

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 14 May 1955		2. LOCATION Fargo, North Dakota		12. 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 _____ GMT 14/0830Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 7 to 15 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE erratic	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One blue, orange, green, " and other shades" colored object flew an erratic flight path over the observers.				11. COMMENTS Sighting was investigated by Flight 2 A with the following conclusions: A heliplane took off from Fargo and flew over the place of sighting at the time of the sighting. The heliplane was equipped with a revolving beacon and was capable of the erratic course seen by the observers.	

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Country: USA	Report No.: 2-103-1-55	(Date)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
Location: FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA, USA		
Target: 2-1 16020 AISC	Date of Report: 17 May 55	
Observer: CHAS. WILKINSON and others	Date of Observation: 14 May 55	
Remarks: WALTER E. SAMSON, 2nd Lt., USAF		

Phone call to Mr. Sampson to 16020 AISC CO

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PART ONE: Description of sighting by Mr. [REDACTED] on 14 May 1955, while at the Starlite Drive-in Theater, Fargo, North Dakota.

PART TWO: Description of sighting by Mrs. [REDACTED] on 14 May 1955, while at the Starlite Drive-in Theater, Fargo, North Dakota.

PART THREE: Description of sighting by Mr. [REDACTED]

PART FOUR: Supplementary Investigative Efforts

PART FIVE: Comments of Reporting Officer

II. SUMMARY: An unidentified flying object was sighted by various people at the Starlite Drive-in Theater at approximately 0830Z 14 May 1955. The duration of the sighting was estimated from 7 to 15 minutes. Mr. [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED] called the Fargo Filter Center, Det. 6, 473 COS to report this object. The object appeared to have carried colored lights and to describe an erratic flight path before disappearing to the East.

III. INVESTIGATOR: LT. WALTER E. SAMSON
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2-103-1-55 (See Individual Parts)

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OHO 111-24

D/E, USAF: Comd. AHC: D/E 22 AHC: Comd. 16020 AISC: OHO, DR-21, 16020

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Part One

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SOURCE

Address

Woodhead, Minnesota

RE. INTERVIEW: Appeared relatively interested in what he had seen and to have made an attempt to note in all possible detail exactly what he had seen. His story differed from his wife's. (see Part Two)

THE SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: Mr. [redacted] was sitting in his car with his wife and another couple at the StarLine Drive-in Theater watching a midnight double feature when they saw somebody in the next car pointing at the sky and talking excitedly. Mr. [redacted] looked up and saw the object below the moon at an approximate elevation angle of 30 degrees. The object then descended slowly, vertically to an approximate elevation angle of 15 degrees. During this time the object looked as in the sketch (Incl. 1) and appeared to shimmer. The object then went NW and described a horizontal loop to the West returning to the SE and then moved SEward at a very rapid speed, disappearing into the distance. The diameter of the loop covered one eighth of the sky and it took the object about three minutes for the circuit. The object appeared white while traveling rapidly and appeared to change colors, blue, orange, green, and other shades when moving more slowly. The object appeared to gain altitude just before it disappeared. The object, when first sighted appeared to be about a quarter the size of the moon, when it started moving horizontally it had the appearance of a light source and when disappeared looked like a star. Mr. [redacted] estimated the duration of the sighting as 10 to 15 minutes and he described the weather as clear.

1 Incl.

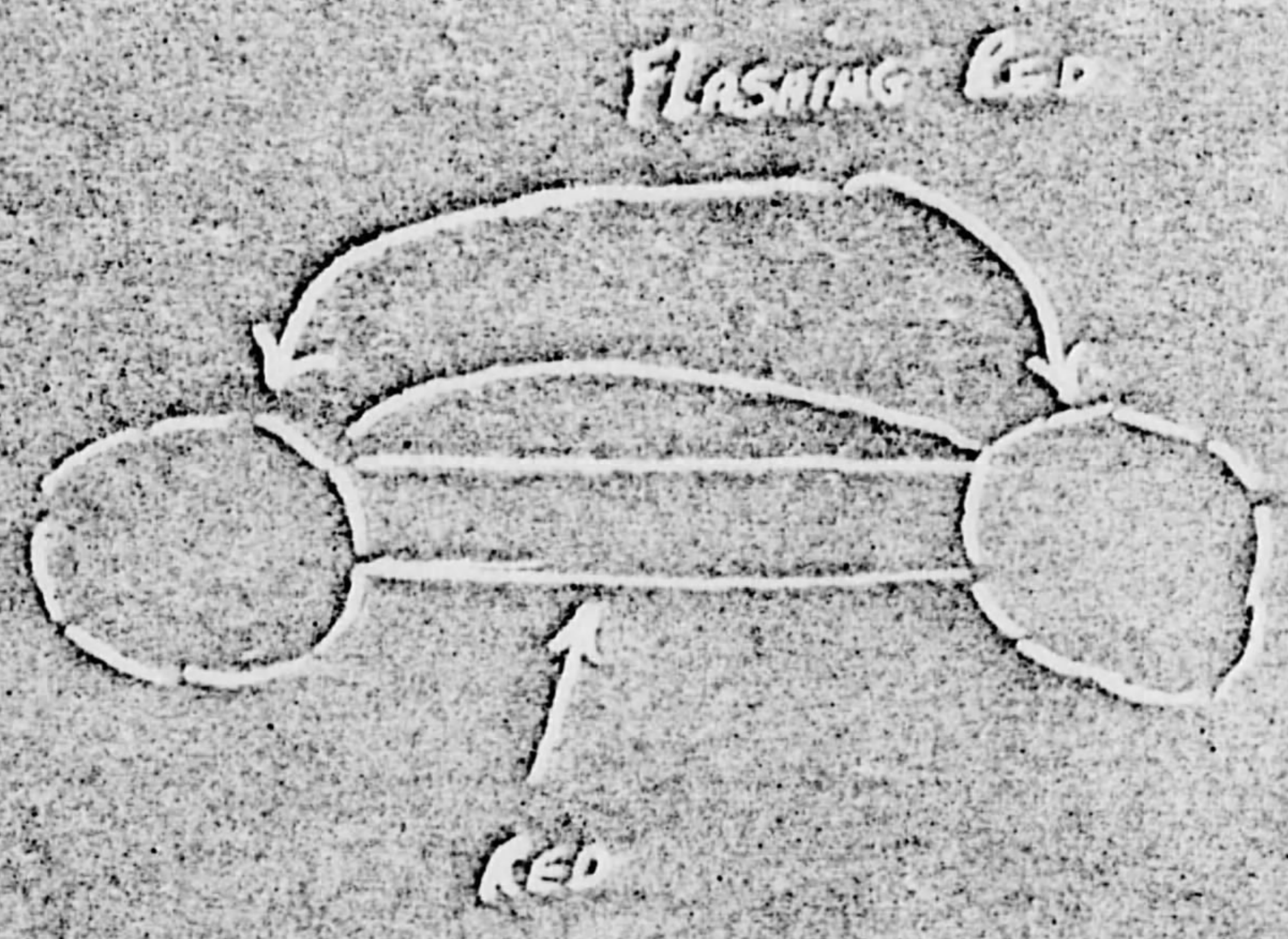
1. Sketch by SOURCE

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SUBJECT OF UNIDENTIFIED TRAJECTORY BY MR. [REDACTED]



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I. SOURCE: Mrs. [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]
Moorhead, Minn.

II. RELIABILITY: Mrs. [REDACTED] appeared to be genuinely interested in determining what she had seen and though untrained as an observer, tried to accurately note what she had seen.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: Mrs. [REDACTED] description of the sighting is the same as her husband's (see Part I) except for the points stated below.

The object seen by Mrs. [REDACTED] appeared as shown in Enclosure 1. The object appeared to move in the direction of the orange flash at the time. She noted that the object when it appeared largest was in line with the Hector Airport control tower.

I Incl. to Part Two

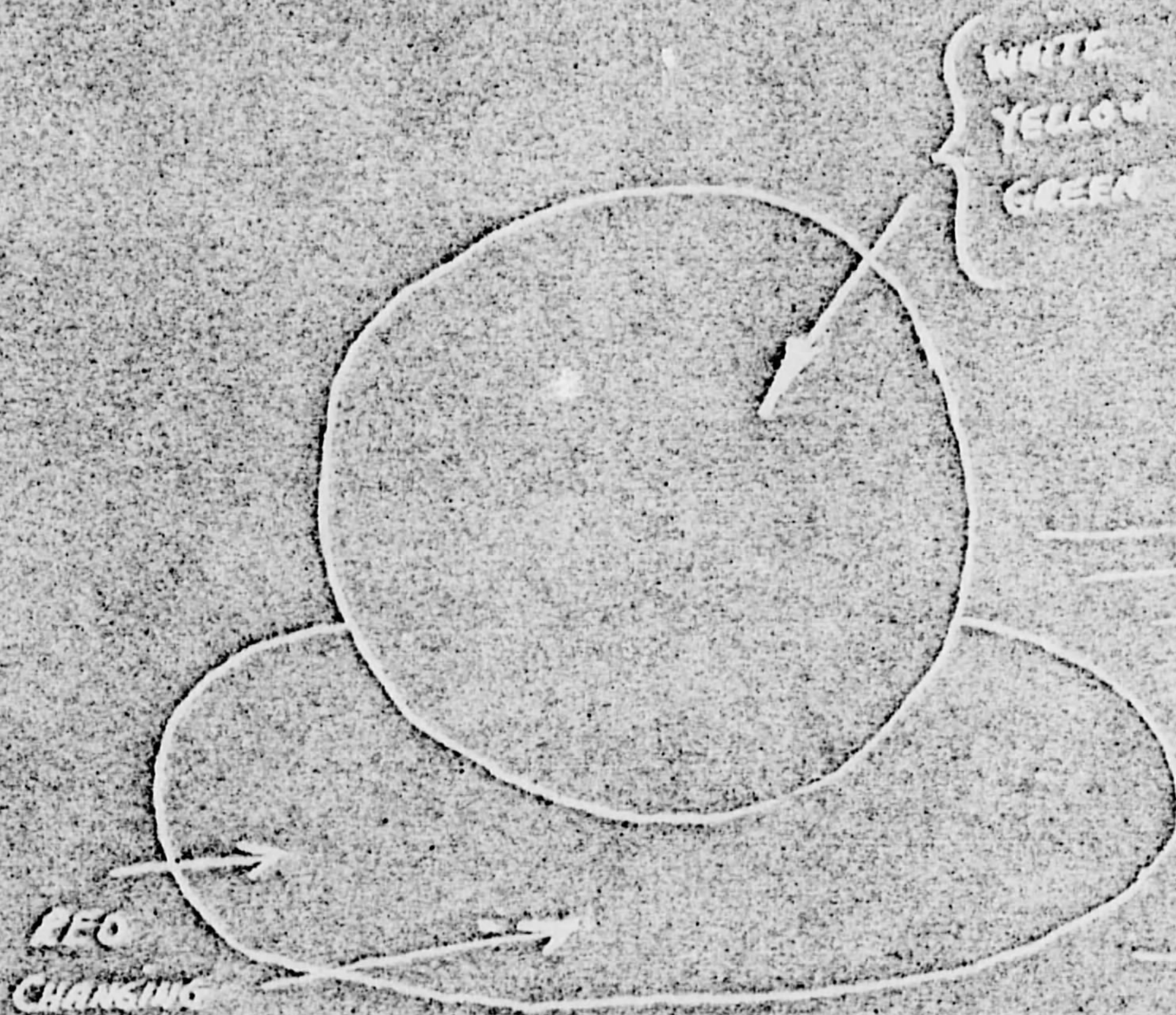
1. Sketch by Mrs. [REDACTED]

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ENCLOSURE TO PART TWO:

1. Sketch by Mrs. [REDACTED]



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I. SOURCE:

Address: [REDACTED]
Fargo, North Dakota
Age: 19
Education: One year college

II. RELIABILITY: Did not appear very reliable, was not too interested in the object, regarded it as joke.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: The unidentified object was vaguely round and varied in size from a half dollar held at arms length to a penny held the same way. It hovered, moving slowly downward for about 5 minutes at which time it appeared as a red pulsating glow. After a while it gained altitude, circled in a short turn, about one twentieth of the sky and then disappeared to the East. It was to the Southeast of the SOURCE when first observed and at an elevation angle of approximately 45 degrees. It was approximately at an elevation of 20 degrees when it disappeared. It appeared to be moving very fast when it disappeared. The duration of the sighting was judged to be about 7 minutes. The sky was partially cloudy with slight haze.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS

1. Det. 6, 773 GOS Filter Center at Fargo, North Dakota, was called and they had received the initial report but could add no information to that furnished by the D/I, 31st AB Division.

2. The AGW site at Finley, North Dakota, was called and they reported no contacts were picked up in that area by their radar in that time.

3. The control tower at Hector Airport, Fargo, North Dakota, was called and they reported no aircraft activity at that time but furnished the following weather report:

WINDS:	surface	180 degrees	12 knots
	6000	200	11
	10,000	200	11
	12,000	210	15

CEILING: 11,000 feet, with scattered clouds

VISIBILITY: 15 miles, plus

CLOUD COVER: 2/10

No Thunderstorm in Area

4. [REDACTED] was called and furnished part of the information in Part Three of this report, including some more than was in the initial report.

5. Mrs. [REDACTED] was contacted and some additional information obtained.

6. Upon arrival at Fargo, the investigating officer requested assistance from the Filter Center personnel both in obtaining information and transportation. This assistance was readily forthcoming.

7. The three SOURCES were informed, interviewed and sketches and more information obtained.

8. Conversation with one of the Filter Center personnel revealed that a helicopter had been lost in their area of responsibility in the night of the sighting.

9. Another call to the AGW site at Finley revealed that their last contact with the helicopter had been at GEORGE 1830-1001 at 8637Z and at that time it was moving South.

10. A call to the 178th Fighter-Interceptor Sqdn, ANG, disclosed that a helicopter had landed at Hector Airport in the early hours of the 14th of May.

11. 178th FIS, ANG, called Hector Airport Communications and received information that a helicopter belonging to Mr. [REDACTED] of St. Paul, Minnesota had departed there at 0827Z 14 May 55. They were unable to give a description of the plane or its lights but stated that it had been serviced by Air Activities Inc. at the airport.

12. The man who had serviced the plane said that it carried conventional navigation lights and a red revolving beacon. He was unable to give any of the flight characteristics of the plane.

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13. When Mr. [REDACTED] was contacted he gave the following information about the plane and its flight from Fargo to St. Paul. The plane has sloped wings and is capable of speeds from 25 mph to 150 mph and can climb almost vertically. The red revolving beacon was on at take off but was turned off when the plane left the Fargo area because the reflection of the light off the propeller bothered the pilot. The plane turned to the left upon take off, climbed and then circled to the right before heading SE at 5800 ft.

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COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER:

1. In the opinion of the Preparing Officer, this sighting was probably caused by the helicopter described in para 13 Part Four.
2. The description of the flight path of the aircraft and the object coincide. As far as can be determined the red revolving beacon was turned off at the time the plane started horizontal, straight line flight. The times given by the observers coincide very closely with the take off time of the aircraft.

Walter J. Samsen
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2nd Lt. USAF
OIC: 2-4

COMMENTS OF APPROVING OFFICER:

Concur with the opinion of the Preparing Officer that sighting was caused by the helicopter described in the report.

James