

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>4 Apr 62</u>	2. LOCATION <u>Wurtland, Kentucky</u>		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other <u>UNIDENTIFIED</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>05/0150Z</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE <u>Civilian</u>		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>6 mins</u>	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>one</u>	9. COURSE <u>stationary</u>	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Obj viewed thru a telescope on night that had many stars, no moon. Obj appeared to change brightness & give off smoke. Obj moved behind a cloud. Had something similar to haze around it. Transcribed a 7 deg X 2 deg area while viewed thru a 117 power TX. Appeared to have a tail pointed toward sun rather than away fm Sun as is normal for a comet. Brightness fluctuated fm -2.5 to 5th to 6th. Faded at the end of six min observation & was not observed again. Position stationary in the constellation Virgo near Gamma Virgo SE fm		11. COMMENTS Appearance similar to a comet w/ the exception of the tail pointing toward the sun. Sufficient info for eval. Sighting appears to be astronomical. No threat to security of U.S. indicated. <u>d = 12 h 40 m</u>	

ATTC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

observer about 105 deg.

1. When did you see the object?

4th April 1962
day month year

2. Time of day P.M.

8 50
hour minutes

3. Time Zone

Eastern

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

Wartland, Ky.

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

----- 6 ??????
hours minutes seconds

6. What was the condition of the sky?

A trace of daylight

7. Where was the sun located?

Below horizon set at
approx. 7:00 p.m.

8. What did you notice about the stars and moon?

8.1. Stars
many

8.2. Moon
No moonlight

9. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky?
Yes

10. Was the object as bright as a car headlight?
A block away

11. Did the object?:

Change brightness- Yes

Appear to stand still at any time- Yes

Give off smoke- Yes

The others the answer is no to each.

12. Did the object move behind anything at any time, particularly a cloud? YES it moved behind a cloud.

a cloud moved over it

13. Did the object move in front of something? There seemed to be something similar to haze around it.

14. Did the object appear: solid or transparent? At one time I looked at it through 11" power telescope, I could barely see the tail behind it (a tail was all I seen).

15. Did you observe the object through anything? Yes through a telescope at 117x.

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

Sound- None

Color- Orange & Yellow

17. A picture of the object showing the details



18. The edges of the object were:
Fuzzy & blurred

19. How many objects were there? One

20. The object showed no motion. ✓

21. What was its approx. size?
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22. What ~~size~~ did the object appear to be? It was about 2 degrees wide and 7 degrees long.

23. How did the object disappear from view? It faded.

24. What did the object remind you of? It had a similar appearance as a comet.

25. Where were you located when you saw the object?
Outdoors

26. I was in open countryside.

27. What were you doing and what made you notice it? I was studying const. Virgo (it was seen in const. Virgo near the star Gamma).

28. Were you in an auto?
No

29. What direction were you looking when you saw the object? toward the SouthEast.

30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the object? toward the SE.

31. What degree was the object first seen? 100 d. Last seen? 100 d.?

32. & 33. The object was motionless.

34. What was the weather when you seen the object? Clouds-clear, except for around the object. Wind-?? weather- Dry. Temperature-cool.

35. When did you report this to an official? I didn't.

36. Did anyone else see the object? Yes, one person. John Lewis, Rt. 1, Bartland, Ky.

37. Was this the first time you had seen an object like this? Yes

38. In your opinion what do you think the object might have been? When I first seen the object I was nearly sure it was a comet. After I studied it more closely [redacted] and I noticed the tail wasn't pointed away from the sun as all comets tails are. There seemed to be what appeared to be smoke surrounding the object, but the sky was completely clear. My companions telescope revealed nothing but a small amount of light. The object was of magnitude -2.5, brighter than Sirius but would fade to a magnitude of 5 or 6th, where it could not easily be seen. The object faded several times in the 6 minutes of visibility, at the end of the six minutes the object faded completely and was not seen again. The object wasn't a plane, as I have seen many plane exhausts at night and they didn't look like this, it was also in one place much to long for a plane.

39. What was the speed of the object? - [redacted]

40. How far away was it? - [redacted]

Please give the following information

Name [redacted] last [redacted] first [redacted] middle [redacted]

Address [redacted] city [redacted] state [redacted]

Telephone No. [redacted]

training: 2 years of high school.

What is your job? none

Age 15 Sex M

42. Date completed questionnaire:

23 June 1962
day month year

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Chief of Staff
U.S. Air Force
Washington, D.C.

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Attention:
I would like to request of you to write me the results of your investigation, though it is probably something which is not important.

[redacted]

Len Wells
[redacted]
[redacted], Ky.