

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 4 January 65 04/2330Z	2. LOCATION Utica, New York
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION INSUFFICIENT DATA ✓
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	There is no evidence that the observations made were not separate Star/Planet, Meteor, and Aircraft sightings. However because of the conflicting and insufficient nature of the data the sighting has been listed as Insufficient Data.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 Hours, 45 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	Observer stated that he saw one object which appeared and disappeared several times during a 3 hour 45 minute time period. The object appeared as a starlike bright light and was hazy to the naked eye. At times the object traveled in a straight line, arced overhead, and hovered. At times the object moved at speeds estimated at over 1,000 mph, and at other times was stationary.
7. COURSE Varied	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

a dull red. At times it "bowed" and this
was confirmed when it was viewed from several
angles ~~to~~ at the same time.

A dozen or more people saw this
occurrence and would greatly appreciate it
if you could give us a logical explanation
as to what this object was.

Yours truly,


4 JAN 66

FTD (TDEW)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433
16 February 1966

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Utica 3, New York

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

We have no reports from the state of New York on the night of 4 January. If you were a witness to the object indicated in your letter, we would appreciate it if you would complete the attached FTD Form 164 and return it to our office for analysis.

Sincerely,

HECTOR GUINTANILLA, JR., Major, USAF
Chief, Project Blue Book

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Delivered to Recipient

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?

4 JANUARY 1966
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

6 30
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]
Nearest Postal Address

UTICA
City or Town

NEW YORK
State or County

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

3 45
Hours Minutes Seconds

a. Certain

b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure

d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined? by an electric clock

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes _____ No ✓

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY

a. Bright

b. Cloudy

NIGHT

a. Bright

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, 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 *at times*
- b. Dimmer *at times*
- 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 |

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

first getting the light just blacked out
then it disappeared
and light came back instead of then just disappeared

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: Trees, Roof's & houses

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: _____

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

a. Sound ONE WITNESS THOUGHT HE HEARD A FAINT ROAR

b. Color MOSTLY YELLOW GREEN HAZE AROUND IT RED DOME BENEATH IT
AT TIMES IT WAS SOLID RED, WHITE OR BLUE, SINCE HE WAS SHOOTING

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?

THE MATCH STICK WOULD COVER ABOUT HALF THE SIZE OF THE OBJECT SIGHTED

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.

TO THE NAKED EYE

THROUGH BINOCULARS

20. 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? UNDER 100000 MPH.

21. 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? _____

22. 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 _____

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

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

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

(Circle One)

☐ Yes

☐ No

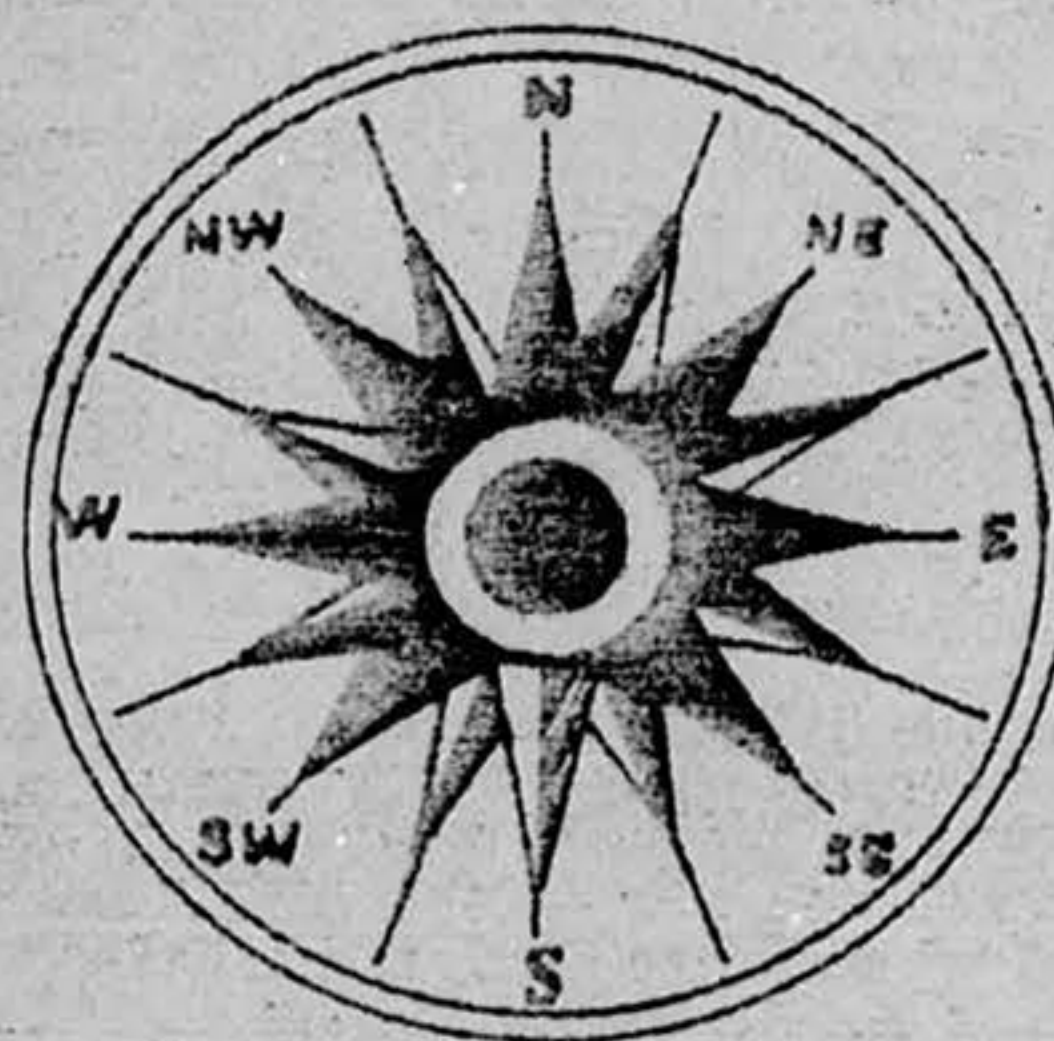
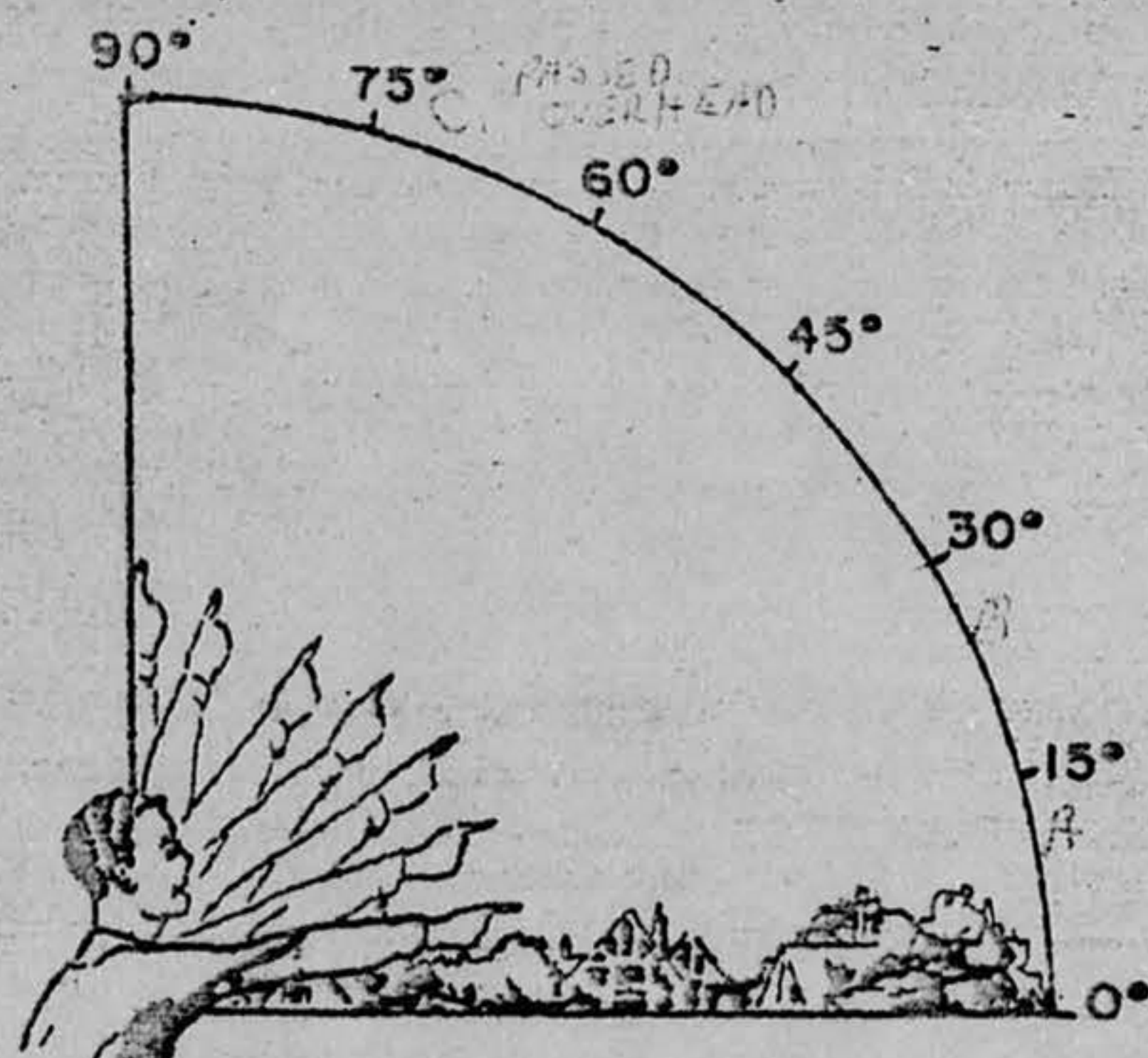
25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

- | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 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.

A BRIGHT STAR

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.

1. Zig Zag Course

2. Straight line

3. are passing overhead

4. are passing overhead

5. a hover

6. slight movement then hover

7. are passing overhead

8. st. line overhead

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.

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

*Although the exact dates are ~~not~~ known
several sightings of moving lights have been seen in this area*

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:

Mr. [REDACTED]
Mr. [REDACTED]
Mr. [REDACTED] 7 Ave
Mr. [REDACTED]
Mrs. [REDACTED]

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Last Name First Name Middle Name
ADDRESS [REDACTED] STICA 3 New York
Street City Zone State
TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] AGE 17 SEX Male

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

Senior in high school

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

4 January 1965 *area police*
Day Month Year *and newspaper*
77 West 12th Street New York City

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

19

February

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.

Between the hours of 6:30 to 10:15 P.M. The object appeared at different intervals in this area. It was viewed simultaneously from different angles when it sped up, slowed and disappeared.

Several days after word lights were seen spreading across the sky and hovering on the horizon. There were however, no reports near as dramatic as the ones seen on January 4.

I give my permission to see my name in connection with this report. I hope you will inform me of the results of your investigation.

January 7, 1966

Utica 3, New York

Dear Sir,

On the night of January 4, 1966, several sightings were made of a U.F.O. in the Utica area. I thought at first it was a limited sighting, only in the Eastern half of the city. However, on further investigation, it was learned that many people throughout the area had seen this object. We have formed many opinions as to what it was, but we will leave the answer to you.

From the hour of 6:30 to 10:15 P.M. it moved over the city. It was starlike in appearance when viewed with the naked eye, except it was yellow and moved like no star could possibly move.

Through field glasses it was observed to have a red glow beneath it which glowed