

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 24 January, 1960		2. LOCATION Erie, Penn. - Jackson, Mich.		12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 25/0133Z GMT		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian & COC			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4-8 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One		9. COURSE NE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Shape of object similar to A/C size of T-33, brilliant red on front portion with orange glow from the rear. No sound. Excessive speed. Faded to the NE. NW Orient Lindstan. Atkinson - Pontiac, Mich United Airlines near Toledo				11. COMMENTS The complete description of the object along with other factors of the sighting indicate that this object was a meteor of the "fireball" type.	

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FM COMDR DUADS

TO RJWFAL/COMDR ENT AFB

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REFERENCE AFR 200-2 PARAGRAPH 15 THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED

A (1) ROUND

(2) MARBLE

3 ROSE

4 ONE

5 N/A

6 NONE

7 NONE

8 N/A

9 COLOR/SPEED

B. 1 NOTICED BY COPILOT

17 JAN 07 24

1960 JAN 26 23 07

TELEPHONED

TO

NO.

TIME

Date

By:

AD Capt Schmidt
7:22:22
5-12-316-2
21/10
44

W7024E v
3
44XW

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2 THIRTY DEGREES / TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY DEGREES

3 THIRTY DEGREES / SIXTY DEGREES

4 CONSTANT

5 FADED TO NORTH EAST

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2 THIRTY DEGREES /TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY DEGREES

3 THIRTY DGREES/SIXTY DEGREES

4 CONSTANT

5 FADED TO NORTH EAST

6 SEVEN TO EIGHT SECONDS

C 1 AIR VISUAL

2 NONE

3 DC SEVEN C, N TOW NINE FIVE TWELVE THOUSAND

TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY DEGREES TWO AND THIRTY KNOTS

MINNEAPOLIS MINNESOTA

D 1 TWENTY FIVE/ZERO ONE THREE THREE ZULU

2 NIGHT

E. 1 FORTY TWO DEGREES NORTH EIGHTY DEGREES WEST

2 WEST OF ERIE PENN OVER LAKE ERIE

F. ~~REDACTED~~ PILOT ~~REDACTED~~ MINNEAPOLIS MINN,

~~REDACTED~~ COPILOT 14~~REDACTED~~ ST PAUL MINN,

~~REDACTED~~ ENGINEER ~~REDACTED~~ ST PAUL MINN,

ALL PERSONNEL WITH NORTH WEST ORIENT AIRLINES MINNEAPOLIS MINN,

G. 1 CLEAR AT TWELVE THOUSAND

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2 SOUTH THREE KNOTS

200 DEGREES 20 KNOTS

260 DEGREES 15 KNOTS

230 DEGREES 20 KNOTS

260 DEGREES 25 KNOTS

270 DEGREES 35 KNOTS

260 DEGREES 40 KNOTS

260 DEGREES 35 KNOTS

3. FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FEET

4 FIVE MILES HAZE

230 DEGREES 20 KNOTS

260 DEGREES 25 KNOTS

270 DEGREES 35 KNOTS

260 DEGREES 40 KNOTS

260 DEGREES 35 KNOTS

3. FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FEET

4 FIVE MILES HAZE

5 OVERCAST

6 NONE

H. 1 SNOW SHOWERS

2 NONE

3 NONE

I. NONE

J. NONE

K. AIR INTELLIGENCE OFFICER DULUTH AIR DEFENSE SECTOR MINN
UNKNOWN

L. NONE

M. COMMENTS OF OBSERVER HAS PREVIOUSLY OBSERVED SEVERAL EARTH
STATELITES THIS UFO HAD MUCH GREATER SPEED AND WAS OF
DIFFERENT COLOR

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26/2144Z JAN RJEDDU

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RC161

TELEPHONED
TO *Capt. Riser*
NO. *71222*
TIME *21 39 5*
Date *25 Jan*
By: *RJR*

1960 JAN 25 21 38

TELEPHONED
TO _____
NO. _____
TIME _____
Date _____
By: _____

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P 251530Z ZEX

FM COMDR DETROIT ADSS

TO RJWFALIC

RJEDSQ/ATIC

RJEZHQ/AC OF S INTEL HQ USAF

RJEZHQ/OFC OF INFO SERVCS HQ USAF

INFO RJEZKN/COMDR ENR STEWART AFB

RJEDAH/COMDR 30TH ADIV

RUEPBL/COMDR 1006TH AISS, FORT BELVOIR

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UNCLASS DAOIO 297. SUBJECT: UFO. ATTN: CIC

A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT.

- (1) SHAPE- SIMILAR TO AN AIRCRAFT.
- (2) SIZE- COMPARABLE TO A T-33.
- (3) COLOR- BRILLIANT RED ON FRONT PORTION,
ORANGE GLOW FROM THE REAR.
- (4) NUMBER - ONE (1).
- (5) FORMATION - N/A
- (6) FEATURES - NONE.
- (7) EXHUUST - ORANGE GLOW FROM TAIL

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(LENGTH NOT DESCRIBED).

(8) SOUND- NONE.

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(LENGTH NOT DESCRIBED).

(8) SOUND- NONE.

(9) UNUSUAL FEATURES- EXCESSIVE SPEED.

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

(1) BRILLIANCE OF OBJECT PLUS THE HIGH DEGREE OF SPEED ATTRACTED ATTENTION.

(2) & (3) NOT GIVEN AS FAR AS ELEVATION AND ANGLE OF DETECTION AND DISAPPEARANCE- BUT REPORTED AS BEING NORTH OF PONTIAC, MICHIGAN- HEADING SW TO SE.

(4) FLIGHT PATH- NOT GIVEN.

(5) RATE OF DISSAPPEARANCE -NOT GIVENM

(6) TIME OBSERVED - 3 TO 6 SECONDS.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(1) GROUND - VISUAL.

(2) OPTICAL AIDS- NOT GIVEN.

(3) N/A

D. TIME AND DATE.

(1) 0133Z, 25 JANUARY 1960.

(2) OBSERVED AT NIGHT.

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3. LOCATION OF OBSERVER:

(1) 5 MILES NORTH OF PONTIAC, MICHIGAN.

F. IDENTITY OF OBSERVER:

(1) CIVILIAN - MR. [REDACTED]

PONTIAC, MICHIGAN- PHONE: [REDACTED] - AGE:

NOT GIVEN.

G. WEATHER AND WINDS

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PONTIAC, MICHIGAN- PHONE: [REDACTED] - AGE:
NOT GIVEN.

G. WEATHER AND WINDS.

(1) OBSERVER'S ACCOUNT FOR WEATHER CONDITIONS
-NOT GIVEN.

(2) AWS REPORT: WIND ALOFT:

6,000'-- 250 DEG-- 14KTS

10,000'--240 DEG-- 16 KTS

16,000'--260 DEG--27 KTS

20,000'--260 DEG--32 KTS

30,000'--260DEG--35 KTS

50,000 --280 DEG--30 KTS

(3) 3,500 FEET CEILING.

(4) 7 MILES VISIBILITY.

(5) SCATERED CLOUD CONDITIONS.

(6) THUNDERSTORMS- NONE.

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(7) 17 DEG ABOVE 0 DEG- TEEMPERATURE.

H. UNUSUAL WEATHER CONDITIONS.

(1) NONE.

I. INTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION TAKEN:

(1) NONE.

J. AIR ACTIVITY AT THIS TIME:

(1) NO KNOWN AIRCRAFT IN AREA DURING SIGHTING.

K. PREPARING OFFICER:

(1) CAPT GILICK (AN-60-CONTROL DESIGNATOR)

(2) AIRDROME OFFICER AT SELFRIDGE AFB, MOUNT
CLEMENS, MICHIGAN.

(3) REMARKS- NONE

(3) 3,500 FEET CEILING.

(4) 7 MILES VISIBILITY.

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(7) 17 DEG ABOVE 0 DEG- TEMPERATURE.

H. UNUSUAL WEATHER CONDITIONS.

(1) NONE.

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CLEMENS, MICHIGAN.

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L. EXISTANT EVIDENCE:

(1) NONE.

M. REMARKS: A CHECK AT DETROIT ADS REVEALED
NO AIR ACTIVITY DURING THIS PERIOD IN THE AREA
DESCRIBED IN THIS REPORT.

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25/1542Z JAN RJEDBW

U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U. S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes, and will be regarded as confidential material. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that, if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object?

25 January 1960
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 0133Z

Hour Minutes

(Circle One): A.M. or P.M.

3. Time zone:

(Circle One): a. Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other ZULU

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving
b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

2 - Erie, Pennsylvania
1 - Jackson, Michigan
Nearest Postal Address

City or Town

State or Country

Additional remarks:

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

Hours

Minutes

Seconds 4-7 seconds

5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.

a. Certain

b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure

d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

(Circle One): a. Bright daylight
b. Dull daylight
c. Bright twilight

d. Just a trace of daylight
e. No trace of daylight
f. Don't remember

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One): a. In front of you
b. In back of you
c. To your right

d. To your left
e. Overhead
f. Don't remember

8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS (Circle One):

- a. None
- b. A few
- c. Many
- d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON (Circle One):

- a. Bright moonlight
- b. Dull moonlight
- c. No moonlight — pitch dark
- d. Don't remember

9. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky?

(Circle One):

a. Yes

b. No

c. Don't remember

10. IF it was BRIGHTER THAN the sky background, was the brightness like that of an automobile headlight?:

(Circle One) a. A mile or more away (a distant car)?

b. Several blocks away?

c. A block away?

d. Several yards away?

e. Other

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- | | | | |
|---|-----|----|------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time? | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| d. Give off smoke? | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness? | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| f. Change shape? | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate? | Yes | No | Don't Know |

12. Did the object move behind something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

Yes

No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

it moved behind: _____

13. Did the object move in front of something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

Yes

No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

it moved in front of: _____

14. Did the object appear:

(Circle One):

a. Solid?

b. Transparent?

c. Don't Know.

15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

- | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|----|----------------|-----|----|
| a. Eyeglasses | Yes | No | e. Binoculars | Yes | No |
| b. Sun glasses | Yes | No | f. Telescope | Yes | No |
| c. Windshield | Yes | No | g. Theodolite | Yes | No |
| d. Window glass | Yes | No | h. Other _____ | | |

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

a. Sound _____

b. Color _____

17. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

*Approximately the size and shape of
a T-33*

18. The edges of the object were:

- (Circle One):
- a. Fuzzy or blurred
 - b. Like a bright star
 - c. Sharply outlined
 - d. Don't remember

e. Other _____

19. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? _____
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

20. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.

21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.

7-33 feet.

22. How large did the object or objects appear as compared with one of the following objects held in the hand and at about arm's length?

(Circle One):

- | | |
|------------------|------------------|
| a. Head of a pin | g. Silver dollar |
| b. Pea | h. Baseball |
| c. Dime | i. Grapefruit |
| d. Nickel | j. Basketball |
| e. Quarter | k. Other _____ |
| f. Half dollar | |

- 22.1 (Circle One of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22.

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| a. Certain | c. Not very sure |
| b. Fairly certain | d. Uncertain |

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view?

gradually melted

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could construct the object that you saw. Of what type material would you make it? How large would it be, and what shape would it have? Describe in your own words a common object or objects which when placed up in the sky would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

25. Where were you located when you saw the object?
(Circle One):

- a. Inside a building
- b. In a car
- c. Outdoors 1
- d. In an airplane 2
- e. At sea
- f. Other _____

26. Were you (Circle One)

- a. In the business section of a city?
- b. In the residential section of a city?
- c. In open countryside?
- d. Flying near an airfield?
- e. Flying over a city?
- f. Flying over open country? 1
- g. Other _____

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

28. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

28.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

- | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | c. East | e. South | g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

28.2 How fast were you moving? One in DC-7 - 320 mph? miles per hour.

28.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

29. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object? (Circle One)

- | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | c. East | e. South | g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the object? (Circle One)

- | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|
| a. North | c. East | e. South | g. West <u>1</u> |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North _____ degrees.
- b. From horizon _____ degrees.

31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North _____ degrees.
- b. From horizon _____ degrees.

34. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

34.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

- a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds
- e. Don't remember

34.2 WIND (Circle One)

- a. No wind
- b. Slight breeze
- c. Strong wind
- d. Don't remember

34.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

- a. Dry
- b. Fog, mist, or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

34.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

- a. Cold
- b. Cool
- c. Warm
- d. Hot
- e. Don't remember

35. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

Day Month Year

36. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One) Yes ☒ No ☐

36.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One) Yes ☒ No ☐

36.2 Please list their names and addresses:

37. Was this the first time that you had seen an object or objects like this?

(Circle One) Yes ☐ No ☐

37.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?

38. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET
(SUMMARY DATA)

In order that your information may be filed and coded as accurately as possible, please use the following space to write out a short description of the event that you observed. You may repeat information that you have already given in the questionnaire, and add any further comments, statements, or sketches that you believe are important. Try to present the details of the observation in the order in which they occurred. Additional pages of the same size paper may be attached if they are needed.

NAME _____
 (Please Print)

(Do Not Write in This Space)

SIGNATURE _____

CODE:

DATE _____

T has report received from Command Post AMC who relayed it on his in with SAC, NORAD, indications & ATIC. Report originated from DC-7 pilot^{at 12000'}, unidentified aircraft shot with 40 miles NW Erie Pa. and ground observer at Jackson, Mich. Object size and shape T-33 heading west at 12,000' at estimated 15000 mph visible 4-7 seconds. Time 0133 Z

Norad - no radar sightings

SAC - no B-58's in air at time

Norad will follow up and submit report

J.B. Tothall Cost Duty Officer
 (COVER)

LATER COMMAND POST CALL CORRECTED
AND SAID UFO FLYING WEST TO EAST
Also reported additional sighting by
by United Airlines pilot 6 minutes
west of Toledo at 0131Z.

UFO ANALYSIS SHEET

Location ERIE PENN — JACKSON, MICHIGAN

Date 25 JAN 60 Hour (Z) 0133

WX CLEAR

Description SIMILAR TO AN AIRCRAFT - (F-33)

COLOR BRILLIANT RED IN FRONT - ORANGE

GLOW FROM REAR - ONE OBJECT NO SOUND -

(CREW OF AIRCRAFT) ROUND - MARBLE (SIZE) - ROSE

Direction of Motion GENERALLY NE.

Satellite: (AFCIN-4F3, Phone 69219) CHECKED AND RULED OUT.

Astronomical Phenomena (Meteor, Comet, Planet, etc) HIGH VELOCITY AND

DISPLACEMENT FOLLOWED BY DISAPPEARANCE RULES OUT PLANETS - PROB. METEOR

Radar Analysis (AFCIN-4E1) N/A

Natural Phenomena (Ball Lightning, etc) —

Aircraft, Balloons, Airships, etc. APPARENTLY TOO FAST.

Other —

Evaluation of Source Reliability PROBABLY GOOD

Analysis and Conclusions: ONE WITNESS INDICATES THE OBJECT LOOKED LIKE AN AIRCRAFT. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT HE SAW SUCH A SHAPE UNDER THE CONDITIONS AND SHORT DURATION OF THE SIGHTING - BUT IT COULD BE THAT HE IS TALKING ONLY OF THE FLAME WHICH CAN BE SEEN FROM UST AIRCRAFT AT NIGHT. THE COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT ALONG WITH OTHER FACTORS OF THE SIGHTING INDICATE THAT THIS OBJECT WAS PROBABLY A METEOR OF

THE "FIREBALL" CLASS.

Friend