PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 8 November 1957	**2. LOCATION** Columbia, Tennessee	**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 afternoon GMT_____	**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** one	**9. COURSE** not reported
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object viewed by hundreds of people, some with BX. Believed by competent observers to be a/c. Call to filter center revealed that no a/c were supposedly in area. Info from letter suggesting that a/c may have been foreign	**11. COMMENTS** Obvious a/c.	

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November 11, 1957

Commanding Officer
Headquarters
58th Air Division (Defense)
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

Sir:

On the afternoon of Friday, Nov. 8, some 100 persons reported seeing an unidentified flying object in the sky over Columbia and Maury County. Others, who have had experience in spotting aircraft and some who looked at it through binoculars, stated definitely that the object was a high flying jet plane.

But before we were sure what it was, we checked with the U. S. Air Force filter center nearest here and were told that no jet planes or other objects had been reported to it as operating in this area at that time.

This leaves only one possibility -- that the jet was operating without its flight having been reported to or checked by the U. S. Air Force through its filter center for this area.

And this might indicate that, perhaps, some other nation was flying jets over the United States without the knowledge of the U. S. Air Force.

Although this is an unpleasant conclusion, it is the only one we can logically draw in view of the Air Force report that the object was not reported and was therefore not identified.

What would your comment be on this hypothesis, that is, that some other nation is flying jet planes or missiles over the United States without your knowledge? Can you offer any evidence that this is not so, in view of the circumstances I have outlined? If so, it would certainly help to quell the fears and apprehensions of many persons in this area who have read in our newspaper about the incident last Saturday and about the many other unexplained incidents that have been occurring throughout the United States for the past several years.

Many persons here are anxiously waiting for your explanation, and we will appreciate an immediate reply.

Very sincerely yours,

[redacted]

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HEADQUARTERS
58th AIR DIVISION (DEFENSE)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

58IS 18 November 1957

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Commander
Eastern Air Defense Force
Stewart Air Force Base
Newburgh, New York

1. Enclosed herewith is a letter recently received by this Headquarters which I recommend be brought to the attention of the Headquarters USAF Office of Information Services.

2. In compliance with ADC Regulation 190-4, dated 14 January 1955, Subject: Guide For Release of Information on Unidentified Flying Objects, no reply has been made from this level.

FOR THE COMMANDER

WILLIAM E. WIELD
Captain, USAF
Adjutant

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Ltr from the Daily Herald, Columbia, Tenn. dtd 11 Nov. 57

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Hq Eastern Air Defense Force, Stewart Air Force Base, New York

TO: Commander, Air Defense Command, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Forwarded for your information and any action deemed appropriate.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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J. W. FOUNTAIN, JR.
Major, USAF
Asst Adjutant

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Headquarters, Air Defense Command, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado

TO: Commander, Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTN: AFCIN 4E4, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

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8 January 1958

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of 11 November 1957 concerning an unidentified flying object, addressed to the Commander of the 58th Air Division at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, has been referred to this office for reply.

A thorough check reveals this sighting of an unidentified flying object has never been reported to Air Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson.

Would you please identify the Air Force filter center which received this report and the name of the individual officer or person who received the report?

When we have this information we will check further on this matter.

The suggestion that the sighting may have been a plane or missile from another country is entirely unfounded. There is no evidence to support such a conclusion.

For your information I am inclosing the latest Air Force fact sheet on unidentified flying objects, dated 5 November 1957.

Sincerely,

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Major, USAF
Executive Officer
Public Information Division
Office of Information Services

Inclosure
a/s

Mr [redacted]
The Daily Herald
Columbia, Tennessee

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