

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

12 May 58		2. LOCATION Canton, Ohio		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 12/0620Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5-8 mins		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE NW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Obj observed moving fm the NW toward the East. Appeared as a red light, small. No image of body or anything other than a light. Movement slow & erratic.				11. COMMENTS Balloon released fm Warren shortly before sighting. Winds would have carried the balloon over Canton at about the time of the sighting	

HEADQUARTERS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO

23 MAY 1958

EWIPSB

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Canton, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Your letter reporting that you saw an unidentified flying object has been forwarded to Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, for evaluation.

When their action has been completed you will be informed of the disposition of your report.

Sincerely,

cc: AFCIN
Attn: Capt Gregory

ROBERT J. LAUX
Major, USAF
Base Provost Marshal

AFCIN
ATTN: Capt Gregory

VLIC

MAY 15 1958

Sight of Unidentified Object

AFCIN

EWIPSB

28 MAY 1958

Attn: Captain Gregory

Mr. Moore/rp
B10/54185/R119

1. The inclosed report of sight of unidentified object by Mr. [REDACTED] Canton, Ohio, is forwarded for ATIC Evaluation as required by AFR 200-2.
2. The information in report was compiled from the established check sheet.

1 Incl

Ltr dtd 13 May 58, Mr. [REDACTED]
to Commanding Officer, W-P AFB, O.,
re: Unidentified Object.

ROBERT J. LAUX
Major, USAF
Base Provost Marshal

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MAY 15 1958

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May 13, 1958

To:

Canton Ohio

Commander

Wright Patterson AFB,

I have no way of starting this letter but from information in a book called "Flying Saucers From Outer Space" by Donald Keyhoe there is a technical info sheet in the appendix I'll start from there: (

1: When did you see the object:
May 12, 1958

2 Time:
approx 0820 hr 12 May ✓

3 Time zone
Daylight saving time

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4: When were you when you saw the object?

~~W. E. Canton Ohio~~ W. E. Canton Ohio

5: Estimate how long you saw the object. —

about 5 to 8 minutes

6: How certain of time are you?
fairly certain.

(6) What was condition of sky?
no trace of daylight

7: If you saw object at night, what did you notice concerning stars & moon

Stars = many - Moon - none

8: Was the object brighter than background of sky?
pitch dark

yes

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14 - Tell in a few words the following things about the object?

a sound - no sound

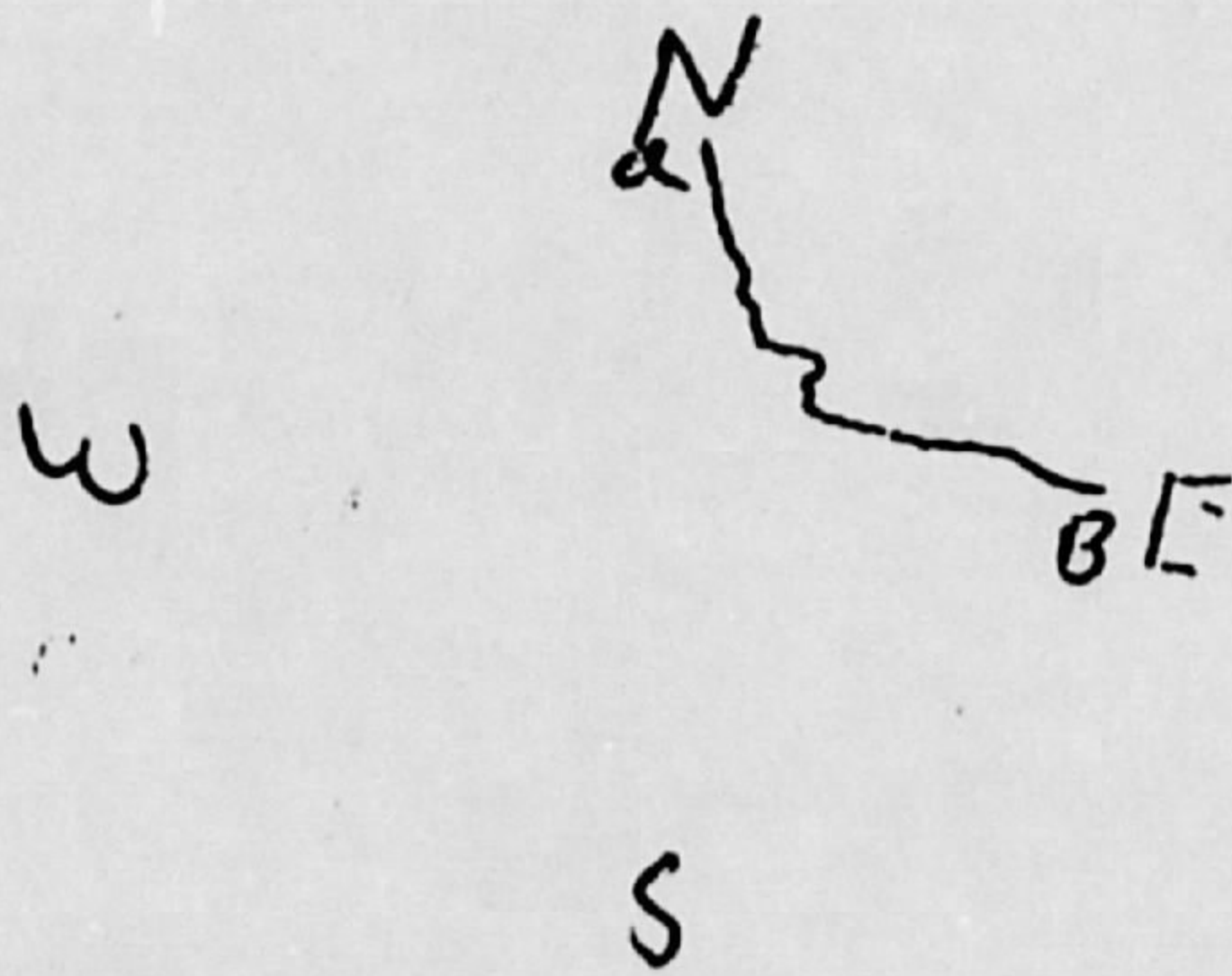
b Color - red.

15 Shape - no details except round red light - pulsating - Path irregular at times.

16 - The edges of object were,
Fuzzy or blurred - no sharp outline.

17 - Was there more than one.
No -

18 Picture Path



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19- If possible what was length
- in feet? Don't know

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How large did it appear as
compared with object held in
hand or arms length.

a- a nickel or bigger held out at
arms length.

21 It disappeared from view
behind clouds to the east.

22 Where were you?

Inside a ~~tea~~ my house

26 Where were you

In the residential section
of town.

27 I was watching a television
movie at the time. Our sofa sits
across the room from a picture
window. I happen to notice a

6 red light - its side and thought it was a low plane at first.

Our walls are painted a flamingo color and there were 2 end table lights lit. There was quite a bit of reflection from the walls on the window, so for me to see though the color reflected in the window the light was bright enough to attract my attention.

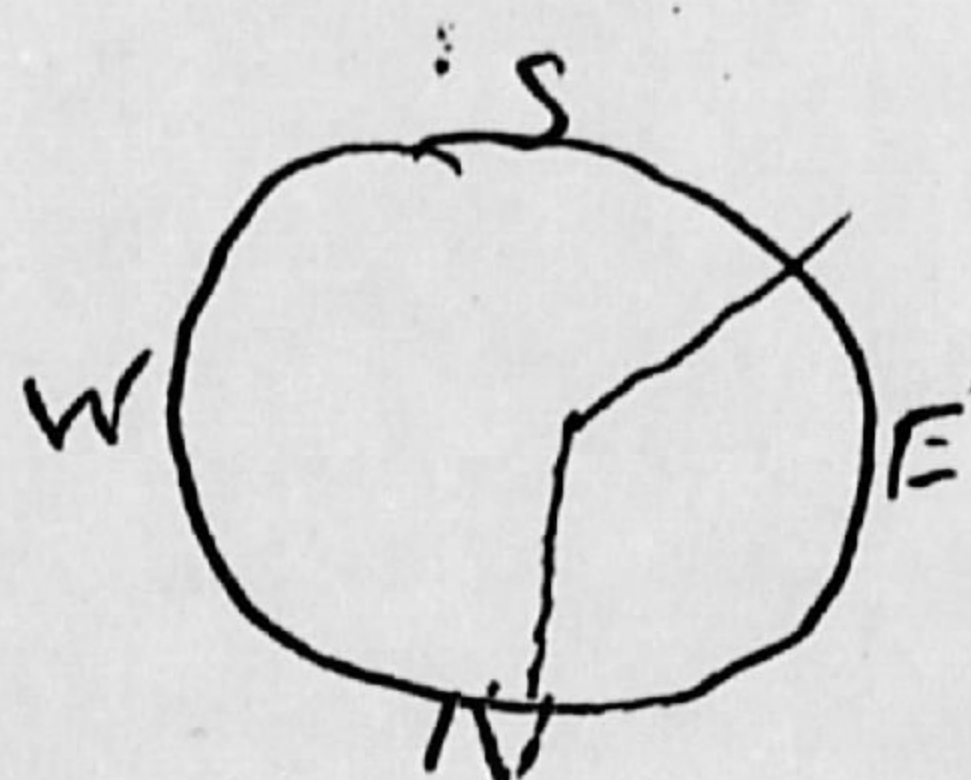
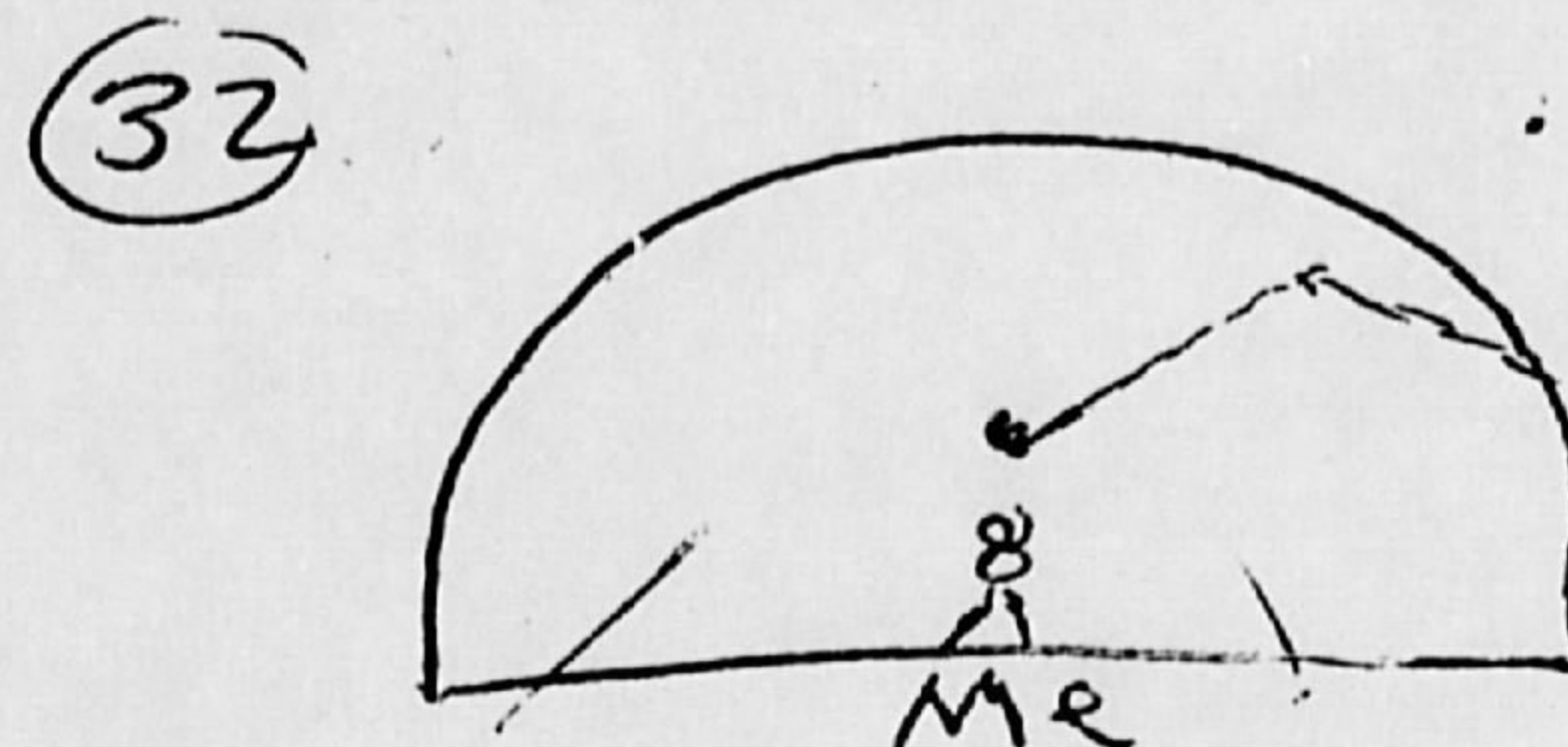
28. What direction were you looking when object was sighted
a - North

29 When last seen
a East.

30 - Angular direction + Elevation
a - approx true north, below north star, Elevation - 35° to 40°

B When it disappeared?

From true north - 50° degrees or more
" Horizon - 60° degrees



It was directly overhead
when it changed course.

32 Weather condition

- a clouds
scattered overhead to south
thick to north west overcast;
- b weather
Dry
- c wind
no wind
- d temperature
cool.

33 ^{3 page} When did I report to some official that you had seen the object?

Immediately:

I called first Akron Canton Weather

Bureau at airport. I called next Air Force Dept of Canton ~~Civil~~ air defense Filter Center at 1916 Cleveland Ave NW.

Glendale 3-7676

at the airport they saw nothing - overcast condition - it is about 4 to 6 miles or more from my home to the northwest.

I called air force center here & they told me they would send an air radar alert out.

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34 - Was anyone else with you
at time of sighting
a - yes

35 If yes, did they see it too
a - yes

36 List name + address

a - my wife [REDACTED]
a my brother in law.

[REDACTED], who is
living with us now while home from
college. Fern College in Cleveland Ohio
studies Civil Engineering.

37 Was this the first time you
saw object like this.
a - yes

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38 Do you think you can estimate speed of object?
a It seemed to move slow when more directly overhead, a little faster or slower than a balloon or a dirigible.

39- How far was it?

a - Well if it were plane size maybe 5 to 8 thousand feet if a large object could be miles on.

40 Please give following information about yourself.

Name

[REDACTED]

Address

[REDACTED]

CANTON, Ohio

Tel - Glendale [REDACTED]

Job - Welder at Macomber Inc.

Age - 33 - Sex - Male

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Please indicate education

a Grade school - yes

b High school - yes

c College - no

d Technical school - In the Navy
Radio School at Northwestern Univ.
and about ~~the~~ almost the 1st part
of an Electrical Engineering course from
International Correspondence School
at Scranton Pa.

I saw the object almost
the whole time except when
I called the Weather Bureau, a
minute or so, I didn't see it
but my wife & brother in law
observed it. Our telephone is
right beside the kitchen door
and I could slip out on the
back step and look out and

12 still observe it.

I hope that this information can be of some help. I firmly believe it was no plane or any object I've ever observed before. When it stopped I came into the house to call, it actually stood still. It seemed to get very bright all at once. Almost as if it were above a ~~the~~ slight whisp of cloud cause to light seemed to reflect on clouds. Then it moved to the eastward, got dim and then bright again but not as bright as when directly overhead, than it disappeared behind clouds.

(13)

I am trying to put as
much information as possible

I never write letters unless I feel
I must so this amount of writing
gives me writer cramps. Besides
its a throwback from writing letters
while in the service. I dislike writing
but this was worth it

Yours respectfully

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

MEMO ROUTING SLIP		NEVER USE FOR APPROVALS, DISAPPROVALS, CONCURRENCES, OR SIMILAR ACTIONS	
1 NAME OR TITLE	Major L. J. TACKER	INITIALS	CIRCULATE
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION	SAFIS-3 - OSAF	DATE	COORDINATION
2			FILE
			INFORMATION
3			NECESSARY ACTION
			NOTE AND RETURN
4			SEE ME
			Wojcik
			SIGNATURE
Canton, Ohio			
REMARKS			
Larry- Here is a letter from an individual report- a UFO. Must give him credit for not sending it to Keyhoe after reading his book. It got into the hands of the Base Provost Marshal here. Suggest the following answer: 1. Our preliminary conclusion is that it was a balloon with transmitted at night probably a light, launched at night probably from Warren, Ohio; by the Weather Bureau. Warren is about 40 miles northeast of Canton. Investigation shows that balloons were launched at Warren on the night of his sighting and that the prevailing winds were in the direction of Canton from Warren. Further, his description of the object and its MOVEMENTS movements indicate the strong possibility that it was a balloon. 2. We are adding his report to the many others we receive in our continuing investigation of aerial phenomena. 3. Thanks for sending it to the Air Force. (Copy of interim answer by P. Marshall inclosed) (You are probably aware that Gregory is on two or three weeks leave-and we're hurting) copy requested			
FROM NAME OR TITLE	Ted Hieatt	DATE	5 Jun 58
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION	AFCIN-4X3	TELEPHONE	55266

DD FORM 95
1 FEB 50

Replaces DA AGO Form 895, 1 Apr 48, and AFHQ Form 12, 10 Nov 47, which may be used.

☆ GPO: 1955-O-403461

12/1620Z

12 MAY 1958

Maj. Tacker/ocf/555551

13 June 1958

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

This is to acknowledge your letter of 13 May 1958 concerning an unidentified flying object sighted by you on the day previous.

Preliminary conclusions indicate the object to be a weather balloon, launched from Warren, Ohio by the Weather Bureau. Prevailing winds were also in the general direction of Canton from Warren.

We are adding your report to our files on investigations of aerial phenomena.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Major, USAF
Executive Officer
Public Information Division
Office of Information Services

Mr. [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED]
Canton, Ohio

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OFFICE INFO SERVICES

cc" ATIC

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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 20/0511Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☒ Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian		☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 secs		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE E to W		
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Cigar shaped obj, 2-3ft in size, white, front very bright with streamers behind. Tail 300 ft behind.			11. COMMENTS Distance not included except that obj moved fm East to West. Indications such as duration & tail point to obvious conclusion of meteor sighting.		

Witness

20/0511Z

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31
44X20

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T SQA093 YMA533 YYC474372-159

PP RJEDDN RJEDBW RJEDSQ RJEPHQ

DE RJEDBW 3B

P 202000Z

FM COMDR 662D ACWRON BROOKFIELD AFSTA OHIO

TO RJEDDN/COMDR ENT AFB

RJEDBW/COMDR 30TH ADIV (DEF)

RJEDSQ/COMDR AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER WPAFB

RJEPHQ/ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF

RJEPHQ/OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES HQ USAF

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/UNCLASSIFIED/ INT 5-393. UFOB REPORT.

A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT: (1) CIGAR SHAPED (2) TWO TO THREE FEET
IN SIZE (3) COLOR WHITE (4) ONE (5) NEG (6) FRONT VERY BRIGHT

WITH STREAMERS BEHIND (7) TAIL 300 FEET BEHIND (8) NONE (9) NEG

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE: (1) OBSERVER ^{WAS} STAR GAZING (2) UNKNOWN
(3) UNKNOWN (4) OBJECT MOVING EAST TO WEST (5) UNKNOWN (6) 3 SEC.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION: (1) GROUND-VISUAL (2) NEG (3) NEG

D. TIME AND DATE: (1) 0511Z 20 MAY 1958 (2) NIGHT

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER: GEOREF POSITION GJJL 3353, CANTON OHIO
FILTER CENTER

TELEPHONED
TO: Gen. Tamm
NO. 5-2121
TIME 0600Z
Date May 21
By: [Signature]

This is typical pattern
and characteristic
of UFOs, especially
that to be large
sight, such
as

airliners
+
bombers. based
on fragments
of previous
reports

Note!

GOC
Post?

Time:

0511Z - 5 = 0011Z

12:11 AM (slightly after
midnight -
20 May)

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER: (1) MR [REDACTED],

AGE 49, 1 [REDACTED] NORTH WEST, CANTON OHIO, NIGHT WATCHMAN.

(2) NEG

G. WEATHER: (1) WX CLEAR, VISIBILITY UNLIMITED (2) WINDS ALOFT:

SURFACE WIND FROM SOUTH AT 5 KNOTS

10,000 FEET: 270 DEGREES, 30 KNOTS,

16,000 FEET: 250 DEGREES, 65 KNOTS,

20,000 FEET: 290 DEGREES, 90 KNOTS,

30,000 FEET: 290 DEGREES, 70 KNOTS,

50,000 FEET: 260 DEGREES, 50 KNOTS,

(3) CLEAR (4) UNLIMITED (5) NEG (6) NEG

H. NEG.

I. NEG.

J. CAPITOL VISCOUNT OVER CANTON, OHIO AT 0518Z AT 18,000 FEET

K. CHECK WITH CLEVELAND CAA REVEALED THAT AN AIRLINER HAD ALSO REPORTED SEEING AN OBJECT OVER FINDLAY, OHIO AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME AND THAT AIRLINER HAD MADE FULL REPORT TO MINNEAPOLIS CENTER.

ADCC WAS INFORMED OF ABOVE INFORMATION FOR FOLLOW UP. 1ST LT HOWARD H. KELLY JR, INTELLIGENCE OFFICER.

L. NEG.

BT

20/2125Z MAY RJEDBW

*Winds generally from West.
Object moving from East to West.*

Note Airliner

*Pending receipt of
detailed report from
Main Center ADCC -*

*will evaluate as
"PROBABLY AIRCRAFT
that was in the area."*

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