

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 12 Sep 51		2. LOCATION Cincinnati, Ohio		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 12/0615 and 0630Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 Seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE 315 deg	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Color was Dark-red glow in front, white trail. Speed was high. Shape like bullet. Alt 20,000 ft. Size was that of B-29. Disappeared behind mountains to North.				11. COMMENTS Evaluated as a Meteor.	

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SUBJECT Information on Unconventional Aircraft		
AREA REPORTED ON Cincinnati, Ohio	FROM (Agency) 30th Air Division (Defense) Selfridge, Ann Arbor, Michigan	EVALUATION F-6
DATE OF REPORT 19 September 1951	DATE OF INFORMATION 12 September 1951	
PREPARED BY (Officer) Capt. David H. Weisberg, Asst Dir of Intell	SOURCE Mr. [REDACTED] (Cincinnati, Ohio)	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) ADC Letter 200-1		
SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)		

1. The unconventional, unknown object sighted by Mr. [REDACTED] was dark in color, shaped like a bullet, travelling at a high rate of speed on a heading of approximately 315 degrees; at approximate altitude of 20,000 feet.

2. All available supplementary sources of information checked, reveal no facts that appear to be of any assistance in determining the objects identity.

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1. An unconventional unidentified "object" was observed visually by Mr. [REDACTED], Cincinnati 13, Ohio sometime between 0615Z and 0630Z, 12 September 1951.
0115 EST 0130 EST

2. The following remarks are the result of an interview between Mr. [REDACTED] and the investigating officer: (Statements contained in this paragraph are not confirmed and reflect only the opinions of Mr. [REDACTED].) The object sighted by Mr. [REDACTED] was the shape of a bullet, and about as large as a B-29. Dark in color, and apparently made no sound as it travelled through the air. There was a red glow at the front and a white vapor at the tail. Mr. [REDACTED] said that the object travelled at a great rate of speed, and flew in a path parallel to the curvature of the earth. Object was at an approximate altitude of 20,000 feet, travelling on an approximate heading of 315 degrees. Mr. [REDACTED] sighted the object while standing in the Pennsylvania Railroad Yards, immediately to the north-west of Lunken Airport, four miles east of Cincinnati. The object was in sight for approximately ten (10) seconds, then disappeared behind Mt. Look-out, approximately one and a half miles to the north-west. Reliability of the observer cannot be judged. No contact with his employer was possible at the time of interview, however the investigating officer felt the observer to be a rational person.

3. Weather teletype sequences at the Greater Cincinnati Airport between 12 September 0628Z and 12 September 0828Z were as follows: 12 September 0628Z 015+67/57 7/005+ 12 September 0728Z 015+67/56 6/005; 12 September 0828Z 015+66/56 10/004.

4. Conversation with Dr. Harget of the University of Cincinnati Observatory indicated no unusual meteoric activity during the period.

5. Conversation with Marjorie Phillips, Control Tower Operator, Greater Cincinnati Airport indicated no local aircraft in flight at that time.

6. In a teleconference between the Department of Commerce Weather Bureau and the Greater Cincinnati Airport Weather Observer, it was brought out that a winds aloft balloon was released at Greater Cincinnati Airport the night of 11 September 1951 at 0300Z. It carried an electric lighting unit and moved north north-east from the station and was lost at 0312Z at a distance of 9.5 miles.

7. In a telephone conversation with the Louisville, Kentucky weather observer, it was indicated that a winds aloft balloon was released at 0200Z 11 September 1951 at Louisville (Standiford) Airport, and travelled in a north easterly direction. It also carried a lighting unit.

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8. In a discussion with the weather forecaster at Department of Commerce, Weather Bureau, Cincinnati, it was determined that a balloon released at Louisville, Kentucky could be seen at Cincinnati if the winds aloft were turbulent enough to restrict the balloon's travel. On the morning the object was sighted, the weather was clear, making turbulence improbable; therefore making improbable the possibility of the balloon being seen four and one half hours after release at Louisville.

9. An analysis of the foregoing information can arrive at no definite conclusion as to the identity of the object in question. One observation, with no other confirmatory information compels an F-6 evaluation.

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EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 1

DATE: 12 Sept 51

TIME (Local): 0130

LOCATION: Cincinnati, Ohio

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: 10 Sec.

SOUND: None

SPEED: High

ALTITUDE: 20,000'

HEADING: 315°

SOURCE: One man, background unknown

ACTION OR COMMENTS: No investigation

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Dark bullet shaped object about the same size as a B-29. Red glow in front, white vapor at tail.