

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

3 AUG 52

2. LOCATION

SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

CONCLUSIONS

3. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

☒ Ground Vision

☐ Ground Radar

☐ Air Vision

☐ Air Intercept Radar

4. SOURCE

GOC

03/0130 PDT

03/0830Z

☒ Yes

1 1/2 min.

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Large red object which "looked like a flare" hovered and moved slowly at 3000-4000 feet.

☒ Balloon

☐ Possible Balloon

☐ Possible Rocket

☐ Air Aircraft

☐ Possible Aircraft

☐ Possible Rocket

☐ Air Astronautical

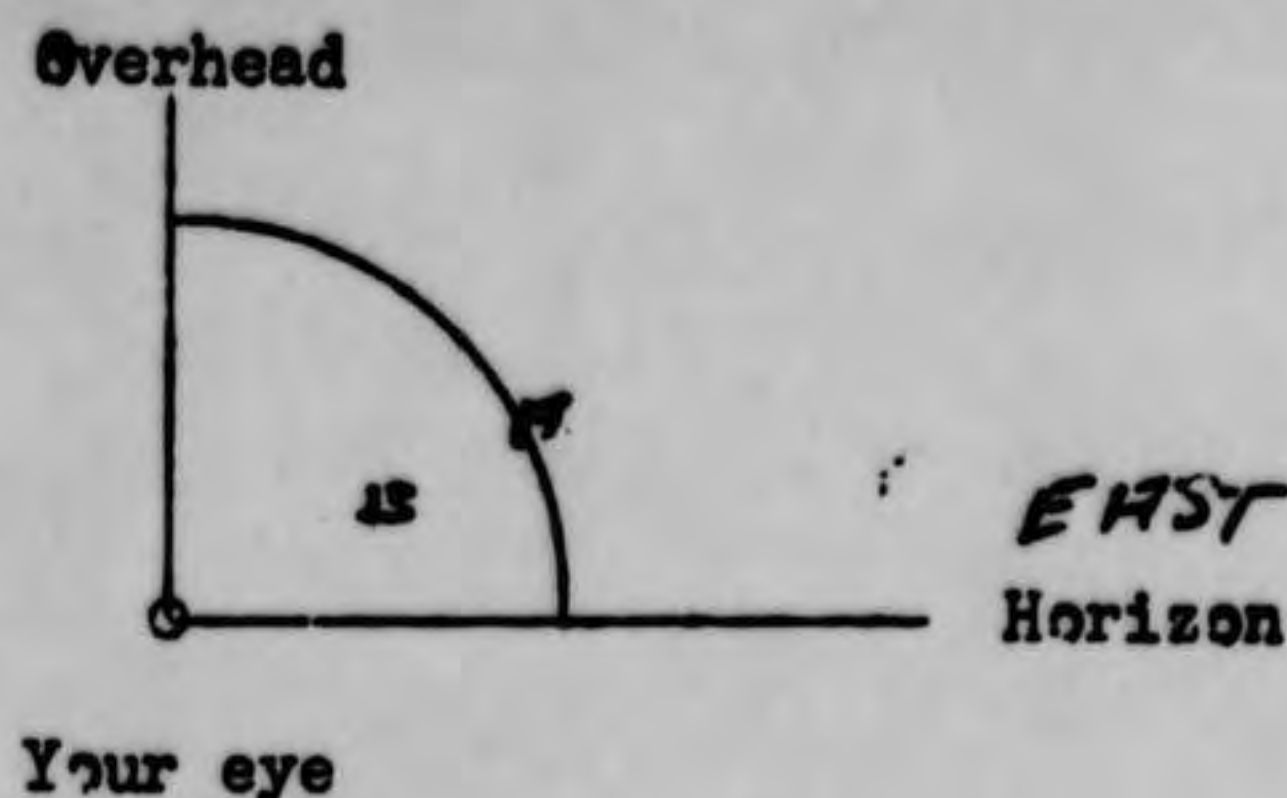
☐ Possible Astronautical

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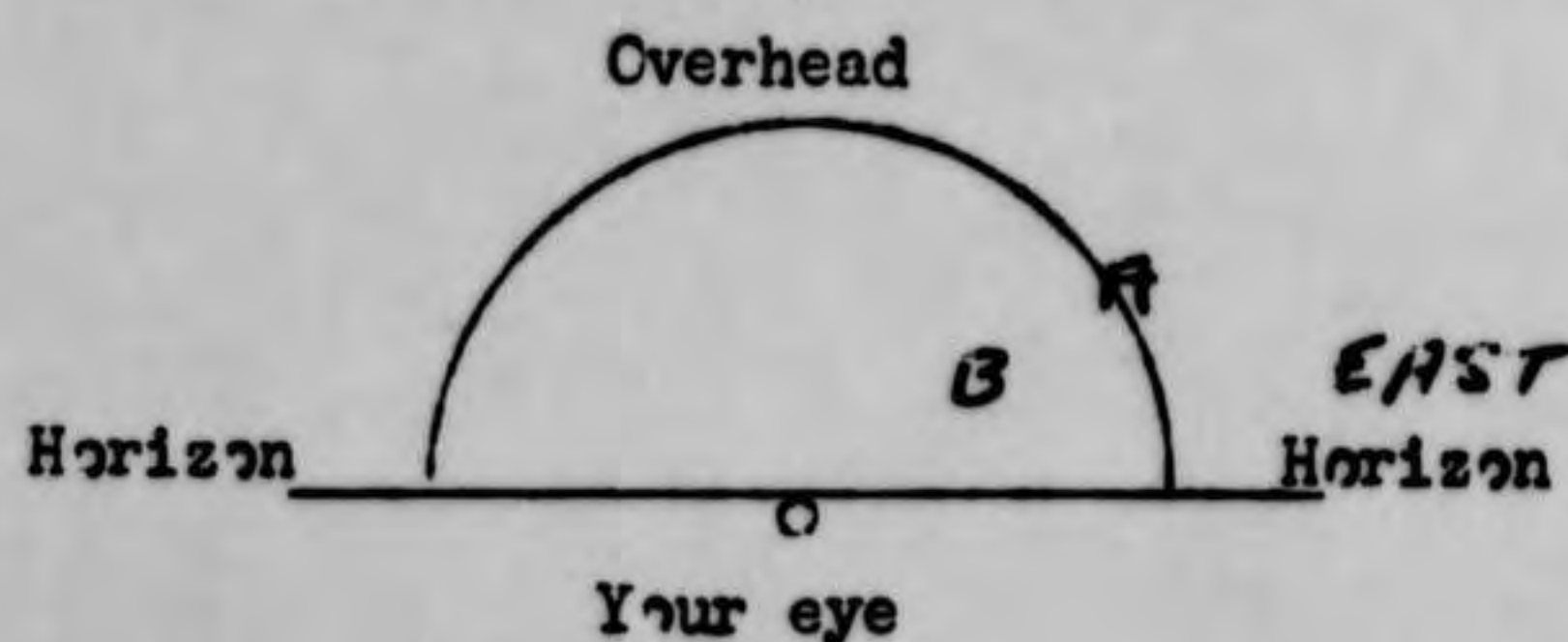
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SECTION D

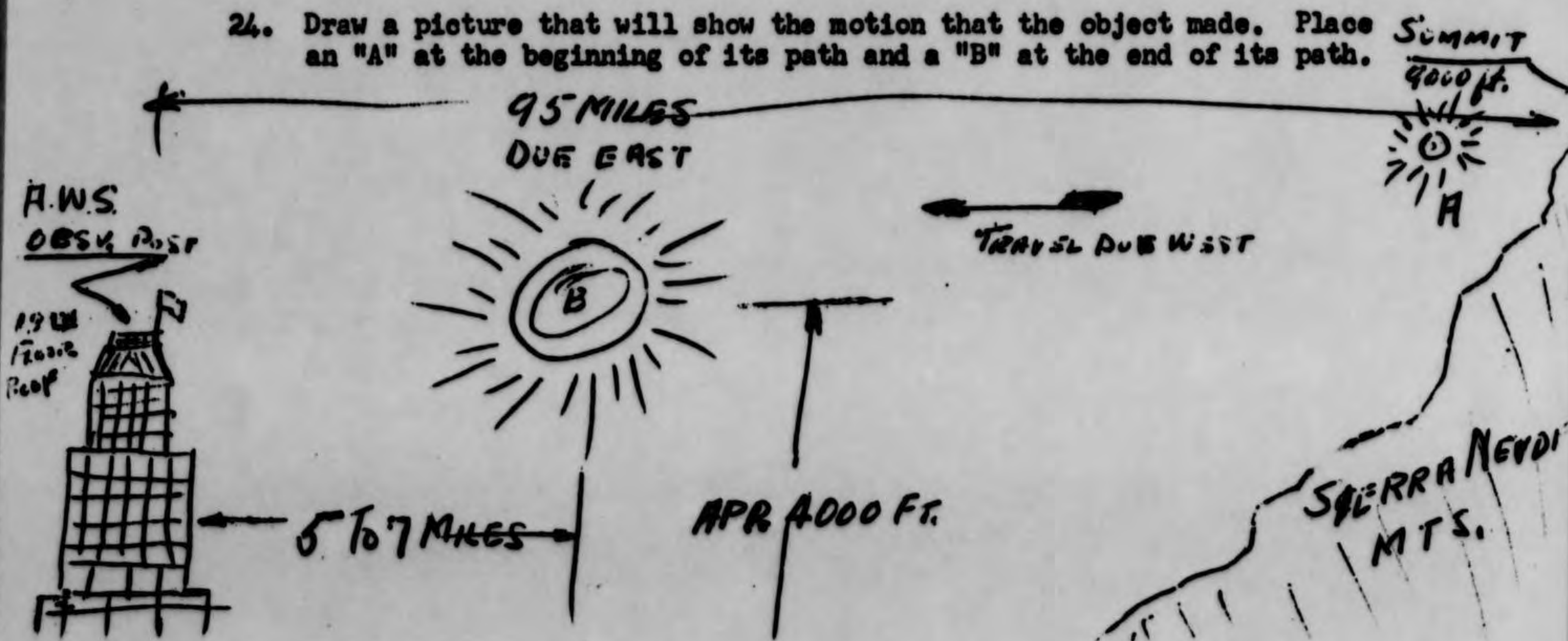
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23. In the following sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you first saw it, and a "B" at its position when you last saw it.



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.



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:

MRS. [REDACTED] — WIFE
[REDACTED]
SACTO - CALIF

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

We served as aircraft spotters all during the last war and were called back when the post was reactivated this July.

We served at this same location for all those years so are fairly familiar with the surrounding terrain, which makes it easy to notice something unusual.

On this particular night we noticed this red light high on the mountain side. Like it might have just come over the summit of the Sierra. It first looked more like a red flare of a plane in distress. As you already know we are supposed to report any unusual lights, flares, etc.

We decided to wait until it went down & report it as such. Instead of going down it kept coming closer all the time. So then we decided to wait until it went down & report it as such.

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.

WEST



EAST

THE CLOSER IT CAME TO US
THE MORE IT LOOKED LIKE A BRILLIANT BALL OF FIRE

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?

WHEN WE FIRST SAW IT WE THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE A PLANE IN DISTRESS UP IN THE SKY AND THAT THEY DROPPED A FLARE BEFORE BAILING OUT. IT LOOKED SMALL FROM THAT DIST. BUT IT DID NOT GO DOWN LIKE A FLARE. INSTEAD IT KEPT COMING TOWARDS US AND GETTING LARGER AND LARGER AND THEN DISAPPEARED.

28. Give the following information about yourself:

NAME [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 16 CALIF.
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

What is your present job? MACHINIST-TOOL & DIE MAKER

Age 45

Sex Male

Last School Attended SACRAMENTO HIGH SCHOOL

Year of last attendance at this school 1925

was & there turn it in after we had heard it & had a better look at it. The closer it got the larger it got & changed from the dull red color at first to a brilliant, very brilliant red ball of fire. In between the dull red & the brilliant red at the finish, it sort of changed to dull to bright orange color. As we were waiting for it to come over the beach, it got larger & more brilliant than anything I had ever seen, then as quick as a flash it disappeared & was never seen again, nor did it ever come over the post so we could ~~not~~ hear it.

On that same night we also noticed brilliant white lights traveling in a north-south direction. They were traveling also at high speed but were much lower. We did not report them as we thought they were jets taking off & landing at McClellan Field which is to the north-east of the post about 9 miles.

The next day we read in the paper where spotters up & down the valley had spotted white lights in the sky at high speed. Whether it tops in ~~with~~ with what we saw that night I don't know but thought we had better let you know anyway.

I hope this questionnaire helps in some way your investigation.

PROJECT FORM RECORD CARD

1. DATE

4 Aug 52

2. LOCATION

SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

12. CONCLUSIONS

☐ Was Balloon
☒ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon

3. DATE-TIME GROUP

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

Local 04/2045 PDT
 05/0345Z

☒ Ground-Visual☐ Ground-Radar

☐ Was Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☐ Possibly Aircraft

☐ Air-Visual☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS

6. SOURCE

☐ Yes

CONTROL TOWER PERSONNEL

☐ Was Astronomical
☐ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical

☒ No

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 9. COURSE

1

☐ Other
☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☒ Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

11. COMMENTS

Orange object resembling a flare
 seen from McClellan AFB and
 Mather AFB

1. Incomplete report.

ACTION

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ZEN/CG ENT AFB COLO

ZEN/CG WADF HAMILTON AFB CALIF

/ [REDACTED] / 28TH OID H-311 FLYOBRPT

1. ONE OBJECT CMA ORANGE IN COLOR CMA RESEMBLING A FLARE AND CIRCULAR
IN SHAPE PD.

2. 2245 PDT CMA 4 AUGUST 1952

3. VISUALLY FROM GROUND

4. ONE OBSERVER AT MATHER AFB CMA CALIF PD CONTROL TOWER PD ONE AT
SACRAMENTO CONTROL TOWER PD ONE AT MCCLELLAN AFB CMA CALIF PD CONTROL
TOWER PD OBJECT HEADING NORTH TO NORTH WEST AT ESTIMATED ALTITUDE OF
25,000 FEET

5. A/IC THOMAS THORTON CMA MCCLELLAN AFB CMA CALIF PD S/SGT LEE COLLINS
CMA MATHER AFB CMA CALIF PD MR PD [REDACTED] AND MR [REDACTED]
CMA SACRAMENTO CONTROL TOWER PD

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7. NONE

8. NONE

9. NONE

10. NONE

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AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO

4686.00

AUG 15 1952

Mr. [REDACTED]
Sacramento Control Tower
Sacramento, California

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Your recent report of unidentified aerial phenomena has been received by the Air Technical Intelligence Center. Inclosed is a questionnaire, which, when completed by you and returned in the inclosed, self-addressed envelope, will aid in standardizing the data and will provide a complete record of the occurrence.

Your interest in reporting the matter and your public spirited desire to be of service are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Robert E. Kennedy
ROBERT E. KENNEDY
Major, USAF
Air Adjutant General

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a/s

Sorry in delay - on vacation

TENTATIVE
OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE - 4686.00

SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: 4 8 52
Day Month Year

1.2 Time of day: 1922 450 A.M. or P.M. (Circle One)
Hrs. Min.

1.3 Time Zone: (Circle One):

a. Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain

d. Pacific
e. Other _____

(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
b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

2. Where did you see the object?

Municipal Airport
Postal Address

Sacramento
City or Town

Calif
State

USA
Country

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

(Circle One): a. Inside a building
b. In a car
c. Outdoors

d. In an airplane
e. At sea
f. Other Control Tower

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 _____

4. How did you happen to notice the object? Advised by Matron
AFB tower

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

4 8 52
 Day Month Year

SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? Directing
air traffic

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.

Same as 6

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

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(CLASSIFICATION)

COUNTRY United States

REPORT NO. IR-30-52 W

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Objects (Short Title: FLYOBRPT)

AREA REPORTED ON Central California

DIR. of Intel. 28 AD, Hamilton AFB, Calif.

DATE OF REPORT 6 August 1952

DATE OF INFORMATION 3 August 1952

EVALUATION C-4

PREPARED BY (Officer) 2d. Lt. James W. Westbrook, Ass. Dir. of Intel.

SOURCE Ground Observer

REFERENCES (Cite number, location, previous report, etc., as applicable) TWX 28th OGD 265 FLYOBRPT, 4 August 1952

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

An unidentified object was observed visually at 0130 Pacific Daylight Time, 3 August 1952 for a period of 1½ minutes. It was described as large in shape and red in color. The object appeared to be hanging in the air. The object looked like a flare. No audible sounds were reported. Altitude was estimated between 3,000 - 4,000 feet. Speed was estimated as slow. The observers lost sight of the object very suddenly.

The observers were located at a G.O.C. Post in the Western States Life Building, [Sacramento, California]. The object appeared to be approximately 4 miles east of Sacramento, moving towards the observer.

The observers were Mr. and Mrs. [redacted], [redacted] Street, Sacramento, California.

The weather officer reports the area as clear with winds at 180° at 10 knots at 10,000 feet; at 20,000 feet winds were 190° at 24 knots.

Meteorological activity, physical evidence of the sighting, identification action taken and aircraft in the area were reported as negative.

Comments of Preparing Officer:

1. Observers' description of the unidentified object covered by this report indicates the object was probably a flare.

James W. Westbrook
JAMES W. WESTBROOK
2d. Lt., USAF
Asst. Dir. of Intel.

Comments of Approving Officer:

1. Concurs with preparing officer.

Orville E. Bixel
ORVILLE E. BIXEL
Captain USAF
Director of Intelligence

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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 | <u>h. Northwest</u> |

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 | <u>h. Northwest</u> |

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).

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| <u>a. Certain</u> | 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):
- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| <u>a. Through window glass</u> | 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)

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

11.2 WIND (Circle One)

- a. No wind
- b. Slight breeze
- c. Strong wind
- d. 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

11.4 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? 28
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? _____

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

16.1 Sound None.

16.2 Color Silver - reflection from sunset

17. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? _____
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.

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 |
| b. Baseball | g. Small airplane |
| c. Basketball | h. Large airplane |
| d. Bicycle wheel | i. Dirigible |
| e. Office desk | j. Other <u>Free balloon (altitude)</u> |

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

- | | |
|---|------------------|
| ☒ a. 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? 25-30000 feet.

20.2 How far was it from you? _____ feet or 80-100 miles

20.3 How fast was it going? _____ miles per hour.

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

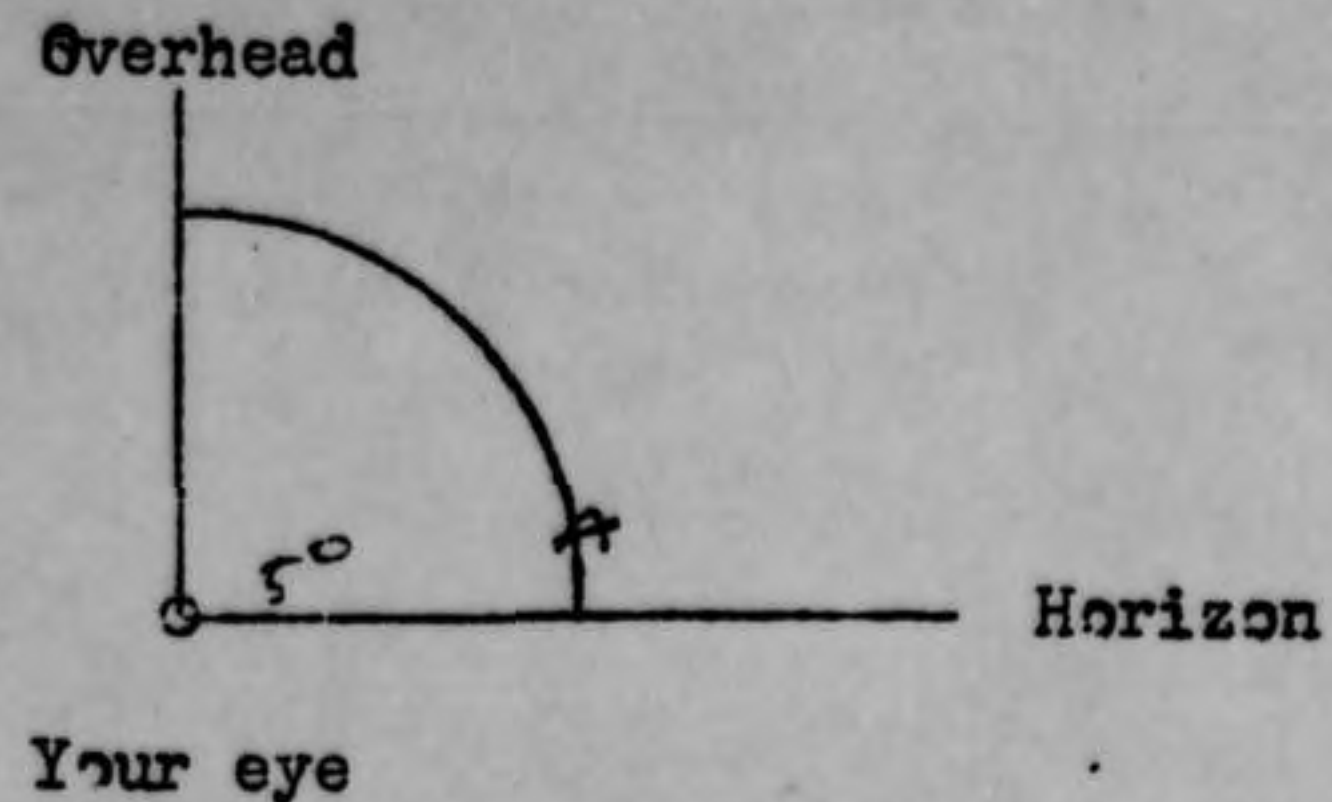
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| a. Certain | c. Not very sure |
| ☒ b. Fairly certain | d. Just a guess |

21. How did the object disappear from view?

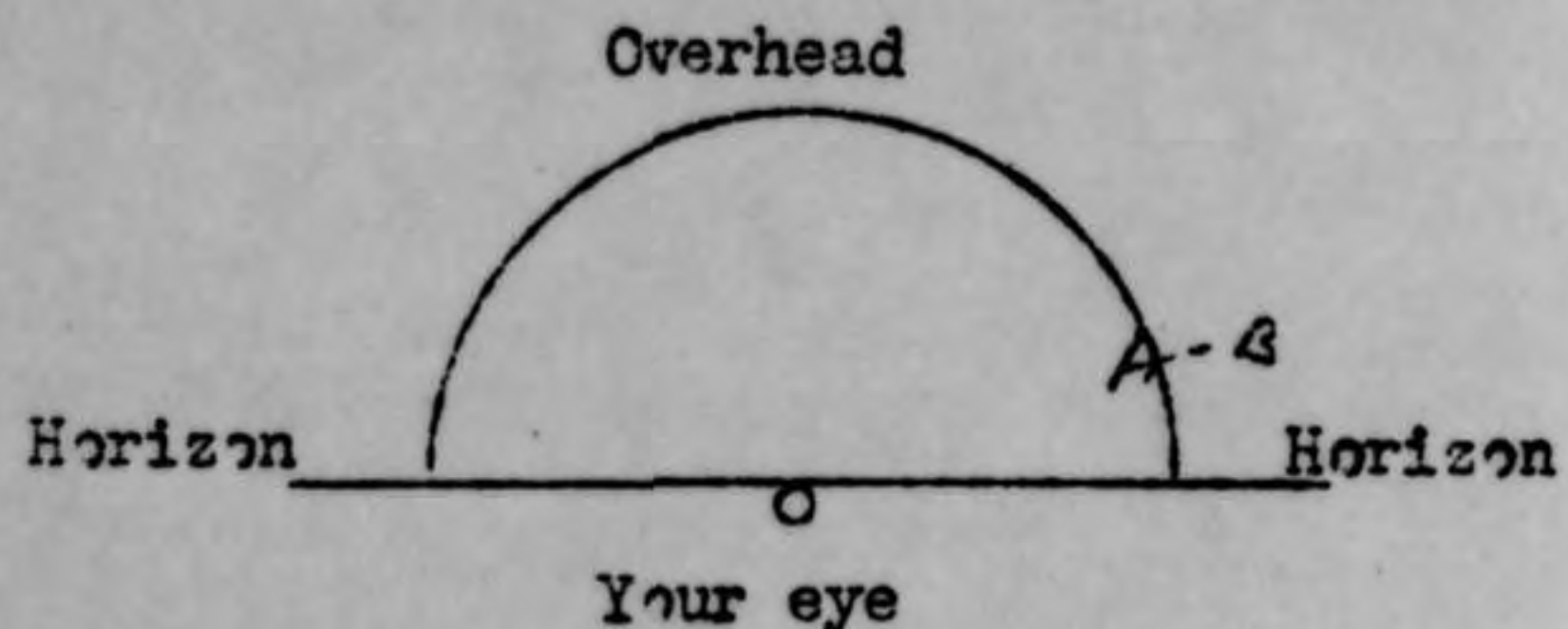
- (Circle One):
- | | |
|---|-------------------|
| a. Suddenly | c. Other _____ |
| ☒ b. Gradually | d. Don't remember |

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.

No motion

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.



Tear-shaped

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? *AF weather balloon - released from Oregon. Reported I believe about 50' diameter. Similar one was over Quincy, Calif day before & verified by interceptors at altitude about 30,000.*

28. Give the following information about yourself:

NAME

[Redacted]
Last Name

[Redacted]
First Name

[Redacted]
Middle Name

ADDRESS

[Redacted]
Street

[Redacted]
City

[Redacted]
Zone

[Redacted]
State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [Redacted]

What is your present job?

Control tower operator

Age

32

Sex

M

Last School Attended

Univ. Calif.

Year of last attendance at this school

1947

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?

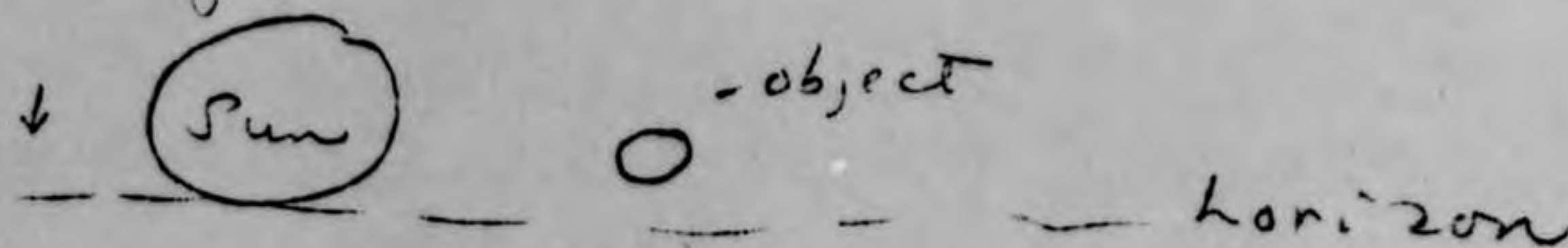
(Circle One): Yes or No

29.2 Please list their names and addresses:

Control tower, Municipal
Airport, Sacramento (also has this form)

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

Other towers + ground spotters observed this object as it was caught by sun going down. Definite silver brilliance easily observed by naked eye. Approx. location over Lake County, Calif. The size of object in relation to setting sun was about $\frac{1}{8}$ th size of sun.



We checked this object very carefully with field glasses + determined shape to be ~~tear-shaped~~. Distance was too great to catch any details. On sighting same, we set up a Gunter on window + sighted over it from a marked point to determine direction + relative speed. Any change was so gradual that nothing was learned from this experiment. One of the two observers had it spotted continuing

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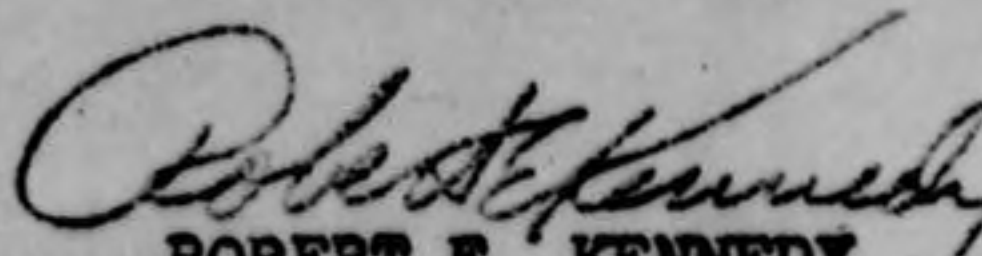
S/Sgt Lee Collins.
Mather AFB
California

Dear Sgt Collins:

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Your interest in reporting the matter and your public spirited desire to be of service are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,


ROBERT E. KENNEDY
Major, USAF
Air Adjutant General

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OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE - 4689.00

SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: 5 August 1952
Day Month Year

1.2 Time of day: 20 51 A.M. or P.M. (Circle One)
Hrs. Min.

1.3 Time Zone: (Circle One):

a. Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain

d. Pacific
e. Other PACIFIC STANDARD

(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
b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

2. Where did you see the object?

MATHER AFB.
Postal Address

SACRAMENTO
City or Town

CALIFORNIA
State

U.S.A.
Country

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

(Circle One): a. Inside a building
b. In a car
c. Outdoors

d. In an airplane
e. At sea MILITARY AIR TR
f. Other CONTROL TOWER

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 MILITARY RESERVATION

4. How did you happen to notice the object? AS WATCHING AIRCRAFT
MAKING TRAFFIC PATTERN TO LAND, I NOTICED
IT

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

5 AUGUST 1952
 Day Month Year

SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? WORKING
IN A CONTROL TOWER

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.

SAME AS ABOVE

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

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).

- | | |
|--|------------------|
| 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)

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

11.2 WIND (Circle One)

- ☒ a. No wind
- b. Slight breeze
- c. Strong wind
- d. 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

11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

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

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ZEN/CG WADF HAMILTON AFB CALIF

[REDACTED] 8TH CID 265 FLYOBRPT

1 ONE UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT LARGE IN SHAPE CMA AND RED IN COLOR.

LOOKED LIKE OBJECT WAS HANGING IN AIR PD LOST SIGHT OF OBJECT SUDDENLY

PD LOOKED LIKE A FLARE, NO SOUNDS PD

2 0130PDT, 3 AUGUST 1952 PD OBSERVED FOR 1 1/2 MINUTES PD

3 VISUALLY FROM GROUND

4 GOC POST IN WESTERN STATES LIFE BLDG., SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

OBJECT WAS 4 MILES EAST OF SACRAMENTO. OBJECT WAS MOVING SLOWLY.

TOWARD OBSERVER PD EST. ALTITUDE WAS 3000 TO 4000 FEET PD

5 MR. [REDACTED], SACRAMENTO, CALIF. AND MRS.

[REDACTED] SAME ADDRESS.

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ACTION

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INFORM

SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object? 20
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

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

16.1 Sound NO SOUND HEARD

16.2 Color ORANGE TO HAZY BLUE AS IT DISAPPEARED

17. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? ONE ONLY
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.

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 |
| b. Baseball | g. Small airplane |
| <u>c.</u> 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.

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| a. Certain | <u>c.</u> 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? 3440 feet.

20.2 How far was it from you? _____ feet or 20-25 miles

20.3 How fast was it going? UNK miles per hour.

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

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

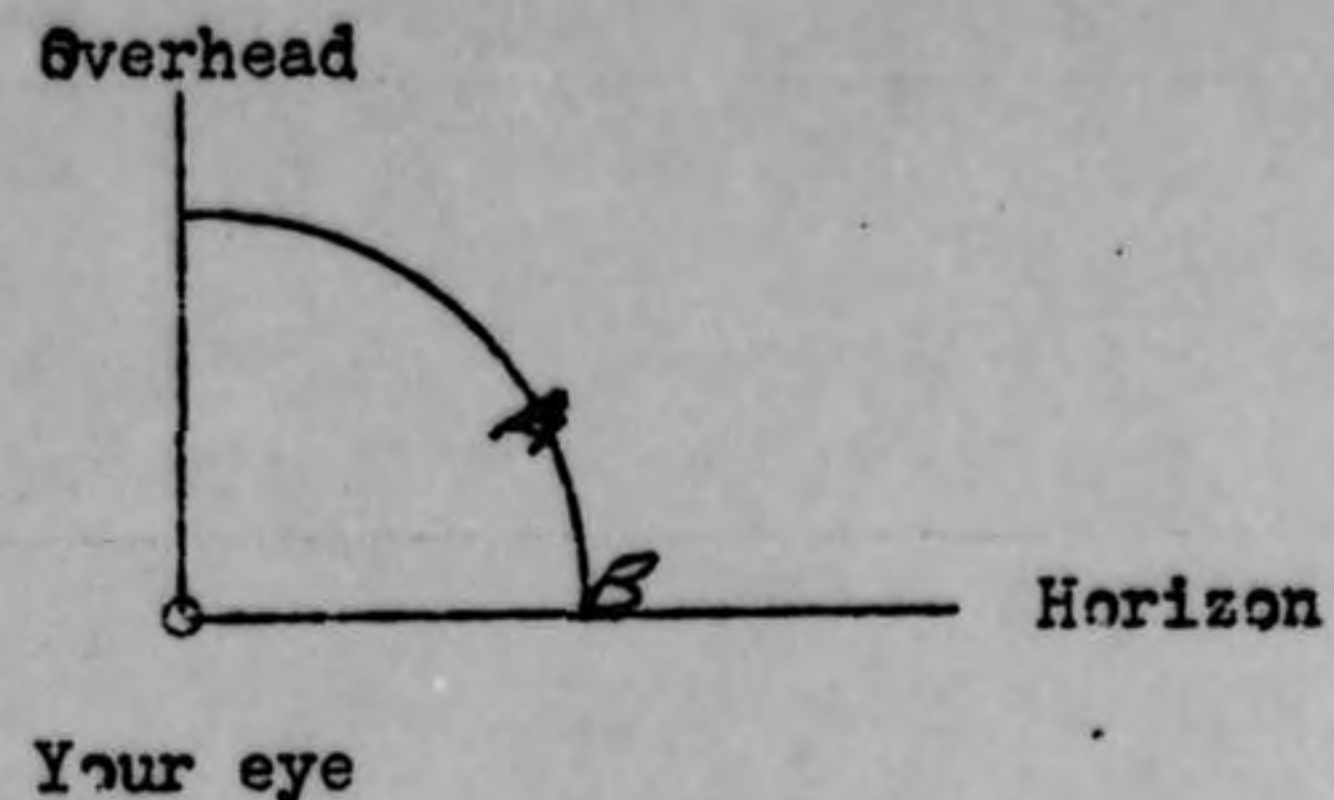
21. How did the object disappear from view?

(Circle One): a. Suddenly
b. Gradually

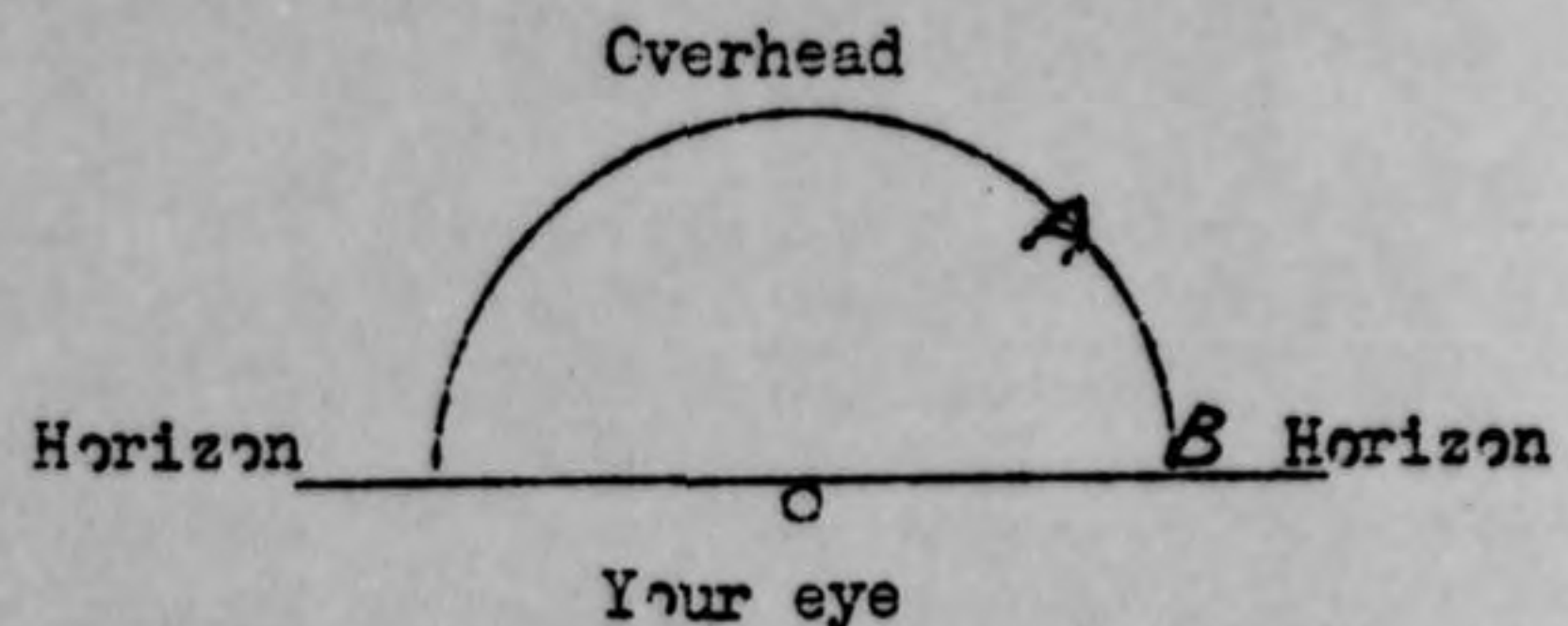
c. Other _____
d. Don't remember

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.

ME

A → B

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.

TO FAR FROM MY VISION TO BE ACCURATE

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?

*WEATHER BALLON OR SUN'S REFLECTION
ON SOME CLOUDS*

28. Give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Last Name

First Name

ADDRESS

Street

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

What is your present job?

USAF

Age

23

Sex

MALE

Last School Attended

Furman University

Year of last attendance at this school

1947

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:

A/C [REDACTED]

MATHER AFB
CALIFORNIA

A/2C [REDACTED]

MATHER AFB
CALIFORNIA

NOTE, BOTH MEN ON DUTY
WITH ME AT TIME OBJECT
WAS SIGHTED.

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

I HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION

WHICH WOULD BE ANY VALUE.

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 26 Aug 52		2. LOCATION Sacramento, Calif.		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☒ Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2400 PDT GMT		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE military		☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4 sec.		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 3	9. COURSE N		
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Light orange color. Round. V formation. High and fast.			11. COMMENTS \$64 question "Who launches skytrains?"		

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HEADQUARTERS
55TH STRATEGIC RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON, MEDIUM, WEATHER
McClellan Air Force Base, McClellan, California

55TH SRS 360

SEP 4 1952

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Director of Intelligence
Headquarters
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D.C.

Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center
ATTN: ATIAA-2c
Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. In accordance with Air Force Letter 200-5, 29 April 1952, the following information is submitted:

a. Subject sighting consisted of three round, light orange colored objects about the size of grapefruit. (Size is observer's impression only since he had no idea of their height or distance). The objects were in a "V" formation and no aerodynamic features were visible. Speed appeared very fast and there was no sound or exhaust. The object on the right appeared to move toward the one on the left just before all three objects faded out and disappeared.

b. The objects were sighted at 2400 hours, Pacific Daylight Time, on the night of 26 August 1952 and were visible for approximately four (4) seconds.

c. They were observed from the surface with the naked eye; no optical aids were used.

d. Observer sighted objects while in a parking lot near the Gibson Bus Line Terminal in Sacramento, California. The objects moved from the South East to the North West and observer received impression they were quite high and at a great distance.

e. Observer is 24 years old and is assigned to the Intelligence Section of this organization. He has approximately 3 1/2 years service. It is the opinion of the undersigned that he is a reliable source of information.

f. Weather conditions at the time of sighting were as follows:

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55TH SRS _____

Subject: Unidentified Flying Objects

(1) No Weather

(2) Winds: 5,000 feet, 240 degrees at 5 knots
10,000 feet, 210 degrees at 6 knots
15,000 feet, 195 degrees at 7 knots
20,000 feet, 180 degrees at 13 knots

g. At the time of the sightings the moon was new. There was no activity or conditions that might account for the sightings.

h. There is no physical evidence of the sightings.

i. There was no interception.

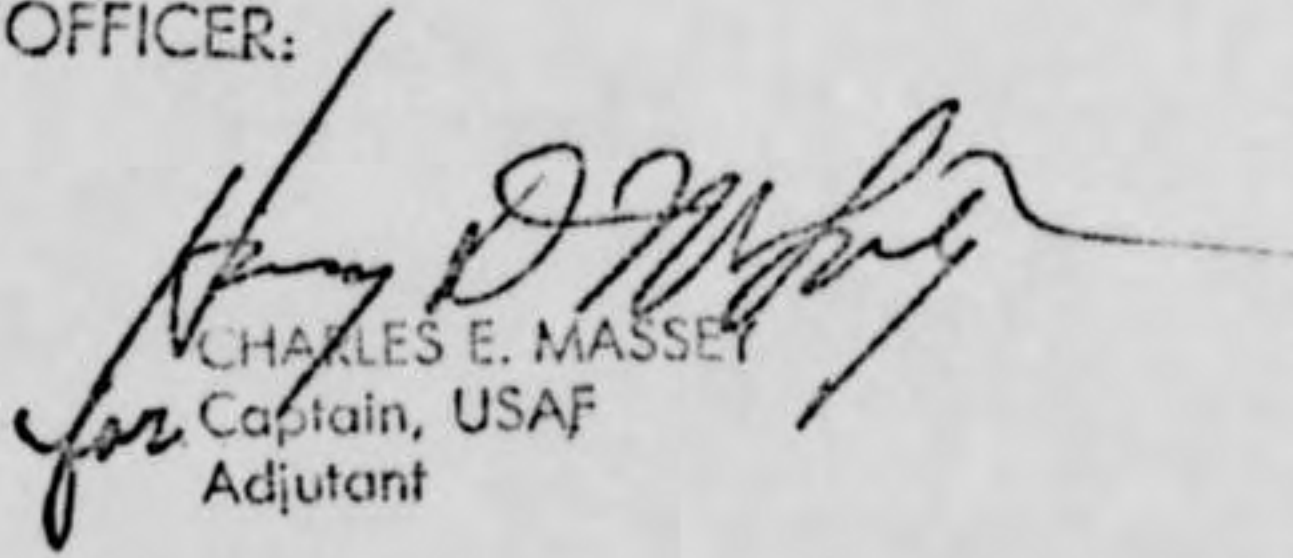
j. There was no other air traffic visible at the time of the sightings.

2. Attached herewith is the written statement of the observer.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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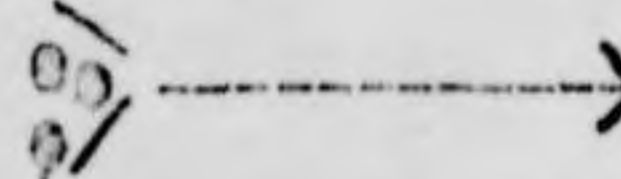
Statement of sighting
from A/1C Modlin.


CHARLES E. MASSEY
Captain, USAF
Adjutant

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

While returning from a late movie in the city of Sacramento, California, the undersigned and an accompanying friend were going to where we had parked our car, in a parking lot near the Gibson Bus Lines.

My friend told me to look up into the sky and pointed in a northerly direction, the undersigned looked in the direction that the friend was pointing and saw three (3) orange colored objects, appearing to be the same size and shape of an average grapefruit. The objects appeared to be at an extremely high altitude and traveling at a very high rate of speed. After looking in the direction pointed and seeing the above mentioned objects the undersigned was able to get an approximate four (4) second sighting of the objects. As I watched them the object flying on the right seemed to "pull over" in the direction of the object on the left, at about the point of collision the objects all three of them faded out and were gone. The objects were flying in a "V" formation and flying from the South to the North.



The above sightings took place at approximately 2400 hours on 26 August 1952, in the city of Sacramento, California.

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[REDACTED]
A/IC, [REDACTED]
27 August 1952

I. GENERAL

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

III. AIRCRAFT DATA

WTIC Test Form: 334 (13 Aug 52)

TENTATIVE
OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE

SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: 3 8 1952
Day Month Year

1.2 Time of day: 1 30 A.M. or P.M. (Circle One)
Hrs. Min.

1.3 Time Zone: (Circle One):

- a. Eastern
- b. Central
- c. Mountain

- d. Pacific
- e. Other _____

(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
- b. Fairly certain

- c. Not very sure
- d. Just a guess

2. Where did you see the object?

Cal. Western State Life Bldg. Sacramento California U.S.A.
Postal Address City or Town State Country

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

- (Circle One):
- a. Inside a building
 - b. In a car
 - c. Outdoors

- d. In an airplane
- e. At sea
- 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 _____

IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA? ☒ Yes ☐ No

22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE: _____ Minutes

23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:

	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted?		Describe Lighting
				Yes	No	
a.						
b.						
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:

Who is launching "Skytrains"?

(PROJECT 10073 WEATHER DATA SH)

1. DATE OF OBSERVATION <u>270300Z</u>		2. TIME OF OBSERVATION <u>0105Z</u>		3. STATION OBSERVING <u>710000</u>	
4. WINDS ALOFT:					
ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)	ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)
0			25,000		
1,000			30,000		
2,000			35,000		
3,000			40,000		
4,000			45,000		
5,000	<u>5</u>	<u>240</u>	50,000		
6,000			55,000		
7,000			60,000		
8,000			65,000		
9,000			70,000		
10,000	<u>6</u>	<u>J</u>	75,000		
12,000			80,000		
14,000		<u>J</u>	85,000		
16,000	<u>7</u>	<u>J</u>	90,000		
18,000		<u>J</u>	95,000		
20,000	<u>13</u>	<u>J</u>	100,000		
5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED? (If yes, at what altitude? _____)			☐ Yes ☐ No		
6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA? (If yes, at what quadrant? _____)			☐ Yes ☐ No		
7. CLOUD COVER:				8. VISIBILITY WAS	
_____ tenths at _____ feet.		_____ tenths at _____ feet.		_____ MILES.	
_____ tenths at _____ feet.		_____ tenths at _____ feet.			
9. COMMENTS:					

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6 CLEAR

7 NONE

8 NONE

9 NONE

10 NONE

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ACTION

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4. How did you happen to notice the object? WE WERE SPOTTING
AIRCRAFT FOR "AIRCRAFT WARNING SERVICE"

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

3 8 1952
 Day Month Year

SECTION B

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

SPOTTING PLANES "A.W.S."

- 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.

SERVING REGULAR SHIFT ON
OBSERVATION POST 12:00 TO 2:00 PM.

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

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).

- | | |
|---|------------------|
| ☒ 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)

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

11.2 WIND (Circle One)

- ☒ a. No wind
- ☒ b. Slight breeze
 - c. Strong wind
 - d. 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

11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

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

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.

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):

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| 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.

- | | |
|--|------------------|
| a. 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? 4000 feet.

20.2 How far was it from you? _____ feet or 5 to 7 miles

20.3 How fast was it going? No idea miles per hour.

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

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

21. How did the object disappear from view?

- | | |
|--|-------------------|
| (Circle One): ☒ a. Suddenly | c. Other _____ |
| ☐ b. Gradually | d. Don't remember |

SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object? 0 1 30
Hours Minutes Seconds

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

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(Circle One for each question)

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14.4 Change color?	☒ Yes	☒ No	<u>Don't know</u>
14.5 Break up into parts or explode?	<u>Yes</u>	☒ No	<u>Don't know</u>
14.6 Give off smoke?	<u>Yes</u>	☒ No	<u>Don't know</u>
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14.9 Remain motionless?	<u>Yes</u>	☒ No	<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? RED

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

16.1 Sound NO SOUND

16.2 Color CHANGED FROM FAINT RED TO BRILLIANT RED

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