

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 5 Mar 58		2. LOCATION Akron, Ohio		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>Chaff</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 6:30 PM GMT 05/2330Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes Physical ☒ No Specimen		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION N/A		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS N/A		9. COURSE down	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Obj like thfoil, light in weight, blue & silver in color, 5 inches in length, creased one or more times & glowed when exposed to light, floating downward. Samples of material received.				11. COMMENTS Material was analyzed & found to be strips of foil known as "chaff" which is used in connection with radar operations as a jamming device, & also to test radar.	

1 Witness

5 Mar 1958
UFO Report

6:30 PM
1505
at AKRON

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Received from Bailey of Base OPS and checked with CR 76544 Ohio State Patrol for further info, none avail locally, message originated by State Patrol elsewhere. If further info desired recommend call CR 76544 for originator..

Message as follows-- "At dusk this evening object like tinfoil light in weight blue and silver in color 5 inches in length has been creased one or more times and glows when exposed to light seen floating in air."

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State Patrol extended thanks of the AF by the undersigned..



S.P. Schmehl
Capt. USAF
SDO 5-6 Mar 1958

J.P. Gilmartin IV

Other (Ruler)

State Highway Patrol
Akron, Ohio
March 7, 1958

Commander A.T.I.C.
Wright Patterson Air Force Base
Fairborn, Ohio

Sir;

The enclosed matter is being forwarded to you as requested for your information. For your general information it was first observed March 5, 1958 at or about 6:30 PM by a Mr. [REDACTED] age 41 [REDACTED] North Canton 20, Ohio. Akron phone [REDACTED]

Mr. [REDACTED] observed the enclosed matter floating down in the sky about 6:30 PM about 100 yards south of Koons road. This location would be 1.6 miles west of State route #241 and 7.3 miles south of the Akron corp limits

Our records show that we first recieved word of this incident at 10:34 PM 3-5-58 This unit was assigned the complaint and arrived at the scene at 11:01 PM. The only people contacted outside the members of this department were the Weather Bureau and the control tower at Akron-Canton Airport.

Respectfully yours

Ptl. J.P. Gilmartin OSP
State Highway Patrol

MEMO ROUTING SLIP

NEVER USE FOR APPROVALS, DISAPPROVALS,
CONCURRENCES, OR SIMILAR ACTIONS

1	NAME OR TITLE <i>Maj. L. J. TACKER</i>	INITIALS		CIRCULATE
	ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION <i>SAFIS-3 - OSAF</i>	DATE		COORDINATION
2				FILE
				INFORMATION
3				NECESSARY ACTION
				NOTE AND RETURN
4				SEE ME
		<i>Kersch</i>		SIGNATURE
		<i>Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio</i>		

REMARKS

Larry - The answer to this letter is contained in our letter to Mr. Gilmartin of Ohio State Highway Patrol, a copy of which is inclosed. We answered the Gilmartin letter in accordance with the last paragraph of AFR 200-2 because it was local inquiry.

The material was definitely "Chaff"

FROM NAME OR TITLE <i>Ted Heath</i>	DATE <i>27 Mar 58</i>
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION <i>AF CIN-4X3</i>	TELEPHONE <i>55266</i>

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FORM

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Replaces DA AGO Form 895, 1 Apr 48, and AFHQ
Form 12, 10 Nov 47, which may be used.

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UFO RESEARCH ORGANIZATION

1309 FOREST GLEN DRIVE

CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO

March 11, 1958

A.T.I.C.
for possible evaluation

Major Lawrence J. Tacker
Executive Officer
Public Information Division
Office of Information Services
Department of the Air Force
Washington, D.C.

Dear Major Tacker:

Thank you for informing me that the Air Force had no record of the sighting reports I mentioned in my last letter. I now am requesting some information on another incident in this area.

On March 5th or 6th Mr. [REDACTED] saw some material falling from the sky. It was metal foil-like and in strips 6 inches long, 1/8 inch wide and 3/64 inch thick. Mr. [REDACTED] lives south of Akron near the Akron-Canton Airport. The Ohio State Patrol took all the the material that fell and sent it to A.T.I.C. I would like to know what the material was, why it fell, and who was using it in this area.

Your immediate attention to this matter will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED], Director

5 MARCH 58

FILE CLASS: _____
OFFICIAL FILE COPY
4X3
OFFICE OF RECORD

ROUTING	COORDINATION
	AFOIN-4
	AFOIN-4X2b
	AFOIN-4X2c
	AFOIN-4X3
	AFOIN-4X4
	AFOIN-4A
	AFOIN-4B
AFOIN-4C	
AFOIN-4D	
AFOIN-4E	
AFOIN-4F	
OTHERS	

AFOIN-4X3/1r. Heatt/iro/57136

18 March 1958

Ptl. J. P. Gilmartin, OSP
State Highway Patrol
Box 228
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

Dear Mr. Gilmartin:

Thank you for sending us samples of the material turned over to you by Mr. [REDACTED].

We have analyzed the material and find that it is strips of foil known as "Chaff", which is used in connection with radar operations as a jamming device, and also to test radar. The material you submitted probably was dropped from Air Force aircraft during training exercises.

Your interest and cooperation in this matter is sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely,

LEE H. STRAHL
Deputy Chief
Air Intelligence Office

PERM	
TEMP	
90 DAYS	
INITIAL	

UFO RESEARCH ORGANIZATION

1309 FOREST GLEN DRIVE
CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO

April 12, 1958

Major Lawrence J. Tacker
Executive Officer,
Public Information Division
Office of Information Services
Department of the Air Force
Washington, D.C.

Dear Major Tacker:

My letter of March 11, 1958 has still not been answered. I request that you please check to see why it hasn't been answered. In case my letter was accidentally lost I will repeat, and again I request your immediate attention to this matter.

On March 5th or 6th Mr. [REDACTED] saw some material falling from the sky. He reported the incident to the Ohio State Patrol who took it and sent it to A.T.I.C. The materail was metal foil-like and in strips 6 inches long, 1/8 inch wide and 3/64 inch thick. I would like to know what the materail was, why it fell, and who was using it in this area. This incident occurred a few miles south of Akron, Ohio near the Akron-Canton Airport.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED], Director

SAFIS-3/Maj Tacker/jmd/73328

17 April 1958

Dear Mr. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~:

This is to acknowledge your letter of 12 April 1958 concerning foil-like material which fell from the sky at Akron County Airport on 5 March 1958.

For your information this material was "chaff", a foil-like material used by the U. S. Air Force in radar counter measure tests.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
Director
UFO Research Organization
1309 Forest Glen Drive
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

✓ COMEBACK-SAFIS-3
READER-SAFIS-1
STAYBACKpSAFIS-3

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