PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 20 May 58	**2. LOCATION** 2 Mi E of Mount Prospect, Ill	**12. CONCLUSIONS** ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other Illusion ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 21 GMT 20/0115Z	**4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION** ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	**6. SOURCE** Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 mins	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** one	**9. COURSE** WNW

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Bullet shaped obj, size of quarter, shimmering gold & very bright, stationarey.

11. COMMENTS

Observer was driving into the sun & possibly the sun's refraction fm some obj caused an optical illusion.

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

NNNN 27 MAY 58 0010

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FM COMDR 62ND FTR INTCP SQ OHARE INTL APRT PK RIDGE ILL

TO RJEDDN/COMDR ADC

RJEDAH/COMDR 37TH AIR DIV

RJEDSQ/COMDR AIR TECH INTELLIGENCE CENTER

RJEPHQ/ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF

RJEPHQ/OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES HQ USAF

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UNCLAS/62INT 1677. REFERENCE AFR 200-2 PARA 15, DATED 5 FEBRUARY 1958. THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED.

PARA A. (1) BULLET SHAPE, (2) SIZE OF A QUARTER, (3) SHIMMERING GOLD AND VERY BRIGHT, (4) ONE, (5) N/A, (6) NONE, (7) NONE, (8) NONE.

PARA B. (1) BRIGHTNESS (2) 45 DEG/300 DEG AZIMUTH, (3) 45 DEG/300 DEG AZIMUTH, (4) NO MOVEMENT, (5) INSTANTLY, (6) 2 MINUTES. PARA C. (1) GROUND VISUAL WHILE DRIVING AUTO, (2) NONE, (3) N/A, PARA D, (1) 21/0115/MAY 58, (2) DUSK, PARA E, (SIGHTING TOOK PLACE AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF RIVER ROAD AND CENTRAL ROAD WHICH IS TWO MILES EAST OF MOUNT PROSPECT ILLINOIS. PARA F, (1) MRS [redacted]

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NOTE: STATIONARY

NOTE: Seen AT DUSK

Did Source stop Her CAR while observing object?

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[redacted], AGE 50, ADDRESS [redacted] ARLINGTON HEIGHTS ILLINOIS, OCCUPATION HOUSE WIFE. (2) N/A, PARA G (1) REAL CLEAR NOT A CLOUD IN THE SKY, (2) SURFACE 270 DEG AT 9 KNOTS, OTHER ALTITUDE NOT AVAILABLE (3) CLEAR, (4) 10 MILES, (5) NONE, (6) NONE, PARA H NONE, PARA I NO, PARA J 755TH AC&W SQ WAS CONTACTED AND REPORTED NO CONTACT WITH ANY UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS AND ALSO THERE WERE NO AIRCRAFT IN THE NORTHWEST QUADRANT FROM OHARE INTL APRT AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING, PARA K THE REPORT WAS RECEIVED BY THIS ORGANIZATION ON 22 MAY 1958, 1630 LOCAL HOURS. AN INTERVIEW WAS CONDUCTED THE NEXT MORNING AT THE RESIDENCE OF THE SIGHTER BY T/SGT WILLIAM D. MORROW INTELLIGENCE NCO. THE SIGHTING OF THE OBJECT OCCURRED JUST AT SUNDOWN MAGNIFYING THE POSSIBILITY OF AN OPTICAL ILLUSION. ← CONCUR THE INDIVIDUAL WAS ALSO DRIVING AN AUTOMOBILE DIRECTLY INTO THE SUN SET. DUE TO THE DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT A GOOD POSSIBILITY IT MIGHT BE THE LATEST RUSSIAN SATELITE OR THE PROPELLANT ASSEMBLY.

PARA L NONE

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26/1900Z MAY RJEDAH

NOT RUSSIAN SATTELITE - STATIONARY AT DUSK.

DRIVING INTO THE SUN CAN CAUSE A PERSON TO SEE THINGS THEY WOULDN'T ORDINARILY SEE.

This is not a good possibility because the satelite or rocket could not be seen during the day.

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The elderly observer was driving into the sun which no doubt caused her to see something that wasn't there. This is caused by the suns refraction causing an optical illusion

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JOINT MESSAGEFORM	SECURITY CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED/EFTO

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PRECEDENCE		TYPE MSG (Check)			ACCOUNTING SYMBOL	ORIG. OR REFERS TO	CLASSIFICATION OF REFERENCE
ACTION	ROUTINE	BOOK	MULTI	SINGLE		TT Msg	
INFO				X	AF	62INT 1677	UNCL

FROM:
COMDR, ATIC

41X

TO:
COMDR, 62nd FTR INTCP SQ, OHARE INTL APRT, PARK RIDGE, ILL.

FROM: AFCIN-4E - UNCLASSIFIED - EFTO 6-1076-E

Ref your UFO report, 62INT 1677 dtd 23 May 58. Request your organization re-contact source to find out if she stopped her car before and/or after she sighted the object, and in which direction was she driving. Ref para. 6b, AFR 200-2. Request you also check with the several airports in your vicinity for anything that might have been in the area at time of sighting. Ref para. 5, AFR 200-2.

COORDINATION:

AFCIN-4E4 H. L. Miley DATE 2 June 58
Dr. Miley

AFCIN-4E [illegible] DATE 6/2/58
Colonel, Gilbert

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

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Checked By

DATE	TIME
2	1500
MONTH JUNE	YEAR 58

WRITER

SYMBOL
AFCIN-4E4g

TYPED NAME AND TITLE (Signature, if required)
GEORGE T. GREGORY, CAPT, USAF

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SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
UNCLASSIFIED/EFTO

RELEASER

SIGNATURE
Mary C. Markevich

TYPED (or stamped) NAME AND TITLE
MARY C. MARKEVICH
1st Lt., USAF
Assistant Administrative Officer

DD FORM 1 MAY 55 173 REPLACES DD FORM 173, 1 OCT 49, WHICH WILL BE USED UNTIL EXHAUSTED

1 Witness

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FM COMDR 62D FITINCEPTRON OHARE INTL APRT PK RIDGE ILL

TO COMDR ATIC

BT

UNCLAS/62INT 1857.

REFERENCE YOUR MESSAGE AFCIN-4E/6-1076-3 UNCLAS/EFTO DATED 03 JUNE 1958, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED: OBJECT WAS SIGHTED WHEN STOPPING FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL ONLY WHILE DRIVING IN A SOUTHWEST DIRECTION. AFTER CAR WAS STOPPED SHE WAS NO LONGER ABLE TO SEE OBJECT. CHECK WITH OTHER AIRPORTS IN THIS VICINITY REVEALED NO OTHER TRAFFIC IN THE AREA A AT TIME OF SIGHTING.

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06/2200Z JUNE RJEDAH

See PAR. BG OF orig. RPT.

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Roger Williams Planetarium

Director:
MARIBELLE CORMACK

ROGER WILLIAMS PARK MUSEUM, PROVIDENCE 5, R. I.

July 24, 1959

Dr. [redacted]
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. [redacted]

I've had the pleasure of hearing you several times at Skyscrapers and we have used your book on Flying Saucers at our Planetarium shows.

About a week ago, I made the acquaintance of a Rhode Island women who has actually seen a U.F.O. She may write to you. Her name is Mrs. [redacted], [redacted], Arlington Hts., Illinois, a suburb of Chicago. She made this sighting on May 20, 1958 while driving from her Chicago office to her home in a suburb northwest of the city. The hour was 8:00 p.m., sky abnormally clear. The matter was reported to the Air Force on May 23, 1958.

JAH

She saw several things, among them, the "saucer" which she said was perhaps 8 ft. above ground and as big as two ordinary house rooms. It was a dull gun metal gray, its surface badly pitted. It looked like two old fashioned soup dishes, fastened together by a large metallic band. She is convinced it was not a weather baloon.

She seems an entirely rational and sensible woman, 45 ish, married, with a son in some research dept. connected with missiles. I thought perhaps you would wish to add this to your voluminous file on U.F.O.

Sincerely yours,

Maribelle Cormack

Maribelle Cormack
Museum Director

MC/lmp

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Gait
any comment?
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July 30, 1959

Miss Maribelle Cormack
Museum Director
Roger Williams Planetarium
Roger Williams Park Museum
Providence 5, R.I.

Dear Miss Cormack:

In Dr. Menzel's absence from the Observatory, on an extended European trip, I wish to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of July 24. When he returns, on approximately September 11, I know he will be interested to read your informative note and its enclosure.

Sincerely yours,

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Doris Beaudoin
Secretary to Dr. Menzel

23 MAY, 1958

September 21, 1959

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Arlington Heights, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Godfrey:

I have recently learned that you observed a "flying saucer" last May and reported this to the Air Force a few days later. Perhaps you are familiar with my book on the subject of flying saucers, published by the Harvard University Press. In any event, I am always interested in sightings, and try, if possible, to find a reasonable natural explanation for them. In most cases I have succeeded. I would appreciate it if you would send me just as much information as you possibly can. Times, directions, locations, sky, and so on.

From the character of your report, as repeated to me, I would judge that this might be an "inferior mirage" of the sky, seen against a roadway. If the saucer was of a silvery gray and seemed to move ahead of your car as driving, keeping the road, this is almost certainly the proper explanation. Many people have made similar reports.

Thanking you in advance, I am

Cordially yours,

Donald H. Menzel
Director

DHM/mg
cc: [redacted]
bc: J. A. Hynek

September 21, 1959

Miss Maribelle Cormack
Museum Director
Roger Williams Planetarium
Roger Williams Park Museum
Providence 5, R. I.

Dear Miss Cormack:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of July 24, about the report on Flying Saucers. I have just returned and hasten to reply and also to return to you the original picture.

The report as given is far too fragmentary to make any attempt at identification. Nevertheless, I think I shall write the lady and see what she has to say.

Thank you for your interest. I am glad to add this to my file which, as you have guessed, is voluminous.

Sincerely yours,

DHM/mg
Encl.

Donald H. Menzel
Director

U.F.Os
Seen May 20, 1958
N.W. of
Chicago.
about
8 P.M.

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Arlington Va. D.C.

Tues. May 20, 1958
Registered 2:37 pm