

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 3 October 66 04/0235Z	2. LOCATION Wall, South Dakota (Multiple Witnesses)
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION Other (CONFLICTING DATA) ✓ - untrained - Poss. mirage. No real motion determined JST
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observers reported cigar shaped object in the east that was compared in brightness with a sunset. Two of the observers reported a descending object while the other two reported a ascending object. The times of the sighting varied from 5 seconds to 75 seconds. In all cases the object was reported as being orange in color. One observer reported that the object was stationary for a few seconds before heading toward the east. Aircraft were in the area at the time of the sighting, but the description of the light does not comply with known aircraft lights. The aircraft was was in the area were B-52 using a low level training route. The data is conflicting, particularly when referring to the question of did the object descend or not.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Varied	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE N/A	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

FORM

FTD SEP 63 0-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

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8. SOUND: NONE

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9. OTHER PERTINENT OR UNUSUAL FEATURES: IT CAME DOWN, BUT
COULDN'T TELL IF IT LANDED. SEEMED TO HOVER JUST ABOVE
GROUND AND DISAPPEARED AT AN EXCEPTIONAL HIGH RATE OF SPEED.

8. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE

1. WHAT FIRST CALLED THE ATTENTION OF OBSERVER TO THE OBJECT:
LOOKING UP OUT OF THE WINDOW AND SAW IT COMING DOWN.

2. ANGLE OR ELEVATION WHEN FIRST OBSERVED: BETWEEN 50 AND
100 FEET OFF THE GROUND.

3. ANGLE OR ELEVATION WHEN OBJECT DIND
100 FEET OFF THE GROUND.

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3. ANGLE OR ELEVATION WHEN OBJECT DISAPPEARED: DISAPPEARED
OVER THE HORIZON ABOUT 500 FEET GOING EAST.

4. DESCRIPTION OF FLIGHT PATH: STATIONARY AND THEN HEADED
EAST. NO MANUEVERS, SLIGHT ANGLE HEADING EAST.

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3,700 PLUS 4C
9,000 MINUS 10C
11,000 MINUS 8C
19,000 MINUS 25C
24,000 MINUS 30C
25,000 MINUS 29C
28,000 MINUS 34C
31,000 MINUS 31C
36,000 MINUS 40C
41,000 MINUS 51C

H. NONE

I. NONE

J. ACFT IN VICINITY: B-52 AIRCRAFT USING LOW LEVEL ROUTE

K. BASE OPERATIONS OFFICER, ELLSWORTH AFB: POSSIBLE CAUSE LOW

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FLYING AIRCRAFT.

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G. WEATHER AND WINDS

1. OBSERVERS ACCOUNT OF WX CONDITIONS: PARTLY CLOUDY TO
EAST, MOON VISIBLE, TEMPERATURE 40 DEGREES FARENHEIT,
WINDS SOUTHWEST 7 TO 8, 5,000 SCATTERED, 15 MILE VISIBILITY.

2. REPORT OF WIND DIRECTION AND VELOCITY: SURFACE 280/04

6,000 320/25

10,000 310/25

16,000 280/30

20,000 290/35

30,000 290/55

50,000 280/35

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80,000 290/20

3. CEILING: 5,000 SCATTERED

4. VISIBILITY: 15 STATUTE MILES

5. AMOUNT OF CLOUD COVER: 2/10

6. TSTM IN AREA & QUADRANT: NONE

7. VERTICAL TEMP GRADIENT: SURFACE PLUS 4C

U N C L A S S I F I E D

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1. When did you see the object?

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Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 7 35
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?

19 MILES EAST WALL SO. DAK.
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or County

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

5
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 X 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

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 821ST COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP (SAC)
ELLSWORTH AIR FORCE BASE, SOUTH DAKOTA, 57707



REPLY TO
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22 Nov 66

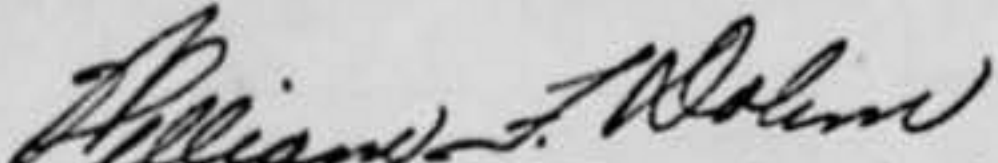
SUBJECT:

USAF Technical Information

TO:

Foreign Technology Division
AFSC (UFO)
Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio

Forwarded as per your request are the FTD Form 164's
which have been completed by personnel of this squadron.


WILLIAM F. DOHM, Captain, USAF
Commander
821st Combat Defense Squadron

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FTD Form 164.

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

BEHIND THE HORIZON

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:

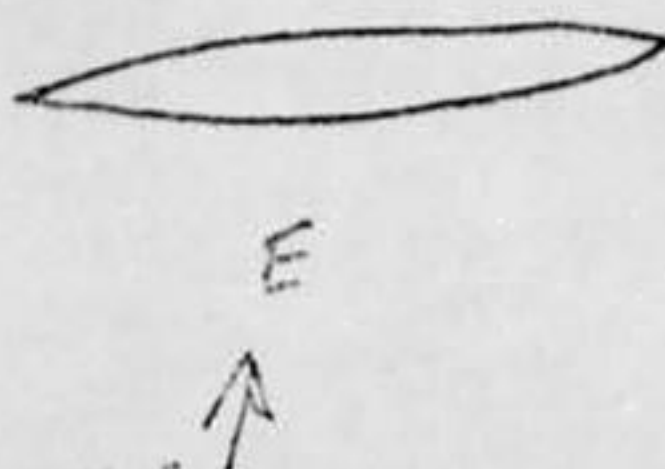
a. Sound NONE

b. Color ORANGE

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?

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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.



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
- b. Dimmer
- c. About the same
- d. Don't know

11.1 Compare brightness to some common object:

SUN SET

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

c. Other _____

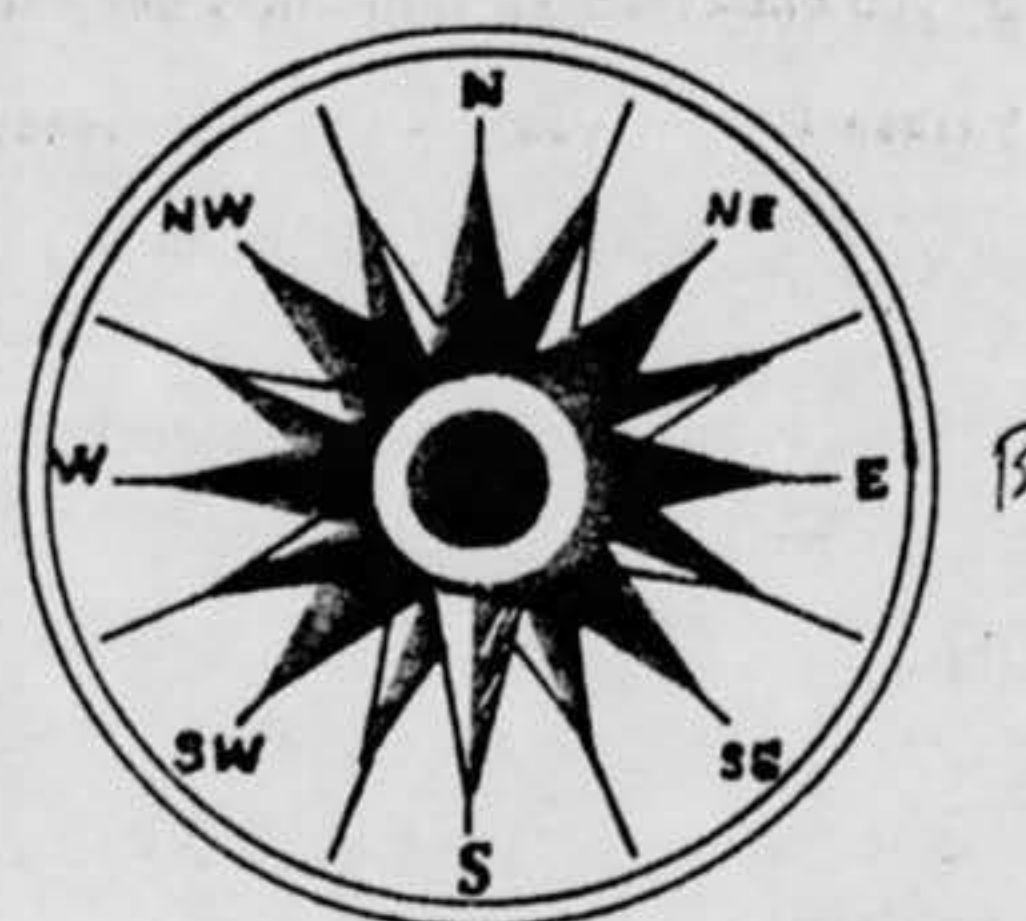
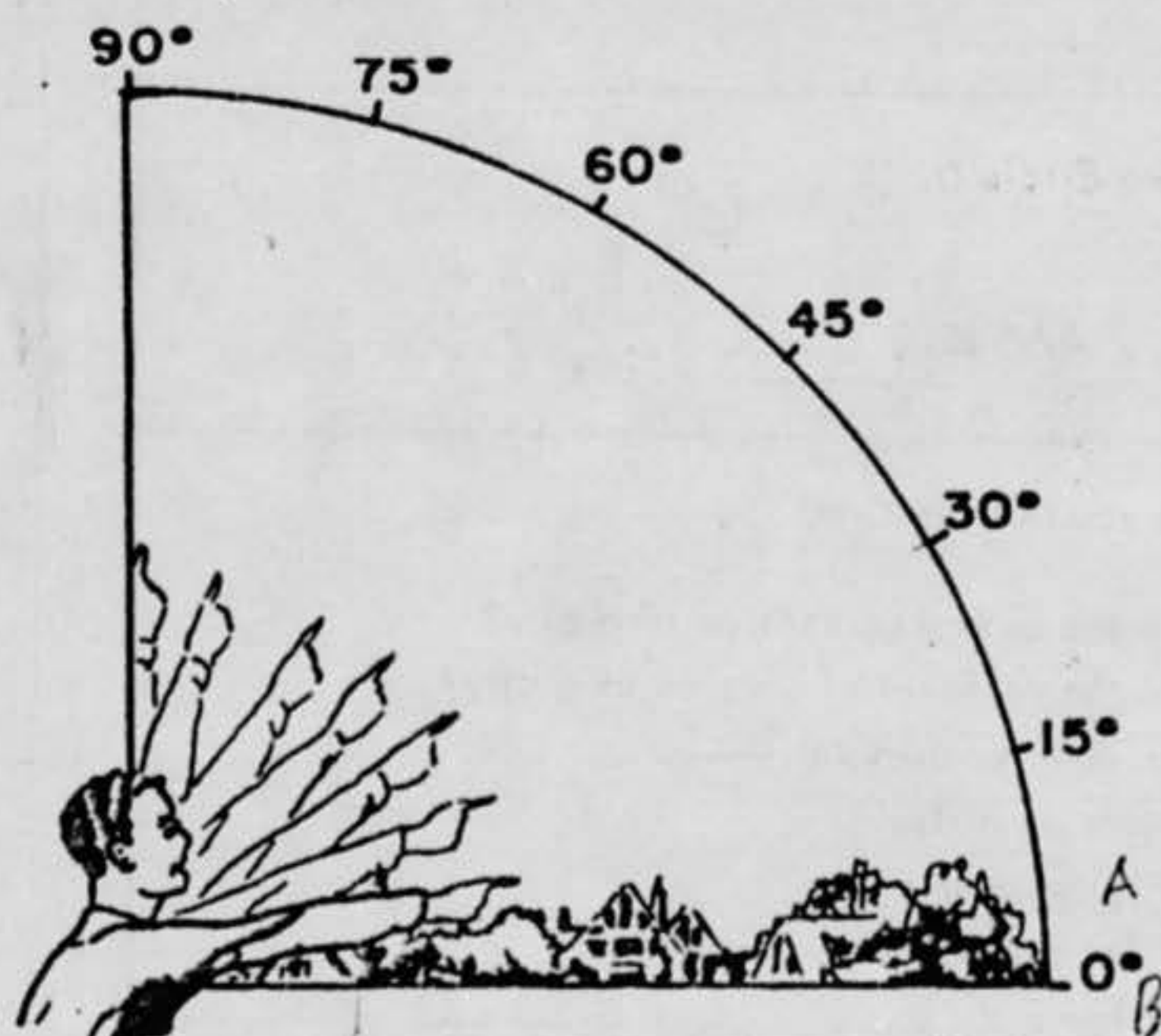
13. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

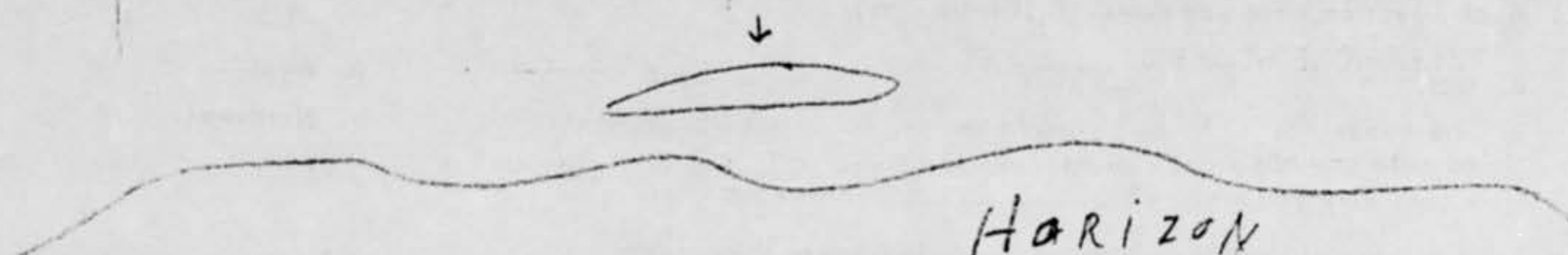
- a. Appear to stand still at any time?
- b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?
- c. Break up into parts or explode?
- d. Give off smoke?
- e. Change brightness?
- f. Change shape?
- g. Flash or flicker?
- h. Disappear and reappear?

☒ Yes	No	Don't know
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Yes	☒ No	Don't know
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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.

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? _____

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? 1 MILE

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.

NOTHING

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

NONE

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:

A2C [REDACTED] ELLSWORTH AFB, SCDAR
 A2C [REDACTED] 11 11
 A1C [REDACTED] 11 11

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

Street

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

SEX

ELLSWORTH

SCDAR

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

NONE

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

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W. S. C.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 821ST STRATEGIC AEROSPACE DIVISION (SAC)
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REPLY TO
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10 November 1966

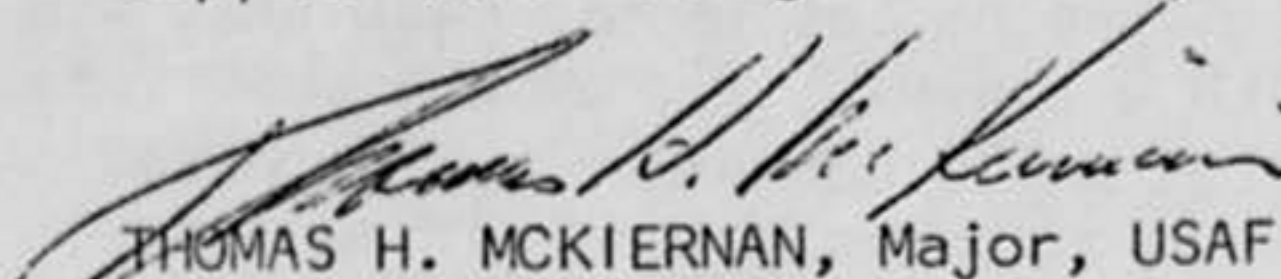
SUBJECT:

UFO Sightings

TO:

TDETR

Reference your letter of 24 October 1966, subject UFO Sightings. Please be advised that our message DXI 18088 was sent to your office in accordance with AFR 80-17 on 6 October 1966. A copy of this message is inclosed.


THOMAS H. MCKIERNAN, Major, USAF
Chief, Information

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UFO Message

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

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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.

8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

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- ☒ b. A few
- c. Many
- d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON (Circle One):

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9. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

CLOUDS (Circle One):

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- 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

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- c. Vapor
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- e. Don't remember

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- ☒ a. Brighter
- b. Dimmer
- c. About the same
- d. Don't know

11.1 Compare brightness to some common object:

about as bright as a real bright Orange

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

c. Other _____

13. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

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- e. Change brightness?
- f. Change shape?
- g. Flash or flicker?
- h. Disappear and reappear?

☒ Yes	No	Don't know
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1. When did you see the object?

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2. Time of day: 7 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?

AT D-1 MISSILE LAUNCH CONTROL FACILITY, APPROX 19 MILES WEST
OF WALK SOUTH DAKOTA

Nearest Postal Address

City or Town

State or County

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

40
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 _____

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY
a. Bright
b. Cloudy

NIGHT
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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
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c. To your right

d. To your left
e. Overhead
f. Don't remember

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? _____

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(Circle One)

☒ Yes

No

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? 1/2 mile

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?

☒ In open countryside?

d. Near an airfield?

e. Flying over a city?

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g. Other _____

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

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a. North

c. East

e. South

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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?

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Yes

☒ No

e. Binoculars

Yes

☒ No

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Yes

☒ No

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Yes

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Yes

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

gradually at an slight angle towards the sky.

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 _____

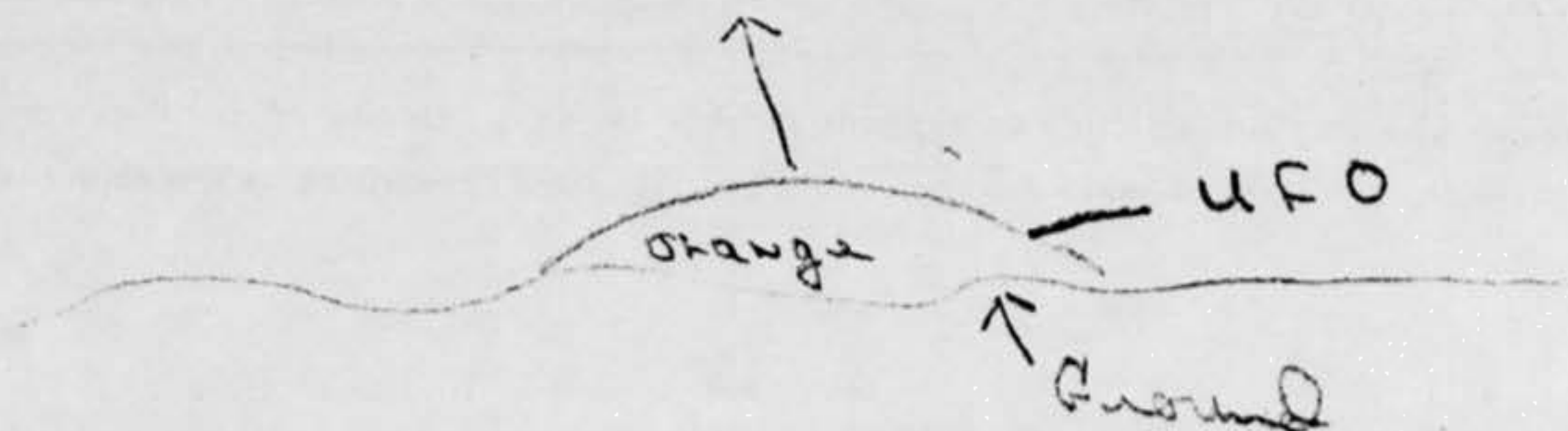
b. Color *it was a real bright orange with red + blue flashing lights.*

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?

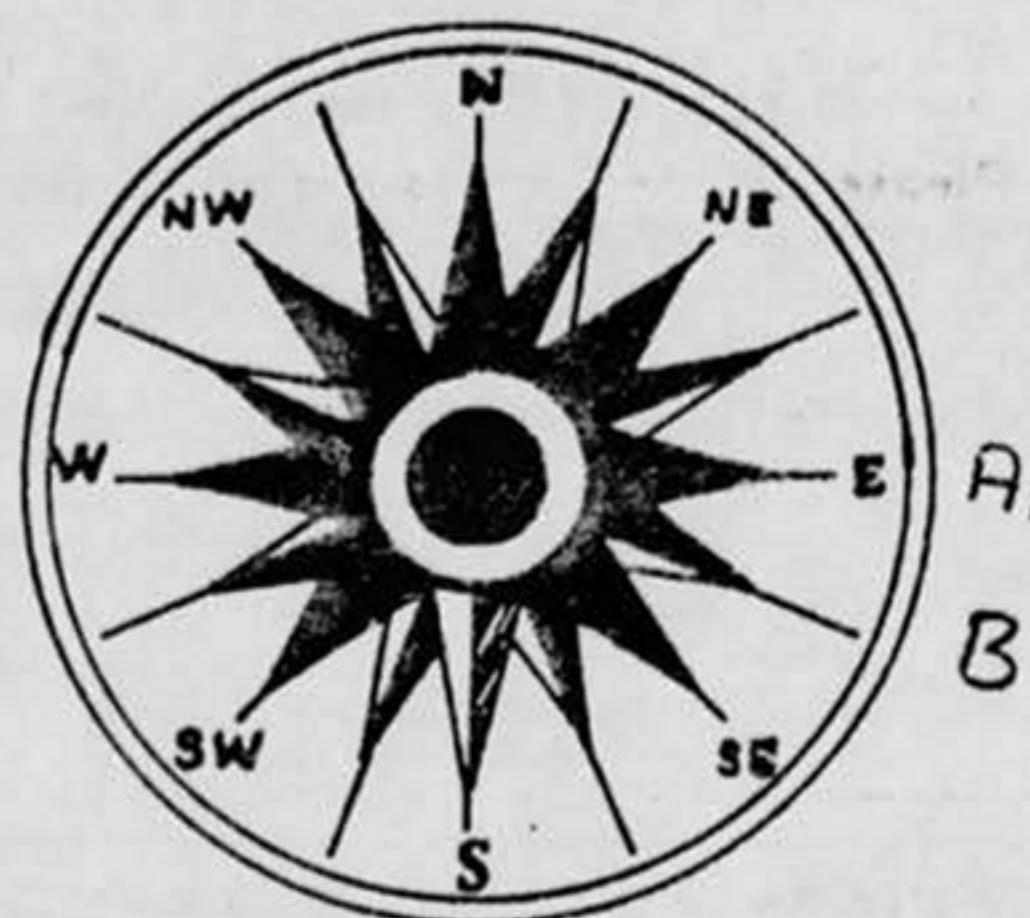
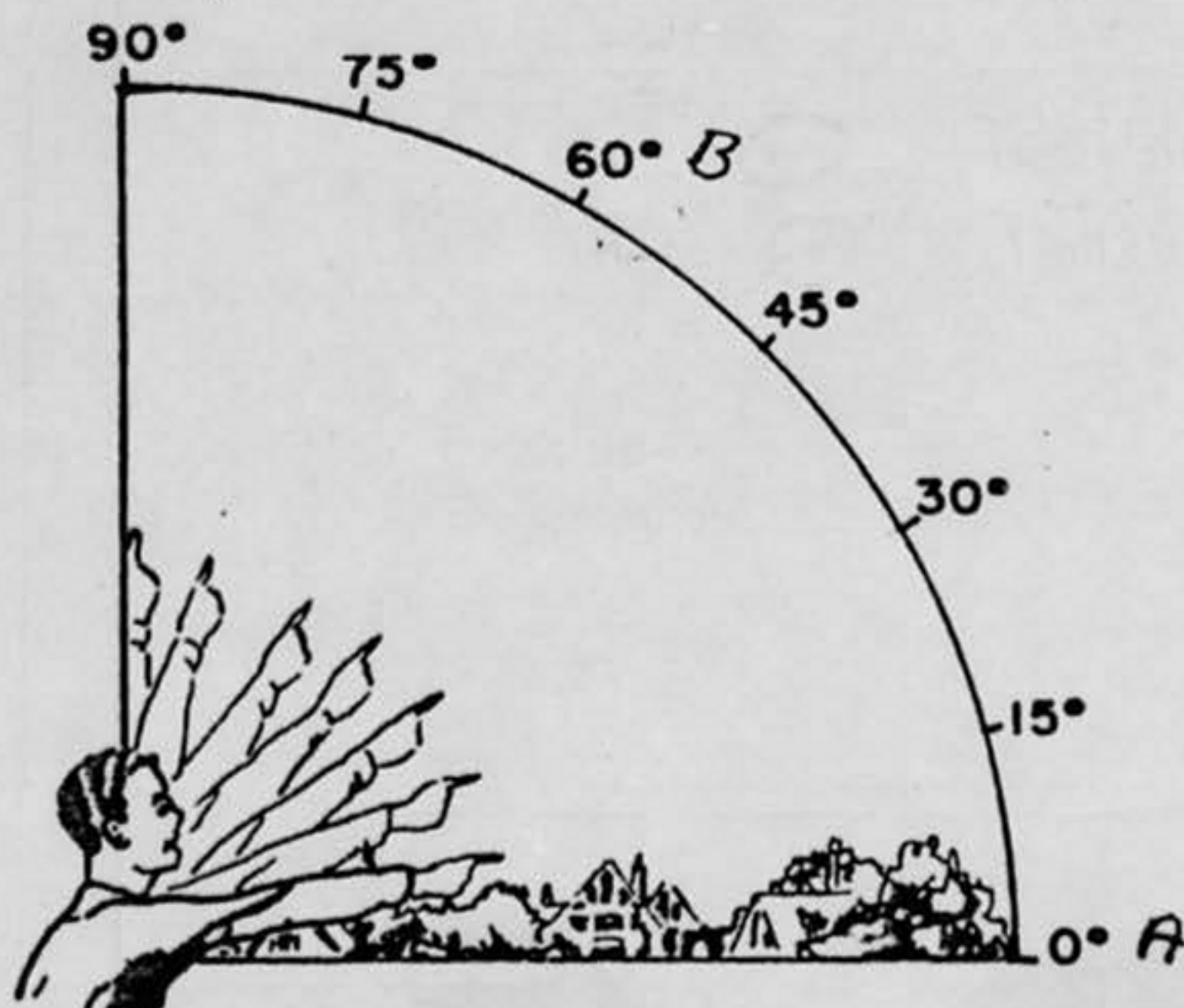
it was about the size of a baseball if you would hold one at arms length.

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☒ Yes

No

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☒ Yes

No

31.2 Please list their names and addresses:

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

Street

City

Zone

State 57701

TELEPHONE NUMBER

AGE

23

SEX

male

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

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

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Wing Security Control
Ellsworth Air Force
Base, South Dakota

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Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or County

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____ 1 15
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11.1 Compare brightness to some common object:

SUNSET

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- (Circle One):
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 - c. Sharply outlined
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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 |

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FROM: 821 STRATAEROSPOIV ELLSWORTH AFB SDAK

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

TO:

~~AIR DEFENSE COMMAND, ENT AFB, COLO~~
30TH AIR DIV, SIOUX FALLS, SDAK

FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIV, AFSC, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO

HQ USAF (AFCIN) WASH 25DC

SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (SAFOI) WASH 25 DC

UNCLAS DXI 18011 OCT 1966/UFO

UFO REPORT EAFB 6 OCT 1966

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT:

1. SHAPE: - CIGAR SHAPED OR DOOMED SHAPED
2. SIZE: ABOUT THE SIZE OF A BASEBALL HELD AT ABOUT ARM'S LENGTH
3. COLOR: VERY BRIGHT ORANGE
4. NUMBER: ONE
5. FORMATION: N/A
6. ANY DISCERNIBLE FEATURES OR DETAILS - NONE
7. TAIL, TRAIL OR EXHAUST: NONE

DATE	TIME
6	1530
MONTH	YEAR
Oct	1966

SYMBOL		SIGNATURE	
• BDXI			
TYPED NAME AND TITLE (Signature, if required)		TYPED (or stamped) NAME AND TITLE	
Major Thomas H. McKiernan		THOMAS H. MCKIERNAN, Major, USAF	
PHONE	PAGE	Chief, Information Division	
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SECURITY CLASSIFICATION			
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14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how?

SEEMED TO SPEED UP AND DISAPPEAR BEHIND
THE HORIZON

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:

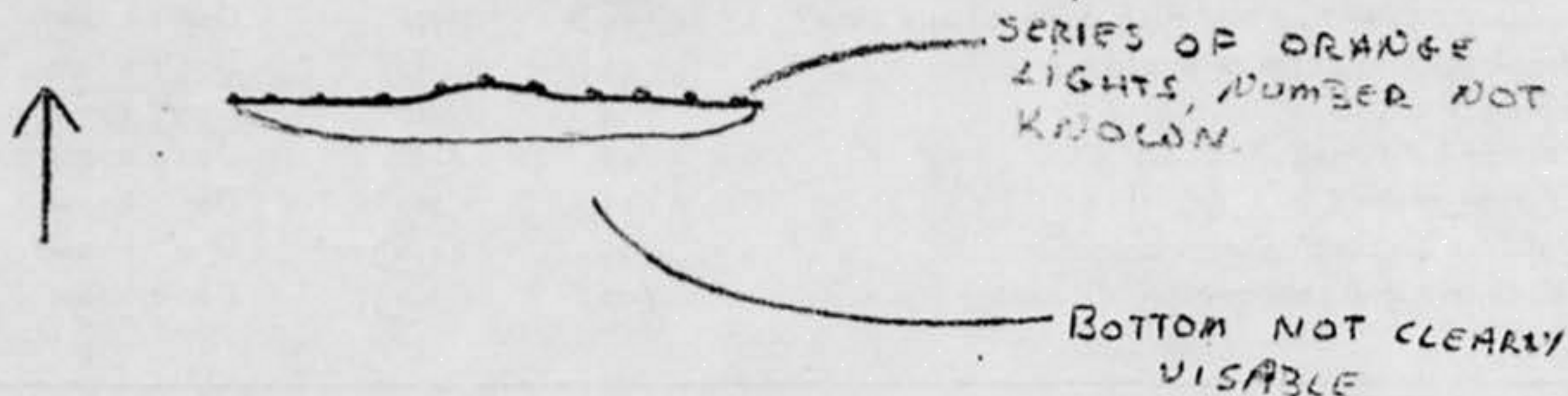
a. Sound NO SOUND WAS HEARD

b. Color BRIGHT ORANGE

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?

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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.



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? _____

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? ONE MILE

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

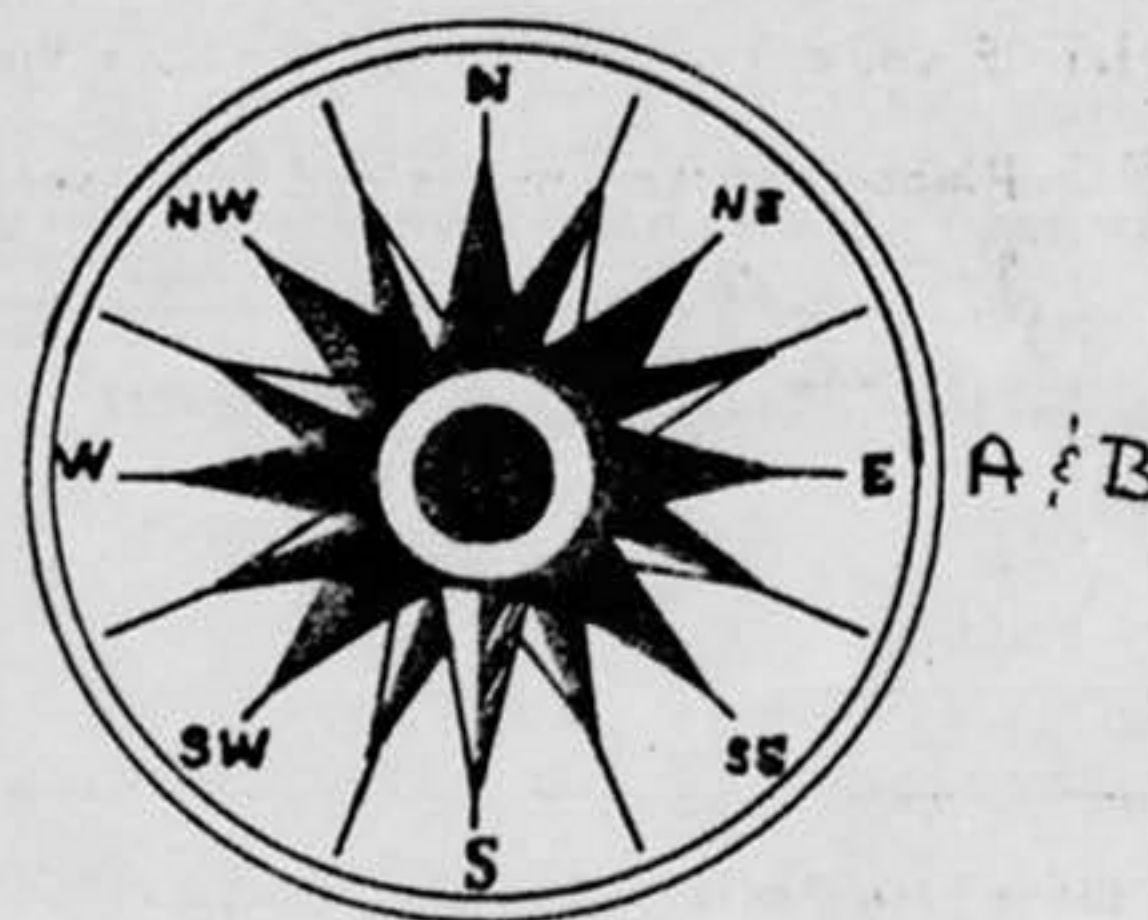
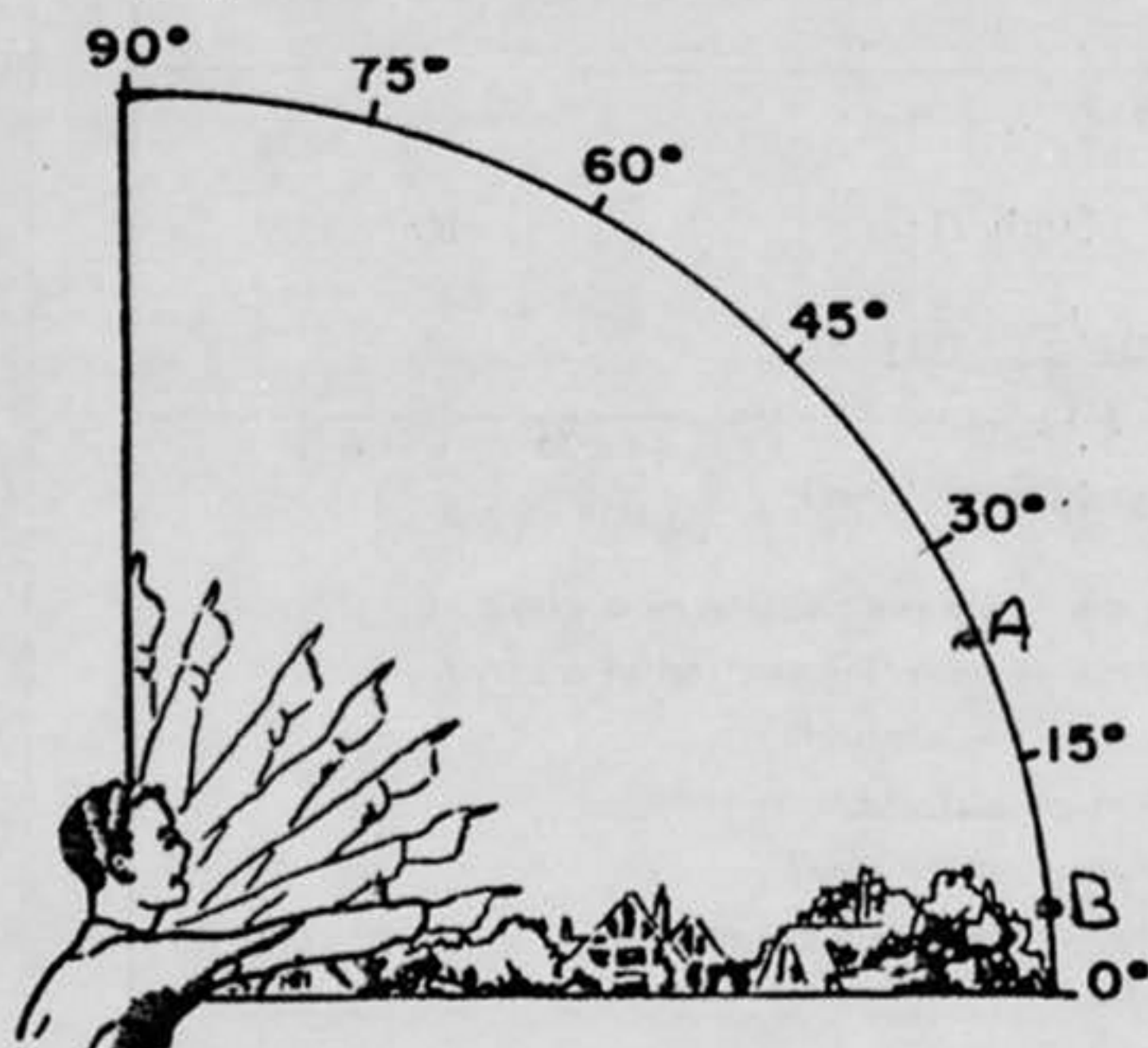
25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

- | | | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|----|----------------|-----|----|
| 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 _____ | | |

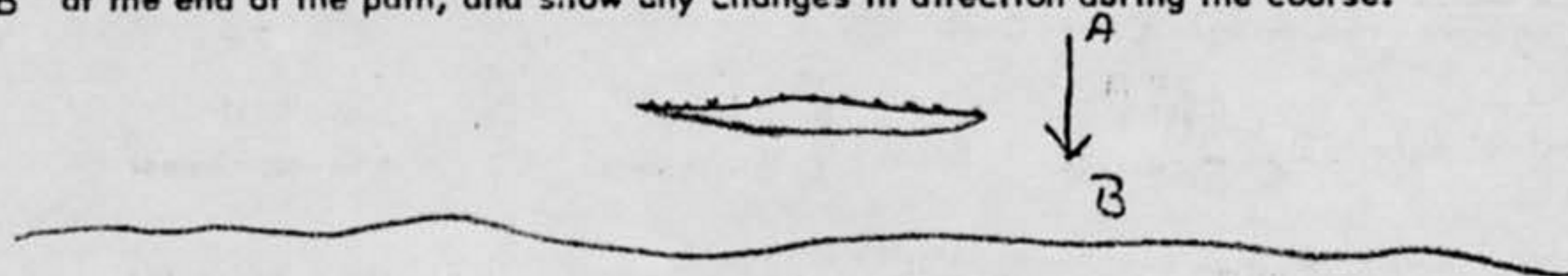
26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

NOTHING

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:

THE OTHER THREE AIRMAN ALSO COMPLETING THIS FORMS

32. Please give the following information about your

NAME

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

Street

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

AGE

SEX

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

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

3

Day

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Month

66

Year

MISSILE COMBAT CREW,
WING SECURITY CONTROL

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

7 NOV 66
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.

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
- b. Dimmer
- c. About the same
- d. Don't know

11.1 Compare brightness to some common object:

SUN SET

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 |
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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?

3 OCT 66
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 7 35
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] WALL SO. DAKOTA
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or County

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

55
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 _____

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

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

IT SEEMED TO GO BEHIND A HILL

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: [REDACTED]

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 NO SOUND ALL

b. Color IT WAS THE COLOR OF A LIGHTED CIGARETTE

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?

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No

b. Sun glasses

Yes

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f. Telescope

Yes

No

c. Windshield

Yes

No

g. Theodolite

Yes

No

d. Window glass

Yes

No

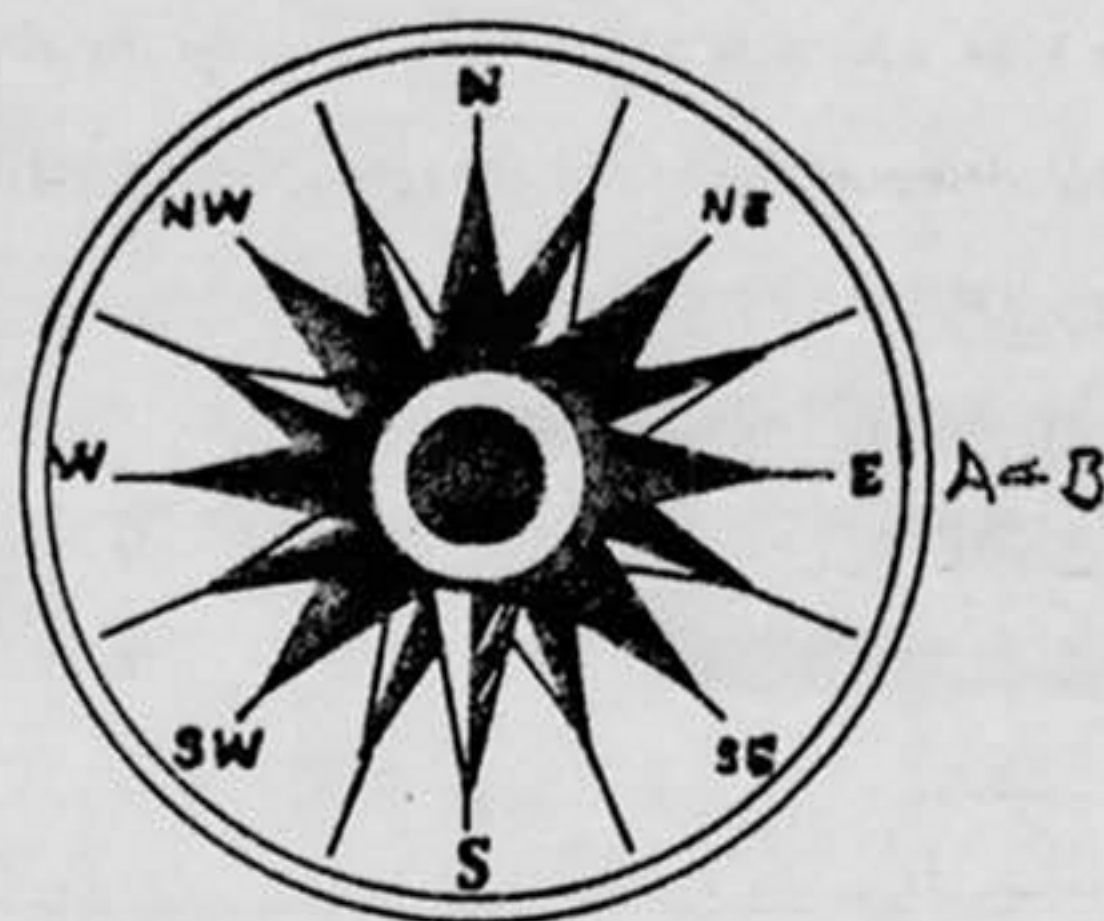
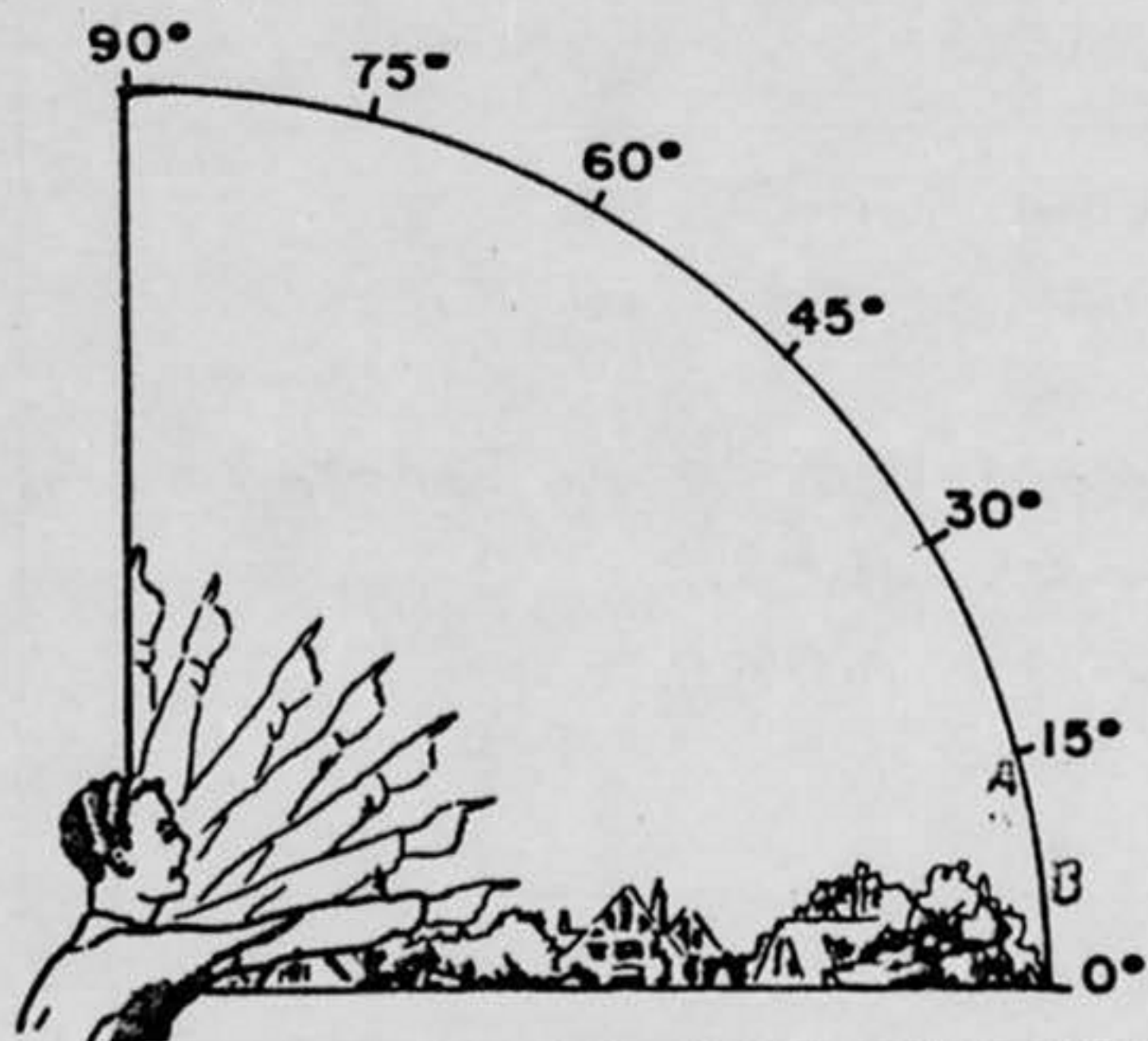
h. Other

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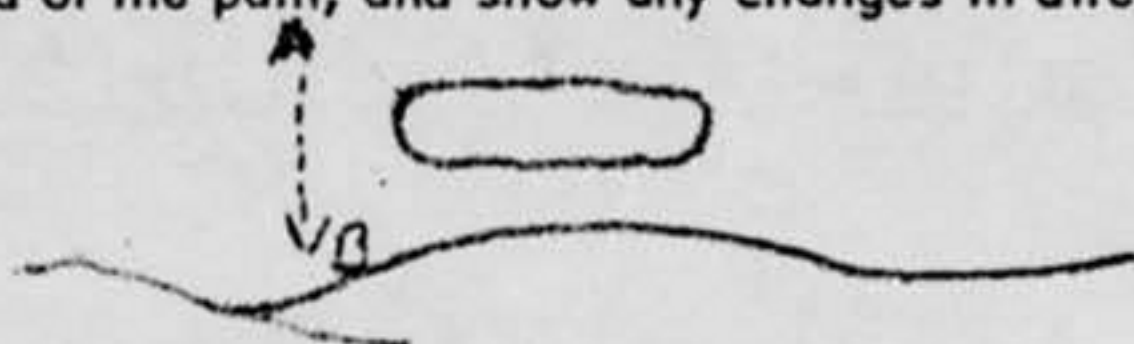
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WE DONT HAVE ANYTHING THAT CARRYS THAT big OF A
LIGHT. IN LEST YOU CAN LIGHT UP A HOLD BLIMP

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821 STRATAEROSPD IV ELLSWORTH AFB SDAK

8. SOUND: NONE

9. OTHER PERTINENT OR UNUSUAL FEATURES: IT CAME DOWN, BUT
COULDN'T TELL IF IT LANDED. SEEMED TO HOVER JUST ABOVE
GROUND AND DISAPPEARED AT AN EXCEPTIONAL HIGH RATE OF SPEED.

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE

1. WHAT FIRST CALLED THE ATTENTION OF OBSERVER TO THE OBJECT:

LOOKING UP OUT OF THE WINDOW AND SAW IT COMING DOWN.

2. ANGLE OR ELEVATION WHEN FIRST OBSERVED: BETWEEN 50 AND
100 FEET OFF THE GROUND.

3. ANGLE OR ELEVATION WHEN OBJECT DISAPPEARED: DISAPPEARED
OVER THE HORIZEN ABOUT 500 FEET GOING EAST.

4. DESCRIPTION OF FLIGHT PATH: STATIONARY AND THEN HEADED
EAST. NO MANUEVERS, SLIGHT ANGLE HEADING EAST.

5. HOW DID OBJECT DISAPPEAR: INSTANTANEOUSLY TO THE EAST.

6. HOW LONG WAS THE OBJECT VISIBLE: 45 SECONDS.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

1. GROUND VISUAL

2. OPTICAL AID: NONE

3. N/A

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

1. ZULU TIME-DATE OF SIGHTING: 0235Z/04 OCTOBER 66

2. LIGHT CONDITIONS: NIGHT

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER

1. 43 DEGREES 54 NORTH 101 DEGREES 59 WEST

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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:

A2/c	[REDACTED]	821 C.D.S.	ELLWORTH	A.F.B.	S / DAKOTA
A1/c	[REDACTED]	821 C.D.S.	ELLWORTH	A.F.B.	"
A7/c	[REDACTED]	821 C.D.S.	ELLWORTH	A.F.B.	"

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

Street

ELLSWORTH A.F.B.

City

57706

Zone

S / DAKOTA

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

AGE 21

SEX M

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

NONE

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

3

Day

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Month

66

Year

TO W.S.C.

TDETR/Maj H Quintanilla, Jr/70916/mhs/20 Oct 66

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44th Strategic Missile Wing (SAC)

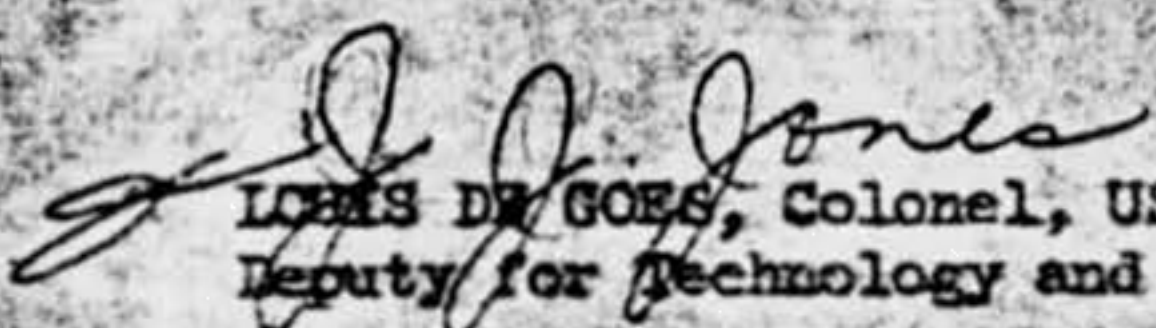
1. Information received from the FTD Duty Officer indicates that there was an unidentified observation at your base during the night of 4 October 1966. This information had been relayed to the SAC Command Post, then to the Air Force Command Post, who in turn relayed it to the FTD Duty Officer. The report was not submitted in accordance with AFR 80-17. Witnesses were listed as:

Sgt [REDACTED]
Airman [REDACTED]
Airman [REDACTED]

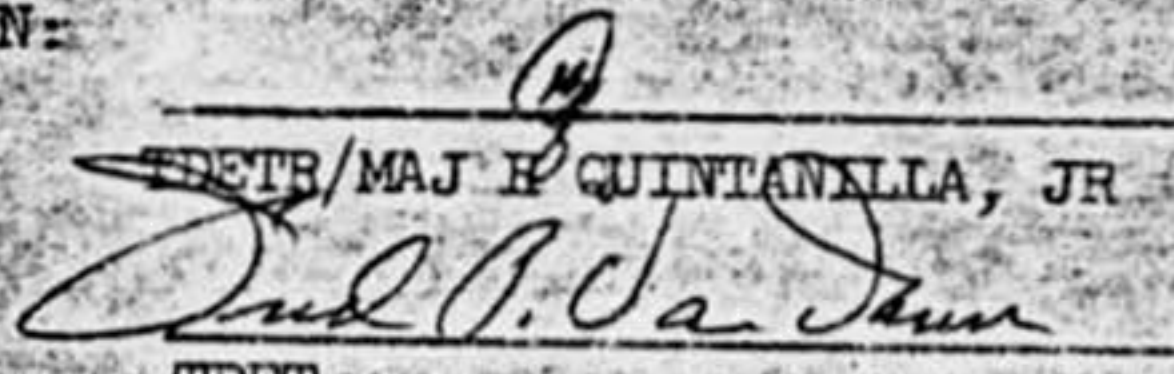
2. Request you investigate the above sighting in accordance with AFR 80-17 and submit your report in written form to this office.

3. In the future, please report your unidentified observations as outlined in AFR 80-17 and do not call the FTD Duty Officer unless there is indication of threat to the security of the United States.

FOR THE COMMANDER


LOUIS D. JONES, Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology and Subsystems

COORDINATION:


TDETR/MAJ H QUINTANILLA, JR

DATE 20 Oct 66

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DATE 21 Oct 66

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

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Day

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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.

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THE FOLLOWING REPORT WAS GIVEN TO THE FTD
D.O. BY MAJ. BRETZ OF THE AIR FORCE COMMAND
POST. HE HAD RECEIVED THE REPORT FROM THE
SAC COMMAND POST AND DID NOT KNOW IF A
UFO REPORT WOULD BE SUBMITTED.

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ON 4 OCT 1966 AT 0235Z THREE AIRMEN, AIRMAN
CLARK, AIRMAN KING, AND SGT GUSTAFSON, ALL OF
WHOM ARE WITH THE 44 STRATEGIC MISSILE WING SITE
TD-1 LOCATED 16 MILES S.E. OF WALL SOUTH DAKOTA,
SIGHTED 4 BRIGHT ORANGE GEAR SHAPED OBJECTS
HOVERING AT GROUND LEVEL 1/4 MILE EAST OF THE
SITE. THE OBJECTS APPEARED AND ASCENDED AT
A HIGH RATE TO THE EAST. THE WEATHER WAS PARTLY
CLOUDY WITH NO RESTRICTIONS TO VISIBILITY. THE CREW
TURNED DOWN THE SURFACE LIGHTS TO CUT OUT
REFLECTION BUT THIS HAD NO EFFECT ON THE SIGHTING.
THE LOCAL FAA^{OFFICE} REPORTED NO TRAFFIC OPERATING
IN THAT AREA.

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821 STRATAEROSPOIN ELLSWORTH AFB SDAK

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19,000 -25C

24,000 -30C

25,000 -29C

28,000 -34C

31,000 -31C

36,000 -40C

41,000 -51C

H. NONE

I. NONE

J. ACFT INVICINITY: B-52 AIRCRAFT USING LOW LEVEL ROUTEK. BASE OPERATIONS OFFICER, ELLSWORTH AFB: POSSIBLE CAUSE LOW
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F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER

1. NONE

2. MILITARY: A2C PAUL J. KING, CDS, AIR POLICE

A2C COURTIS E. CLARK, CDS, AIR POLICE

A1C EDWARD R. LOVE, CDS, AIR POLICE

A2C JOHN W. R. CHRISTOPH, CDS, AIR POLICE

G. WEATHER AND WINDS

1. OBSERVERS ACCOUNT OF WX CONDITIONS: PARTLY CLOUDY TO"

EAST, MOON VISIBLE, TEMPERATURE 40 DEGREES FARENHEIGHT,

WINDS SOUTHWEST 7 TO 8, 5,000 SCATTERED, 15 MILE VISIBILITY.

2. REPORT OF WIND DIRECTION AND VELOCITY: SURFACE 280/04

6,000 320/25

10,000 310/25

16,000 280/30

20,000 290/35

30,000 290/55

50,000 280/35

80,000 290/20

3. CEILING: 5,000 SCATTERED

4. VISIBILITY: 15 STATUTE MILES

5. AMOUNT OF CLOUD COVER: 2/10

6. TSTM IN AREA & QUADRANT: NONE

7. VERTICAL TEMP GRADIENT: SURFACE +4C

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UFO REPORT EAFB 6 OCT 1966

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT:

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2. SIZE: ABOUT THE SIZE OF A BASEBALL HELD AT ABOUT
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4. NUMBER: ONE
5. FORMATION: N/A
6. ANY DISCERNIBLE FEATURES OR DETAILS - NONE
7. TAIL, TRAIL OR EXHAUST: NONE

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Ellsworth, S Dakota 3 Oct 66

TDETR/Maj Quintanilla, Jr/70916/hl/7 Oct 66

UFO Sightings, 3 October 1966.

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Base Operations
Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota

Reference your message, Unclass DXI 18088, Oct 1966, subject UFO report. The information on the sightings of 3 October 1966 were not sufficient for evaluation. Request you have the following witnesses complete the attached FTD Forms 164 and return them upon completion.

- a. A2C Paul J. King, CDS, Air Police
- b. A2C Curtis E. Clark, CDS, Air Police
- c. ALC Edward R. Love, CDS, Air Police
- d. A2C John W. R. Christoph, CDS, Air Police

FOR THE COMMANDER

L. De Goes
LOUIS DE GOES, Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology & Subsystems

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FTD FORM 164 (4 cys)

COORDINATION
ORIGINATOR:

TDETR

DATED *7 Oct 66*

TDET

DATED *10 Oct 66*

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U N C L A S S I F I E D

P R I O R I T Y

5. HOW DID OBJECT DISAPPEAR: INSTANTANEOUSLY TO THE EAST.

6. HOW LONG WAS THE OBJECT VISIBLE: 45 SECONDS.

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2. OPTICAL AID: NONE

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E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER

1. 43 DEGREES 54 NORTH 101 DEGREES 59 WEST

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER

1. NONE

2. MILITARY: A2C PAUL J. KING, CDS, AIR POLICE

A2C COURTIS E. CLARK, CDS, AIR POLICE

A1C EDWARD R. LOVE, CDS, AIR POLICE

A2C JOHN W.R. CHRISTOPH, CDS, AIR POLICE

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