION Rome Center, Michigan		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 5 AM GMT 29/1000Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian		☒ Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION quickly	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE WSW	☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Oblong ball of fire in sky. Thought to be vapor trail at 1st, however, objt disappeared rapidly. Objt just W of where sun rose a few minutes later about 30° above horizon. Traveled WSW at speed of Echo.		11. COMMENTS Case evaluated as meteor on limited info as not any conflicting data with this conclusion. Sent for additional info. No rply.	

31 October 1961

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Your recent card to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration has been referred to the Air Force.

Although your description of the sighting you witnessed sounds very much like a fireball (astronomical) more information will be required before a definite determination can be made. In view of this, I am enclosing three questionnaires. The additional forms are for other witnesses of this sighting whom you might know. You may return the completed questionnaires in the enclosed pre-addressed envelopes which require no postage.

Your interest in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

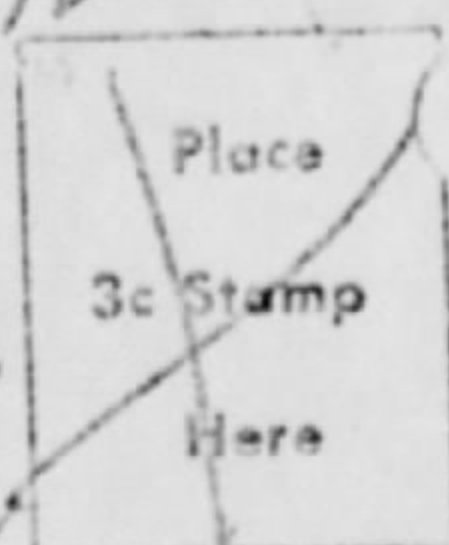
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Office of Information

Mr. [REDACTED]
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Manitou Beach, Michigan

cc: Major Friend

AT EXACTLY 5 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING ON
JUNE 29, 1961, I OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED
TO BE A OBLONG BALL OF FIRE IN THE SKY. AT
FIRST I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE A JET VAPOR
TRAIL. BUT ALL VAPOR TRAILS I HAVE SEEN
BEFORE WERE PROMINENT FOR SOME TIME. THIS TRAIL
DISAPPEARED QUICKLY, AS A BALL OF FIRE MOVING
RAPIDLY. I WAS ON MICHIGAN ROUTE #223 A FEW MILES
N.W. OF ROMECENTER, MICH. THE OBJECT WAS JUST
WEST OF WHERE THE SUN ROSE A FEW MINUTES LATER, ABOUT
30° ABOVE THE HORIZON + SEEMED TO^{BE} TRAVELING WSW
(ERRADICALLY) ABOUT THE SPEED OF ECHO.



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MANITOU BEACH, MICH.