PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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1. DATE: 1 Jul 60	2. LOCATION: Oak Hill, West Virginia
3. DATE-TIME GROUP: Local ____ GMT 02/0200Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION: ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar
5. PHOTOS: ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE: Civilian
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: 3-5 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS: three
9. COURSE: E-W	12. CONCLUSIONS: ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☒ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Three round objects, size of pea in "V" formation. Amber color. Traveling on a straight course and disappeared over the horizon.

11. COMMENTS

These objects were determined to be a/c by investigating committee.

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The Fayette Tribune, Inc.

THE COUNTY'S OLDEST NEWSPAPER

OAK HILL, WEST VIRGINIA

July 5, 1950

Department of the Air Force
Washington
D. C.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find a clipping which ran in our July 4 edition of the Fayette Tribune, Oak Hill, West Virginia. The three unidentified objects which are mentioned in the story caused considerable interest in our county. Do you have any idea of what they might have been?

Sincerely,

The Fayette Tribune

Robert K. Holliday

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Mysterious Objects Seen In West Virginia's Skies

4 July 60 Fayette Tribune, Oak Hill

What were the mysterious objects which passed over Oak Hill Friday night?

Shortly after 8:30 p.m. excitement was in the air at the George Ellison residence on Sunnyside Drive, Oak Hill. It was there that Mrs. Ellison, her children, Tim and Rose, and her nephew, Jimmy Ellison, saw three unidentified objects passing across the sky.

Mrs. Ellison describes the happenings like this:

"The children saw them and called me, and I went to see about the situation. I thought at first they were stars and the

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Mysterious Objects

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clouds moving. When I looked a little closer, I could see that they were not stars, but they were a little larger. They were spread out in a V-formation.

"They were moving pretty fast. They all moved at the same speed and stayed in the same formation until they were out of sight. We watched them until they moved out of sight."

Bill Napier of Whipple, who was at the Ellison home, also saw them and husband George got outside in time to witness the objects before they faded away.

George Ellison called the Tribune, and several employees went outside to look for "satellites." However, our attention was attracted to something different—probably a star. We thought, however, at first that the object was moving and had a green tinge to it.

After checking with Ellison again over the telephone we learned that it took approximately five minutes for the three "objects" to pass across the horizon. Ellison said they were brighter than stars.

About 7:04 p.m. a 72-foot Scout rocket had veered off its path high above the Atlantic Coast Friday night, two minutes after launching and was destroyed.

The Scout rocket attained an altitude of 860 miles and landed in the Atlantic 1,500 miles off the Virginia coast.

Earlier Friday at Cape Canaveral, Fla., the first operational phototype of the intercontinental range Titan missile veered sharply out of control and had to be destroyed about 300 feet above its launching pad. It is not known what time this occurred.

The Ellison's actually discovered these objects about 8:55 p.m. We intend to send this article to the Air Force for their records.

Only a few weeks ago Ivan Wilcox and his brother at Mullens spotted an extremely strange object in the sky. It was purple in appearance and was only seen for a few seconds. The same description was reported to proper authorities by a man a number of miles away in West Virginia. The Air Force investigated the sightings.

Anyway, all eyes were turned toward the skies Friday evening. Earlier the city of Oak Hill was shaken by a low-flying jet which zoomed overhead as Oak Hill residents were eating dinner.

The sky truly is a mystery. Those folks from Mars are going to come down here one of these days—you just wait and see.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

12 July 1960

Dear Mr. Holliday:

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of 5 July together with clippings from the Fayette Tribune concerning unidentified flying objects seen near Oak Hill, West Virginia on 1 July 1960.

I have forwarded this information on to the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center for their possible use.

Thank you very much for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. Robert K. Holliday
Publisher
The Fayette Tribune, Inc.
Oak Hill, West Virginia

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THE COUNTY'S OLDEST NEWSPAPER

OAK HILL, WEST VIRGINIA

July 14, 1960

TO
[illegible]
Evaluation
[illegible] reply.

Mr. Lawrence J. Tacker
Lt. Colonel, USAF
PIO Division
Department of Air Force
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tacker:

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of July 12 concerning unidentified flying objects seen in this area on July 1.

You stated in your letter the information sent to you, along with the clippings, were forwarded to the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center for their possible use.

Several individuals in the Oak Hill vicinity have inquired about the objects. The reply you gave us is of no help in answering their inquiries.

We would like any information concerning what we saw if it is possible for you to release such news.

Some questions we are being asked are: What were they? Will there be any more? If so when?

Any news you might provide for us would greatly be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

THE FAYETTE TRIBUNE

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ATIC, W-P AFB

TO:

GUTHRIE AF STN, W. VA

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

/UNCLASSIFIED/FROM: AFCIN-4E2 _____

ATIC HAS BEEN NOTIFIED THAT SEVERAL UFO's WERE SIGHTED OVER OAK HILL, W. VA. ON 1 JULY 60. REQ AN INVESTIGATION BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 200-2, DTD 14 SEPT 59. THE PRINCIPAL WITNESSES WERE THE [redacted] FAMILY WHO RESIDE ON [redacted] OAK HILL, W. VA.

DATE	TIME
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MONTH JULY	YEAR 1960

WRITER

SYMBOL: AFCIN-4E2

TYPED NAME AND TITLE (Signature, if required): Major Robert J. Friend

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SIGNATURE: Michael Pat

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UNCLAS FROM 783 CIS 07-830. ATTN: AFCIN. SUBJECT: "UFO" REPORT [redacted] FAMILY, [redacted], OAK HILL, W.VA.). INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED 21 JUL 60 IAW PARA 4B, AFR 200-2, DTD 14 SEP 59, AS AMENDED. RECOMMEND NO FURTHER ACTION BE TAKEN. A WRITTEN REPORT WILL FOLLOW.

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UNCLAS FROM 783 CIC 07-836. ATTN: AFCIN. SUBJECT: "UFO" REPORT [redacted] FAMILY, [redacted] OAK HILL, W.VA.). INVESTIGATION COMPLETED. OBJECTS SIGHTED HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO FALL WITHIN THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH 2B(2), AFR 200-2, DATED 14 SEP 59. RECOMMEND NO FURTHER ACTION BE TAKEN

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

COUNTRY OR AREA REPORT CONCERNS	DATE OF INFORMATION	
Oak Hill (Fayette Co), W.Va.	1 July 1960	
ACTIVITY SUBMITTING REPORT 783d AC&W Squadron, Guthrie AFS Charleston, West Virginia	DATE OF COLLECTION 21 July 1960	SRI STATUS (If applicable) SRI NO. CANCELED/COMPLETE
PREPARING INDIVIDUAL Johnson, John F., Captain, USAF	DATE OF REPORT 16 August 1960	SRI NO. CANCELED/INCOMPLETE
NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF SOURCE Mrs. [redacted] Mr. [redacted]	EVALUATION	SRI NO. ACTIVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON (Date)

REFERENCES (BAIR Subject, previous reports, etc., as applicable)
Messages 783CAS 08-885 & 08-886 dated 10 Aug 60 & Message AFCIN-4E2A 8-2444-B dated 15 Aug 60

SUBJECT (Descriptive title. Use individual reports for separate subjects)
UFO, Sighting of a UFO over Oak Hill, West Virginia

SUMMARY (Give summary which highlights the salient factors of narrative report. Begin narrative text on AF Form 112a unless report can be fully stated on AF Form 112. List inclosures, including number of copies)
The following report is submitted in accordance with AFR 200-2, dtd 14 Sep 59. Format is in accordance with AFR 200-2, paragraph 15.

a. Description of Object:
(1) Round
(2) Pea
(3) Amber
(4) Three (3)
(5) "V" Formation
(6) None
(7) None
(8) None
(9) None

b. Description of Course of Objects:
(1) Just looking around
(2) Directly over head
(3) High - Disappeared into space
(4) Moving from East to West on straight course
(5) Disappeared over the horizon.
(6) 3 - 5 minutes

c. Manner of Observation:
(1) Ground-visual
(2) No optical aids
(3) N/A

d Time and Date of Sighting:
None INCLS 0200Z, 2 July 1960
(2) Night

e. Location of observer: At Home [redacted] Oak Hill, W.Va.

f. Identifying information on observers:
Mrs. [redacted] (Age unknown) (Occupation - Housewife)
[redacted], Oak Hill, W.Va.

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Mr. [redacted] (Age unknown) (Occupation - Salesman) Whipple, West Virginia

Master [redacted] (Age - Approximately 10 years) Occupation - Student [redacted] Oak Hill, W.Va.

g. Weather and Winds - Aloft Conditions at Time and Place of Sighting:
(1) Cloudy
(2) Not available
(3) High
(4) Good
(5) Scatered
(6) Had rained approximately 2 hours prior to sighting.
(7) moderate

h. none.

i. none.

j. Unknown.

k. Position Title: Senior Director, Operations Section - Due to description of flight path, formation and overall appearance of objects, it is determined to be a flight of three (3) aircraft at high altitude.

l. None.

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At 1005 EST on 27 July 1960, SSgt Bolieu called Cutrie AFS, W.Va. and talked to Captain Johnson, Duty Controler of the day. The objects observed over Oak Hill, W.Va. on 1 July 1960 was determined to be aircraft, and this was explained to the persons involved. A formal report was not submitted due to the objects falling within the provisions of par. 28(2) AFR 200-2 dtd 14 Sep 59.