PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 18 Sep 61	**2. LOCATION** Middletown, Ohio	**12. CONCLUSIONS**
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 0255 GMT 180755Z	**4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION** ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	**6. SOURCE** Civilian	☐ Was Astronomical Stars ☒ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1/2 hr	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** 1 / **9. COURSE** SW rising	☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Bright objt viewed through telescope 10° elev 115° az. Appeared burning mass color bluish white with traces of red and green. No change of course or speed.

11. COMMENTS Objt observed was apparently moving very slowly at a steady rate. This, plus description, is characteristic of a star or planet. It was determined that the 1st magnitude star Sirius, which has a magnitude of -1.6, was in position reported at time of sighting. From witnesses position star would appear to move toward SW, path reported for objt. Therefore concluded that objt reported by witness was probably Sirius.

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

[redacted]
Middletown, Ohio
Sept 19, 1961

TD-E/Major Friend
Foreign Technology Div.
Wright-Patterson A.F.B., Ohio

Dear Major Friend,

At 2:55 a.m. monday Sept 18, I looked out my window and saw, what to me was a very strange light, in the sky. I knew at once it was something I had never seen before. Having recently filled out an APIC form #164 on a satellite I have been watching I knew some of the things you would want to know, so I observed more closely and made note.

When sighted, the light was at 115° and 10° above the horizon. I watched it for one half hour. In this time it moved 135° and 45° above the horizon.

To check the angular dimensions I held a cigarette at arms length and it completely obscured the light.

There was no moon and many stars at the time of the sighting.

After watching for a few minutes to determine

if it were moving, I went outside and observed the light through a 200 x telescope. The sketch below will depict what I saw in the scope. I could not detect a solid body, but rather what appeared to be a burning mass. The color was a very bright bluish white with traces of red, green and at times a mild purple.

The object did not change it's course during the thirty minutes I watched it. neither did it change speed. It moved at a steady rate from slightly south of east toward the southwest. This rules out a star or planet. From our position they appear to move toward the northwest ~~or~~ or due west depending on their location.

NO!

Through the telescope this object looked very much like the one I reported as being in orbit on an ATC form #104, earlier this month. The difference being that I could detect no solid body on this one and it was bluish white instead of red. Also it was much brighter than any star or planet.

Here is a rough sketch of the object, as viewed through the telescope.

Sincerely

[signature]