

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 30 July 65 30/0615Z	2. LOCATION Watauga, S.D.
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astro(STARS/PLANETS)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Two	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Over 1 Hour	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Objects appeared as round white lights like stars. One in the north and one in the NE. Objects moved up and down left and right and all over but remained in the general area. Objects were in sight for over an hour.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Erratic-All Directions	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	4 Witnesses

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? 30 July 1965 Day Month Year		2. Time of day: 00 15 Hour Minutes (Circle One): A.M. or P.M.	
3. Time Zone: (Circle One): a. Eastern b. Central c. Mountain d. Pacific e. Other _____			
4. Where were you when you saw the object? _____ Nearest Postal Address Watauga South Dakota City or Town State or County			
5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration) at least one Hours Minutes Seconds a. Certain c. Not very sure b. Fairly certain d. Just a guess 5.1 How was time in sight determined? We stopped for one half hour and kept them in sight while driving about 40 miles 5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes X No _____			
6. What was the condition of the sky? DAY NIGHT a. Bright a. Bright Except for a light cloud on the b. Cloudy b. Cloudy northern horizon.			
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 d. To your left b. In back of you e. Overhead c. To your right 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 except
- b. Hazy
- ☒ c. Scattered clouds on northern horizon
- 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

10. The object appeared: (Circle One):

- a. Solid
- 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: reason we feel it was brighter than stars is because the objects were visible through a tinted windshield when the dome light was on in the car and all stars were blanked out under these conditions. Some comparison could be made to a mercury yard light except the color was not as blue.

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? one of the objects | ☒ Yes | ☐ No | Don't know |
- was not sighted for a short period and only one object was kept in sight during the entire period shown.

14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? One of the objects seemed to disappear into a light cloud on the northern horizon for a short period while we were parked and watching. We lost sight of one object after we started driving and finally lost sight of the other object after we passed Raleigh, North Dakota but mainly because we were tired and didn't make an attempt to keep it in sight.

15. 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: As noted before one object appeared to move into a cloud bank for a short period of time.

16. 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: One object could be seen again after having been in a cloud bank.

17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

a. Sound None

b. Color No specific color except that shown by a bright light

18. 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?

I would guess that a bright halo of light would have shown around the match head

19. 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. The objects were round balls of light - moved straight up, straight down, to the northwest, southeast and finally the one object remaining appeared to be travelling in a northeast direction. On a number of occasions both objects hovered without any movement for several minutes. On one occasion while we were parked and watching the objects moved in on each other and as they neared each other seemed to bounce.

20. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object? Speed varied but seemed to move faster
(Circle One) Yes ☒ No when rising or descending.

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? _____

21. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was? But judging from the distance
(Circle One) Yes ☒ No we travelled when they were first sighted to
where the one object passed over us while we
were travelling north, I would guess that when first sighted they were about 15 miles
IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? away and in our atmosphere.

22. Where were you located when you saw the object?
(Circle One):

a. Inside a building

☒ b. In a car

☒ c. Outdoors

*ALSO GOT OUT OF THE CAR
TO WATCH*

d. In an airplane (type)

e. At sea

f. Other _____

23. 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 _____

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

24.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

☒ a. North ^{when lost}
_{from sight}

b. Northeast

☒ c. East ^{when first}
_{sighted}

d. Southeast

e. South

f. Southwest

g. West

h. Northwest

24.2 How fast were you moving? 55 miles per hour.

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

(Circle One)

☒ Yes

No

25. 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

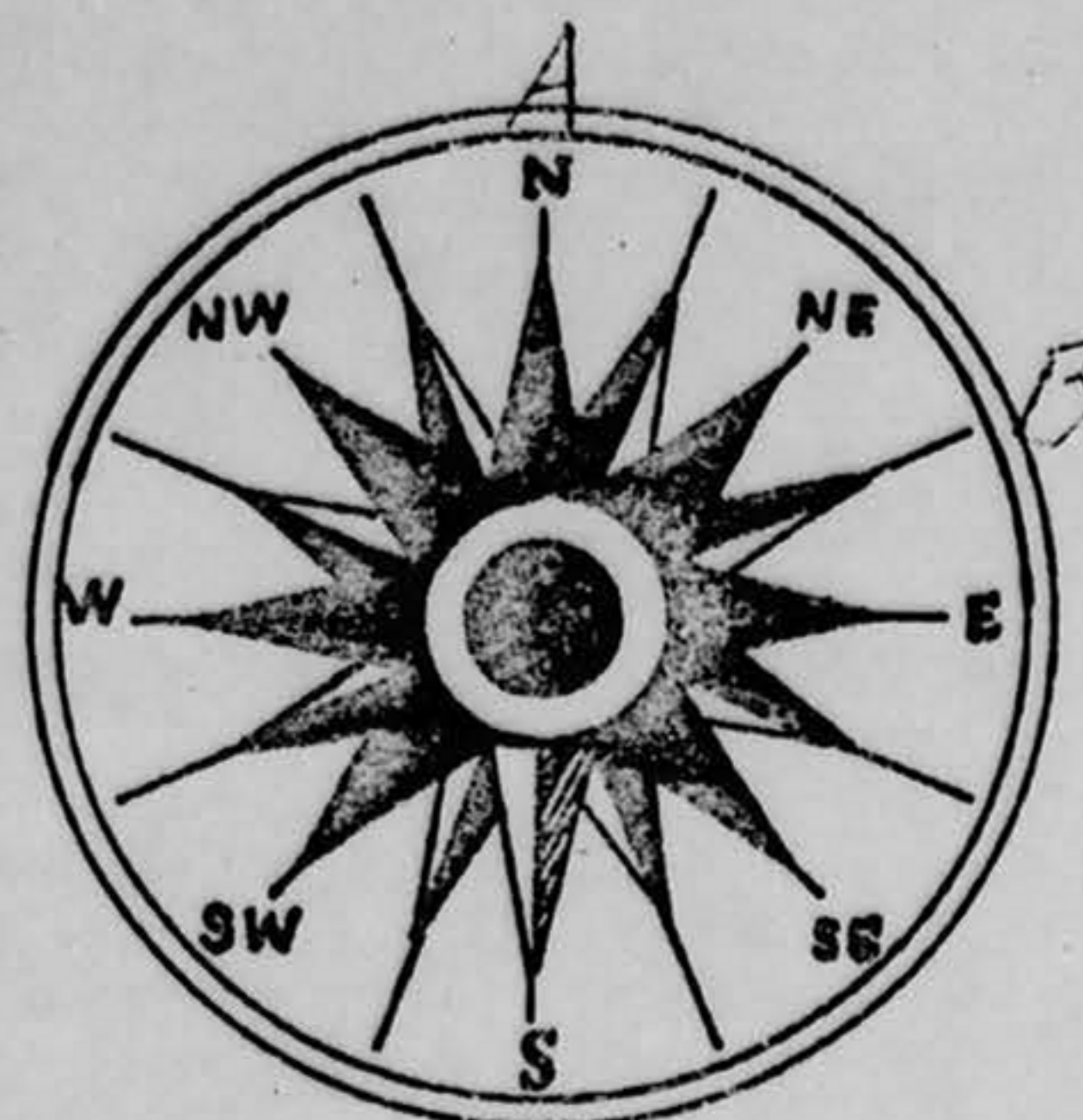
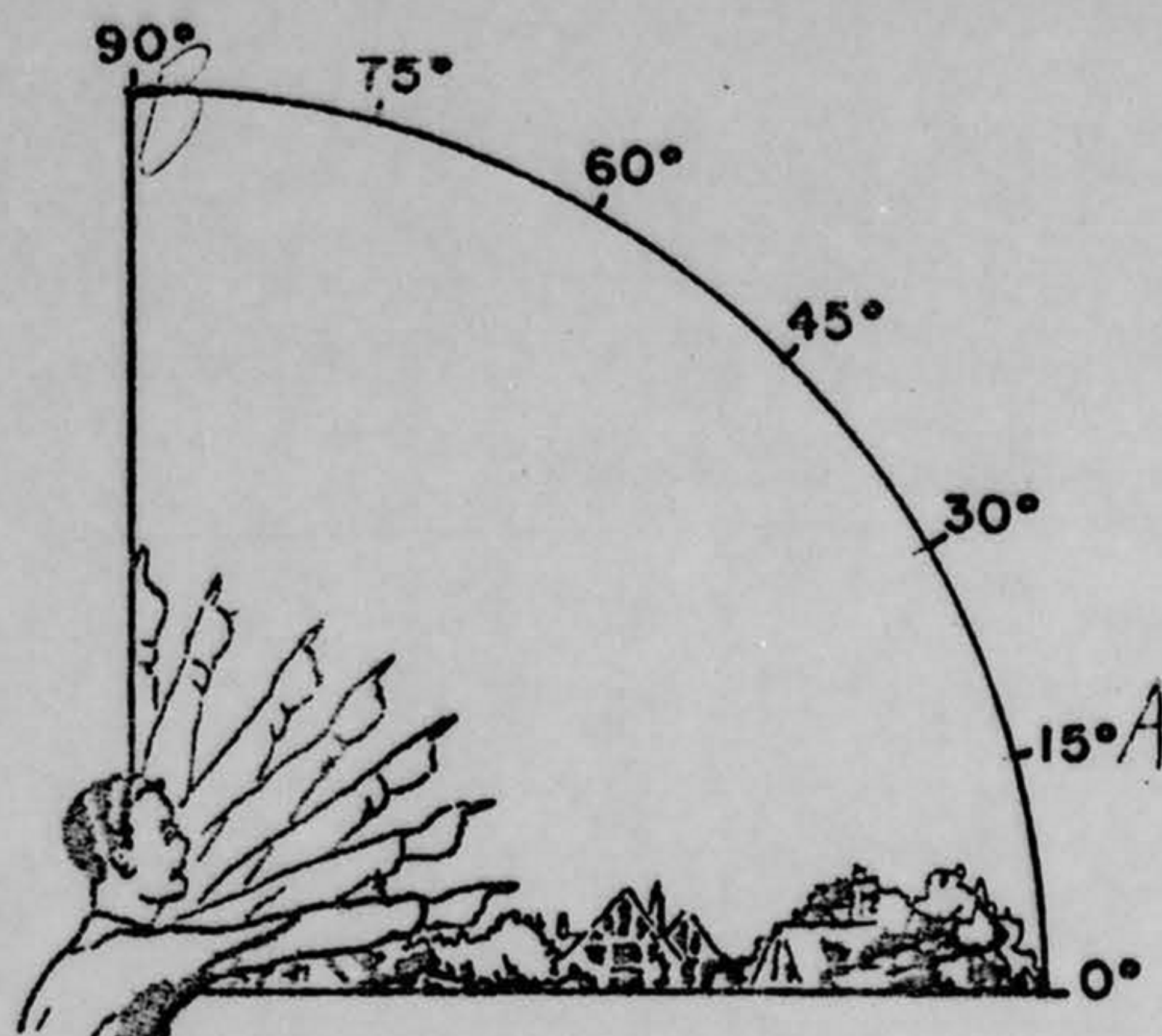
☒ Yes

No

h. Other _____

26. 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.
There was no structure visible to the object. Other objects which we have seen are
listed on the last page.

27. 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. Place an "A" on the compass when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the compass where you *last* saw the object.

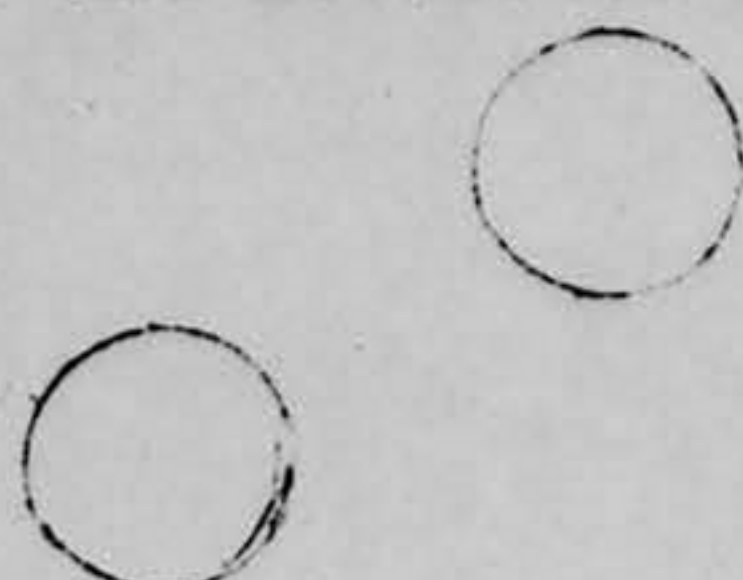


28. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course. This would be difficult to sketch as the objects moved in so many directions. Previously explained in 19.

29. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? Two

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

This again would be difficult to sketch due to the length of time observed and various positions and movements but when first sighted they were positioned as follows:



I believe the higher object was the one we kept in sight the longest.

30. Have you ever seen this, or a similar object before. If so give date or dates and location.

We have seen the Echo satellite from our former home in Fremont, Calif. about 1961
We have also seen other objects since, I will explain these under item 35.

31. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object? (Circle One) Yes No

31.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too? (Circle One) Yes No

31.2 Please list their names and addresses:

~~NAME~~ [REDACTED] - my wife

[REDACTED] - my daughter aged 16 at the time

[REDACTED] - my daughter aged 12 at the time

My daughter [REDACTED] was the first to sight the object while we were driving.

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS [REDACTED] Bismarck N. Dak. 58501
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] AGE 46 SEX Male
at the time

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

I am a retired Aviation Ordnance Chief, U. S. Navy with 20 years service, have spent a great deal of time as an air crew member flying both night and day. During this period of time I feel we learned to distinguish objects that would be difficult to distinguish without this experience. I retired 10/30/61 and have been an interviewer for the North Dakota State Employment Service since 11/27/61.

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

1 August 1965
Day Month Year

To officials at Air Force
Detachment 10, 11th RBS, Bismarck,
N. Dak. who forwarded my first
report to an officer at the Minot
Air Force Base, N. Dak.

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

23

March

1966

Day

Month

Year

35. Information which you feel pertinent and which is not adequately covered in the specific points of the questionnaire or a narrative explanation of your sighting.

As noted before, we have also seen the Echo Satellite from our former home in Fremont, California. The Echo did not appear to be as large or as bright as the objects we sighted in July of 1965. I sincerely believe that the objects we sighted were in our atmosphere but actual altitude was difficult to determine. I would judge that while ascending the objects travelled several thousand feet in a matter of seconds and the same when descending. At the stage where they seemed to make a pass at each other, it appeared that they came within 1000 feet of each other.

On about five occasions during the months of August and September 1965, my family and I have sighted similar objects travelling at a set rate of speed from south to North and east to west from our home in Bismarck, N. Dak.. On several of these occasions we routed the neighbors who also sighted the objects. On one occasion I called the Target Radar Base manned by the Air Force north of Bismarck and I believe one of the men on duty sighted the same object but informed me that they did not have equipment to pick the object up on radar. I did not record dates or times that these objects were sighted. On all occasions these objects passed out of sight in a short time. I am certain that none of these objects were aircraft or balloons. All were sighted at night. I believe the objects of this main report were probably lower than those sighted during the following months.

NOTE: J. Allen Hynek has requested additional information from me, if it is not common practice, I would appreciate it if you would forward this report to him as the answers I have given him are rather brief. I understand that Mr. Hynek is the Scientific Consultant for the Air Force's project Bluebook.

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