

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 20 July 64 20/0945Z 20/1000Z	2. LOCATION Clinton, Iowa - Littleton, Illinois
3. SOURCE Civilian, Military	10. CONCLUSION UNIDENTIFIED
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 60 Sec 45 Sec - 1 Min.	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS 1. Strange firey object observed in SSE for 45 sec-1 minute. Unusual light estimated at 7,000 ft. Apex of light with most intense portion at top fanning out at bottom. No object observed only light. Direction of apex to NNW and object only appeared to be moving in that direction. Faded out. 2. Observer driving Eastward and object believed to be one mile away rose up in fron of car. Shadowy cone shaped object. With fire jetting out of the bottom. Thought that the obj. was rocket powered with mixture too rich because of the sparks coming from the bottom. Flames were reddish-purple. Object climbed to 1,500 ft coming toward the observer. Levelled off at this altitude. Made shapp loop and climbed to 3,500 ft and headed East. Sparks turned bluish yellow object headed East and disappeared in a second or two. Shaped like ice cream cone upside down. 60 ft in diameter.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE NNW	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	



ILLINOIS HEADQUARTERS
SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM
405 EAST WASHINGTON STREET
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62701

22 July 1964

Major R. P. Casalaspro
Commander
2273rd Selective Service Squadron
Bolling Air Force Base, D. C.

Dear Major Casalaspro:

If you think it appropriate I wonder if you would be kind enough to forward the attached report of a "flying saucer" to the Air Force office which is concerned with such phenomena.

Mr. [REDACTED], who submits this report, is a GS 3 file clerk employed at this Headquarters for the past two years. He was honorably discharged from the Army after more than three years service in World War II. He is 54 years of age.

Mr. [REDACTED] is generally regarded at this Headquarters as a completely honest and reliable person. For this reason we consider it advisable to make his report available to the Air Force.

This office as well as Mr. [REDACTED] would be most interested in knowing whether it develops that there is some explanation for the phenomenon.

Sincerely yours,

FOR THE STATE DIRECTOR

F. B. Woodworth

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Lt. Colonel, USAF
Deputy State Director

Enclosure

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% Illinois Headquarters
Selective Service System
405 East Washington Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701
22 July 1964

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

At about 4:45 a.m. on 20 July 1964 I was driving eastbound through a wooded area on State Route 101 about two miles west of Littleton, Illinois, when I noticed a shadowy cone-shaped object, with fire jetting out of the bottom, rise straight upward over the trees in front and to the right of me at a distance of possibly one mile.

My first thought was that it was a jet plane, then I decided it was a rocket powered cone-shaped object. I recall thinking that their rocket mixture was too rich as the sparks or flames were reddish purple. I then realized I might be looking at a "flying saucer."

As I continued driving eastward the object climbed to about 1500 feet and leveled off, coming directly toward me. At that moment it reminded me of a large sunflower with yellow petals sticking out all around it; I was looking at its front side and the petals were the rocket sparks fanning out around the edges. This lasted only a second or two, then it made a sharp loop upward and almost reversed its course, leveling off at about 3500 feet and heading almost due east. It was as if the operator had gotten his bearings. The sparks from the rocket now turned a bluish yellow, making a ball of fire, and in a very few seconds it was completely out of sight.

This flying object, as I saw it, was shaped like the cream of an ice cream cone with the rockets where the cracker part is. I would guess it was about 60 feet in diameter. I have drawn the attached sketch to show how the object looked to me in the various positions in which I saw it. I cannot say whether it was ascending from the ground at the moment I first saw it or whether it may have been flying at tree top level when I saw it making its flight straight upward.

The sky was clear and still dark, although it was beginning to turn gray in the east. I was alone in my car. There was no other traffic on the highway in that vicinity. My car windows were up because of the cool weather and I heard no unusual sounds. The whole incident as described above probably took no more than one minute.

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~~_____~~ LL



upward



facing



away

HEADQUARTERS
FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION
AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO



REPLY TO

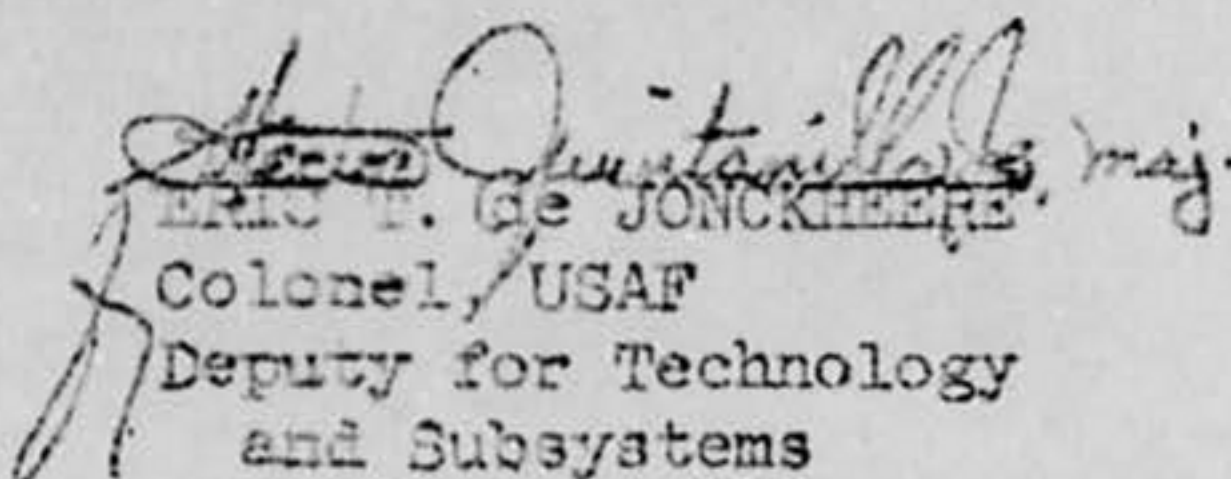
ATTN OF: TDEW

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting

TO: Hq USAF SAFOI PB (Mrs. Gaiser)

We have received an unidentified flying object report from Joseph [REDACTED]. His initial report did not contain sufficient information for an evaluation. It is suggested that a FTD Form 164 be forwarded to Mr. [REDACTED] for completion and returned to us.

FOR THE COMMANDER


ERIC P. de JONCKHEERE
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology
and Subsystems

1 Atch

Ltr [REDACTED]



YOU - THE NUCLEUS OF SECURITY!

20 Jul 64
Littleton, Illinois

August 17, 1964

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

This is in response to your letter of July 22, 1964, in which you reported observing an unusual object in the Littleton, Illinois area.

Since your report of the sighting did not contain sufficient information to enable our investigators to make an evaluation, we are inclosing a Form 164 U.S. Air Force Technical Information sheet with a request that you complete the questions in as much detail as possible and return it to this office for a supplementary investigation.

Sincerely,

MASTON M. JACKS
Major, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. [REDACTED]
c/o Illinois Headquarters
Selective Service System
405 East Washington Street
Springfield, Ill. 62701

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?

20 July 1964
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 4 45
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?

Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or County

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

Hours Minutes Seconds

a. Certain

b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure

(d. Just a guess)

5.1 How was time in sight determined? _____

5.2 Was object in sight continuously?

Yes _____ No X

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY
a. Bright
b. Cloudy

NIGHT
(a. Bright) - Dawn
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 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

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) ^{Some ground fog} mist, or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

10. The object appeared: (Circle One):

- (a. Solid) Gray
- 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:

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 _____

13. 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 |

DEARBORN OBSERVATORY
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
EVANSTON, ILLINOIS 60201
7 January 1965

Major Hector Quintanilla
Foreign Technology Division
Box 9494
Wright-Patterson Field
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Major:

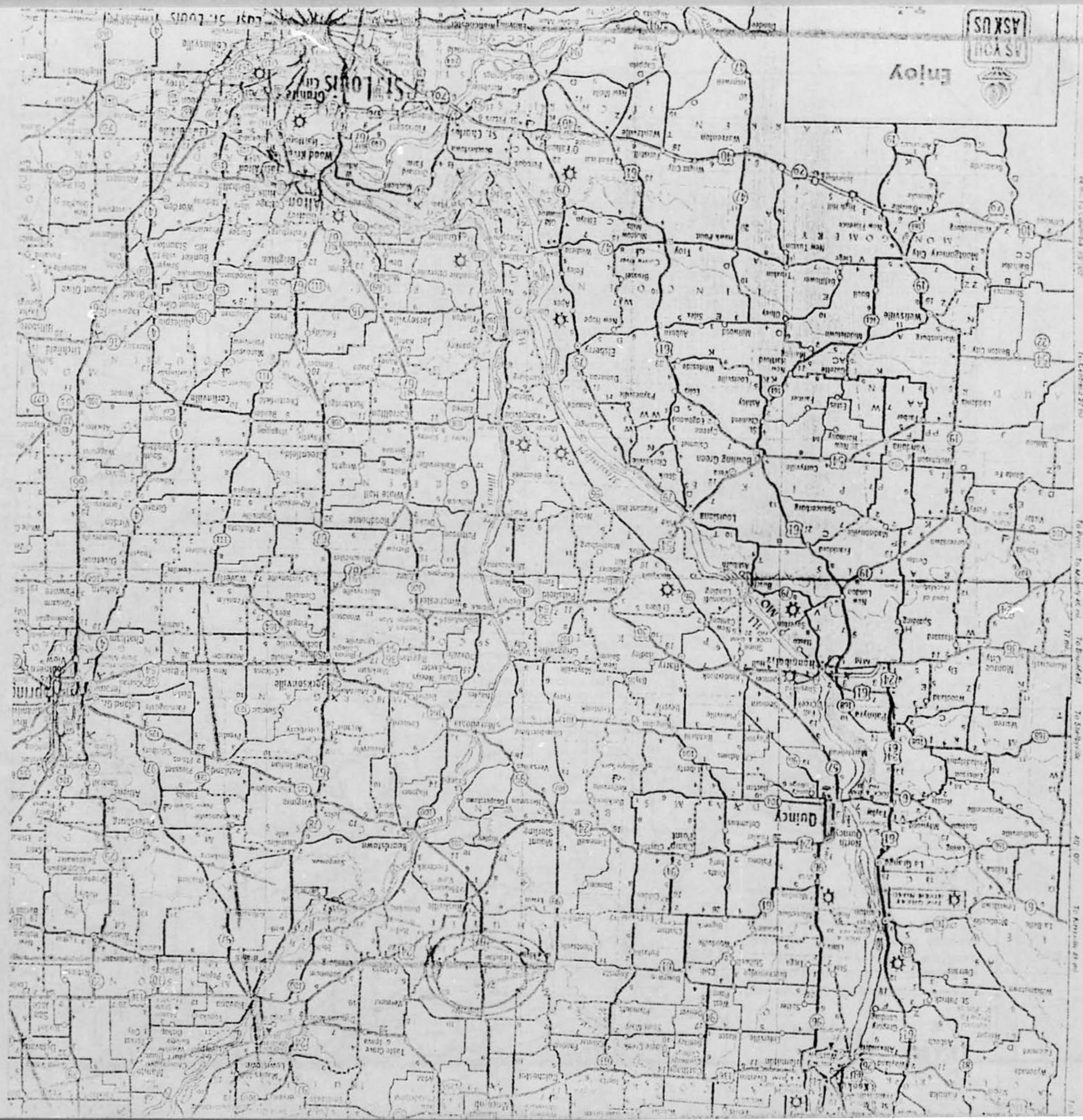
On December 21 both Bill Powers and I talked with Mr. [REDACTED] who is the chap who reported the sighting at Littleton, Illinois on 20 July 1964, sighting very similar to one reported within half an hour of one in Clinton, Iowa. I would like to talk to the chap who made the Clinton sighting but he is Airman First Class Lowell F. Buffett, 12284334, USAF, and the way Air Force people are shifted around there is little chance of latching on to him without considerable chasing. If it is possible, however, I would like to do so.

Coming now to Winkle: the phone conversation was a long one because he has a meticulous, clerk-type mind, very attentive to detail. Even by deliberately trying to throw him off by making a small misstatement, he would pick it up and tell us in detail and tell us just why we were wrong! I'm afraid we talked to him for about forty-five minutes which is outrageous, now that I think of it.

Here are some points which came out of the conversation, and I'll give them just as I have them down on paper. First of all, his story holds together, and he gave no indication from manner of conversation of being a crackpot. Rather pedestrian, as a matter of fact, and hardly one to be accused of too much imagination.

He said the flame he saw was concentrated similar to that you get when you focus a flame on an acetylene torch. The object came up from very rough terrain, so rugged he said that it would take a mule to find where it came from. There was no noise. It was a clear night with stars but no moon. After his sighting, he went home, got a map to make sure whether there was an airport anywhere in line from which a rocket might have been launched. Apparently there was not.

Winkle did not know, had not heard, of the independent sighting near Clinton, Iowa. His impression of his sighting was that it was a secret device. When asked why it couldn't have been an ordinary jet, he said with a jet he would have seen a complete circle of fire whereas here he had flashes of light coming off the object and then actually falling away, not like a jet spouting out.





Enjoy

Trip ...

Dealers displaying this sign are well acquainted with their areas and are qualified to give you accurate, on-the-spot information such as good places to eat and sleep, local points of interest, road conditions, and other helpful suggestions to add to the pleasure of your trip.

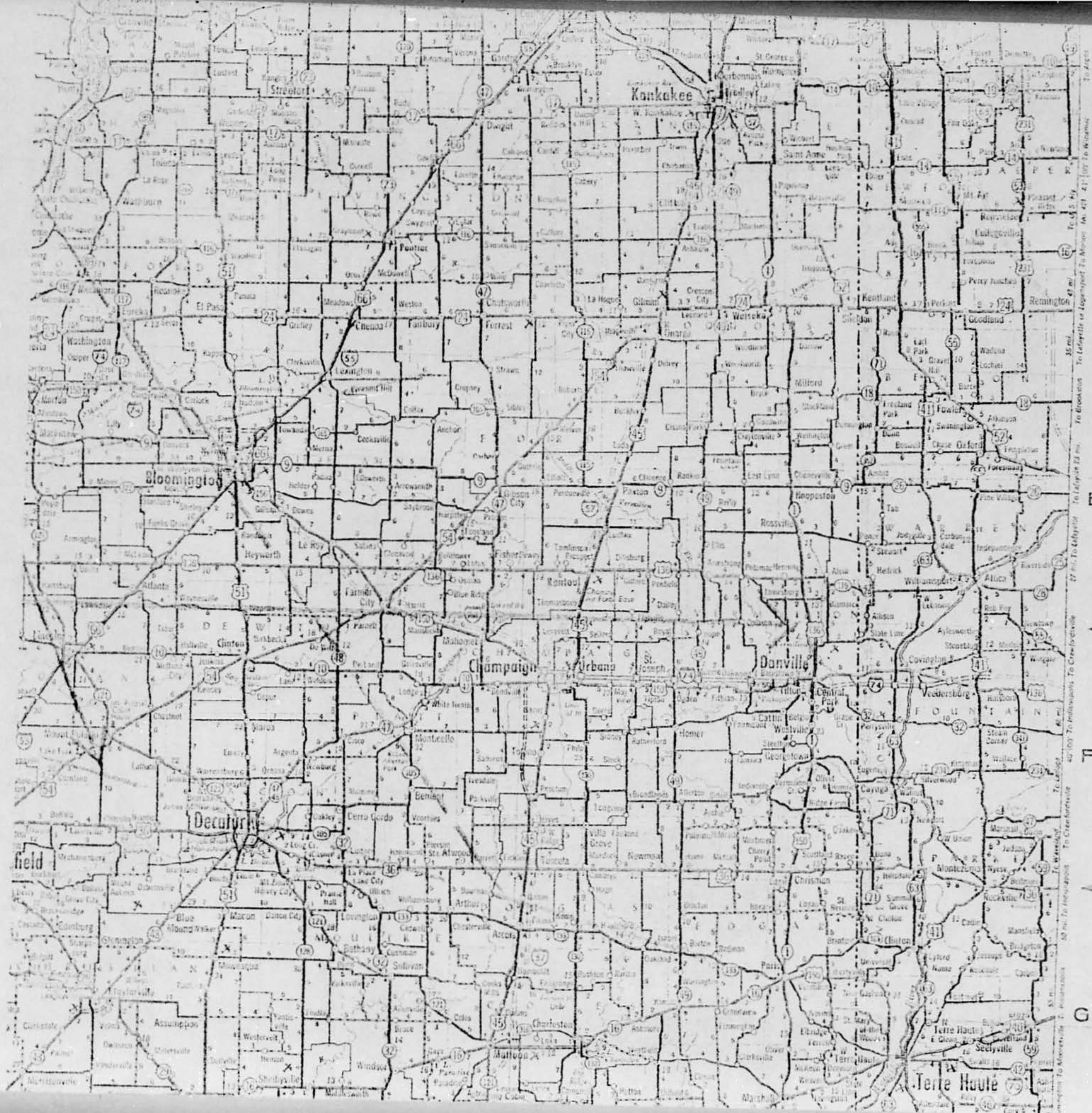
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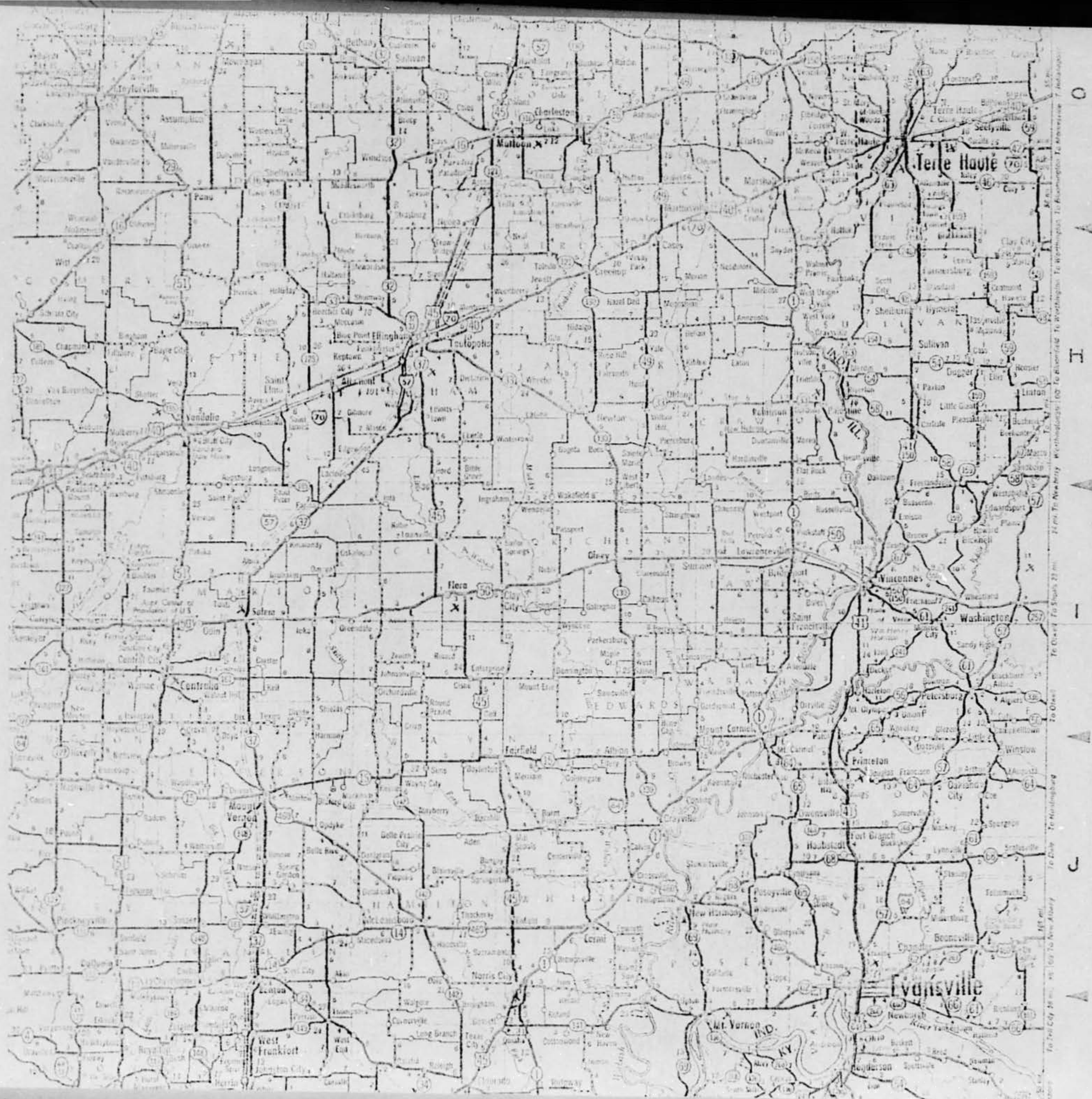
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Maneuvers were just as those described in his letter, and he said that just before it speeded up, its flames narrowed to about one-third of their former diameter and became a purplish green. There was about one-quarter the size of the moon. He said it was much like an acetylene torch, which first burns yellowish and then when adjusted get purplish green.

Had it continue in its original course, it would have passed him, but it made a U turn loop in the air.

Winkel exhibited a love of detail and was very careful in statements. He was also very uneasy about the call at first. Apparently he was afraid that this was some newspaper gag.

There was trace of ground fog, about as high as a car.

Although the Clinton, Iowa sighting sounds similar, without further talk with Buffett to establish it, we should definitely not assume that they saw the same thing. Likewise, this also cannot be ruled out. It's almost straining coincidence too much to have similar sightings occur fifteen or so minutes apart in time and about fifty miles apart in space.

So much for that one. Do we have an official report on the Homer, New York case of April 11, 1964? This was the very strange smoke trail one which is uncomfortably close to the French cigar cases. On the other hand, it might have been some sort of aerial gunnery going on. Any evidence for this? Will continue in my next.

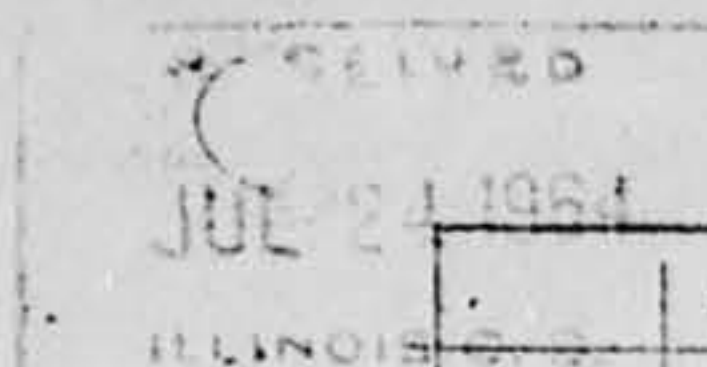
Cordially,



JAH:krf

P.S. Please send back original
of Smithsonian covering when posted!
True

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF STATE POLICE
 OFFICE MEMORANDUM



☐	Draft letter; I will sign
☐	You reply
☐	For signature
☐	For approval
☐	For comments
☐	For suggestions
☐	Investigate and report
☐	Confer with me
☐	Usual course you handle
☐	Comply
☐	Note and return
☐	Return with file
☐	Note and file
☐	Refer to file #

To: Major Thomas L. O'Connor - Civil Defense

From: Captain R. H. Cramer - District # 1

Date: July 21, 1964

SUBJECT: SIGHTING OF "FIERY OBJECT" IN SKY

I am forwarding herewith, self-explanatory memos on the above mentioned subject matter.

Kindly handle as you see fit.

RHC/RHR/vs

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF STATE POLICE
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: Lieut. William Mosher #1.

From: Col. Raymond R. Tolbert #307.

Date: 20 July 1964.

SUBJECT: Report of Sighting Firey Object in Sky -
Written Report of ALC Lowell F. BUFFETT, USAF.

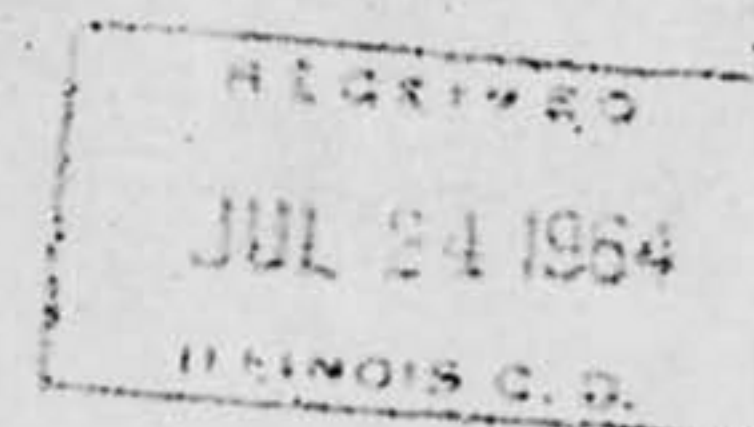
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	You reply
	For signature
	For approval
	For comments
	For suggestions
	Investigate and report
	Confer with me
	Usual course you handle
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At approximately 7:00 AM July 20, 1964 I was advised by radio to proceed to the scale house at Jct. U.S. 30 & U.S. 51 and contact a subject there who wanted to report something to a police officer.

Upon arrival I talked to a Lowell F. Buffett, ALC of the U.S. Airforce and he told me about a strange firey object he observed in the sky in the vicinity of Morrison, Ill at about 5:00 AM and gave me a written report of same and asked that I forward the report to the Civil Defense Authorities.

Please find enclosed the written report to be forwarded to the appropriate authorities.

R. R. Tolbert
R. R. Tolbert,
Corporal #307.

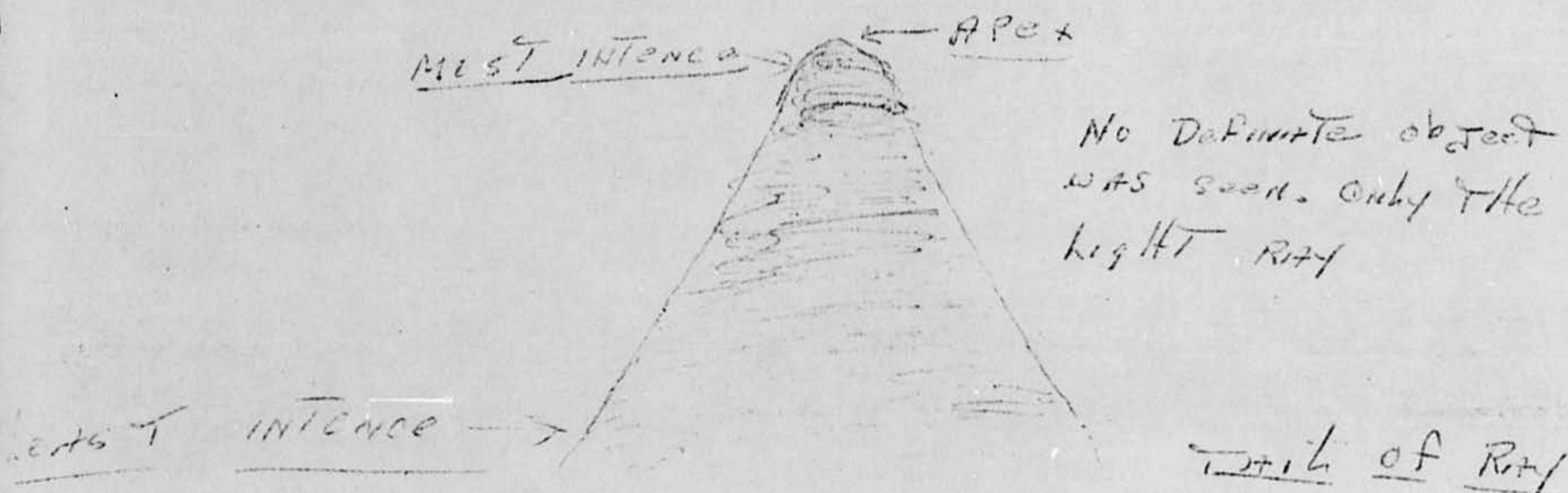


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9. REPORT TO COMDR., NEW ASSIGNMENT NLT		10. (Reassignment from overseas unit to CONUS unit only.) REPORT AT NEW ASSIGNMENT NLT _____ DAYS AFTER DEPARTURE FROM CONUS PORT OF ENTRY UNIT		11. DALVP	
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12. EDCSA		13. TDY EN ROUTE (Indicate location or unit and address.)		14. PURPOSE OF TDY	
13 Aug 64					
15. SECURITY CLEARANCE FOR PERIOD OF TDY OR COURSE OF INSTRUCTION		16. TDY REPORTING DATE		17. APPROXIMATE NO. OF DAYS	
18. LEAVE ADDRESS		19. NEW MAILING ADDRESS (Use upon completion of TDY, if appropriate.) GRADE, NAME, AFSN		20. DURATION OF COURSE (If reassignment is to attend course of instruction.)	
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D. ☐ COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT OR VESSEL (Also foreign registry if US registry is not available) RAIL OR BUS WITHIN OVERSEAS AREAS		31. REPORT AT MATS PASSENGER SERVICE COUNTER		32. FLIGHT NO. OR NAME OF VESSEL	
33. PIER NO. AND ADDRESS		34. REPORTING TIME AND DATE FOR SCHEDULED DEPARTURE			
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35. *A. PRIOR TO TRAVEL COMPLY WITH AFM 75-4. *B. WHILE ON LEAVE OVERSEAS COMPLY WITH AFM 35-22, AND CHAPTER 1, AFM 35-10.					
C. In the event of limited war or mobilization and individual is traveling: PCS UNACCOMPANIED-proceed as scheduled. PCS ACCOMPANIED-contact your last commander immediately for instructions before reporting to port. In the event of general war or if the CONUS is attacked report to the nearest active Air Force Installation as soon as possible.					
36. REMARKS Airman will cross the U.S.-Canadian Border not later than 19 Aug 1964. 6 days travel time authorized from U.S.-Canadian Border to final destination. Airman has been briefed on traffic safety. See Reverse					
37. AUTHORITY, AFM 35-11 AND		38. DATE		39. SPECIAL ORDER NO.	
Line nr HN1896. This is a Hq USAF directed move.		2 Jul 64		185	
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46. SIGNATURE ELEMENT OF ORDERS AUTHENTICATING OFFICIAL				MARY C. ROGERS Capt, USAF Admin Services Officer	

Member has selected the "All Others" tour. Travel of dependents and transportation of household goods to the oversea area during the assignment of sponsor to the station covered by these orders is prohibited. Travel of dependents and transportation of household goods to a designated location under the provisions of paragraphs 7005 and 8253, JTR is authorized. Transportation from such designated location is authorized only upon reassignment of the member to a new duty station.

Unusual light in ESE sky approx. 7000 ft.
at 0500, 20th July 1964 By Airman named
on Reverse side.

I was on US Highway #30, 7 1/2 mi.
west of Clinton, Iowa, traveling East
Description as follows.



I stopped & cut off engine to check for sound, & could hear none

ITS direction of report was N.N.W. & appeared to be traveling in that same direction after about 45 sec. to 1 min the light faded out

Arnold J. Buffett, 12284334
USAF

EW (ufo)
Ltr, 2273d Selective Service Squadron (PSM), Unidentified Flying
Object, 27 July 1964

1st Ind (MAXIN)

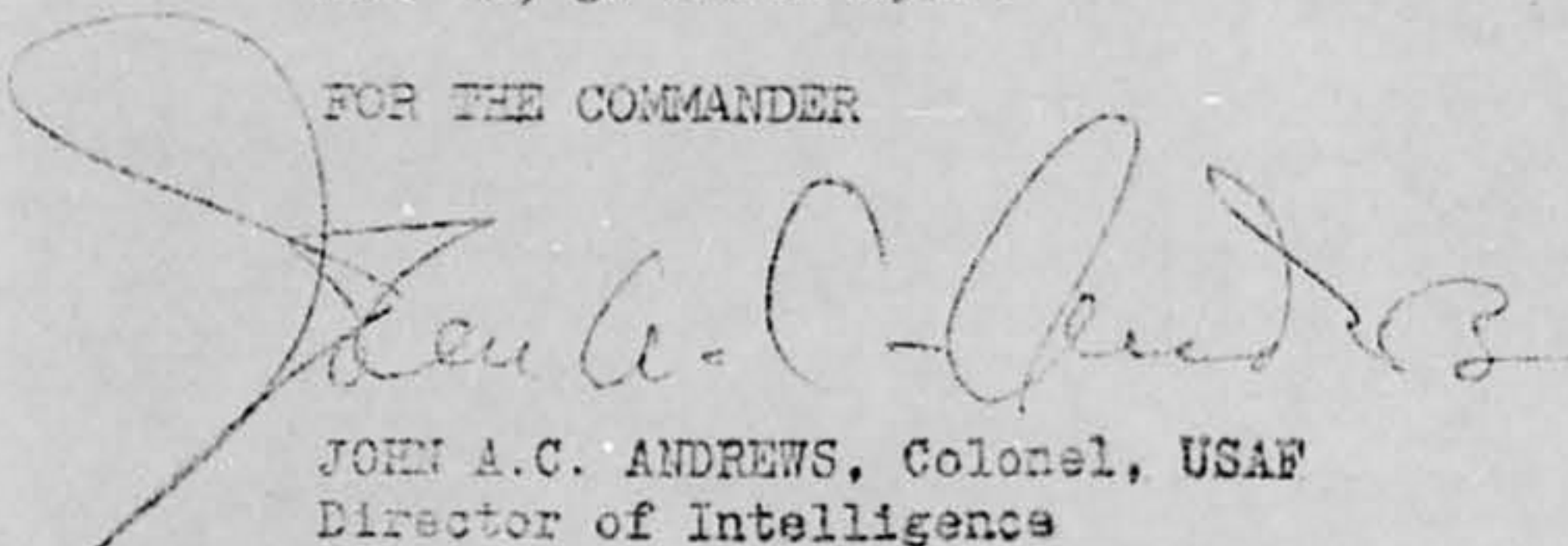
3 AUG 1964

Hq MATS, Scott AFB, Ill

TO: AFSC (FTD)
Wright-Patterson AFB Ohio

The attached report of a sighting of an unidentified flying
object is forwarded in accordance with paragraph 13b, AFR
200-2A, 30 March 1964.

FOR THE COMMANDER



JOHN A.C. ANDREWS, Colonel, USAF
Director of Intelligence
DCS/Plans

1 Atch
n/c

Copy to:
Lt Col F. B. Woodworth

2273D SELECTIVE SERVICE SQUADRON
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
BOLLING AFB, DC 20332

27 JUL 1967

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: PSM

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object

FOR: MATS
Scott AFB, Illinois

The attached correspondence is forwarded under provisions of AFR 200-2.
The correspondence was inadvertently sent to this unit.

R. P. Casalaspro
P. P. CASALASPRO
Major, USAF
Commander

1 Atch
Ltr, 22 Jul 64, Ill St Hq SSS w/atch
cy to: Lt Col F. B. Woodworth