

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 20 Apr 61		2. LOCATION Sheridan, Wyoming		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other Emotional Strain ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1430 GMT 20/2130Z Apr 61		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One		9. COURSE None	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Letter from woman correlating sound which she heard with observation by her mother in another part of town. She was in conference with her supervisor and as part of her session was concluded she heard this frightful sound, not heard by others present. This is attributed to the relief of concluding her portion of the interview. Her mother is an elderly "bird watcher".				11. COMMENTS Relief of the witness in being "off the carpet" culminated in the imaginary sound. No attempt is made to explain the mother's observation. This was supposedly used by the witness to explain the noise she heard.	

Anchorage, Alaska

9/11/61

Dear Sir:

I have just recently found out when to write and thus the report is 4 months late. Sorry, but hope it is of some interest to you.

Place: ~~Wichita, Kansas~~, Wyoming

Date of sighting: April 20, 1961

Time: Between 2 & 3 P.M. (nearer 2:30)

Duration: Several minutes, I believe.

Object as it appeared to observer: ~~Some~~ aircraft, cigar shaped with 2 fins at tail end. Medium gray color, dull (definitely not shiny in any way) unmarked, texture almost rough like that of a beehive. Observer saw no wings, lines, appendages of any kind except the fins and couldn't determine if the fins were moving slightly or not.

Speed: Observer used the word "cruising" spontaneously since it was going very slowly but evenly - no ups or downs.

Sound: None at all to observer. (Not more of that later)

Weather: Clear, sunny, bright & warm - no wind

Situation & observer: The observer is my mother and she is a bird watcher always looking out the window, not so much "up" as just "out," peering at birds every day - even to feed them some. On this day she watched a bird land in the garage and the back kitchen window as she sat down to write a letter. Suddenly a huge object bore into view. Her first and then the rest of it gradually appeared. Mother was so surprised that she got up from her chair and watched it from the kitchen window & then from other windows until, after looking down momentarily and then up, it had suddenly disappeared. She simply couldn't see it any more. She remembers wondering if it were some experimental craft & wished that my son was home from school so he could see it too. It appeared to be just skimming the tree tops and it was so close that my mother observed the back of any thing on it except fins & noted that it had no visible portholes or pilot's compartment. She was even impressed by its texture. She was not frightened, however, but it stuck in her mind & she told me about it the next day - April 21, 1961.

Looking up: Since she told me all about the next day, I checked as soon as I could. I called the wife of the FAA man & her husband happened to be home at that time. Her biggest wish ~~that~~ was that Mom ~~had~~ called in to him right away & they would have tried to identify it. His other reports had been in his knowledge & he had heard nothing about such a sighting on this date at that time, but he emphasized that if it should happen again - get to the phone " pronto! "

(2) For mother, she didn't realize the U.S. government be interested since nothing is publicized in these things to alert the average citizen. Usually passed off as Hoax. I had read up quite a bit but mostly fantastic stuff that didn't impress me as being too authentic. However I did recognize the shape of the thing as being one of 2 basic kinds. Mother was completely innocent of this information also you never know what the government is going to try next in aircraft. Since we are friends of the FAA people (they used to be neighbors) we called on them one evening, my husband & I. We went over all of it in detail & let me say he wasn't laughing. No one laughed that I talked to later on either. We talked to everybody that we knew about the sighting but within this limited circle no one had seen it or heard of anyone else seeing it. Just we now may have seen ^{also} his co-workers. On the date of the sighting the gas company was changing meters & there were in another part of Sheridan when they heard a jet & looked up to watch it. Suddenly one of them said, "What's that?" and they saw a shape "like a balloon" going straight up as if to get out of the way of the jet. It disappeared so fast that they couldn't describe anything in particular. Mother got this information & out of the one that changed our meter then on N. Linden in Sheridan.

The Sound I heard

This is the part I hesitate to tell but it can all be proved. Everything can be proved as far as what we tell but not substantiated by the observance of what was heard. But this is what I heard on April 30, 1961 between 2 & 3 pm. (I was a case worker with the Sheridan County Public Welfare office & was watching the clock during the meeting we were having with our State Community Supervisor from Chicago) I was nervous about the afternoon going before anyone made the coffee in the office coffee pot but finally sat back relaxed just enjoying the meeting since I was off the griddle, when suddenly the most awful sound a shriek hit my ears. It seemed to be coming through the open window. I tore off my clip earring, automatically, stuck both fingers in both ears & put my hands over them hard in desperation. I was practically mindless for about 4 seconds - the longest seconds imaginable. I couldn't have talked or answered anyone. My boss's county director was looking at me quite upset & said "Why, Margie, what's wrong?" No one else had heard it & that is the saddest part. All I can say is I don't care to hear it again if it can be avoided. I was really "shocked". The other ^{two} don't know just how much that night, since my husband was not there, I explained what I had

③ heard to my mother and even crawled into bed with him, trying to get
closer to the living. Mother did not see any connection between
the shock & what she saw that day, in fact, as I have said, not
until the next day at noon did she tell me & then my hair really
stood on end. I saw a connection & the F.A.A. man saw a
possible connection. It seems that some people hear very
high frequencies of I may be 100. I know my hearing is very
good as tested at the University & Wisconsin testing equipment
also that on that apparatus I heard higher frequencies than is
normal but the experimenter didn't have the equipment to find
out how high or range or whatever. Anyhow, the area that mother
believed the space ship? disappeared from the direction that
the open office window opened out in was approx. the same.
I think I heard the back wash or ? of something taking off at
overridable speed. That's just what my mother & I now believe.

None of this was kept under our figurative hats either
Mother & I bubbled to everybody we knew, whenever we could.
If nothing else, I'm not afraid of sticking my neck out or being
laughed at but nobody likes better try to tell my mother that
she was day dreaming. She is practical, sharp, excitable at
times but not particularly imaginative. She is also a
"solid citizen".

Postscript

My husband is now transferred to Anchorage Alaska. He has
been an Internal Revenue Agent for 5 years, before that he was in the
Air Force. Name: [REDACTED]; Mother - [REDACTED] (Mrs.
[REDACTED]) my father - deceased. I have worked as a teacher B.S.
Degree is a Comanche in Wapiti & I hope to continue here in Anchorage
Alaska as soon as we get settled. I have read the ad & it is a mess
but if I don't send it I may never get around to it again.

My mother lives on Bay Shore Drive, Sturgeon Bay,
Wisconsin & she is the important observer to contact if you wish.

Please, Please don't pass this off with a shrug!!

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]