PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 27 August 1958	**2. LOCATION** Old Bridge, New Jersey	**12. CONCLUSIONS** ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 28/0200Z	**4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION** ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	**6. SOURCE** Civilian	☒ Was Astronomical Mars ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 hours	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** one **9. COURSE** - - -	☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Obj observed near the NE horizon. Had erratic movement, fm side to side for short distances, as well as disappearing & reappearing in the same location. Very bright. Occasional circular movement.

11. COMMENTS

Planet Mars appeared on the NE horizon at the time of sighting. Description of obj is that of a planet viewed through unusual atmospheric conditions in industrial areas or when inversions are present.

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August 28, 1958

Technical Inteligence Branch
Wright Patterson Air Force Base
Fairview, Ohio

To Whom It May Concern:

Last evening about 9:00 a few friends and I were observing an object in the sky for about 3 hours. We would like to know what it was.

Our location is Central Jersey, and the object appeared not very far above the North East horizon. It seemed to follow the same pattern of movement, going from side to side, covering a short distance. It would appear in the same place and disappear in the same place. It was very bright. Once it seemed to move in a complete circle.

We are all very curious and anything you can tell us would be appreciated.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

(Mr. & Mrs.) [redacted]
Old Bridge, N.J.

COVER SHEET

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ORIGIN OF BASIC

DATE

TYPE

SUBJECT

Unidentified Flying Object

ROUTING

Initial "IN" column to denote review prior to action. Initial "OUT" column to denote review of completed action. (X for action; ✓ for coordination.)

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TO: SAFIS-3, Attn: Major Tucker

DATE: 4 Sept. 1958

FROM: AFCIN-4E4

COMMENT NO. 1

COMMENTS *(Use reverse, if necessary)*

AFCIN-4E4/T/Sgt Bolieu/ac
Ext 6-9216/Bldg 828

1. There is very little information in Mr. and Mrs. [redacted]'s letter on which to base a valid conclusion. However, the following is submitted on which to base a reply:

a. At 9:00 P.M., EST, 27 August 1958, the star Alpheratz, which is a second magnitude star, was in the northeast, approximately 30 degrees above the horizon.

b. At 9:00 P.M. EDT, same day, the planet Mars was just beginning to appear above the northeastern horizon.

c. In an area where there are a lot of exhaust fumes of all types, as in the observer's case, the heavenly bodies appear to play all sorts of tricks.

d. It is the opinion of this office that the observers were looking at one of the bodies mentioned above.

H K Gilbert

H. K. GILBERT
Colonel, USAF
AFCIN-4E

1 Incl.
1. Ltr dtd 28 Aug 58 fr [redacted]

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ASTRO (MARS)

17 September 1958

Dear Mr. and Mrs. [redacted]

This is to acknowledge your letter of 28 August 1958 concerning an unidentified flying object observed by you at Old Bridge, New Jersey, on 27 August 1958.

There is insufficient data on which to base a valid conclusion. However, the following is offered as a possible solution:

At 9:00 p.m., EST, 27 August 1958, the star Alpheratz, which is a second magnitude star, was in the northeast, approximately 30 degrees above the horizon.

At 9:00 p.m., EDT, same day, the planet Mars was just beginning to appear above the northeastern horizon.

In areas such as central New Jersey where industrial haze or exhaust fumes are present in the atmosphere, heavenly bodies can be mistaken for unconventional or unidentified flying objects. Therefore it is quite possible that you observed either the planet Mars or the star Alpheratz on that date.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. and Mrs. [redacted]
Old Bridge, New Jersey

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