

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 24 Jan 67 25/0305Z		2. LOCATION Over Yards, Pa./Plattsburg AFB, New York (M. 10073)	
3. SOURCE Civilian/Military		10. CONCLUSION ASGRO (METEOR-FIREBALL) OTHER (SATELLITE DECAY) OBJECTS # 2658 AND 2659 DECAYED ON DAY IN QUESTION.	
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One			
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30sec.-3 minutes		11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object was round and discribed anywhere from as big as a planet to the size of the moon. All observers stated the object had a tail as like a shooting star.	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Air-Visual			
7. COURSE Southeast			
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No			
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No			

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(INVERSION), 3000 TO 5000 FEET MINUS 2.5 DEGREES/1000

5000 TO 18000 FEET MINUS 1.2 DEGREES/1000 FEET

H. NONE.

I. NOT FEASIBLE

J. COULD NOT BE DETERMINED LOCALLY

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MEMO for the Record: 1 Feb 67

Contact with SPADATS revealed that on 25 Jan 67 there were several decays. The one most likely responsible for the observation was the decay of object number 2658 and object number 2659. Object #2658 was the rocket body of Cosmos 139 while object # 2659 was some additional space debris. SPADATS said that object # 2658 had no time for decay since it decayed shortly after launch. No definite data was obtained on the object since it had such a short life.



Submitted by Harold R Austin

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?

25th January 1967
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 10 25
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?

Green Road (Box 107) Jay Essex County, New York
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or County

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

Less than a minute - 40-45 seconds
Hours Minutes Seconds

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined? Comparison with a B-52 bomber

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

No clouds

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

*Clouds from being
of light.
Hazy on back
(Don't know)*

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

*It looked like a round ball
of light with a short tail
of paper. Like gray smoke. No wings
or anything. It flew in a straight line
in air.*

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:

Dimmer than Venus. Light was star color.

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 | <u>No</u> | Don't know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't know |
| d. Give off smoke? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | Don't know |
| e. Change brightness? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't know |
| f. Change shape? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't know |
| g. Flash or flicker? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't know |
| h. Disappear and reappear? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't know |

*Water or light
gray smoke*

*Disappeared to be at a point - no flying a true straight course
no deviation when it was in sight of flight - constant*

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

Below 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. My wife said I saw a fly head a bird flying at 3000 feet.

b. Color

White light - star color

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?

Using a kitchen match at arm's length - the head of the match would not have quite covered the "orb".

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. *See Question No 10*

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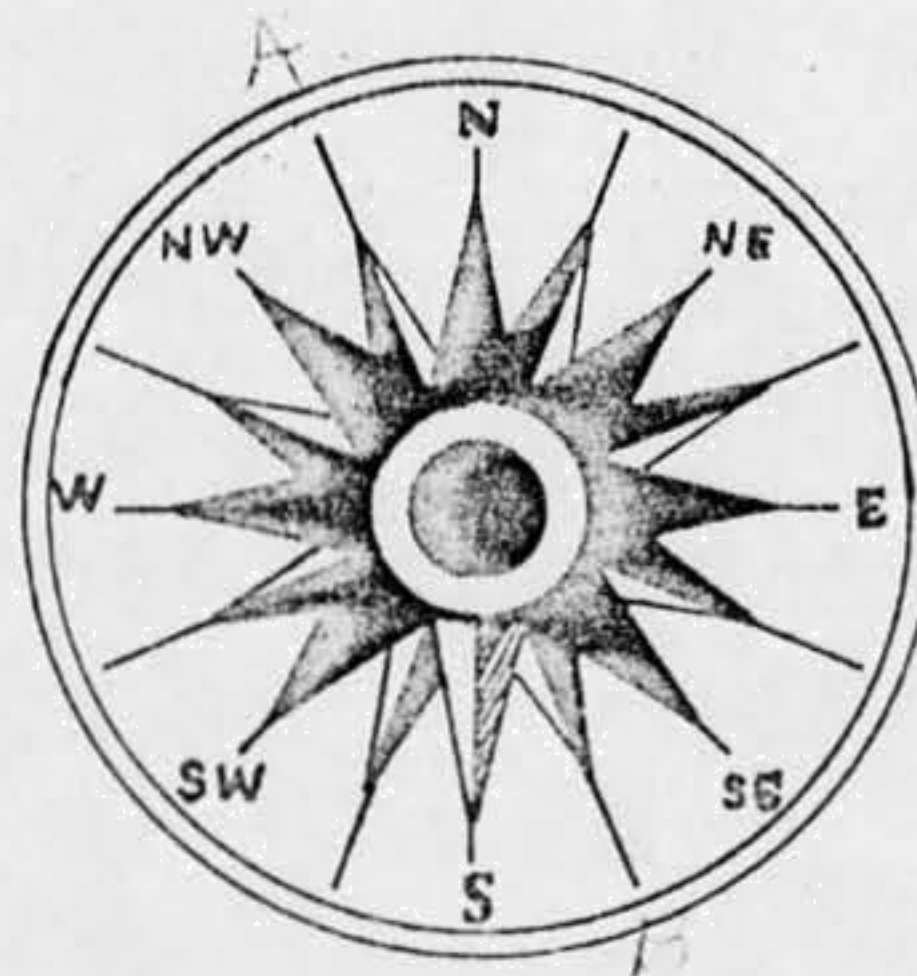
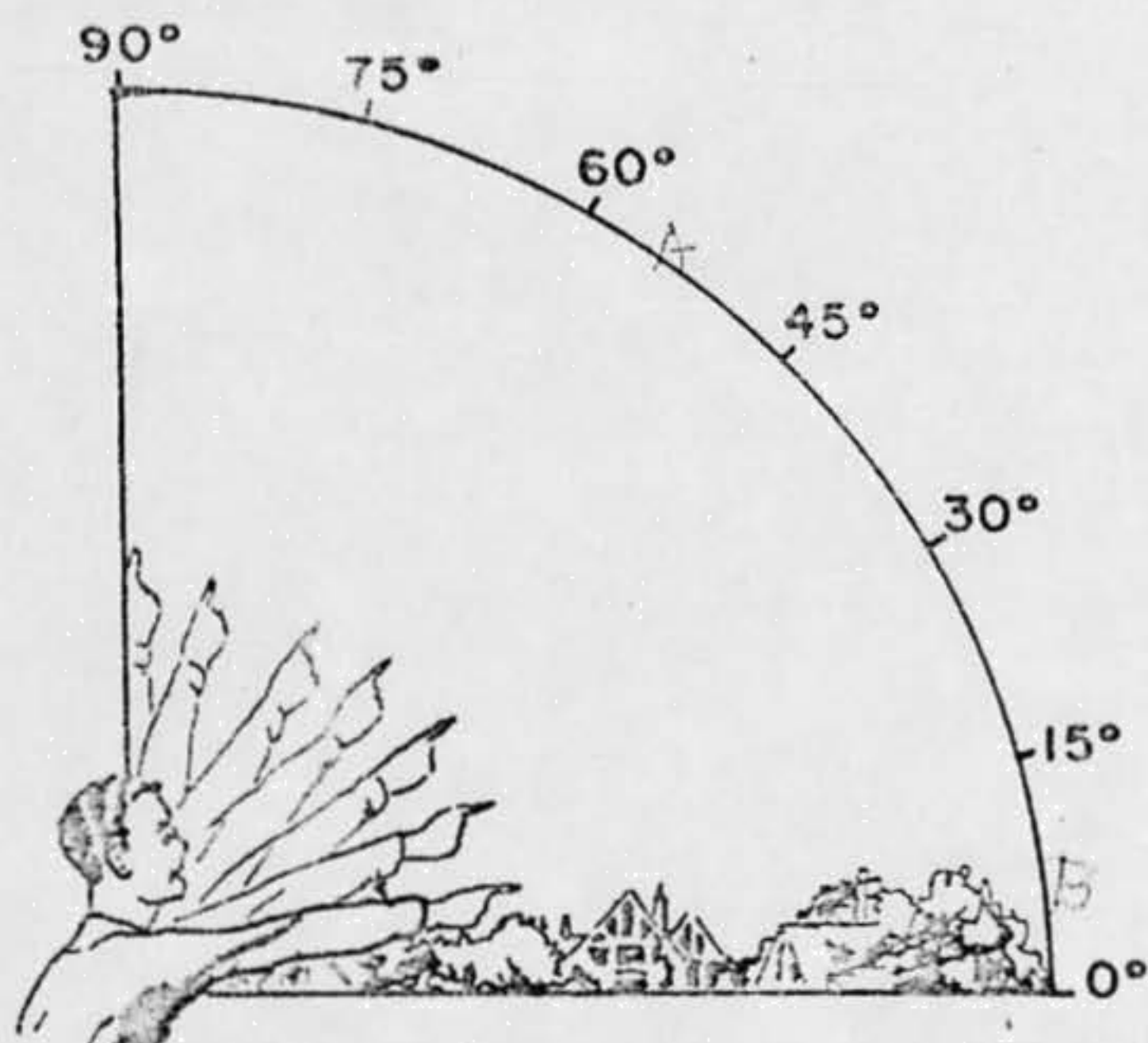


Question

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*Appeared to be on a bat - or flying a true straight course
no deviation in any direction. Speed of flight was constant.
Spit out a piece of debris burning in the atmosphere. The color
of the light should have been orange or yellow color. The type
of material would make a difference. It appeared low
altitude raises another question. See many other questions.*

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.

*appeared to be in orbit or flying a true straight course
no deviation whatsoever - speed of flight constant*

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.

One object - see enclosed maps for direction

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 wife (Mrs. Ellen J. Acator)
many others saw this UFO. (See enclosed clipping.)
I know the war II gunner mentioned. His description of the
UFO is very similar to mine.*

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

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.

During World War I I was in the Air Force, Aeronautics about two years. I held a Lieutenant's Commission, U.S. Army, and was attached to both the heavier than air and lighter than air sections. Have a pilot's rating Aeronautique Internationale Aerobus of America, Inc. a rated Observer with a certificate for artillery control and Observer with flying observations, balloons etc. I am a retired Metallurgist by profession - specializing in non-ferrous metals. Was a superintendent of a large brass manufacturing plant. The above is mentioned to establish my familiarity with aerial observation and experience with molten metal work and color.

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

Day

Month

Year

Thursday, January 1947

Col. Mauck, ret. USAF. Before he retired Col. Mauck had charge of the 1st group at Hatterburg Air Base. He said I should report this sighting and direct me to Col. Mauck and Capt. Torrance at Hatterburg Air Base.

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

29th March 1967
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.

To me it would seem that the altitude of the UFO in of importance. Would it be possible to check the altitude by bringing the SAC Base at Llandudno - to the investigation. Since July 23-24 air radar ops over our house. Their radar may have picked up a UFO at that time and recorded the height. Along the Northern Perimeter Defence radar near St Albans, Vermont, (air miles 35-40) may have too much (provided the radar is still in operation). If the radar picked up the UFO using their angle and our angle the altitude could be approximated.

Maybe the U.S. or Russia etc have developed a low orbiting satellite or drone, made of material that reflects heat efficiently in a very atmosphere and at a low flying altitude (but unfortunately) from the standpoint of secrecy also shows up brilliantly when a full moon shines upon it (moon was one day from full). This sort of conjecture is certainly not objective thinking but might better describe what it looked like, not what it actually was.

I think that The Author has a very piece of space diagram. If it records a hole that a piece of space diagram were passing up in the atmosphere Jan 25th at approx. 1025 PM. in our location then that is the answer. Optical illusions would then have to be the answer for the unexplained appearances of the UFO. (Our altitude).

The geological survey maps of this area will show the line of flight which was nearly parallel to our living room picture window. This gave us an

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uninterrupted view from the time my wife sighted the first moving object on the horizon until it disappeared. She is interested in Echo 1 and Echo 2 and was looking for them from the darkened living room. I came to the window immediately. We were able to pinpoint the path of the object's position relative to mountain peaks on the maps.

Two years ago ~~strange~~ sightings have occurred in this area. One occurred a day or so ago. The local Electric Power Station at Hamlet, N.Y. (N.Y.) said that a woman driving a car on the Northway (Route 57) said that an object (20-30 feet in size) came down a distance in front of her. Its passing shut off the motor and nearly extinguished the lights. The lights came back on when it went away.

I think most of these UFOs can be explained by the gyrations of ball lightning, atmospheric conditions and electrical surges from the earth and air turbulence in this mountainous region might be the cause of such phenomena.

If one place could be interested in hearing the outcome of our UFO.

Map of Northeast corner of New York State enclosed

2 - Geological Survey maps of the area

1 - Newspaper clipping of the News (Part of Hamilton Times) (copy paper)

Submitted by [redacted]

THE RECORD-POST, AU SABLE FORKS, N. Y., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1967

Local People Report U.F.O. Seen Last Week Wed.

Wayne Strong, Randy Miller and Steve Mace all of AuSable Forks and several others spotted an unidentified flying object flying in a southeast direction over AuSable Forks last Wednesday night. They saw the object overhead about 10:30 p. m. while they were standing in the parking lot next to the National Commercial Bank and Trust Co.

Strong said he had reported the UFO to the Plattsburgh Air Force Base. It was similar to a jet aircraft, he said, but "round." He ruled out the possibility it was a bomber or a tanker with its landing light on. The object moved noiselessly, he said, and it appeared to have "light all over; they were white like plane lights."

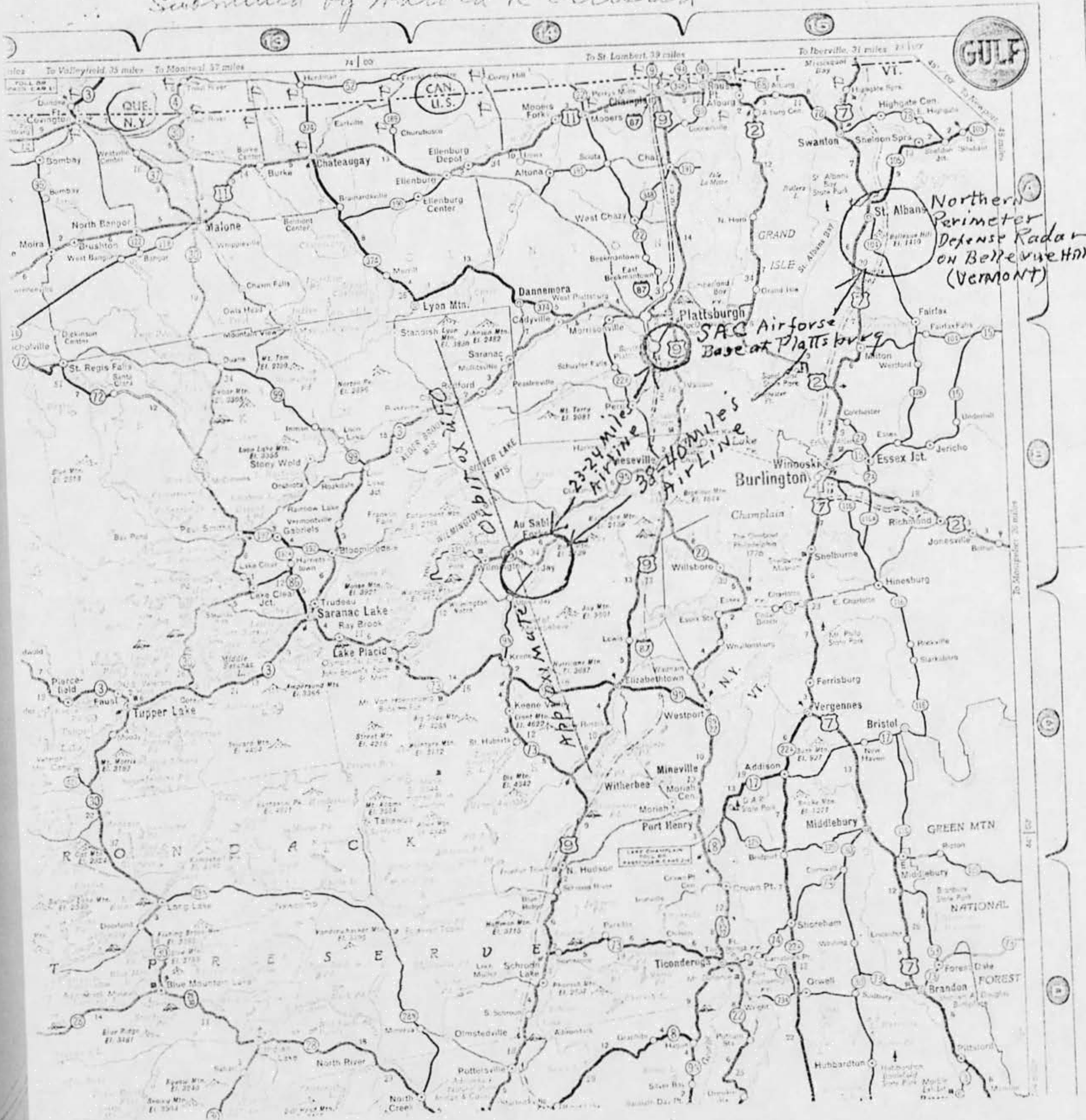
"It just appeared," said Strong. "There wasn't anything there before and then, all of a sudden, it was overhead. It took about 45 seconds to a minute before it had glided off to the southeast. He could not estimate the object's distance from the ground. It was approximately the size of the moon, Strong said, and appeared to be about the height of an aircraft would fly. *Not that large*

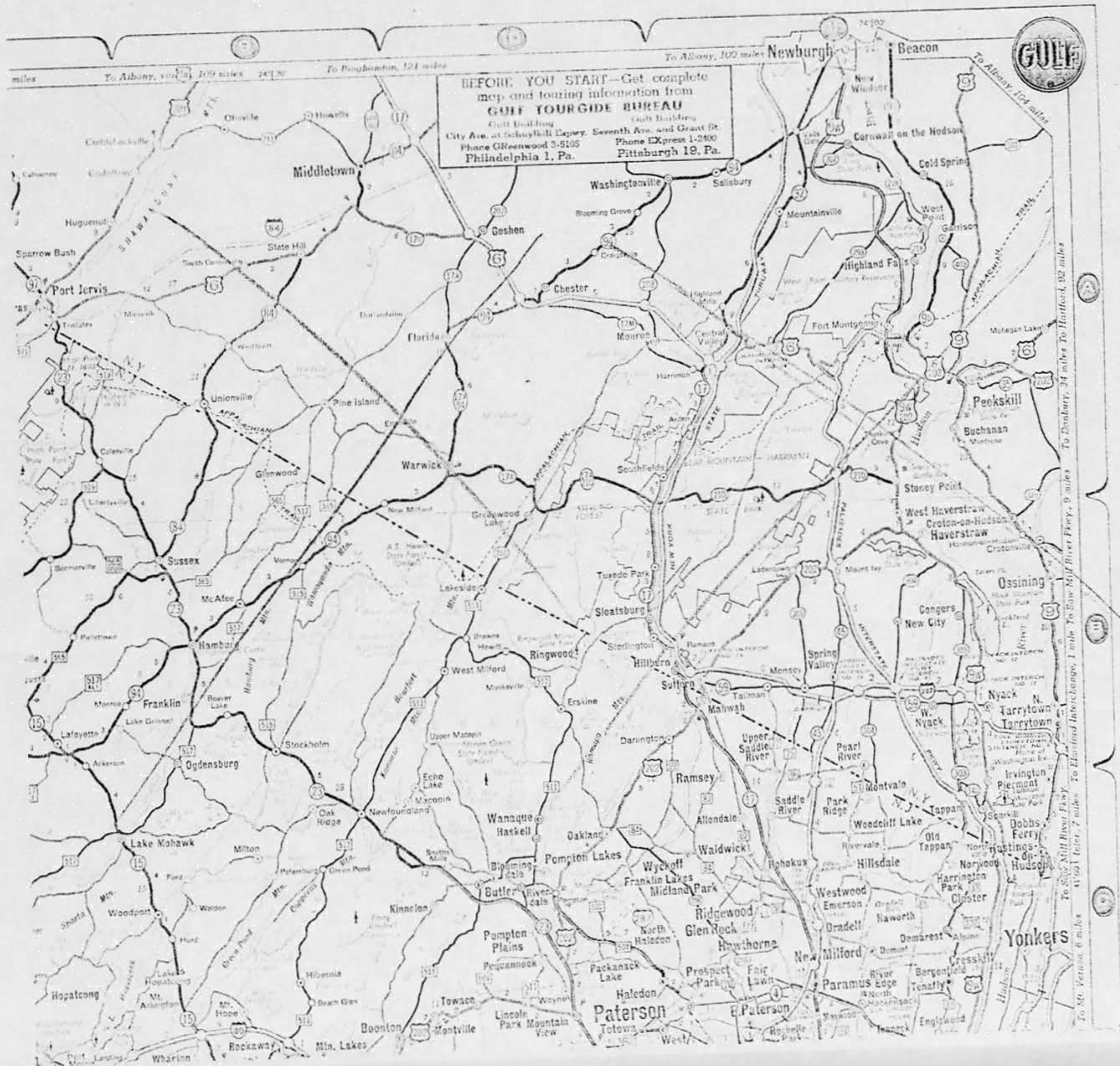
Strong, Miller and Mace had the impression the object had descended toward the ground and then moved away, slowly.

The UFO was also seen by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Maicus, who were traveling towards Jay. Maicus, a World War II gunner said he had never seen anything like it in his 2000 hours of flying. He described the object as having a bright tail.

It was also viewed by Howard Snow and George Yando. Snow thought it looked like a comet with a tail but didn't act like one.

Submitted by Harold R. Austin





*Yonkers, Pa.
Rattbury*

Astno (meteor - 7 inch ball)

25 Jan 67

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HEADQUARTERS FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION (AFSC)
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO 45433



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: TDET/UFO

15 March 1967

SUBJECT: UFO Observation, 25 Jan 67

TO: *[Redacted]*
[Redacted]
Jay, New York 12941

Reference your unidentified observation. The information which we have received is not sufficient for a scientific evaluation. Request you complete the attached FTD Form 164 and return it in the envelope provided. Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

JAMES C. MANATT, Colonel, USAF
Director of Technology and Subsystems

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FTD Form 164 w/envelope

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ACTION: RDC-4 INFO: XOP-1 XOPX-2 SAFOS-3 NIN-7 DIA-1 (19)

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ZNR UUUUU

P 2805Z JAN 67

FM 380 STRATAEROS PWG PLATTSBURGH AFB NY

TO RUWMFVA/ADC

RUEDMBA/35 AIRD IV HANCOCK FLD NY

RUEDTAA/AFSC

RUEDHQA/CSAF

RUEDHQA/OSAF WASH DC

BT

UNCLAS DX100800, JAN 67. SEC 1 OF 2 UFO. FOR AFNIN, SAF01.

SIGHTINGS WERE REPORTED TO INVESTIGATING OFFICER AT

25/0345Z JAN 67. SEVERAL WITNESSES WERE INTERVIEWED. IAW

PARAGRAPH 14, AFR 200-2, THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUB-

MITTED:

A. DESCRIPTION

(1) SHAPE- ROUND

(2) SIZE- VARIES WITH WITNESSES, BIG PLANET, LARGE
STAR, SMALL ORANGE, SIZE OF MOON.

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(3) COLOR - WHITE

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(4) NUMBER - ONE

(5) N/A

(6) NO DISCERNIBLE FEATURES

(7) TAIL - ALL WITNESSES DESCRIBED TAIL AS LIKE A
SHOOTING STAR EXCEPT ONE WHO COMPARED IT TO JET CONTRAIL
VAPOR. APPROXIMATELY TEN TIMES SIZE OF OBJECT.

(8) NO SOUND

B. COURSE OF OBJECT

(1) BRIGHT MOVING SPOT CALLED ATTENTION TO OBJECT.

(2) ANGLE OF OBSERVATION, FROM NNW TO SSE. PAFB TOWER
30 DEGREES FROM HORIZON, LT COL NARANJO & MAJOR SCHWIETZ
10 TO 20 DEGREE ANGLE, AIRMAN LEAL - 45 DEGREES, MR
AUSTIN - 35 DEGREES.

(3) ANGLE UPON DISAPPEARANCE - OVER THE HORIZON TO
THE SOUTH EAST.

(4) LEVEL COURSE TRACKING APPROXIMATELY ONE TWO ZERO
DEGREES. STABLE FLIGHT AND COURSE.

(5) OBJECT DISAPPEARED INTO THE DISTANCE

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(6) OBJECT VISIBLE THREE ZERO SECONDS TO THREE MINS.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION: VISUAL, GROUND AND AIRBOURNE

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CHECK WITH ACW SITE AT ST. ALBANS, VT. WAS NEGATIVE BOTH
ELECTRICAL AND VISUAL. AIRCRAFT T THREE NINE, TAIL
NUMBER SIX ONE SIX FIVE SIX AT THREE THREE THOUSAND FEET
HEADING ZERO SEVEN SIX DEGREES OVER YARDLEY, PENN. HEAD-
ING TOWARD JFK, ONE HUNDRED MILES SOUTHWEST OF NEW YORK
CITY. ALSO GROUND IN PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK.

D. TIME AND DATE:

(1) 25/0318Z JAN 67 BY AIRCRAFT AND PAFB TOWER...
AIRMAN LEAL ESTIMATED 25/0305Z...MR AUSTIN, 25/0325Z. AIR
CANADA NUMBER THREE ZERO NINE REPORTED OBJECT OVER
SHERBROOK (80-90 MILES NORTHEAST OF PLATTSBURGH) AT 25/
0336Z JAN 67.

(2) LIGHT CONDITIONS NIGHT WITH BRIGHT MOON.

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVERS:

(1) MAJOR SCHWIEZ AND LT COL NARANJO, OVER YARDLEY,
PENN. ONE HUNDRED MILES SOUTHWEST OF NEW YORK CITY.

(2) TSGT THOMAS IN CONTROL TOWER AT PAFB, NY

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(3) AIRMAN LEAL ON PAFB, TWO MILES SOUTH OF PLATTSBURGH

(4) MR. AUSTIN AT HOME IN TOWN OF JAY, NY

(5) THREE YOUTHS IN TOWN OF AUSABLE FORKS, NY

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F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVERS:

(1) CIVILIAN

A. [REDACTED], AGE [REDACTED] 187,

JAY NY

B. S. [REDACTED], AGE 18, [REDACTED], AUSABLE FORKS,
NY, STUDENT, ATTRIBUTED SIGHTING TO JET AIRCRAFT.

(2) MILITARY:

A. LT COL ANTHONY NARANJO, AGE 38, OPERATIONS &
TRAINING, HQ 8 AF, WESTOVER AFB MASS., USAF RATED OFFICER

B. MAJOR THOMAS SCHWETZ, AGE 34, OPERATIONS
PLANS DIVISION, HQ 8 AF, WESTOVER AFB MASS., USAF RATED
OFFICER WITH TEN YEARS FLTING EXPERIENCE.

C. TSGT RICHARD C. THOMAS, AGE 37, HILL STREET,
KEESVILLE, NY, SENIOR CONTROLLER, PAFB TOWER, RELEABLE.

D. A/3C ROBERTO LEAL, AGE 19, BOX 2383, PAFB NY,
AIR OPERATIONS SPECIALIST, RELEABLE.

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G. WEATHER AND WINDS:

(1) CLEAR, BRIGHT NIGHT. WITH CIRRUS CLOUDS A HALO EFFECT IS FREQUENTLY OBSERVED. THIS AREA WAS EXPERIENCING AN OCCLUDED FRONTAL PASSAGE. WINDS TO THE SOUTH FROM

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25/0315Z TO 25/0325Z.

(2) WIND DIRECTION AND VELOCITY:

SURFACE 280 DEGREES AT 14 GUST TO 21 KTS

SIX THOUSAND 270 DEGREES AT 60 KTS

TEN THOUSAND 270 DEGREES AT 50 KTS

16000 260 AT 50 KTS

20000 260 AT 60 KTS

30000 270 AT 85 KTS

50000 270 AT 60 KTS

(3) CEILING, 400 SCATTERED, UNKNOWN BROKEN

(4) VISIBILITY, FOURTEEN MILES

(5) SKY COVER, SIX TENTHS

(6) NO THUNDERSTORMS IN THE AREA

(7) VERTICAL TEMPERATURE GRADIENT:

SURFACE TO 3000 FEET PLUS ONE DEGREE/1000 FEET

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