

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 16 Sep 51	2. LOCATION Marion, Ohio		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☒ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>1717 EST</u> GMT <u>16/1717Z</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE civilian pilot		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION -	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS ONE	9. COURSE -	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object with a high tail, 45 deg sweptback wing, long pointed nose, and painted black, coming towards pilot at a 50 degree reciprocal heading. Barely escaped colliding with obj. Pilot at 2800 ft altitude, heading 230 degrees.		11. COMMENTS Possible a/c sighting.	

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District Commander
5th District OSI(IG)
Detachment Commander
Columbus, Ohio
Report of Incident.

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17 September 1951

1. Captain DOUGLAS A. NELSON, AG743485, Provost Marshal, 664th AC&W Squadron, Lockbourne, advised the undersigned on 17 September 1951, of the following information received from a Lt. HART at Selfridge AFB, Michigan:

- a. Mr. CRANE GROVER, President, Federal Bank of Cleveland, w/residence at 13813 Cedar(wood) Road, was flying his Cessna aircraft NC88878, on 16 September 1951, approximately 3 miles North and East of Marion, Ohio, at 2800 feet, at 1217 EST, at a heading of 230 degrees, when he observed an object with a high tail, 45 degree sweptback wing, long pointed nose, and painted black, coming towards him at a 50 degree reciprocal heading. He advised that he barely escaped colliding with this object.

2. Capt. NELSON advised that Lt. HART had proffered this information to District Office #25, who recommended that he contact Lockbourne AFB and transmit same to this District.

JOHN F. O'CONNELL
Detachment Commander

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(17 September 1951)
SUBJECT: Report of Incident

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5th District OSI (IG), Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio. 20 September 1951.

TO: Commanding Officer, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson
Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

1. Forwarded for your information.
2. No further action contemplated by this office.

Reagan, Col. Sculch
JAMES F. A. O'CONNELL
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 1

DATE: 17 Sept 51

TIME (Local): 1:17

LOCATION: Marion, Ohio

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: Few Sec.

SOUND: None

SPEED: 4000

ALTITUDE: 2000

HEADING: 40

SOURCE: Private Pilot

ACTION OR COMMENTS: Probably Russian B converted to jet

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Pilot of B-29 reported that it almost collided with
a B-29, which tail fin swept wing aircraft.

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