

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 26 Sep 61		2. LOCATION Gaithersburg, Maryland		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1912 EDT GMT 262312 Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☒ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 1/3 - 2 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE Descending	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Observation during twilight of objt about brightness of Venus. Appeared as solid, white and orange color, elongated oval. Like comet without tail. Observed in 2 moving toward SW and descending. 1 to 2 times speed of 1000.				11. COMMENTS Objt probably bright white light on bottom of a jet a/c. a/c was probably moving to the SW resulting in an apparent decrease in altitude to witness. There is no evidence available indicating that objt was anything other than an a/c.	

U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

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, and will be regarded as confidential material. 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?

26 SEPT 1961
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

10 12
Hour 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] GAITHERSBURG MARYLAND
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks: _____

5. How long was object in sight?

Hours

1 1/2 - 2
Minutes

Seconds

5.1 How was time in sight determined?

a. Certain
(b.) Fairly certain

c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY

a. Bright
b. Cloudy

NIGHT

a. Bright
b. Cloudy

TWILIGHT
(a.) BRIGHT

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 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~~ *STILL LIGHT*
 d. Don't remember

9. The object appeared:

(Circle One): ☒ a. As a light b. Shiny c. Dark d. Don't remember

10. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars?

*Approximately
as bright as VENUS*

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time? | Yes | ☒ No | Don't Know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | Yes | ☒ No | Don't Know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | Yes | ☒ No | Don't Know |
| d. Give off smoke? | Yes | ☒ No | Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness? | ☒ Yes | No | Don't Know |
| f. Change shape? | ☒ Yes | No | Don't Know |
| g. Flash or flicker? | Yes | ☒ No | Don't Know |
| h. Disappear and reappear? | Yes | ☒ No | Don't Know |

12. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes ☒ No Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind: _____

13. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes ☒ No Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what in front of: _____

14. Did the object appear: (Circle One): ☒ a. Solid b. Transparent c. Vapor d. Don't Know

15. 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 | _____ | |

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

a. Sound NONE

b. Color BETWEEN WHITE AND ORANGE

17. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving. N/A

18. 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 QUITE BRIGHT BUT
WITH DARK SHAPE

19. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? N/A

Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

20. 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.

N/A

21. How large did the object appear to you as compared to an object with which you are familiar?

ABOUT THREE TIMES AS LARGE AS JUPITER

22. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head?

ONE HALF OF THE OBJECT WOULD HAVE BEEN COVERED

23. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how?

NO

24. 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.

AN OVAL OR ELONGATED SHAPED COMET WITHOUT A TAIL.

25. 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 _____

26. 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 _____

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

WALKING IN BACK YARD, SMOKING CIGARETTES AND
GLAZING UP AT SKY

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

28.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

N/A

- | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | c. East | e. South | g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

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

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

(Circle One) Yes No

29. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object? (Circle One)

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|--------------|---|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | c. East | e. South | g. West |
| b. Northeast | ☒ d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |
| | | | i. Overhead |

30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the object? (Circle One)

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|--------------|--------------|---|--------------|
| a. North | c. East | e. South | g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | ☒ f. Southwest | h. Northwest |
| | | | i. Overhead |

31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North (thru east) and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

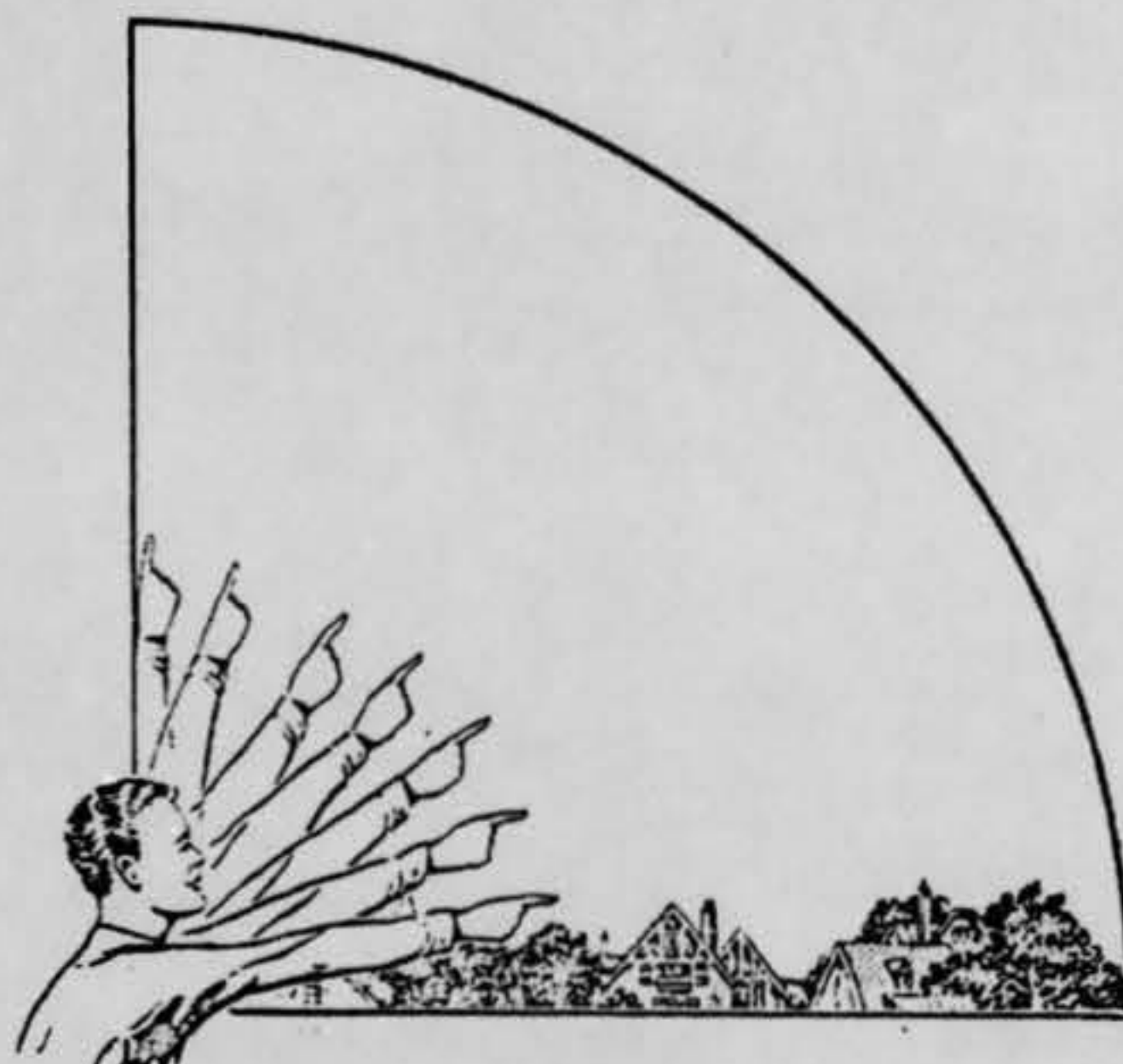
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 180° degrees.
- b. From horizon 40° degrees.

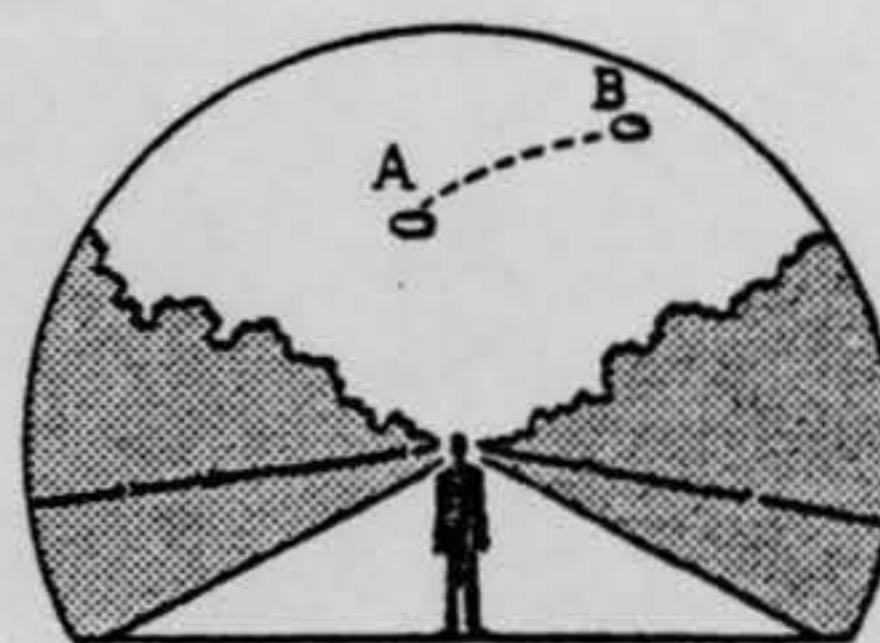
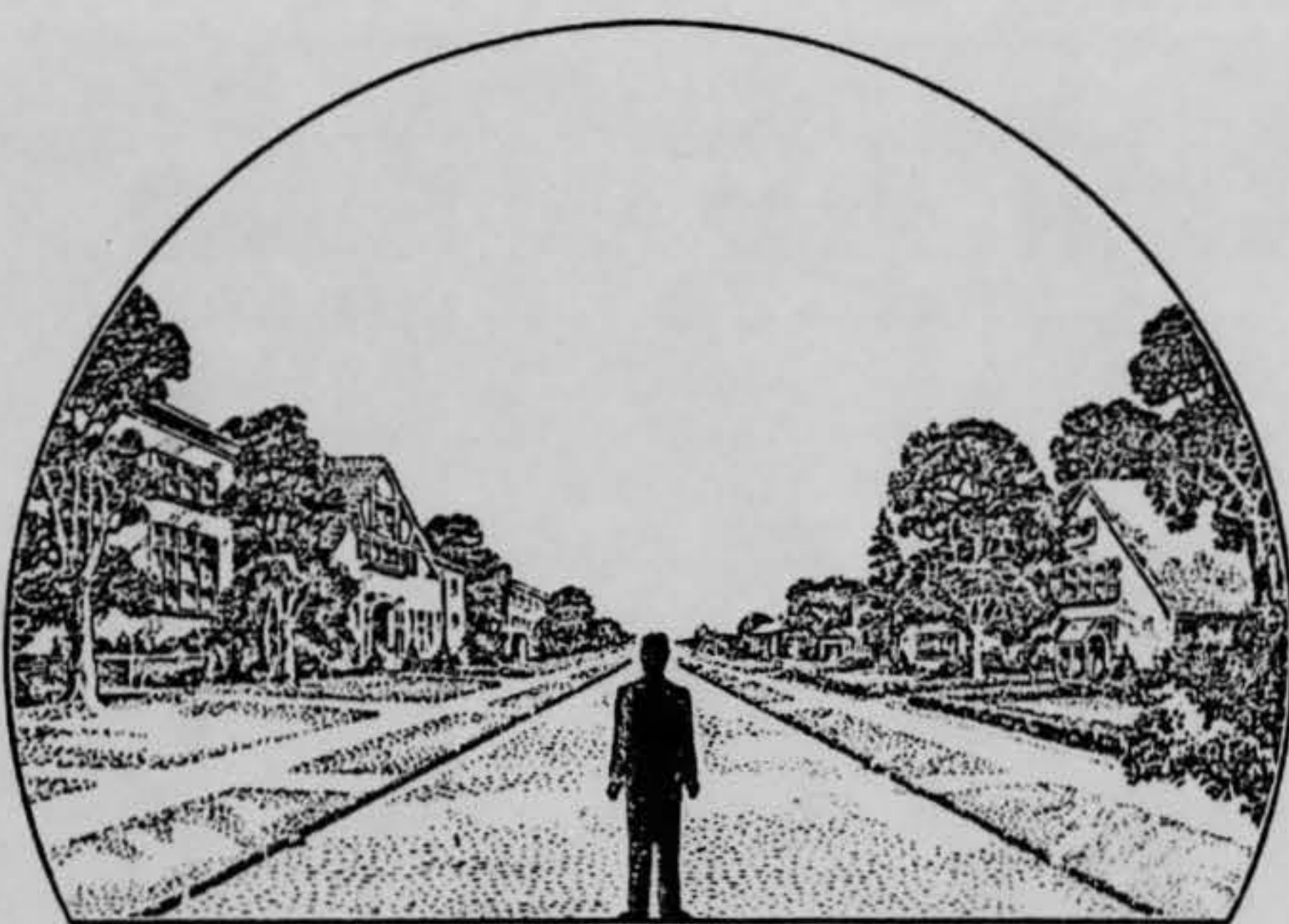
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 220° degrees.
- b. From horizon 20° degrees.

32. 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.



33. In the following larger sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you *first* saw it, and a "B" at its position when you *last* saw it. Refer to smaller sketch as an example of how to complete the larger sketch.



34. 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

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

26
Day

SEPT
Month

61
Year

NASA DUTY OFFICER
FTD DUTY OFFICER
LOCAL NEWSPAPER

36. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One) ☒ Yes No

36.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One) Yes ☒ No

36.2 Please list their names and addresses:

MOTHER, SAME ADDRESS. CALLED
OUT BY OBSERVER WHEN OBJECT WAS LOW IN SKY AND
FADING.

37. Was this the first time that you had seen an object or objects like this?

(Circle One) ☒ Yes No

37.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?

38. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

COULD HAVE
BEEN A LARGE SATELLITE AT ABOUT 100 MILES
ALTITUDE

39. 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? 1 1/2 TO 2 TIMES SPEED OF ECHO I

40. 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? _____

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [REDACTED] Last Name [REDACTED] First Name [REDACTED] Middle Name (NONE)

ADDRESS [REDACTED] City GAITHERS BURG Zone _____ State MARYLAND

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

Age _____ Sex MALE

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

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

26 Day Sept Month 61 Year