

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 2 Nov 59		2. LOCATION 20 mi N of Statesville, N.C.		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical <u>Venus</u> ☒ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>02/0900Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 mins		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE South	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Oblong obj, approximately 6' long & 4' wide. Golden appearance in center surrounded by a blue reflection. Seemed to be rotating in slow turns. Obj seemed to rise & fall, intermittently disappearing & reappearing.				11. COMMENTS A check indicates the planet Venus to be approximately 10° above the horizon. The winding road (and possibly uneven surface) could have given the impression of movement of the planet, plus the fact that it was so low on the horizon.	

HEADQUARTERS
464th TROOP CARRIER WING (A) (TAC)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
POPE AIR FORCE BASE, NORTH CAROLINA

REPLY TO

ATTN OF: WDO-INT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object

TO: ATIC (Major Friend)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. Reference your telephone conversation of 5 November 1959. Attempts by the undersigned to interview Mr. [REDACTED], in Statesville, N.C. met with negative results. Mr. [REDACTED], [REDACTED] companion, was also not available for interview. However, the following information was obtained from [REDACTED] Chief of Police, Statesville, N.C., and [REDACTED] News Editor of the Statesville (N.C.) Record and Landmark, who had previously interviewed [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

2. Information is set forth in accordance with par. 15, AFR 200-2:

a (1): Oblong.

(2) Approximately 6 feet long and 4 feet wide.

(3) Golden appearance in center surrounded by a blue reflection.

(4) One

(5) N/A

(6) Seemed to be rotating in slow turns.

(7) None

(8) None

(9) None

b (1) Observer at first thought it was a plane falling.

(2) As observers were travelling South, object was to left and slightly behind at tree-top level.

(3) Unknown, since object disappeared while observers were in restaurant getting someone else to look at object.

(4) Observers were travelling approximately 55 miles per hour; object was alternately behind and ahead of observer, going in the same

general direction; object seemed to rise and fall, intermittently disappearing and re-appearing.

(5) Unknown

(6) 20 minutes

c (1) Ground Visual

(2) N/A

(3) N/A

d (1) 020900Z November 1959

(2) Night

e. Observers were approximately 20 miles north of Statesville, N.C. driving south on Highway 90.

f (1) [REDACTED], unk, [REDACTED] Street, Statesville, N.C., professional gambler, of poor character and reputation (according to Chief of Police Ivey).

[REDACTED] unk, [REDACTED] Ave, Washington, D.C., professional gambler and confidence man, of poor reputation and character (according to Chief of Police Ivey).

(2) N/A

g (1) Clear

(2)	Wind Direction	Velocity
Surface	300°	5 kts
6,000	290	30
10,000	290	40
16,000	280	55
20,000	290	75
30,000	310	90
50,000	310	90
80,000	N/AV	N/AV

(3) None

(4) Plus 7 miles

(5) None

(6) None

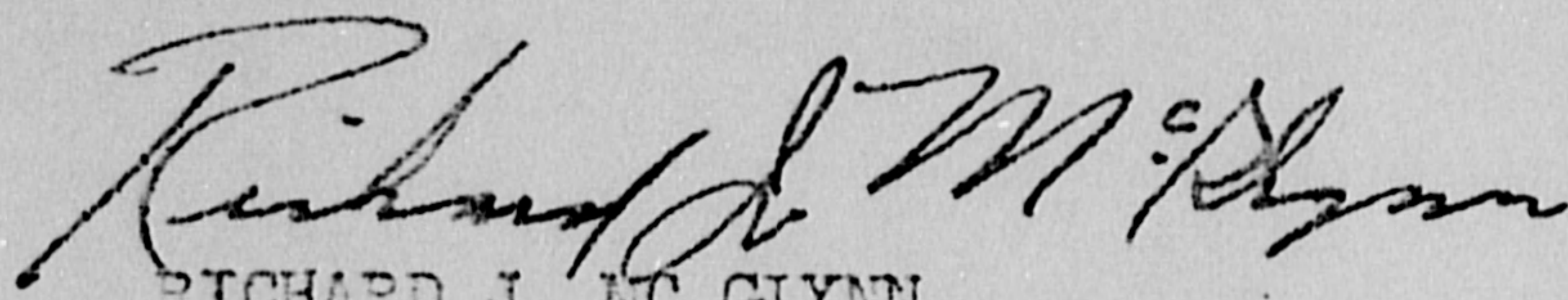
h. None

i. None

j. N/AV

k. Wing Intelligence Officer; Chief of Police Ivey advised the undersigned that the observers were of general poor reputation and character, and that at first report, he thought they could have been trying to establish an alibi. However, after investigation, he was of the opinion that the observers actually saw something. In view of this statement, I believe that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] did experience a visual phenomenon.

l. None.



RICHARD J. MC GLYNN
Captain, USAF
Wing Intelligence Officer

Mystery Fireball Causes Scare

STATESVILLE, N. C., Nov. 3—(UPI)—A mysterious blue ball of light appeared over the North Carolina countryside before dawn today and frightened those who saw it.

A motorist, Robert L. James of Taylorsville, N. C., said the glowing object "chased" his car several miles. He said it "hovered" over his car "at tree top levels" and moved alternately at slow and very fast speeds.

Police said a check of other police departments and the Highway Patrol showed a number of persons saw a similarly described object in the vicinity of Hickory and Salisbury, N. C.

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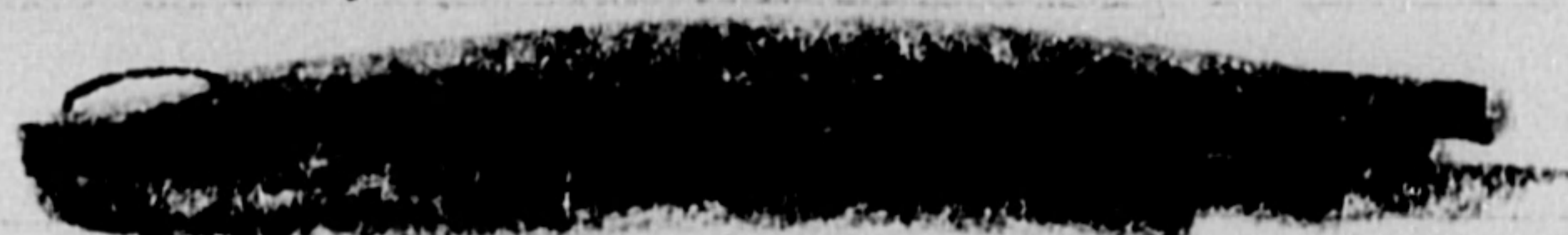
BLUE LIGHT- . FLASHING YELLOW OR
GREEN — .

BLUE BALL OR LIGHT —

LIFE MAG. TV. CHAIN. —

CP1 3 Nov. 59
STATESVILLE N.C.

OVER COUNTRY



TAYLORSVILLE N.C.

ONSET CARRIED HIS CAR
AT TREE TOP LEVEL

POLICE & HIGHWAY PATROL
HICKORY — SALISBURY N.C.
OTHER INDIVIDUALS —

CAPT M^e GLYNN, RICHARD J.

464th TROOP (AERIAL WING) INTELL.

[REDACTED]

CONTACTED —

STATESVILLE —

CHIEF OF POLICE.

0900

3 NOV '59

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

OBJECT FOLLOWED CAR.

POLICE RECORD —

CAMBLERS

CON MEN

BUNKO. —

BOOT LEG. —

INDICTED —

CAMPBELL — WASH. D.C.

REPORTER IN POLICE STATION.

UPI

CONSTANT SURVEILLANCE.

UNKNOWN IN THE OTHER PLACES. —



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[redacted] of Statesville, N. C. claims that a weird ball of light chased his automobile down a local highway in the wee morning hours of November 2nd. The ball had a blue glow around its edges, and came to within a few yards of the car in which he was riding with a friend. The UFO moved from left to right as it followed the car, and at one point it got so close to the ground that he thought it had crashed.

GLOWING OBJECT CHASES 1960
CAR IN NORTH CAROLINA APRO

On Tuesday, November 3, several reports were made to law enforcement agencies regarding a mysterious glowing ball of light in the eastern sky about 8 a.m. Weather Bureau officials at the Raleigh-Durham Airport explained these as possibly a weather balloon which they had released at 6 a.m. and which "might glow in the sun" at about that time. A State Highway Patrol dispatcher at Salisbury said the object appeared very large, glowing and still visible in the east, moving south at about 8 a.m.

Not so easily disposed of, however, was the report of [REDACTED], a Taylorsville used car dealer, who reported a "ball of light" which chased his car along a deserted highway at about 4 a.m.—two hours before the weather balloon was launched. [REDACTED] driving near Statesville, had observed the object as it came within several yards of his vehicle several times. He said it hovered over the car "just above tree-top level" and moved alternately at slow and very fast speeds. He stopped his car six times and each time the object stopped also. During this same time there were reports of the bluish-white fireball being observed over a 50-mile radius in the same area.