

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 4 Sep 52		2. LOCATION Danville, California		12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1730 PDT CST		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☒ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Silver color. Circular shaped. Straight level maneuvers.				11. COMMENTS Sketchy report.	

8.1 What direction were you looking when the object disappeared?

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

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

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| a. <u>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):
- | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| a. Through window glass | e. Through theodolite |
| b. Through windshield | f. Through sunglasses |
| c. Through binoculars | g. <u>Through open space</u> |
| 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. <u>Scattered clouds</u> |
| 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. <u>Slight breeze</u> |
| c. Strong wind |
| d. Don't remember |

11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

- | |
|-------------------|
| a. Cold |
| b. <u>Cool</u> |
| c. Warm |
| d. Hot |
| e. Don't remember |

SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object?

<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>30</u>
Hours	Minutes	Seconds

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

- a. Certain
b. Fairly sure
c. Not very 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 METAL (SILVER)

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.

church building

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>COULDN'T TELL</u> |

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

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| a. <u>Certain</u> | 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? 15,000 feet.

20.2 How far was it from you? 15,000 feet or UNKNOWN miles.

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

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

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

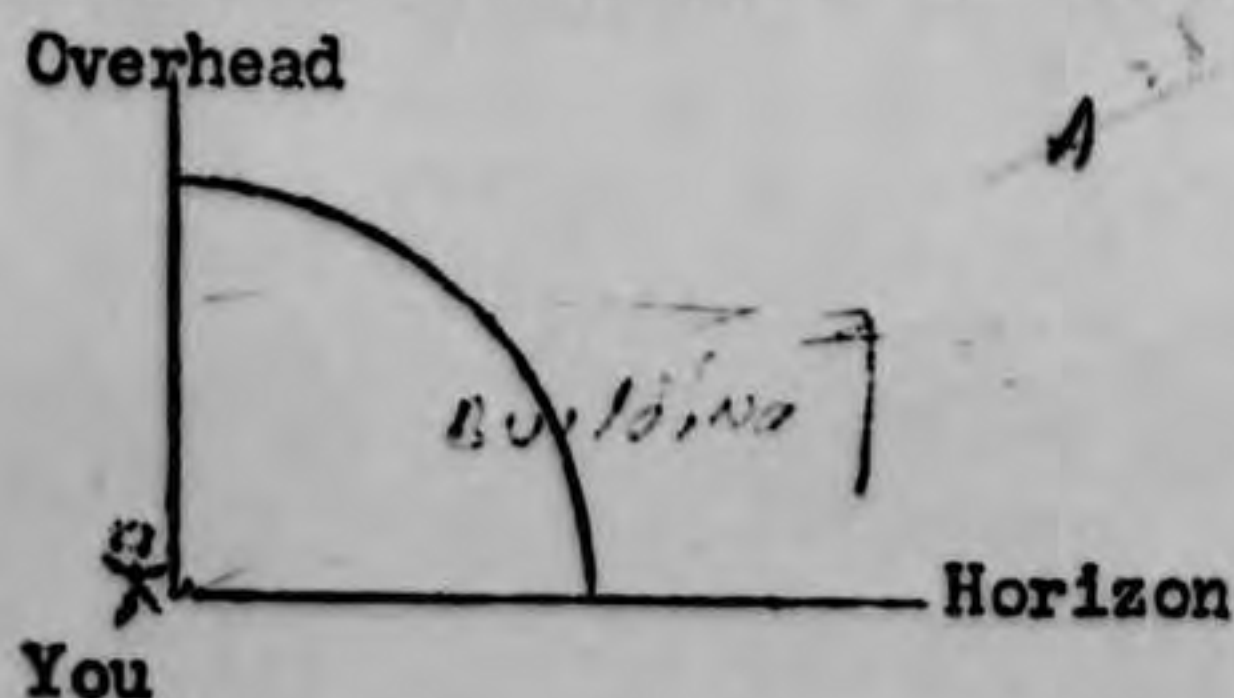
21. How did the object disappear from view?

(Circle One): a. Suddenly
b. Gradually

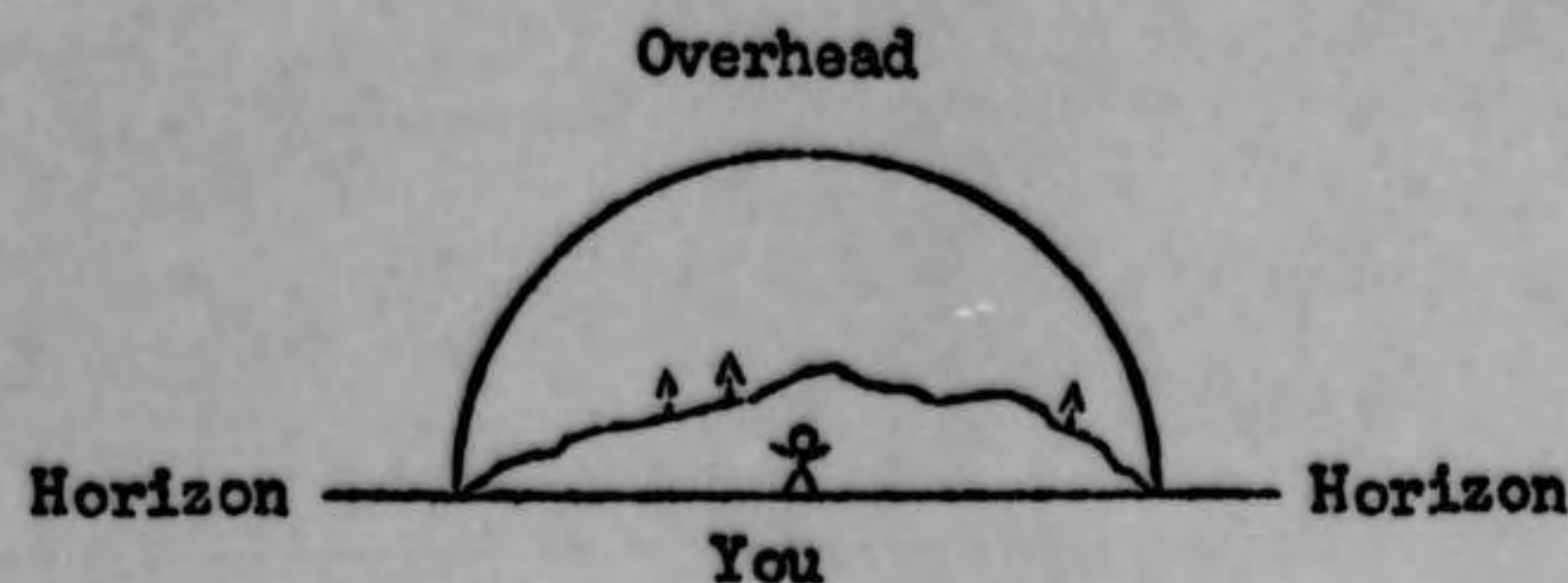
c. Other WENT BEHIND BUILDING
d. Don't remember

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 (skyline) when you first saw it. Place a "B" to show where it was when you last saw it.

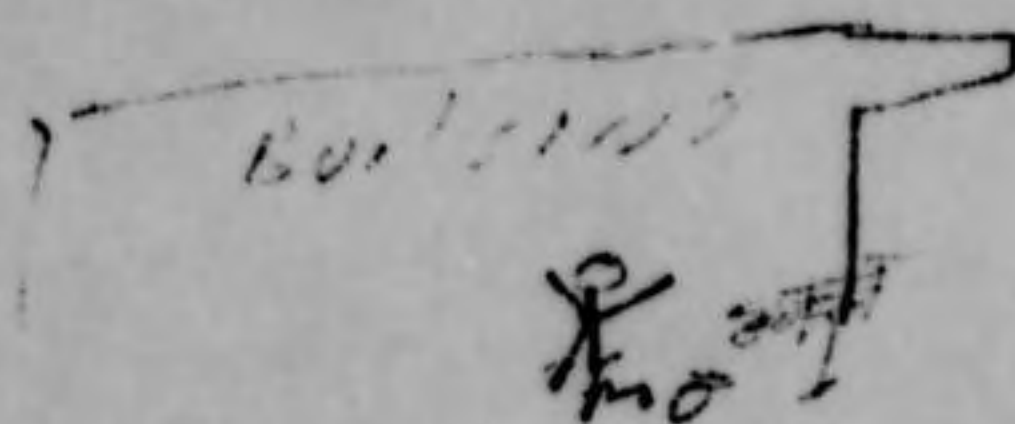


23. In the following sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you first saw it, and a "B" at its position when you last saw it.



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.

MT Diablo



Building

I WAS ABOUT 30
FEET FROM BUILDING

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.

REFLECTION OF
SUNLIGHT

SECTION E

26. Was this the first time that you have seen an object like this?

(Circle One): Yes or 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?

~~11111111~~ MAYBE A NEW-EXPERIMENTAL
AIRCRAFT

28. Give the following information about yourself:

NAME	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u>
	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
ADDRESS	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>DANVILLE</u>	<u>✓ CALIF</u>
	Street	City	Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

What is your present job? High School student

Age 15

Sex M

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:

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

HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

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TALLY NO.	
FILE NO.	24-135-17

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S); Sighting of Unidentified Aerial Object over Los Alamos, New Mexico, on 5 Sep 52 - SPECIAL INQUIRY

Topical Intelligence Division, Deputy Director for Estimates, Directorate of Intelligence, DCS/O

DATE 14 NOV 1952

FROM: Counter Intelligence Division
Directorate of Special Investigations, IG

COMMENT NO. 1

Capt Brown/fjm/AFCIS-6
Code 192/X-140

1. Forwarded herewith for your information is a copy of a report by the Office of Special Investigations at Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico, dated 21 October 1952, concerning the above subject.

2. The inclosure may be retained in your files.

1 Incl ✓
OSI rpt (DO 17) 21 Oct 52

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Lt. Colonel, USAF
Chief, Sabotage & Espionage Branch

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Los Alamos NM.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL SECURITY INFORMATION~~

DETAILS:

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1. This investigation opened at the direction of the District Commander, predicated upon information furnished by ~~██████████~~ Director, Security Division, Los Alamos Field Office, Atomic Energy Commission, Los Alamos, New Mexico, concerning the observation of an unidentified aerial object by ~~██████████~~

2. ~~██████████~~ Inspector, U.S. Atomic Energy Protective Force, Los Alamos, New Mexico, reported on 5 September 1952, that he had sighted an unidentified aerial object, round in shape and green in color, at 2137 hours on 5 September 1952, from his assigned station #320, Los Alamos, New Mexico. ~~██████████~~ reported the object approached his position from the North, proceeding downward to an elevation of about 15° above the horizon. ~~██████████~~ reported the object was visible to him for approximately three (3) seconds, disappearing into the South. No evidence of trail or exhaust reported by ~~██████████~~. ~~██████████~~ reported the object "blinked out" on its downward approach toward the horizon. ~~██████████~~ estimated the speed as "tremendous". ~~██████████~~ remarks were "not a conventional aircraft, too fast. It dived in a straight line, not an arc as free falling objects do".

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PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE <i>4 Sep 52</i>	2. LOCATION <i>Danville, Calif.</i>	3. TIME Local: <i>1730 PDT</i> Zebra: <i>051230</i>
4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND?		
☒ Yes ☒ Naked Eye ☐ Binoculars ☐ Telescope ☐ Theodolite		☐ No
5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR?		
☐ Yes ☐ By One Set. ☐ By Two Sets ☐ By Three Sets		☐ No
6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR?		
☐ Yes ☐ A/C Observed Object ☐ Interception Attempted ☐ No Intercept Attempted		☐ No
7. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT?		
☐ Yes ☐ A/C Scrambled ☐ Visual Contact Made ☐ A/I Contact Made ☐ No Contact Made		☐ No
8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME?		
☐ Yes ☐ Normal ☐ Violent		☐ No
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		<i>20 seconds</i>
11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address)		
<i>66, 28th Air Def Div. HAFB, Calif.</i>		

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED?		
<i>None</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 ☐ One Aircraft ☐ More Than One Aircraft		☐ No
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	

IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA?					☒ Yes		☐ No	
22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE:					310 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:	

P(ECT 10073 WEATHER DATA SHEET (

1. DATE OF OBSERVATION		2. TIME OF OBSERVATION		3. STATION OBSERVING	
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			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? (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:					

ACTION

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/ [REDACTED] / 28TH OI/9084 FLYOBRPT

1. ONE OBJECT, SILVER AND CIRCULAR, SIZE OF FTR. SPEED ESTIMATED AS FASTER THAN JET AIRCRAFT, NO SOUND.

2. 1730 PDT, 4 SEPT. 1952. SIGHTED FOR 30 SECONDS.

3. VISUALLY FROM GROUND.

4. OBSERVERS LOCATED 1 MILE EAST OF POST. P H 04 BLACK (PH0249), DANVILLE, CALIV. OBJECT LOCATED SOUTH OF PERSON SIGHTING OBJECT.

FLYING STRAIGHT AND LEVEL. ALT. NOT REPORTED.

5. OBSERVER WAS [REDACTED].

PHONE NO [REDACTED]

6. CLOUDY WINDS NORTH

7. NONE

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8. NONE

9. NONE .

10. NONE.

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AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO

11 September 1952

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Danville, 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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TENTATIVE
OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE

SECTION A

1. When did you see the object? *ep*

1.1 Date: 4 9 52
Day Month Year

1.2 Time of Day: 5 50 ~~A.M.~~ or P.M. (Circle One)
Hrs. Min.

1.3 Time Zone: (Circle One):

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

- d. Pacific *Daylight Savings*
- 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 were you when you saw the object:

Danville Community Church

Postal Address

DANVILLE
City or Town

CALIF
State

CONTRACOSTA
Country

Additional Remarks: _____

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 *SPARSELY POPULATED AREA*

4. How did you happen to notice the object?

Saw the
sun's reflection ^{glaring} off of the metal hull

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

4 7 1952
Day Month Year

SECTION B

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

OBSERVING

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.

OBSERVING + REFLECTION SINCE
4:10

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 looking when you first saw the object?

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