

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 14 Aug 63	2. LOCATION Niles, Illinois		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1935 GMT 15/0235Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☒ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE civilian		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 8 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE Westerly	☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Eight in Western sky shaped like a drop of water tilted at 30 deg angle. Obj at 40 deg elevation in flight descending went behind cloud and reappeared below. Appeared to be about 4X as bright as brightest star. White color with no reflection from obj. Finally moved off to the West against the wind. Gained speed and disappeared in the distance. Total observation eight min. At no time were any metallic or other surfaces that could indicate a/c characteristics.		11. COMMENTS Flight duration, motion consistent with analysis as a/c. Sighting toward West. Sunset at 1907 (Chicago gains 38 min making sunset at 1945). Sighting at sunset toward sun adding to the probable misinterpretation of a conventional obj.	

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Niles, Illinois 60648

August 15, 1963

Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center

Project Blue-Book

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

Dear Sirs:

On the evening of Wednesday, August 14 my grandparents, my mother, and I were driving west on Dempster Street in Morton Grove, Illinois. At 7:53 p.m. we sighted a strange looking light in the western sky; it was shaped like a drop of water tilted about 30 degrees below the horizontal, facing south. It was about 40 degrees above the horizon. As we watched, it lost altitude, went behind a cumulus cloud, and emerged below it. At this time it appeared about four times as large as the largest star, very bright, and white in color. There was no reflection from it, it was not a dazzling light; it was just white and very bright. It seemed to stop below the cloud, hover a moment, and begin to move west, against the wind which was from the north-west. It gained speed and steadily grew smaller until it disappeared from view.

The light was in view for eight minutes. At no time while it was in view did we see any dark metallic spots or protruding surfaces which might indicate it was an aircraft.

Sincerely,
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J. [REDACTED]