# PROJECT 10073 RECORD

**1. DATE - TIME GROUP**
1. 14/0850Z
2. 14/0912Z
3. 14/0920Z

14 Sep 67

**2. LOCATION**

Ohio, Indiana Area

**3. SOURCE**

Civilian

**4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS**
1. One
2. One
3. One

**5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION**
1. 2 Minutes
2. Unknown
3. 20 Minutes

**6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION**

Air and Ground-Visual

**7. COURSE**

See Case

**8. PHOTOS**

☐ Yes
☒ No

**9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE**

☐ Yes
☒ No

**10. CONCLUSION**

1. Probable Other: (SATELLITE DECAY)
2. Probable Astro: (METEOR)
3. Possible ~~Other:~~ (SATELLITE)

**11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS**

Sighting #1. At 0850Z the observer sighted a white light in the WSW. As the light came closer the observer could see sparks trailing the object and after about 2 minutes it disappeared in the North.

Sighting #2. At 0912Z observer sighted an orange fleming object that was on a heading of 244 deg according to a crew member.

Sighting #3. At approximate 0920Z a white light was seen off the right wing. This light seemed to be at the same altitude as the plane and was visible for 20 minutes.

OVER

FORM
ETD SEP 63 0-329 (TDF) Previous editions of this form may be used.

14 Sep 67

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

REPLY TO ATTN OF: TDPT/UFO

SUBJECT: UFO Observation, 14 September 1967 JAN 3 1968

TO: [redacted]
Gary, Indiana 46401

Your name has been given to the Aerial Phenomena Branch (Project Blue Book) as being a witness to an unidentified flying object. If you were a witness to an UFO sighting on **14 September 1967** would you please complete the attached AF Form 117 and return it in the envelope provided. If you were not a witness to this sighting, would you please make a statement to this effect on the attached form. The information which you provide will be used in evaluating this observation. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

JAMES C. MANATT, Colonel, USAF
Director of Production

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AF Form 117

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO 45433

REPLY TO ATTN OF: TDPT/UFO

SUBJECT: UFO Observation, 14 September 1967 JAN 3 1968

TO: Mr. D[redacted]t
E.C[redacted]d
Gary, Indiana 46401

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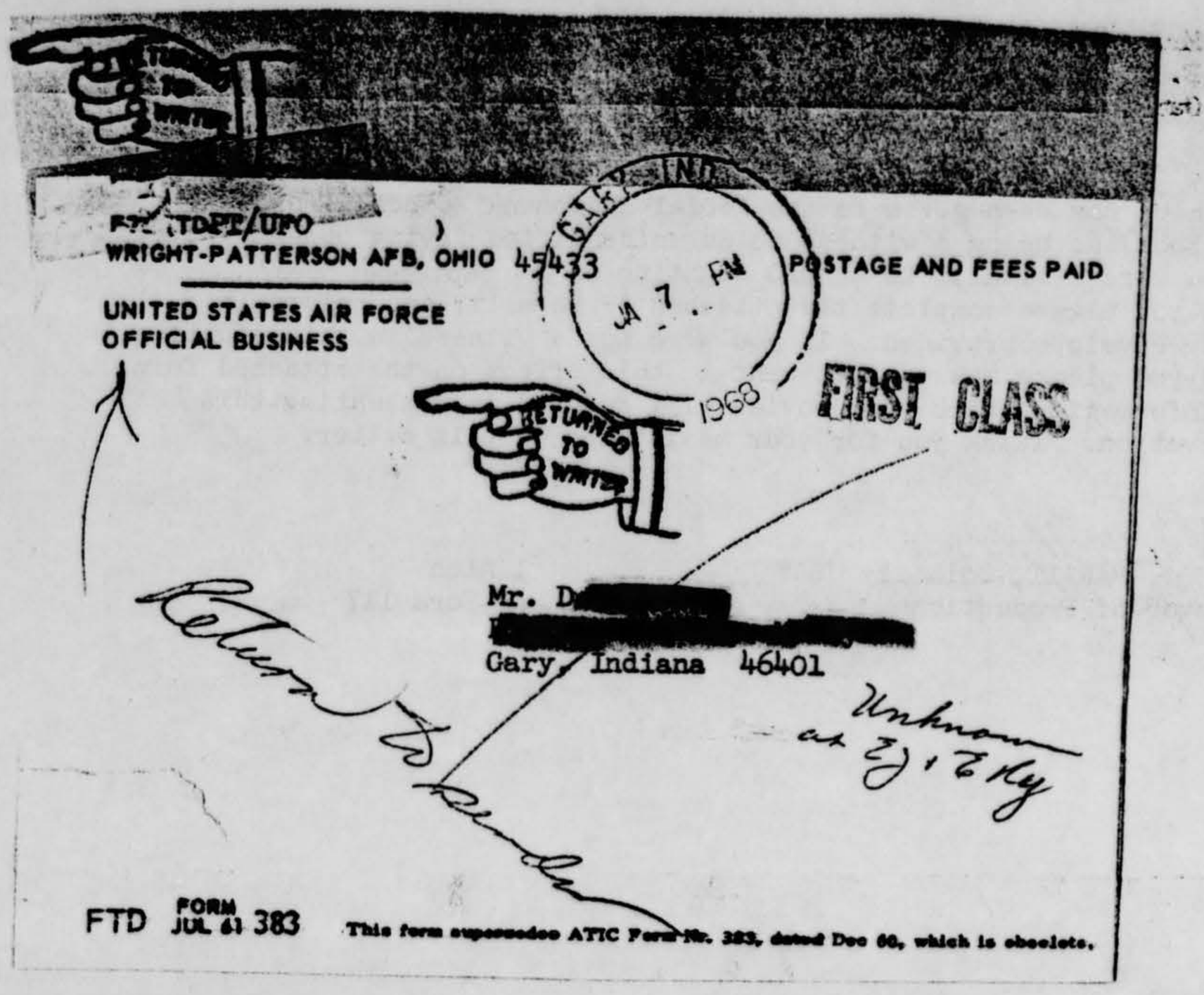
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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO 45433

REPLY TO ATTN OF: TDPT/UFO

SUBJECT: UFO Observation, 14 September 1967

DEC 13 1967

TO: Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801

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AF Form 117

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Pender 164

TDET/UFO (Maj Quintanilla/70916/mhs/29 Sep 67) OCT 2 1967

UFO Observations, 14 Sep 67

Mr. [redacted]s
[redacted]
Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801

1. Reference your unidentified observations of 14 September 1967 which you reported to the Air Force. Request you complete the attached FTD Forms 164 in order that we may perform a scientific investigation. Please report each of your three sightings on a separate form.

2. Do you or any of your other crew members know the name and address of the Captain of the Universal 689 who also observed the UFOs? Any additional information you can provide on these sightings is appreciated.

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

1 Atch
FTD Form 164 (3 cys)
w/envelope

TDETUFO OFFICIAL FILE CY

No Satalite decays on the 14th

Book 7 (14 Sep 67

TDPT/UFO Maj H Quintanilla, Jr/70916/lsb/29 Dec 67 JAN 2 1968

Request for UFO Information

[redacted]
Danville, Arkansas 72833

1. Reference your telephone conversation with 2nd Lt Marano on December 21, 1967. Inclosed are two AF Forms 117 for Mr. Unsue. Request Mr. Unsue complete one form for each of his sightings; this will help to clarify the sightings for our analysts.

2. Dr. Menzel's address is :

Dr. Donald H. Menzel
Harvard College Observatory
60 Garden Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138

3. Thank you for the additional information on your sighting and your assistance in forwarding the inclosed forms to Mr. Unsue.

HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Major, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office
Aerospace Technologies Division
Production Directorate

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AF Form 117 (2 cys) w/envelope

TDPT (UFO) OFFICIAL FILE CY

14 Sept 67

DEC 13 1967

TDPT/UFO Maj H Quintanilla, Jr/70916 /lsb/13 Dec 67

UFO Observations, 14 September 1967

[redacted]
Hobart, Indiana 46342
near Chicago

Reference your unidentified observation of 14 September 1967. The Air Force does not use the form, which you completed, to investigate sightings. If you wish to officially report your sighting would you please complete the attached AF Form 117 and return it in the envelope provided. Please provide the complete names and addresses of any witnesses to your observation. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Major, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office
Aerospace Technologies Division
Production Directorate

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AF Form 117

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14 Sep 67

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

REPLY TO ATTN OF: TDPT/UFO

SUBJECT: UFO Observation , 14 September 1967 DEC 13 1967

TO: [redacted]
Danville, Arkansas 72833

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AF Form 117

*UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA*

*Flower and Cook Observatory* 1968-1-20

Major Hector Quintanilla,
USAF,
Wright-Patterson A.F.B.

Dear Major Quintanilla:

In reply to the letter enclosed in the large set of reports on probable fireballs, received yesterday, I have looked up the cards for night of Sept.13/14 1967 in our file.

We have two reports from aircraft, one at 0214 Z, one ~~from~~ 0213 Z, probably same object, and seen over general area you ask for. But, as you see this is about 7 or 8 hours before the approximate time you mention. So I regret to say we have no information of use to you.

Thank you for the large batch of reports. It will take some time to check them against our file, and see if any are on same object, in which case examination would be undertakentto see if an atmospheric path can be calculated.

The form used for the report from Chyenne, Wyo., for object of 20 March, 1967, struck me at once by its conciseness and clearness. It is vastly easier to work on that the much longer and more cumbersome questionnair used in most cases. The latter's very length and complexity must scare many observers.

Again thanking you very sincerely, I am,

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

C. P. OLIVIER
AMERICAN METEOR SOCIETY
521 N. [illegible] AVE
[illegible], PA [illegible]

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January 11,1968

Major Hector Quintanilla Jr.
Dept. of the Air Force
Hdq.Foreign Technology Division
Wright Patterson Air Force Base,Ohio 45433

Reply to TDPT/UFO
Subject: UFO Observation, 14 September 1967

Dear Sir:

We wish to advise you that no UFO objects was sited on tne above mentioned date at this location.

Very truly yours,

John H Griffith

John H.Griffith
Airport, Supt.

JHG/ab

COMMENTS: Sighting #1: Another aircraft appearently sighted object #1. The time of the sighting was given as 0838Z and duration as 10 seconds.. Also a ground-visual sighting was made at 0840Z in Gary Indiana. They indicated course was NE and duration as 10 seconds. Because the initial observer stated that this object was in view it seems likely that it was caused by the decay of some uncatalogsd space debris, however, the Smithsonian lists it as a meteor.
Sighting #2: Appears to have been a meteor.
Sighting #3: One of the crew members stated that he thought it may have been a satellite.

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January 11, 1968

Department of the Air Force
Headquarters Foreign Technology Division ( AFSC )
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio 45433

Attention: Major Hector Quintanilla, Jr., USAF

Subject: TDPT/UFO

Dear Major Quintanilla:

In answer to your request of January 3, 1968, we have checked with various agencies on this airport facility for reports on aerial phenomena during the period 14 September, 1967 between 3:40 am and 4:15 am and find no sightings having been reported in this area.

Very truly yours,

Garwood Judah, A.A.E.
Airport Manager

GJ/ad

4 Sept. 67

UNITED AIR LINES

O'Hare Field Station, P.O. Box 8775, Chicago, Illinois 60666

January 8th, 1968

Hector Quintanilla, Jr., Major, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office
Aerospace Technologies Division
Production Directorate
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio 45433

Dear Major Quintanilla:

In regard to your letter (undated) recently received with reference to a UFO Observation on September 4th, 1967.

I am enclosing a copy of report number #385 which appears to fit the location and time you describe in your letter.

The NORAD file, with regard to report #885 indicated that there was no known TIP (tracking and impact prediction) decay for that location at that time.

The SAO (Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory) file for this report indicated that this event was a meteor or fireball entry into our atmosphere.

This does not of course, rule out the possibility of a piece of uncataloged debris re-entering the atmosphere and causing the event that you describe in your letter.

If there is anything further that I can help you with, do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely Yours

H. E. Roth

H. E. Roth, Project Director
Volunteer Flight Officer Network

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CITY OF LAFAYETTE
Telephone SHerwood 2-8404 LAFAYETTE, INDIANA 47901

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

5 January 1968

Major Hector Quintanilla, Jr.
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office
Aerospace Technologies Division
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of January 3, 1968 regarding reports of unidentified flying object on September 14, 1967 between the hours of 3:40a and 4:15a, please be advised that this department has no report or knowledge of any such sighting by persons in this area.

Respectfully,

Richard P. Burke

Richard P. Burke
Chief of Police

14 Sept. 67

MEMO FOR THE RECORD

21 December 1967

Captain C. C. Davis called and wanted to know if we received his report. He said that he saw the first object for about 2 minutes. At first it looked like an aircraft with landing lights on, then it started streaming sparks. Captain Davis compared it to grinding steel on an emory wheel. He said, when he saw ~~the saw~~ the second object, it was going up and down. The object moved across and started to stream orange flames. It passed below the horizon and disappeared just before it hit the ground. Ninety seconds later it reappeared, rose up to their altitude, and flew parallel with them for approximately twenty minutes.

Captain Davis said that he had seen satellite decays many times before and that he didn't think these were satellite decays. Captain Davis will call back later today.

If we send him a 117 he will give it to [redacted]. He stated that he would like Dr. Menzels's address so he could send him a copy of the sighting.

MEMO FOR THE RECORD

21 December 1967

Called SPADATS and talked to Lt. Canitelli.

Object 2934, Cos 176 debree, decayed on the 13th at 2000 Z ± approximately 12 hours, this satellite has a maximum of 72.9° inclination. However, the analysists didn't think the object would break up into two pieces. They did not have accurate enough records to plot the trajectory to find out if the object passed over Indiana at or near the time of the sighting. Certain information on the debree is classified. Lt. Canitelli requested that we send a copy of the case to Lt. Lewis when we are through.

MEMO FOR THE RECORD

20 Sept. 1967

Called Indianapolis Center (317-244-2495 ) about aircraft sighting of 14 Sept. 0850Z; 0912Z; )& 0917Z.

At the present we have the report of the Saturn 777 but we have no info. on the Universal 689. The controller John E presdorf said that the Capt of the 777 may know the Capt of the 689. He also said that both reported the 0850Z sighting at the same time and gave the same position for the object. Later both reported bright lights off of their right wings. Radar at the Center sporadically painted an object off the right wing of the 689 for about 20 mins. However Mr. Presdorf said that it might have been what he called Angels. because it was a sporadic paint. Every once in a while they would see something for only a sweep or two.

MEMO TO: Major Quintanilla 14 Sep 1967

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting

Time - 14/0902Z. Recieved thru Patterson Tower.

Aircraft Saturn 777, DC-6, departed Patterson AFB at 0840Z. Called Patterson tower and advised of a UFO sighting five minutes out over Dayton Omni.

Captain Davis, Aircraft Commander, stated the object was a bright white light moving from south to north with trailing sparks. Captain Davis was at 5000 feet estimated the object at 6500 feet. The object disappeared at the 12 o'clock position in relation to the aircraft. The aircraft was on V-50 enroute Indianapolis, Indiana. This would put the object due west of the aircraft when last observed.

WILLIAM H. LALLY
Air Traffic Control Specialist
Patterson Base Operations Branch
Ext: 76206

14 Sept. 67

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS OKLAHOMA CITY AIR MATERIEL AREA (AFLC)
TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, OKLAHOMA 73145

REPLY TO ATTN OF: OCNEW

15 September 1967

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting Statements

TO: FTD (TDETR)
Wright-Patterson AFB OH 45433

1. Reference telecon between Maj Quintanilla, TDETR, and Capt Thomson, OCNEW, on 15 Sep 67, same subject.

2. The attached statements from a Saturn Airways crew concerning a UFO sighting in the Wright-Patterson AFB area are forwarded for your information as requested. If any further assistance is required, please advise.

FOR THE COMMANDER

CARL O. HART
Chief, Aeronautical Systems
Engineering Branch
Directorate of Materiel Management

1 Atch
Aircrew Statements

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

REPLY TO ATTN OF: TDPT/UFO

SUBJECT: UFO Observation, 14 September 1967 JAN 3 1968

TO: Bloomington Police Department
Bloomington, Indiana 47401

1. The Aerial Phenomena Office is in receipt of unidentified flying object reports from the Indiana area which occurred on 14 September 1967 between 3:40 am and 4:15 am.

2. The report consists of two different sightings, at approximately 3:40 am a bright white object, that was trailing sparks and flames, was observed traveling from southwest to northeast. At 4:12 am another object was observed traveling from the southwest to the northeast. This object was also trailing flames, but the flames were orange-green. The objects were observed for approximately two minutes each and were witnessed by several aircraft crew members near Indianapolis and one group of ground observers in Gary, Indiana.

3. These observations appear similar to that of a satellite decay and for this reason we would like to plot its trajectory. Request information on whether your agency received any similar reports on this night at the above approximate times.

4. Thank you for any assistance you can provide.

Hector Quintanilla, Jr.
HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Major, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office
Aerospace Technologies Division
Production Directorate

1/6/68

Sorry, Sir, but we don't keep permanent records on UFO reports unless there is something of an extreme extraordinary nature connected with it. Don't recall this particular incident

Fred E. Murray

~~Records Clerk~~
Police Department
Bloomington, Indiana 47401

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

REPLY TO ATTN OF: TDPT/UFO

SUBJECT: UFO Observation, 14 September 1967

JAN 3 1968

TO: South Bend Municipal Airport
South Bend, Indiana 46624

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

REPLY TO ATTN OF: TDPT/UFO

JAN 3 1968

SUBJECT: UFO Observation, 14 September 1967

TO: Indianapolis Municipal Airport
Indianapolis, Indiana 46206

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Hector Quintanilla, Jr.

HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Major, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office
Aerospace Technologies Division
Production Directorate

No reports of any sightings from the Control Tower on this date.

[illegible]
Chief Indianapolis Tower
1/4/68

FLI CREW MEMBER REPORT FORM

LONG. 087°11'50" WEST
for LAT. 39°41' NORTH

(885)

SATELLITE RE-ENTRY OR BRIGHT FIREBALL

2° EAST MAG. VAR.

in conjunction with
Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory's Re-Entry and Recovery Program

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1. Flight VA 8036 2. Date 9-14-67 3. Time 0838 Z
Please indicate whether date and time are local or Greenwich mean time.

4. Location (DME and radial reading from a VOR or longitude and latitude)
38 N.M. WEST OF INDIANOPOLIS (39°48'53" N. = VOR
085°22'03" W.

5. Plane heading magnetic TRUE 077° 075° 6. Altitude 29,000

7. Crew names and addresses witnessing event [redacted] CAPTAIN

[redacted] F/O

[redacted] S/O

8. Estimate degrees right or left of plane heading and elevation (in degrees) above horizon of object when first sighted 3° left of airplane - elevation 60° TRUE 347° ELEV 60°

9. Estimate degrees right or left of plane heading and elevation (in degrees) above horizon of object when last sighted 45° left of airplane - elevation 30° TRUE 32° ELEV 30°

10. Apparent brightness: A. Too bright to look at _____
B. As bright as full moon _____
C. As bright as Venus X but much closer

11. Duration of sighting 10 SECONDS

12. Break up noted and/or color noted BROKE INTO MANY PIECES & DECELERATED
Was this a predicted re-entry? ? yes _____ no

To list additional information, please use the reverse side.

Date SEPT. 21 1967

[redacted]
Signature

F/O

If, for any reason, you wish not to be identifi[redacted]ghting you made, please indicate so underneath your signature. Please mail to:

H. E. Roth - DENTK

(over)

First officer first saw satellite and in a voice of excitement said, "Look, look!" Later he said he thought it was an aircraft disintegrating as the pieces fell off the main body they glowed white hot then disappeared. The main body continued to glow as it decelerated, but with a glow somewhat less intense than the pieces that had previously fallen off. It disappeared completely when about 45° to left and 30° high

DCAS 1 (C)

14 SEPT 67
DATE SIGHTED

Aircraft: 777 Crew: [redacted]

At 850Z sighting over Dayton 10 o'clock our position a bright white light which we thought to be an aircraft with its lights on. At approximately 1.5 feet above us and six miles out at reaching 11 o'clock our position and approximately one mile out sparks and flame was trailing the object; at 12 o'clock our position light went out.

At 912Z sighting of white light about 40 miles 2 o'clock our position light appeared about our altitude which was 10.0 traveled about our speed light changed altitude vertically. Straight up and down to 15.0 to 20.0 feet and down to approximately 2.0 feet to 3.0 feet. Orange flame appeared trailing for about 400 to 500 feet and light went out.

A short time later light reappeared and traveled parallel to us at our altitude approximately six miles off to our right for several changing altitudes and disappearing.

[redacted]

9:14 67

[redacted]

Danville, Arkansas 72833
tele [redacted] (Area code 501)

14 September 1967 DC-8/777, Flt 2774, FFO-TIK
Crew: [redacted]

I.

After departure from FFO, we proceeded direct to Dayton VOR, climbing to 10,000 feet. Upon passing the station at 0850Z at 5,000 feet, climbing, I called attention to the crew of traffic at 10 o'clock slightly higher than we were. The traffic was northbound in level flight at about 6500 feet (after our station passage, our outbound heading was 264 degrees). When traffic came to about 11 o'clock, I noticed a trail of white sparks or fire from the tail area, and the lights on the object proper were then observed to be three in number, with the white trail continuing. The lights were white of high intensity. It disappeared at 1230 o'clock position. This information was given to Indianaplois Center and Patterson Tower. Universal 689 was calling the Center at the same time we were regarding the sighting. This was not a conventional aircraft or meteor.

II. LARGE

At 0915Z, our altitude 10,000 feet, heading 244 degrees, an object trailing brilliant green and orange flame in a display was sighted in about a 30 degree downward trajectory and the flames disappeared. This was sighted at our 2 o'clock position, 30 degrees down from horizon, range about 3/4 mile. This was also given to center. The rest of the crew saw further movement of the object after time of disappearance of the colored flame, but my duties on the aircraft prevented any continued observation.

III. Track ?

At about 0917Z a bright white light moved in a East to West trade (level-high) from 2 o'clock position to about 430 to 5 o'clock position. The object formed the right side of a triangle at first sighting with a star above left, and one below left. This was observed for about 20 minutes, and could have been a satelli[redacted]

[redacted]
Saturn Airways

[redacted]
Shawnee, Okla
[redacted]

BOB Nr 21-R258

# SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED PHENOMENA QUESTIONNAIRE

THIS QUESTIONNAIRE HAS BEEN PREPARED SO THAT YOU CAN GIVE THE U.S. AIR FORCE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE CONCERNING THE UNIDENTIFIED PHENOMENON THAT YOU HAVE OBSERVED. PLEASE TRY TO ANSWER ALL OF THE QUESTIONS. THE INFORMATION YOU GIVE WILL BE USED FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES. YOUR NAME WILL NOT BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH ANY OF YOUR STATEMENTS OR CONCLUSIONS WITHOUT YOUR PERMISSION. RETURN TO AIR FORCE BASE INVESTIGATOR FOR FORWARDING TO FTD (TDETR), WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO 45433, IAW 80-17. *(IF ADDITIONAL SHEETS ARE NEEDED FOR NARRATIVE OR SKETCHES ATTACH SECURELY TO THIS FORM OR ANNOTATE WITH YOUR NAME FOR IDENTIFICATION.)*

1. WHEN DID YOU SEE THE PHENOMENON?
DAY 14 MONTH Sept. YEAR 1967

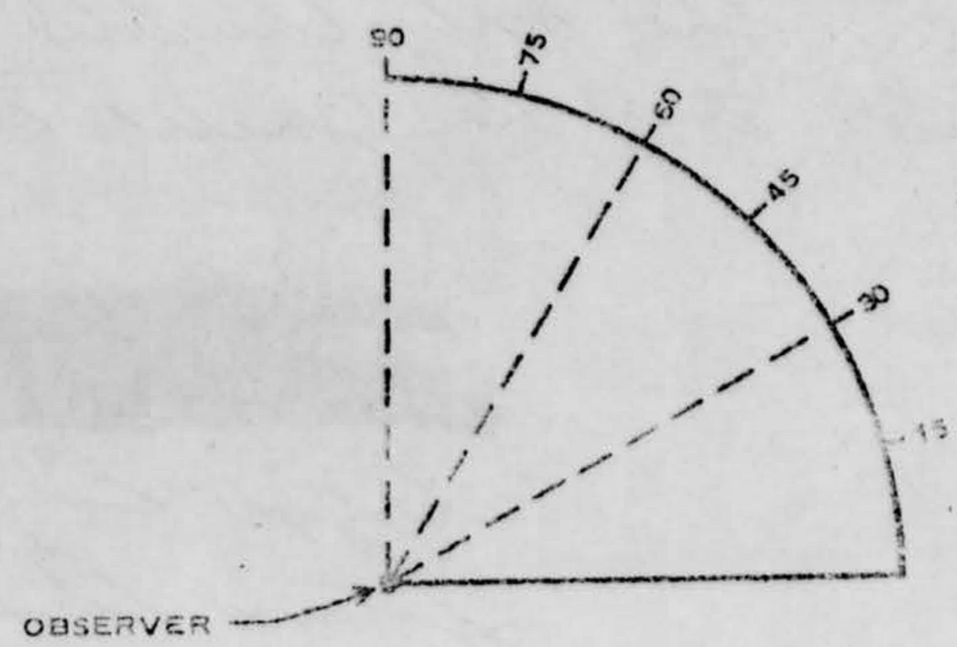
2. WHAT TIME DID YOU FIRST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON?
0850 Zebra
HOUR _____ MINUTES _____ ☐ A.M. ☐ P.M.

3. WHAT TIME DID YOU LAST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON?
0927 Zebra
HOUR _____ MINUTES _____ ☐ A.M. ☐ P.M.

4. TIME/ZONE ☐ DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ☐ STANDARD
☐ EASTERN ☐ CENTRAL ☐ MOUNTAIN ☐ PACIFIC ☒ OTHER Greenwich

5. WHERE WERE YOU WHEN YOU SAW THE PHENOMENON? IF IN CITY, GIVE THE NEAREST STREET ADDRESS AND INDICATE ON A HAND DRAWN MAP WHERE YOU WERE STANDING WITH REFERENCE TO THE ADDRESS. IF IN THE COUNTRY, IDENTIFY THE HIGHWAY YOU WERE ON OR NEAR AND TRY TO FIX A DISTANCE AND DIRECTION FROM SOME RECOGNIZABLE LANDMARK.
Over Dayton, Ohio, VOR climbing out from 5.0 to 10.0 ft, our assigned altitude.

6. IMAGINE YOU ARE AT THE POINT SHOWN IN THE SKETCH. PLACE AN "A" ON THE CURVED LINE TO SHOW HOW HIGH THE PHENOMENON WAS ABOVE THE HORIZON, OR SKYLINE, WHEN FIRST SEEN. PLACE A "B" ON THE SAME CURVED LINE TO SHOW HOW HIGH ABOVE THE HORIZON THE PHENOMENON WAS WHEN LAST SEEN. Estimate object at 6.5ft at first sighting, about 1.5 ft above us and 6 mi. at 11o'clock our position.

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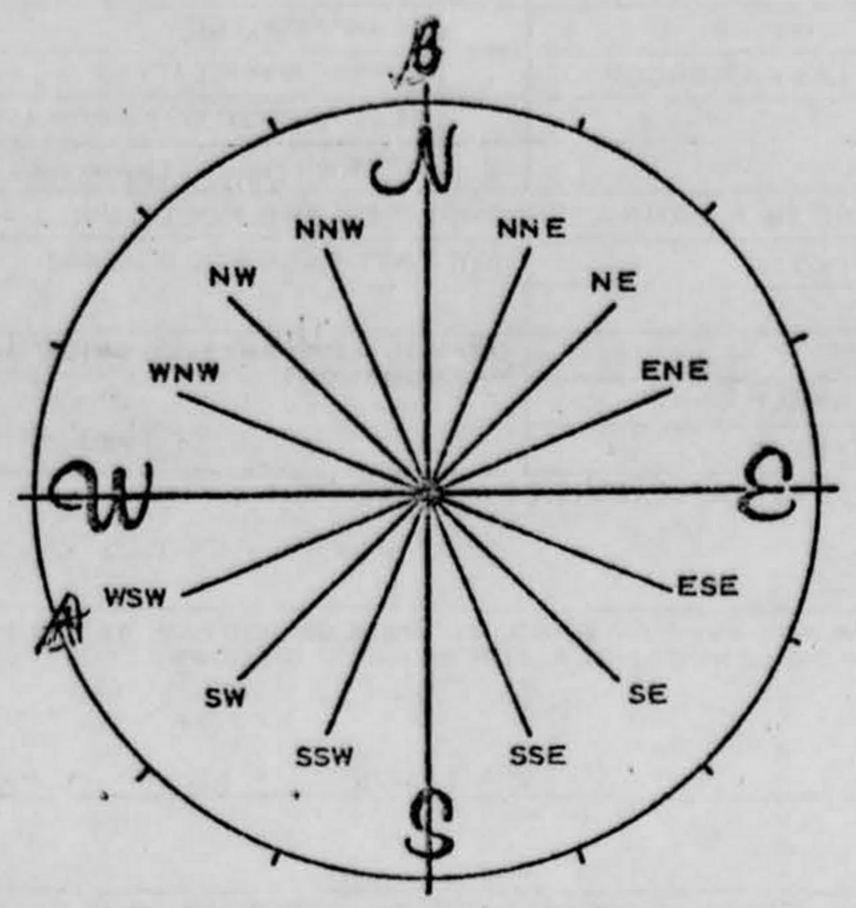
After take off from Wright Patterson A F B.
and Climbing on Course at 5000'
2 lighted Ars object With White lights
passing in front of our flight path
Approximately 8000 to 10000' and two
miles in front of our Aircraft The
time Was 0850 Z a few Seconds
later bright Sparks of fire Came
from the rear of the object And at
the Same time all the lights Went
out.
At 0920 Z Another object West lighted
off our Right Wing at 15 to 20 miles
at the Same Altitude Which We were
flying 10000' And followed us For
Approximately 20 minutes And Was
Constantly Ascending and descending
Vertically the only Visable portion of
the object Was a Small White light.

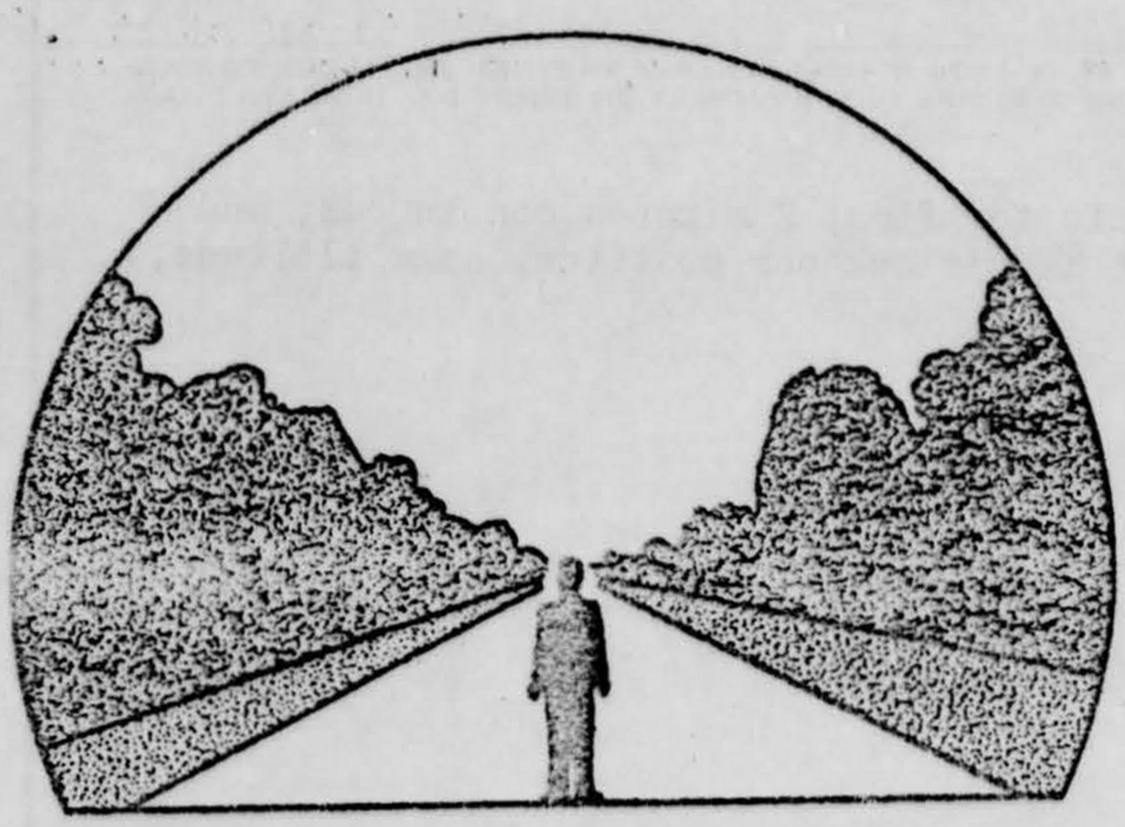
[redacted]

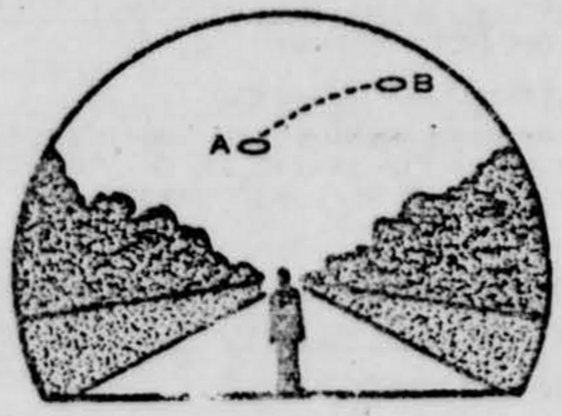
Flight Engineer
Saturn Airways Inc.

6A. NOW IMAGINE YOU ARE AT THE CENTER OF THE COMPASS ROSE. PLACE AN "A" ON THE COMPASS TO INDICATE THE DIRECTION TO THE PHENOMENON WHEN FIRST SEEN. PLACE A "B" ON THE COMPASS TO INDICATE THE DIRECTION TO THE PHENOMENON WHEN LAST SEEN.




7. IN THE SKETCH BELOW, PLACE AN "A" AT THE POSITION OF THE PHENOMENON WHEN FIRST SEEN, AND A "B" AT THE POSITION OF THE PHENOMENON WHEN LAST SEEN. CONNECT THE "A" AND "B" WITH A LINE TO APPROXIMATE THE MOVEMENT OF THE PHENOMENON BETWEEN "A" AND "B". THAT IS, SCHEMATICALLY SHOW WHETHER THE MOVEMENT APPEARED TO BE STRAIGHT, CURVED OR ZIG-ZAG. REFER TO SMALLER SKETCH AS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW TO COMPLETE THE LARGER SKETCH.





8. WHERE WERE YOU WHEN YOU SAW THE PHENOMENON? *(Check appropriate blocks.)*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | OUTDOORS | | IN BUSINESS SECTION OF CITY |
| | IN BUILDING | | IN RESIDENTIAL SECTION OF CITY |
| | IN CAR ☐ AS DRIVER ☐ AS PASSENGER | | IN OPEN COUNTRYSIDE |
| | IN BOAT | | NEAR AIRFIELD |
| X | IN AIRPLANE ☒ AS PILOT ☐ AS PASSENGER | | FLYING OVER CITY |
| | OTHER | | FLYING OVER OPEN COUNTRY |
| | | X | OTHER Over Dayton VOR station |

A. IF YOU WERE IN A VEHICLE, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

WHAT DIRECTION WERE YOU MOVING?

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | NORTH | | EAST |
| | SOUTH | | WEST |
| | NORTHEAST | | SOUTHEAST |
| | NORTHWEST | | SOUTHWEST |

HOW FAST WERE YOU MOVING?

DID YOU STOP ANYTIME WHILE OBSERVING THE PHENOMENON? ☐ YES ☐ NO

EXPLAIN WHETHER SUCH MOVEMENT EFFECTS YOUR SKETCHES IN ITEMS 5 AND 6.

DESCRIBE TYPE OF VEHICLE YOU WERE IN AND TYPE OF ROAD, TERRAIN OR BODY OF WATER YOU TRAVERSED DURING THE SIGHTING. STATE WHETHER WINDOWS OR CONVERTIBLE TOP WERE UP OR DOWN.

HOW MUCH OTHER TRAFFIC WAS THERE?

DID YOU NOTICE ANY AIRPLANES? ☐ YES ☐ NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE WHEN THEY WERE IN SIGHT RELATIVE TO THE TIME OF SIGHTING THE PHENOMENON AND WHERE THEY WERE IN THE SKY RELATIVE TO THE POSITION OF THE PHENOMENON.

There was three other aircraft in the area that observed the sightings, but they were not visible to me.

9. HOW LONG WAS THE PHENOMENON IN SIGHT?

| LENGTH OF TIME | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| At first sighting, about 2 minutes | X | CERTAIN OF TIME | | NOT VERY SURE |
| | | FAIRLY CERTAIN | | JUST A GUESS |

HOW WAS TIME DETERMINED?

By aircraft clock.

WAS THE PHENOMENON IN SIGHT CONTINUOUSLY? ☐ YES ☐ NO. IF "NO," INDICATE WHETHER THIS IS DUE TO YOUR MOVEMENT OR THE BEHAVIOR OF THE PHENOMENON, AND DESCRIBE SUCH MOVEMENT OR BEHAVIOR. INDICATE DISAPPEARANCES ON PREVIOUS SKETCHES.

At first sighting object was visible for first 2 minutes continuous, and when approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile ahead at 12 o'clock our position, same altitude, object disappeared.

10. IF THERE WERE MORE THAN ONE PHENOMENON, HOW MANY WERE THERE? DRAW A PICTURE TO SHOW HOW THEY WERE ARRANGED. DID THIS ARRANGEMENT CHANGE DURING THE SIGHTING?

At 0912Z sighting of white light appeared at 2 o'clock our position, estimated at 40 miles out. Light appeared, traveled vertical 15.0 to 20.0,approximately, and down to 2.0 or 3.0 ft. Orange flame broke out behind white light, started a decent toward earth. Orange flame trailing 400 to 500 ft., just before contact with earth's surface, flame and light went out. 90 seconds later, white light reappeared and climbed up to our altitude 10.0 ft., and approximately 6 miles off our right wing. Object stayed with us level for 15 minutes at same speed. 230 kts.

11. CONDITIONS *(Check appropriate blocks.)*

| A. SKY | | B. WEATHER | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | DAY | | CUMULUS CLOUDS *(Low fluffy)* | | FOG OR MIST |
| | TWILIGHT | X | CIRRUS CLOUDS *(High fleecy or Herring-bone)* | | HEAVY RAIN |
| X | NIGHT | | | | LIGHT RAIN OR DRIZZLE |
| | CLEAR | | NIMBUS CLOUDS *(Rain)* | | HAIL |
| | PARTLY CLOUDY | | CUMULONIMBUS CLOUDS *(Thunderstorms)* | | SNOW OR SLEET |
| | COMPLETELY OVERCAST | | | | UNKNOWN |
| | | | HAZE OR SMOG | X | NONE OF THE ABOVE |

C. IF THE SIGHTING WAS AT TWILIGHT OR NIGHT, WHAT DID YOU NOTICE ABOUT THE STARS AND MOON?

| (1) STARS | | (2) MOON | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | NONE | | BRIGHT MOONLIGHT | | NO MOONLIGHT |
| X | A FEW | | MOON WITH HALO | | UNKNOWN |
| | MANY | X | MOON HIDDEN BY CLOUDS | | |
| | UNKNOWN | | PARTIAL *(New or quarter)* | | |

D. IF SIGHTING WAS IN DAYLIGHT, WAS THE SUN VISIBLE? ☐ YES ☐ NO. IF "YES," WHERE WAS THE SUN AS YOU FACED THE PHENOMENON?

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | IN FRONT OF YOU | | TO YOUR RIGHT | | OVERHEAD *(Near noon)* |
| | IN BACK OF YOU | | TO YOUR LEFT | | UNKNOWN |

E. SPECIFY THE MAJOR SOURCE OF ILLUMINATION PRESENT DURING THE SIGHTING, SUCH AS THE SUN, HEADLIGHTS OR STREET LAMP, ETC. FOR TERRESTRIAL ILLUMINATION, SPECIFY DISTANCE TO LIGHT SOURCE.

None

12. GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHENOMENON, INDICATING WHETHER IT APPEARED DARK OR LIGHT, WHETHER IT REFLECTED LIGHT OR WAS SELF-LUMINOUS AND WHAT COLORS YOU NOTICED. DESCRIBE YOUR IMPRESSION OF WHETHER IT WAS SOLID OR TRANSPARENT, WHETHER EDGES WERE SHARP OR FUZZY. DESCRIBE THE SHAPE OR INDICATE IF IT APPEARED AS A POINT OF LIGHT. INDICATE COMPARISONS WITH OTHER OBSERVED OBJECTS, LIKE STARS, A LIGHT OR OTHER OBJECT IN YOUR FIELD OF VIEW.

Bright high intensity white light. When object got closer, it had an array of sparks trailing and I thought it was an aircraft with landing lights on and was breaking up in flight. I also gave this report to Patterson tower, and Ind. center. It had to be solid to have sparks trailing.

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TDPT (UFO) Lt Col Quintanilla/70216/mhs/2 May 68

UFO Observation, 14 September 1967

Dr. J. Allen Hynek

Reference the attached UFO report from the Indiana area for 14 September 1967. This report is forwarded for your information and files.

HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office
Aerospace Technologies Division
Production Directorate

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| 13. DID THE PHENOMENON | YES | NO | UNKNOWN |
|---|---|---|---|
| MOVE IN A STRAIGHT LINE? | X | | |
| STAND STILL AT ANYTIME? | X | | |
| SUDDENLY SPEED UP AND RUN AWAY? | X | | |
| BREAK UP IN PARTS AND EXPLODE? | | X | |
| CHANGE COLOR? | X | | |
| GIVE OFF SMOKE? | | | X |
| CHANGE BRIGHTNESS? | | X | |
| CHANGE SHAPE? | | | X |
| FLASH OR FLICKER? | | X | |
| DISAPPEAR AND REAPPEAR? | X | | |
| SPIN LIKE A TOP? | | | X |
| MAKE A NOISE? | | | X |
| FLUTTER OR WOBBLE? | | | X |

14. WHAT DREW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE PHENOMENON?

I thought it to be traffic, and it was on approximate collision course with our aircraft.

A. HOW DID IT FINALLY DISAPPEAR?

Just moved out of sight.

B. DID THE PHENOMENON MOVE BEHIND OR IN FRONT OF SOMETHING, LIKE A CLOUD, TREE, OR BUILDING AT ANY TIME?
☐ YES ☒ NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE.

15. DRAW A PICTURE THAT WILL SHOW THE SHAPE OF THE PHENOMENON. INCLUDE AND LABEL ANY DETAILS THAT MIGHT HAVE APPEARED AS WINGS OR PROTRUSIONS, AND INDICATE EXHAUST OR VAPOR TRAILS. INDICATE BY AN ARROW THE DIRECTION THE PHENOMENON WAS MOVING.

It had sparks and then flames trailing it. It was first moving from south to north, and then northwest to south east, and then traveled parallel to us in a westerly direction. It was dark and I was unable to tell the shape of the object.

16. WHAT WAS THE ANGULAR SIZE? HOLD A MATCH AT ARM'S LENGTH IN FRONT OF A KNOWN OBJECT, SUCH AS A STREET LAMP OR THE MOON. NOTE HOW MUCH OF THE OBJECT IS COVERED BY THE HEAD OF THE MATCH. NOW IF YOU HAD BEEN ABLE TO PERFORM THIS EXPERIMENT AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING, ESTIMATE WHAT FRACTION OF THE PHENOMENON WOULD HAVE BEEN COVERED BY THE MATCH HEAD.

17. DID YOU OBSERVE THE PHENOMENON THROUGH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING? INCLUDE INFORMATION ON MODEL, TYPE, FILTER, LENS PRESCRIPTION OR OTHER APPLICABLE DATA.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | EYEGLASSES | | CAMERA VIEWER |
| | SUNGLASSES | | BINOCULARS |
| X | WINDSHIELD | | TELESCOPE |
| | SIDE WINDOW OF VEHICLE | | THEODOLITE |
| | WINDOWPANE | | OTHER |

A. DO YOU ORDINARILY WEAR GLASSES? ☐ YES ☒ NO

B. DO YOU USE READING GLASSES? ☐ YES ☒ NO

18. WHAT WAS YOUR IMPRESSION OF THE SPEED OF THE PHENOMENON? GIVE ESTIMATE OF SPEED 230 knts.

19. WHAT WAS YOUR IMPRESSION OF THE DISTANCE OF THE PHENOMENON? GIVE ESTIMATE OF DISTANCE 1/2 Mi.

20. IN ORDER THAT WE MAY OBTAIN AS CLEAR A PICTURE AS POSSIBLE OF WHAT YOU SAW, DESCRIBE IN YOUR OWN WORDS A COMMON OBJECT OR OBJECTS WHICH, WHEN PLACED IN THE SKY, SIMILAR TO WHERE YOU NOTED THE PHENOMENON, WOULD BEAR SOME RESEMBLANCE TO WHAT YOU SAW. DESCRIBE SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE COMMON OBJECT AND WHAT YOU SAW.

The light was of high intensity and appeared to be an aircraft with its landing lights on.

21. DID YOU NOTICE ANY ODOR, NOISE, OR HEAT EMANATING FROM THE PHENOMENON OR ANY EFFECT ON YOURSELF, ANIMALS OR MACHINERY IN THE VICINITY? ☐ YES ☒ NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE.

A. DID THE PHENOMENON DISTURB THE GROUND OR LEAVE ANY PHYSICAL EVIDENCE. ☐ YES ☐ NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE.

Unknown

22. HAVE YOU EVER SEEN THIS OR A SIMILAR PHENOMENON BEFORE? ☐ YES ☒ NO. IF "YES," GIVE DATE AND LOCATION.

23. WAS ANYONE WITH YOU AT THE TIME YOU SAW THE PHENOMENON? ☒ YES ☐ NO. IF "YES," DID THEY SEE IT TOO? ☒ YES ☐ NO.

A. LIST THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESSES

[redacted] - co-pilot — Saturn Airways — Oakland, California

[redacted] - Engineer — Saturn Airways — Oakland, California

TWA Airlines
United Airlines
Universal Airlines

All were talking to center about sighting object at this same time.

24. GIVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF

LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME
[redacted]

ADDRESS (Street, City, State and Zip Code)
[redacted] Danville, Arkansas 72833

| TELEPHONE (Area code and number) | AGE | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | 46 | X | MALE | | FEMALE |

INDICATE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION INCLUDING OCCUPATION AND ANY EXPERIENCE WHICH MAY BE PERTINENT.

Airline Pilot - I have been flying since 1939.

25. WHEN AND TO WHOM DID YOU REPORT THAT YOU HAD SIGHTED THIS PHENOMENON? Ind. center, FAA, Patterson tower and Tinker AFB on completion of trip
NAME _____ DAY 14 MONTH September YEAR 1967

26. DATE YOU COMPLETED THIS QUESTIONNAIRE.
DAY 18 MONTH December YEAR 1967

[redacted]
Hobart, Ind.

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Major Hector Quintinilla Jr.

Air force Research
& Development Command

Wright-Patterson Air force
Base

Dayton, Ohio

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34. Date you completed this questionnaire: 14 Day SEPT. Month 1967 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.

WITNESSES WHO SEEN THE OBJECT ARE EMPLOYES OF THE E.J.E. R.R. - WORKING OUT OF KIRKYARD IN GARY. [redacted] WERE ON A TRANSFER COMING FROM INLAND STEEL WITH A TRAIN. JUST WEST OF BUFFINGTON OUT ALONG THE LAKE FRONT.
SO THEY VIEWED THE OBJECT AS IT PASSED FROM SOUTH-WEST TO A NORTH EAST DIRECTION. WHILE [redacted] WAS ON A HUMP ENGINE APPROXIMATELY 2½ MILES EAST OF [redacted]T. [redacted] HAD A VIEW OF IT COMING TOWARD HIM ON A NORTH EASTERLY COURSE WHILE [redacted] HAD IT IN VIEW GOING AWAY FROM THEM. [redacted] STATED THAT IT LOOKED LIKE IT DISAPPEARD BEHIND THE BUILDINGS OVER AT GARY SHEET & TIN MILL. SO WITH THAT IT WOULD SEEM AS THOUGH THE OBJECT WAS APPROXIMATELY NO MORE THEN 500 TO 700 FT. HIGH. AS. WE HAD IT IN VIEW TILL IT DISAPPEARD & OUR VIEW WASN'T OBSTRUCTED BY ANY BUILDINGS AS HIGGINS WAS WHEN HE LOST SIGHT OF IT.

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

NO - (SHOOTING STARS ONLY)
THIS OBJECT STAYED ON A STRAIGHT COURSE & DIDNT LOSE ALTITUDE.

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] - SWITCHMAN

[redacted] - FIREMAN [redacted]
GARY, IND.

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [redacted] (Last Name) [redacted] (First Name) [redacted] (Middle Name)

ADDRESS [redacted] (Street) HOBART (City) ___ (Zone) IND. (State)

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted] AGE 39 SEX MALE

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

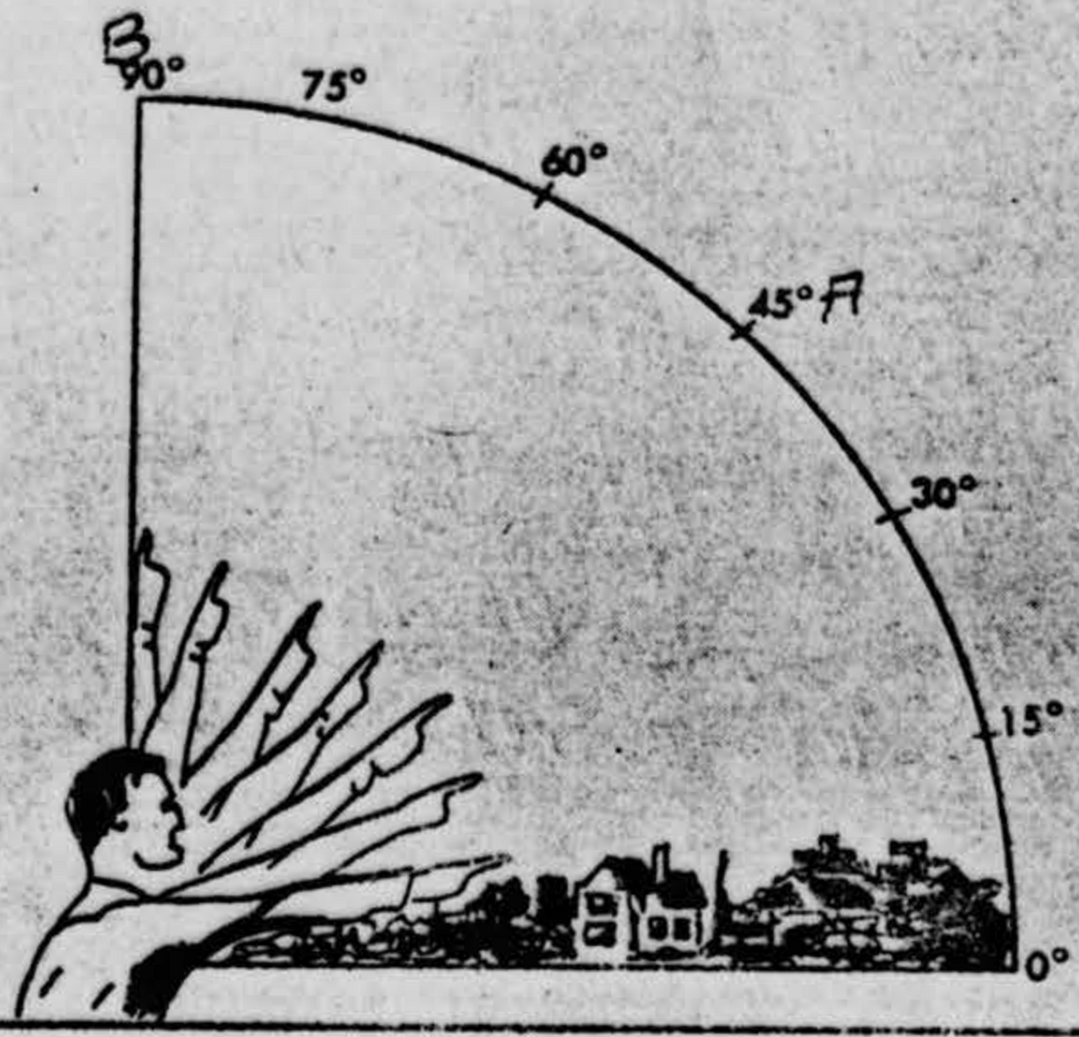
KNOWledge OF COLOR (ART INST.)
" " " AIRCRAFT

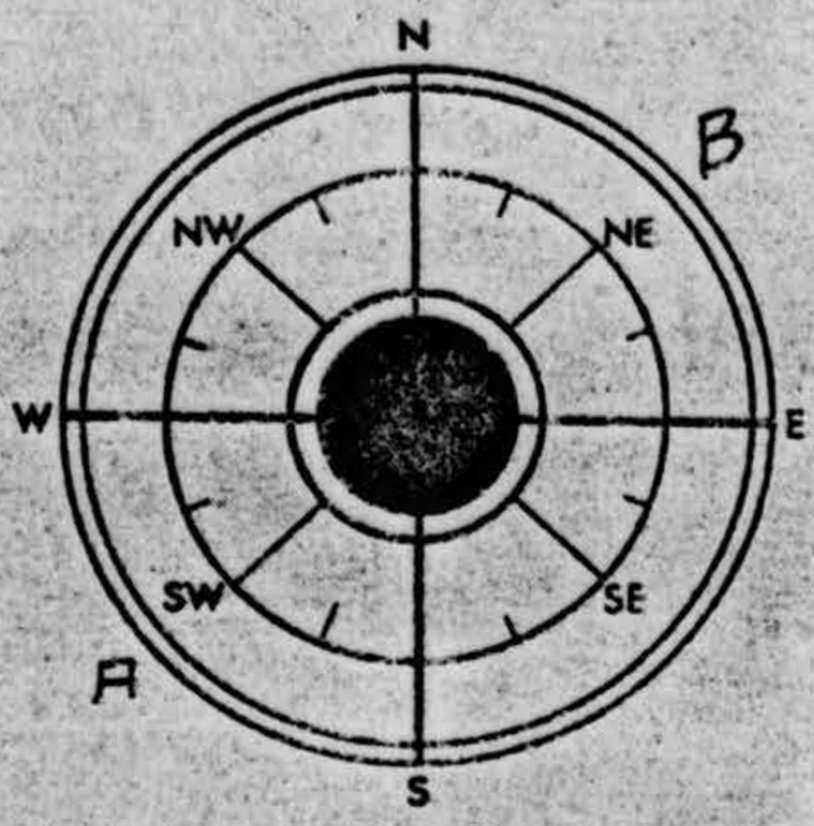
33. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?

SEPT 14 (Day) ___ (Month) 1967 (Year)

CO-WORKERS - STATE POLICE

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 when 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.

B ——————————— A

STRAIGHT 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.

S. WEST

OBJECT PASSED BETWEEN WITNESSES.
WITNESSES WERE ABOUT 2 1/3 MILES
FROM EACH OTHER.

WITH [redacted]
GETTING A VIEW OF
ITS TAIL END,
WHILE HIGGINS SEEING IT
COMING TOWARD HIM. AT AN ANGLE

N. EAST

□ - [redacted]
FACING WEST

GOING EAST
□ - [redacted]

# UFO form continued



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?_____

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 PLATFORM OF A CABOOSE OUTSIDE

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? 5 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)
b. Sun glasses Yes (No)
c. Windshield Yes (No)
d. Window glass Yes (No)
e. Binoculars Yes (No)
f. Telescope Yes (No)
g. Theodolite 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.

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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:

BRIGHT WHITE ACETYLENE TORCH.

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 |
| 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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UFO Observation, 14 September 1967

Dr. Charles P. Olivier
American Meteor Society
521 North Wynnewood Avenue
Narberth, Pennsylvania 19072

Reference the attached UFO report of 14 September 1967 from Indiana. Since the Smithsonian is carrying the sighting of 0840Z (0340CDT) as a fireball, we are sending you a copy. We feel that the observation may be that of satellite debris decaying.

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HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Major, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office
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14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how?

IT DISAPPEAD INTO TWO FAINT RED BAILS THAT LOOKED LIKE THEY WERE FOLLOWING EACH OTHER.

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 BRIGHT WHITE - TO A FAINT 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?

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.

OBJECT PASSED OVER US GOING FROM SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST. WE WERE MOVING DO EAST. OBJECT HAD A TAIL AS BRIGHT AS AN ACETYLENE TORCH AS IT PASSED IN FRONT OF US & DISAPPEARD INTO TWO FAINT RED BAILS THAT LOOKED LIKE THEY WERE FOLLOWING EACH OTHER.

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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?

-14- THURS, (Day) SEPT. (Month) 1967 (Year)

2. Time of day: 3 (Hours) 40 (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?

E.J.E RR. WEST OF BUFFINGTON (Nearest Postal Address) GARY (City or Town) IND. (State or County)

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration) _____ (Hours) _____ (Minutes) 10-15 (Seconds)

(a.) Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined? BY WATCH

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? (Yes) ___ No ___

6. What was the condition of the sky?

| DAY | NIGHT |
|---|---|
| a. Bright | (a.) Bright |
| b. Cloudy | 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

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SDC (IOOP-R)

Reference the attached report of an unidentified flying object (UFO) which occurred on 14 September 1967, 0840Z, from the Indiana area.

We feel that the sighting may be that of satellite debris.

FOR THE COMMANDER

HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Major, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office
Aerospace Technologies Division
Production Directorate

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UFO Observations

Dr. Charles P. Olivier
American Meteor Society
521 North Wynnewood Avenue
Narberth, Pennsylvania 19072

Dear Dr. Olivier:

1. We are in receipt of an unidentified flying object report from the Indiana area which occurred on 14 September 1967 between 3:40 am and 4:15 am. The report consists of two different sightings; at approximately 3:40 am a bright white object, that was trailing sparks and flames, was observed traveling from southwest to northeast. At 4:12 am another object was observed traveling from the southwest to the northeast. This object was also trailing flames, but the flames were orange-green. The objects were observed for approximately two minutes each and were witnessed by several aircraft crew members near Indianapolis and one group of ground observers in Gary, Indiana.

2. The above observations appear similar to that of a satellite decay and/or meteor observations and for this reason we would like to plot its trajectory. Would appreciate any information on whether you received any similar reports for these approximate times.

3. Attached are thirty meteor reports which covers the first nine months of 1967. Hopefully, we will be able to forward the remainder of the reports by the latter part of February. We are in the process of closing out 1967 case files, however, it will take another month or so to finish the task.

4. We hope that the inclosed cases will be helpful in your studies. Should you feel that any of the reports do not fall within the category of meteors, fireballs or bolide observations we would appreciate your most authoritive opinion.

Sincerely,

HECTOR QUINTANILLA, JR, Major, USAF
Chief, Project Blue Book

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(See attached listing)

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See the attached list of addresses

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3. These observations appear similar to that of a satellite decay and for this reason we would like to plot its trajectory. Request information on whether your agency received any similar reports on this night at the above approximate times.

4. Thank you for any assistance you can provide.

HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Major, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office
Aerospace Technologies Division
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LIST OF ADDRESSES FOR AIRPORTS IN INDIANA

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| Terre Haute | 47808 |
| South Bend | 46624 |
| Fort Wayne | 46801 |
| *Lafayette | 47902 |
| *Kokomo | 46901 |
| Anderson | 46011 |
| *Muncie | 47302 |
| *Richmond | 47374 |
| *Evansville | 47708 |
| *Bloomington | 47401 |
| Indianapolis | 46206 |

*On these send to police and municipal airport in City

ALSO TO: H. E. Roth, Project Director, Volunteer Flight Officer
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