

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 4 May 54 05/1030Z	2. LOCATION St Lawrence Island, Alaska
3. SOURCE civilian	10. CONCLUSION SHIP
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	Possible vessel, ATIC 184032 (a) on file in repository.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Saw white light proceeding along horizon. No other peculiarities noted. NO REPORT IN FILE.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ground visual	
7. COURSE south	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☐ No	

1 MAY, 1954
LOGAN, UTAH

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**LOGAN, UTAH JOLTED BY VIOLENT EXPLOSION AND CRATER
FOLLOWING MYSTERIOUS "STREAK OF LIGHT" IN SKY**

meteorite, but as the evidence was assembled by foremost authorities, the theory dissipated. Here's the story, thanks to the help of John German of Woodcross, Utah who probed the Salt Lake Tribune files for the early facts -- before SILENCE!

On May 7, 1954 the Tribune reported: "A 'conventional meteorite fall' did not produce the crater found west of here Sunday, and probing operations at the scene have been discontinued, geologists said. In a 73-word statement, 3 scientists gave reasons why they ended their investigation, but it contained no opinion on who or what made the hole, or how it was made."

"The statement, signed by J. Stewart Williams, professor of geology, Utah State Agricultural College, Lincoln La Paz, director, Institute of Meteoritics, University of New Mexico and Clyde T. Hardy, USAC geology professor read:

"In the region extending from Clarkston south to Paradise, exhaustive interrogation of numerous persons who saw or heard the explosive phenomenon at midnight on May 1 has been carried out. The testimony thus obtained and material evidence recovered as a result of subsurface investigations at the site of the explosion west of Logan have disclosed that the crater was not produced by a conventional meteorite fall. For these reasons, operations have been discontinued!"

And from the Tribune, May 5: "Dr. Lincoln La Paz spent his first full day here, working with Dr. J. Stewart Williams and Dr. Clyde T. Hardy. On his arrival here Monday night, Dr. La Paz said the hole must have been made by a 'whopper' if it contains a meteorite. They decided to place a frame around the crater and cover it with wire mesh. Workers will stand on movable planks and probe with a pipe. In this way they will know they have probed every place possible under the mesh."

" 'My recommendation is that we excavate until we find what made the hole,' said Dr. La Paz, who is credited with recovering the world's largest aerolite, weighing more than one ton. "

The incident occurred on May 1 bringing "500 phone calls" to the Logan City Police Dept. Residents reported their houses "shaken" and TV viewers said their reception was disturbed. A check made later with Hill Air Force Base and Salt Lake City indicated no planes in the area for several hours. A war veteran described the 16 ft. wide and 6 ft. deep hole as looking like a "bomb crater." Sod was found scattered in all directions for more than 100 yards.

On Aug. 31, '54, I wrote Dr. Clyde T. Hardy, geologist who worked on the project, asking if any substantial evidence as to its (the explosion's) source had been uncovered. Following is Dr. Hardy's reply of Sept. 11, 1954:

"Reference is made to your letter of Aug. 31 re. the explosion and crater west of Logan. Although a fireball was reported by several people previous to the ground explosion, I am personally convinced that they were confused. One especially competent observer describes a ground flash only and he was favorably situated to see all aspects of the occurrence."

(Signed) Clyde T. Hardy
Assoc. Prof., Dept. Geology

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5 May 1954
Cincinnati, Ohio

C.R.I.F.O.

Civilian Research, Interplanetary Flying Objects

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May 10, 1954

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Dayton, Ohio

Reference:

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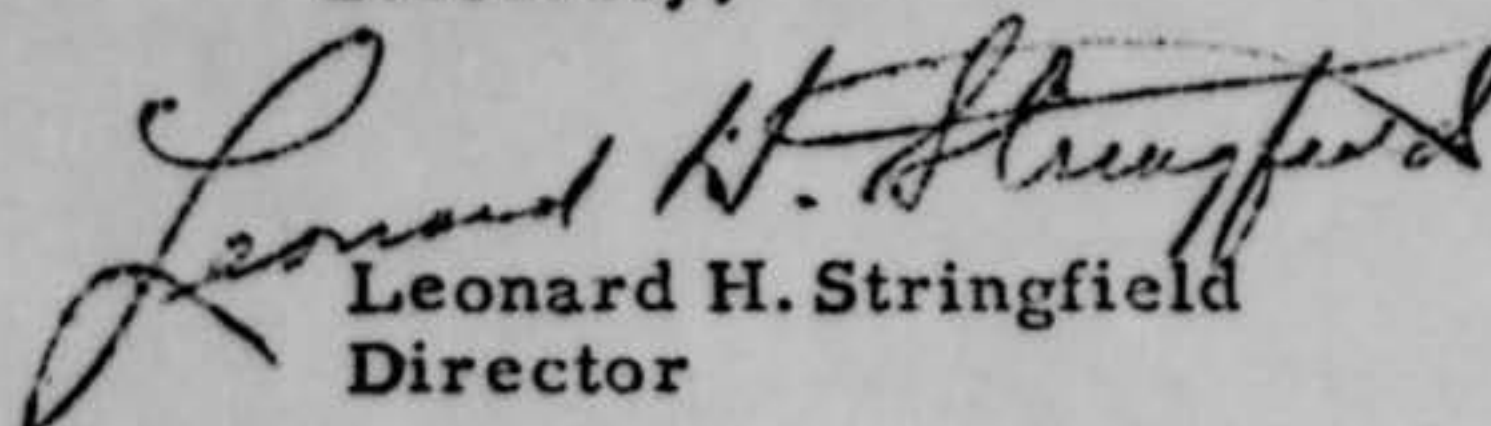
Sirs:

Enclosed is Log of UFO and Jet activity over Cincinnati, Ohio
May 5, 1954. It may help you correlate events.

Also enclosed is my organization's latest edition of Newsletter.

Although sometimes critical, I plan to cooperate fully with ATIC and the USAF regarding UFO activity. In many instances people, locally, prefer to keep "saucer" sightings away from official channels, but are willing to turn over the details to me for analysis. Others, aware of, or as members of CRIFO, keep me informed of all UFO events. Such was the case May 5, when Herbert Clark, who is a member of CRIFO, phoned me of UFO-Jet activity. Through this cooperation, I was able to see the UFO myself and thus gather other pertinent reports from people in the city.

Sincerely,


Leonard H. Stringfield
Director

LHS/mm

5 MAY 1954
CINCINNATI, OHIO

REPORT OF U.F.O. AND JET ACTIVITY OVER CINCINNATI AREA

By Leonard H. Stringfield
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7017 Britton Avenue
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DATE: May 5, 1954

WEATHER: Temperature about 40-45 degrees. Sky cloudless, crescent moon to the city's northwest. Stars out, prevailing light haze. No winds.

8:00 P.M. (Time questionable. Not dark yet.) Standing alone, looking due north from front porch of home, observed two separate pinpoint flashes of deep blue light, intense like an arc welder's torch. Both flashes were about 10 degrees elevation from horizon and about 10 degrees apart. I could not determine any substance behind the flashes and passed them off as optical phenomena.

8:10 P.M. Received the following report by telephone from Mr. Hyman Lapirow, of 1930 Stevens Ave. Mt. Healthy, Ohio:

Mr. Lapirow reports sighting a string of five or six yellow-white lights looking like "portholes", in the vicinity of Mt. Healthy, Ohio. Although, he claimed, the objects made a "loud throbbing noise", he was positive they were not jets. He said when the lights changed their eastward course to veer north, the lights remained in linear order, showing no swerve or break. One light, he added, seemed to fade off and on, or pulsate at intervals. He estimated the objects to be the size of a silver dollar held at arm's length, about 2000 ft. in altitude and flying about 200-300 mph. Mr. Lapirow emphasized the perfect straight line in which the objects flew, and said it left him feeling apprehensive ...

9:50 P.M. Herbert Clark phoned me. From the front of his home on Strathmore Drive, and facing northwest, he observed a glowing yellow light (9:45) dissimilar to aircraft signal or navigation lights, moving slowly (approx: 200-225 mph) to the W.S.W. Object in view for one half minute. Two minutes later two jets appeared on scene coming from southeast. They made a 360 degree circle of immediate vicinity. The yellow object was soundless.

9:55 P.M. I phoned the Cincinnati Lunken Airport Control Tower. Operator, Miss Edith Harmon said the tower was unaware of UFO and/or jets in the area.

10:00 P.M. I phoned Herb Clark re: Lunken Airport phone call.

10:10 P.M. Herb Clark wife and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Thomas of same address witnessed a large brilliant, white, ellipsoid, hovering in the northeast near vicinity of Madiera and Indian Hill. Clark's home is 600 ft. elevation: the object appeared at about 825 elevation. Size of object can be compared with a half dollar held at arm's length. It

blinked intermittently at about one second intervals for about 3 or 4 minutes, then vanished, not reappearing. The object was soundless. No jets in general area during the "hovering" incident.

10:00-
10:30

Received the following report by telephone from Mr. and Mrs. Donald Krueger, Indian Hill. Mrs. Krueger reported the incident to the Indian Hill Ranger Headquarters, May 5. I have verification of Mrs. Krueger's phone call to the Rangers from that office.

Looking toward Miami and Demar Rd., about a quarter mile from their home, Mr. and Mrs. Krueger watched a large, round, glowing white object hover for more than 20 minutes. Flashing at 2 second intervals, the object had a yellowish center and a nebulous rather than a clear-cut outline and made no sound. Certain that the object was a self-luminous solid device under someone's control, Mr. Krueger said that it twice shifted position, dropping below a line of trees out of sight. Concerned, Mrs. Krueger phoned the Rangers. During her absence, Mr. Krueger watched the object reappear to its original position, about 400 ft. above their elevation which is 725 ft. On another occasion the body of light shifted slightly from south to north. Mr. Krueger said it made one final shift south again before it suddenly blinked out and disappeared.

Although jets were heard later, Mr. Krueger ruled out as answers: electrostatic phenomena, a star, jets, helicopter, auto headlights and searchlights. It was something that neither person had ever before seen.

10:12

While Herb continued to watch the northeast sky, Mrs. Clark phoned me regarding their latest sighting.

10:14-
10:15

With 10x50 binoculars, I went outdoors. Sighted dim red object, about 15 degrees above horizon, flying swiftly from the northeast -- the identical point where Clark and others had viewed the object hovering. Caught object instantly in binoculars. It appeared grayish red, the frontal portion glowing brighter than its tail. I had a momentary impression that the object was triangular in shape and that something dark and solid was behind the glowing redness. Thru binoculars the object had a tendency to pulsate or throb in its horizontal southwest flight. In view about 4 seconds and traveling faster than the fastest jet observed during the night's activity, the object disappeared behind a large tree which obscured by field of vision. At this instant my wife tardily came to the scene. We both looked at the proper elevation for its return, but saw nothing. This left me to conclude that the object had made a sharp, angular turn, changing its course from S. W. to west or W. N. W. During this maneuver, the skies were silent and no jets were in the area.

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10:00

(Approx.) Learned the following report from the Indian Hill Ranger Station, May 7

Ranger patrolling on Demar Ave., in Indian Hill reported to his headquarters, having seen a swift moving red, aerial object

traveling from west to east. He stopped his car to observe the object, which he said was silent. He said the object was definitely not a jet.

- 10:20 I watched what seemed to be a bright variegated meteor drop vertically in the northwest sky. Possibly an aquarid, whose source is in the S. W. square of Pegasus.
- 10:25 (Time approx.) I phoned Control Tower, Lunken Airport to relate the "red" object sighting. A Miss Harmon radio'd to a Mr. Berning, flying a Cessna in airport vicinity, to "check unidentified red object flying southwest." Later learned that Berning saw nothing.
- 10:20-10:30 Herb Clark relates: Larry Thomas and himself observed jets circling in area on three different occasions.
- 1st group: 2 jets traveled from South to North while one flew in opposite direction.
2nd group: 2 jets circled at 360 degrees angle.
3rd group: 1 jet, solo, flew S. W. to N. E.
- 10:45 I witnessed flight of two jets directly overhead, one flying behind the other due North.
- 10:50 Herb Clark, in car, arrived at my house. Much impressed by his "hovering" disc sighting.
- 11:05-11:10 Clark and I observed two more flights of jets flying in dual formation.
- 11:10 Clark phoned Dr. Gough of the Ground Observers Corps.
- 11:15 I phoned City Editor of Cincinnati Enquirer. He was unaware of UFO and jet activity.
- 11:30 -12:00 Clark and I drove to highest point of Indian Hill, 825 ft. elevation, or more. Saw no jet activity. Clark witnessed a meteor. Observed two transport planes in flight near Lunken airport.
- 12:15 Clark, on way home, heard jet in vicinity.

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Bases
Conclusions
are
confirmed
by
other
observations*

EVALUATION: The testimony of 10 people verifies the fact that a UFO plus jets were in eastern portion of Cincinnati, May 5, 1954. Although meteors were to be expected, coming from Constellation Pegasus, May 4-6, the silent, red object I viewed at 10:14 was not a meteor, or a jet. The object's swift horizontal flight and its enduring silence, especially when making its right angle turn ruled out all conventional or meteorological explanations. The Indian Hill Ranger (name unknown) who witnessed a flying silent red object about the same time also was positive that what he saw was not a jet.

All parties agreed that the hovering object was a solid and intelligently controlled device. The sightings by the Clarks and Thomases and the Kruegers verify the object's position. Significantly, the red flying object was witnessed moving to and from the same area.

Analysis of reports by disinterested sighters and the correlation of time proves the UFO's existence, its solidity and its intelligent control.

L. H. Stringfield
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Photo stat of Cincinnati Post's story, May 7, 1954
Note the misquotes, etc.

Jets, 'Saucers' Play Tag In Skies

BY HARRY MAYO

Army jets and "flying saucers" cavorted all over the Cincinnati's skies Wednesday night. No one would admit they were more than coincidental, but for a couple of hours they put on a dandy show.

Leonard H. Stringfield, who is so intensely interested he has organized a national organization to study "interplanetary flying objects," first saw the saucers from his porch at 7017 Britten avenue, Madison Place.

"It was 9:20 p. m.," he remembered. "There were two pin points of bluish light—intense, like an arc welder—in the northwest. I made nothing of it."

But at 9:43 p. m., Herbert Clark, of 4973 Strathmore ave-

Stork KO's Pilot

MEKNES, FRENCH MOROCCO, May 6 (UP).—A stork collided with a French air force jet trainer today.

The windshield was broken and the pilot was knocked out.

The instructor, in the rear cockpit, took over the controls and landed the aircraft safely.

nue, Stratford Manor, phoned Mr. Stringfield. He had seen something, too.

"Slow moving yellow lights, headed southwest... two minutes later, two jets moved in and took after them..."

Mr. Clark phoned Mr. Stringfield. Then he returned to the porch with his wife and Mr.

and Mrs. Larry Thomas, same address. Reporting back to Mr. Stringfield:

"It was still there, a low-hanging ellipsoid object in the vicinity of Indian Hill and Madeira. It was a brilliant white, about 20 times brighter than a star. After three minutes, it vanished, and two jets went after it..."

Mr. Stringfield went to his own porch with his 10 x 50 power glasses. In his words—

"The object was solid red, silent, and it seemed to pulsate, moving swiftly and low on a southwest course from the position Clark had reported first seeing it."

Mr. Stringfield phoned Lunken Airport and told the traffic controller, Miss Edith Harmon, about the saucers. She radioed

Howard Berning, who was "upstairs" in a Cessna. He radioed back that he didn't see anything.

Today, The Post phoned Wright Field, Dayton, and asked what kind of hide-and-seek game it was.

"Well," said public information officer, "we didn't hear anything about flying objects, but we had 15 jet interceptors down there on a routine mission."

"They were equipped with afterburners which cause a glow. Maybe that created the illusion of something chasing something."

Mr. Stringfield then pointed out a patent truth: "Jets don't hover."

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object witnessed was not a jet afterburner

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