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Information for the guidance of observers in reporting
on unknown flying objects.

In collecting data on unknown flying objects accuracy of observation and record is of prime importance. The observer should note carefully precisely what he sees and hears and report these facts with a minimum of private interpretation. Accurate numerical data to the best of the observer's ability and available facilities is most desirable. Confirmation of the observation by others is also desirable particularly if other observers are located some distance away so that they may have a slightly different view of the object.

The attached questionnaire is for the purpose of obtaining specific information regarding a particular sighting. Most of the questions are straightforward and call for an obvious answer. Some of the other questions, however, may require a certain amount of explanation so that the required information may be forthcoming.

A (3) Occupation and previous relevant experience

If the observer has had any previous experience, for example as an observer in the Air Force or if he indulges in a hobby such as amateur astronomy which could provide training in accurate observation. Certain occupations are, of course, more conducive to accurate observation than others, for example employees at Government Weather Stations who make daily observations of weather balloons would have an excellent opportunity and background of training in making observations of unknown flying objects.

B (7) Date and local time

The exact date of a sighting should be specified. It does not matter whether the time reference is to Local Standard or Daylight Saving Time but the kind of time used in that particular area should be indicated. The accuracy of the watch or clock from which the time is taken should also be confirmed at the earliest opportunity.