

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 7 October 64 08/0300Z	2. LOCATION Kahoka, Missouri
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION SEARCHLIGHT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Probable searchlight activity.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Less than 30 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Beam of light coming from the ground aimed at the moon. Witness reflection was that she did not see the moon but rather a reflection of light on clouds.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Stationary	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

FORM
FTD SEP 63 0-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

Kahoka, Missouri
October 10, 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On the night of October 7, at 9 p.m. CST, I walked out on my porch facing the east, and happened to glance up at what I thought was the moon, which was east and slightly northeast. I blinked and glanced again, then opened the screen door, looked, took off my glasses, and still the thing I saw persisted. It looked like an electric light pole (reflecting light) reaching from the earth to the moon. For fear I was imagining things, I ran to the neighbor, and a teen-ager came out to look, and she was just as amazed as I was. At 9:30 p.m. I went to look again, and it was gone, no moon, and the sky was black as ink.

The next day I went to our newspaper office, the Gazette-Herald, and the girl said, folks calling in had flooded the switchboard, and all of their employees had been remarking about it. One man in town said some surveyors working east of Kahoka were doing that, another said it was from a barge on the river. Now I think I did not see the moon, that it was the reflection centered up in the clouds, as I saw bear-shaped clouds flouting around the centered light up there, and once the cloud looked funnel-shaped.

It seems as though there should be some logical explanation, but if there are beams powerful enough to cast a beam to the clouds, could they be harmful to our eyesight? If there is no reason for such a performance, it should be stopped. I may be bothering you for nothing, but I would like an explanation. People in general are talking about it, but if anyone is trying to find out about it, I am not aware of it. I hope I have not bothered you for nothing, but in these kind of times, we cannot be sure of anything of a worldly nature.

Yours truly,

(Mrs.) [REDACTED]

Kahoka, Mo. # 63445

P.S. Perhaps a year or two ago I saw in the paper where a quantity of Laser Ray guns were perfected in this country: that they were "dangerous" in that they could blind at quite a distance if pointed at anyone. I hope these will be stored and guarded like the atomic bomb, as they could be catastrophic in the wrong hands.

(1)



Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Personal

[Faint, mostly illegible text, likely a letter or memorandum.]

[Handwritten signature or initials]

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(L)

7 OCT

MEMO ROUTING SLIP		NEVER USE FOR APPROVALS, DISAPPROVALS, CONCURRENCES, OR SIMILAR ACTIONS		ACTION	
1 TO	AFNIC <i>W</i>	INITIALS		CIRCULATE	
		DATE		COORDINATION	
2	AFNIA	<i>83</i>		FILE	
		<i>2/20/64</i>		INFORMATION	
3	AFNIA B	<i>13/</i>		NOTE AND RETURN	
		<i>6</i>		PER CON-VERSATION	
4	4TD (TDEW)			SEE ME	
				SIGNATURE	
REMARKS					
forwarded as a matter pertaining to your office					
FROM		<i>aw</i>		DATE	
				26 OCT 1964	
				PHONE	

DD FORM 95
1 OCT 60

Replaces DD Form 94, 1 Feb 50 and DD Form 96, 1 Feb 50 which will be used until exhausted.

GPO 1961 : O-396753

IN REPLY REFER TO AFISIIA	OSI COMMUNICATION	DATE OF TRANSMITTAL 23 OCT 1964
TO: AFNIN	SUBJECT Transmittal of Correspondence	
FROM: AFISIIA		
REFERENCE		
ITEMS CHECKED ARE APPLICABLE TO ABOVE SUBJECT		
INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN INITIATED AND REPORTS WILL BE FORWARDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.		
ATTACHED IS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION. THIS MATTER IS ☐ PENDING ☐ CLOSED.		
REQUEST REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN. (AFR 124-4)		
IF THIS IS PROCESSED UNDER AFR ; REQUEST COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH		
REPORT OF PRIOR INVESTIGATION/SUMMARY ATTACHED.		
NOTE RESTRICTIVE LEGENDS ON FRONT OF THE ATTACHMENT(S).		
RETURN ATTACHMENT(S) AFTER HAVING SERVED YOUR PURPOSE.		
REQUEST AN INDICES CHECK ON ABOVE SUBJECT AND INDIVIDUAL(S) LISTED IN OTHER/REMARKS.		
WHEN ATTACHMENT(S) IS/ARE REMOVED, THE CLASSIFICATION OF THIS CORRESPONDENCE		
WILL BE ☐ RETAINED ☐ DOWNGRADED TO ☐ CANCELED ☐ MARKED "FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY."		
OTHER/REMARKS 1. The attached letter from Mrs. [REDACTED] Kahoka, Missouri, dated 10 October 1964, referred to OSI by the FBI, is forwarded in accordance with AFR 200-2. 2. The letter writer has not come to our attention previously.		
COPIES TO	ATTACHMENTS 1 Atch Ltr, 10 Oct64	FILE STAMP AND/OR OTHER
NAME, GRADE, TITLE, SIGNATURE  JOHN B. ADAMS, Lt Colonel, USAF Directorate of Special Investigations		