

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 6 May 60		2. LOCATION Seattle, Washington		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>Reflection/Hoax</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2130 GMT 070530Z May 60		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☒ Yes ☐ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION n/a		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS four		9. COURSE stationary	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Witness sent in photos of supposed UFO's. Photo-analysis showed that they were light reflections obtained by taking a series of pictures through a window and opening the window more for each shot. Reflections were of street lights.				11. COMMENTS Photoanalysis showed reflections of street lights as the cause, with intent to perpetrate a hoax.	

[REDACTED]
July 6, 1960

Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright Patterson Air Force Base,
Ohio

Dear Sirs:

May 6, 1960, I saw my first chance to take a photograph of the moon since my purchase of a pair of Taylor 7x50 binoculars to fit my new Contaflex I single lens reflex 35mm camera. The night (time of shooting was between 9:30 PM and 10:00 PM) seemed to be hazy, but, because we hadn't had clear sky since I bought my camera, I tried it anyway.

The weather report for that day was: 62-52 degrees Fahrenheit, and 0.61 inches of rain.

Using the Edmund Scientific Co. binocular-to-camera adapter, I set the camera focus at infinity and twisted the right eyepiece of the binoculars fully counter-clockwise (for greater telescopic range). Then, to focus the moon, I twisted the central focus wheel on the binoculars until the split image in my rangefinder indicated correct focus.

Since I was beginning to take photos with such elaborate equipment, I had always kept records of each shot.

I took four photos that night with Kodak Tri-X Pan 35mm film; three of which were of the moon, and one of a star. The first was shot at F5.6 (F5.6 is required opening with binoculars) for 1/125th sec., the second was taken at F5.6 for 1/250th sec., the third was taken at F5.6 for 1/60th sec. The one of the star was blank, so we'll forget it.

The first picture revealed only a very fuzzy image of the moon, thus we may remove it from discussion along with frame #4. The second frame shows the moon clearer (faster speed) and also reveals 3 positively foreign images in the shape of cigars. These objects seem to be in flying formation, the top one being either the closest or largest. Another object is possibly shown at the far right of the second frame. What I mean by possibly is that it's so small that it could be a scratch or a picture of dust on the camera lens. I'm certain that the other three were not caused by defective equipment, for they don't show up on frames #1 or 4 and they seem to have the same texture as the moon, that is, they look like they were

about as far away as the moon.

The third frame makes me even more positive. The moon is blurred (from slow shutter speed and poor focus), but in the far, lower left of the frame, another object with the same features as the objects in the second frame is pictured. This object is much larger, or much closer, than the rest. All of these objects are not in exact focus, of course, but, as you can see from the enclosed pictures and negatives, they are more distinguishable than a bug would be if it were on the lens.

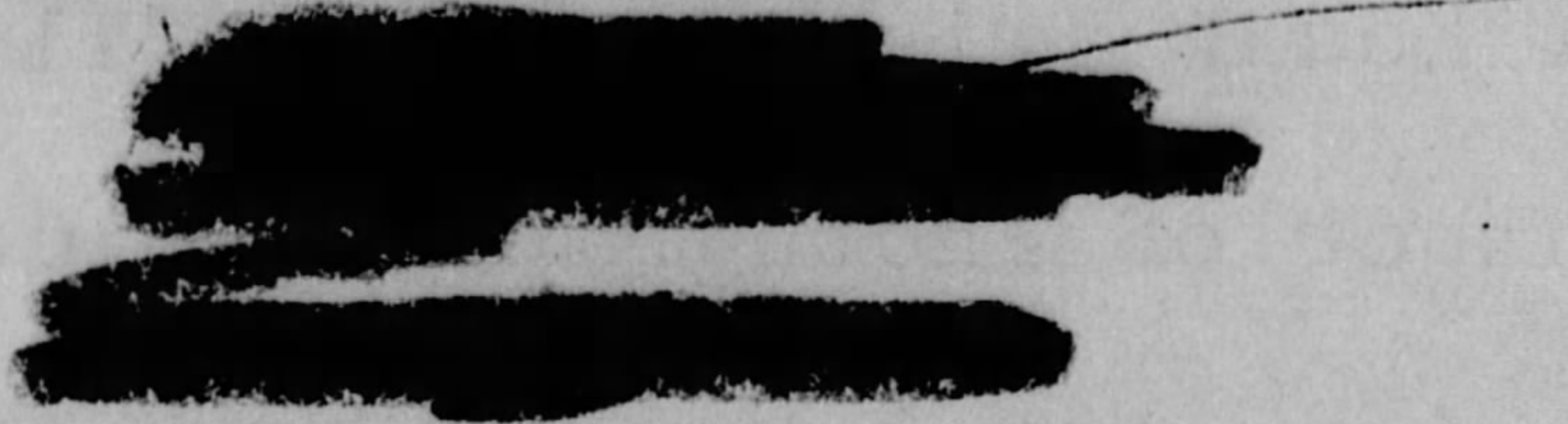
You'll notice, also, two dots just above the large object in frame #3 and above a few of the others; upon inspecting the negative under magnification 7 times, I found that all of the objects were under 2 dots.

For your convenience, I've included an outline of the data and several pictures. I have decided to include the negative, since I have no further use for it.

I would deeply appreciate a reply as to the validity of my findings.

Thankyou.

Your's truly,



OUTLINE

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

I. Description

- A. Saucer shaped with two dots above
- B. Main bodies look very much like saturn

II. Time

- A. May 6, 1960, Friday
- B. 9:30 to 10:00 PM

III. Day's weather report

- A. 62-52 degrees Fahrenheit
- B. 0.61 inches of rain

IV. Equipment used

- A. Contaflex I. single lens reflex 35mm camera
- B. Taylor 7x50 binoculars
- C. Edmund Scientific Co. Binocular-to-camera adaptor
- D. Edmund Scientific Co. clamp-type tripod
- E. Tower's light meter (model 9805 - Sears, \$8.95)
- F. Kodak Tri-X Pan 35mm film, ASA Index: dylt. 200

V. Number of Photographs & Saucers

- A. 4 photos taken at that time of the heavens
- B. 2 photos included moon & UFO's
- C. 4 saucers evident, possibly 5

VI. Exact copy of records kept on each frame.

Kodak B&W, Tri-X Dylt. ASA 200

- 1. F5.6 1/125 sec. Moon - Binoculars
- 2. f5.6 1/250 sec. Moon - Bino
- 3. f5.6 1/60 sec. Moon - Bino
- 4. f5.6 1/50 sec. Star - Bino

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AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO



REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

AFCIN-4E2/Maj Friend/69216

SUBJECT:

Request for Analysis

13 July 1960

TO:

AFCIN-4D4a

Request attached photographs and negatives be analyzed. Copy of correspondence accompanying photos is also attached to aid in analysis.

for
RICHARD R. SHOOP
Colonel, USAF
AFCIN-4E2

1 Atch:
Cy ltr 6 July 60 fr
[REDACTED] w/photos
and negatives

Ltr, AFCIN-4E2, 13 July 1960, Request for Analysis

1st Ind (AFCIN-4D4a)

18 July 1960

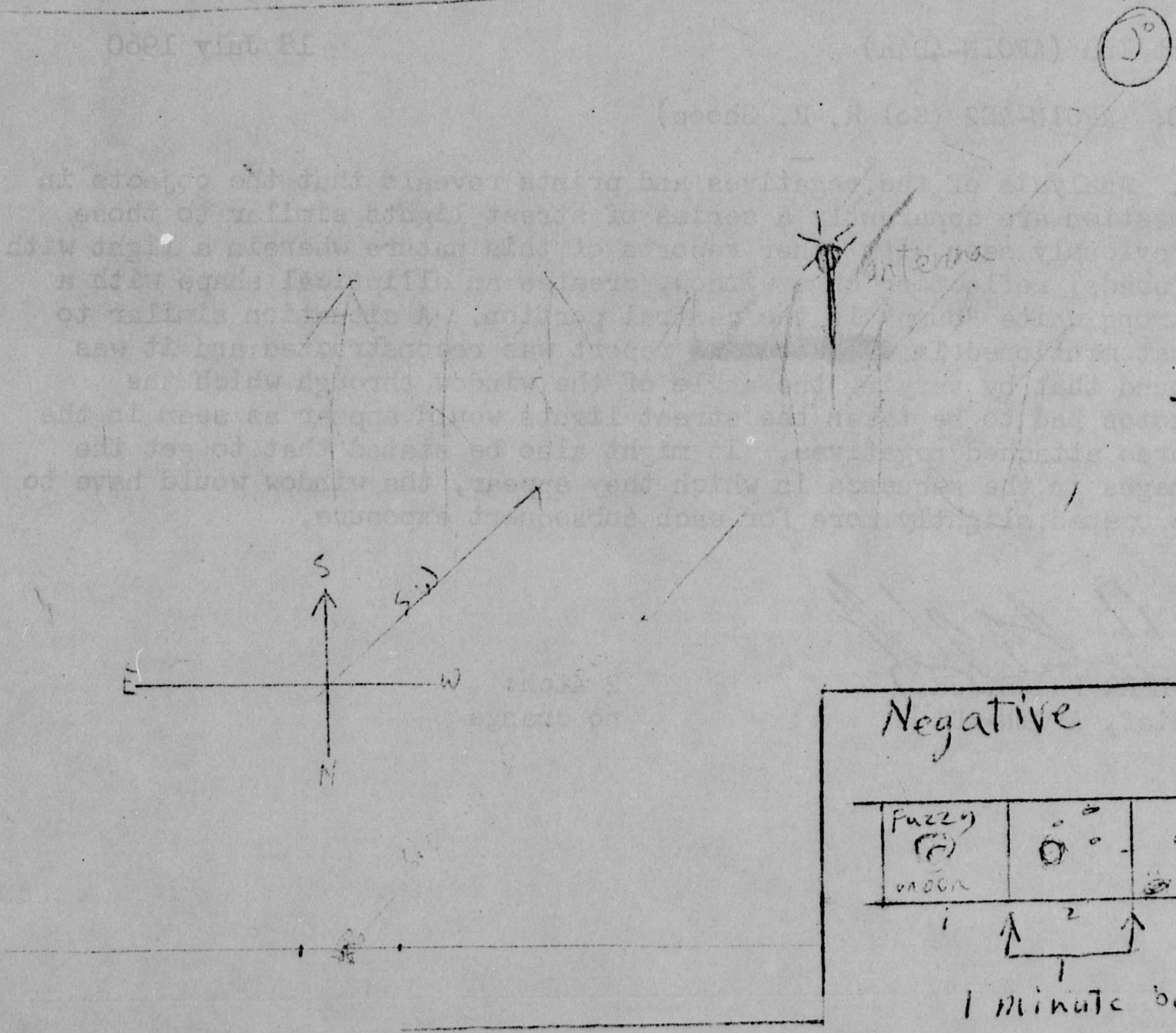
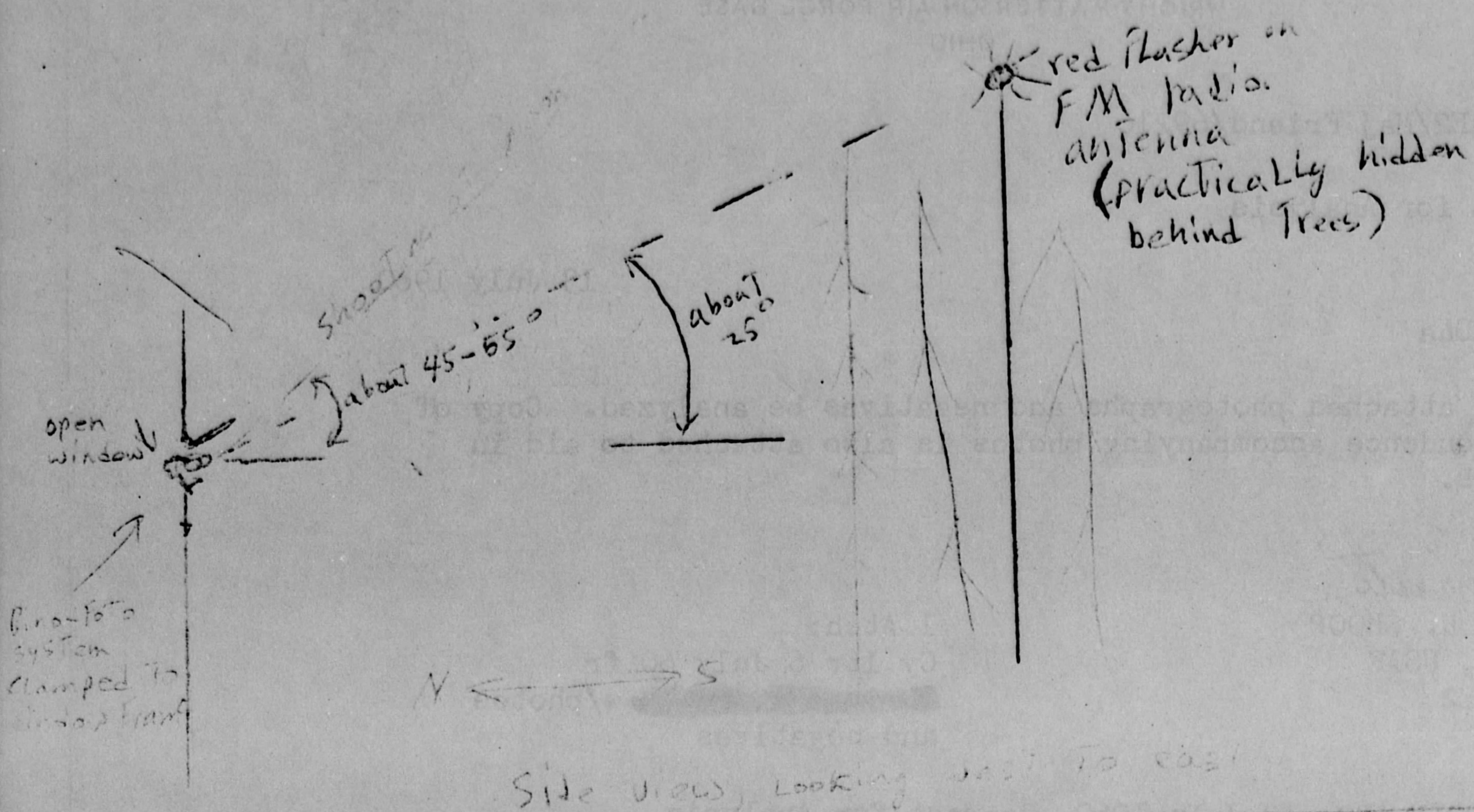
TO: AFCIN-4E2 (Col R. R. Shoop)

1. Analysis of the negatives and prints reveals that the objects in question are apparently a series of street lights similar to those previously seen with other reports of this nature wherein a light with a shade, reflecting on a window, creates an elliptical shape with a strong white "bump" in the central portion. A situation similar to that mentioned in [REDACTED] report was reconstructed and it was found that by varying the angle of the window through which the photos had to be taken the street lights would appear as seen in the three attached negatives. It might also be stated that to get the images in the sequence in which they appear, the window would have to be opened slightly more for each subsequent exposure.

for
WILBER PRICE, JR.
Chief, AFCIN-4D4

2 Atch:
no change

Sketch of shooting



Negative

Fuzzy moon	0°	0°	X STAR
1	2	3	4

1 minute between shootings

AFCIN-4E2x

UFO Reports

SAFOI-3d (L/Col Tacker)

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2. A request was made on 13 July 1960, for an investigation of the Oak Hill, W. Va. sightings. The investigation was made on 21 July 1960, and all information will be forwarded to ATIC at a later date.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

PHILIP G. EVANS
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Science and Components

2 Atch:

1. Cy ltr 6 July 60 fr [REDACTED] w/photos
2. Cy ltr 14 July 60, fr [REDACTED]

29 July 1960

Dear [REDACTED]

I am returning your photographs and negatives submitted with your letter of 6 July 1960 reporting to show unidentified flying objects.

The Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center has determined that these are definitely pictures of light fixtures reflecting on a window.

For your information I am inclosing the latest Department of Defense fact sheet on the subject of unidentified flying objects. It plainly states the Air Force's position in regard to this subject.

Sincerely,

2 Inclosures

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Magazine and Book Branch
Public Information Division
Office of Information

[REDACTED]
Seattle 33, Washington

Comeback OI-3d
Reader OI-1

AFC IN-4E2x

Susp y 26 July 60

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