

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 20 Jan 67 21/0015Z	2. LOCATION Salem, Ohio
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION INSUFFICIENT DATA FOR EVALUATION
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION None Stated	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS SEE CASE FILE
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE East	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: TDET/UFO

9 February 1967

SUBJECT: UFO Observation, 20 Jan 67

20 Jan 67
Salem, Ohio

TO:

Mr. [REDACTED]
Salem, Ohio 44460

Reference your unidentified observation. The information which we have received is not sufficient for a scientific evaluation. Request you complete the attached FTD Form 164 and return it in the envelope provided. Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

JAMES C. MANATT, Colonel, USAF
Director of Technology and Subsystems

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FTD Form 164 w/envelope

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Dear Sir,

I am writing you this letter to report what I and two of my children saw Friday night January 20.

It was about 7:15 I had just went outside to get into my car and go shopping. I am always checking the skies when I have the time. It was a clear night and quiet and no trains etc.

I looked toward the west and I saw this huge red-orangeish object. It looked round but perhaps not a true sphere. It was as near as I could judge to be about 5- to 10,000 ft up and traveling due ~~west~~ ^{west} to east at a terrific rate of speed, faster than any jet that I had ever seen. In fact the only thing
(Please excuse my penmanship)

that I have ever seen that went any faster was the times when I saw a falling meteorite. But of course they travel down vertically. The thing we saw was on as straight a horizontal path as you could make with a pencil. The size of this thing seemed to be that of a small jet perhaps a shade smaller. We just watched it go out of sight and I do not think it took more than 45 to 60 seconds to disappear. But in that time it described quite an arc.

Then I started to look back toward the point where I first had seen this thing. But about halfway to this point I saw what looked like one star coming close to another. I

waited for it to pass the fixed star, it did then I pointed this moving star out to the children. We watched it disappear also. I have seen this happen many times because I'm sure this second sighting was a man made satellite. The color and speed of it was just like the many other satellites I have seen. This satellite was much higher than the 1st sighting which was the red orangish object, not only that but if I were to compare the speed of these two objects that night I must say the red orangish thing would make that satellite look like it was standing still.

We watched the satellite disappear also and I headed for my car. First I must tell you that the satellite was travelling

East to West. - perhaps not from
true East to true West but not
far from being that. Like I was
saying we watched it disappear.
I headed toward my car about
100 feet away. I got halfway to
my car when I saw a third
object in the sky, it too was
coming from the west and
heading due east. It was not as
high as the red orangish object
we saw as our number one sighting
that night. Its speed was about
like a jet perhaps slower. I would
estimate the speed about 3 to 400
M. P. H. not the 6 or 700 - M. P. H. the
jets can do. I would estimate its
height to be 2000 to 5000 ft. a
bright white light seemed to
hang from it and also a bright
red light. These lights were

very bright and they never did blink or revolve in any way.

It passed right over my back yard and I could not make out the true shape of it on account of those lights but it appeared to be round or slightly egg shaped.

There was no sound, none from it or from the red orangish object. Not even a hum or a whirr, just silence. We watched it disappear also. I felt like I wanted to do something like calling some air base but I don't know any numbers. I felt that if I could have called your air base, you could have perhaps alerted Pittsburgh and had a jet check this thing out.

So in case I ever see anything like that again, what number

could I call there at your
house for the fastest and best
results. Trusting I may have
been helpfull to you I remain,

Yours Truly

~~James M. Smith~~
~~1844~~

Salem, Ohio