

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 27 Jan 53 28/0234Z	2. LOCATION Tucson, Arizona
3. SOURCE Airman and wife	10. CONCLUSION Astro (METEOR)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15 Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Round white object followed by a reddish-white trail traveled a high rate of speed. COMMENTS: The described object has all the characteristics of a meteor, except for a relatively long period of sighting (1 min), however, observer's wife states it was in view 15 seconds only.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Southwest	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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43rd Bomb Wing, Intelligence Division

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1. At approximately 19:34, MST, 27 January 1953, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], of the 63rd Bomb Squadron, 43rd Bomb Wing, Medium, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base and his wife Mrs [REDACTED], Tucson, Arizona, observed an unidentified flying object traveling in a general Southwest direction. The object was traveling at a high rate of speed and appeared to trail a rocket-type exhaust. (See diagram). The object appeared round, brilliant white in color and larger than the largest star in the sky. There was no discernible propulsion noise. [REDACTED] states the object disappeared in about one minute after traveling through about 30 degrees of arc. It faded from view as if due to great distance.

2. Significance - Unknown.

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1. The object observed by S/Sgt [REDACTED] and his wife was round, brilliant white in color and trailed a what seemed to be luminous rocket-type exhaust gases. The object was traveling at one altitude (unestimated by the observer) and appeared to be traveling four to five times faster than a modern jet fighter aircraft. There were no propulsion or exhaust noises and the object seemed to disappear due to distance after about one minute of observation.

The luminous trail of the object appeared to vary in length. The color of the exhaust from the object to about three times the length of the object in trail, appeared reddish white and solid. (See diagram). From point #1 (in diagram) to point #2, the exhaust appeared to thin out assume a flame colored hue and was spaced at short intervals much like rocket exhaust. (See diagram).

There were no apparent flight control surfaces or silhouette and the object accomplished no maneuvers other than straight line travel from Northwest to Southeast.

2. Time sighted: 19:34 MST 27 January 1953

Length of sighting: Approximately one (1) minute ← long for meteor

3. Manner of observation: Visual only

but since all other factors point toward a meteor he probably was right.

4. Location of observer: [REDACTED] Tucson, Arizona

5. Identifying information on observer:

S/Sgt [REDACTED] has had 4 years and 8 months of Military Service with 2 years and 6 months on flying status. He is a high school graduate with some college credits, seems to be of average intelligence. Although, Sergeant [REDACTED] wears glasses for reading, his eyes checked 20/20 on his last physical examination. Sergeant [REDACTED] is well thought of by his superiors and contemporaries and is of above average reliability.

6. Weather and Wind Conditions: Weather - Clear Visibility 50 miles

Temperature 60° Humidity 40° Dew Point 36° WNW 12 knots

Wind at 20:00 MST

1505/1404/41103/1403/62103/2707

83119/3123/03024/22530/42445

62448/82535/02439/52443/02354

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7. Activities or Meteorological conditions accounting for sighting: None

8. Physical evidence of sighting: None

9. Interception or Identification action taken: None

10. Comments of Preparing Officer:

S/Sgt [REDACTED] appeared to be of excellent character and seemed sincere during the rendition of his report. He has never seen a similar object and although he does not know what he saw, he is certain it was not a meteorological or astronomical phenomenon.

S/Sgt [REDACTED]'s training as a gunner qualifies him as a competent observer.

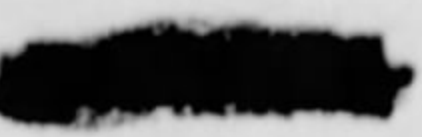

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Mrs.  observed generally the same thing Sergeant  saw, however, due to near-sightedness was not able to observe this object for more than 15 seconds after sighting it.

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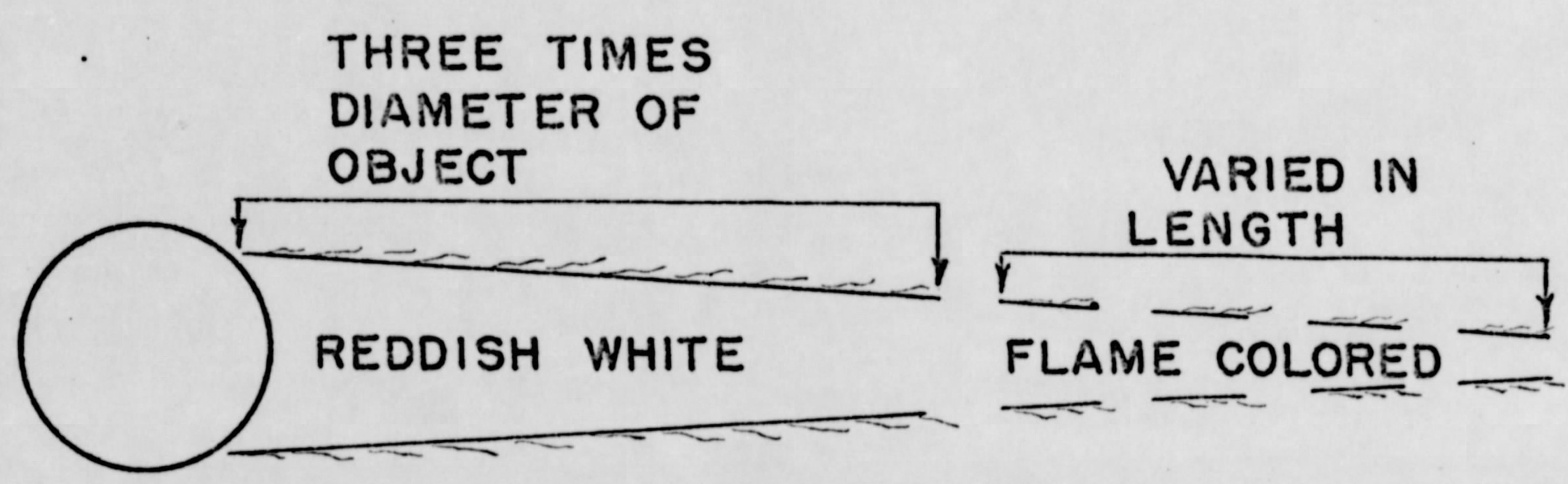
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