

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 2 August 1954		2. LOCATION Westlake, Ohio		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 <u>1717</u> GMT <u>02/2217Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civ (For.Mil)			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 Seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE Fall	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object size was 50 seconds of arc, elliptical, Bright clear appearance hovered at 5000 for 5-8 seconds dropped suddenly to 2000 in 3 seconds and remained in this position for 10 seconds and disappeared by fading. Estimated distance 6 mi, dropped like free fall.				11. COMMENTS UNIDENTIFIED	

[REDACTED]
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

IN REPLY REFER TO 5D 24-21-151

25 August 1954

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SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
Sighted at Westlake, Ohio
on 2 August 1954
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-2C

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1. The following, received from the Cleveland Detachment of this District Office, is forwarded for your information:

On 5 August 1954, Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Avon Lake, Ohio, ([REDACTED], Metal
Equipment Co., [REDACTED] Street, Cleveland, Ohio)
telephonically advised Special Agent HENRY J. FISHER that he
had sighted an object in the sky on 2 August 1954.

On 5 August 1954, Special Agent FISHER interviewed Mr.
[REDACTED] at his residence. [REDACTED] advised that he
sighted an object in the sky at 1717 hours, 2 August 1954,
which appeared to be southwest of Lorain, Ohio. At the
point of sight, [REDACTED] advised that he was at the in-
tersection of State Route 254 and Dover Center Road, West-
lake, Ohio. The object appeared to be the size of approxi-
mately fifty (50) seconds of an arc in diameter or about the
size of a shirt button. [REDACTED] stated that the shape of
the object was somewhat elliptical and appeared to be very
bright, like highly polished metal. There was no evidence
of chromatic dispersions and the object was very clear in
appearance, with no distortion. [REDACTED] stated that the
object was at an altitude of approximately 5,000 feet and
seemed to be hovering. He stated that he saw the object
in this position for five (5) to eight (8) seconds, when
it suddenly dropped vertically and came to an abrupt halt
at approximately 2,000 feet. [REDACTED] advised that the
descent took approximately three (3) seconds. The object
remained in its new position for ten (10) seconds and then
disappeared. [REDACTED] advised that the object faded out
of sight and likened its disappearance to a TV set being
turned off.

UNCLASSIFIED [REDACTED]

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24 July 1963, prohibits
the disclosure of classified
information to unauthorized
personnel.

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[REDACTED] related that the object, when sighted, appeared to be six (6) miles from his position, and stated that when the object dropped, it appeared to be a free fall rather than an accelerated drop. When the object dropped, it appeared to change as though it had its thin side toward [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that the object had no noticeable surface characteristics, and that its descent to 2,000 feet was a definite action and not a floating or wobbling motion. [REDACTED] likened the speed of the object to that of a ME 109 fighter plane approaching head-on to a B-17 in flight, magnified three (3) times, or approximately 1,000 to 1,200 miles per hour.

[REDACTED] advised that the day was relatively clear, with no cloud formations in the northerly direction but with some cloud formations to the south and southeast. The object's location from [REDACTED]'s point of vision was at a heading of 260 degrees.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he has never sighted any object in the sky that he could not satisfy himself with its identity. He stated that he is an amateur astronomer and is a member of the Cleveland Astronomical Society. He advised that he believes he has knowledge of what heavenly phenomena are and that this, in his opinion, was not connected with any heavenly phenomena.

[REDACTED] advised that he was a member of the Air Force from November 1942 to November 1944; that he flew as a gunner on a B-17 aircraft for eighteen (18) months, completing nineteen (19) missions over Germany; that he had never been injured as a crew member and has never experienced fatigue in any way; and that he has had at least four (4) or five (5) courses in aircraft identification.

2. No further investigative action is contemplated by this District Office in instant matter, unless specifically requested by your Command.



ROBERTS P. JOHNSON, JR.
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: Dir OSI

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