

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 8 October 1954 09/0030Z	2. LOCATION Crane, Indiana
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION PROBABLY ASTRONOMICAL: METEOR
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 - 5 Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS High, barely audible sound. About 75 ft in length. Oval in shape. Ringed with blue violet flame.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground visual	
7. COURSE NE by E	Meteor observation.
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

FORM

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U. S. NAVAL AMMUNITION DEPOT
Crane, Indiana

NT1-18/AS
(963)(24/2):MLT
12 October 1954

From: Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Ammunition Depot, Crane, Indiana
To: Director of Intelligence, Headquarters USAF, Washington 25, D. C.
Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio--
ATTN: ATLAA-2C
Commander, Air Defense Command, Ent AFB, Colorado Springs,
Colorado
Commander, Eastern Air Defense Force, Stewart AFB, Newburgh,
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Subj: Unidentified flying objects; report on

Ref: (a) 9ND INSTRUCTION 3820.1 of 28 July 1954
(b) COMEASTSEAFRON INSTRUCTION 3820.2 of 16 July 1954

Encl: (1) Copy of Mr. [REDACTED] Report dtd 8 Oct 1954

1. Enclosure (1) is a report on the sighting of an unidentified flying object observed by Mr. [REDACTED] and his wife while at home on 8 October 1954. It is forwarded in accordance with references (a) and (b).

2. In addition to Mr. [REDACTED]'s report, the following supplemental information not contained in Mr. [REDACTED]'s report is submitted:

a. Location - The geographical location of the observer was approximately 38°45' North Latitude and 86°51' West Longitude.

b. Weather - Clear, winds approximately 10-15 miles per hour.

c. Visibility - Good.

d. Air Traffic - There was no known air traffic in the air at the time of sighting.

e. There was no known activity or condition, meteorological or otherwise, which might account for the sighting.

3. The observer is a reliable Depot employee, and it is believed that his report is a true statement of his observation.

H. S. HARNLY

R. C. TURNER, JR.
By direction

Copy to:

Director of Naval Intelligence, Wash., D. C.
Commander, EASTSEAFRON, 90 Church St., N.Y. 7, N.Y.
Commander, Naval Air Bases, 9ND, Great Lakes, Ill.

C O P Y

Friday 10-8-54 - 1930

At the time and date mentioned above, while I was digging a water line trench, with my wife for company, we spotted an object racing through the sky. My wife spotted it first and yelled for me to look. At first sight, I thought it to be a meteor but it traveled in a true horizontal plane with no arc whatsoever.

It was ovular in shape and in comparison to conventional aircraft it appeared to be about 75 ft in length, and was ringed with a very brilliant halo of blue-violet flame. The color was spectacular. It trailed a stream of fire or flame about 6 times the length of the object with occasional bursts of white fire. It had a high, barely audible sound similar to a sound produced by a ricochet.

I estimated the height at between 800-1000 feet. I can not estimate the speed but I watched it for a distance of about 4 ground miles and at last sight it was well within the station limits. The whole incident took perhaps 3-5 seconds. The speed of the object was terrific. I have watched jets in the daytime at altitudes of 1000 feet but its speed far exceeded that of a jet and what sound was audible was incomparable to that produced by a jet.

The object was headed in a NE by E direction straight and true.

/s/ [REDACTED]
/s/ [REDACTED]

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CRANE, INDIANA
Capt. R. C. Turner, Jr. USN
U. S. Naval Ammunition Depot
Crane, Indiana

Dear Captain Turner:

Thank you for your letter of October 12th, which forwarded the report of Mr. Palladino concerning his observation of an unidentified flying object.

As you are undoubtedly aware, the Air Force has had a major active program in this area for the past several years, and the information contained in Mr. Palladino's report, plus your additional detail, has been turned over to our analysts for further evaluation.

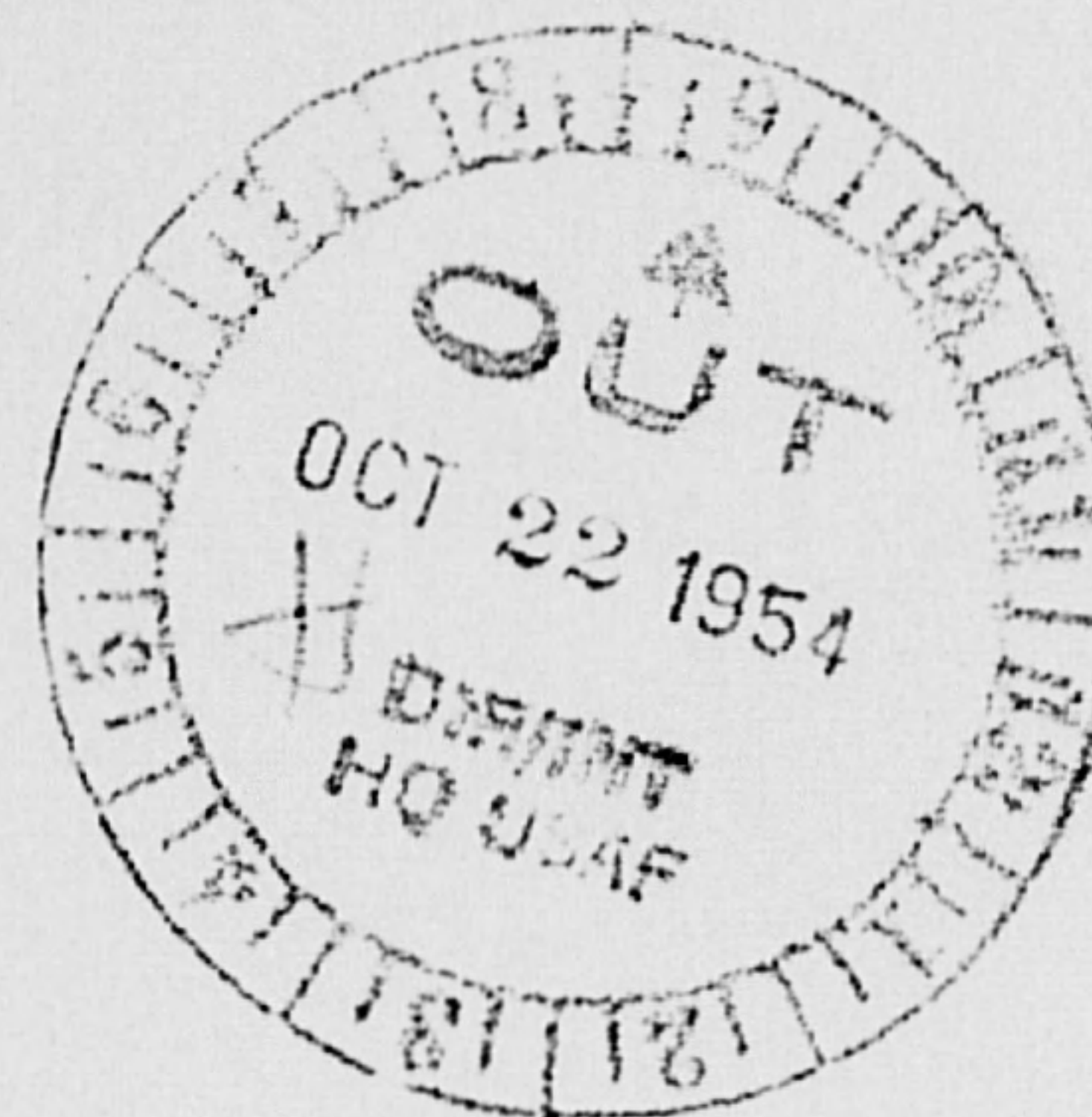
For your convenience I am attaching a copy of the "U. S. Air Force Summary of Events and Information Concerning the Unidentified Flying Object Program," which compiles all the latest facts established by the Air Force in its program in this area.

Very truly yours,

Signed

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USAF Summary on
Flying Objs, undtd

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