PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE	2. LOCATION	12. CONCLUSIONS
13 Mar 52	Columbus, Ohio	☐ 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 1815 GMT	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE 5 civilians	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	9. COURSE

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Vapor trail from B-45

11. COMMENTS

A/C B-45

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Object

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
Columbus, Ohio	

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
14 March 1952	13 March 1952	

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
Lt J. K. Rothstein	Civilians

REFERENCES (*Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable*)

SUMMARY: (*Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.*)

On 13 March 1952 a report was received from Mr. Harry Franken of the Columbus Citizen newspaper in Columbus, Ohio, telephone AD 1111, that an unidentified aerial object was sighted northwest of Columbus between 1815 and 1845 on 12 March 1952. The object was sighted by:

Mr. A[redacted]
Columbus, Ohio

Mr. P[redacted]
Columbus, Ohio

[redacted]
Johnstown, Ohio

Mr. [redacted]
Columbus, Ohio

Dr. [redacted]
Johnstown, Ohio

The object was described as being a long shiny and wingless object, tapering from nose to tail with a pinkish red flame from the rear. It was traveling SW and made a circle north.

It L[redacted] went to Columbus on 13 March 1952 to interview the observers. At North American, Mr. K[redacted]er, [redacted] for plant protection, was contacted prior to seeing Mr. G[redacted] Mr. [redacted] stated that he also saw the object and had immediately recognized it as a North American B-45 from Lockbourne AFB flying at an altitude of approximately 28000 to 30000 feet. The vapor trail of the aircraft was struck by the rays of the sun, which was setting at the time, giving off an orange or reddish color. Mr. [redacted] volunteered the names of the following observers who corroborated his story:

Mr. C[redacted]n
North American Aviation, Inc.
Columbus, Ohio

Capt J[redacted]ot
Columbus, Ohio
91st Strategic Recon. Squadron
Lockbourne Air Force Base

Cpl [redacted]on
Strategic Recon. Squadron
Lockbourne Air Force Base

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March 26, 1952

Captain F. H. McGovern
Box 9575, Bldg. 263,
Wright-Patterson Field,
Dayton, Ohio

Subject: Aerial phenomenon sighted 5:45 p.m.
March 12, 1952, Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Sir;

Reference your telephone conversation with the undersigned, March 25, 1952, the following persons have been contacted:

Cpl. R[redacted]s (Resides [redacted])
[redacted] Supply, Section,
Strategic Recon. Squadron,
Lockbourne Air Force Base. Phone 629.

Capt. J[redacted] Pilot,
[redacted], Apt. [redacted]02
Columbus, Ohio.
91st. Strategic Recon. Sqd.
Lockbourne Air Force Base.

The above may be contacted through the office of Lt. Col. Ruff, Adj., Lockbourne AF Base, Phone FR 75711, Lockbourne, Ohio.

It may also be of interest to you to know that Mr. Cl[redacted]en, [redacted]n, this plant, witnessed the event in question, and was of the same opinion as that of the writer, namely, that the phenomenon was the result of vapor trails ejected from the jet exhaust of a NAA B-45 airplane, known to be in flight in the area at the time sighted. Mr. [redacted]n resides at [redacted], [redacted] or can be reached at his office here by direct phone, [redacted]

I trust that the above may be of some benefit to you.

Sincerely Yours,

[redacted]
[redacted] Investigator,
Plant Protection Div., Cols., Ohio.

P.S. I have just learned, that any contact with Capt. [redacted]r will have to be expedited immediately as he will not be available after April 1.

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EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 5

DATE: 12 Mar 52

TIME (Local): 1815

LOCATION: Columbus, Ohio

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: Unknown

SOUND: None

SPEED: 30,000'

ALTITUDE: High

HEADING: 135°

SOURCE: Newspaper Reporter

ACTION OR COMMENTS: Object was identified as a B-45 aircraft. The setting sun caused the vapor trail to appear reddish.

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Long, shiny, aparently wingless object with a pinkish-red flame to the rear. (Restricted)

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