PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE: 15 Oct 59	2. LOCATION: Terre Haute, Indiana	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 GMT various	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE: Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: - - -	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS: varied	9. COURSE: - - -

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Phone call received by Major Friend concerning several supposed sightings in Terre Haute, Indiana from Major Tacker at SAFOI-3d. Congressional inquiry initiated by Mr. [redacted] President of a local UFO club called Research & Education Committe on Aerial Phenomena (RECAP). Contact w/[redacted] revealed that there were 4 supposed sightings. 1. [redacted] observed a white light almost overhead at 6:10 appearing to be about the size of Saturn. 2) About 6:45 several people saw red lights South of Terre Haute. 3) at 6:45 to 6:50 one witness saw 2 big green balls of fire approaching him from Crawfordsville, Indiana. He moved away fm them, they reversed course and sped out of sight. 4) at 7:00 a pilot saw two orange balls of fire ahead of him. Seconds later he saw a white flash.

11. COMMENTS

Insufficient Data

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

15 Oct 59

SAFLL: 105473
SAFLL-1/Maj VanDyke/ma/29 Dec'59/57361

30 DEC 1959

Dear Mr. [redacted]:

On 10 December 1959, you inquired in behalf of Mr. [redacted] of Terre Haute, Indiana, concerning unidentified flying objects on 15 October 1959 in that vicinity.

The United States has no record of the Terre Haute, Indiana, sightings of 15 October 1959. These sightings have never been reported to the Air Force, and therefore, no official explanation is available.

Your continued interest in Air Force activities is appreciated. If I can be of further assistance to you, please feel free to call on me.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

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Enclosure ... ltr fm consti to C/M dtd 4 Dec w/attch

Honorable [redacted]

House of Representatives

HAROLD P. SPARKS
Colonel, USAF
Deputy Director
Legislative Liaison

SUSPENSE: 4 Dec'59 - date of consti ltr
10 Dec - date of RS fm C/M to HLO
11 Dec - recd in SAFLL-1
14 Dec'- referred to SAFOI w/ss date of 21 Dec'59
21 Dec - date of memo fm SAFOI, A/O Maj Tacker, 72291 signed by Maj Tacker.
28 Dec - f/ltr prepd and fwd

MEMO ROUTING SLIP	NEVER USE FOR APPROVALS, DISAPPROVALS, CONCURRENCES, OR SIMILAR ACTIONS		
1 NAME OR TITLE Col Sheop	INITIALS RWS		CIRCULATE
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION AFCIN-4E4	DATE		COORDINATION
2			FILE
4E29			INFORMATION
3 Maj Friend			NECESSARY ACTION
Bldg 263			NOTE AND RETURN
4 Langley A			SEE ME
			SIGNATURE

REMARKS

Information concerning a telephone call from Major Tacker, SAFOI-3d, on 18 December 1959.

FROM NAME OR TITLE Major Robert J. Friend	DATE 18 Dec 59
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION AFCIN-4E4g	TELEPHONE 69216

DD FORM 1 FEB 50 95 Replaces DA AGO Form 895, 1 Apr 48, and AFHQ Form 12, 10 Nov 47, which may be used.

Congressional Inquiry of UFO by Congressman [redacted]

Information submitted by [redacted], President of Research and Education Committee on Aerial Phenomena, known as RECAP.

On 15 October 1959, at Terre Haute, Ind., at 6:10, [redacted] President of RECAP, saw a white light almost overhead, about the size of Saturn, and about the size of a pea at arm's length.

About 6:45 several people saw red lights south of Terre Haute.

6:45 to 6:5[redacted]n saw two big, green balls of fire approaching him at Crawfordsville, Ind. He maneuvered away from them, they reversed course and sped away out of sight.

At 7:00 a pilot saw two orange balls of fire ahead of him. Seconds later he saw a white flash.

1 - 16 OCTOBER 1959 SIGHTINGS

DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION	
Oct	Telephone Ridge, Oregon	[redacted]	UNIDENTIFIED	6534
1	Keesler AFB, Mississippi	[redacted]	Insufficient Data	6535
2	Seattle, Washington	Military (Vis/Rad)	Other (INVERSION)	6536
4	Radnolph AFB, Texas	[redacted]	Balloon	6537
4	Philippines	Military	UNIDENTIFIED	6538
5	E of Garretson, South Dakota	[redacted]	Astro (VENUS)	6539
5	Cincinnati, Ohio	[redacted]	Other (UNRELIABLE REPORT)	6540
5	W of Woodruff, Wisconsin	[redacted]	Astro (METEOR)	6541
6	E of Cape Canaveral, Florida	Coast Guard	Other (MISSILE)	6542
6	Lincoln, Nebraska	Military	UNIDENTIFIED	6543
7	Red Key & Bunker Hill AFB, Indiana	Multi	Balloon	6544
8	Bunker Hill AFB & Kokomo, Indiana	Military	Astro (VENUS)	6545
8	Ft Sill & Lawson, Oklahoma	Multi	Balloon	6546
8-9	Mobile, Alabama	[redacted]	Other (NATURAL OBJECTS)	6547
9	W of Castroville, Texas	[redacted]	Other (LENTICULAR CLOUD)	6548
9	Biscayne Bay, Florida	[redacted]	Other (MISSILE)	6549
11	Blue Ash, Ohio	[redacted]	Astro (VENUS)	6550
11	Eastbourne, England	[redacted]	Insufficient Data	6551
12	Elko, Nevada	[redacted] (PHOTO)	Other (HOAX)	6552
		Visual	Psychological Causes &	
12	Sharon, Georgia	[redacted] Multi (PHYS S)	Other (CLOUD SEEDING)	6553
13	Terre Haute, Indiana	Military	Astro (METEOR)	6554
15	Terre Haute, Indiana (RECAP)	[redacted]	Insufficient Data	6555
15	Dover AFB, Florida	Military	Astro (METEOR)	6556

ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

DATE	LOCATION	SOURCE	EVALUATION
1	Maysville, Kentucky	Newsclipping	} 6557
11	Warsaw, Poland	Newsclipping	