

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 4 February 66 04/1205Z		2. LOCATION Houston, Texas	
3. SOURCE Civilian		10. CONCLUSION Other (CONFLICTING DATA)	
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One			
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 or 20 Minutes		11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS The original report received from Ellington AFB, did not contain sufficient data for proper evaluation. Therefore a Form 164 was sent to the observer for more information. The data obtained from the form conflicted on several important points with the original report. For Example: On the original report, the time of the sighting was stated to be 0605AM, but on the follow-up 164 it was reported to be 0510AM. Also on the original report the duration of the sighting was reported as being 2 minutes but on the follow-up it was reported to be 20 minutes. Therefore this sighting has been evaluated as CONFLICTING DATA.	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual			
7. COURSE Swooped, circled, darted			
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No			
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No			
(2 Witnesses)			

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

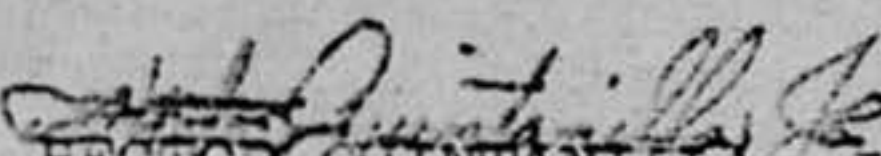
Mrs. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

Reference your unidentified observation of 4 February 1966. The information you submitted to Ellington Air Force Base on your sighting was insufficient for us to reach a conclusion as to the nature of the object. Request you complete the attached FTD Form 164 and return it in the envelope provided.

We wish to thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

Sincerely,


HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr., Major, USAF
Chief, Project Blue Book

478 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 Feb. 1966
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

5 10
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?

Irvington Station Houston Texas
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or County

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

Appx 20
Hours Minutes Seconds

a. Certain c. Not very sure
b. Fairly certain d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined? By clock in kitchen

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes ✓ No _____

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY NIGHT
a. Bright a. Bright
b. Cloudy 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 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
- 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 and — ☒ d. ^{with} a light
- b. Transparent
- c. Vapor
- 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: *The "red" was extreme - I thought of a red hot Anvil in a black-smith shop. "A horrible red"*

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 I did not think of the edge. I saw the over-all form & the light was so red, & it was so near or close to me.

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 ^{same} | 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? — on leaving — | ☒ Yes | No | Don't know |
| g. Flash or flicker? (will call it as it left) | ☒ Yes | No | Don't know |
| h. Disappear and reappear? | Yes | ☒ No | Don't know |

It came down to us, circled and made the same type of dive at us again.

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

The 'object' came down from the west, missed a tree top at my back door, circled in a "split second" + came back seemingly at my husband + me in the same pattern. When it reached the south side it turned "up" + went due south.

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: _____

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:

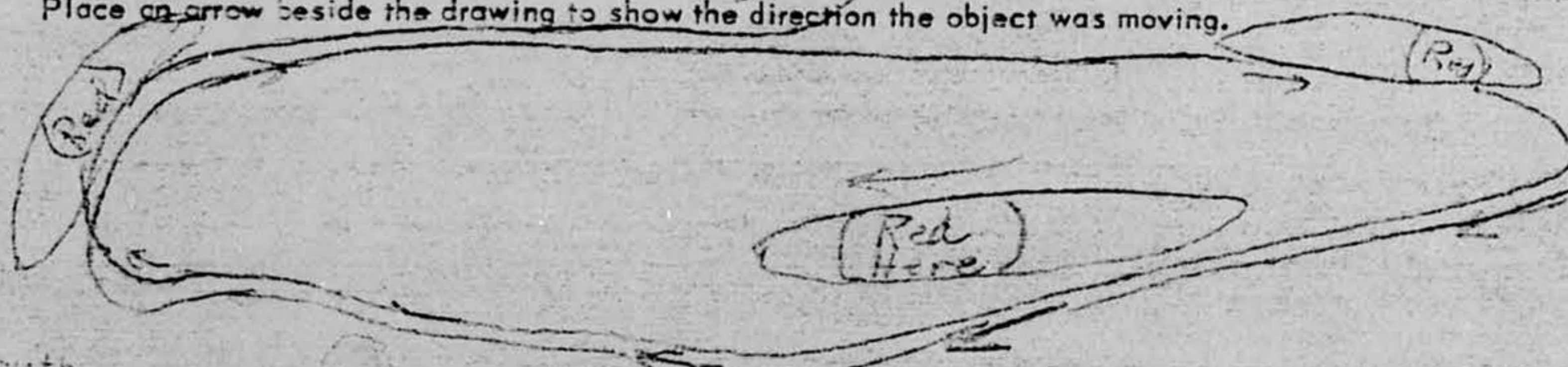
- a. Sound *A "horrible" explosive sound. (2) then we heard the "roaring" as if several tornadoes were coming.*
- b. Color *It seemed to be gray or silver with the "horrible" red.*

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?

This would have been impossible. The object was very large, possibly huge.

*South toward
Ellington
lights*

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. *Sketch in a box*
Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.



*South
My*

We stood here

side of house

North

K-12

North

20. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One)

Yes

☒ No

I can only say. Extremely fast.

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?

(Circle One)

☒ Yes

No

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? *Only that it just did miss the trees + utility poles. Very low.*

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 *In the back yard - "just outside" near the door.*

23. Were you (Circle One)

a. In the business section of a city?

☒ b. In the residential section of a city?

and ☒ c. In open countryside? *1 small subdiv.*

d. Near an airfield?

e. Flying over a city?

f. Flying over open country?

g. Other *Highway 75 North*

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

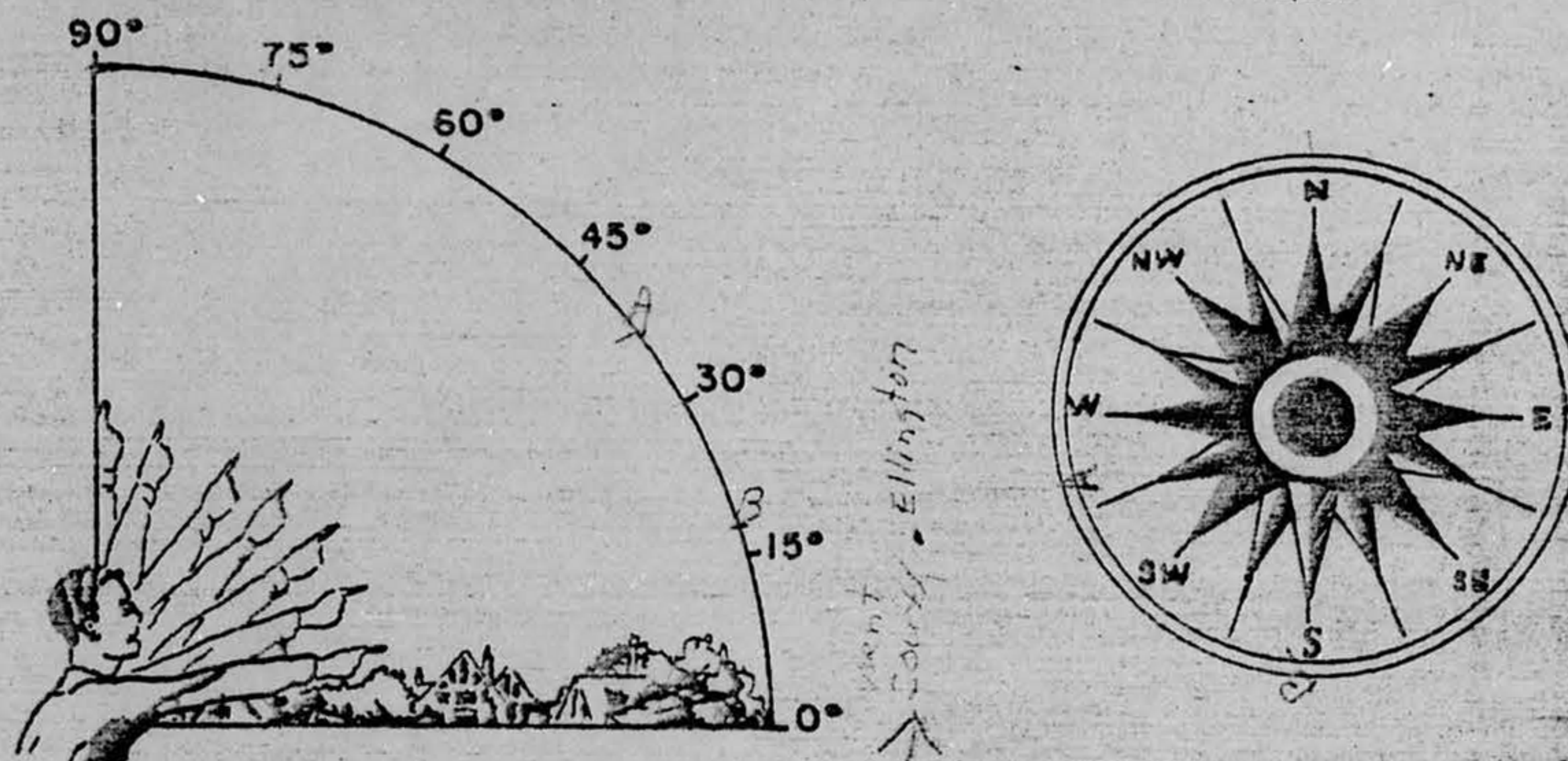
No

h. Other *Naked eye - only by Mr. Yawn. I wear glasses.*

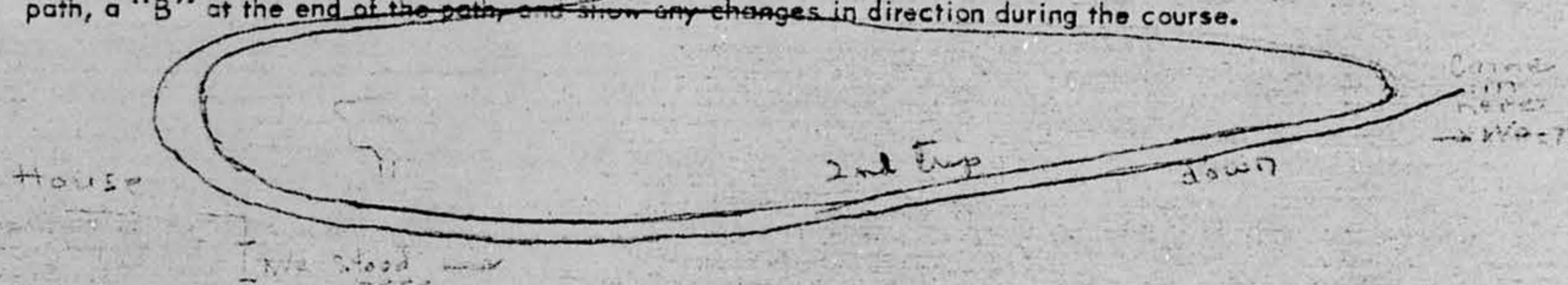
26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

A large airplane body with no wings, is the nearest I can explain, or perhaps the outer edge (circumference) of a disc rolling toward me - the edge 15 to 20 feet wide, or more.

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.



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

No

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:

My husband

(Neighbors said they were scared and would not go outside. One said she wanted to get under the bed.)

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

Street

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

AGE

58

SEX

F

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

Teacher in Houston Public Schools

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

2-4

Day

Feb

Month

1966

Year

Called Houston Police + asked him to call Ellington to look for something in the sky.

I called Ellington at the request of others at my school who had seen it.

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

26 Feb 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.

Houston, Texas 77037
Feb. 26, 1966

Friday, Feb. 4, 1966, 5:10 A.M. Mr. [redacted] and I were in the kitchen when we heard a terrific explosion. There was no vibration. We ran outside and faced a large object coming down from the west, seemingly to us. The noise cannot correctly be explained. I have heard & seen tornadoes and I think that kind of roar, plus other kinds, might be one explanation. The noise became "lighter" on take-off.

When I first saw it I thought a plane was on fire and the people would be burned. Then it was directly overhead - just above the tree & light wires. In a "split" second it made a complete circle and came back at us in the same pattern. That time I tried to see all I could. It looked like the body of a big airplane with no wings. It looked to be elongated, rolling in a dive downward. About $\frac{1}{4}$ from the end (or edge), was a big red portion, a HORRIBLE red. More like a hot metal in a black-smith shop. We felt no heat, even tho' it was near our heads. We believe someone was in it, & probably took a picture of us, since we were between it & the open-lighted door.

On the second trip it "straightened" up and went due south with lights blinking on either side ~~or~~ back. It wobbled after take off. We could not estimate its speed. From time of explosion to disappearance, the time was about 20 minutes, no more, maybe less. The sky was clear and we saw a few stars, I didn't think of, or see the moon. Very dark and just before day-break. After it was out of sight I called the Houston Police and asked the officer if he would call Ellington and tell them an object was in the elements coming that way and to watch for it. He said he would. I have to pay for a long-distance call to Ellington, and I was not sure I would get the correct party.

When I arrived at school at 8 A.M. Mrs. [redacted] and Mrs. [redacted] told their story. I then called Ellington and reported what we had seen to Sgt. Leonard.

It's very hard to explain on paper, but I hope this

"poor" description will be of some help to those who need it.

If my name is needed for use in any way that might help, you are welcome to use it.

Sincerely,



SURFACE OBSERVATIONS DATA SHEET

4th Feb. 66
Houston Tex

Amarillo AFB, Texas - March 6, 1968

0400L *3505 7402* 10205 ***** 52***
0500L *3305 7402* 10505 ***** 52***
0600L 83306 74012 10905 20977 53303
0700L *3304 7402* 12902 ***** 53***
0900L *0204 7402* 13005 ***** 52219

Winona, Minnesota - April 3, 1968

1800L 91321 08515 95211 9***** 10629 70030
1900L 61413 5645* 92510 ***** 09***
2200L 81610 5845* 91708 ***** 03***

Salisbury, N.C. - February 3, 1966

0430Z 03002 74000 14300 00900 55***

✓ Houston, Texas - February 4, 1966

1200Z 00204 74000 32101 00900 52***

Surfside, Texas - March 20, 1966

0735Z 72112 74022 20819 754** 16302

Truth or Consequences, N.M. - April 3, 1966

0100Z 22915 74031 03328 00901 00***

Lycoming, New York - April 5, 1966

0800Z 82710 58853 99600 883** 51***

Bloomington, Indiana - July 4, 1966

0130Z 22405 6603* 14432 214** 28***

Donnybrook, North Dakota - August 19, 1966

2250Z 61208 6403* 18421 6087* 07***

Pecos, Texas - August 27, 1966

0300Z 21605 7402* 13124 214** 13***

Rome, Georgia - August 27, 1966

0251Z 33005 7402* 19323 3086* 18***

East Dennis, Mass. - October 3, 1966

2350Z 81808 48585 14512 872** 12***

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
2578TH AIR BASE SQUADRON (CONAC)
ELLINGTON AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS 77030



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: BOT

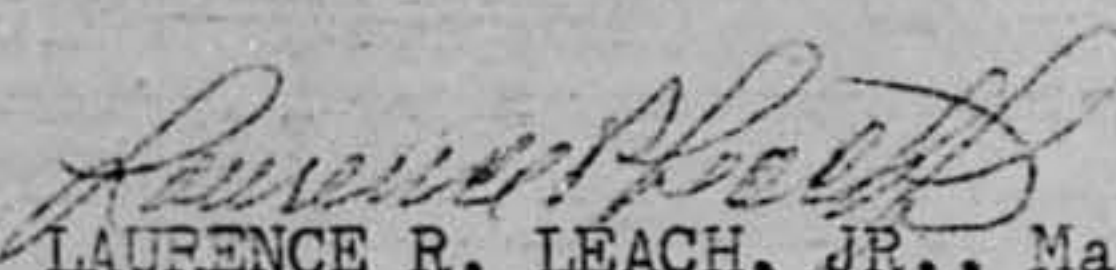
7 February 1966

SUBJECT: Transmittal of UFO Information

TO: Foreign Technology Division
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
ATTN: Major Hector Quintanilla

Attached are reports of UFOs received from residents of the Houston, Texas, area during January and on 4 February 1966.

FOR THE COMMANDER


LAURENCE R. LEACH, JR., Major, USAF
Assistant Chief
Operations and Training

8 Atch
UFO Rpts #212 thru 219

K-17

4 FEB
FTD (TDEW)

Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

18 February 1966

Mrs. [REDACTED]

Houston, Texas

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We wish to thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

Sincerely,

HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr., Major, USAF
Chief, Project Blue Book

10 OCT 1968

TDPT (UFO)

2d Lt Marano/70916/mhs/7 Oct 68

Request for UFO Information

Mr. [REDACTED]

Washington, D C 20024

1. Earlier this year, 2d Lt Carson Marano, started a project to determine which sightings might involve plasmas and if there were similar weather conditions for these sightings. He received the weather data about a month ago but did not have time to work on it and will probably need a meteorologist to assist in interpreting the data. So, there is a slight delay in his project.

2. Inclosed are some of the cases that Lt Marano selected in the hope that you may be able to use the information. We will forward the rest of the cases when they come back from reproduction. The following is a listing of the inclosed cases.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
28 Dec 53	Marysville, California	Unidentified
2 Feb 66	Salisbury, North Carolina	Unidentified
✓ 4 Feb 66	Houston, Texas	Other (Conflicting Data)
20 Mar 66	Surfside, Texas	Other (Blown Transformer)
2 Apr 66	Truth or Consequences, N Mexico	Aircraft
5 Apr 66	Lycoming, New York	Unidentified
3 Jul 66	Bloomington, Indiana	Other (Plasma)
19 Aug 66	Donnybrook, North Dakota	Unidentified
26 Aug 66	Caylesville, Alabama	Unidentified
26 Aug 66	Pecos, Texas	Aircraft

HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Branch
Aerospace Technologies Division
Production Directorate

10 Atch
a/s

Proj: 5992D - STAR TREK

TIME: 1200Z

SOUNDING # 29

LOCATION: Houston, Texas

DATE: Feb. 4, 1966

HEIGHT ftm	PRESSURE mb	TEMP °C	DEW POINT R.H. %	DIRECTION deg	SPEED kts
269	1000	5	48	340	12
690	950	4	37	340	14
1125	900	2	29	340	18
1584	850	-1	26	330	24
2068	800	-1	20	320	30
2590	750	-3	20	300	34
3124	700	-5	20	310	36
3700	650	-5	20	310	46
4330	600	-8	20	310	54
5000	550	-12	20	300	58
5728	500	-18	21	300	64
6500	450	-24	22	310	64
7358	400	-31	23	310	72
8296	350	-36	23	310	82
9349	300	-43		300	84
10566	250	-49		270	94
12015	200	-54		260	122
12964	175	-58			
13837	150	-58			
14973	125	-60			
16358	100	-64			
17718	80	-65			

REMARKS:

DATA SOURCE: ETAC Upper-air History Files.

ANALYST: TSgt Dunham

Proj: 5992D - STAR TREK

TIME: 1200Z

SOUNDING # 29 LOCATION: Houston, Texas

DATE: Feb. 4, 1966

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REMARKS:

DATA SOURCE: ETAC Upper-air History Files.

ANALYST: TSgt Dinnem

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFO)
INFORMATION SHEET

1. Answers to the following questions will be obtained from persons calling in regard to the observance of an unidentified flying object (UFO). If person refuses to give answers to 3a, do not complete report.

2. Complete Information Sheet in duplicate and forward to BDO.

- 3.a. Name [REDACTED] Address [REDACTED]
Phone [REDACTED] Age 47 Occupation School Teacher - Bechaunes Elementary
- b. Shape of Object Cylindrical c. Color Emitted red glow
- d. Size (compare to dime, quarter, baseball, basketball, or larger item)
Jet fighter fuselage size e. Number of Objects 1
- f. Formation, if more than one N/A
- g. Unusual features of object Swooped, circled and darted
- h. Was there a tail, vapor trail, or exhaust? Trailed Any Sound Yes - explosion (over)
- j. What called attention to the observer fire
Explosion and light that lit up home.
- k. What angle and elevation was the object on first observance
West to East at low altitude
- l. What angle and elevation was the object when disappeared
Low altitude; disappeared south over Houston
- m. What was the flight path of object (to north or south, to east or west) and were there any maneuvers of the object West to east, east to west and disappeared to south. Maneuver - circled a tree in the back yard, swooped up and off and returned for a second circle.
- n. How did the object disappear (instantly, to the north, no direction, etc.)
To the south, fast and low.
- o. How long was the object visible (5 min, 1 hour, etc.) About two minutes
- p. How was the object observed (naked eye, radar, telescope, binoculars, etc.)
Naked eye
- q. Time and date of sighting 4 Feb 66, 6:05 AM
- r. Light conditions (night, day, dusk) Dark
- s. Geographical position of object (North of Houston) South of Pasadena, directly overhead, etc.)
- t. Weather (clear day, hazy, cloudy, broken clouds, etc.) Clear
- u. Temperatures of day (80°, 90°, etc.) 30°
- v. OTHER INFORMATION not answered above: Husband is Inspector with Harris County Engineers. Other teachers and people in neighborhood also witnessed sighting.

(over)

5. Thank caller for information, but do not promise that a return call will be made to confirm nor deny the observance of the object.

- i. Sound - After explosion a noise louder than that of a hurricane or tornado that persisted until darting off.
- v. Mr. [REDACTED] reported "it" to police and newspapers. This resulted in inquiry from local police and newspapers. Radar surveillance queried for unknown contacts with negative results. On Base ANG (F-102 Type Aircraft) operations contacted - no "scrambles" w/in past 24 hours for unidentified flying objects.

[REDACTED]
February 26, 1966

Major Hector Quintanilla, Jr.
USAF,
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

Dear Sir:

This is a personal note concerning several points of interest to me, and I am interested in relating them to you.

Since I have been asked on the report sheet and also by the Ellington officer if I reported the incident, I feel, as I did at first, that this should be a military matter and should not be reported nation-wide until we are told to do so. But, if you have not seen, or do not know about the Look Magazine report I believe you will be interested. The article on the objects is in the February 22, 1966 issue, page 36.

Our son, Capt. [REDACTED] is in the army, in Yokohama, Japan. Of course, we should like to share our experience with him concerning what we saw, but I felt perhaps U. S. had rather this information did not go over-seas. I will not do this unless I'm told to do it. If you do not give me permission I shall keep quite.

Sunday evening, Mr. [REDACTED] was watching television, the program, "Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea". Suddenly he yelled: "There's that thing, just like it was here." I watched it. From and by the magazine report, and the reports of others, it is sure a picture of it. We have so many enemies it seems, we are wondering if the author of the story has a connection with the Russian scientists. If it does not belong to us, as some of our people really believe, surely someone responsible for the making of "Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea" should be investigated.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

P.S. I am a teacher at DeChaumes
Elem. School, [REDACTED]
Tel. [REDACTED]

K-6

2nd grade

[REDACTED]

His
father

M

This little boy saw it, and mother +
Daddy didn't believe him. Now they do.

Mrs. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Road,
Houston, Texas 39
(Second Grade Teacher)

Gave this report to me:

"I saw the object northwest of me. It looked to be large with a movement in a very irregular pattern, with large and small lights. It seemed to be vibrating or wobbling up and down. It's color was "yellowish" or yellow-orange. Noise was that of a large diesel engine speeding, then idle---in a very irregular pattern. My husband and son also saw it."

Dictated to Mrs. [REDACTED] School
[REDACTED]
Houston, Texas