

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

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1. DATE - TIME GROUP 26 Oct 66 27/1125Z	2. LOCATION Cold Bay AFS, Alaska one witness
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Unidentified
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS reported observing a white colored object approach the runway at approximately 50-75 feet above the ground. The runway lights were turned up to better determine the object. The object then accelerated so fast down the runway, that the observer was unable to use his field glasses. The object then veered southwest and climbed. The light was sustained not blinking although it appeared to move up and down slightly as if affected by air. The light was observed for about three seconds- it turned and climbed during the last second. There were no reported aircraft in the area; however, it is possible that an aircraft on a special mission is responsible for the sighting.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE SE then SW	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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USAF/(AFNIN), CSAF/(SAFOI).

A. DESCRIPTION

1. SHAPE - CIRCULAR
2. SIZE - AIRCRAFT WING LIGHT

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3. COLOR - WHITE
4. NUMBER - ONE
5. FORMATION - N/A
6. NO OTHER DISCERNIBLE FEATURES
7. NO TAIL, TRAIL, OR EXHAUST
8. OBSERVER HEARD NO SOUND, BUT STATED MACHINE NOISE IN HIS WORK PLACE COULD HAVE PREVENTED THIS.
9. NO OTHER UNUSUAL FEATURES

B. COURSE OF OBJECT

1. LOCATION OF OBJECT
2. FIRST OBSERVED 10 DEGREES TO 15 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON OVER END OF RUNWAY. AZIMUTH 32 DEGREES.
3. LAST OBSERVED 60 DEGREES ABOVE GROUND LEVEL OVER BIG FROSTY MOUNTAIN ELEVATION 5,000 FEET. AZIMUTH 210 DEGREES.
4. OBJECT HEADED NORTHWEST TO SOUTHEAST THEN VEERED SOUTHWEST.

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ON APPROACH OBJECT APPEARED TO BE 50 TO 75 FEET ABOVE RUNWAY.
RUNWAY LIGHTS WERE TURNED UP TO BETTER DETERMINE OBJECT. OBJECT
THEN ACCELERATED SO FAST DOWN RUNWAY, OBSERVER WAS UNABLE TO USE
HIS FIELD GLASSES. OBJECT THEN VEERED SOUTHWEST AND CLIMBED--
LIGHT WAS SUSTAINED NOT BLINKING ALTHOUGH IT APPEARED TO MOVE UP

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AND DOWN SLIGHTLY AS IF AFFECTED BY AIR.

5. OBSERVED FOR 3 SECONDS. TURN AND CLIMB DURING LAST
SECOND.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

1. GROUND VISUAL
2. OPTICAL AIDS - MXXZ

D. TIME/DATE

1. 1125Z
2. NIGHT

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER

1. COLD BAY AFS ALASKA TOWER - 55 12N/162 43W
2. NIGHT

F. OBSERVER

1. [REDACTED] CIVILIAN

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TOWER OPERATOR FAA


KENAI, ALASKA 99611

2. WEATHER-- HIGH SCATTERED VISIBILITY 15 MILES, TEMPERA-
TURE 26 DEGREES, DEWPOINT 19, SURFACE WIND: 040/27 - 38KT, WINDS
ALOFT: 6,000 FEET: 060/20KT, 10,000 FEET: 020/15KT, 16,000 FEET:
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250/10KT, 20,000 FEET: 260/10KZ, 30,000 FEET: 230/20KT, 50,000 FEET:
260/25KT.

G. NO OTHER UNUSUAL ACTIVITY NOTED

H. NO INTERCEPT ACTION

I. NO AR TRAFFIC THAT WOULD ACCOUNT FOR SIGHTING

J. POSITION, TITLE OF REPORTING OFFICER--CHIEF, COLLECTIONS

DIVISION, ACS/1, AAC. COMMENTS: OBSERVER STATED RADAR

OPERATOR OBTAINED NO CONTACT DUE TO GROUND CLUTTER ON HIS SCOPE.

K. NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OBTAINED.

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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:

UNFOCUSED OBSTRUCTION LIGHT

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?
- 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?

- [illegible]

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?

SEE NOTE 1
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: SEE NOTE 1
Hour Minutes

(Circle One): A.M. or P.M.

3. Time Zone:

(Circle One): a. Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
☒ e. Other GMT

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving
b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

COLD BAY ALASKA
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or County

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

0 0 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? QUICK GLANCE AT CLOCK

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

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? 300'

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 <u>TINTED WINDOWS - SUCH</u>
<u>AS IN CONTROL TOWER CAB</u> | | |

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.

AN UNFOCUSED LIGHT

14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? YES BY CLIMBING
OUT OF 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: IT WENT BEHIND A MOUNTAIN TOP

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: AN 1100' HILL

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

a. Sound NONE HEARD

b. Color BLuish WHITE - SIMILAR TO "AJAX" CLEANSER

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?

VERY DIFFICULT TO SAY - OBJECT APPEARED SIZE OF SOFTBALL

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.

CIRCULAR IN SHAPE

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:

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

Street

City

Zone
ZIP

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

AGE *32*

SEX

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

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AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SPECIALIST

FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY/FLIGHT SERVICE STATION

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

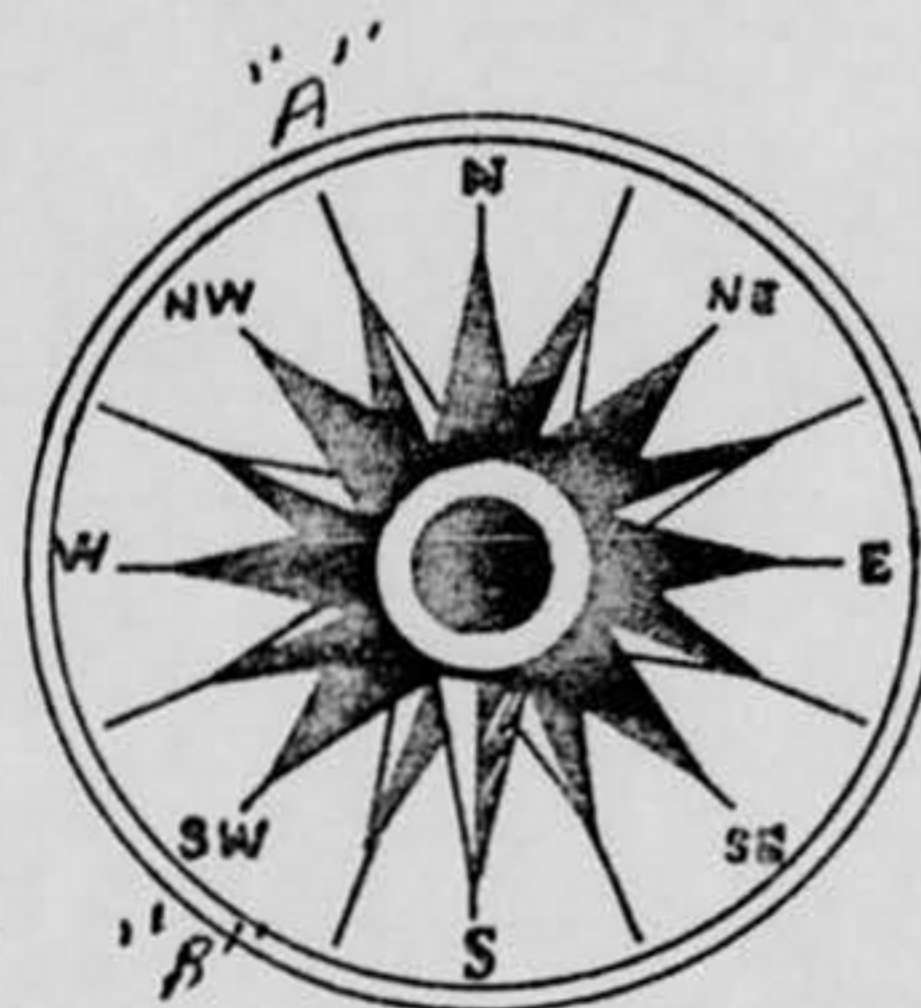
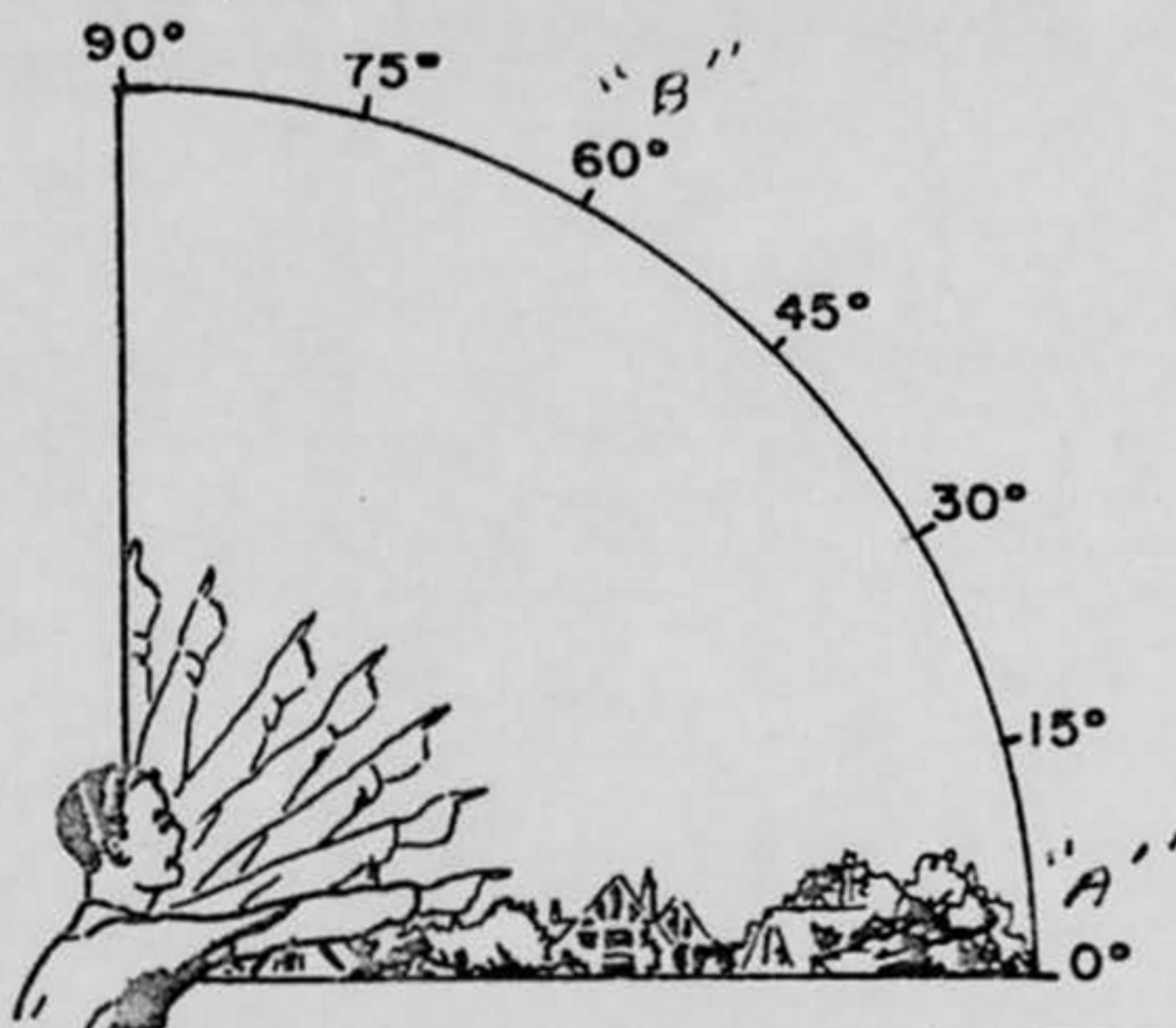
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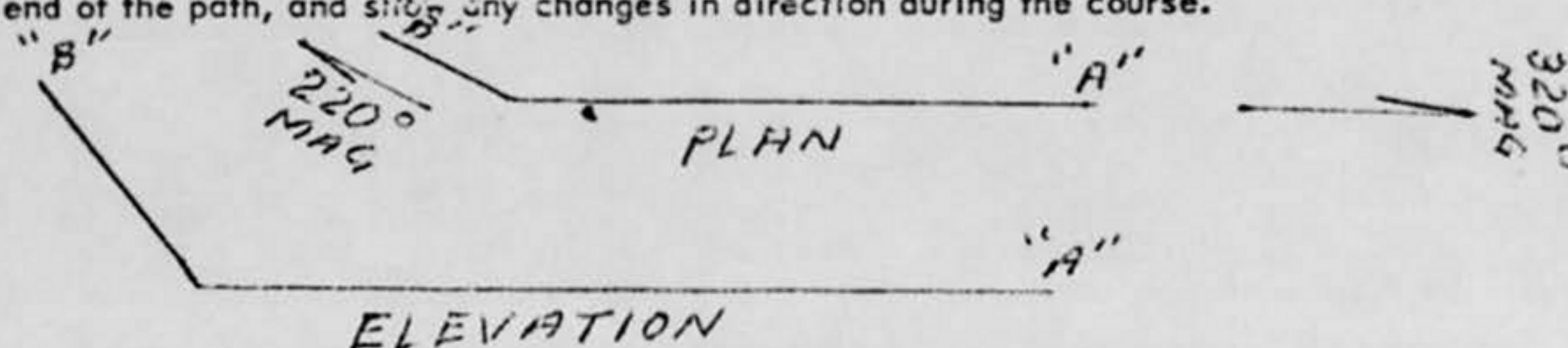
Year

AT TIME OF SIGHTING - ELMENDORF AFB

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.

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

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Day

DEC.

Month

1966

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.

NOTE: 1. Date and time are on file at Cold Bay, Alaska Flight Service Station in the daily log. I do not recall the exact time. If you feel it's important I feel sure you can obtain a copy of the log by writing the chief of the station and requesting a copy.

At the time of the sighting I was at work and I had an air carrier estimating Cold Bay shortly beginning an approach. As was my custom I had the lights in the cab turned down low. I got up from the console and looked out the window to make a visual check of the runway. As I looked to the north end of the runway I saw a light coming down the center of the runway. My first thought was, I had an aircraft on approach that I didn't know anything about. The light was moving at about the speed of a large aircraft making a low pass. (C44, B707 etc.). The light continued down the center line of the runway at about a height of 50 feet. The Cold Bay Airport is equipped with high intensity runway lighting. The lights were on step three (3), the lighting control panel was located to the right and just behind me. As the light reached a spot just a little north of my position I reached around and flicked the lights to step four (4) hoping to cause a reflection off the body of the object as I was still unable to see anything other than a light even though visibility was excellent. When the lights went brighter the object made a right turn and started to climb increasing speed extremely fast, clearing Frosty Mountain in a second or two. (elevation over 5000'). At this time I lost sight of the object as it seemed to level off and sight was lost behind the mountain. At this time I called Cold Bay Radar Site (Decline) and asked them to take a sighting. They advised nothing sighted.

The weather station at Cold Bay released a balloon at about the same time as the sighting. I checked with the weather station and they advised they released their balloon at about the same time as I saw the light, and that the balloon took the approximate path I have indicated. (at least the portion coming down the runway). I point this fact out to advise you I knew of the balloon release before hand and that I am familiar with balloon release procedures. The light I saw was not a balloon light, nor was it any aircraft that I know about.

One other thing which I forgot to point out above. When the light turned and started to climb it did so sharply, eg. when an airplane turns or climbs it makes an arc when this light turned and started climbing it made an angle as I have indicated in the drawing.

Cold Bay AFS,

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October 1966

TDET/UFO

14 December 1966

UFO Sighting,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Kenai, Alaska 99611

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Reference your unidentified observation in October 1966. The information which we have received is not sufficient for evaluation. 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,

DIRECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Major, USAF
Chief, Project Blue Book

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