

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 15 Oct 59	2. LOCATION Terre Haute, Indiana		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT various	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 ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION - - -	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS varied	9. COURSE - - -	☐ Other _____ ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Phone call received by Major Friend concerning several supposed sightings in Terre Haute, Indiana from Major Tacker at SAFOI-3d. Congressional inquiry initiated by Mr. [REDACTED] President of a local UFO club called Research & Education Committee on Aerial Phenomena (RECAP). Contact w/[REDACTED] revealed that there were 4 supposed sightings. 1. [REDACTED] observed a white light almost overhead at 6:10 appearing to be about the size of Saturn. 2) About 6:45 several people saw red lights South of Terre Haute. 3) at 6:45 to 6:50 one witness saw 2 big green balls of fire approaching him from Crawfordsville, Indiana. He moved away from them, they reversed course and sped out of sight. 4) at 7:00 a pilot saw two orange balls of fire ahead of him. Seconds later he saw a white flash.		11. COMMENTS Insufficient Data	

15 OCT 59

SAFLL: 105473
SAFLL-1/Maj VanDyke/ma/29 Dec'59/57361

30 DEC 1959

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

On 13 December 1959, you inquired in behalf of Mr. [REDACTED] of Terra Haute, Indiana, concerning unidentified flying objects on 15 October 1959 in that vicinity.

The United States has no record of the Terra Haute, Indiana, sightings of 15 October 1959. These sightings have never been reported to the Air Force, and therefore, no official explanation is available.

Your continued interest in Air Force activities is appreciated. If I can be of further assistance to you, please feel free to call on me.

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]

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Inclosure ... ltr fm consti to G/M dtd 4 Dec w/attach

Honorable [REDACTED]

House of Representatives

HAROLD P. SPARKS
Colonel, USAF
Deputy Director
Legislative Liaison

- M/R: 4 Dec'59 - date of consti ltr
10 Dec - date of RS fm C/M to HLO
11 Dec - recd in SAFLL-1
14 Dec - referred to SAFOI w/ss date of 21 Dec'59
21 Dec - date of memo fm SAFOI, A/O Maj Tacker, 72291
signed by Maj Tacker.
28 Dec - f/ltr prepd and fwd

MEMO ROUTING SLIP

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

1 NAME OR TITLE	Col Shoop	INITIALS		CIRCULATE
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION	AFCIN-4E4	DATE		COORDINATION
2				FILE
	4E29			INFORMATION
3	Major Friend			NECESSARY ACTION
	Bldg 263			NOTE AND RETURN
4	Hangar A			SEE ME
				SIGNATURE

REMARKS

Information concerning a telephone call from
Major Tacker, SAFOI-3d, on 18 December 1959.

FROM NAME OR TITLE	Major Robert J. Friend	DATE	18 Dec 59
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION	AFCIN-4E4g	TELEPHONE	69216

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Replaces DA AGO Form 895, 1 Apr 48, and AFHQ
Form 12, 10 Nov 47, which may be used.16-74067-2
GPO

Congressional Inquiry of UFO by Congressman [REDACTED]

Information submitted by [REDACTED], President of Research and Education Committee on Aerial Phenomena, known as RECAP.

On 15 October 1959, at Terre Haute, Ind., at 6:10, [REDACTED] President of RECAP, saw a white light almost overhead, about the size of Saturn, and about the size of a pea at arm's length.

About 6:45 several people saw red lights south of Terre Haute.

6:45 to 6:50 [REDACTED] saw two big, green balls of fire approaching him at Crawfordsville, Ind. He maneuvered away from them, they reversed course and sped away out of sight.

At 7:00 a pilot saw two orange balls of fire ahead of him. Seconds later he saw a white flash.