

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD

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| 1. DATE, TIME GROUP<br>26 Apr 67 27/0200L                                                      | 2. LOCATION<br>Denton, Iowa (Multiple)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 3. SUBJECT<br>Civilian                                                                         | 10. CONCLUSION<br>Possible (AIRCRAFT) ✓<br>No data presented to indicate object could not have been an aircraft.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>1                                                                      | 11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS<br>Object had a sound like a jet but only higher pitched. Bright amber then dim red. Observer stated object stood still for about 5 minutes. During this time it changed colors 3 times, from a bright amber to red. Then object moved west in a zig-zag pattern.<br><br>?<br><br>This data is not really good for an Evaluation |
| 5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>8 minutes 30 seconds                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br>Ground Visual                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 7. COURSE<br>E-W                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 8. PHOTOS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], Creston, Iowa 52801

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

[REDACTED]

Creston

Iowa

Street

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

[REDACTED]

AGE

15

SEX

M

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?

20

April

1967

Wright Patterson  
Air Force Base

NO

How Dpy CME HE REPORTED HIS OBSERVATION ON THE 20th BUT DIDNT SEE THE OBJECT TILL THE 26th

[Signature]

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color 3 times, from bright amber to red.  
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pattern.

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was in back of them. They say the object was moving from north to south, yet their diagram shows the object moving from south to east. The fact that the object had the same color as the moon, and seemed to travel around the moon, leaves me to think that as they were traveling (60 miles per hour) they may have come to a turn in the road, changing the angle of the windshield to the moon, causing a traveling reflection to be seen. Obviously, I cannot prove this, but in view of the tremendous number of inconsistencies in the report, the youth of the two observers, the fact that the other four in the car did not see it, and the short duration of the sighting leads me to this conclusion. However, I think insufficient and conflicting data would be best.

28. 25 April 1967, Port Chester, New York.

Not in my current file. Apparently misplaced. Will do in Dayton.

29. 26 April 1967, Preston, Iowa.

Even though this has five witnesses, the report contains insufficient information for a meaningful evaluation. Weather data is missing, and witnesses were adolescents. Case could be classified as possible aircraft, or possible balloon, or possible unknown.

30. 29 June 1967, Scotts Plain, New Jersey.

Several attempts to get in touch with the original witnesses have proved futile. The man, [REDACTED], truck driver, has not telephone listed, and I received no response to letters sent to him. He may be an itinerant and not traceable. His passenger, Mrs. Shirley Winn, also was not traceable. No phone listed and letter to address listed was returned.

Yet despite this, original report stated that there were many corroborating witnesses. Apparently the Air Force interrogator didn't locate any of these, or give any leads as to how they might be located.

The report has a strangeness of  $\Sigma 4$ , but relatively low reliability. Also there is an inconsistency. The report states that the object appeared at one time about 100 feet from the observer and at another time the object was circling an aircraft. No time-motion sequence established. I would recommend that in view of the fact that it was impossible to get any additional information, the case be carried as insufficient information, possible unknown. Yet the original report was so bizarre and so suggestive of something strange that there should have been immediate and comprehensive followup.

*Aircraft (possible)*

*26 Apr 67*

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



REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: TDET/UFO

3 May 1967

SUBJECT: UFO Observation, 26 Apr 67

*26 Apr 67*

*Creston, Iowa*

TO: ~~Mr. [REDACTED]~~  
~~[REDACTED]~~  
Creston, Iowa 50801

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.

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

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FTD Form 164 w/envelope

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Creston, Iowa 50801  
January 27, 1967

Sirs:

I would like to report a sighting of a strange object. It was sighted on the night of April 26, 1967. It was first seen at about east-northeast with an angle of elevation of about 45 degrees. When first spotted it was but a dim red light. Suddenly it became a bright amber color, about 4 or 5 times brighter than a star of the first magnitude. It remained the amber color for about one and  $\frac{1}{2}$  minutes. Then it dimmed to the red color for about  $\frac{1}{2}$  minute. Again it turned to the amber color for about one and  $\frac{1}{2}$  minutes. Again it grew dim. It remained in this condition for about one minute. Then I spined a 6 volt flashlight toward the object and started to blink it. All this time the object had remained stationary. Immediately after I started blinking the light it started traveling straight west, in a zig-zag pattern. As it passed by it emitted a sound resembling a jet. I estimated it was traveling between 300 and 400 miles per hour at an altitude of about 14,000 feet. The object disappeared, along with the sound at an angle of elevation of about 20 degrees, west-northwest. The object was too high to make out any definite shape. When in the dim condition 2 red light appeared, side by side. It was first sighted at about 8:00 PM.

[REDACTED]

Serial  
164

# 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?

26 April 1967  
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 8 5  
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?

Creston Creston Iowa (Union county)  
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or County

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

8 30  
Hours Minutes Seconds

a. Certain

b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure

d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined?

Watch

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

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:

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 Like a mercury  
vacuum bulb at a  
distance.

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?

- |                                      |                                     |            |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No                                  | Don't know |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No                                  | Don't know |
| Yes                                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't know |
| Yes                                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't know |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No                                  | Don't know |
| Yes                                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't know |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No                                  | Don't know |
| Yes                                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't know |

14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? *Yes, it moved too far away to be seen.*

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 *Like a jet but only higher pitched*

b. Color *Bright amber then dim 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? *All of it.*

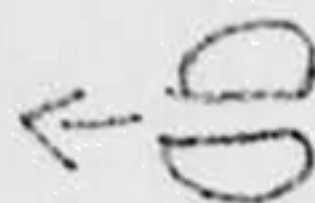
19. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails.

Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

*White amber in color*



*White red*



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? 3-400 miles per hour.

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? 2 miles

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

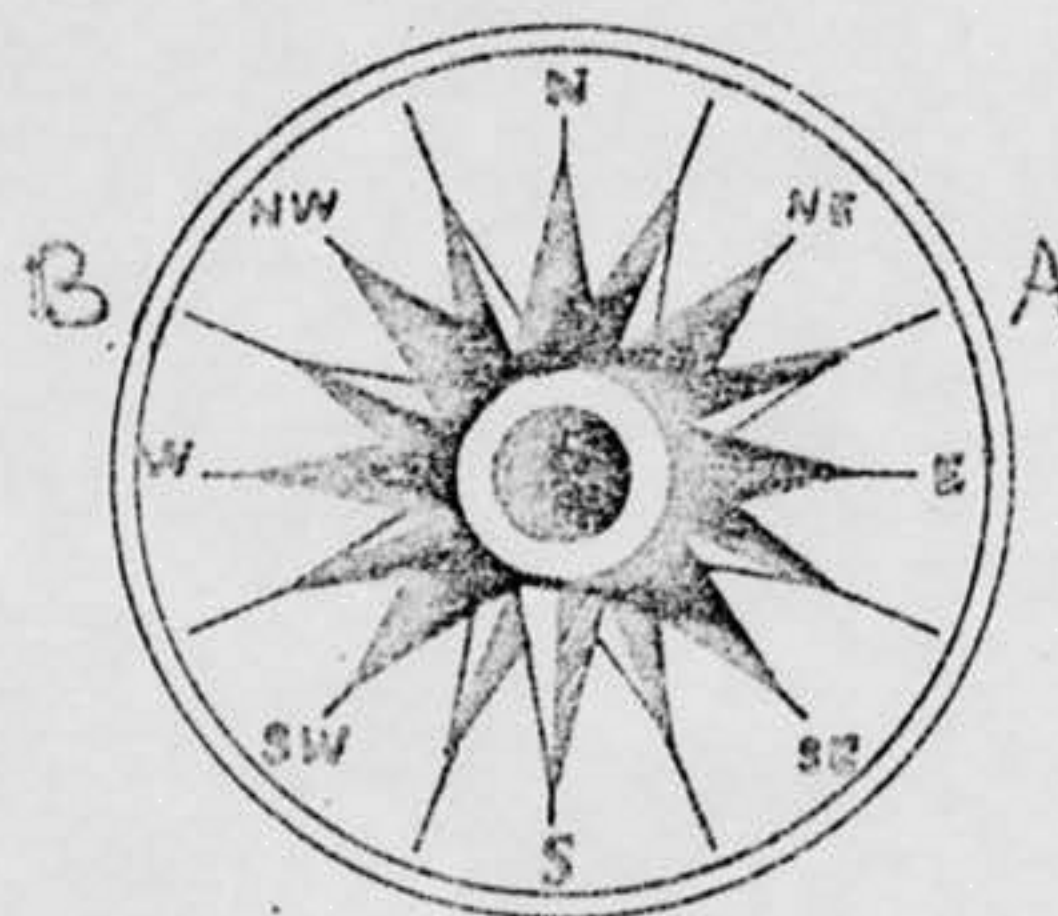
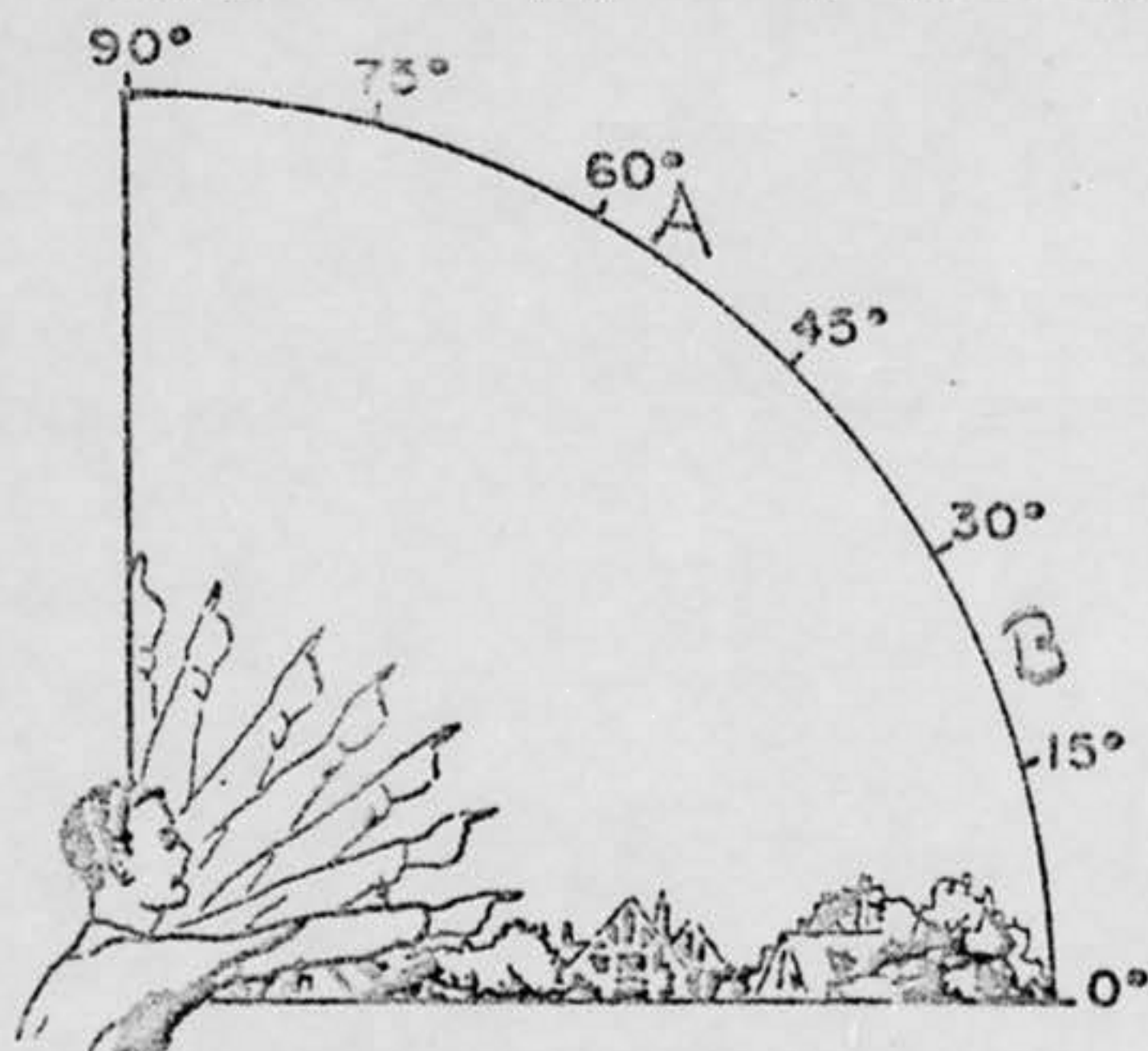
☒ No

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.

A bright orange light gradually growing dimmer  
appearing as 2 dim red lights side by side  
then growing bright yellow again

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.