PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE	2. LOCATION	12. CONCLUSIONS
14 Sep 61	Hilliard, Ohio	☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2005 GMT 1501052	**4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION** ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	**6. SOURCE** Civilian	☐ Was Astronomical ☑ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** / **9. COURSE**	☐ Other Poss atmospheric refraction ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
20 min	1 / W-NW	

REFRACTION MARS

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Objt brighter than star. Appeared to stand still at 1st, suddenly speeded up and rushed away. Changed brightness and flickered. Was a golden gleam then a big white ball. Size of grapefruit at arms length.

11. COMMENTS It is possible that objt of sighting was planet Mars. Mars was just on or just below witnesses horizon and was brought into view by atmospheric refraction. Planet was not very bright at this time, having a magnitude of only +1.9, but this is a relatively bright objt and coupled w/effects of r refraction appeared as a very bright moving disc to observers. Description and apparent motions are same as objts under circumstances of atmospheric refraction.

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Hilliard, Ohio
September 16, 1961

Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson AFB
Dayton, Ohio

Gentlemen:

I am sending a report on an object which I saw. My four sons were in the car with me at the time. They saw the object too, but just my son who is nine, really had any idea what it was.

I had no official form to fill out so I just answered the questions taken from the book, "Flying Saucers and the U. S. Air Force".

I hope this will help in some small part to solve this intriguing phenomenon.

Yours truly,

Mrs. [redacted]

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21. I do not wish to guess at the size.

22. The object appeared to be as large as a grapefruit held in the hand at arms' length. Of this, I am fairly certain.

23. It rose up into the sky and sped away.

24. When the object was near the ground it looked like a gleaming Japanese lantern. When it was about a mile up, it looked like a shiny milk-white ball.

25. I was located outdoors when I observed it.

26. I was in the open countryside

27. At the time I saw the object, I was driving the car. The object appeared to be hanging over the road directly in front of me. I wondered what that light was doing in the middle of the road.

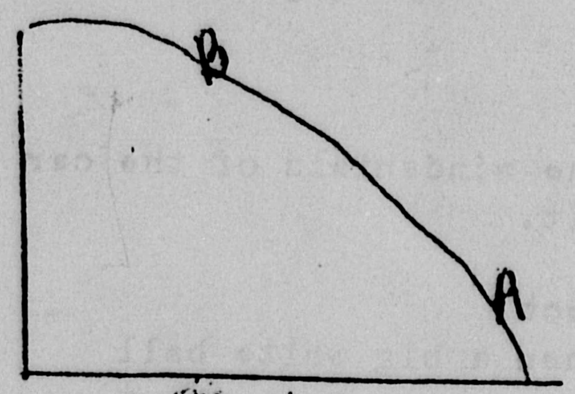
28. 1. I was traveling west. 2. I was driving at ten mph. 3. I stopped to look at the object.

29. I was looking west when I saw the object.

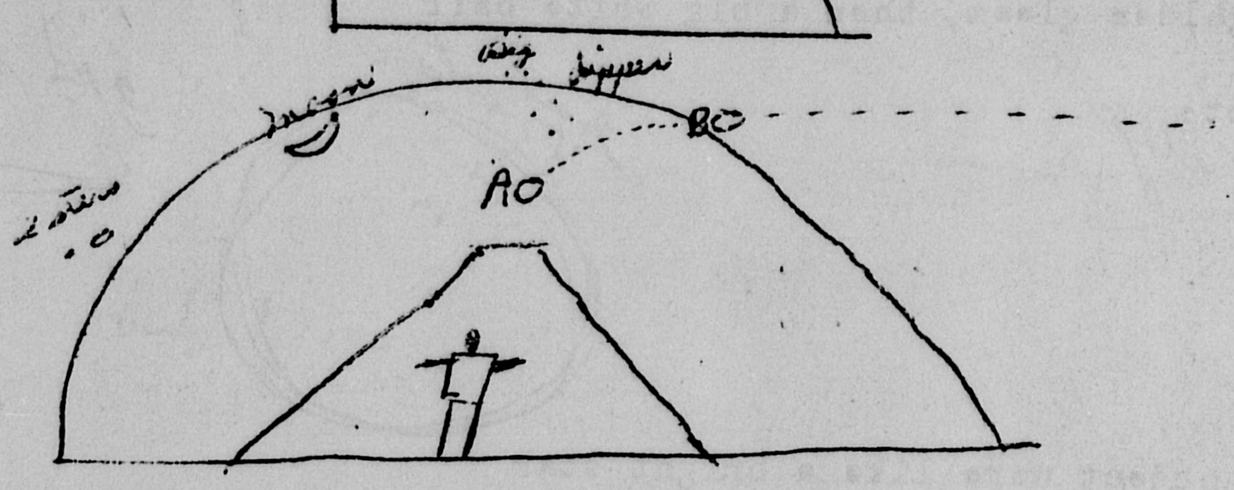
30. I was looking north when I last saw the object.

31. I know nothing about bearing terms.

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34. The weather conditions: clear sky and slight breeze. Dry and cool.

35. I reported this to no one. I have read too much on the subject, and don't care to be labeled a "nut" or a "fool".

36. Someone else was with me. My four sons. They saw it and pointed to it but as witnesses they would never do. They did say it looked like something in the space movies they see on television.

37. This is the first time I have ever seen an object. I have read extensively on the subject, was not afraid, and remembered most of the things you are supposed to about the weather, etc.

38. I do not know what the object was. If anyone does, I wish they would tell the

1. I saw the object on September 14, 1961

2. The time was 8:05 p.m.

3. Eastern time zone--standard time

4. When I saw the object, I was on Roberts Road near Hilliard, Ohio

5. I observed the object for about twenty minutes. I am certain.

6. The condition of the sky--no trace of daylight

7. No sun

8. 1. Many stars 2. Dull moonlight

9. The object was brighter than the background of the sky

10. It was not like that of an automobile headlight.

11. The object: appeared to stand still, at first
suddenly speeded up and rushed away
changed brightness
flickered

12. The object did not move behind anything at any time

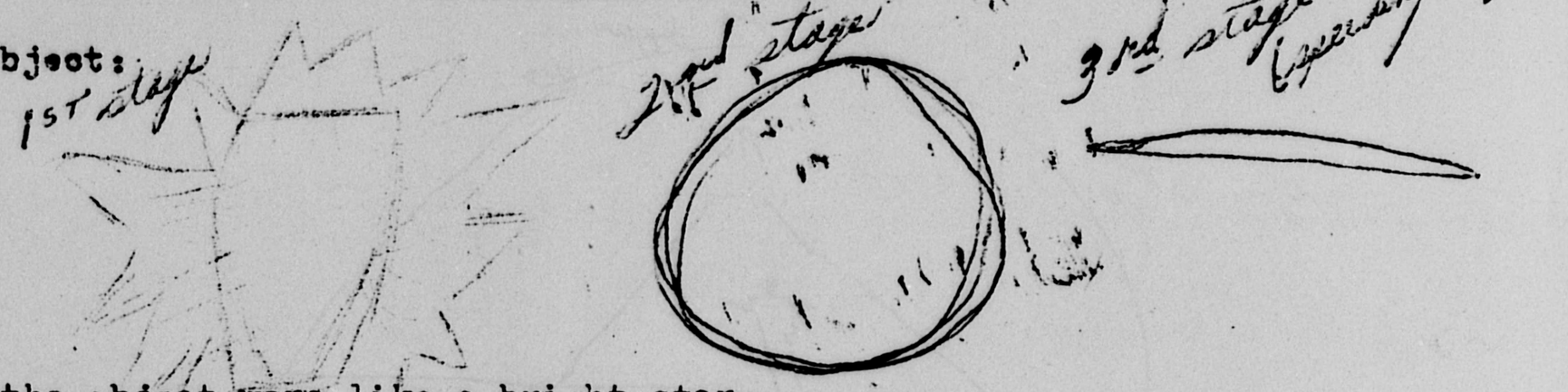
13. The object did not move in front of anything at any time

14. The object appeared to be solid

15. I observed the object through the windshield of the car and then stopped the car and got out to observe it.

16. There was no sound from the object
The color was a golden gleam, then a big white ball

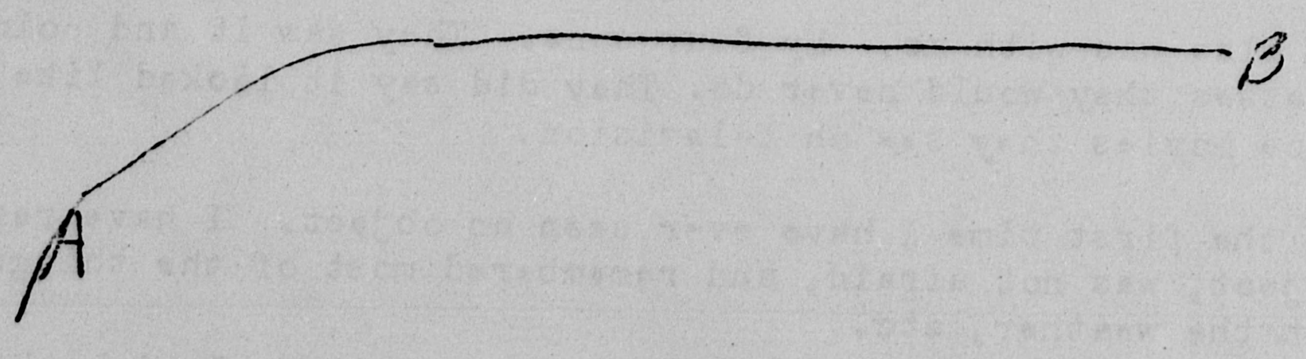
17. Shape of the object:



18. The edges of the object were like a bright star

19. There was only one object

20. Motion and path of object:



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UFO ANALYSIS SHEET

Location HILLIARD, OHIO

Date (Local) 14 SEPT '61 Hour (Local) 2005

Hour (Z Time Group) 15/0105

Satellite: (Det 5 ATIC, Ext 3279) —

Astronomical Phenomena (Meteor, Comet, Planet, etc) POSSIBLY ATMOSPHERIC REFRACTION OF MARS

Radar Analysis (AFCIN-4E1) N/A

Natural Phenomena (Ball Lightning, etc) —

Aircraft, Balloons, Airships, etc —

Other —

CIVILIAN GROUND VISUAL 20 MINUTES. W → NW.

Evaluation of Source Reliability UNKNOWN

Analysis and Conclusions:

IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE OBJECT OF THIS SIGHTING WAS THE PLANET MARS. THE PLANET WAS JUST ON OR JUST BELOW THE WITNESSES HORIZON AND WAS BROUGHT INTO VIEW BY ATMOSPHERIC REFRACTION. THE PLANET WAS NOT VERY BRIGHT AT THIS TIME, HAVING A MAGNITUDE OF ONLY +1.9, BUT THIS IS A RELATIVELY BRIGHT OBJECT AND COUPLED WITH THE EFFECTS OF REFRACTION WAS

people of this country or at least the ones who wish to know. I think that the misinformation that is being peddled is causing more fear and trepidation among the people than the truth would.

39. I cannot estimate the speed. I do know that it left faster than I have ever seen a jet go over.

40. I would say I was about 1000 feet away from the object.

41. Name [redacted]

[redacted] Street, Hilliard, Ohio

Phone [redacted]

I am a homemaker. Age 28 female sex

No special education. Attended grade school and graduated from high school

42. I completed this report today: September 16, 1961.

APPEARED AS A VERY BRIGHT MOVING
DISC TO THE OBSERVERS. THE
DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT AND ITS
APPARENT MOTIONS ARE ALL CHARACTERISTIC
OF OBJECTS VIEWED UNDER THE
CIRCUMSTANCES OF ATMOSPHERIC REFRACTION.
IT IS CONCLUDED THAT THE PLANET
MARS ~~[illegible]~~ DISTORTED
BY THE ATMOSPHERE WAS THE
CAUSE OF THIS SIGHTING —

Friend

THE POSITION OF THE PLANET
AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING
COINCIDES WITH THAT REPORTED
FOR THE UFO.

Friend