

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 30 September 1956		2. LOCATION Dallas, Pennsylvania!		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Mars ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 01/0040Z <i>20 SEP 56</i>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION one hour forty mins		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE South & back and west	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One yellow object, the shape of a snow flake and the size of a basketball at arm's length. Object had two tails and had flashes of light shooting out of all directions. Object moved to south and back to west. Obj was observed visually for one hour and forty minutes and was still in sight at time of initial report.				11. COMMENTS Concur w/rptg officer that sighting was caused by a star or planet. Description, duration, and path of object indicate sighting was probably caused by planet Mars. Evaluation "was astronomical, probably Mars."	

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(1) DESCRIPTION:

- " (A) SNOW FLAKE
- " (B) BASKETBALL
- O (C) YELLOW
- " (D) 1
- " (E) N/A
- " (F) FLASHES OF LIGHT SHOOTING OUT OF ALL DIRECTIONS
- " (G) 2 TAILS
- " (H) NO SOUND
- " (I) N/A
- "

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(2) DESCRIPTION OF COURSE:

- " (A) JUST SAW A LIGHT
- " (B) 120
- " (C) 0220Z STILL BEING REPORTED
- " (D) TO SOUTH & BACK TO THE WEST
- " (E) 0220Z STILL BEING REPORTED
- " (F) INDEFINITE

(3) MANNER OF OBSERVATION

- " (A) GROUND VISUAL
- " (B) NEG
- " (C) N/A

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(3) MANNER OF OBSERVATION

- (A) GROUND VISUAL
- (B) NEG
- (C) N/A

(4) TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

- (A) 0040Z 1 OCT 56
- (B) NIGHT

(5) LOCATION OF OBSERVER(S)

- (A) QM 0815

(6) IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF ALL OBSERVERS

- (A) MR [REDACTED] ALLAS PA DRAG LINE & SLONEL
OPERATOR CO [REDACTED] AGE 57

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(B) N/A 1/LT HALBROH 2/LY SCUTT S/SGT HUNTER AND ADAMS A/1C TEXIDOR
A/2C ALLMON A/2C SCHELDECUP A/2C TULLY A/B VANDERGRIFT

(7) WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT CONDITION AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING

- (A) 5000 6H

(B) SURFACE	DEG	KT
7000	300	25
10000	300	40
16000	290	45 TO 55
20000	290	65
30000	250	81

- (C) 5000 FT

- (D) 6H

(E) CONDITION 3-10 COVERAGE

- (F) NONE

(8) SKY CONDITIONS WERE RELATIVELY CLEAR WHERE AS MARS WAS VISIBLE

(9) DISPATCH 2 F94C DEEATEABLE FROM ILG BY RANDAL MAN

30000

250

81

(C) 5000 FT

(D) 6H

(E) CONDITION 3-12 COVERAGE

(F) NONE

(8) SKY CONDITIONS WERE RELATIVELY CLEAR WHERE AS MARS WAS VISIBLE

(9) DISPATCH 2 F94C DEEATEABLE FROM ILG BY RANDAL MAN

OSTRANDER

(10) AVOCA CAA WORKING 3 A/C NYCAA HAS 8 A/C IN THIS AREA

(11) SENIOR DIRECTOR MY FIRST ANALYSIS WAS THE POSSIBILITY OF A WX

OBSERVATION BALOON WITH LITE ATTACHED AND A CONCLUDING ANALYSIS

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OF THIS OBJECT BEING A STAR OR PLANET BECAUSE NO CONTACT WAS MADE FROM
THE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED AND FLYING IN THAT VICINITY AT VARIOUS AITITUDES

(12) N/A

BT

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02 01 951301

Dear Sir:

As we no longer have
an air box here, did not know
where to send this. As this was in
the Lab Book I cut it out and
thought I would send it to you
direct, although to you by now this
is old stuff.

I used the address given
in Lab Magazine.

Mrs. 
El Paso Texas

P.S. Please do not use our name in a
Magazine or Newspaper - Thank you

Augerwies, Nov.

end house) These houses were not then
separately in 1935. This is discussed
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14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? Yes. It was bobbing up and down like a rubber ball on top of Mt. Franklin - about 50 ft over the mountain. It was the size of a medium rubber ball. It took off like the ball.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

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Bright red

It does not state what distance the object moved in or the size of the object - I took three houses (high type) at the top of Mt Franklin - they are barely visible - & I now live close to Mt Franklin only on the other side of the Mt - & I can't see the house (at all behind the slope)

to show the direction the object was moving. My husband saw it first. It was bobbing up & down - but I caught something he did not - because he never mentioned it - but I thought of it only afterward - It either turned on its side on the middle part turned & I saw come edged & the middle part is what seemed to move before it took off. I got the impression it could not bob up & down & take off at the same time. It quit bobbing & stood frequently still then the middle part turned & it jerked on changing gears & went off into space. ~~all~~ ~~off~~ into space

It just looks
bad - especially
now when
there are big

Can't see
thing

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

(Circle One)

Yes

No

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate?

I said to my husband it must be going 500 miles an hour - He looked at me oddly + said - That thing went at least 2500 miles an hour.

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

(Circle One)

Yes

No

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

We knew it blocked form it

22. 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 (type)

e. At sea

f. Other

23. 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. Near an airfield?

e. Flying over a city?

f. Flying over open country?

g. Other

24. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

24.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

a. North

c. East

e. South

g. West

b. Northeast

d. Southeast

f. Southwest

h. Northwest

24.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

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

(Circle One)

Yes

No

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

a. Eyeglasses

Yes

No

e. Binoculars

Yes

No

b. Sun glasses

Yes

No

f. Telescope

Yes

No

c. Windshield

Yes

No

g. Theodolite

Yes

No

d. Window glass

Yes

No

h. Other

I did not have on glasses

26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, 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.

It just looked a medium size rubber ball - bright red - except as it turned to go into the sky I saw some red - so I know something was bigger than the light - something inbetween that a person can't see - but the light is attached to some thing

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U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U.S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object?

Day _____ Month Sept Year 1956

2. Time of day: 7 PM
Hours Minutes

(Circle One): A.M. or P.M.

3. Time Zone:

(Circle One): a. Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other _____

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving
b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

[Redacted] El Paso Texas
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or County

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration)

Hours 3 Minutes _____ Seconds _____

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined? From watch - in the longer

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes No _____

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY
a. Bright
b. Cloudy

NIGHT
a. Bright
b. Cloudy

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One): a. In front of you
b. In back of you
c. To your right

d. To your left
e. Overhead
f. Don't remember

8. IF you saw the object

8.1 STARS (Circle One)

a. None
b. A few
c. Many
d. Don't know

9. What were the clouds like?

CLOUDS (Circle One)

a. Clear sky
b. Hazy
c. Scattered clouds
d. Thick or heavy

10. The object appeared to be

a. Solid
b. Transparent
c. Vapor

11. If it appeared as a

a. Brighter
b. Dimmer

11.1 Compare brightness

Bright

12. The edges of the object

(Circle One): a. Faint
b. Light
c. Sharp
d. Dark

13. Did the object

a. Appear to stand still
b. Suddenly speed up
c. Break up into parts
d. Give off smoke?
e. Change brightness
f. Change shape?
g. Flash or flicker?
h. Disappear and reappear

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8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

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. Dull moonlight
- c. No moonlight—pitch dark
- d. Don't remember

No moon - still bright

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

CLOUDS (Circle One):

- ☒ a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds

WEATHER (Circle One):

- ☒ a. Dry
- b. Fog, mist, or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

10. The object appeared: (Circle One):

- a. Solid
- b. Transparent
- c. Vapor
- ☒ d. As a light
- e. Don't remember

11. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? (Circle One):

- a. Brighter
- b. Dimmer
- c. About the same
- d. Don't know

11.1 Compare brightness to some common object:

Bright red -

12. 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

No edges on the light itself

13. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- a. Appear to stand still at any time?
- b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?
- c. Break up into parts or explode?
- d. Give off smoke?
- e. Change brightness?
- f. Change shape?
- g. Flash or flicker?
- h. Disappear and reappear?

☒ Yes

No

Don't know

☒ Yes

No

Don't know

Yes

☒ No

Don't know

Yes

☒ No

Don't know

Yes

☒ No

Don't know

Yes

☒ No

Don't know

Yes

☒ No

Don't know

Yes

☒ No

Don't know

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34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

2 March 1967
Day Month Year

35. Information which you feel pertinent and which is not adequately covered in the specific points of the questionnaire or a narrative explanation of your sighting.

#19 question is not explained very well -
the middle part of the light did not move but
the middle part inside the edges that I saw
as it turned ^{Saw 2 edges}

 something moved into between
the edges - it moved to the
right like it was turning on an
axis - but the light still showed
which was something I could not
understand

 stopped moving (the middle did) & then
jerked like changing gears & took off

My truck
on the Sig
so please
report it
country
Came to

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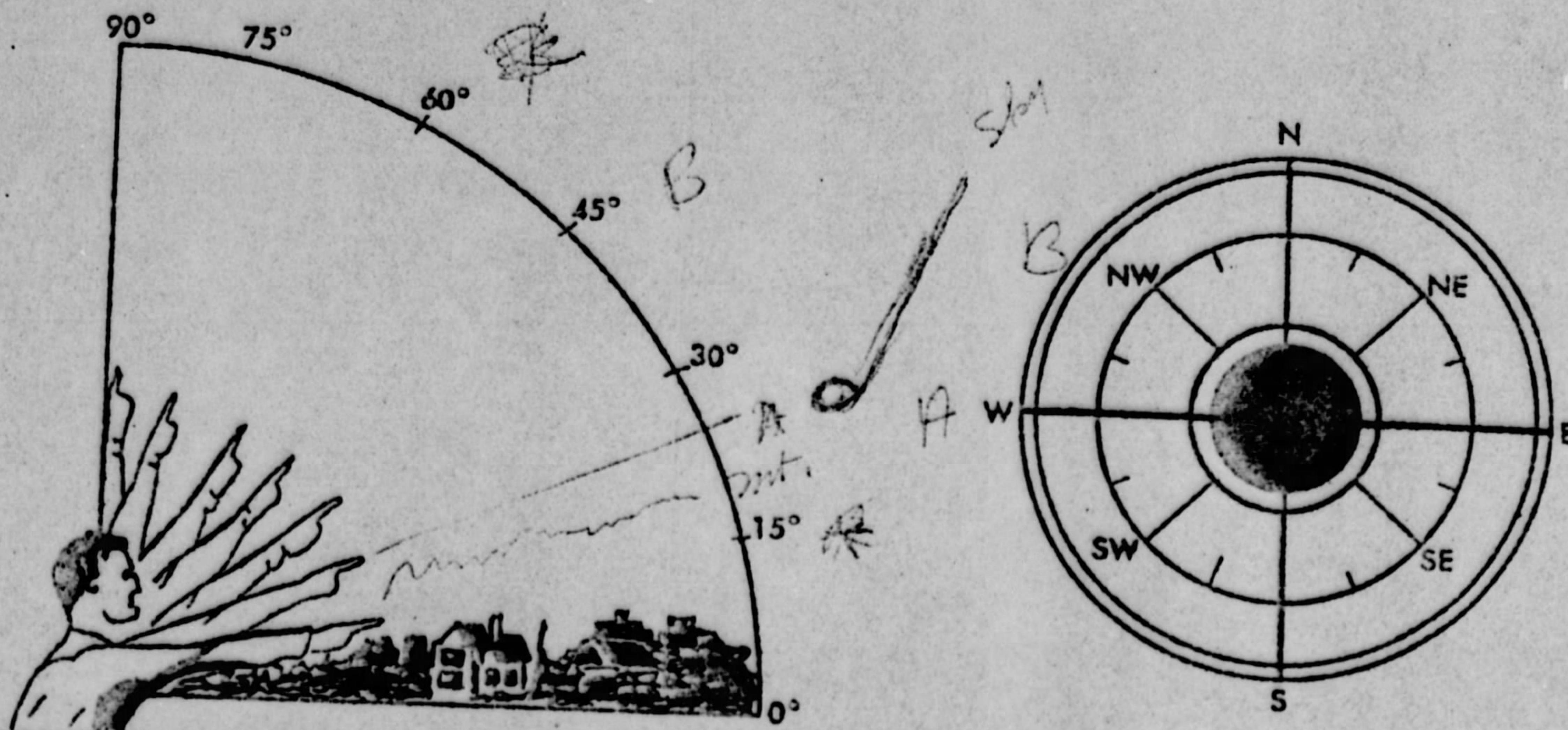
My husband did not read [redacted] the en-
on the sighting - so he does not know I did -
so please do not write him - but I wanted to
report it before - so I feel better about it
and ~~now~~. I assumed it was something over
country here, so I had not been too con-
cerned + I am still not concerned - as I still
think it belongs to us. One thing it was real

It was definitely mine or controlled by intelligence

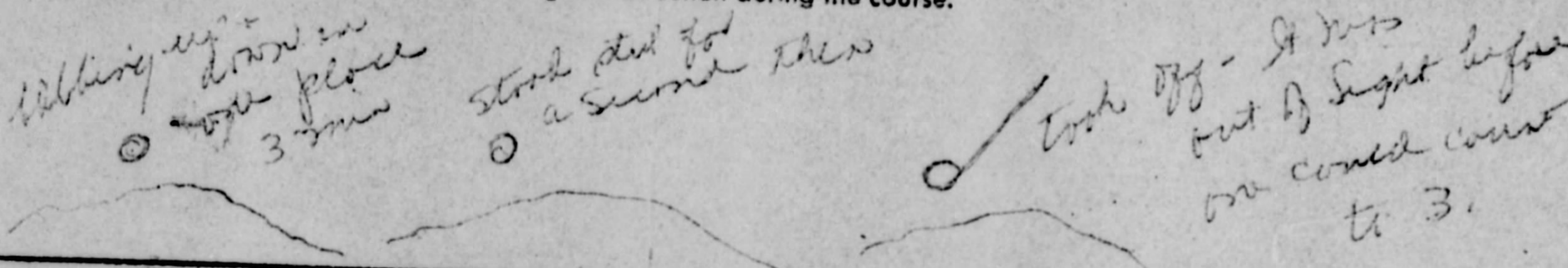
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27. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you first saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you last saw it. Place an "A" on the compass when you first saw it. Place a "B" on the compass when you last saw the object.



28. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.



29. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? 3
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

Just one object

30. Have you ever seen this,

No

31. Was anyone else with you

31.1 IF you answered YES

31.2 Please list their name

Mr. [redacted]
El Paso

32. Please give the following

NAME [redacted] Last

ADDRESS [redacted]

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted]

Indicate any additional information

I had never
post yr. Per
paper about
the paper he
saw anything
the paper in
one to see

33. When and to whom did you

Day

No one to

any type of
to anyone

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How high the object
high the object was
a "B" on the com-

30. Have you ever seen this, or a similar object before. If so give date or dates and location.

No

31. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object? (Circle One) ☒ Yes ☐ No

31.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too? (Circle One) ☒ Yes ☐ No

31.2 Please list their names and addresses:

*Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
El Paso, Texas*

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME *[REDACTED]* First Name *[REDACTED]* Middle Name *[REDACTED]*
ADDRESS *[REDACTED]* Street *[REDACTED]* City *El Paso* Zone *[REDACTED]* State *Texas*

TELEPHONE NUMBER *[REDACTED]* AGE *53* SEX *F*

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any special experience, which might be pertinent.

*I had never heard of a flying saucer until this
past yr. People have said they were things in the
paper about them - but I never saw any thing in
those papers here - No one here seem to have seen
any thing like that here - I as nothing was in
the paper this day - I must have been the only
one to see anything like that on that night.*

33. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?

Day Month Year

*No one - as my husband
would not let me. He said*

No one would believe us & he cannot take

*any type of ribbing - so I did not say anything
to anyone & neither did he.*



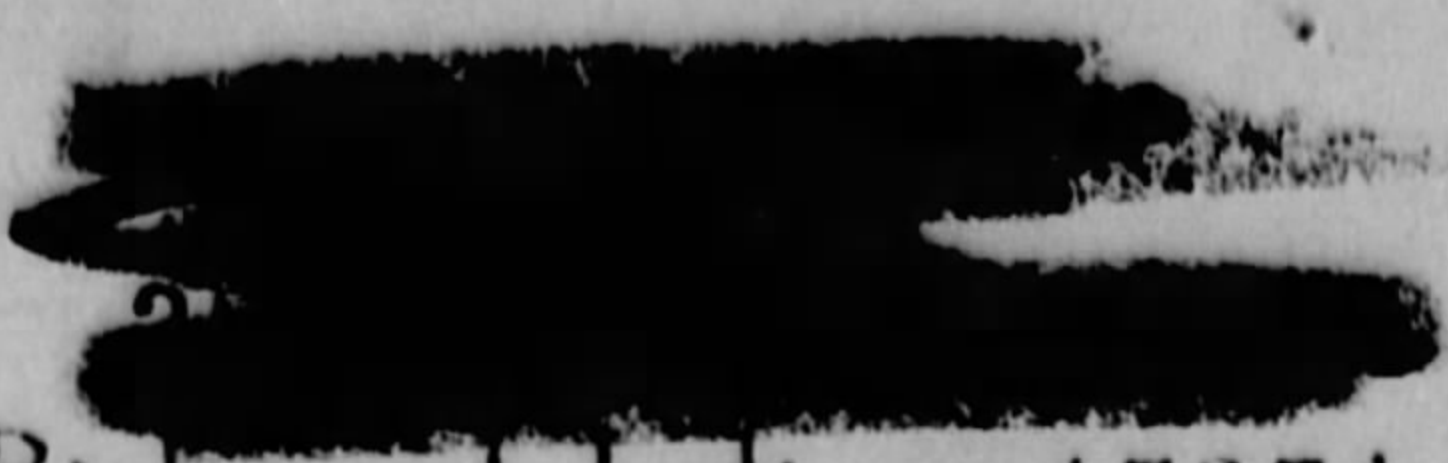
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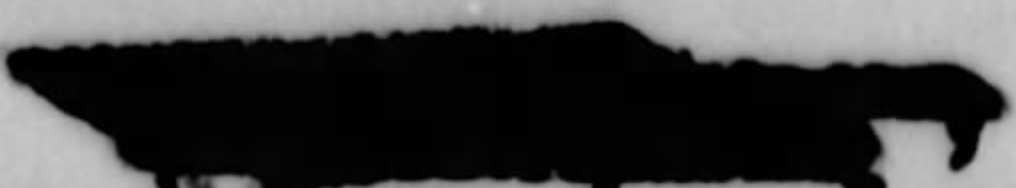
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Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Sirs,

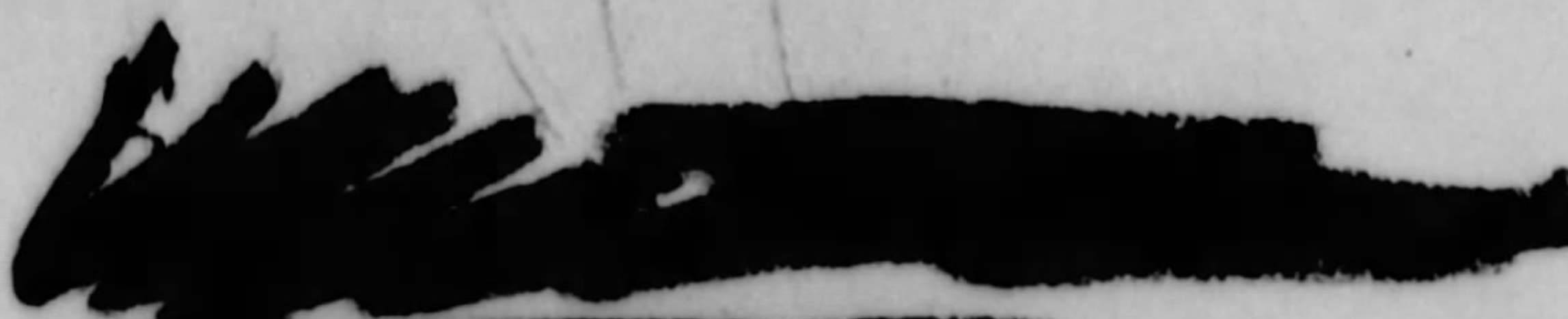
I am sending you the account of a
UFO sighting experienced by my husband and myself
some years ago. I hope it will interest you.

I am a writer and editor, currently
under contract to Doubleday in New York.

My husband is a  in business
in Richmond, Indiana, where our home is located.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,




Richmond, Indiana
November 9, 1966

My experience with a UFO occurred 10 years ago, on
September 15, 1956.

On this day I was scheduled to address the Woman's Press Club of Indiana as its after-luncheon speaker in the French Lick-Sheraton Hotel at French Lick, Indiana. (I am a Doubleday author and frequently serve as a speaker for church, civic, and women's groups, conventions and service clubs.)

Because of the distance from Richmond to French Lick, my husband and I left early in the morning. It was a very unpleasant morning, extremely dark, with pounding rain and beating winds. At daylight we were in southern Indiana, and it was there that we saw the UFO.

At the time, we were approaching Salem, Indiana. I do not know the exact time, but it was between 6 and 7 a.m. closer, I think, to 6 a.m. The rain was now only a misty drizzle, but the morning was wet and gray.

We came up an incline to a sort of hilltop (I do not know the exact location) which looked out over a flat area of fields and fences as I recall. My husband was driving, intent upon the wet road. I looked out to the left and saw, hovering over the flat area, a flying saucer!

At first I was too surprised and startled to speak at all.

I stared, unable to believe my eyes, thinking I must be mistakenbut no, there it was! So I stammered to my husband, "Look out there quick! Do you see....what I think I see?"

He took one look and brought the car to a stop. We sat there on the hilltop (or rise) and stared. I said, amazed, "Why it's a Flying Saucer! It is....isn't it?" My husband, who is very conservative, answered, "Well, it certainly appears to be something like that!"

My first impression was that it looked something like a gunmetal yo-yo. It appeared to be made of two sections of dark gunmetal with an aperture between them. From this aperture, as if from windows, port-holes, or similar openings, came wisps of white smoke or vapor which seemed carried slightly to one side by the wind. The UFO was hovering, as I have described, but constantly undulating as it hovered. (Please see amateurish drawing, attached.)

At this moment, we became aware of another car coming up behind us and my husband, hoping for another witness, leaped out and tried to flag it down. The driver, a man, gave him a scared look and sped on. Two or three other cars came from behind us (perhaps people going to work) and my husband tried to stop them, with the same result. We both shouted and pointed toward the UFO, but the passengers sped on without looking at it. We were disappointed, but not surprised. Nobody wants to be stopped on a lonely road in the rain at the dawn's early light by a couple of excited and gesticulating strangers! (The road was lonely only at this hour, however. It is a well-traveled highway.)

At least 5 minutes passed while we watched the UFO, perhaps

10 minutes. Then, all of a sudden, it turned on one edge, like a plate on a wall, and VANISHED!

I say "vanished" because never, in all my life, have I seen anything move so fast. My husband and I have mentioned this many times, and agree that the speed with which this object disappeared into the distance was indescribable, inconceivable, if not actually impossible!

It reminded me a little, but only a little, of the movie cartoon which shows one person chasing another up a road. Suddenly ...whsst!....both are out of sight. But even this, which seems funny to audiences because it is such an exaggeration, would seem slow by comparison with our UFO.

As it vanished, it held the position I have mentioned, turned on one edge like a plate on a wall, or on a sideboard. We could no longer see the aperture, or the smoke (?) wisps.

More than once we have tried to estimate the size of the UFO and its distance from us. This is hard to do, since events moved so rapidly, and we can only agree that it was "quite close" to us and that it was "very, VERY large." I have read many journalistic jibes about "little green men flying around in little saucer-machines" but had no such impression of this "saucer machine."

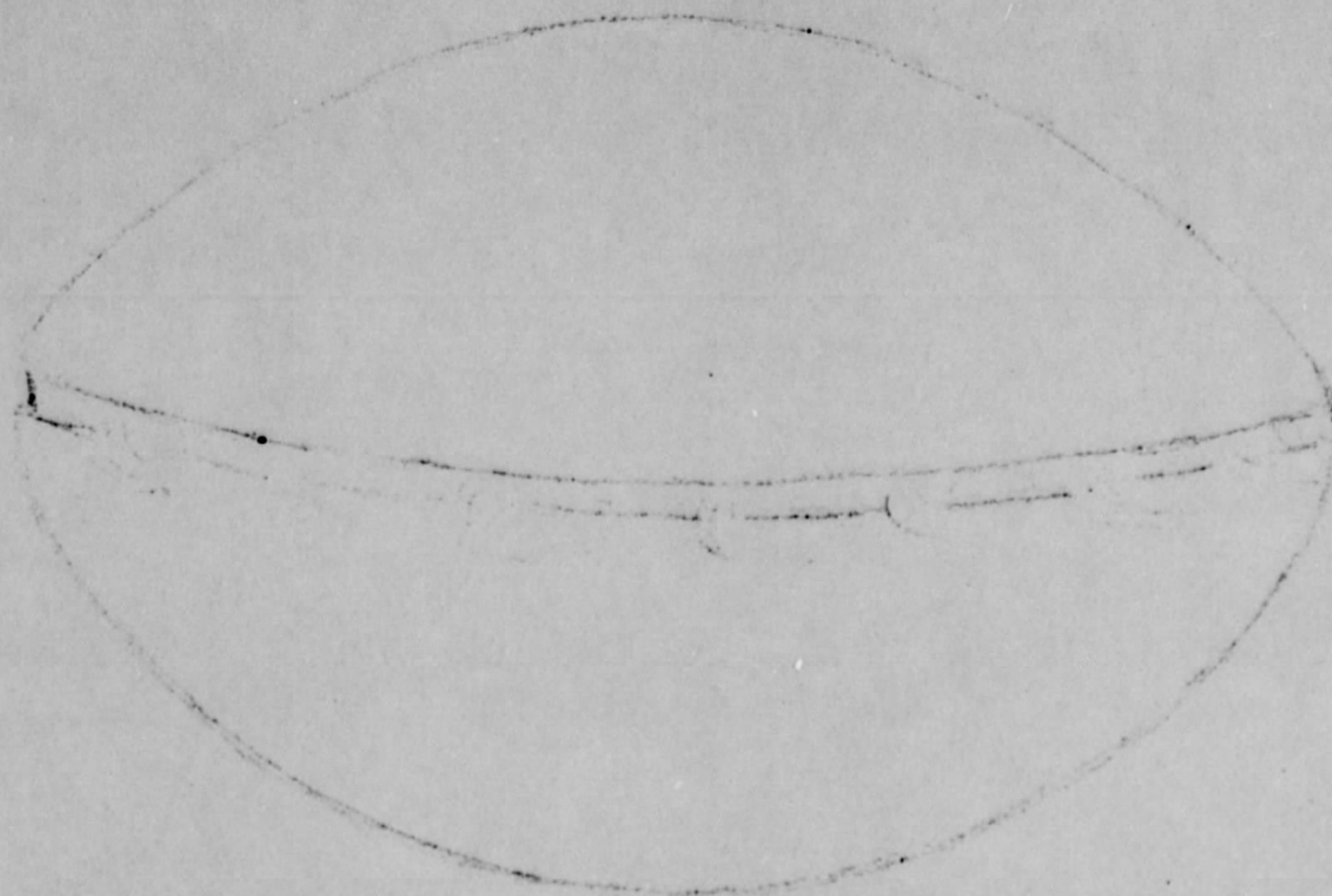
Most accounts say the witnesses were "terrified"...."trans-fixed with horror"....."speechless with fear"....and so on. (More journalistic Esperanto, perhaps.) It does seem natural to feel frightened by such an "abnormal" sight, but my husband and I felt no fear whatever, nor any apprehension whatever. We didn't see any

"little green men" or expect to see any, though of course we assumed that the craft was being piloted "by somebody." I think we both felt that it was probably some sort of military craft being tested by the United States Air Force, and publicly un-announced as yet.

About its size....we agree that it was "about the size of the court house" which, in Richmond, is a mighty big court house!

When we reached French Lick I related this experience to Hortense Myers, Indianapolis INS editor, and assistant chairman of the Press Women's convention. She told me they had been asked not to publish such reports, and advised me to say nothing about it. (To tell you the truth, I don't think she believed me.)

It has been more than 10 years since then, of course, and we have read many reports about UFO experiences during this time, but have had no more such experiences ourselves. Nor have we read any accounts which described the "gunmetal color" we saw, or the wisps of smoke (?) or vapor (?) emitted from the center opening. And because there is a very serious interest in investigating UFO accounts at this time, I decided to send you mine.



Craft a dark gunmetal, very large in size.

Center aperture a darker color, as if recessed, almost black.

Wisps of something like vapor or smoke emitted from center aperture as if through portholes, windows, or similar openings. Trailing to one side in the wind.

Place: Near Salem, Indiana, September 15, 1956, soon after daylight.

~~Richmond, Indiana~~
Richmond, Indiana



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American newspapers, it seems, were carried away by the recent announcement from an "unimpeachable source" which said that a flying saucer would appear over Los Angeles, November 7th and that its occupants would "speak to Earth" if local radio networks cleared the air for two minutes, etc. Some quarters attributed this source as being that of the British magazine, *Flying Saucer Review*. Concerned, many readers have written to CRIFO asking for more information about the scheduled event, and, asking if we could identify the unimpeachable source. Frankly, we know of no unimpeachable sources in this weird business of saucers, but to clear the air for one accused source, the *Flying Saucer Review*, we quote from a letter received from that magazine's editor, The Hon. Brinsley Le Poer Trench, as follows: "The statements in the Press attributed to one of the directors of the *Flying Saucer Review* represent purely his own personal viewpoint, to which he is fully entitled. These statements do not represent the policy or viewpoint of either *Flying Saucer Review* or its Editor. Neither do they necessarily represent the views of other directors of the magazine." Next, let us quote from Gray Barker's *The Saucerian Bulletin*, Vol. I, No. 4, "Reason saucerers got so excited over this story was that it was announced to suggest that recognized scientific authorities had heard and recorded the space messages, and were confirming that fact officially. Unfortunately, this was not the case and a little checking disclosed that the story originated from the experiments of Dick Miller, and that the space messages mentioned were the tapes recorded and distributed by Miller." CRIFO, summarily, recommends that no one lose sleep over the event. We believe the story is bogus, which is the reason we never published it in Oct. Orbit—and, the very reason why the nation's press played it up so beautifully!

In answer to those wondering what became of Richard Hall's column, *The UFO and You*—Yes, it will definitely appear again, and so will such features as *Flying Saucers* and *Public Opinion*, and *Saucer Sunday*. Reason for omission in Oct. and Nov. issues was on grounds that we tried to imitate as many UFO reports as

each other and he wasn't sure of his time, and my source would have been off a few minutes. This object seemed to be interested in the fires as it moved along. One fire in the area was started by a kerosene tank explosion, but the cause of several others in the area are unknown. . . . The object was around Elsinore which is southwest of Corona where I was standing. The object was near the smoke, but it was engulfed in a black oil looking smoke of its own. He said the smoke seemed to puff in and out about three times or more, like it was breathing, and there seemed to be an explosion."

On Sept. 27, Justin Hammond, Publisher of the *Corona Daily Independent* sent CRIFO a letter confirming the blasts. It reads in part as follows: "Dean Strawn was in the office today to ask if we had carried any publicity in the paper regarding some blasts that we heard in this vicinity recently. . . . One of our reporters made inquiries to the Minnesota Mining Co., south of Corona to find out if there had been mining blast out there. The answer was negative. Calls to the local police also failed to provide any explanation. Finally it was decided, on the basis I believe of a call to someone else whom I could not identify, that the explosions had been caused by sonic blasts. Since sonic blasts occur in this neighborhood frequently we did not consider it to be of unusual news value and did not carry any story on it. However, three blasts in such quick succession is a type of noise I do not usually associate with sonic blasts. The employees here, in the office were aware of the explosions also and felt the job that it caused. We also received a number of telephone calls inquiring as to whether or not we had any explanation for it."

Case 219, Wilmington, Dela., Sept. 12, '55—While Case 218 illustrates the possible tie-in of saucer and sky-quake, another case, minus saucer, happened on the same date. We quote the following from the *Wilmington Journal-Every Evening*: "Telephone calls swamped police—both city and state—and the *News-Journal* editors shortly before 11:00 p.m. seeking to determine the cause of an explosion, or blast, which was felt and heard in many sections of Wilmington. Although hundreds of persons reported hearing a 'booming thud' which rattled windows in their homes, cause of the explosion could not be determined. Air Force officials at the New Castle County Airport said no planes based at the airport were in the air at the time and no trouble had been reported."

Case 220, Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 17, '56—In a letter to CRIFO, Mrs. Frances Mueller writes, "This afternoon about 4:30 p.m., I was walking down Young Street when I looked up and saw a bright white light in the southern sky, going west not very fast. Suddenly it was gone. Another lady, a stranger, with me, saw it too. If the object had any shape, it would be verticle and wider at the foot."

Ed: Driving home from work at 5:30 p.m., I saw a brilliant bluish-white pinhead of light hovering 25 degrees over the Kentucky horizon. My first impression was that the light was a reflection of the setting sun on an aircraft, but when I ~~thought it was a reflection~~ ~~of the setting sun~~ ~~on an aircraft~~, as a signal, I was surprised to see that it was motionless. With my Bell & Howell movie camera at my side, I was tempted to start rolling, but the madness of "going home" traffic influenced by a green light forced me to abandon the idea. Driving on to the next intersection which afforded a clear view of the Kentucky skyline, I thought of the balloon explanation but on this point the luminosity seemed much too brilliant. Reaching the clearing, I had another good look. It was still there, motionless and dazzling white against the blue sky. Several minutes later, by the time I had reached another open view, the object had disappeared. This ruled out a balloon. When I reached home, I phoned the ADC Filter Center. Flying saucer? Don't know. Too little evidence under adverse "seeing" conditions. Anyway, I believe Mrs. Mueller saw something neither aircraft or balloon. But we shall never know what.

No Case (Information Only)

21 September 1956
Birchleigh, Africa

1956, Sept. 21-Birchleigh, Africa-11:30am-Large, shining, silver-grey Saucer traveled in sweeping circles, hovering; maneuvering- then zoomed up into the heavens. Clear sky, cold, windy. Object left a vaportrail, made no sound, sent a 'flash' back thru its vaportrail, like a rocket-blast, as it left...

No Case (Information Only)

22 September 1956
Lincolnshire, England

1956, Sept. 22-Lincolnshire, England-Afternoon-A glittering Sphere hovered at 54,000ft. for about 1hr. during 40mph wind! The 80ft. Object was sighted visually & on Radar. Jets failed to locate it. Seen by thousands. Looked like glass, white inside

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Case 221, St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 22, 1956—Said the St. Paul Dispatch: "Residents in the area of Mendota and Euclid discussed a mystery light from a small molten mass that burned a hole in the street surface and lit up the neighborhood at 12:30 a.m. George White said he awakened at that hour to find his room as light as from a ceiling light. He noted that the light came from the intersection but when it died out a few minutes later he went back to sleep. This morning residents found a hole about

2 John Tobin, New Castle, Del.

2 p.m. Police departments of a dozen communities were besieged with calls reporting the explosion. . . Selfridge AFB authorities said there was only one jet flying at the time in the Detroit area and it had not broken the sound barrier."

Case 222, Williston, N. Dak., Sept. 22, 1956—We quote from the Williston Plains Reporter as follows: "It was less than a thousand feet in the air. As large as a commercial airliner, it was low enough that I could actually see tiny, distinct pinpoints of light. The object had a shiny, metallic gleam and was moving at a speed I would estimate at about 150 miles an hour. With the above statement, Reuben Borrud described an airborne object he saw 'plainly and clearly' from the backyard of his home Saturday night about 7:50 o'clock. Mr. Borrud said he was looking south when he noticed the object just east of the Great Northern RR smokestack. The object, he said, appeared to follow the course of the river until it was lost from sight over the tree tops. In going into detail, he said there was no muffled sound or motors but that he estimated its speed at about 150 mph. He described the object as being circular, as well as V-shaped. As it flew, he said, it oscillated from side to side, much like the pendulum of a clock although not as pronounced. Borrud said he notified the Weather Bureau of the object. The bureau then notified the police and Wright-Patterson AFB. Mr. Borrud, who is an amateur astronomer, said that although he was adjusting his telescope Saturday night, he saw the object with his naked eye."

No Case (Information Only)

24 September 1956
Yorkshire, England

1956, Sept. 24-Yorkshire, England-A bright, round, orange Sphere seen by a hiking-group. It hovered for about 5 min., slowly going below the ridge of the hill. Seen briefly as they climbed, but upon reaching summit, they could see it nowhere! (FSS-L)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Dallas, Texas, Sept. 23, 1956—In a letter to

CRIFO, Mrs. M. A. Ferraro writes: "... I took my children to the Drive-Inn for the first show about 8:20 p.m. At approximately 9 p.m. I saw a sharp blue light west of the screen. Its movements were erratic, darting downward, instantly reversing and going back west. I watched to make certain the object could not be a firefly caught in the projection beam. It couldn't have been for I was the last car in the far west aisle, therefore what I saw was moving behind the screen, where the beam could not reach. By the time we left the movie, there were four of these lights, all in an area extending over about three degrees, all performing the exact fantastic maneuvers. . . . Their sizes were that of a pencil eraser at arm's length, round and sharply defined. At other moments they were about the size of a bottle cap, at arm's length. They could vanish in a second, then become visible again, but far to the right, left, above or below the point at which they vanished. . . . I decided to call the tower the next day. I got Mr. Fetchenbach on the phone. I told him about the blue objects seen the night before. I did not tell him how many of these objects I saw. He said, there were four F-96s or F-84s. I forgot which, up on Tuesday night. They were carrying 'mason' blue lights. I thanked him and hung up. . . . How did Mr. Fetchenbach know I saw four objects? Could I be wrong? Personally, I don't think so. Whether there were jets up or not, jets cannot streak up and down. Some went straight up or down in about the time it takes a meteor to cross a degree of sky, one degree that is, so the time would be one second.

Ed: I note with interest the dates of the Grand Rapids and Dallas incidents. Shortly before 3 p.m. on Sept. 23th, Dell, my wife, watched "something" white float down in the front yard of our home. Remembering the ado over mysterious "angel hair" she gathered the strands of white fibrous substance on a stick and put into a glass jar for safe-keeping. The stuff was sensitive, she said, curling when she touched it. Unlike the Marysville, Ohio "angel hair" incident, Oct. 22, 1934, (See Case 23) the substance did not leave a green stain on the hand, however, my wife said she touched it only briefly. To the writer the substance looks similar to other photographed specimens of the so-called "angel hair", reputed to be a saucer by-product. For analysis the substance was picked up by A.T.C., Wright Patterson AFB. Can't say, but the stuff might have been spider-spun. On the other hand, perhaps the saucers seen near Grand Rapids at about 4 p.m. were also over Cincinnati. Notably, my wife saw the angel hair just before 3 p.m., which is 2 p.m. in Grand Rapids.

1956, Sept. 25—Grand Rapids, Michigan—4pm—Two tan, delta-shaped UFOs seen by Pilot from his plane. Passed below him, smaller than his ship. Not birds or balloons, he said. They traveled fast!

Case 282: Grand Rapids, Mich., Sept. 25, 1956—According to the Grand Rapids Herald a pilot said two strange airborne objects whizzed by his plane near the Grand Rapids Airport Tuesday afternoon. William Marcus, the pilot, who was returning to Grand Rapids from South Bend, told the following story: "Around 4 p.m. between Dorr and Byron Center and at about 120 mph altitude 2000 feet, I was approaching the field when something went by under my right wing, going like the merry blazes. I got a good view for a second and then saw a second object pass under my right wing. I made a turn to get a better glimpse but they were gone. The first object I saw was tan, had a Delta wing shape and appeared to be smaller than my Cessna plane, but considerably larger than any large bird of any sort. The objects were going due south and they positively weren't weather balloons."

No Case (Information Only)

26 September 1956
Yokohama, Japan

1956, Sept. 26-Yokohama, Japan-Night--Strange light seen over here a few
hours before Typhoon-Harriet hit. Changed color from Ul-
tra-yellow to Red-orange. Estimated 3,000 meters altitude!

Case 223, Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 27, 1956—Said ~~the~~ *News-Reporter*, a local suburbanite weekly paper: "A Northern Hills physician and wife, who asked that their identity be withheld, told a story of ~~unusually~~ ~~extraordinary~~ ~~unusually~~ ~~extraordinary~~ demonstration of precision flying among a group of glowing, multi-colored objects. The couple said they were awakened about 3 a.m. when a pane in their bedroom window set up a vibration. 'I got up to find out what was causing the noise,' the doctor said. 'At first I thought someone was trying to get into the window. Then I looked out and saw these objects that looked like little balls zooming around in the sky. . . It was quite a spectacle. The balls were all colors—red, green, yellow and several colors that I can't describe. Then the objects just disappeared before our eyes. It wasn't a gentle trailing off like you might expect to see when watching fireworks pop in the sky—the objects just seemed to be snatched into the void.' The doctor said he and his wife watched the demonstration for almost a half hour."

Case 225, Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 28, 1956—According to the Columbus Dispatch, a former air force pilot and local businessman said that he and his father witnessed eight cigar-shaped objects follow an airliner at 11:20 a.m. He said; "The things were brighter than the aluminum on the plane. They followed the plane, suddenly stopped and reversed themselves. Then they flew south for a short distance and then went up and out of sight. I won't identify myself because people will think I'm crazy."

Case 227, Norwich-Sydney area, New York, Sept. 28, 1956—We quote from a letter received from Mrs. Kenneth Leslie, Binghamton, N. Y., as follows: "Last night between 8 p.m. and midnight scores of residents witnessed a large object in the sky which turned from red to green to white and back again. It pulsed and remained a bright orange color for some time and then disappeared. The State Police received a number of calls from disturbed residents, and, after checking the object themselves they alerted Rome AFB. A squadron of jet fighters were scrambled and as yet no reports have been received as to what the object was or what they found. The story was headlined over the newscasts of radio station WINR all day."

No Case (Information Only)

29 September 1956
Middlebury, Connecticut

1956, Sept. 29-2pm-Middlebury, Conn.-Dozens of white UFOs leaving cobwebs
(Exclusive) while traveling silently from East to West. Blue sky, Sun
bright, no wind, temp: 60°) Air filled with tiny bugs, too (Not
Gossamer-Spiders). Objects acted different than bugs. 3 AF
Jets in sky, too, but NOT near Objects... (UFO Center)

1 - 14 OCTOBER 1956 SIGHTINGS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
Oct	Newington, Connecticut	[REDACTED] (PHOTO)	Insufficient Data
1	20 Mi W Punk City, Texas	United Airlines Pilot	Astro (METEOR)
1	10 Mi W of Care Islands, NF	Military	Astro (METEOR)
1	New York, New York	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
1	Brooklyn, New York	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
1	Colorado Springs, Colorado	[REDACTED] (& Others)	Astro (CAPELLA)
1	Pueblo, Colorado	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
3	Odebolt, Iowa	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
3	Lamesa, Texas	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
4	Denver, Colorado	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
5	Bridgeboro, New Jersey	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
5	China Lake, California	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
6	Wethersfield, Essex, England	CCA RADAR	Astro (METEOR)
6-7	Wethersfield, Essex, England	CCA RADAR	Insufficient Data
7	Brannid Field, Connecticut	Multi	Aircraft
7	Norwalk, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
7	Castel AFB, Merced, California	Multi	Insufficient Data
8	Portland, Arkansas	[REDACTED]	Other (HOAX)
11	Green Bay, Wisconsin	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
11	Santee, California	[REDACTED]	Balloon
11	Crane, Indiana	[REDACTED]	Other (UNRELIABLE RPT)
12	Fairview, New Jersey	[REDACTED]	Balloon
13	Pottsville, Pennsylvania	[REDACTED]	Astro (MARS)
13	Newburgh, Unionville, New York	[REDACTED]	Balloon
14	Ft Thomas, Kentucky	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
14	Covington, Kentucky	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
14	Batavia, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
14	Cincinnati, Ohio	[REDACTED] (PHOTO)	Other (WK Reflection)

ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
2	Trenton, New Jersey	Newsclipping	
7	Brooklyn, New York	Newsclipping	
9	Rapid City, South Dakota	Newsclipping	
9	Springdale, Ohio	Newsclipping	
9	Little Easton, Essex, England	Newsclipping	
12	Denver, Colorado	Newsclipping	
13-14	Monterey County, S. California	Newsclipping	
	West Coast		