

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 10 March 1956		2. LOCATION Watertown, New York		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Venus ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 11/0130Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 11 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE north	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One triangular shaped object - color bright white, red dot in center. Obj turned small then large as though turning over and over. Object due west at 30-45 dgr elevation.				11. COMMENTS Astro (Venus) see case file.	

Multi

Pos. 21

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PP RJEDEN RJEPNB RJEDWP RJEPHQ

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FM CMDR 655TH ACWRON WATERTOWN NY

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BT

/UNCLASSIFIED/C-OPS 03041 PD FLYOBJPT CLN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

CMM AFR 200-2 PD

1. A. TRIANGULAR

B. DIME

C. BRIGHT WHITE

D. ONE

E. N/A

F. RED DOT IN CENTER

G. N/A

H/A

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1005P

12 Mar - 12.

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1. TURNED SMALL THEN LARGE
2. A. MOVEMENT OF OBJECT
B. UNABLE TO ASCERTAIN
C. DID NOT OBSERVE
D. MOVING NORTH VERY SLOWLY, APPEARED TO BE TURNING OVER AND OVER
GETTING SMALL THEN LARGE
E. DID NOT OBSERVE
F. 11 MINUTES
3. A. GROUND-VISUAL
B. HIGH POWERED FRENCH BINOCULARS
C. N/A
4. A. 00 MAR 56, PQEPZ
B. NIGHT
5. WATERTOWN, NEW YORK, 46DEGRESS 03' N 44DEGRESS W
6. ~~JIM SMITH~~, ~~45 DEGRESS 05' N~~, WATERTOWN, NEW YORK, HIGH SCHOOL SOPH-
OMORE, MR & MRS ~~S. SMITH~~; MR. ~~H. SMITH~~; MRS ~~M. SMITH~~
~~SMITH~~
7. A. CLEAR
B. 250/15 AT 6000; 260/25 AT 10,000; WIPXEP AT 16,000; WUPXYP AT

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20,000; 270/100 AT 30,000; WUPXUP AT 50,000

C. 20,000 FT

D. 15 PLUS

E. BROKEN

F. NONE

8. NONE

9. NONE

10. NONE

11. NONE

12. NONE

END PD

BT

12//1935Z MAR RJEPSN

12 Mar 56

2305 hrs.

Notified ATIC

Duty Officer No

action until AM.

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COUNTRY U S A	REPORT NO 3D-UFOB-3-56 AISS-UFOB-67-56	LEAVE BLANK AF 733468
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT U F O B	AREA REPORTED ON WATERTOWN, NEW YORK, USA	FROM (Agency) Flight 3-D, 4602d AISS
DATE OF REPORT 19 March 1956	DATE OF INFORMATION 10 March 1956	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer) JAMES F. BARTON, 2nd Lt., USAF	SOURCE [REDACTED] and others	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) ATIC Form A, AFR 200-2, Sq. Guide 200-2, TT C-OPS 03041, Hq. Telephone Msg.		
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III. INVESTIGATOR: 2nd Lt. JAMES F. BARTON, AO 3043484.

LIBRARY [REDACTED] AREA CODES

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James F Barton

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2nd Lt., USAF
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I. SOURCE: J [REDACTED]

Address: 455 [REDACTED], Watertown, New York

Age: 15

Occupation: High school student

Education: 10 years

Qualifications: N/A

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE was a typical young american boy in his manner and actions. However, SOURCE seemed to be more interested in certain aspects of sciences than the average boy of his age. Likewise, SOURCE was well spoken in this field. It was apparent from SOURCE'S action, that he had been the initiator of other observers' excitement concerning the sighting of object. At no time did SOURCE leave the household to observe object. Therefore, it is the investigator's opinion, that statements of SOURCE be considered as only fairly reliable.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: SOURCE noticed the object when entering a dark room at 11/0130Z Mar 56 on [REDACTED], Watertown, New York at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. N [REDACTED]. Object was shining brightly in the sky with no stars around it. SOURCE noticed a slight movement of the object and summoned other observers (See Parts Two and Three) to scrutinize the object.

During twelve (12) minutes of sighting, SOURCE stated there was no trace of daylight, many stars to the east, and no moonlight. SOURCE described object as brighter than sky, solid, and appearing similar to a flourescent light. According to SOURCE, object changed from small to large and vice versa; at times becoming very brilliant and then fading somewhat. SOURCE stated that at no time did object move in front or behind anything in the sky, nor did object emit any sound.

SOURCE observed object through window glass with the aid of high powered French Binoculars. While observing through binoculars, SOURCE stated that object had a definite outline of a triangle with a red spot in the center. SOURCE stated that object appeared to be round with fuzzy or blurred edges to the naked eye. SOURCE was certain that object appeared as a pea held at arm's length. SOURCE further stated that object was beyond our atmosphere and moving slowly.

SOURCE sighted object due west and last observed object in the west. Object disappeared while SOURCE was notifying 655th AC&W Squadron. SOURCE stated that object was approximately forty-five (45) degrees from the horizon when first sighted and thirty (30) degrees from horizon when he last observed it.

SOURCE described weather as being dry, cold, and a clear sky with slight breezes.

2 Incls:

1. Statement of J [REDACTED]
2. SOURCE'S memory sketch of object

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Statement of Mr. J. [REDACTED]

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As I went out into the kitchen for a drink of water, I noticed a bright light in the sky with no stars around it. As I watched it, it appeared to move slightly, so I called my mother, who saw it, and also said it was moving slightly. My father, grandmother, and great uncle came out, also saw it and also said it was moving slightly. When we looked through binoculars, it appeared to be triangular shape. When I left to report it the second time, it evidently dissapeared.

It was triangular in shape, glowing, with the color of light that a flourescent light.

S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T

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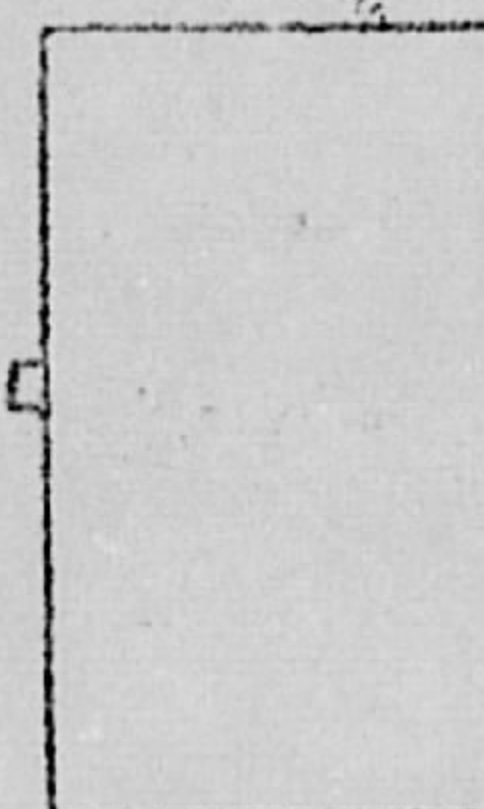
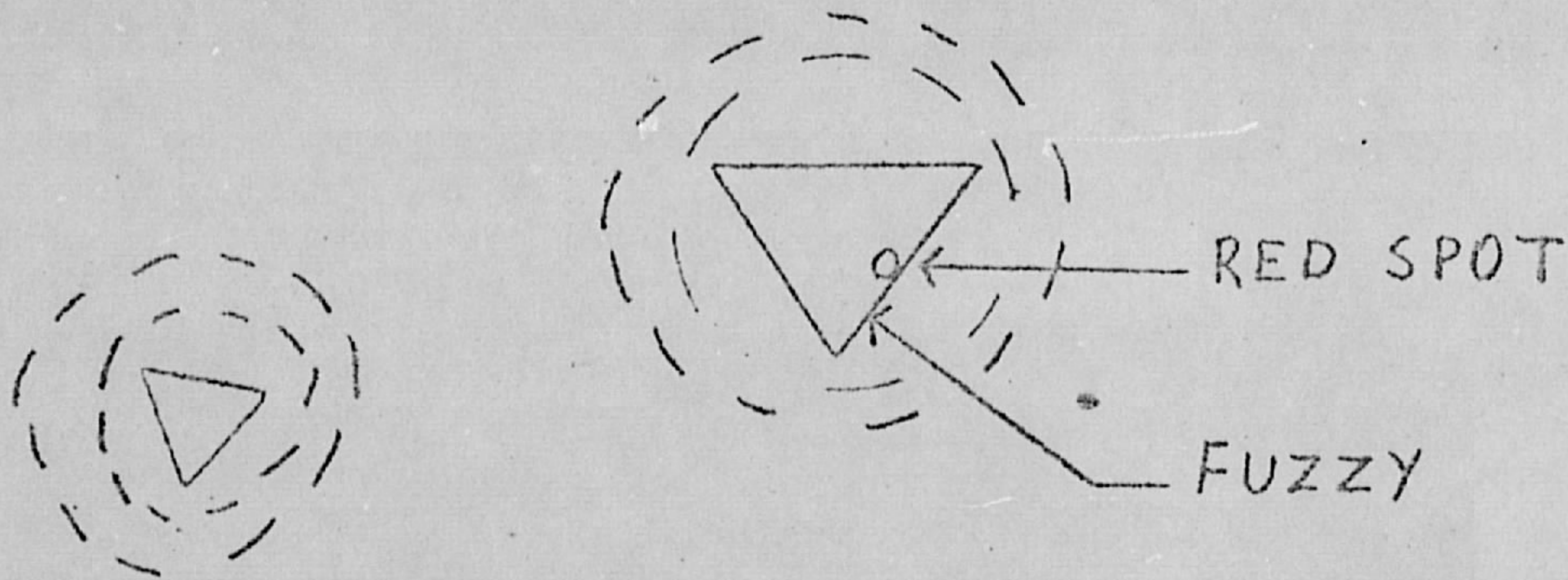
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SOURCE'S Memory Sketch of Object



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I. SOURCE: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Watertown, New York

Age: 44

Occupation: Housewife

Education: 16 years

Qualifications: B. A. degree

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE was a pleasant, well mannered, middle age woman. SOURCE was very definite in her actions and quite opinionated in her answers to investigator's questions. SOURCE definitely possessed intelligence well above the average and was very cooperative. SOURCE watched the object for a short time, then continued to play cards and finally went to observe object again. At no time did SOURCE or the other observers leave the household while observing the object. The investigator believes that SOURCE'S statements can only be considered fairly reliable due to her lack of interest in observing the object.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: SOURCE was summoned to observe the object by her son at 11/0131Z Mar 56. SOURCE described object as being an extremely bright cigar shaped star, but was certain that object was too close to earth to be a star. Although she was not certain of size, SOURCE compared the appearance of object to the size of a small lemon held at arm's length. SOURCE described object as a yellowish white glowing object with a red dot in center and fuzzy or blurred edges. However, as object rotated it became brighter with the red dot turning to a real brilliant red and edges became much more sharply outlined.

SOURCE did not remember if there were any stars out or if the moon was visible to her. SOURCE did state that object never went in front of or behind anything in the sky. SOURCE described the movement as being circular or rotating. Object appeared first as a flattened circle, and then as a big fat cigar as it rotated. SOURCE viewed object with the naked eye and through high powered French Binoculars. At no time did SOURCE leave the household to observe the object, but viewed the object through window glass for entire time of observation. SOURCE viewed object off and on over a period of thirty minutes. SOURCE did not see object disappear as she did not watch it that long.

SOURCE stated that object was first sighted due west and last seen in the same direction. SOURCE described object as being just over the level of the adjoining house. Although SOURCE could not estimate the distance or speed of object, she was certain that it was some type of a flying machine.

SOURCE described the weather as being dry, cold, and clear, but doesn't remember if the wind was blowing or not.

2 Incls:

1. Statement of [REDACTED]
2. SOURCE'S memory sketch of object

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Statement of [REDACTED]

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When I first saw the object in the sky it looked like an extremely bright cigar shaped star, but much nearer than a star could be. Within a few minutes the edges became much more clearly defined and at one end a brilliant red section was evident. The object, as it turned toward me, changed shape to more of a circle with the red a smaller round section toward the bottom. As it turned further to the left, the red section disappeared and the outline became more fuzzy. It seemed to turn around slowly for quite a period of time.

I left before it changed at all in appearance. The color red was just the same type of color as is in the red and green lights on an airplane, but so much magnified.

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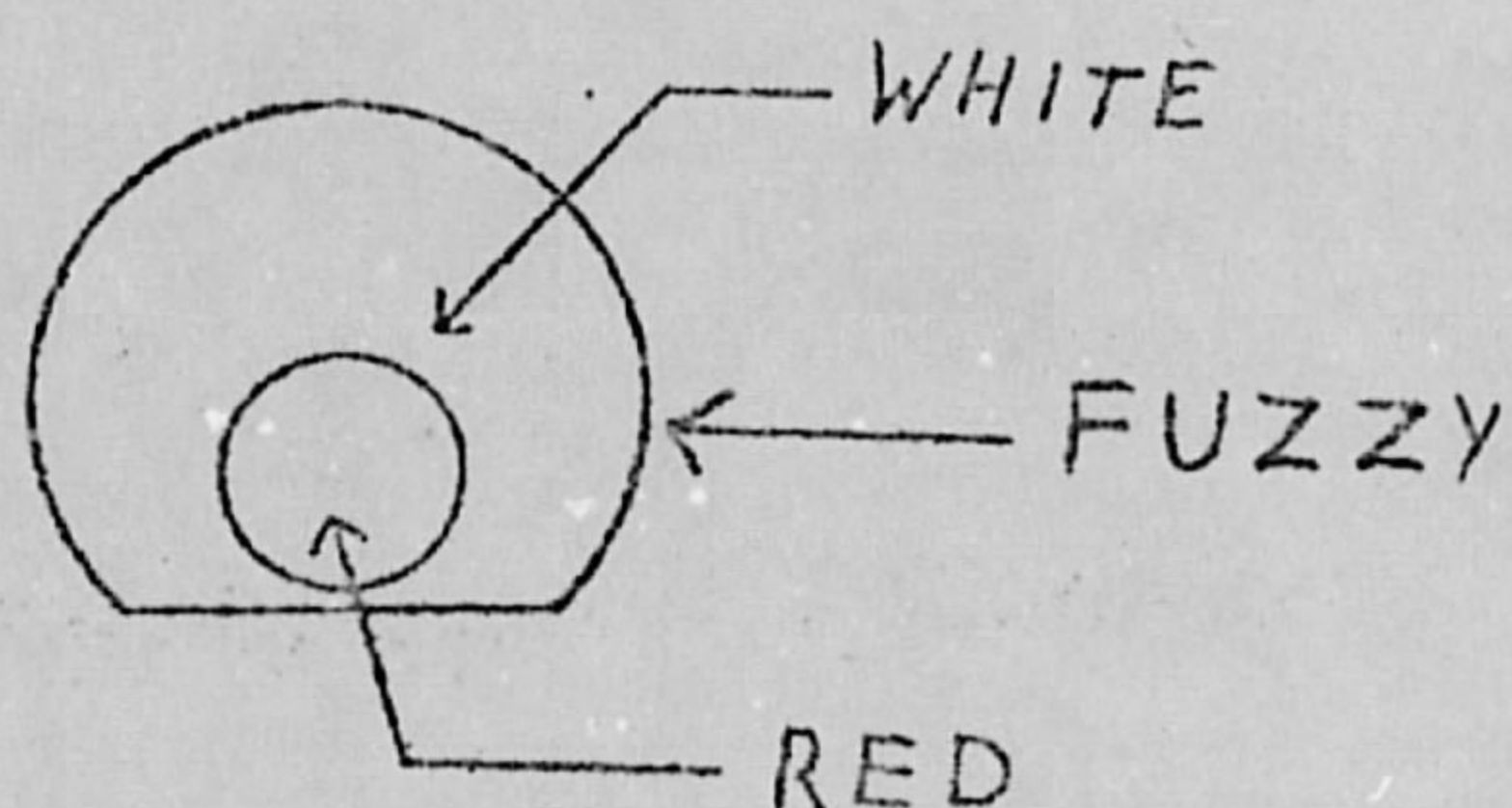
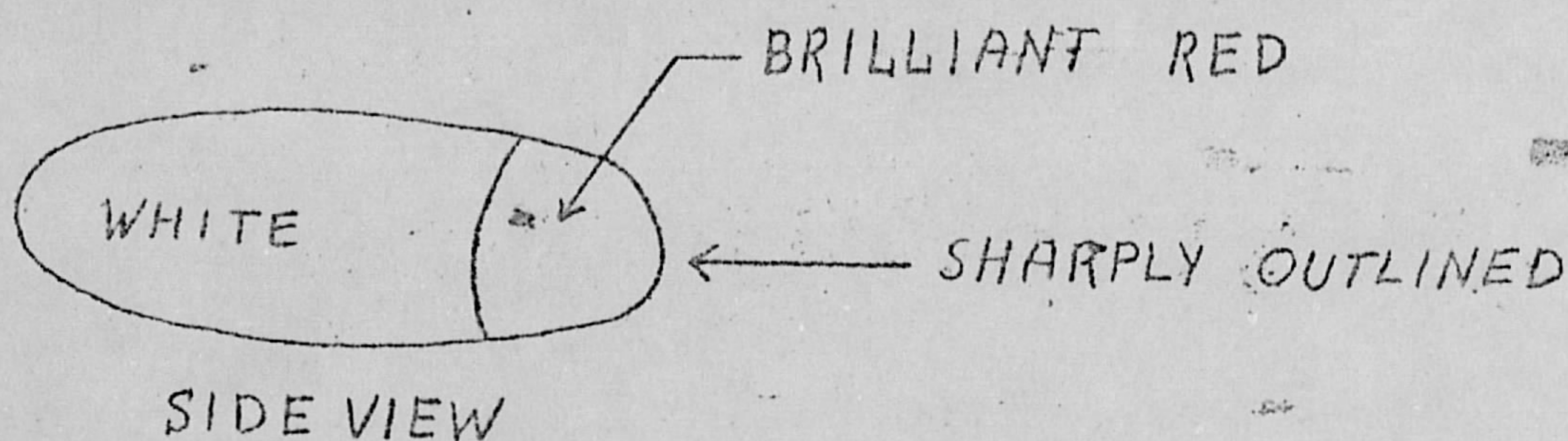
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I. SOURCE: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED], Watertown, New York

Age: Fifty-four (54)

Occupation: Production Engineer

Education: Sixteen (16) years

Qualifications: Qualified Engineer

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE was a well dressed pleasant gentleman and appeared to be younger than his actual age. At first he was not too willing to cooperate with investigator, but after explaining that his name would not be released to the public, he was very cooperative. SOURCE was a highly intelligent man who gave every impression of being well educated. At no time did SOURCE leave the household to observe the object. His interest in the object seemed to be placed on satisfying the curiosity of his son. Due to SOURCE'S limited interest in sighting of object, it is the investigator's opinion that statements of SOURCE are only fairly reliable.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: SOURCE was summoned by his son at 11/0131Z Mar 56 to observe bright object in the sky.

SOURCE described object as being very bright (that of a carbon arc) with fuzzy edges, solid, and about the size of a fat chubby cigar held at arm's length. SOURCE viewed object through window glass and ordinary eye glasses. SOURCE made entire observation from within the household.

SOURCE sighted object in the southwest and last saw object in the same direction. SOURCE stated that object appeared to be close to the horizon as it was visible just over the tops of other houses in the area.

According to SOURCE there was no stars or moonlight visible to observer. SOURCE further stated that object did not move in front of or behind anything in the sky. SOURCE stated the possibility of object being a refraction of light rays from a ceiling light or something similiar. SOURCE could not estimate the speed of object and heard no sound from object. SOURCE was not observing object when it disappeared.

2 Incls:

1. Statement of [REDACTED]
2. SOURCE'S Memory Sketch of Object

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Statement of ~~James F. Barton~~

S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T

Son called attention to bright "star" in sky. Curiosity brought family to window. Movement caused us to consider it other than a star. Object appeared to be longer up and down than it was wide. Appeared to me as a bright light with an aura of lesser light. After the first few moments, object seemed to move to the left again (WSW) and the lower end seemed to appear red. This red area varied in size as the object moved. I personally did not see the object disappear or fade away.

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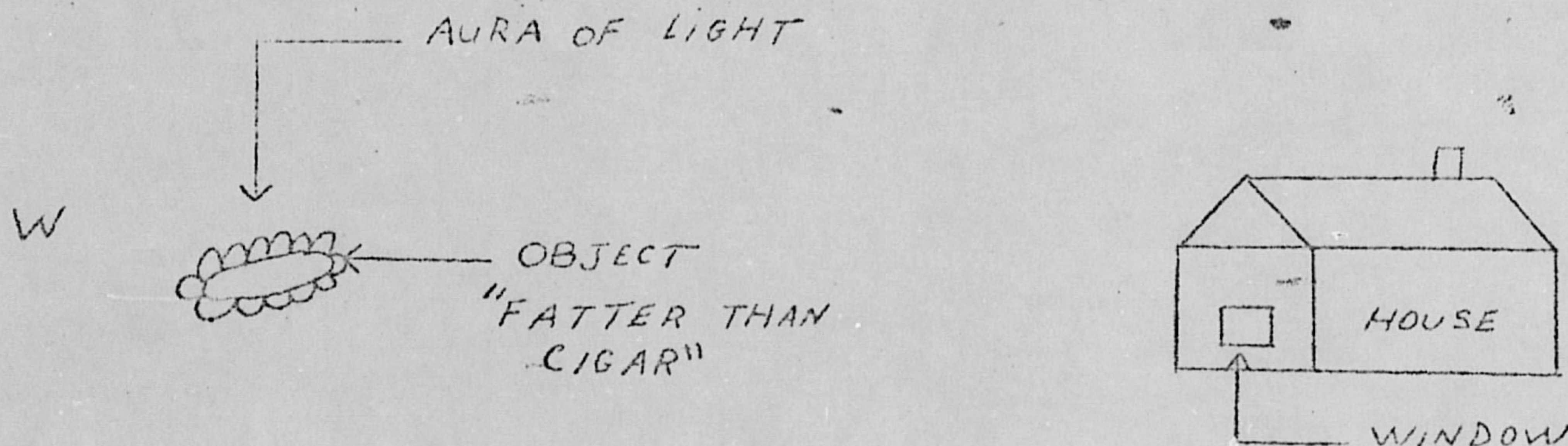
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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

1. A check with 655th AC&W Squadron at Watertown, New York, revealed that SOURCE'S report was the only one received pertaining to the sighting of this object. Also, 655th AC&W Squadron indicated that radar results of object were negative. Identification and interception action taken by 655th AC&W Squadron was, also, negative. No aircraft were in the area at time of sighting, according to 655th.
2. The information received from the U. S. A. F. Weather Office at Syracuse A. F. Station, Syracuse, New York (6JPP 5204) indicated wind velocity in degrees and knots as follows:

Surface	250°- 5	20,000 - 270°- 60
6,000 "	250 - 15	30,000 - 270-100
10,000	260 - 25	50,000 - 270 - 20

(The above constituted the winds at approximately 11/0130Z Mar 56)
At 11/0130Z Mar 56 the ceiling was 20,000 feet, clouds broken; visibility fifteen miles plus.
3. A check with Howard A. Scott, CAA Routing and Control Station at Watertown Airport (GJPP 5858) indicated that no unusual phenomena were observed in the area at the time of sighting. Mr. Scott further stated that he was using the ceiling light just prior to sighting time, but did not believe that its reflection would give a facsimile of mentioned object with the ceiling at 20,000 feet. Mr. [REDACTED] also, stated that small helium balloons were dispatched from this station twice an hour, but their size is relatively small and these balloons were not illuminated.
4. A check was made with Dr. Fredrickson of Syracuse University Observatory, Syracuse, New York. Dr. Fredrickson stated that Venus is always seen in the western sky, normally no higher than 45° from the horizon. Venus sets between 0300Z and 0400Z at this time of year. Just prior to setting, Venus appears to become reddish, similar to the color of the sun, when it sets. Venus is the brightest object in the sky (excluding the moon and sun) and is often seen by layman as unusual phenomenon, due to its brilliancy and apparent largeness.

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COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

1. Preparing Officer concludes that this sighting was probably caused by the planet Venus for the following reasons:

a. All observers sighted object in the western sky, no higher than 45° from horizon, which coincides with the appearance of Venus. Venus always appears in the west at this time of year, not far from the horizon, and sets in the same direction early in the evening. (See Part Four, par. 4)

b. All observers viewed object through window glass and did not go outside to see if a better view of object would help to identify it. Although, all observers considered the object very brilliant and closer than a star would be, nobody left the household to view it; nor did anyone seem alarmed about it.

c. Each observer was either vague or contradicted the other in their answer to the size that the object appeared to them.

d. Radar paintings of object were negative as attempted by the 655th AC&W Squadron, Watertown, New York. (See Part Four, par. 1)

e. A check with CAA Routing and Control Station at Watertown Airport, revealed that no unusual phenomena were observed in the area at the time of sighting. (See Part Four, par. 3)

f. Weather was described as clear, 20,000 feet ceiling, clouds broken; with visibility of fifteen miles plus. (See Part Four, par. 2)

g. Time of observation as stated by SOURCES, ranged from ten minutes to thirty minutes. All observers were certain of their respective answers.

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COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

It is the opinion of this headquarters that items 1a through 1g, above, and the descriptions of the object definitely indicate that this sighting was a misinterpretation of the planet Venus.

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b. All observers viewed object through window glass and did not go outside to see if a better view of object would help to identify it. Although, all observers considered the object very brilliant and closer than a star would be, nobody left the household to view it; nor did anyone seem alarmed about it.

c. Each observer was either vague or contradicted the other in their answer to the size that the object appeared to them.

d. Radar paintings of object were negative as attempted by the 655th AC&W Squadron, Watertown, New York. (See Part Four, par. 1)

e. A check with CAA Routing and Control Station at Watertown Airport, revealed that no unusual phenomena were observed in the area at the time of sighting. (See Part Four, par. 3)

f. Weather was described as clear, 20,000 feet ceiling, clouds broken; with visibility of fifteen miles plus. (See Part Four, par. 2)

g. Time of observation as stated by SOURCES, ranged from ten minutes to thirty minutes. All observers were certain of their respective answers.

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COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

It is the opinion of this headquarters that items 1a through 1g, above, and the descriptions of the object definitely indicate that this sighting was a misinterpretation of the planet Venus.

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