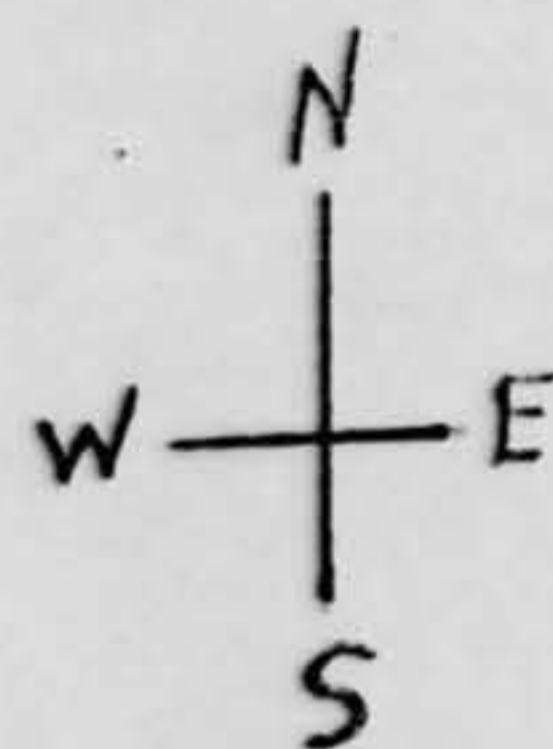


PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 5 April 66 0555Z	2. LOCATION Alto, Tennessee 3 witnesses
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Unidentified ✓ <i>W.H.</i>
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 hrs & 30 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	Object was oval shaped when stationary, cone shaped when moving. It was about the size of a basketball. There was a dark upper and white streak through the middle of the object. A high frequency noise was heard. The object was sighted at tree top level in the east and disappeared toward the south. The object diminished to the size of a pin 2½ hours after it was first sighted.
7. COURSE Eastward	
8. PHOTOS ☒ Yes <i>in file</i> ☐ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

this case includes

Four (4) 8x10 B & W Photos



APPROXIMATELY
300 YARDS FROM
PLACE OF SIGHTING



SWAMP AREA



ORIGINAL PLACE OF SIGHTING

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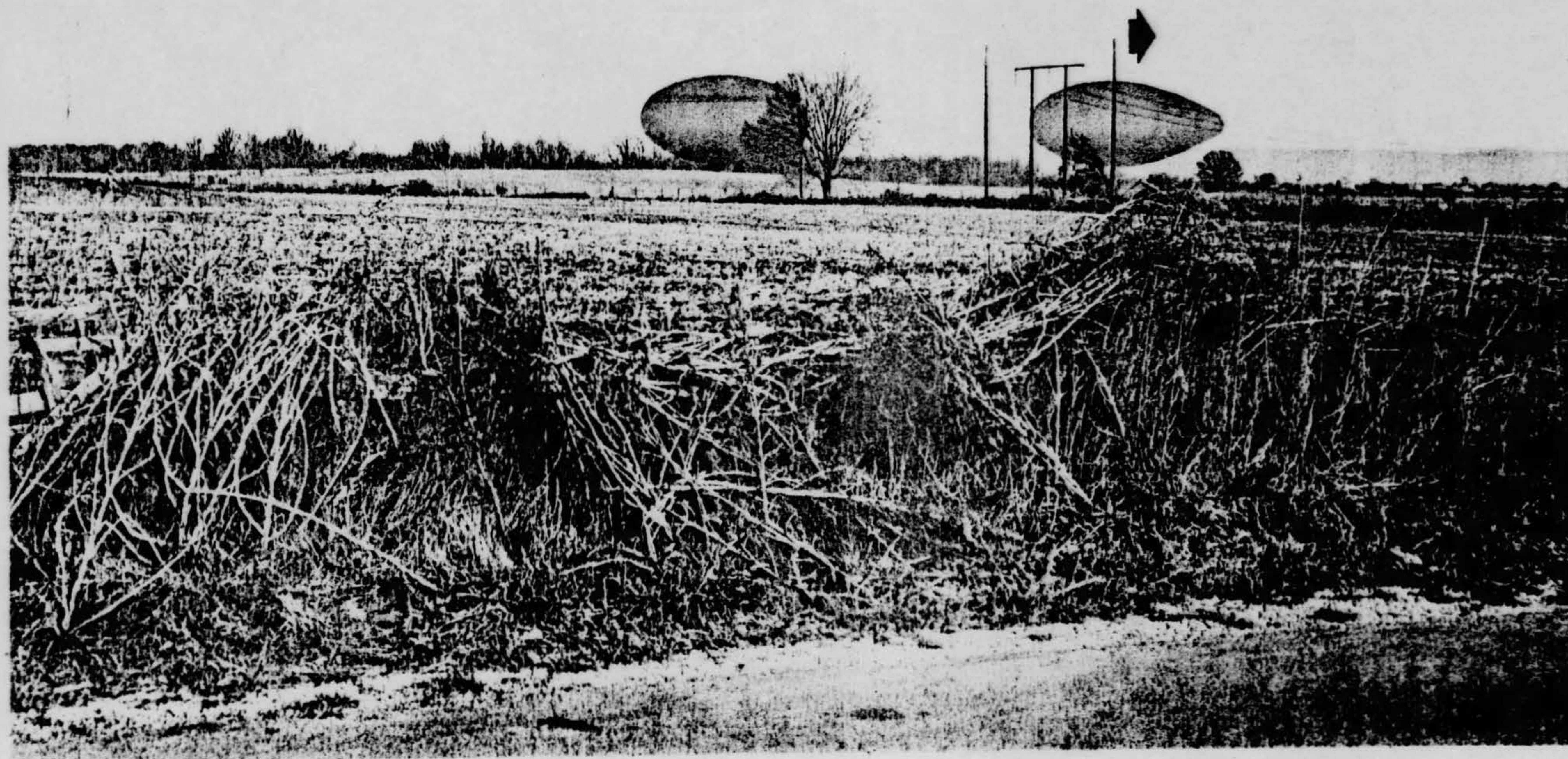
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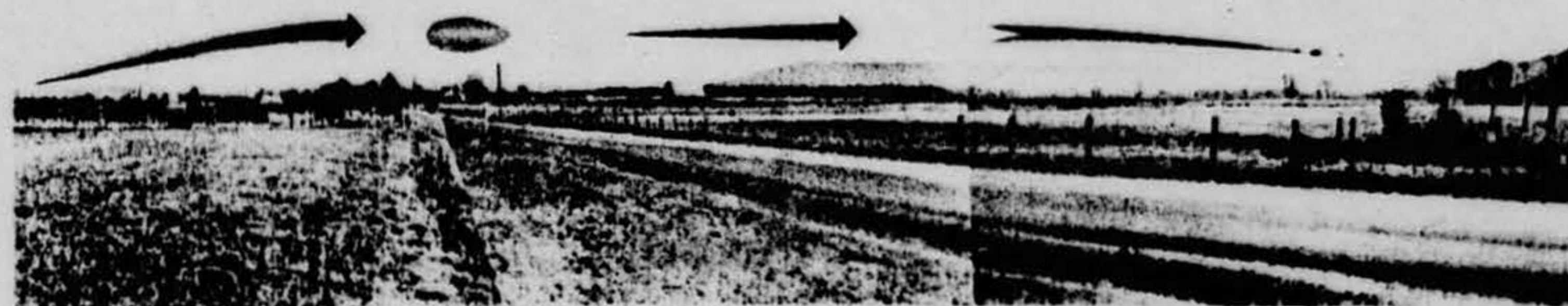
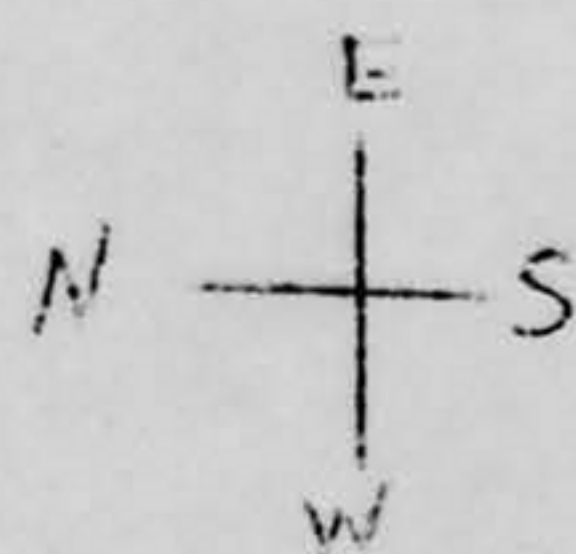
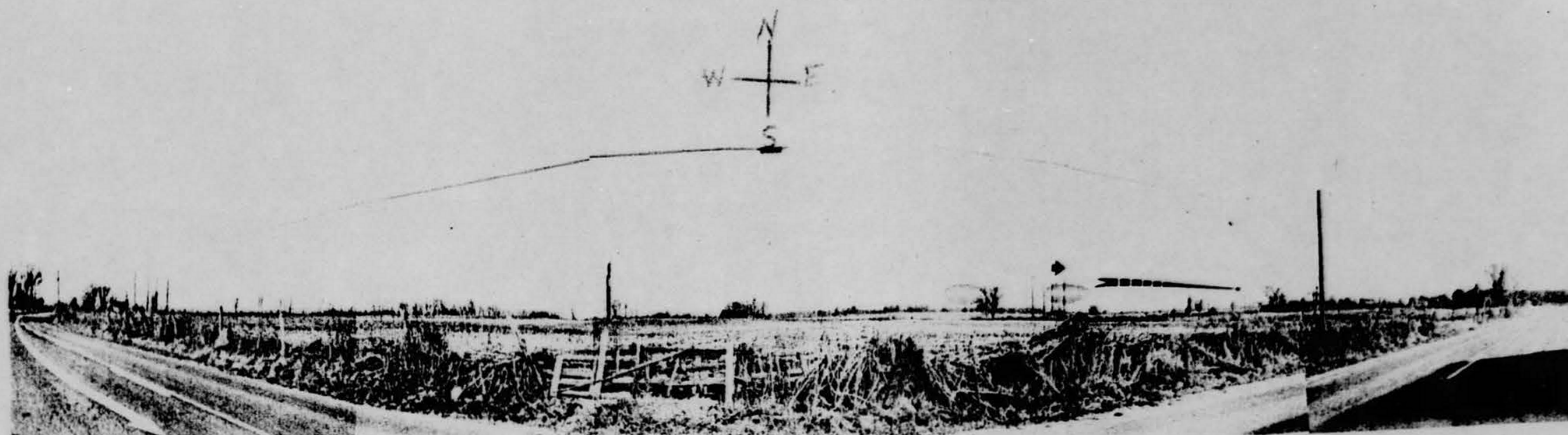
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TDET/UFO

21 December 1966

UFO Sighting, 5 April 1966

AEDC (FTD)

Attn: Sgt Hatmaker

1. Reference telephone conversation between Dr. J. Allen Hynek and Sgt Hatmaker, your office, on 20 December 1966 regarding an unidentified flying object sighting of 5 April 1966. Attached are three FTD Forms 164; request you have each witness complete a form and return to this office. Particular attention should be given to what type of, and duration of disturbance to livestock. Request estimate of closeness of passage of UFO to livestock.
2. Information is also needed on relative location of observers. Were they together at the time of sighting?
3. Request the above information be submitted to this office as soon as possible in order that an evaluation may be made.

FOR THE COMMANDER

LOUIS DeGOES, Colonel, USAF
Director of Technology and Subsystems

1 Atch
FTD Form 164
(3 cys)

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alts, Tenn
5 April 66

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
STAFF MESSAGE BRANCH
INCOMING MESSAGE

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ACTION: NIN-7

INFO: XOP-1, XOPX-2, SAF-OS-3, DIA-1 (15) ADV CY DIA
SMB B113NPTTU JAW RUMJPEA3715 0971702-UUUU--RUEBHQA

ZNR UUUUU

P 062100Z

FM AEDC ARNOLD AFS TENN

TO RUEBHQA/OSAF WASH DC

RUEBHQA/CSAF

RUMFVA/ADC

RUCIPRA/839 AIRDIV SEWART AFB TENN

RUCDSQ/FTD WPAFB OHIO

BT

UNCLAS AEY 06521 APR 66.

FOR: OSAF (SAFOS); CSAF (AFNIN).

THIS IS AN AFR 200-2 UFO REPORT. A. DESCRIPTION OF THE
OBJECT: (1) OVAL SHAPE AT FIRST SIGHTING (OBJECT STATION-
ARY) THEN CONE SHAPE WHEN MOVING (POINT OF CONE ALIGNED
TOWARDS DIRECTION OF MOVEMENT). (2) SIZE OF OVAL OBJECT
WAS A BASKETBALL HELD AT ABOUT ARMS LENGTH. (3) COLOR
WAS A BRIGHT YELLOW-ORANGE LOWER PORTION, DARKER UPPER
AND A HORIZONTAL WHITE STREAK THROUGH MIDDLE. (4) ONE
OBJECT. (5) N/A. (6) NONE. (7) THERE WAS NO TAIL,

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TRAIL OR EXHAUST VISIBLE. (8) A HIGH-FREQUENCY NOISE WAS HEARD. (9) NONE. B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT: (1) VISUAL CONTACT. (2) ABOUT TREE-TOP LEVEL AND 360 DEG AZIMUTH RELATIVE TO OBSERVERS ON ROAD. (3) ABOUT 60 DEG ELEVATION AND 180 DEG AZIMUTH. (4) OBJECT MOVED FROM INITIAL POINT STEADILY EASTWARD, SLIGHTLY ABOVE TREES AND PARALLEL WITH THREE HIGH-VOLTAGE POWER LINES, FOR ABOUT ONE MILE THEN TURNED SOUTH. (5) OBJECT GRADUALLY DIMINISHED TO SIZE OF A PIN ON SOUTHERLY AZIMUTH. PIN SIZE OBJECT WAS STILL VISIBLE TWO HOURS AFTER OBJECT TURNED SOUTH. (6) OBJECT WAS VISIBLE FOR APPROXIMATELY 2 HOURS AND 30 MINUTES. C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION: (1) GROUND-VISUAL. (2) AN INEXPENSIVE TELESCOPE WAS USED WHILE OBJECT WAS ON 180 DEG AZIMUTH. (3) N/A. D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING: (1) 0555/5 APR 66. (2) NIGHT, WITH BRIGHT FULL MOON IN WESTERN PART OF SKY. E. LOCATION OF OBSERVERS: 85 DEG 58'40"E, 35 DEG 16'30"N, 6.5 MI SW OF PELHAM, TENN. F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVERS: (1) CIVILIANS: (A) ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, ALTO, TENN.,

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STUDENT-TRADE SCHOOL, APPEARS RELIABLE. (B) [REDACTED]

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ALTO, TENN., HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR, APPEARS RELIABLE. (C)

[REDACTED], ALTO, TENN., TRUCK DRIVER, APPEARS RELIA-

BLE. (2) NONE. G. WEATHER AND WINDS: (1) CLEAR SKY,
UNSEASONABLY COLD (ABOUT 28 DEG F), CALM WIND, HEAVY FROST ON
GROUND, NO FOG VISIBLE. (2) REPORT FROM SEWART AFB,

TENN. OF WIND AND TEMPERATURE AT SEWART: CALM/30 DEG F.

(3) NONE. (4) UNRESTRICTED. (5) NONE. (6) NONE.

(7) UNAVAILABLE. H. THERE IS A SWAMPY AREA (ABOUT HALF
ACRE IN SIZE) LOCATED ON THE SAME AZIMUTH AS THE UFO AT
THE FIRST SIGHTING. I. NONE. J. NONE. K. CHIEF/

TECHNICAL SUPPORT DIVISION, DCS/FT, MAJOR, USAF. THE
INVESTIGATING/PREPARING OFFICER PHYSICALLY INVESTIGATED
THE SCENE OF THE SIGHTING AND INTERVIEWED ALL THREE OB-
SERVERS. GEIGER COUNTERS WERE USED TO CHECK THE AREA
AND RESULTED IN A NEGATIVE FINDING. THE OBSERVERS STATED.

IN ADDITION TO FOREGOING, THAT THE LIVESTOCK AND OTHER
ANIMALS IN THE AREA WERE VERY DISTURBED WHEN THE UFO

PASSED NEARBY. THE FACT THAT THERE WAS NO WIND OR FOG

How near?

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MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO SPECULATE ON THE CAUSE OR IDENTITY
OF THE UFO. THERE APPEARS TO BE NO EXPLANATION FOR THE
SIGHTING. L. NONE.

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NOTE: Service has been requested per 1392 # 218

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HEADQUARTERS ARNOLD ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT CENTER (AFSC)
ARNOLD AIR FORCE STATION, TENNESSEE 37389



REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

AEYS

6 Jan 1967

SUBJECT:

Additional Information on UFO Report
(Msg, AEY 06521 Apr 66)

TO:

FTD (Project Blue Book)
ATTN: Lt Marley

1. Reference telephone conversation between Dr. J. A. Hynek, your office, and Sgt Hatmaker on 20 Dec 1966 regarding UFO sighting on 5 Apr 1966.
2. An interview was conducted on 27 Dec 1966 with Mr. [REDACTED] Mr. [REDACTED] was not available.
3. Photographs were taken of area which shows power lines and terrain of land. (Atch #1)
4. An illustrator discussed the sighting with Mr. [REDACTED] and his conception of incident will be forwarded when completed.
5. Elaboration on information previously furnished in initial report.

a. Item A (2)

Mr. [REDACTED] was asked about the size of object at initial sighting. After experimenting with objects at arm's length, he came to the conclusion that two fingers, folded in half, would cover object.

b. Item A (8)

Mr. [REDACTED] was not able to furnish a specific reference. He was asked if he had previously heard power lines make noises such as a hum. Mr. [REDACTED] replied, "Yes, but this was a high-frequency hum which was a louder noise than the power lines could make at that distance. Real loud."

c. Item B (4)

Object moved east parallel with power lines until it changed its course to the south. This will be shown in illustrator's conception when completed.

d. Item B (6)

Object was visible from three to five minutes from initial sighting until after object turned south.

e. Item C (2)

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that the telescope could not be focused on object.

f. Item H

Swampy area is circled in Atch #1. The size of this area is one to two acres.

g. Item K (Livestock and other animals were disturbed)

<u>Animals</u>	<u>Reaction</u>
Cows	Mooing
Dogs	Barking - Howling
Ponies	Neighing

6. Mr. [REDACTED] gave the following sequence of events.

"I was driving along about 12 o'clock at night, tired and sort of sleepy and [REDACTED] said, 'What the Hell is that over there.' I stopped the car and we got out. We said a couple of words (frankly I was scared) and I said let's go get dad. As if this thing heard me, it started moving. I have an Oldsmobile Cutlass with a four speed and it runs pretty good. Before I could get it wound out, this thing had a good lead on me. We lost sight of it at that little knoll over there, but as soon as we got around that knoll, we saw it again and did not lose sight of it again until it seemed to mix with the stars. My dad didn't see it until it was over those towers."

7. It is again reiterated that Mr. [REDACTED] seems reliable and sincere about this sighting.

8. Information requested in your letter dated 21 Dec 1966 will be forwarded when completed.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Edward J. Thornton
OTIS B. THORNTON, Colonel, USAF
Director of Foreign Technology

1 Atch
Photos (3 cys)

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: AEYS

13 FEB 1967

SUBJECT: Additional Information on 5 Apr 66, UFO Sighting
(Ltr, TDET/UFO, dated 21 Dec 66)

TO: FTD (TDET/UFO)
Attn: Lt Marley

1. FTD Forms 164 were delivered on 20 Jan 67 to the people concerned in this sighting. They will be forwarded when returned to this office. No response to date.
2. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were together when object was first sighted.
3. On 20 Jan 67, [REDACTED] was asked about the duration of disturbance to livestock. He said, "I noticed the disturbance approximately one hour, but the neighbors told me that the animals had been disturbed for a long time, maybe four or five hours. They also told me that livestock had broken out of their fenced lots."
4. Mr. [REDACTED] estimated that the object passed within one-half mile of the animals or maybe closer at some points along the route.
5. The attached photograph (Atch #1) was taken from the point of initial sighting. An illustrators conception of the object was placed on the photograph. This photograph was shown to William Smith and he indicated that this was what he saw. He also stated that the colors seemed to fluctuate.
6. Attachment #2 is photographs taken from point of initial sighting and along the route of object. The artists' conception of the UFO was placed on these photographs.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Otis B. Thornton
OTIS B. THORNTON, Colonel, USAF
Director of Foreign Technology

- 3 Atch
1. Photo at Point of Initial sighting.
 2. Photo's of UFO Route.
 3. Extra Photographs