

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 19-20 May 59		2. LOCATION New Madison, Ohio		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 20/0350Z 20/0800Z		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 Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1. few secs 2. 25 mins		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1 each time	9. COURSE 20	☐ Other Searchlight ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Observer w/companion watched light for about a half mile & then got out of the car to view obj. rptd as stationary. Total sighting time a "few secs". Light faded fm view in same position. Four & one half hours later the same witness was closing her windows & saw another light. She called her husband who said it appeared to be a searchlight beam hitting on clouds, probably fm Richmond (4 miles distant).			11. COMMENTS Both sightings were witnessed by the observers companion in the first case and husband in the second. Neither of the witnesses seemed concerned & both offered explanations of the sightings. The first sighting was possibly a meteor altho it seems improbable that they could view the obj for a half mile, stop the car, get out, & watch the obj fade away in a few secs. The husband's evaluation of the second sighting is accepted as logical.		

19 May 1959

Mrs. [REDACTED]
New Madison, Ohio

Wednesday
May 20, 1959

Dear Sirs:

Observed in the West last night, Tuesday, May 19, 1959 at approximately 10:30 P.M., a round haze of light of no definite proportion. It was observed as Mrs. [REDACTED] and I turned onto Route 121 returning to New Madison from Arcanum, Ohio. I watched the light for nearly a half-mile after which Mrs. [REDACTED] stopped her car to view the light. It lasted only a few seconds, staying in as near a stationary position as we could discern, and faded away until we could no longer distinguish it in the sky.

I was up shortly after 3:00 A.M. to close West windows and again saw the light in the same direction. It was brighter and larger and I awakened Mr. [REDACTED] to view it. He said it appeared to be a search-light beam hitting on clouds - probably from Richmond, Indiana. However, there were no visible beams from the horizon; and at that hour, a searchlight would hardly seem probable.

My description would be that it gave appearance of a moon behind clouds - or a light filtering clouds or smoke - with no definite shape except that it seemed to change proportions by slightly elongating itself at times. The phenomena lasted approximately 25 minutes as it was twenty minutes until 4:00 A.M. when I returned to the house after viewing it.

On both occasions there seemed to be a fraction of a second when the mass seemed to have color - yellow. When the light faded, it faded as before - gradual until it was no longer distinguished in the sky. Stars were visible without haze.

I am forwarding this report in case it should be of importance and interest to you. There is probably a logical explanation for the light; however, since we do not know ourselves, it seems it should be reported to you.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mrs. [REDACTED]

New Madison,
Ohio

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9 June 1959

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]:

Your recent reported sighting of an unidentified flying object contained insufficient data to allow a valid conclusion by the Air Technical Intelligence Center.

Therefore, I am inclosing the USAF Technical Information Sheet which you should fill out and forward direct to the Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. Upon completion of their evaluation, I will forward their conclusions to you.

Sincerely,

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Office of Information Services

Mrs. [REDACTED]
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Patterson, Ohio