

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 18 Apr 58		2. LOCATION Van Wert, Ohio		12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 19/0035Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☒ Possibly Astronomical (Capella)	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 7 mins		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE stationary	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Bright silvery obj observed in same position for a period of seven mins when it was obscured by clouds. Position was North of Northwest at a 45 degree elevation. Sky was overcast.				11. COMMENTS Nothing on radar in the area. Since obj was stationary & the condition was overcast w/haze the sighting is attributed to the star Capella. Capella was in the approx position rptd & the unusual characteristics are assumed due to the atmospheric conditions present at the time.	

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Van Wert, Ohio
April 18, 1958

U. F. O.
Wright- Patterson Field
Dayton, Ohio

Observed Flying Object:

Time: 7:35 P. M. first sighted
7:42 P. M. obscured by high clouds

Object : Silvery object, circular or spherical
in shape, size of dime if held at
arms length.

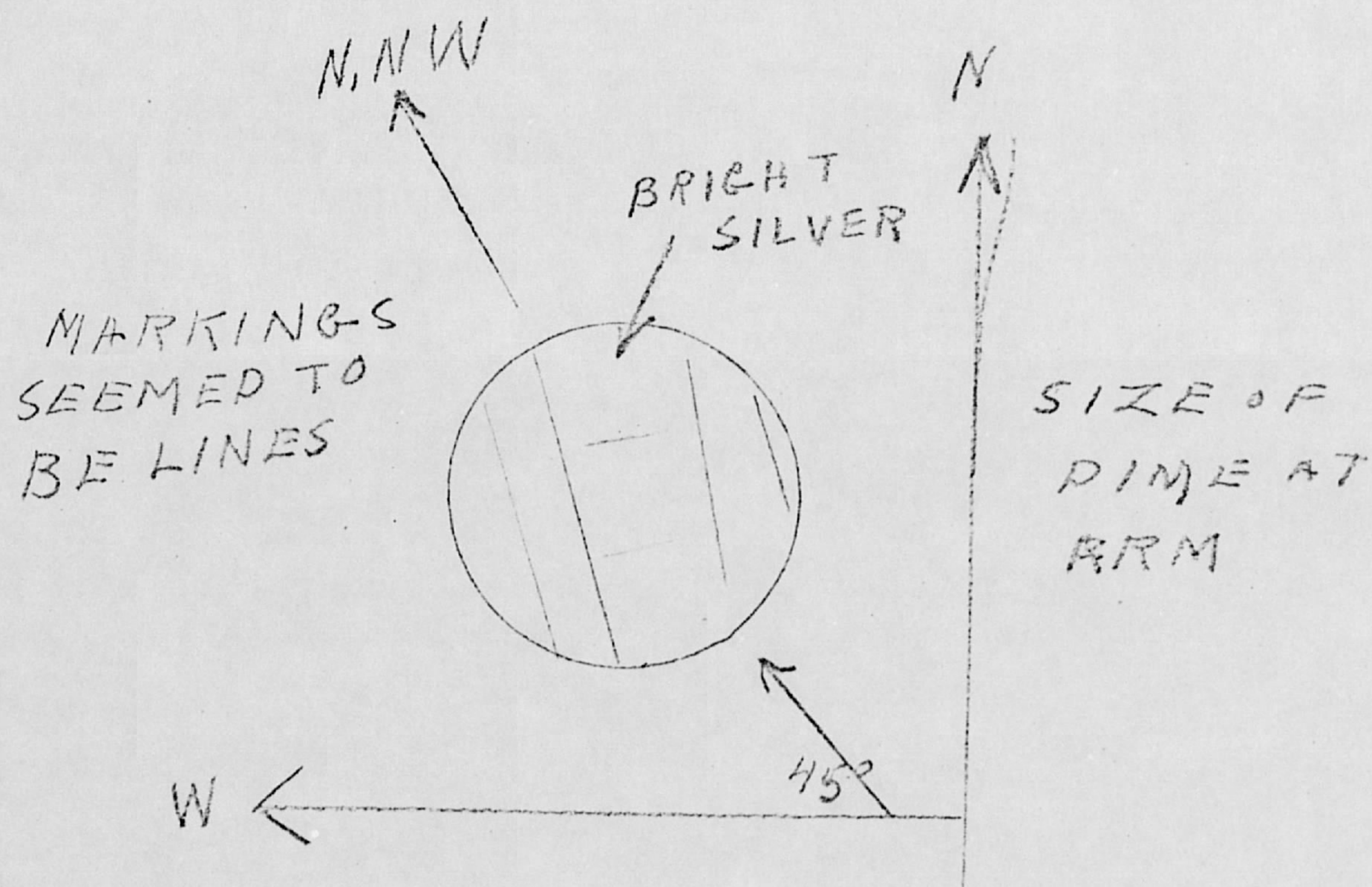
Position in sky: North of North West,
approximate 45 degree angle

Sky condition: Sky over cast in spots

Altitude must have exceeded 5000 ft. as high
haze obscured it. Remained in first
observed position except seemed to
gain in altitude.

Observers:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



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1 NAME OR TITLE	Major L. J. Tacker	INITIALS	CIRCULATE
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION	SAFIS-3 - OSAF	DATE	COORDINATION
2			FILE
			INFORMATION
3			NECESSARY ACTION
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REMARKS		Van Wert, Ohio	
Suggested answer: 1. Received report of your sighting. 2. With the limited information given, we can not definitely identify the object. 3. Astronomical plots show that the large star Capella was in the approximate location given at the time given. 4. There is a possibility that the object could have been the light on a weather balloon. Weather balloons launched at night carry lights for tracking. 5. Radar reports from the Van Wert area reveal nothing unusual. 6. The report will be added to our continuing study of aerial phenomena.			
FROM NAME OR TITLE		DATE	
AFCIN-4X3		7 May 58	
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION		TELEPHONE	
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Replaces DA AGO Form 895, 1 Apr 43, and AFHQ
Form 12, 10 Nov 47, which may be used.

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18 APRIL 1958

7:35 / 7:42 pm

Van Wert, Ohio

16 May 1958

Dear Miss [REDACTED]

This is to acknowledge the [REDACTED] family letter of 18 April 1958 concerning the unidentified flying object you sighted that day.

With the limited information we cannot definitely identify the object. However, astronomical plots indicate the object could have been the star Capella. There is also the possibility that the object could have been a running light on a weather balloon. Weather balloons launched at night carry lights for tracking purposes.

Radar reports from the Van Wert area that night reveal nothing unusual.

Your report will be added to our continuing study of aerial phenomena. Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

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