

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 9 April 49 09/1639Z	2. LOCATION Toledo, Ohio
3. SOURCE Civibian	10. CONCLUSION INSUFFICIENT DATA FOR EVALUATION Witness could not be located for further information.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Three	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Reported	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer sighted a round, saucer-like, silver object. It was traveling at a slow speed.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Not Reported	
7. COURSE Not Reported	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
 THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
 OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
 REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

File No.

50 24-210

Date

21 April 1949

Report Made By

JOHN E. MORRILL

Title

PROJECT GRUDGE
 Incident, Toledo, Ohio
 9 April 1949

Report Made At

DO #5, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, O.

Period

18, 19 April 1949

Office of Origin

DO #5, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, O.

Status

CLOSED

Character

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Reference

Report of Investigation of S/A JOHN E. MORRILL, DO #5, dated 15 April 1949

Synopsis

All attempts to locate [redacted] the individual who reported the sightings, were without success. The "Toledo Blade" daily newspaper, published an article on 10 April 1949 describing [redacted] 15 years of age, with residence at [redacted], Toledo, Ohio. Sources checked include the Toledo Blade, elementary and high schools, post office, local police, county sheriff, state police, and neighborhood checks on Whiteford Road. Story telephoned into "Toledo Blade" and no attempt was made by the newspaper to verify the facts alleged in the telephone call. The City Editor of the Toledo Blade, F. L. MOLLERKOPF, will notify this office directly regarding instant and future occurrences of this nature.

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incident with negative results.

S. F. L. MOLLENKOFF, City Editor, Toledo Blade, stated in an interview on 19 April 1949 that the article in the newspaper on 10 April 1949 was the result of a phone call received in the newspaper office. No attempt was made by the newspaper to verify the statements. MOLLENKOFF concluded by stating that he would notify the 5th OSI District Office directly of any information coming to his attention relative to instant investigation or any future occurrence of this type.

Inclosure:

Photostatic copy of clipping from 10 April 1949 edition of the Toledo Blade.

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DETAILS:

1. This phase of the investigation was conducted by Special Agent HARRY FIVIS.

AT TOLEDO, OHIO

2. On 18 April 1949, the files of the Toledo Blade, daily newspaper of Toledo, Ohio, were reviewed. An article on page 1 of the 10 April 1949 edition, entitled: "Toledo Has Its Own Flying Discs," stated as follows:

██████████ of ██████████, said he saw three flying discs for about 5 minutes at 11:30 a.m. yesterday as they passed over Herr Rd. and West Central Ave. at a speed of about 40 to 45 miles an hour.

"He said he was sure the round, silver, saucer-like objects were not airplanes."

A photostatic copy of this article is attached as an inclosure.

AT SYLVANIA, OHIO

3. A check of the neighborhood on Whiteford Road on 18 and 19 April 1949, indicated no such addresses as 1517 (original report) or 5617 Whiteford Road. An extensive investigation of the residents of Whiteford Road and vicinity revealed no person having knowledge of ██████████ or an individual with a similar name.

4. The files of the Whiteford Elementary School and of Sylvania High School were reviewed on 18 April 1949 with negative results.

5. On 18 April 1949 the postmaster of the Sylvania Post Office advised that there was no record of a ██████████ family living in the territory serviced by his facility.

AT PERRYBURG, OHIO

6. A search of the records of the Perrysburg Station of the Ohio State Patrol on 19 April 1949 revealed no record of the individual nor the incident.

AT TOLEDO, OHIO

7. On 19 April 1949 the records of the Toledo Police Department and the Lucas County Sheriff's Office were searched relative to the

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5D OSI
ATTN: Mr. Merrill

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12 April 1949 1.

1. Reference is made to telephone conversation of this date between Mr. Towles of this office and Mr. Merrill of 5th District, OSI.

2. It is requested your office initiate an investigation and obtain detailed signed statements of an alleged sighting of three (3) unidentified objects as witnessed by Mr. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Toledo, Ohio. This observation was reported to the State Highway Patrol, Toledo, Ohio, having been made at approximately 1130 A.M., 9 April 1949.

3. As an aid to the investigating officer in recording the desired data, two (2) copies of our Guide to Investigation are inclosed herewith.

1 Incl
Guide to Investigation
(in duplicate)

A. J. HEMSTREET
Lt Colonel, USAF
Actg Chief, Tech Intell Division
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Mrs. Hamilton Lyon at scene

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Toledo Has Its Own Flying Discs

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DETAILS:

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1. Investigation predicated upon receipt of a Routing and Record Sheet dated 12 April 1949 from the Technical Intelligence Division of Hq, Air Materiel Command. Request was made to obtain detailed signed statements from witnesses to an alleged sighting of aerial phenomena at Toledo, Ohio, on 9 April 1949.

AT WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE

2. The files of this office contain a memorandum written by the writer on 11 April 1949 which states in substance that the SAC of the 109th CIC Detachment, Cleveland, Ohio, telephonically advised this office on 11 April 1949 that according to the Ohio State Highway Patrol, Toledo, Ohio, a Mr. [REDACTED], Toledo, Ohio, at 1130 hours, 9 April 1948, had witnessed three unidentified objects in flight.

Inclosure:

FOR DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 5, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, DAYTON, OHIO

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