PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE: 3 April 1960	2. LOCATION: Salem, Arkansas	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other: Chaff ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local: _____ GMT: - - -	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes Physical ☒ No Specimen	6. SOURCE: Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: not reported	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS: multiple	9. COURSE: on ground

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Letter reporting presence of metal strips found on ground. Enclosed sample for analysis.

11. COMMENTS

Strips of foil were chaff, used in Radar jamming.

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

25 April 1960
[redacted]
Salem, Ark.

TO: Commanding Officer
Patterson Field, U.S. A. F. Base
Dayton, Ohio

Dear sirs:

This may not be of any value. Since 3 April 1960 Sunday. I have been at odd times finding pieces of foil that look like radar deflectors. It is an inconceivable idea to me that an American plane should be using radar deflection over this area. I live 3½ miles northwest of Salem, Ark and am under one of the Springfield, Mo. to Memphis, Tenn radio plane beams and it seems at times near the cross point of all plane flying radio beams in this area from all directions. I am enclosing several of the pieces of foil for your scrutiny.

Respectfully yours,

/[redacted]
Salem, Ark

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I have been putting these in my pocket book so they are crumpled.

AEROSPACE TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: AFCIN-4E2

SUBJECT: UFO Report ([redacted])

6 MAY 1960

TO: SAFOI-3d (Maj Tacker)

1. The strips of aluminum foil sent in by Mr [redacted] is one of the many types of foil called "chaff" used by the military to jam radars. This chaff is used in conjunction with training exercises which are conducted for the crews of our aircraft.

2. Foil is dropped from such an altitude that it is possible for it to drift with the wind over an area of many miles. This might have been the case in this instance, or it could have been dropped in Mr Gates immediate locality under little or no wind conditions.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

PHILIP G. EVANS
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Sciences and Components

1 Atch:
Cy ltr 25 Apr 60 fr [redacted]

oi-3d/Tacker/am/72291

5 April 1960

Salem, Arkansas

17 May 1960

Dear Mr. [redacted]

This is to acknowledge your letter of 25 April 1960 concerning strips of aluminum foil which you found near Salem, Arkansas. These strips of aluminum foil are called "chaff" and are used by the military to jam radar installations. This chaff is used in conjunction with training exercises conducted by the crews of our aircraft.

Foil is dropped from very high altitude and it is possible for it to drift with the wind over a wide geographical area. This could have been the case in this instance or an actual training mission could have over flown Salem, Arkansas and dropped this chaff.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Salem, Arkansas

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