

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

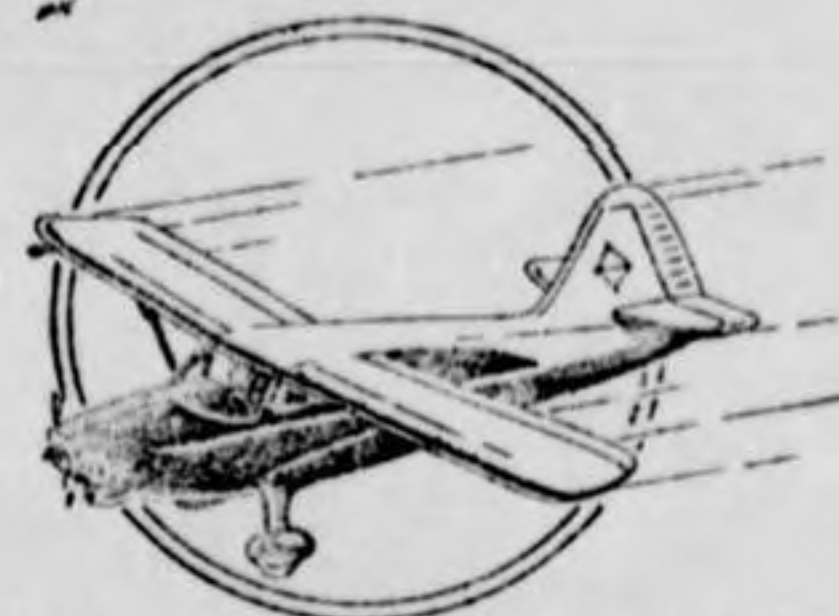
1. DATE <u>25 August 52</u>	2. LOCATION <u>Delaware, Ohio</u>	17. CONCLUSIONS ☒ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☒ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>2020 EST</u> GMT	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE <u>Astronomer</u>	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>1 hr, 15 min.</u>	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>5</u>	9. COURSE
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING <u>Yellow to red in color. Attached to air craft.</u>		11. COMMENTS <u>Astronomer for Dr. Hynek. Not Astro.</u>

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SULLIVANT AVENUE AIRPORT
COLUMBUS, OHIO
RA.1811

September 22, 1952

Donald L. Bower
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Technical Analysis Division,
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base,
Dayton, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

In answer to your inquiry dated Sept. 16, 1952 wish to advise that to my knowledge there were no aircraft aloft from this airport carrying other than conventional navigational lights on the night of July 29, 1952 between 2300 and 0100 the following morning or on August 25, 1952 between 2000 and 2230.

Yours very truly,

E. Gomer Jones
E. Gomer Jones, President

JONES FLYING SERVICE, INC.
SULLIVANT AVE. AIRPORT
COLUMBUS 4, OHIO.

IN REPLY ADDRESS
REGIONAL MANAGER
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION

IN REPLY REFER TO
FILE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION

Aviation Safety District Office
Port Columbus Airport
Columbus, Ohio

September 26, 1952

Donald L. Bower
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Technical Analysis Division
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson A. F. B., Ohio

Dear Sir:

Your letter of September 16, 1952 has been forwarded to this office. We have checked with Mr. C. L. Vermillion, Chief Airport Traffic Controller at Port Columbus Airport, who has supplied the following information:

- a. No record of any unusual aircraft lights on July 29, 1952.
- b. & c. On August 24, 25 and 26, 1952 there was an advertising blimp flying over the Ohio State Fair which had numerous lights all over; otherwise, no record of any unusual aircraft lights.

If we may be of any further service, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

N. D. Miller

N. D. Miller
Supervising Agent



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ACTION

1. ATIAA
2. ATIA
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1952 AUG 5

17:36

FM COSTRATRCNWG NINE ONE LOCKBOURNE AFB OHIO

TO COATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

91WDOI 2036-S PD URMSG AFOIN-ATIAA-7-25E CMA DTD 1 AUG 52 CMA PROJECT

BLUE BOOK PD NO KNOWN PLANES OFF OR LANDING OT AIR VICINITY OF LOCKBOURNE

AIR FORCE BASE OR PORT COLUMBUS DURING TIME INDICATED PF NO VICINITY

FLIGHT PLANS FILED OR CONTACT MADE CAA DURING SAME PERIOD PF WEATHER

VISIBILITY NINE MILES CMA SCATTERED CLOUDS SIX THOUSAND FEET PERMITTED

SMALL PLANE LOCAL FLYING BUT NO KNOWN AIR PORTS POSSESS LANDING LIGHT

FACILITIES PD

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Reply to
Hypnicks
which was
from local fld.
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B/L fr Air Technical Intelli(ce Center, Subject: Aircraft. (td 16 September 1952

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HEADQUARTERS 121ST FIGHTER WING OANG, LOCKBOURNE AIR FORCE BASE, COLUMBUS 17, OHIO
23 September 1952

TO: Commanding Officer, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio

No aircraft of this wing were airborne during the times specified in a. and b. of your letter.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL ZISTEL:

Frederick P. Wenger
FREDERICK P. WENGER
Major AF Ohio NG
Adjutant

AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO

16 September 1952

Commanding Officer
Air National Guard
Lockbourne Air Force Base
Columbus 7, Ohio

Dear Sir:

It would be appreciated if you would furnish the Air Technical Intelligence Center with the following information.

- a. On 29 July 1952, between 2300 and 0100 the following morning, were any aircraft airborne which carried lights other than conventional navigational lights?
- b. On 25 August 1952, between 2000 and 2230, any aircraft airborne with the same equipment?
- c. A description of the aircraft and the lights, if any were airborne.

Your cooperation would be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

for *Miss C. Breckinridge Capt USAF*
DONALD L. BOWER
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Technical Analysis Division

AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO

16 September 1952

Miss [REDACTED], President
Northways Airpark
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Miss [REDACTED]:

It would be appreciated if you would furnish the Air Technical Intelligence Center with the following information.

a. On 29 July 1952, between 2300 and 0100 the following morning, were any aircraft airborne which carried lights other than conventional navigational lights? *No.*

b. On 25 August 1952, between 2000 and 2230, any aircraft airborne with the same equipment? *No.*

c. A description of the aircraft and the lights, if any were airborne.

Your cooperation would be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Don L. Bower
DONALD L. BOWER
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Technical Analysis Division

To our knowledge no planes were in the air on the above mentioned dates, from this field.

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FIRST ENDORSEMENT on North American Aviation, Inc., ltr 52H-6809, 1 OCT 52

From: Bureau of Aeronautics Representative, Columbus, Ohio
To: Chief, Technical Analysis Division, Air Technical Intelligence Center,
Wright Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio

Subj: Aircraft activities on 29 July and 25 August 1952

1. Forwarded.


G. E. PITTAM
By direction



NORTH AMERICAN AVIATION, INC.
COLUMBUS DIVISION • COLUMBUS 16, OHIO

1 October 1952

In Reply
Refer to:
52H-6809

From: North American Aviation, Inc.
Columbus Division
Columbus, Ohio

To: Chief, Technical Analysis Division
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

Via: Bureau of Aeronautics Representative
Columbus, Ohio

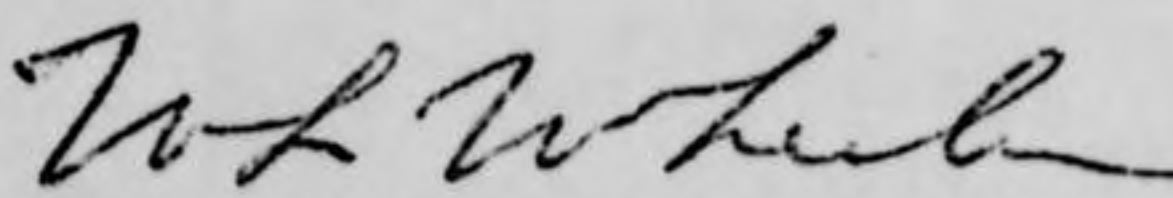
Subject: Aircraft Activities on 29 July and
25 August 1952

Reference: (a) Air Technical Intelligence Center
Letter Dated 16 Sept. 1952

1. This Contractor had no flights in the air after the hour of 1830 on either of the dates noted in Reference (a).

NORTH AMERICAN AVIATION, INC.
Columbus Division

GRG:JLP:mt


G. R. Gehrke
Chief Engineer

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RECEIVED BY TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN
ATC DUTY OFFICER AND MR. [REDACTED] OF AIRPORT
CONTROL TOWER, COLUMBUS, OHIO AT 23:40 HOURS
ON 25 AUG 52. CALL MADE AS DIRECTED BY CAPTAIN RUPPELT,

TENTATIVE
OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE

MR. [REDACTED] QUOTES MR. [REDACTED]

SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: 25 AUGUST 1952
Day Month Year

1.2 Time of day: 8 20 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?

[REDACTED]
Postal Address

DELAWARE
City or Town

OHIO
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 AND

- d. In an airplane
e. At sea
☒ f. Other IN OBSERVATORY

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 AT OBSERVATORY

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4. How did you happen to notice the object? WALKING ON LAWN
APPROACHING OBSERVATORY
5. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?
25 AUGUST 1952
 Day Month Year

SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? WALKING ON
LAWN APPROACHING OBSERVATORY

- 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.

HAD DRIVEN FROM COLUMBUS, OHIO TO
PERKINS OBSERVATORY AT DELAWARE, OHIO

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 |
| <u>c. East</u> | g. West |
| d. Southeast | h. Northwest |

- 7.2 How fast were you moving? NORMAL WALK miles per hour.

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

(Circle One): Yes or No HE RAN INSIDE OBSERVATORY

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 |

5 INCH REFRACTOR OF MAGNIFICATION OF 60 TIMES.

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

11.3 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

(INTERMITTENTLY)

12. Estimate how long you saw the object? 1 Hours 15 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? See No. 30

14. Did the object at any time:

(Circle One for each question)

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

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?

YELLOW BRIGHT
YELLOW
RED

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

16.1 Sound NONE

16.2 Color ONE YELLOW BRIGHT — THREE YELLOW — ONE RED (NO GREEN LIGHTS OBSERVED)
YELLOW BRIGHT SOMETIMES SO BRIGHT IT OBSCURED OTHER LIGHTS

17. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? 5
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction they were traveling.

N TO S APPROXIMATELY
TWICE E TO W.

N
YELLOW
BRIGHT

YELLOW
YELLOW
YELLOW
W

RED
S

DISTANCE BETWEEN
NORTH AND SOUTH
WAS .25° OR LESS

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.

ATTACHED TO AIRCRAFT

SO LOW AT TIMES THEY WERE OBSERVED THROUGH TREES.

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 _____ |

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? ? feet.

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

20.3 How fast was it going? 400 MOVEMENT IN 15 TO 20 SECONDS miles-per-hour.

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

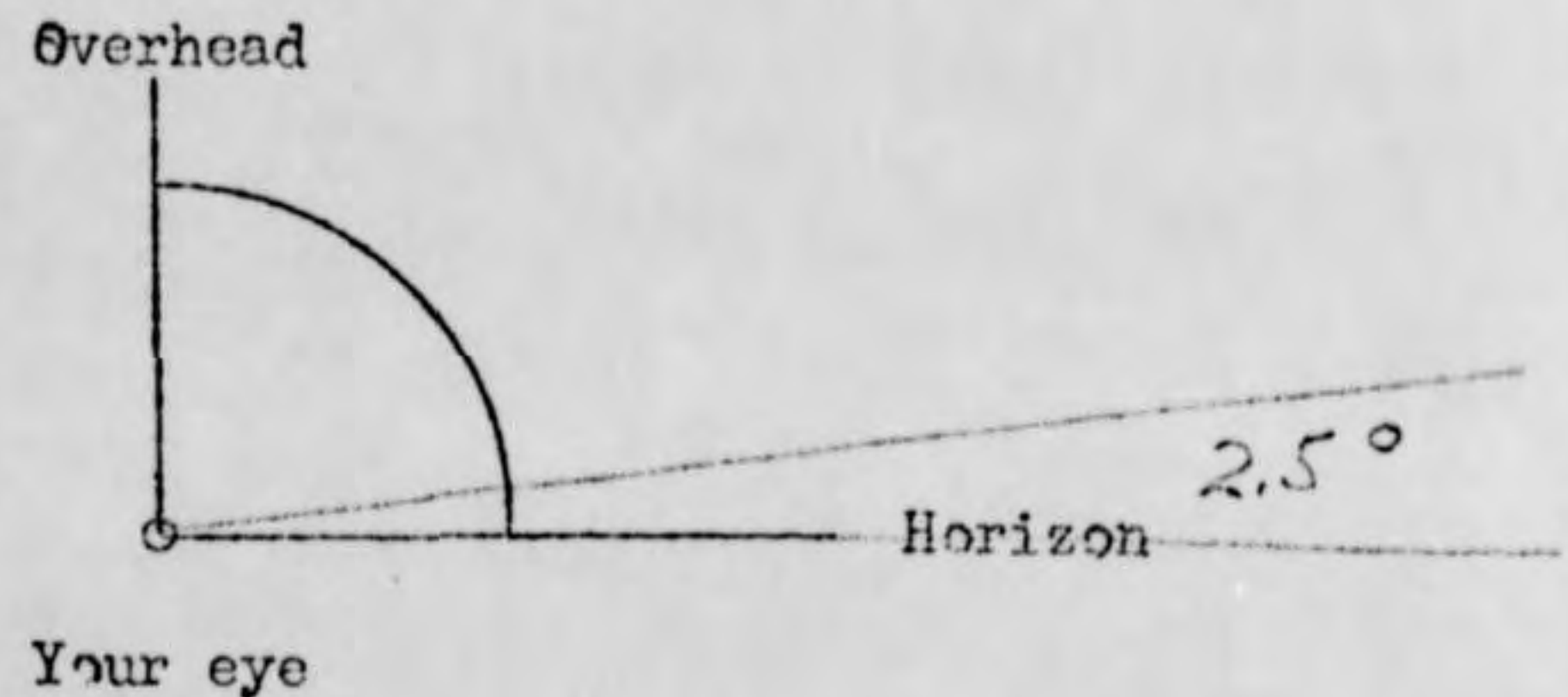
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| <u>(a.)</u> Certain | c. Not very sure |
| b. Fairly certain | d. Just a guess |

21. How did the object disappear from view?

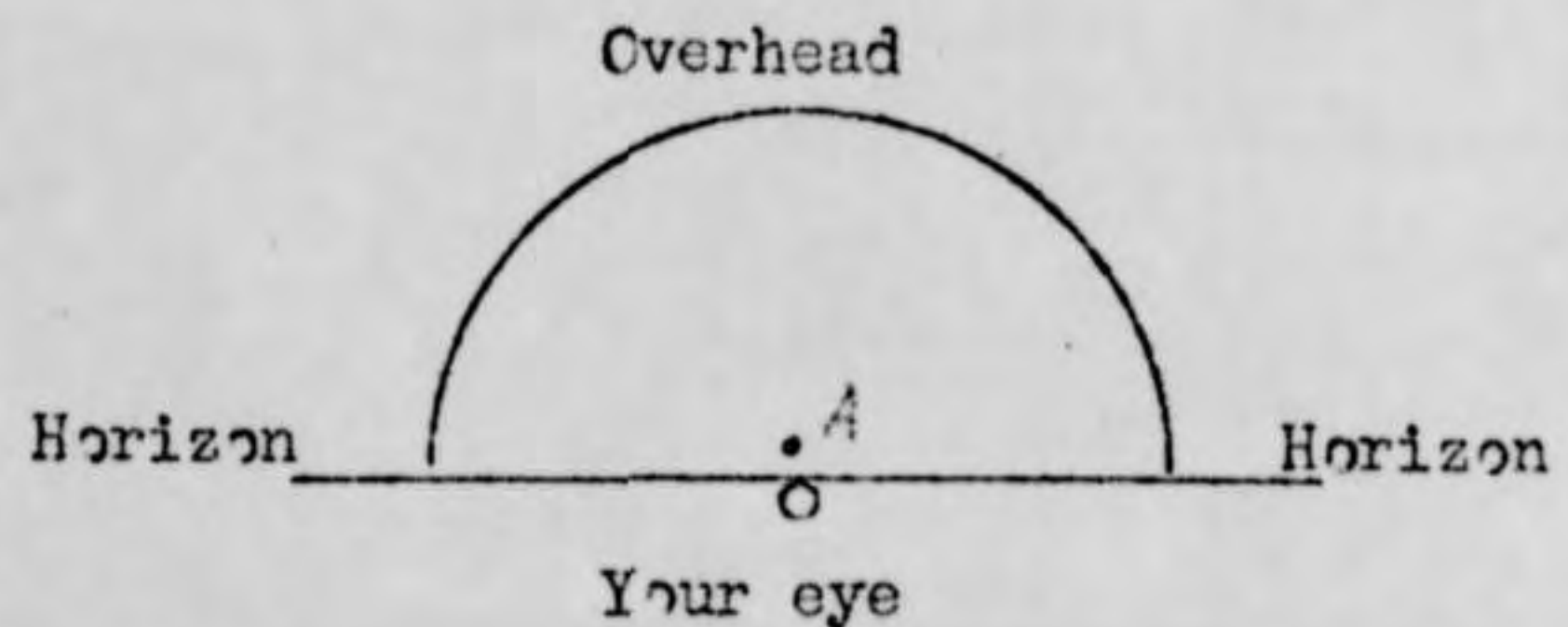
- ? (Circle One):
- | | |
|--------------|-------------------|
| a. Suddenly | c. Other _____ |
| b. Gradually | d. Don't remember |

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.

OBJECTS OSCILLATED 20° EACH SIDE OF SOUTH

FREQUENCY OF MOVEMENT EAST TO WEST
THROUGH 40° WAS 15 TO 20 SECONDS.

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.

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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? FIVE SIMILAR OBJECTS SIGHTED

AT PERKINS OBSERVATORY ON 29 JULY 52 BETWEEN
23:45 AND 23:50 HOURS.

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

AIRCRAFT

28. Give the following information about yourself:

NAME		
Last Name	First Name	Middle Name

ADD: [REDACTED] COLUMBUS
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

What is your present job? ASTRONOMER - WORKS FOR DOCTOR HYNEK

Age _____

Sex MALE

Last School Attended _____

Year of last attendance at this school _____

AFTER 28 AUG 52 - ADDRESS WILL BE :

DELAWARE, OHIO.

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:

DOCTOR ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ McMillin Observatory, Ohio State Univ.
MR. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ " " " " "

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

QUOTE:

RULE OUT ASTRONOMICAL POSSIBILITIES COMPLETELY,

ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN LIGHTS ATTACHED TO AIRCRAFT
OF SOME TYPE,

LIGHTS HAD NO HALO AND NO FUZZ,

YELLOW-BRIGHT LIGHT WAS OF MAGNITUDE
OF JUPITER BUT DIMINISHING INTERMITTENTLY
AND IRREGULARLY TO NOTHING,

RED LIGHT WAS FLASHING.

COLORS WERE MORE SPECIFICALLY YELLOWISH-ORANGE
(EXCEPT RED ONE).