

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 28 Jan 53 1852Z 28/1955		2. LOCATION 2020Z Stuttgart, Germany	
3. SOURCE AF Pilot		10. CONCLUSION Astro (1. VENUS 2. DENEK) 1. Dr. Hynek evaluates as Venus. 2. Star Deneb	
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Two			
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1st-10 Min. 2nd-15 Min.		11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Bright white object green around the edges was observed traveling same direction as C-47 (300°) at same altitude. Then object dived approx 1000' at about 75° angle & climbed perpendicular to its original position. Another similar object appeared & was observed approx 15 min. COMMENTS: 1. The object's maneuvers were similar to that of Venus. 2. It is believed that objects were astronomical bodies. 3. Extract of this document is being sent to Dr. Hynek for his comments.	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Air-Visual			
7. COURSE Northwest			
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No			
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No			

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COUNTRY Germany	REPORT NO. ATI-527-53	(LEAVE BLANK) AF 540651
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT "FLYOBREP"		(Page 1 of 2 Pages)
AREA REPORTED ON Germany/ West Zone	FROM (Agency) Hq, USAFE, ATI Branch	
DATE OF REPORT 5 March 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 28 Jan 53	EVALUATION A-1
PREPARED BY (Officer) GERALD M. JONES, Capt.		SOURCE Lt. Col. M.O. Mitchell & Major D.W. Pearsall
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AF Letter 200-5, PIR-60W-1-53		

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.)

1. The information contained in this report concerns the sighting by two USAF officers of an unidentified flying object near Frankfurt/Main, Germany on 28 January 1953. The officers, Lt. Col. Max O. Mitchell and Major David W. Pearsall, both members of the ATI Branch, are rated pilots and have been on flying status for several years. They are considered to be exceptionally reliable.

2. Information concerning their experience is presented in reproduced copies of the U. S. Air Force Technical Information Sheet attached as Inclosures 1 and 2. Immediately after the sighting Lt. Col. Mitchell wrote on a blank AF Form 1 a description of the event. This description, a good summary of the sighting, is quoted verbatim in order to prevent any misstatement of facts surrounding the incident.

"On the night of 28 January 1953 at 1952 hours I observed the following phenomena. We were on top of an overcast at 7500 ft. flying on a heading of 0°. Visibility was for all practical purposes unlimited. Temperature was 5° C. I sighted a very bright light passing in front of us at a slight (45°) elevation above us from our left to right. I called Major Pearsall's attention to the light and we both watched it move to our right simultaneously remarking that the light was moving at an extremely high rate of speed. In a few seconds it turned to the North (very high acceleration turn evidently) and then turned again in front of us climbing slightly until it was directly ahead of us again, where it seemed to linger. The light was judged at that time to be 8-10 miles ahead of us. Then the light made several violent maneuvers from just above the horizon to 15° above the horizon. Then it paused for a few seconds, made several more maneuvers (as though in a dogfight) and then disappeared at a very high rate of speed to the North. We reported this phenomena to Frankfurt airways and Cornbeef. The object was in sight for only a total of approximately 1-1/2 minutes. I held a heading of 0° all of this time."

3. It has come to the attention of the reporting officer that an unidentified flying object was sighted at about the same time and location by another USAF officer. This sighting was reported in PIR-60W-1-53, dated 30 January 1953, from the 60th Troop Carrier Wing, Medium at Rhein Main AF Base, Frankfurt/Main Germany.

4. The 1900 hours Zebra weather reported at Rhein Main Air Base was:

- a. No precipitation
- b. 8/8 stratocumulus cloud coverage, base 3000 ft., tops 8000 ft., 3/8 stratus cloud coverage at 1200 ft., scatter clouds at 20,000 ft.

2 INCLS.

1. U.S. AF Tech Info Sht - Lt. Col. Mitchell
2. U.S. AF Tech Info Sht - Major Pearsall

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- c. Ground visibility - 7 NM
- d. Winds: At surface - 250° at 26 knots
5000 ft. - 300° at 10 knots
10000 ft. - 300° at 55 knots
- e. Surface temperature 6° C
Dew point 4° C
- f. Temperature at each 1000 ft. to 10,000 ft.
 - 2000 ft. - 3° C
 - 3000 ft. - 2° C
 - 4000 ft. - 3° C
 - 5000 ft. - 1° C
 - 6000 ft. - 0° C
 - 7000 ft. - -1° C
 - 8000 ft. - -2° C
 - 9000 ft. - -3° C
 - 10000 ft. - -4° C

5. A check with Frankfurt Flight Service revealed the information that no jet aircraft were operating in the vicinity of Rhein Main at the sighting. However, other C-47 were flying in the vicinity.

6. This information will be of interest to the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

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U-3. AIR FORCE GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SHEET

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U. S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified object. Please answer the questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes. It will be regarded as confidential material. Your name will not be used in connection with the object. If you wish, you may request this personal information to be destroyed at any time. We request this personal information to be destroyed at any time. We request this personal information to be destroyed at any time.

1. When did you see the object?

2. Time of day: 14 21
Hour Minute
(Circle one): AM or PM

28 JAN 1953
Day Month Year

3. How close?

(Circle one): a. Far b. Central c. Mountain d. Close e. Other VERY CLOSE (OVER THE PLANE)

(Circle one): a. Distant b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

FRANKFURT, GERMANY
City or town State or country

FRANKFURT, GERMANY
Additional Remarks

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

Hours 1 Minutes 25

6. Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.

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

7. What was the condition of the sky?

(Circle one): a. Bright daylight b. Just a trace of daylight c. Full daylight d. No trace of daylight e. Bright twilight f. Don't remember

NO TRACE OF DAYLIGHT

8. If you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DARK, where was the sun located as you looked at the object?

(Circle one): a. In front of you b. To your left c. In back of you d. Overhead e. To your right f. Don't remember

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8. If you saw the object at NIGHT, DAWN, or DUSK, what did you notice concerning the color and size?

8.1 Stars (circle one):

- a. None
☒ b. A few
 c. Many
 d. Don't remember

8.2 Moon (circle one):

- ☒ a. Bright moonlight
 b. Not moonlight
 c. No moonlight - pitch dark
 d. Don't remember

9. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky?

(Circle one): ☒ a. Yes ☐ b. No ☐ c. Don't remember

10. If it was BRIGHTER than the sky background, was the brightness like that of an automobile headlight?

- (Circle one): ☐ a. A mile or more away (a distant car)
☒ b. Several blocks away
 c. Right in front
 d. Several feet away
 e. Other

11. Did the object:

(Circle one for each question)

- | | |
|---|--|
| a. Appear to start still at any time | ☒ a. Don't know |
| b. Suddenly drop or rush away at any time | ☒ b. Don't know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode | ☒ c. Don't know |
| d. Give off smoke | ☒ d. Don't know |
| e. Produce brightness | ☒ e. Don't know |
| f. Change shape | ☒ f. Don't know |
| g. Emit any sound or vibration | ☒ g. Don't know |

12. Did the object move behind something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle one): ☐ a. Yes ☒ b. Don't know ☐ c. If you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind:

13. Did the object move in front of something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle one): ☐ a. Yes ☒ b. Don't know ☐ c. If you answered YES, then tell what it moved in front of:

14. Did the object appear (circle one): ☐ a. Solid ☐ b. Transparent

☒ c. Don't know (ONLY BRIGHT LIGHT)

15. Did you observe the object through any of the following:

- | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| a. Eyeglasses | Yes ☒ | b. Binoculars | Yes ☒ |
| c. Sun glasses | Yes ☒ | d. Telescope | Yes ☒ |
| e. Window glass | Yes ☒ | f. Other | Yes ☐ |

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15. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

a. Sound

b. Color

Bright greenish light

16. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Also include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially engine trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

SAW NO OBJECT - ONLY LINGERING
SOURCE OF LIGHT

17. The edges of the object were:

(Circle one)

a.

Fuzzy or blurred

b.

Like a bright star

c.

Sharply outlined

d.

Don't remember

e. Other

Like a bright star

18. 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 that they were traveling.

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20. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object made. Place "A" at the beginning of the path, "B" at the end of the path, and show any change in direction during the course.



21. Describe the course of the object. What size of the object was in its longest dimension? Circle 5 inches 5 inch circle

22. How large did the object or objects appear as compared with one of the following objects held in the hand and at about arm's length?

- | | | |
|---------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| (Circle One): | a. Head of a pin | e. Silver dollar |
| | b. Pen | f. Baseball <u>(Circled)</u> |
| | c. Dime | g. Basketball |
| | d. Nickel | h. Other |
| | e. Quarter | |
| | f. Half dollar | |

22.1 (Circle One of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to question 22.)

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| a. Certain | c. Not very sure |
| b. Fairly certain | d. Uncertain |

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? SEEN TO FC

GOING AWAY AT RAPID SPEED - LIGHT ENDED AWAY

24. If asked that you can give us a picture as possible of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could compare the object with you saw. Of what type material would you make it? How large would it be? What shape would it have? Describe in your own words a common object or objects which when placed up in the sky would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

CONCENTRATED, BRIGHT LIGHT WITH A TOUCH OF FLUORESCENCE

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25. 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. A ship
- f. Other

26. Where 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 a body of water
- g. Other FLYING OVER THE

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you become aware of it? FLYING IN FRONT OF THE PLANE FAST TRACK

100 IN FRONT OF US (SEE PAGE 26)

28. If you were driving in an automobile or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions 649

28.1 What direction were you traveling? (Circle one)

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

28.2 How fast were you traveling? 150 miles per hour

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

(Circle one) Yes ☐ No ☒

29. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object? (Circle one)

- | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | c. East | e. South | g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the object? (Circle one)

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

31. If you are familiar with bearing lines (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

31.1 When it first appeared:

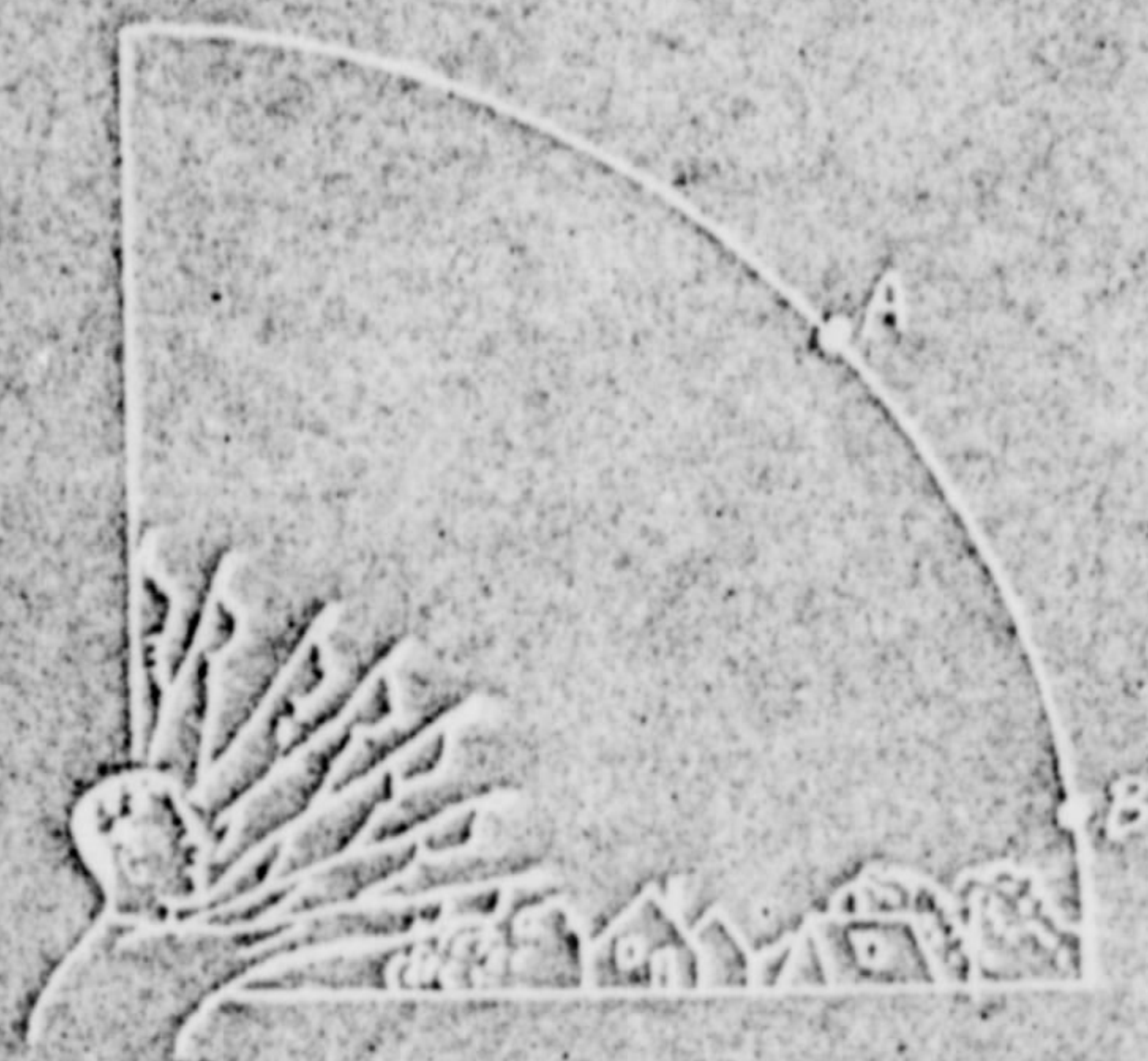
- a. From true North 150 degrees
- b. From horizon 25 degrees

31.2 When it disappeared:

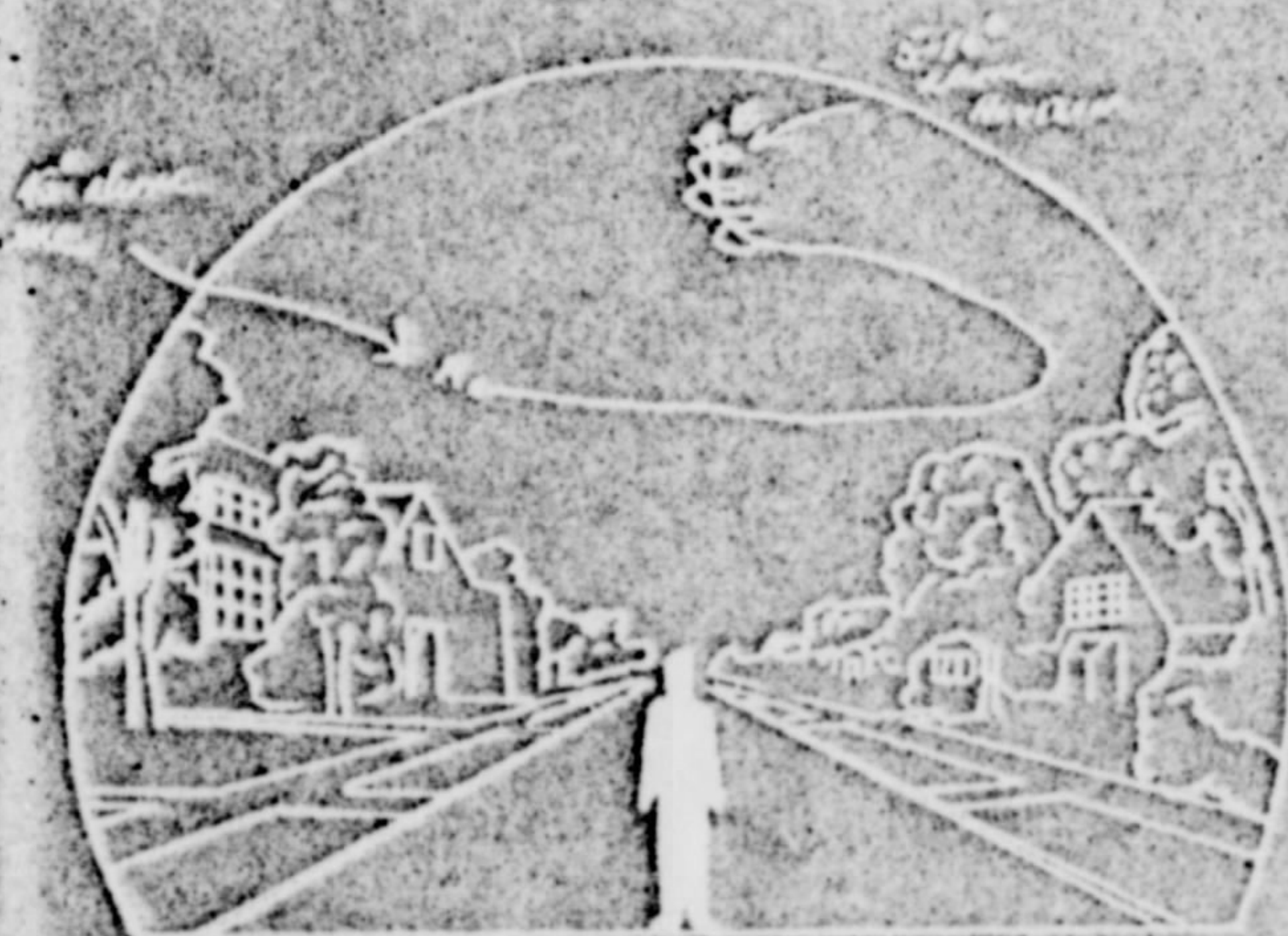
- a. From true North 25 degrees
- b. From horizon 150 degrees

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22. In the following sketch, imagine that you are 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" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you last saw it.



23. In the following larger 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. Refer to smaller sketch as an example of how to complete the larger sketch.



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24. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

24.1 Clouds (Circle one)

- ☒ Clear sky (No clouds)
- ☐ Partly cloudy
- ☐ Scattered clouds
- ☐ Thin or heavy clouds
- ☐ Don't remember

24.2 Wind (Circle one)

- ☐ No wind
- ☐ Light breeze
- ☒ Strong wind
- ☐ Don't remember

24.3 Humidity (Circle one)

- ☐ Dry
- ☐ Very moist or light rain
- ☐ Moderate or heavy rain
- ☐ Snow
- ☐ Don't remember

24.4 Temperature (Circle one)

- ☒ Cold + 5° or below
- ☐ Cool
- ☐ Warm
- ☐ Hot
- ☐ Don't remember

4. UNKNOWN

25. How did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

25.1 BY

25.2 BY

25.3 BY

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

(Circle one)

☒ Yes

No

26.1 If you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle one)

☒ Yes

No

26.2 Please list their names and addresses:

[Redacted names and addresses]

27. Was this the first time that you had seen an object or objects like this?

(Circle one)

☒ Yes

No

27.1 If you answered NO, about when, where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?

[Blank lines for answer]

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

UNKNOWN - Too far away to identify for sure. Could have been a satellite or some kind of aircraft. Not sure. It was not very bright. It was not very fast. It was not very high. It was not very low. It was not very far. It was not very close. It was not very far. It was not very close. It was not very far. It was not very close.

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29. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle one)

Yes

No

If you answered YES, what speed would you estimate?

30. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle one)

Yes

No

If you answered YES, how far away would you say it was?

31. Please give the following information about yourself.

NAME

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

ADDRESS

HAUSKEE - A

NY

NY

CITY

[REDACTED]

NY

NY

CHARACTER OF BUSINESS

What is your present job? *Asst. Dir. of Police - New York City*

Age

32

Sex

M

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school

✓

b. Technical school

✓

c. High school

✓

d. College

✓

e. Post graduate

✓

f. Other special training

✓

32. Have you completed this questionnaire?

Yes

No

Yes

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U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION CENTER
(SUMMARY DATA)

In order that your information may be filed and coded as accurately as possible, please use the following space to write out a short description of the event observed. Do not repeat information that you have already given in the questionnaire, and add any further comments, statements, or questions that may be of interest. To present the details of the observation in the order in which they occurred, additional pages of the same type paper may be attached if they are needed.

NAME: [REDACTED] (Please print) Do not write in this space

SIGNATURE: [REDACTED] CDS

DATE: [REDACTED]

Immediately after the object was sighted and observed I wrote on a piece of the aircraft form the following statement. It is recognized that the statement could be in better form but purposely no change has been made in order to prevent any misstatement of the facts surrounding the incident.

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U. S. AIR FORCE - TECHNICAL INVESTIGATION BOARD

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U. S. Air Force the information as possible concerning the unidentified object. Please answer the questions as fully as you can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes and will be treated as confidential material. Your name will not be used in connection with this information, conclusions, or publications without your permission. To request this personal information to change, if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object?

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Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 19 52
Hour Minute

(Circle one): A.P. or C.P.

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3. The route:

(Circle one): a. Pattern
b. Random
c. Mountain
d. Parade
e. Other Central Europe

(Circle one): a. Daylight b. Starlight
c. Starlight

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

Frankfort / Main

City or town

Germany

State or country

Altitude: Flying approx. 4 miles North of Rhein/Main
main range of 1500 ft. Flight above overcast

5. Estimate how long you saw the object:

Hours: 1 22 Minutes

5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5:

C Certain Not very sure
b. Fairly certain c. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

Clear Sky - Moon & stars shining brightly

(Circle one): a. Bright daylight b. Just a trace of daylight
c. Dull daylight d. No trace of daylight
e. Bright twilight f. Don't remember

7. If you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DARK, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle one): a. In front of you b. To your left
c. In back of you d. Overhead
e. To your right f. Don't remember

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8. IF YOU SAW THE OBJECT AT NIGHT, DUSK, OR DAWN, WHAT DID YOU NOTICE CONCERNING THE SHAPE AND COLOR?

8.1 SHAPE (Circle One):

- ☒ None
☐ A few
☐ Many
☐ Don't remember

8.2 COLOR (Circle One):

- ☒ Bright reddish
☐ Dark reddish
☐ Reddish-brown - pitch dark
☐ Don't remember

9. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky?

(Circle One): ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't remember

10. IF IT WAS BRIGHTER THAN THE SKY BACKGROUND, WAS THE BRIGHTNESS LIKE THAT OF AN AUTOMOBILE HEADLIGHTS?

(Circle One): ☐ 1 mile or more away (a distant car)
☒ Several blocks away
☐ A block away
☐ Several - close by
☐ Other

11. How did object:

(Circle one for each question)

- a. Appear to stand still at any time? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know
b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know
c. Break up into pieces or explode? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Don't know
d. Give off smoke? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Don't know
e. Change brightness? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know
f. Change shape? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Don't know
g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Don't know

12. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Don't know IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind:

13. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Don't know IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved in front of:

14. Did the object appear (Circle One): a. Solid? b. Transparent?

Only as a steady white light ☒ Don't know

15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

- a. Eyeglasses ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Don't know
b. Sun glasses ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Don't know
c. Microscope ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Don't know
d. Binoculars ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Don't know
e. Hides glass ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Don't know
f. Binoculars ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Don't know
g. Telescope ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Don't know
h. Microscope ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Don't know
i. Other

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

a. Sound Heard none within 500 yds.

b. Color Bright white light

17. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially indicate level or vertical tracks. Place an arrow below the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

Sketch
Only saw brilliant white light whose size appeared to decrease constantly, as any light would, as it moved rapidly away from you.

18. The edges of the object were:

(Circle one)

a. Fuzzy or blurred

b. Other _____

☒ c. Like a bright star

d. Sharply outlined

e. Don't remember

19. If there was more than one object, draw how many were there one and draw a picture of how they were arranged. Also put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

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20. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object made. Place an arrow at the beginning of the path, and at the end of the path, and show any change in direction during the course.



21. If possible, try to guess or estimate what the true size of the object was in its largest dimension. Can't estimate Can't see it Can't see it

22. How large did the object or objects appear as compared with one of the following objects held in the hand and at about arm's length?

- (Circle one): ☒ Head of a pin or smaller ☐ Like a ball of red wax
☐ P.B. ☐ Silver dollar
☐ Dime ☐ Baseball
☐ Nickel ☐ Paper ball
☐ Quarter ☐ Basketball
☐ Half dollar ☐ Other

23. Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22.

- ☒ Certain ☐ Not very sure
☐ Fairly certain ☐ Uncertain

24. How did the object or objects disappear from view? It was moving at high speed

25. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could construct the object that you saw. Of what type material would you make it? How large would it be, and what shape would it have? Describe in your own words a common object or objects which when placed up in the sky could give the same appearance as this object which you saw.

At first I thought it was a brilliant tail light on an airplane passing much too close to us. Looked like brilliant star, but larger, when it apparently passed close by.

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25. 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

26. 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 over an area
- ☒ e. flying over a city
- ☒ f. flying over open country
- ☒ g. Other Flying over an area

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you know it was the object? (Circle one)

Flaming Southern heading of North. Object
traced out by radar Mitchell as it appeared to be coming
from direction.

28. If you were moving in an airplane or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

28.1. What direction were you flying? (Circle one)

- ☒ a. North
- b. Northeast
- c. East
- d. Southeast
- e. South
- f. Southwest
- g. West
- h. Northwest

28.2. How fast were you moving? 150 miles per hour.

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

(Circle one) Yes ☒ No

29. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object? (Circle one)

- ☒ a. North
- b. Northeast
- c. East
- d. Southeast
- e. South
- f. Southwest
- g. West
- h. Northwest

30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the object? (Circle one)

- ☒ a. North
- b. Northeast
- c. East
- d. Southeast
- e. South
- f. Southwest
- g. West
- h. Northwest

31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

31.1. When it first appeared:

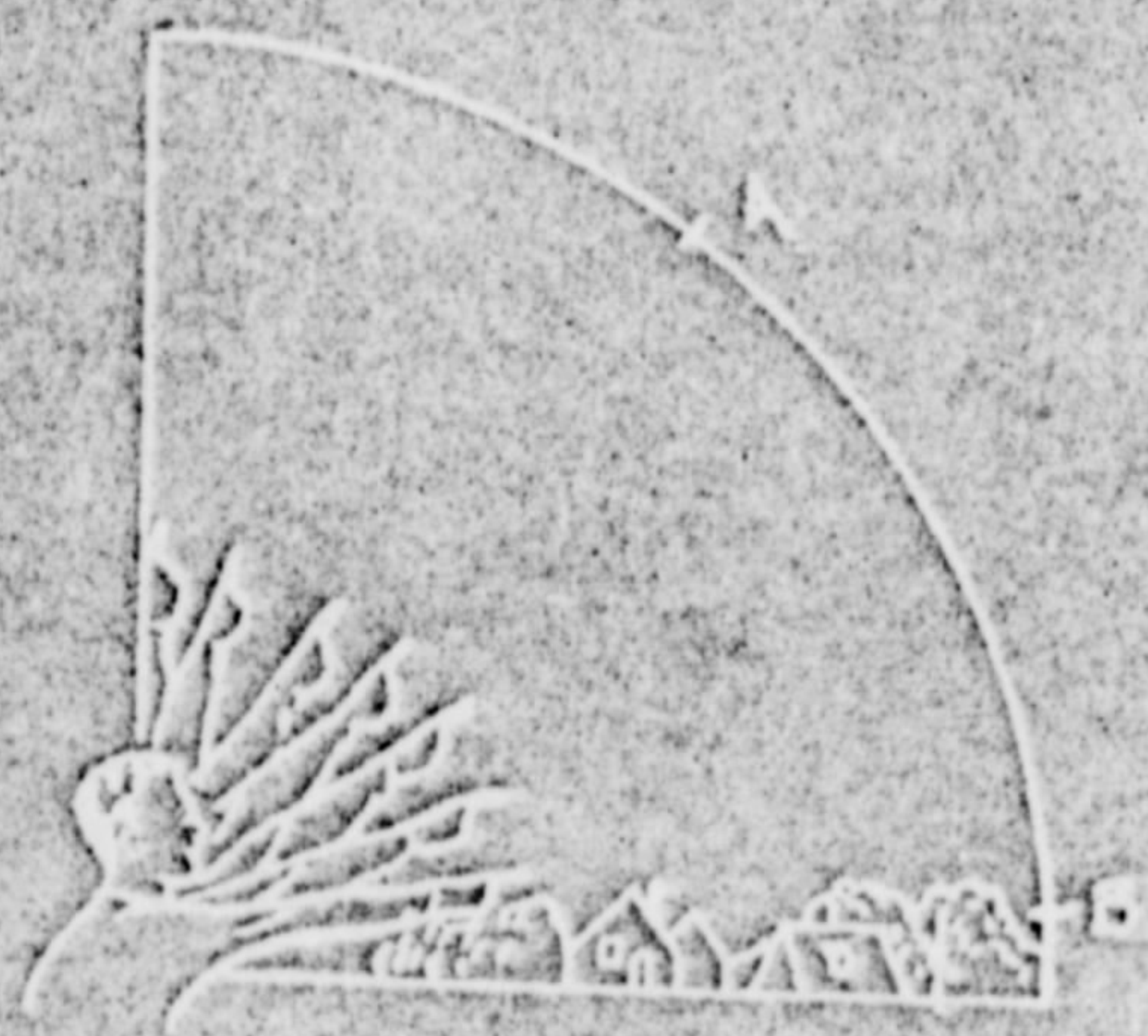
- a. From true North 10 degrees East
- b. From horizon 50 degrees

31.2. When it disappeared:

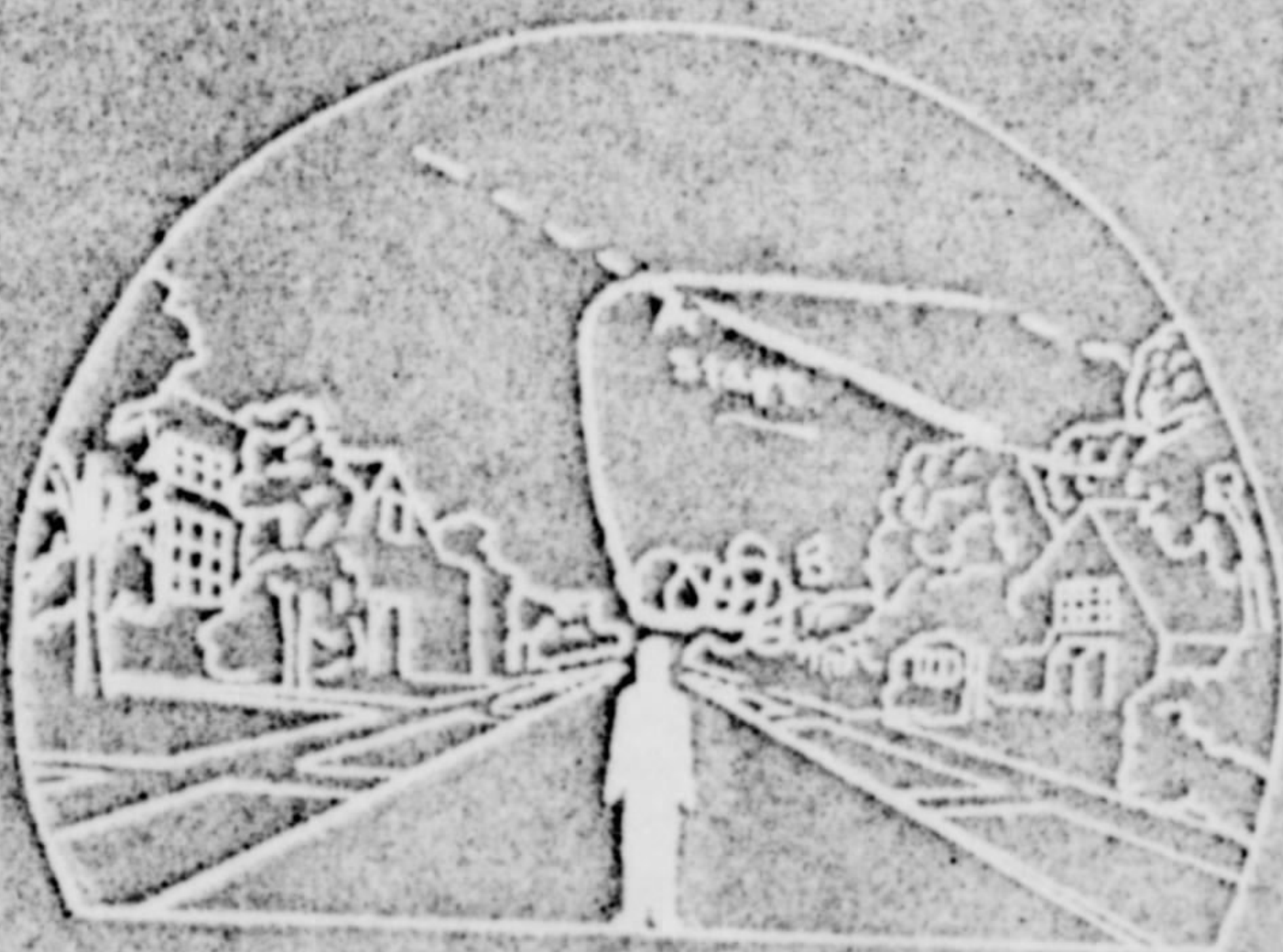
- a. From true North 25 degrees
- b. From horizon 5-10 degrees

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22. In the following sketch, assuming that you are 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" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you last saw it.



23. In the following larger 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. Refer to smaller sketch as an example of how to complete the larger sketch.



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24. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

24.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

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

24.2 WIND (Circle One)

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

24.3 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

- a. Hot
- b. Cool, mild, or pleasant
- c. Moderate or bearable
- d. Cold
- e. Don't remember

24.4 HUMIDITY (Circle One)

- a. Cold 4-5° C @ 7500 ft.
- b. Cool 10-15° C @ 7500 ft.
- c. Warm 20-25° C @ 7500 ft.
- d. Hot 30-35° C @ 7500 ft.
- e. Don't remember

To fill in the correct

by hand

25. What did you report to some official, post you saw the object?

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Immediately by radio to radar

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

(Circle One)

☒ Yes

No

26.1 If you answered "Yes", did they see the object too?

(Circle One)

☒ Yes

No

26.2 Please list their names and addresses:

[Redacted names and addresses]

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27. Was this the first time that you had seen an object or objects like this?

(Circle One)

☒ Yes

No

27.1 If you answered "No", when, where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?

NOTE: In connection with question 26

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

Don't know. Light moved apparently at great speeds (gaged by great angular rate of change and rapid fading of light as it moved away in front of our airplane). Light moved very slowly (gaged by failure of light to continue fading and long time lagging apparently motionless). Light moved through angular accelerations impossible for conventional aircraft (particularly in oscillations just above

13. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle one) Yes ☒ No ☐ but if you consider it a ballistic motion or a differential airplane
If you answered YES, what speed would you estimate? 2000 mph

14. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle one) Yes ☐ No ☒ but if so, what

If you answered YES, what how far away would you say it was? 1000
10000 feet

15. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Last name First name Middle name

ADDRESS [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Street City State Zip

TELEPHONE NUMBER

What is your present job? Air Technical Liaison Officer

Age 34 Sex Male

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had:

a. Grade school	☐	b. Technical school	☐
c. High school	☒	d. (None)	☐
e. College	☒	f. Other special training	☐
g. Post graduate	<u>MS AF</u>	h. University of <u>Michigan</u>	☐
		i. Year course in <u>public address</u>	☐

16. How long has it been since you completed this questionnaire? 24 51 53
Days Months Years

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(SUMMARY DATA)

In order that your information may be filed and coded as accurately as possible, please use the following space to write out a short description of the event that you observed. You may refer to the information that you have already given in the questionnaire, and add any additional comments, observations, or details that you believe are important. Try to present the details of the observation in the order in which they occurred. Additional pages of the same size paper may be attached, if they are needed.

NAME	[REDACTED]	(Do Not Write in this Space)
UNIT	[REDACTED]	C005
DATE	24 Jul 1965	

On the night of 24 January 1965 at 1950 hours, I was flying as pilot of a C-47 aircraft at 7000 ft MSL above a solid overcast. Moon top was approximately 6500 ft. Visibility was for all practical purposes unlimited by the very thin haze. The aircraft was flying on a heading of 180 degrees, and was making a rough check on the wind direction and velocity using a drift indicator. At 1950 hours, Lt. Col. Mitchell, the copilot, called my attention to a light appearing in front of the aircraft and heading in from the south. When I saw the light it was almost directly in front and at an angle of approximately 50 degrees above the horizon. I noted that it appeared to be very bright and pulsing quite close to me. At first I thought it was a bright star, but as it continued to move closer, I became convinced it was an aircraft. I looked down for a moment and when I saw the light again it was above and slightly to the east and heading north. It gradually changed its course to almost directly north. All of this movement was made at extremely high speed. At this time the movement of the light had been in fairly straight line similar to that which I would expect of a high speed aircraft, but now the motion became erratic. (Lt. Col. Mitchell later told me of the high acceleration which caused our aircraft which I did not see.) It began to oscillate in a series of motions somewhat similar to a "W" or "M" shape. However, the speeds and accelerations involved were far beyond that of which any conventional aircraft or pilot is capable. At this time, approximately two minutes after having seen it, a second unusual maneuver was accomplished between about 20 and 10 degrees above the horizon and within a horizontal arc of approximately 10 degrees. The horizon and the light were clearly visible at all times. Following the "W" motion of the light, the light appeared to move steadily and came into the direction of North. It was just at this time that our five minute flight was finished and we turned to a heading of 180 degrees. As the "W" maneuver of the light was finished we called "Brace" and after five minutes check of the area, before our landing was completed the light faded away. Radar reported no jet or unusually fast aircraft in the area.

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Date: 28 January 53

L.C.T.: 9:20 pm

Location: _____

Stuttgart, Germany

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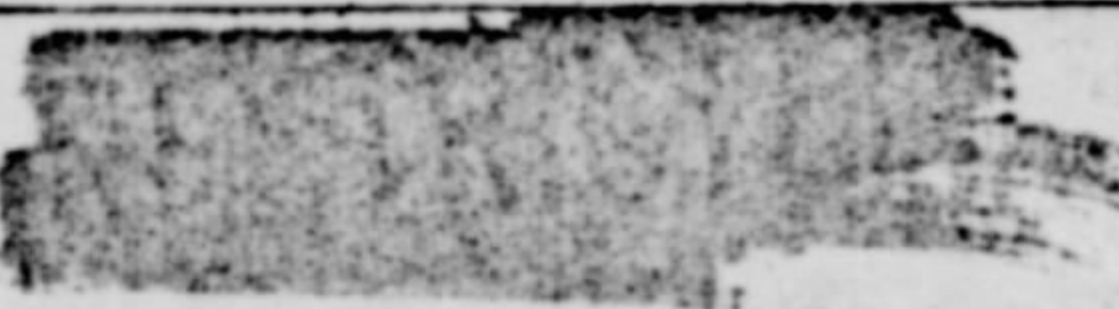
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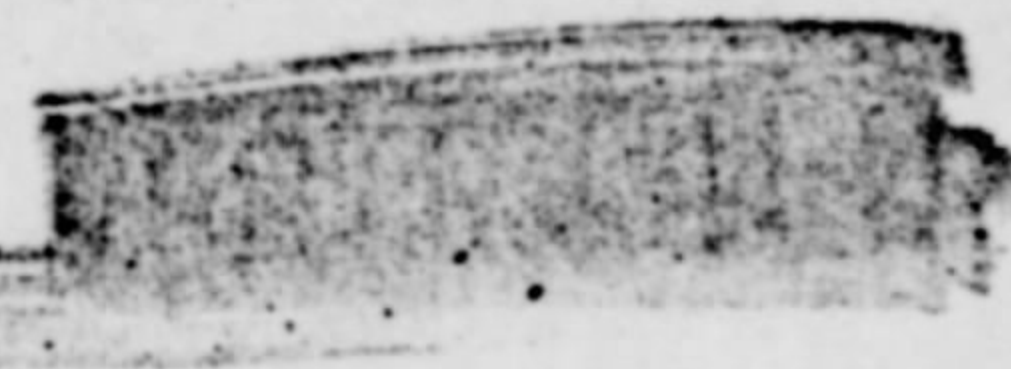
REMARKS:

Most probably Venus

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Frankfurt/Main, Germany, 28 Jan 53, ATIC Document 111619

Air-visual sighting by two USAF pilots flying a C-47 over this locality state that both pilots sighted a very bright light passing in front of them at an elevation of about 45° moving from their left to right. Appeared to be moving at a very high rate of speed. In a few seconds it turned to the North and then turned again in front of the observers, climbing slightly until it was directly ahead of them, where it seemed to linger and then go out of sight. The object was sighted for a total of approximately 1 1/2 minutes. The pilot was on a heading of 0° during the entire period of sighting. Weather was clear with a slight temperature inversion between 3 to 4,000'. A check with the Frankfurt Flight Service by the pilots revealed the information that no jet aircraft were operating in the vicinity of Rhein Main at the time of sighting. However, other C-47's were flying in the vicinity and might account for the sighting.

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS NEAR RHEIN MAIN, GERMANY		
AREA REPORTED ON U.S. ZONE OF GERMANY	FROM (Agency) 60TH TROOP CARRIER WING, MEDIUM	
DATE OF REPORT 30 JANUARY 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 29 JANUARY 1953	EVALUATION B-6
PREPARED BY (Officer) RAYMOND O DANIEL, CAPTAIN, USAF	SOURCE SORGE, MARLOWE B., 1stLT., USAF	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)		

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.)

1. SOURCE, 1st Lt Marlowe B. SORGE, 17835A, USAF, 60th Air Police Squadron, was pilot of USAF C-47 aircraft No. 3734 returning to RHEIN MAIN Air Base, GERMANY from the vicinity of STUTTGART the night of 28 January 1953.

a. Lt. SORGE is well known to me, and is a conscientious and capable officer whose judgement may be relied upon. He stated that he has been skeptical of reports of unidentified flying objects, so took necessary action to determine if the lights reported below could be a reflection from the instrument panel or stars shining through the clouds.

2. At approximately 2020Z, 28 January 1953, Lt SORGE noticed a bright light ahead and slightly to the right of his aircraft. These lights appeared to be about three to five miles distant and at the same altitude as the aircraft, approximately 8500 feet.

a. The light was a bright white light with green around the edge, and no size or shape could be determined. SOURCE at first thought the lights were on an aircraft, so he flashed his landing lights, but received no response.

b. The light appeared to be traveling the same direction (300°) as the aircraft and at approximately the same speed. The light made no violent maneuvers, but drifted to the right a distance estimated to be one half mile and then returned to its original position. It also dived approximately 1000 feet at about a 75 degree angle and then climbed perpendicularly to its original position. This maneuver consumed only 4 or 5 seconds.

c. This light was visible for approximately ten minutes.

3. At approximately 2030Z, another light appeared, this one ahead and slightly to the left of the aircraft.

a. The light was bright and white, but no size or shape could be determined.

b. The light appeared to vary in distance from three to five miles as evidenced by the fact that the light would grow brighter and then dimmer and the relative positions would change from 11 o'clock to 10 o'clock and then back to its original position.

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e. This light was visible for approximately fifteen minutes.

4. Both of the above lights were visible at the same time, but shortly after the second light appeared, the first one disappeared.

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5. Lt SORGE reported both lights to "CORNBET and FRANKFURT AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL. The second light was visible until the aircraft started a procedure turn at STADEN Beacon (NKJF 5518). When the light disappeared the aircraft returned to its original heading of 300° and attempted to resight it, with no success.

6. Weather sequence for 2030Z, 28 January 1953 at RHEIN MAIN was as follows:

Ceiling - 1600 ft. Broken
Visibility - 5.4 Naut Miles with continuous drizzle
Winds - 250 degrees at 23 knots with gust to 36 knots.
Temperature - 6° centigrade
Dew Point - 4° centigrade
Altimeter Setting - 1021.6

a. Lt SORGE stated that the clouds were in two layers. The top of the layer at 6000 to 7000 feet. The upper layer was light an at approximately 10,000 feet.

b. All observations were between the cloud layers.

7. Aircraft was flying on a heading of 300° at 8500 feet. TAS approximately 150 knots. Ground Sp ed 110 knots.

8. No conditions or activity that might affect the sighting were apparent.

9. No evidence is available at this station.

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