

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE DR 24 October 1960		2. LOCATION Avoca, Wisconsin		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
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	
				☒ Other <u>chaff</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Pieces of tinfoil found in bunches, all of the same size. Witness sent samples for evaluation.				11. COMMENTS Physical specimens were chaff, used in jamming radar.	

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October 24, 1960

Commanding Officer of Air Force
Pentagon
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

We have found some pieces of tinfoil around the area near Madison, Wisconsin. They are all cut the same size and are mostly found in bushes. A few pieces have been found separately. They have been found in the woods or on sidewalks. We would like to know the purpose of them or how they got there. I am enclosing a few pieces for an example. They are not exactly the same size because they have been broken at school.

I thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,
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Representative of the sixth,
seventh, and eighth grades
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Pontagosa
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Sincerely yours,
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Representative of the sixth
month of high grade
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

24 October 1960

4 November 1960

Dear Miss [REDACTED]

This is to acknowledge your letter of 24 October concerning the tinfoil material you found near Madison, Wisconsin.

This material is called windrow or chaff by the Air Force and is dropped from military aircraft to confuse ground radar readings. This makes it very difficult for the ground radar operator to ~~detect~~ the aircraft. This type of maneuver is used during training missions and we have had some recently in the Madison, Wisconsin area.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

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

Miss [REDACTED]
Avoca, Wisconsin

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