

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>11 Aug 52</u>		LOCATION <u>Hampton, Virginia</u>		12. CONCLUSIONS. ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☒ Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>11/2130 EST</u> GMT _____		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE <u>AF officer and wife</u>		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>30 minutes</u>		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>7</u>		9. COURSE <u>SW</u>	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING <u>AF Captain and wife observed seven objects in series of two, four, and one, flying at 400 mph over Hampton. Sightings took place within 30 minutes.</u>				11. COMMENTS <u>7 objects could be sky train balloons. Objects travelling in same direction as wind. Source seems reliable.</u>	

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TENTATIVE
OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE - 4702.00

SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: 13 AUG 1952
Day Month Year

1.2 Time of day: 8:00 40 A.M. or P.M. (Circle One)
Hrs. Min.

1.3 Time Zone: (Circle One):

- ☒ a. Eastern ☐ d. Pacific
☐ b. Central ☐ e. Other _____
☐ c. Mountain

(Circle One): ☐ a. Daylight Saving
☒ b. Standard

1.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above question 1.2:

- ☒ a. Certain ☐ c. Not very sure
☐ b. Fairly certain ☐ d. Just a guess

2. Where did you see the object?

[REDACTED]
Postal Address

Hilton Village, Va.
City or Town

State

Warwick
Country

3. Where were you located when you saw the object:

- (Circle One): ☐ a. Inside a building ☐ d. In an airplane
☐ b. In a car ☐ e. At sea
☒ c. Outdoors ☐ f. Other _____

3.1 Were you:

- (Circle One): ☐ a. In the business section of a city?
☒ b. In the residential section of a city?
☐ c. In open countryside?
☐ d. Flying near an airfield?
☐ e. Flying over a city?
☐ f. Flying over open country?
☐ g. Other _____

I am not sure it was the
13th but it was around that
time - but they must have
the date at Langley field.

I am
sure
this?

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4. How did you happen to notice the object? My children
called my attention to it.

5. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

12 Aug. 1982
 Day Month Year

SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? _____

6.1 What had you been doing for the 30 minutes before you saw the object? Try to list the activity or activities, and the approximate amount of time spent on each.

Cleaning up table and
washing dishes

7. Were you moving at any time while you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or No.

If you answered YES, then complete the following questions.

7.1 What direction were you moving?

(Circle One): a. North e. South
 b. Northeast f. Southwest
 c. East g. West
 d. Southeast h. Northwest

7.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

7.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One): Yes or No

not sure of the exact day.

8. What direction were you facing when you first saw the object?

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|--|--------------|
| a. North | e. South |
| b. Northeast | f. Southwest |
| ☒ c. East | g. West |
| d. Southeast | h. Northwest |

8.1 What direction were you facing when the object disappeared?

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|--|--------------|
| a. North | e. South |
| b. Northeast | f. Southwest |
| ☒ c. East | g. West |
| d. Southeast | h. Northwest |

8.2 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above two questions. (8 and 8.1).

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|---|------------------|
| ☒ a. Certain | c. Not very sure |
| b. Fairly certain | d. Just a guess |

9. Were you wearing eye glasses when you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or ☒ No

10. How was the object seen?

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|-------------------------|--|
| a. Through window glass | e. Through theodolite |
| b. Through windshield | f. Through sun glasses |
| c. Through binoculars | ☒ g. Through open space |
| d. Through telescope | h. Other _____ |

11. What do you remember about the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

11.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

- Cloudy*
- | |
|---|
| ☒ a. Clear sky |
| b. Hazy |
| c. Scattered clouds |
| d. Thick or heavy clouds |
| e. Don't remember |

11.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

- | |
|---|
| ☒ a. Dry |
| b. Fog, Mist, or light rain |
| c. Moderate or heavy rain |
| d. Snow |
| e. Don't remember |

11.2 WIND (Circle One)

- | |
|---|
| ☒ a. No wind |
| b. Slight breeze |
| c. Strong wind |
| d. Don't remember |

11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

- | |
|---|
| a. Cold |
| b. Cool |
| c. Warm |
| ☒ d. Hot |
| e. Don't remember |

SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object? Hours Minutes Seconds

12.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 12:

- a. Certain c. Not very sure
b. Fairly sure d. Just a guess

13. Did the object look: (Circle One) Solid or Transparent?

14. Did the object at any time:

(Circle One for each question)

14.1	Change direction?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
14.2	Change speed?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
14.3	Change size?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
14.4	Change color?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
14.5	Break up into parts or explode?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
14.6	Give off smoke?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
14.7	Change brightness?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
14.8	Flicker, throb, or pulsate?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
14.9	Remain motionless?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>

15. Did the object give off a light? (Circle One): Yes No Don't know

15.1 If you answered YES, what was the color of the light? Orange & red
dist

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object?

16.1 Sound no sound

16.2 Color Color of light on plane but changed to reddish color

17. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? One
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction they were traveling.

18. Did the object at any time:

18.1 Move behind something? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind.

Dropped down below the horizon

18.2 Move in front of something? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved in front of.

18.3 Blend with the background? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

19. Which of the following objects is about the same actual size as the object you saw? (Circle One):

- | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| a. Pea | f. Automobile |
| <u>b.</u> Baseball | g. Small airplane |
| c. Basketball | h. Large airplane |
| d. Bicycle wheel | i. Dirigible |
| e. Office desk | j. Other _____ |

19.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 19.

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| <u>a.</u> Certain | c. Not very sure |
| b. Fairly certain | d. Uncertain |

20. Try to tell the following things about the object:

20.1 How high above the earth was it? 10,000 feet.

20.2 How far was it from you? _____ feet or 10 miles

20.3 How fast was it going? _____ miles per hour. about like a B-29 or similar plane

20.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above questions:

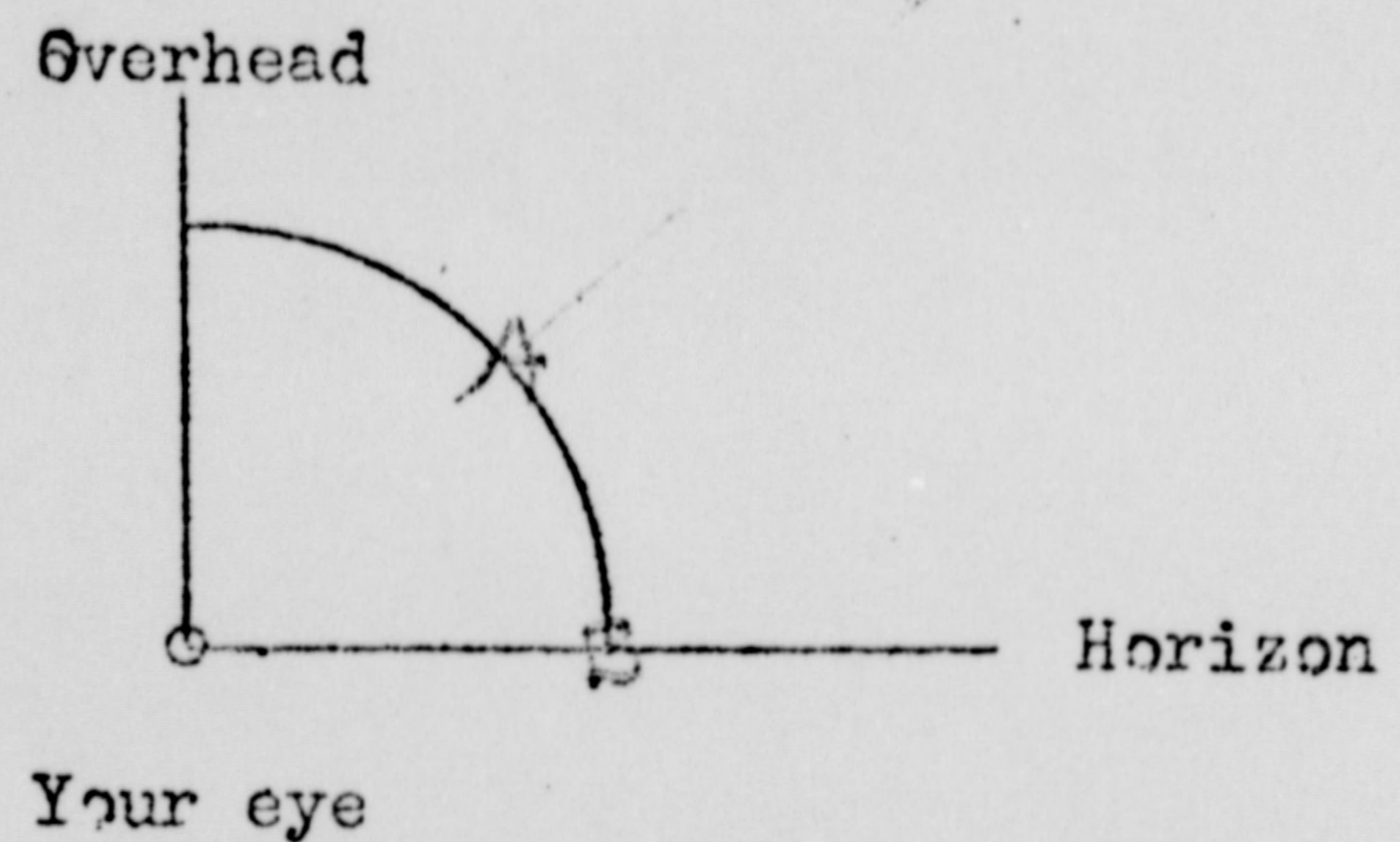
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|-------------------|-------------------------|
| a. Certain | <u>c.</u> Not very sure |
| b. Fairly certain | d. Just a guess |

21. How did the object disappear from view?

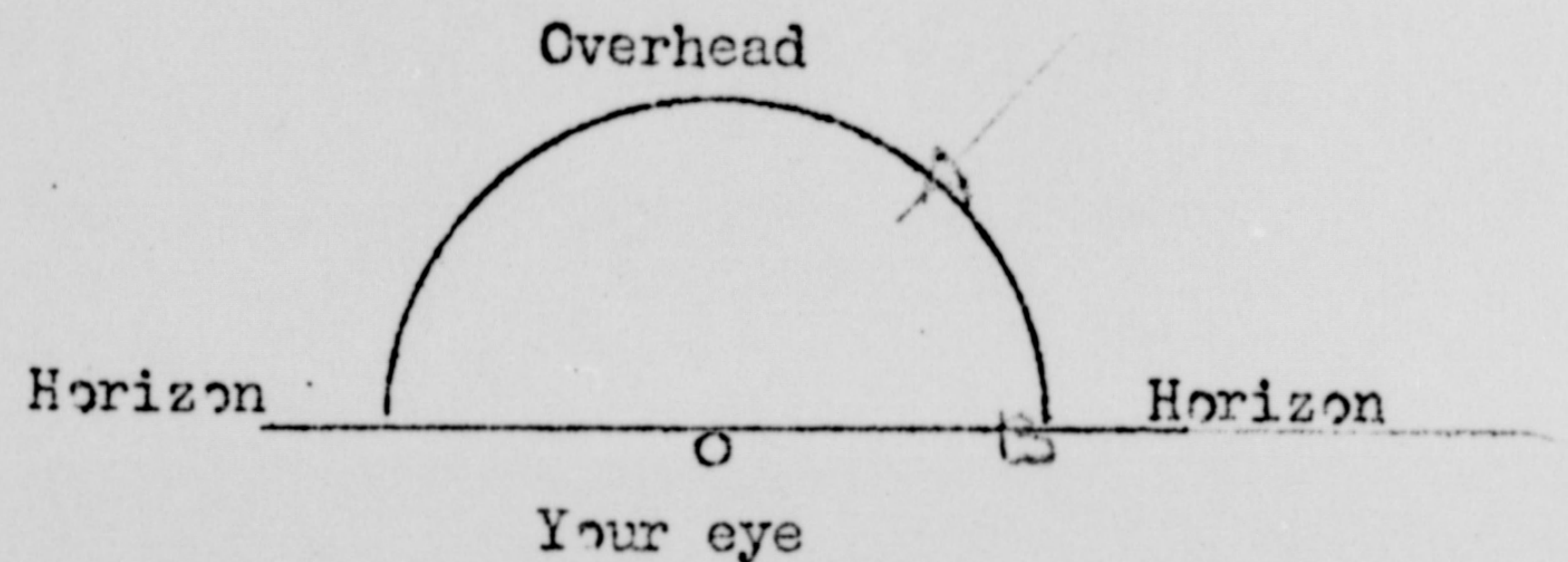
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| (Circle One): a. Suddenly | c. Other _____ |
| <u>b.</u> Gradually | d. Don't remember |

SECTION D

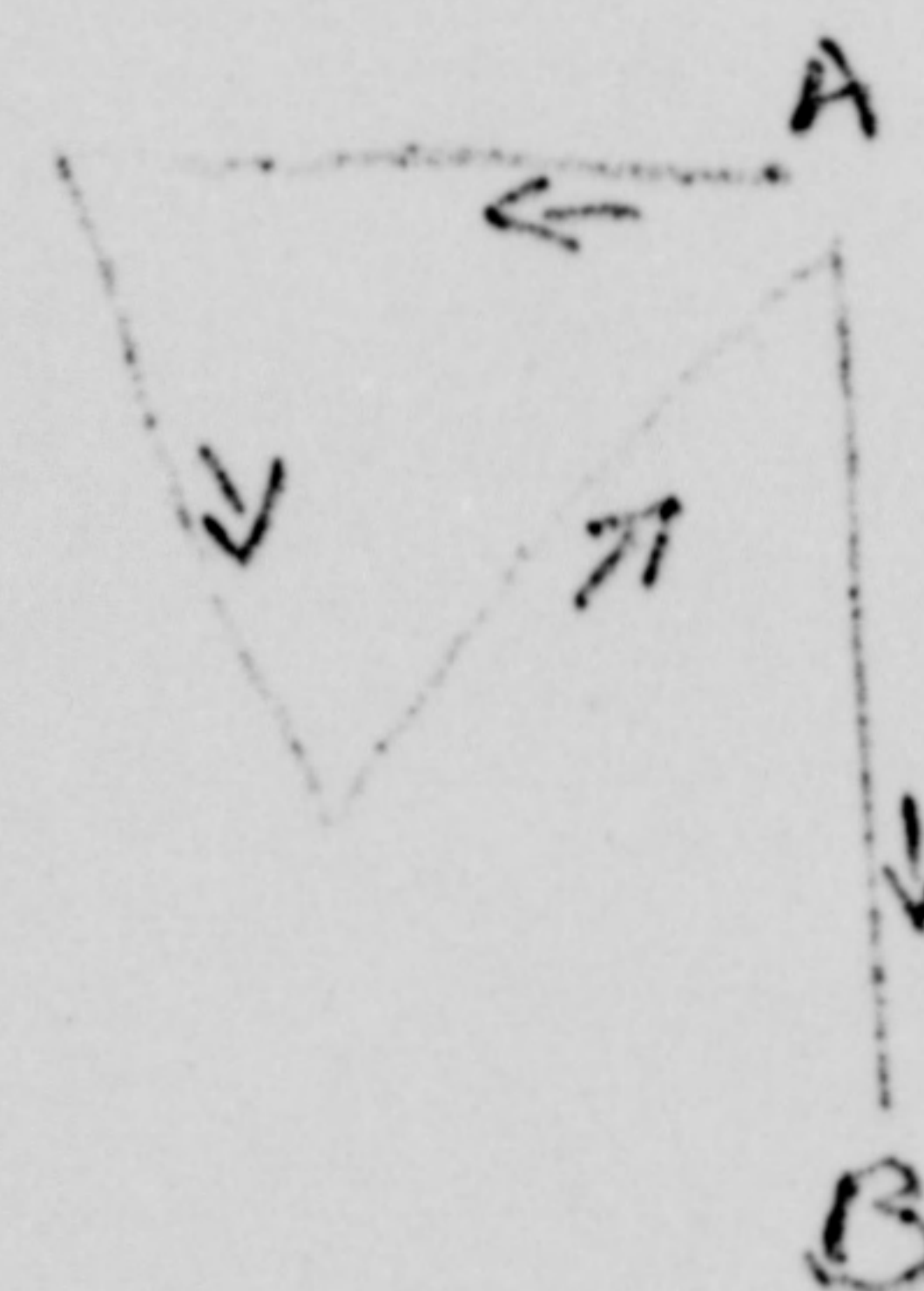
22. In the following sketch, imagine your eye at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon when you first saw it. Place a "B" to show where it was when you last saw it.



23. In the following sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you first saw it, and a "B" at its position when you last saw it.



24. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object made. Place an "A" at the beginning of its path and a "B" at the end of its path.



25. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw, and place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

It looked exactly like a plane
light would look at that distance
except the course it took and the
change of the color.

SECTION E

26. Was this the first time that you have seen an object like this?
(Circle One): Yes No

26.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what conditions
did you see other ones? _____

27. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have
caused it?

I have no idea

28. Give the following information about yourself:

NAME

[REDACTED]
Last Name

[REDACTED]
First Name

[REDACTED]
Middle Name

ADDRESS

[REDACTED]
Street

[REDACTED]
City

Hilton Village, Va
Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

What is your present job? Nurse

Age 34

Sex Female

Last School Attended College of Hampton Roads

Year of last attendance at this school 1951

29. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One): Yes or No

29.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One): Yes or No

29.2 Please list their names and addresses:

Hilton

30. Please add here any further comments which you believe are important.
Use additional sheets of the same size paper if necessary.

This light looked exactly like a plane at a distance of 8 or 10 miles. And would not have been noticed except for the zig-zag fashion it was flying. The light seemed to turn from an orange to a reddish orange as it came nearer to the horizon and just before going out of sight. The children called my attention to it. My little girl exclaimed! "Mama here is an airplane gone crazy!" Since we live near Langley Field and Patrick Henry Airport, the children

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COUNTRY UNITED STATES	REPORT NO. TAC IR-23-52	(LEAVE BLANK) 9494328
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT FLYOBREP		
AREA REPORTED ON Hampton, Virginia	FROM (Agency) 4430th Air Base Wing Langley Air Force Base, Virginia	
DATE OF REPORT 13 August 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 11 August 1952	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer) 2d Lt Alfonso R. Russo, AO-2218344	SOURCE Captain [REDACTED]	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFI 200-5		
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.)		

Seven yellowish-orange flying objects were sighted 11 August 1952 in the Hampton, Virginia area. Objects were sighted visually from the ground by Captain [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED]; the first sighting being at approximately 2130 EST. The other sightings were made at approximately 2134 EST and 2200 EST. Captain [REDACTED] is an instructor with the 4400th School Squadron, Langley Air Force Base, Virginia

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Norfolk (RS-9) Sectional
Aeronautical Chart

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency)

Langley Air Force Base, Va.

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1. Seven yellowish-orange flying objects were sighted visually from the ground by Captain and Mrs. [REDACTED] (AOB) on 11 August. Subject officer is an instructor with the 4400th School Squadron, Langley Air Force Base, Va.

2. The first two objects were sighted by Captain and Mrs. [REDACTED] as they were riding in their vehicle from their home at [REDACTED] Pine Chapel, Hampton, Va., along Route 134 to Hampton proper. Source's immediate reaction after seeing the two objects, was to interpret them as reflections of his headlights on TV antennas. The time of sighting was approximately 2130 EST. Captain [REDACTED] estimated the altitude to be 500 feet and the speed 400 mph. Stopping at the intersection of Freeman Drive and Route 134, source saw four additional objects, three flying at 3-4000 feet and one at 7000 feet. Like the previous two objects, these were pea-size and heading SW from Fort Monroe, Va., to Franklin, Va. The time of this sighting was approximately 2134 EST.

3. All objects flew with a steady motion. Source observed that the two original objects pulled up in a chandelle, reversed heading on top of chandelle and headed SW from Fort Monroe, Va., to Franklin, Va. No deceleration was noticeable in climbing. The intensity of the yellowish-orange light emitted by the objects was constant. The total length of observation was 5 minutes.

4. At approximately 2200 EST source returned along the same route and sighted a seventh object of the same description as the previous six. However, this object was flying extremely low, appearing to skim the treetops in its flight. Captain [REDACTED] determined its heading to be SW from Fort Monroe to Franklin, Va. During this and other sightings, no moon was out.

5. Hampton weather: 2130 EST; 25000 feet scattered; visibility 6 miles haze; pressure 1015 millibars; temperature 81 degrees; DP 74; winds SW 5 knots; altimeter 29.97; isothermal layer 5-6000 feet.

6. Langley Control Tower Operator dispatched one B-26 to identify and intercept flying objects. Negative results were reported. An additional 24 B-26 type aircraft were over the local area at time of sighting. Captain [REDACTED] claimed that he was able to differentiate between the flying objects and local aircraft.

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PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE <i>11 Aug 52</i>	2. LOCATION <i>Hampton Va.</i>	3. TIME Local: <i>2130</i> Zebra: _____
4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND?		☒ Yes ☐ No
		☒ Naked Eye ☐ Binoculars ☐ Telescope ☐ Theodolite
5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR?		☐ Yes ☒ No
		☐ By One Set ☐ By Two Sets ☐ By Three Sets
6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR?		☐ Yes ☒ No
		☐ A/C Observed Object ☐ Interception Attempted ☐ No Intercept Attempted
7. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT?		☒ Yes ☐ No
		☒ A/C Scrambled ☐ Visual Contact Made ☐ A/I Contact Made ☒ No Contact Made
8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME?		☒ Yes ☐ No
		☒ Normal ☐ Violent
9. IF OBJECT WAS A "LIGHT", WAS IT:		☒ Blinking ☐ Steady
10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT:		☐ 1-15 Seconds ☐ 1-5 Minutes ☒ Over 10 Minutes
11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address)		
<i>Langley AFB, Va.</i>		

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED?		<i>No</i>
13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO ARCH DOWNWARD?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
14. DID OBJECT HAVE A TAIL?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
15. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
16. TIME OF SIGHTING RELATIVE TO SUNRISE OR SUNSET (Data from Air Almanac)		
		☒ Night ☐ Day ☐ Sunrise ☐ Sunset

III. AIRCRAFT DATA

17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
	☐ One Aircraft ☐ More Than One Aircraft	
18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
19. WERE THERE INDICATIONS OF HIGH BACKGROUND NOISE?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
20. WAS THE OBJECT VIEWED ABOVE 45° ELEVATION?	☐ Yes ☒ No	<i>Subject - 1 observed over tree tops</i>

IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA? ☒ Yes ☐ No						
22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE: <u>5 hrs</u> Minutes						
23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:						
	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted?		Describe Lighting
				Yes	No	
a.	Norfolk Va.	Piball	USDA Weath Res.			
b.	" "	Radiocontrolled Piball	U.S. N.			
c.						
d.						

(attach overlay)

V. EVALUATION

21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE: ☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Unreliable ☐ Extremely Doubtful ☐ Hoax	22. DETAILS OF REPORT: ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Insufficient to Evaluate
23. FINAL EVALUATION: ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☒ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other: _____ ☐ Insufficient Data For Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
24. COMMENTS: Time between sighting and last balloon release too long for object to be a balloon from Norfolk. Wind SW - could be launched from Hahlgren Va - irregular	

PROJECT 10073 WEATHER DATA SHEET

1. DATE OF OBSERVATION <u>14 Aug '52</u>		2. TIME OF OBSERVATION <u>2130 EST</u>		3. STATION OBSERVING <u>Langley AFB</u>	
4. WINDS ALOFT:					
ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)	ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)
0	<u>5</u>		25,000		
1,000			30,000		
2,000			35,000		
3,000			40,000		
4,000			45,000		
5,000			50,000		
6,000			55,000		
7,000			60,000		
8,000			65,000		
9,000			70,000		
10,000			75,000		
12,000			80,000		
14,000			85,000		
16,000			90,000		
18,000			95,000		
20,000			100,000		
5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED? ☒ Yes ☐ No (If yes, at what altitude? <u>5-6000</u>)					
6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA? ☐ Yes ☒ No (If yes, at what quadrant? _____)					
7. CLOUD COVER: <u>3</u> tenths at <u>25,000</u> feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet.				8. VISIBILITY WAS _____ MILES.	
9. COMMENTS:					

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WPE212

YDB194

TYA259

TDB222

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1952 AUG 12

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ZEN/CG TAC AIR COMMAND LANGLEY AFB VA

~~REDACTED~~ OI 8-336 PD ATTN AT1AA-2C FLYOBRPT PD SEVEN
YELLOWISH ORANGE FLYING OBJECTS SIGHTED VISUALLY FROM GROUND BY
CAPTAIN AND MRS ~~REDACTED~~ CMA ~~REDACTED~~ AOB CMA AT INTERSECTION
FREEMAN DRIVE AND ROUTE 134 CMA HAMPTON CMA VA CMA 11 AUGUST PD OBJECTS
SIGHTED AT INTERVALS PD AT APPROXIMATELY 2130 EST TWO OBJECTS SIGHTED
HEADING SW TO VICINITY FRANKLIN CMA VA CMA BY OBSERVERS FROM MOVING
VEHICLE PD ALTITUDE CLN 500 FT CLN SPEED CLN 400 MPH CLN AIZE CLN
PEA-SHAPED PD NO EXHAUST TRAIL CMA NO SOUND CMA NO FRAGMENTS PD FOUR
ADDITIONAL OBJECTS SIGHTED 2134 EST FROM PARKED VEHICLE PD SAME HEADING
AND DESCRIPTION CLN ALTITUDES CLN THREE OBJECTS 3-4000 FT CLN ONE
OBJECT 7000 FT PD SEVENTH OBJECT SIGHTED APPROXIMATELY

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2200 EST HEADING SAME DIRECTION FLYING LOW CMA SKIMMING TREETOPS PD
TWO ORIGINAL OBJECTS PULLED UP IN A CHANDELLE CMA REKVERSED HEADING ON
TOP OF CHANDELLE 180 DEGREES AND HEADED SW TO FRANKLIN CMA VA PD NO
DECELERATION NOTICKEABLE IN CLIMBS PD OBJECTS FLEW WITH STEADY MOTION PD
OBSERVERS ESTIMATED DISTANCE TO OBJECTS 5-9 MILES PD HAMPTON WEATHER ✓
2130 EST CLN 25000 FEET SCATTERED CMA VISIBILITY 6 MILES HAZE CMA
PRESSURE 1515 MILLIBARS CMA TEMPERATURE 81 DEGREES CMA DP 74 CMA WINDS SW
5 KNOTS CMA ALTIMETER 29 PNT 97 CMA ISOTHERMAL LAYER 5-6000 FT PD ONE
B-26 A/C DISPATCHED TO INTERCEPT OBJECTS CLN 24 KLANGLEY B-26 A/C OVER
LOCAL AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING PD ALL A/C REPORTED NEGATIVE RESULTS
PD REPORT TO FOLLOW PD

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