PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 14 October 1957	**2. LOCATION** Fairmont, West Virginia	**12. CONCLUSIONS** ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other_____ ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1420 GMT 14/1920Z	**4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION** ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	**6. SOURCE** Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not reported	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** 2 (1 each time)	**9. COURSE** NW

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Sphere rotating laterally in flight from SE toward Cleveland or Detroit (NW), observed during bright day. Revolving was slow and sides glistened in sunlight. Followed by identical object.

11. COMMENTS

Winds generally Eastward and objs not likely to be balloons; however, characteristics of the description of a balloon sighting. Possible balloon but cannot evaluate without wind information. Case considere as insufficient data.

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

[redacted]
REALTOR Retired.
[redacted]
FAIRMONT, W. VA.
PHONE 1028

LAWLER

Neil N. McElroy
Secretary of Defense
Washington, D.C.

1. Sphere,
2. Very slow speed, revolving
3. Daytime, sunlight

Possibly a balloon (limited info.)

On Monday October 14th at 2:20 P.M. after working in my garden and helping Mrs. [redacted] adjusting her flower beds for winter, I was tired and stretched out in my reclining lawn chair looking eastward and saw an unusual object coming from the southeast. I called Mrs. [redacted] and pointed it out to her and she saw it plainly. After it passed over we both discovered it was revolving laterally very slow. This was an unusually bright day and no clouds. As it revolved we could see the sides as it turned in the sun light. I asked Mrs. [redacted] to see what time it was she went inside and hollowed out it was 2:20. I was still looking and hollowed to her there was another coming she came out and we both watched it. It was more like a Sphere They came in a general direction from Washington D.C. went over towards Northwest going toward Cleveland O. or Detroit Mich.

I tried to phone the information to one of the local papers and to one of the Radio Stations. The took our phone number and the paper said they would have a reporter call me, but that was the last we heard from them. I told a neighbor Robertson about it at our Thursday meeting he urgently told the acting President about it who announced it at the meeting but it stopped there.

Do you have any information on the "Future" at that time? [redacted].

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W.A. LAWLER
IV Poss. Balloon
(limited info)

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AFOIN-4X2b	
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AFOIN-4C	
AFOIN-4D	
AFOIN-4E	
1	4E4 J.D. Bolieu 7 Nov 57
2	4E4 J. J. Rogers 7 Nov 57
3	4E4 Hanley 7 Nov. 57
AFOIN-4F	
OTHERS	

AFCIN-4E4

Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Fairmont, West Virginia

Dear Mr [redacted]

Your letter of 19 October 1957 addressed to the Secretary of Defense has been forwarded to the Air Technical Intelligence Center for reply.

Positive identification of your sighting has not been made as yet; however, the information will be used in our continuing analysis.

Sincerely,

WALLACE W. ELWOOD
Captain, USAF
Assistant Adjutant

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AFCIN-4E4 SURVEY OFFICIAL FILE

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