

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE-TIME GROUP 14 MAY 68 15/0115Z	2. LOCATION Aiken, South Carolina (1 Witness)
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION INSUFFICIENT DATA FOR EVALUATION ✓
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer sighted a bright yellow light that disappeared to the south west.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	COMMENTS: The reporting officer stated that a DC-9 flight from Columbia to Atlanta might have caused the observation. The observer was asked to complete a form 117 but refused. There is not enough descriptive material to really make any sound judgements on the cause of the sighting. The cause of the object, azimuth and elevation at the beginning of the sighting is not given.
7. COURSE Uncertain	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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10,000 FEET	320 DEGREES	25 KNOTS
16,000 FEET	320 DEGREES	30 KNOTS
20,000 FEET	290 DEGREES	45 KNOTS

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30,000 FEET	280 DEGREES	60 KNOTS
50,000 FEET	270 DEGREES	70 KNOTS
80,000 FEET	270 DEGREES	3 KNOTS

PAR-H: ASTROMIMICAL ACTIVITY: NONE (I) INTERCEPT: NO INTERCEPT MADE.

(J) POSSIBILITY OF AN AIR FORCE JET. (K) UFO OFFICER: JAMES V.

SNOWDEN, MSGT, 861 RADAR SQUADRON, AIKEN S.C. [REDACTED],

[REDACTED] PHONE. COMMENTS: SHAW WING COMMAND POST

OPERATIONS AT SHAW AFB, S.C. WAS CONTACTED AND IT WAS ASCERTAINED THAT ONE SQUADRON WAS FLYING LOCAL FLIGHTS IN THE AIKEN-AUGUSTA AREA AT THE EXACT TIME OF THE SIGHTING. DUE TO THE SCARCITY OF INFORMATION OBTAINABLE FROM THE OBSERVER I CONCLUDE THAT THIS IS NOT A VALID UFO SIGHTING AND THAT FURTHER INVESTIGATION IS NOT NECESSARY. I RESOLVE THE SIGHTING AS A CONVENTIONAL JET AIRCRAFT PERFORMING LOCAL FLYING IN THE AREA OF THE SIGHTING.

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THE FOLLOWING REPORT WAS FORWARDED TO THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
on 28 MARCH 1968

24 March 1968

Windsor, S Carolina

Reference

The character of the light was noticed to be a little
different from that of the light which was seen in the
white, black, red, and green. The character of the light
was noticed to be different from that of the light which
was seen in the white, black, red, and green. (The duration is 1 hour
20 minutes.)



SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED PHENOMENA QUESTIONNAIRE

BUDGET BUREAU APPROVAL
NUMBER 21-2259

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 AFR 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 25 MONTH March YEAR 1968

2. WHAT TIME DID YOU FIRST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON?

HOUR 6:00 MINUTES 50 ☐ A.M. ☒ P.M.

3. WHAT TIME DID YOU LAST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON?

HOUR 8 MINUTES 50 ☐ A.M. ☒ P.M.

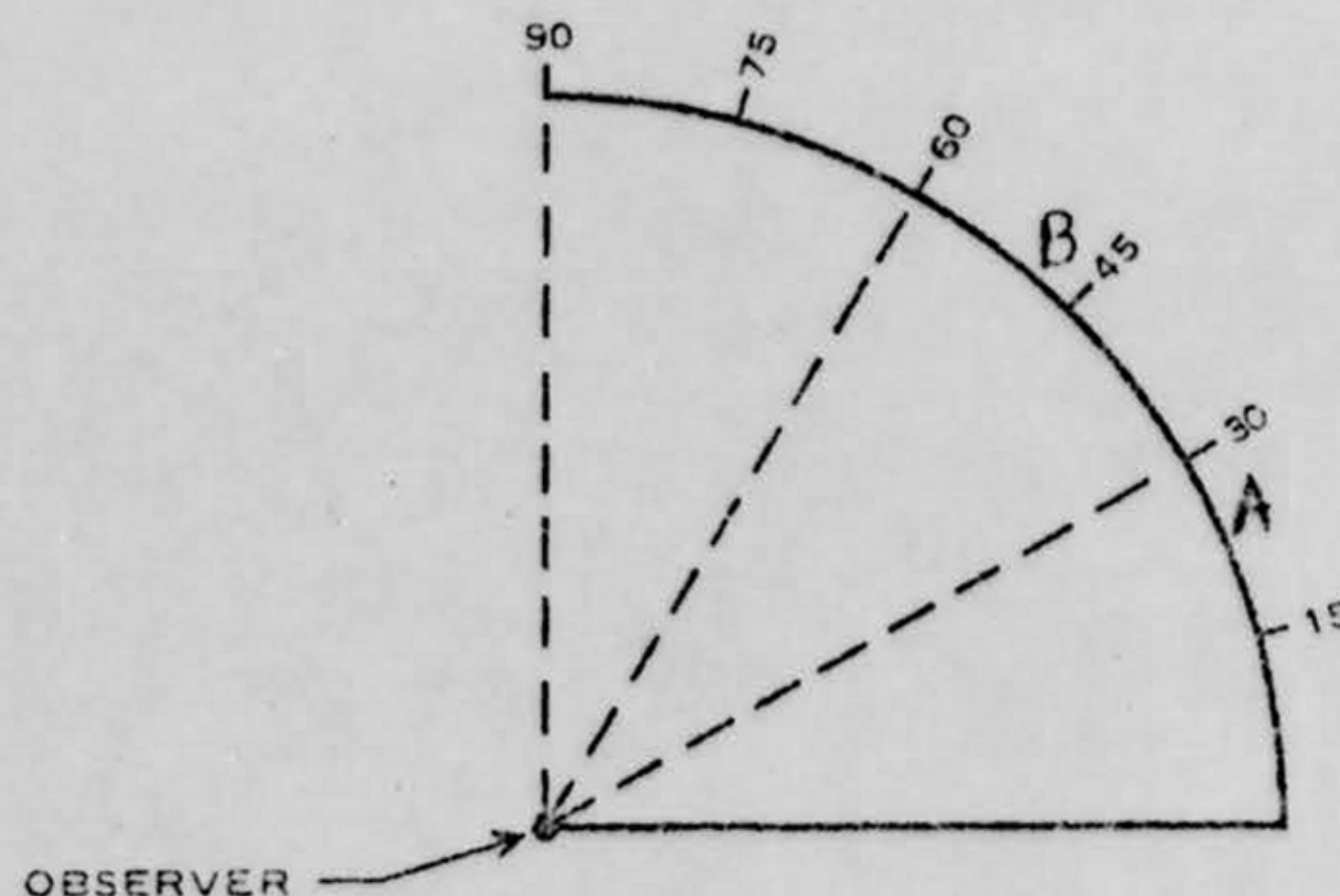
4. TIME ZONE

☐ DAYLIGHT SAVINGS☐ STANDARD☐ EASTERN☒ CENTRAL☐ MOUNTAIN☐ PACIFIC☐ OTHER

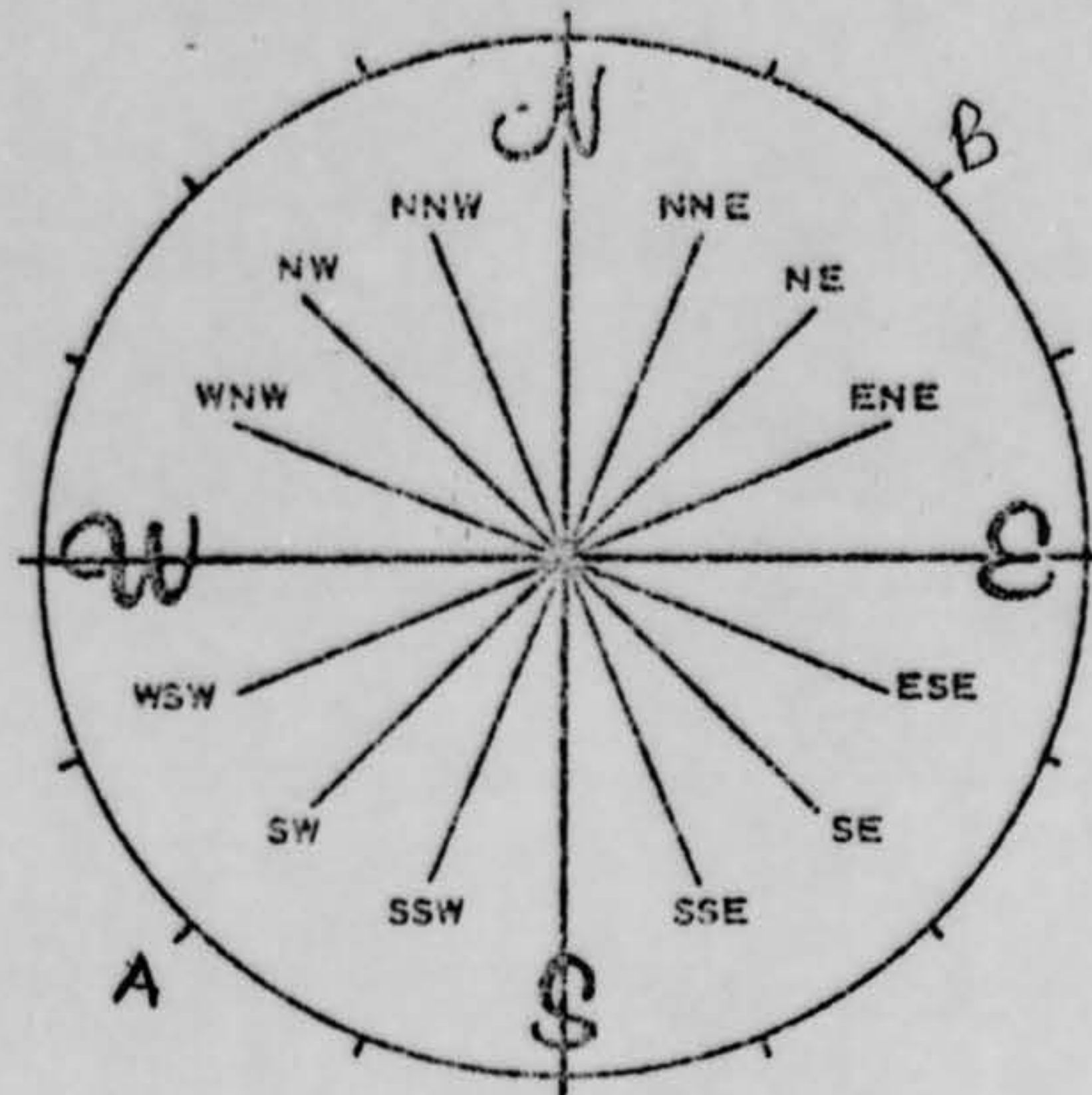
5. WHERE WERE YOU WHEN YOU SAW THE PHENOMENON? IF IN CITY, GIVE THE NEAREST STREET ADDRESS AND INDICATE ON A HAND DRAWN MAP WHERE YOU WERE STANDING WITH REFERENCE TO THE ADDRESS. IF IN THE COUNTRY, IDENTIFY THE HIGHWAY YOU WERE ON OR NEAR AND TRY TO FIX A DISTANCE AND DIRECTION FROM SOME RECOGNIZABLE LANDMARK.



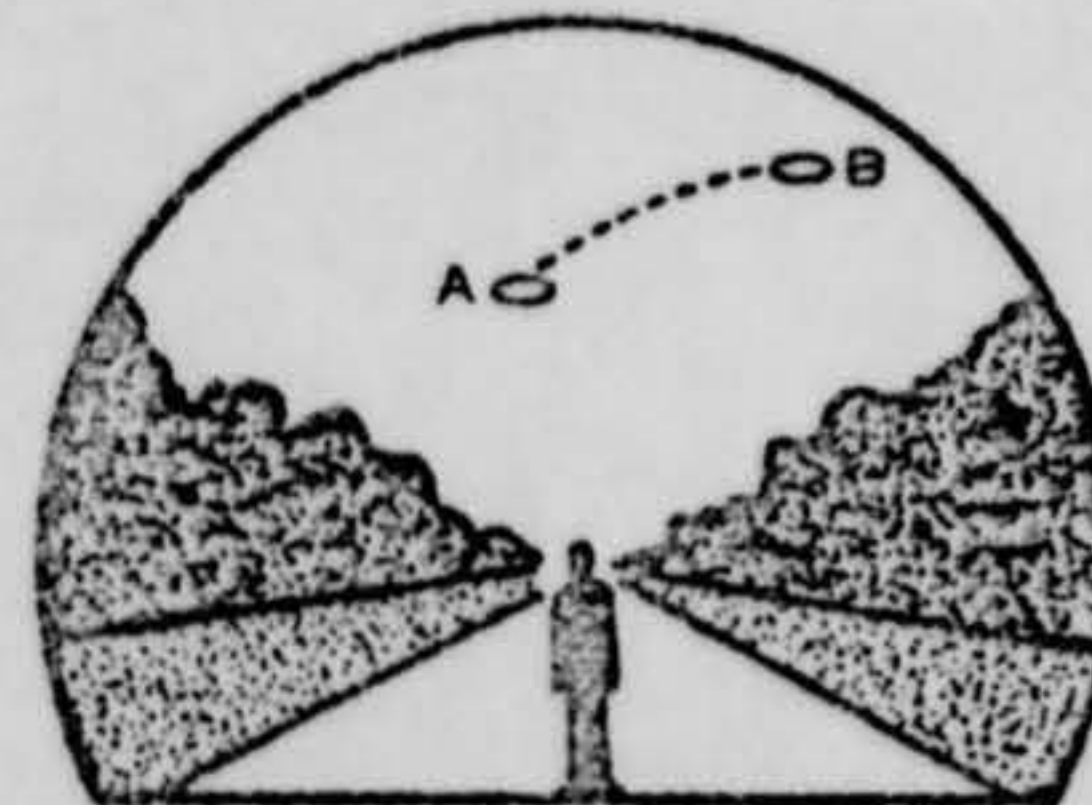
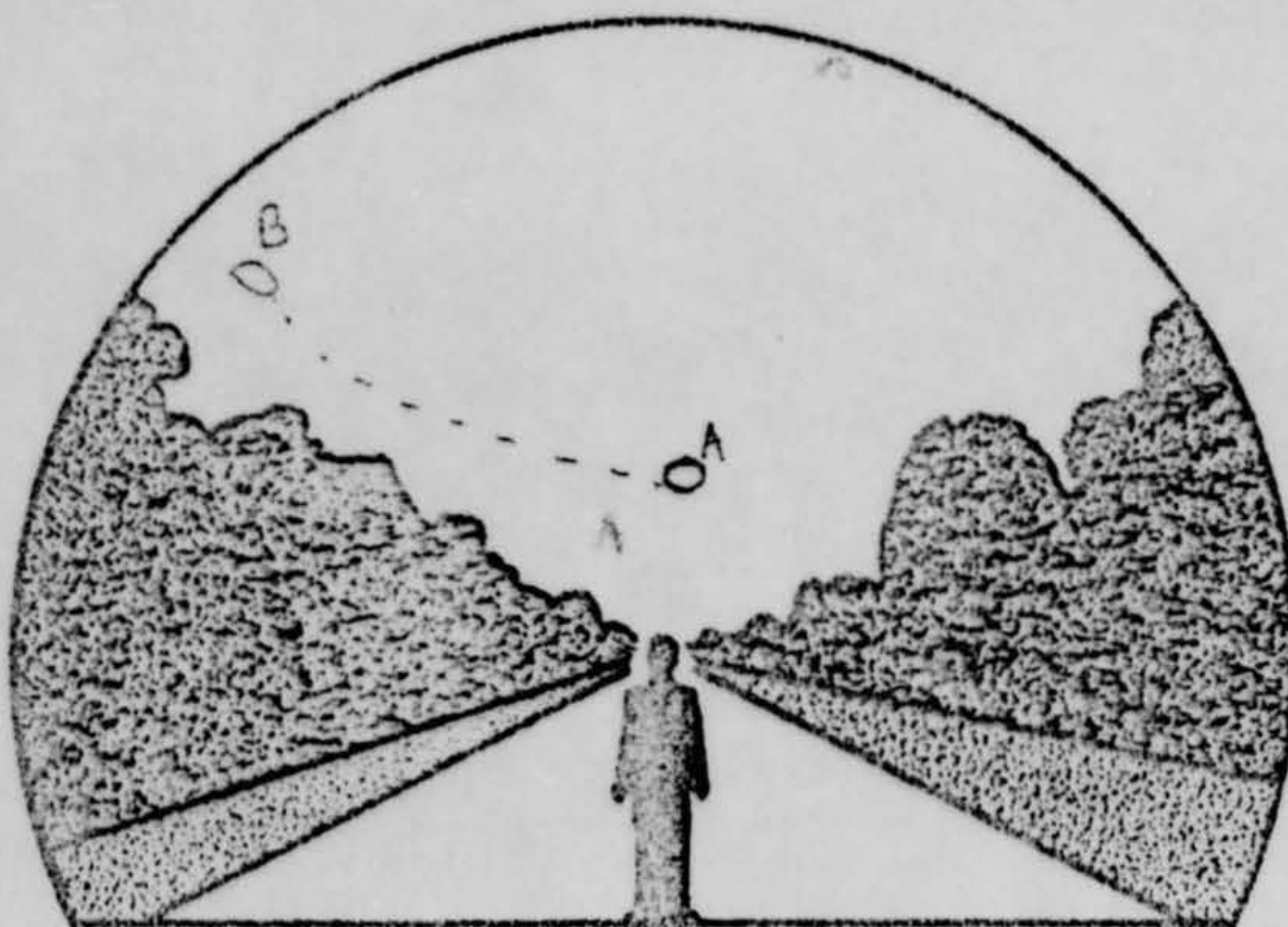
6. IMAGINE YOU ARE AT THE POINT SHOWN IN THE SKETCH. PLACE AN "A" ON THE CURVED LINE TO SHOW HOW HIGH THE PHENOMENON WAS ABOVE THE HORIZON, OR SKYLINE, WHEN FIRST SEEN. PLACE A "B" ON THE SAME CURVED LINE TO SHOW HOW HIGH ABOVE THE HORIZON THE PHENOMENON WAS WHEN LAST SEEN.



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
	IN AIRPLANE ☐ AS PILOT ☐ AS PASSENGER		FLYING OVER CITY
	OTHER		FLYING OVER OPEN COUNTRY
			OTHER
A. IF YOU WERE IN A VEHICLE, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:			
WHAT DIRECTION WERE YOU MOVING?		HOW FAST WERE YOU MOVING?	
☐	NORTH	☐	EAST
☐	SOUTH	☐	WEST
☐	NORTHEAST	☐	SOUTHEAST
☐	NORTHWEST	☐	SOUTHWEST
		DID YOU STOP ANYTIME WHILE OBSERVING THE PHENOMENON?	
		☐ YES ☐ NO	
EXPLAIN WHETHER SUCH MOVEMENT AFFECTS 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.			
9. HOW LONG WAS THE PHENOMENON IN SIGHT?			
LENGTH OF TIME		☒	CERTAIN OF TIME
1 hour 10 minutes		☐	NOT VERY SURE
		☐	FAIRLY CERTAIN
		☐	JUST A GUESS
HOW WAS TIME DETERMINED?			
by looking at my watch			
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.			

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?

11. CONDITIONS (Check appropriate blocks.)			
A. SKY		B. WEATHER	
☐ DAY	☒	CUMULUS CLOUDS (Low fluffy)	FOG OR MIST
☐ TWILIGHT	☐	CIRRUS CLOUDS (High fleecy or Herringbone)	HEAVY RAIN
☒ NIGHT	☐	NIMBUS CLOUDS (Rain)	LIGHT RAIN OR DRIZZLE
☐ CLEAR	☐	CUMULONIMBUS CLOUDS (Thunderstorms)	HAIL
☐ PARTLY CLOUDY	☐		SNOW OR SLEET
☐ COMPLETELY OVERCAST	☐	HAZE OR SMOG	UNKNOWN
			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
☒ A FEW	☐ MOON WITH HALO
☐ MANY	☒ 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
☐ IN BACK OF YOU	☐ TO YOUR LEFT
	☐ OVERHEAD (Near noon)
	☐ 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.

Porch light

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.

The object appeared light. I noticed the colors ^{white}, red, green. It was solid. The edges were fuzzy looking. It appeared as a point of light. It looked like a star at first. Then I noticed it was round, the colors were rotating and traveled at a tremendous speed.

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

14. WHAT DREW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE PHENOMENON?

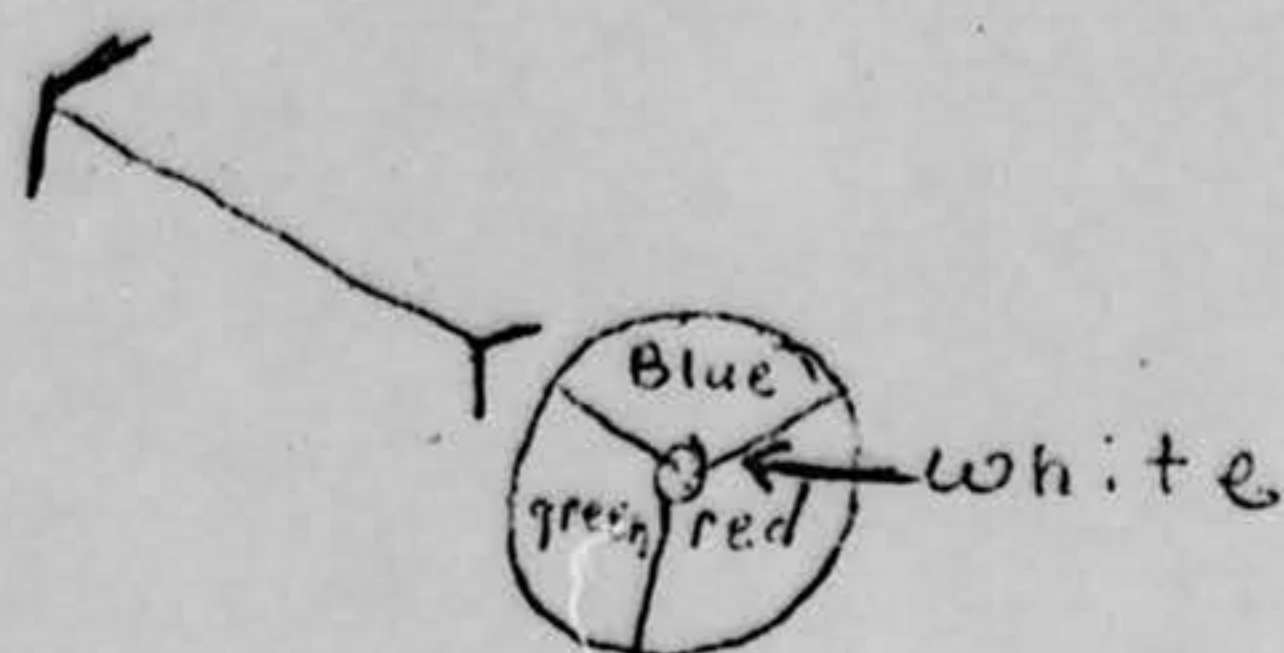
*I was looking across the
skies and suddenly ~~and suddenly~~
spotted the different colors.*

A. HOW DID IT FINALLY DISAPPEAR?

*It moved away and got smaller
and smaller till it disappeared.*

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.



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.

*all of the object would
be 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.

EYEGASSES	CAMERA VIEWER
SUNGLASSES	☒ BINOCULARS
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 100 M.P.H.

19. WHAT WAS YOUR IMPRESSION OF THE DISTANCE OF THE PHENOMENON? GIVE ESTIMATE OF DISTANCE 10 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.

A light bulb would resemble it. except for the rotating colors. The light bulb resembles it in roundness and brightness.

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.

We had a pair of walkie-talkies. When we turned them on they would not work.

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

Some friends the next day said they saw it and ran to where it landed. The spot looked like 4 exhaust prints.

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14 Mar 68
Aiken SC

AFIN: 24660 (16 Mar 68) B/dk

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ACTION: RDC-4 INFO: XOP-2, XOX-2, SAFOS-3, DIA-1 (13)

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ZNR UUUUU ZOV RUEDFQA REROUTE OF RUCLEDK0002 0760515

ZXY-4&5

P 160500Z

FM 861 RADAR SQUADRON AIKEN AFS SC

TO RUWMFVA/ADC

RUCLEDA/32AD GUNTER AFS ALABAMA

RUEDFIF/FTD WPAFB

RUEDFQA/CSAF

RUEDFQA/OSAF

INFO RUCLEDA/14TH AF GUNTER AFB ALABAMA

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UNCLAS: 861 ODC ATTN: DR. CONDON UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO. MAR 68.

FOR:IDEIR: FOR: AFRDC: FOR: SAF-01. SUBJECT UFO SIGHTING

AT APPROXIMATELY 15/0115Z OR 14/0815 LOCAL A REPORT WAS MADE

TO THE AIKEN AFS, SC OF A UFO. THE REPORT WAS CALLED IN BY

ME [REDACTED] IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 80-17 THE FOLLOWING

INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED. (1) SHAPE-ROUND. (2) SIZE- UNK. (3)

YELLOW LIGHT (4) 1 OBJECT. (5) NONE (6) ROUND LIGHT (7) NO DETAILS

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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

*Jackson's Gap, Alabama
36861*

24. GIVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF

LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME

ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip)

Jackson's Gap, 36861

TELEPHONE

AGE

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☒ MALE

☐ FEMALE

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

*I have no occupation. I am in the 7th grade at Dadeville, Alabama.
I have 1 sister.*

25. WHEN AND TO WHOM DID YOU REPORT THAT YOU HAD SIGHTED THIS PHENOMENON?

NAME *[Redacted]* DAY *26* MONTH *March* YEAR *1968*

26. DATE YOU COMPLETED THIS QUESTIONNAIRE.

DAY *27* MONTH *April* YEAR *1968*

25 Mar. 68

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, 25 March 1968

24 MAY 1968

TO:

[REDACTED]
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Jackson Gap, Alabama 36861

Your name has been given to the Aerial Phenomena Office (Project Blue Book) as being a witness to an unidentified flying object. If you were a witness to an UFO sighting on 25 March 1968 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.

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

1 Atch
AF Form 117 w/envelope

25 Mar 68

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TO:

[REDACTED]
Jack [REDACTED], Alabama 36861

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

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AF Form 117 w/envelope

Send [REDACTED]

March 27, 1968

Monday night, March 25 at
6:50 P.M. a U.F.O. was sighted in
the area of Jackson's Gap, Alabama Bay.

We ~~went~~ went to the area it was spotted in and we found broken bushes and wetish spots that smelt like chemicals.

The U. F. O. was spotted again the next night in the northeast.

P.S. Please send information to

Thank - You

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OR EXHAUST (9) BRIGHT LIGHT B. (1) JUST LOOKED UP AND SAW IT (2)
150 DEGREES (3) 150 DEGREES (4) STRAIGHT ACROSS THE HORIZON ABOUT
1000 FEET. (5) YES. INSTANTANEOUSLY TO THE SOUTH WEST. (6) 2 MINUTES
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G. (1) GROUND VISUAL (2) NONE (3) N/A D. (1) DATE TIME GROUP:

15/0115Z, LOCAL 14/0815 HOURS (2) NIGHT E. 33.39 N /81.38W

F. INFORMATION ON OBSERVER: [REDACTED] PAGE 3, [REDACTED] BOX

[REDACTED] NA. SHEET METAL MECHANIC. EDUCATION 12-

YEARS (2) N/A. G. WINDS ALOFT

AND WEATHER AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING. (1) OBSERVERS ACCOUNT

OF WEATHER: HAZY. (2) WEATHER: UNK OVERCAST, VISIBILITY: 15 MILES.

(1) WINDS ALOFT AT SURFACE: 120 DEGREES AT 7 KNOTS. SURFACE TEMPERATURE

48 DEGREES. DEW POINT: 16 DEGREES. (2) REPORT FROM 32AD AWS:

ALTITUDE	WIND DIRECTION	VELOCITY IN KNOTS
6,000	215 DEGREES	15 KNOTS
10,000	260 DEGREES	12 KNOTS
16,000	255 DEGREES	37 KNOTS
20,000 FEET	285 DEGREES	48 KNOTS
30,000 FEET	265 DEGREES	47 KNOTS
50,000 FEET	270 DEGREES	58 KNOTS

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80,000 FEET 270 DEGREES 58 KNOTS

(3) CEILING-HIGH OVERCAST (4) VISIBILITY-15 MILES. (5) CLOUD COVER
HI OVERCAST. (6) NO THUNDERSTORMS. (7) VERTICAL TEMPERATURE GRADIENT:

6,000 FEET 32 DEGREES

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10,000 FEET 30 DEGREES

16,000 FEET 0 DEGREES

20,000 FEET -8 DEGREES

30,000 FEET -40 DEGREES

50,000 FEET -68 DEGREES

80,000 FEET -70 DEGREES

H ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY: NONE (I) NO INTERCEPT MADE (J) POSSIBILITY
OF A DC-9 FROM COLUMBIA AIRPORT TO ATLANTA DURING THIS TIME PERIOD.

(K) UFO OFFICER: JAMES V. SNOWDEN, MSGT, 861 RADAR SQUADRON, AIKEN
S. C., 648-1341-EXT-247., 648-1122 HOME PHONE. COMMENTS: THE FOLLOWING
AGENCIES WERE CONTACTED TO DETERMINE IF THEY HAD ANY FLYING DURING THIS
PERIOD: SHAW AFS, WING COMMAND POST. THEY HAD NIGHT FLYING THAT ENDED
AT 725 PM LOCAL. AIKEN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT: NO FLYING. AUGUSTA AIRPORT:
FAA AGENCY NO AIRCRAFT FLYING. SAVANNAH RIVER PLANT: NO BALLOON FLIGHTS,
COLUMBIA AIRPORT: THE TOWER STATED THAT BETWEEN 0815 AND 0840 THEY HAD

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A DC-9 FLIGHT FROM COLUMBIA TO ATLANTA. DUE TO THE HI OVERCAST AND
HAZY CONDITIONS IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE AIRCRAFT MIGHT HAVE STRAYED OFF
COURSE SOME. THE OBSERVER DID NOT SEEM TO SURE OF HIMSELF AS HE GAVE
THE INFORMATION. CONCLUSION: DO TO SMALL AMOUNT OF INFORMATION GIVEN,
I CONCLUDE THAT THIS IS NOT A VALID UFO SIGHTING, ALTHOUGH THE
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OBSERVER DID SEE SOMETHING. HE HAD BEEN IN THE AIR FORCE AS A RADAR
OPERATOR AT SHAW AFB, SO HE IS RELIABLE. I FEEL NO FURTHER
INVESTIGATION IF REQUIRED.

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



REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

TDPT/UFO

MAR 27 1968

SUBJECT:

UFO Observation, 14 March 1968

TO:

M. [REDACTED]

Aiken, South Carolina 29801

Reference your recent unidentified flying object sighting which you reported to the Air Force. The information which we have received is not sufficient for a scientific investigation. Request you complete the attached AF Form 117 and return it in the self-addressed envelope. Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

[Signature]
JAMES C. MANATT, Colonel USAF
Director of Production

1 Atch
AF Form 117

Dear Sir: April 1, 1968
I told the man at the Radar Station
all I know about the flying object.
When you openly tell the public
what they are I will answer any
question possible in my power.
I happen to know that you do
know what they are.

Thank you,
[REDACTED]

cc [REDACTED]

P. [REDACTED]

Aiken, S.C.

29801

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1. DATE - TIME GROUP 24 Mar 68 25/0130Z	2. LOCATION Aiken, South Carolina (1 Witness)
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION INSUFFICIENT DATA FOR EVALUATION A squadron of jets were flying local flight in the Aiken, Augusta area at the time of the sighting. However because of the incomplete data given the sighting is being evaluated as INSUFFICIENT DATA.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS The observer sighted an orange light in the sky. No other information available.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Reported	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Not Reported	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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INFO : RDC-4, XOP-2, XOX-2, SAFOS-3, DIA-1 (13) ADV CY TO DIA

SMB C179PTTUZYUW RUCLDK0011 0872045-UUUU--RUEFHQA.

ZNR UUUUU

P 270800Z

FM 861 RADAR SQ AIKEN AFS SC

TO RUMFVA/ADC

INFO RUCLDA/32AD/32ODC/ GUNTER AFB ALA

RUEDFIF/FDI/TDETR/WPAFB OHIO

RUEFHQA/CSAF/AFRDC/

RUEFHQA/OSAF/SAF-01/

RUCLDA/14 AF /14ODC/ GUNTER AFB ALA

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UFO SIGHTING. AT APPROXIMATELY 24/2030 LOCAL OR 0830 PM A REPORT WAS MADE TO THE AIKEN AFS, SC. OF A UFO. THE REPORT WAS CALLED IN BY ~~REDACTED~~ IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 80-17 AND CHANGE 80-17A THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED. (1) UNK. (2) UNK. (3) ORANGE (4) 1 OBJECT. (5) INK. (6) NONE. (7) NONE. ABOUT 5 INCHES. (9) SMALL LIGHT. PARA B. (1) LOOKING AT THE SKY. (2) UNK (3) UNK (4) UNK (5) UNK (6) UNK. PAR-C: UNK. PAR-D: (1) 24/2030LOCAL OR 24/0830 PM (2) NIGHT. PAR-E: 3350N/81:65 W. PAR-F: INFORMATION ON OBSERVER:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
STAFF MESSAGE BRANCH
INCOMING MESSAGE

AF IN : 48803

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MR. H.FM CAMP, ROUTE 1, WINDSOR S.C. NO OTHER INFORMATION GIVEN.

OBSERVER RELUCTANT TO GIVE ANY INFORMATION. WINDS ALOFT AND WX

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AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING: (1) OBSERVERS ACCOUNT OF WEATHER:

CLEAR. (2) REPORT

FROM 32AD AWS: CEILING: CLEAR. (4) VISIBILITY: 15 MILES. (5)

CLOUD COVER NONE (6) THUNDERSTORMS: NONE (7) WINDS ALOFT AT SURFACE

290 DEGREES AT 9 KNOTS. VERTICAL

TEMPERATURE GRAIENT:

ALTITUDE: DEGREES:

6,000 FEET	PLUS 01
10,000 FEET	MINUS 4
16,000 FEET	MINUS 14
20,000 FEET	MINUS 20
30,000 FEET	MINUS 46
50,000 FEET	MINUS 62
80,000 FEET	MINUS 44

WIND ALOFT INFORMATION:

ALTITUDE	WIND DIRECTION	VELOCITY IN KNOTS
6,000 FEET	320 DEGREES	20 KNOTS

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