

PROJECT NO. 2 RECORD CARD

DATE 28 Jul 52

LOCATION LOS ANGELES, CA

1. DATE OF OBSERVATION
26/1215 PST
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2. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar
☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

3. SOURCE
☐ Yes
☒ No

4. SOURCE
Civilian Couple

5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

6. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1

7. COURSE

☒ Known ☐ Unknown

8. SUMMARY OF OBSERVATION

Object very high over LA, seemed to revolve, oscillate, blink intermittently red and green.

9. COMMENTS

5. Reference CIRVIS report 280036P submitted by March Flight Service Center. At 1215P 28 July 1952 an object was sighted in the vicinity of Los Angeles International Airport. Object was described as very high and resembled a star when first sighted. Observer lined it up with telephone wires and a revolving motion accompanied by vertical oscillation was noted. Green and red; intensely bright flashes, accompanied at times by a smaller light above the object, were also noted. The object then appeared to recede, grow dimmer, and finally disappeared. Length of observation: 2 minutes. 24

6. Weather not submitted.

7. Witness: Mr. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~, Los Angeles, California.

8. Air traffic information not submitted. Witness was apparently not interrogated.

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CIRVIS. UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT SIGHTED BELIEVED TO BE OVER LOS ANGELES
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT HEIGHT UNKNOWN BUT REPORTED VERY HIGH. OBJECT
APPEARED TO BE A STAR AT FIRST BUT WHEN LINED UP BY
OBSERVER WITH TELEPHONE WIRES IT APPEARED TO BE REVOLVING
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AND RED FLASHES. OBJECT WAS INTENSLY BRIGHT AND AT TIMES APPEARED
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MINUTES BY OBSERVER AND WIFE AND FINALLY APPEARED
TO RECEDE CAMMA GROW DIMMER AND DISAPPEAR. TOWER OBSERVERS AT
LAX ATTEMPTED TO OBSERVE OBJECT BUT DID NOT SUCCEED. FIRST
OBSERVED AT 1215P. OBSERVER WAS [REDACTED]
LOS ANGELES AND WIFE

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York, Penn.

AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO

4651.00

AUG 28 1952

Mr. Robert C. Swengel
113 E. Philadelphia St.
York, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Swengel:

Your recent report of unidentified aerial phenomena has been received by the Air Technical Intelligence Center. Inclosed is a questionnaire, which, when completed by you and returned in the inclosed, self-addressed envelope, will aid in standardizing the data and will provide a complete record of the occurrence.

Your interest in reporting the matter and your public spirited desire to be of service are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,


ROBERT E. KENNEDY
Major, USAF
Air Adjutant General

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TO CGAMC WPAFB OHIO

ATTN ATIC ATIAA-5 FROM AFOIN 41628 FOLG MSG RECD FROM LOS ANGELES
FLT SVC CALIF CLN "CIRVIS REPORT UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS SIGHTED BELIEVED
TO BE BY LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CMA HEIGHT UNKNOWN BUT
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WHEN LEARNED BY OBSERVER WITH TELEPHONE LIRES IT APPEARED TO BE
REVOLVING SLOWLY AND ASCOLATING UP AND DOWN MEANWHILE BLINKING SLOWLY
WITH GREEN AND RED LIGHTS CMA OBJECT WAS BRIGHT AND AT TIMES APPEARED
TO HAVE A SMALL LIGHT DIRECTLY ABOVE IT. WAS WATCHED FOR SEVERAL
MINUTES BY OBSERVER AND WIFE AND FINALLY APPEARED TO RECEED CMA GREW
DIMMER AND DISAPPEARED. TOWER OF OBSERVER ATTEMPTED TO OBSCURE OBJECT
BUT DID NOT SUCCEED. FIRST OBSERVED AT 1215 PST. OBSERVER WAS [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] LOS ANGELES 280825Z"

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TENTATIVE
OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE - 4651.00

SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: 28 July 52
Day Month Year

1.2 Time of Day: 11 05 A.M. or P.M. (Circle One)
Hrs. Min.

1.3 Time Zone: (Circle One):

a. Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain

d. Pacific
e. Other _____

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

1.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above question 1.2:

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

2. Where were you when you saw the object:

2 1/2 miles North of Newberrytown York County Pa.
Postal Address City or Town State Country

Additional Remarks: First sighted 2 1/2 miles North while driving car. - Drove 1 mile, stopped car and got out.

3. Where were you located when you saw the object:

(Circle One): a. Inside a building d. In an airplane
b. In a car e. At sea
c. Outdoors f. Other _____

3.1 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. Flying near an airfield?
e. Flying over a city?
f. Flying over open country?
g. Other _____

4. How did you happen to notice the object?

Lights so bright
and stationary while driving at 60 MPH
as to suddenly attract notice as unusual

5. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

4th August 52
Day Month Year

SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object?

Driving
South on Sequehanna Trail from Hbg. to York

6.1 What had you been doing for the 30 minutes before you saw the object?
Try to list the activity or activities and the approximate amount
of time spent on each.

Driving car late at night with
little or no incoming traffic.

7. Were you moving at any time while you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes

or

No

IF you answered YES, then complete the following questions:

7.1 What direction were you moving?

(Circle One):

a. North

e. South

b. Northeast

f. Southwest

c. East

g. West

d. Southeast

h. Northwest

7.2 How fast were you moving? 60 miles per hour.

7.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One):

Yes

or

No

8. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object?

(Circle One):

a. North

e. South

b. Northeast

f. Southwest

c. East

g. West

d. Southeast

h. Northwest

8.1 What direction were you looking when the object disappeared?

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|---------------------|--------------|
| a. North | e. South |
| <u>b. Northeast</u> | f. Southwest |
| c. East | g. West |
| d. Southeast | h. Northwest |

8.2 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above question and preceding question (8 and 8.1).

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| <u>a. Certain</u> | c. Not very sure |
| b. Fairly certain | d. Just a guess |

9. Were you wearing eye glasses when you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or No

10. How was the object seen?

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <u>a. Through window glass</u> | e. Through theodolite |
| b. Through windshield | f. Through sunglasses |
| c. Through binoculars | <u>g. Through open space</u> 2nd. |
| d. Through telescope | h. Other |

11. What do you remember about the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

11.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

- | |
|---------------------------------|
| a. Clear sky |
| b. Hazy |
| c. Scattered clouds |
| <u>d. Thick or heavy clouds</u> |
| e. Don't remember |

11.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

- Thunderstorms to East, North and West*
- | |
|-----------------------------|
| a. Dry |
| b. Fog, Mist, or light rain |
| c. Moderate or heavy rain |
| d. Snow |
| e. Don't remember |

11.2 WIND (Circle One)

- | |
|-------------------------|
| <u>a. No wind</u> |
| <u>b. Slight breeze</u> |
| c. Strong wind |
| d. Don't remember |

11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

- | |
|-------------------|
| a. Cold |
| b. Cool |
| <u>c. Warm</u> |
| d. Hot |
| e. Don't remember |

SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object?

Hours Minutes 6 Seconds

12.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 12:

- a. Certain
b. Fairly sure

- c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

13. Did the object look: (Circle One) Solid or Transparent (*simply a light*)

14. Did the object at any time:

(Circle One for each question)

- | | | | | |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| 14.1 | Change direction? | <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't know |
| 14.2 | Change speed? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | Don't know |
| 14.3 | Change size? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | Don't know |
| 14.4 | Change color? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | Don't know |
| 14.5 | Break up into parts or explode? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | Don't know |
| 14.6 | Give off smoke? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | Don't know |
| 14.7 | Change brightness? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | Don't know |
| 14.8 | Flicker, throb, or pulsate? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | Don't know |
| 14.9 | Remain motionless? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | Don't know |

15. Did the object give off a light? (Circle One): Yes No Don't know

15.1 IF you answered YES, what was the color of the light? Foher Pinkish

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object?

16.1 Sound No sound could be heard

16.2 Color Light had a pink cast possibly due to haze

17. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? 2
Draw a picture of how they were arranged and put an arrow to show the direction they were traveling.

They did not follow same path



18. Did the object at any time:

18.1 Move behind something? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind.

18.2 Move in front of something? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved in front of.

18.3 Blend with the background? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

19. Which of the following objects is about the same actual size as the object you saw? (Circle One):

- a. Pea
- b. Baseball
- c. Basketball
- d. Bicycle wheel
- e. Office desk

- f. Automobile
- g. Small airplane
- h. Large airplane
- i. Dirigible
- j. Other _____

19.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 19.

- a. Certain
- b. Fairly certain

- c. Not very sure
- d. Uncertain

20. Try to tell the following things about the object:

20.1 How high above the earth was it? 1 to 2,000 feet.

20.2 How far was it from you? _____ feet or 3 miles.

20.3 How fast was it going? 80-90 miles per hour.

20.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above questions:

- a. Certain
- b. Fairly certain

- c. Not very sure
- d. Just a guess

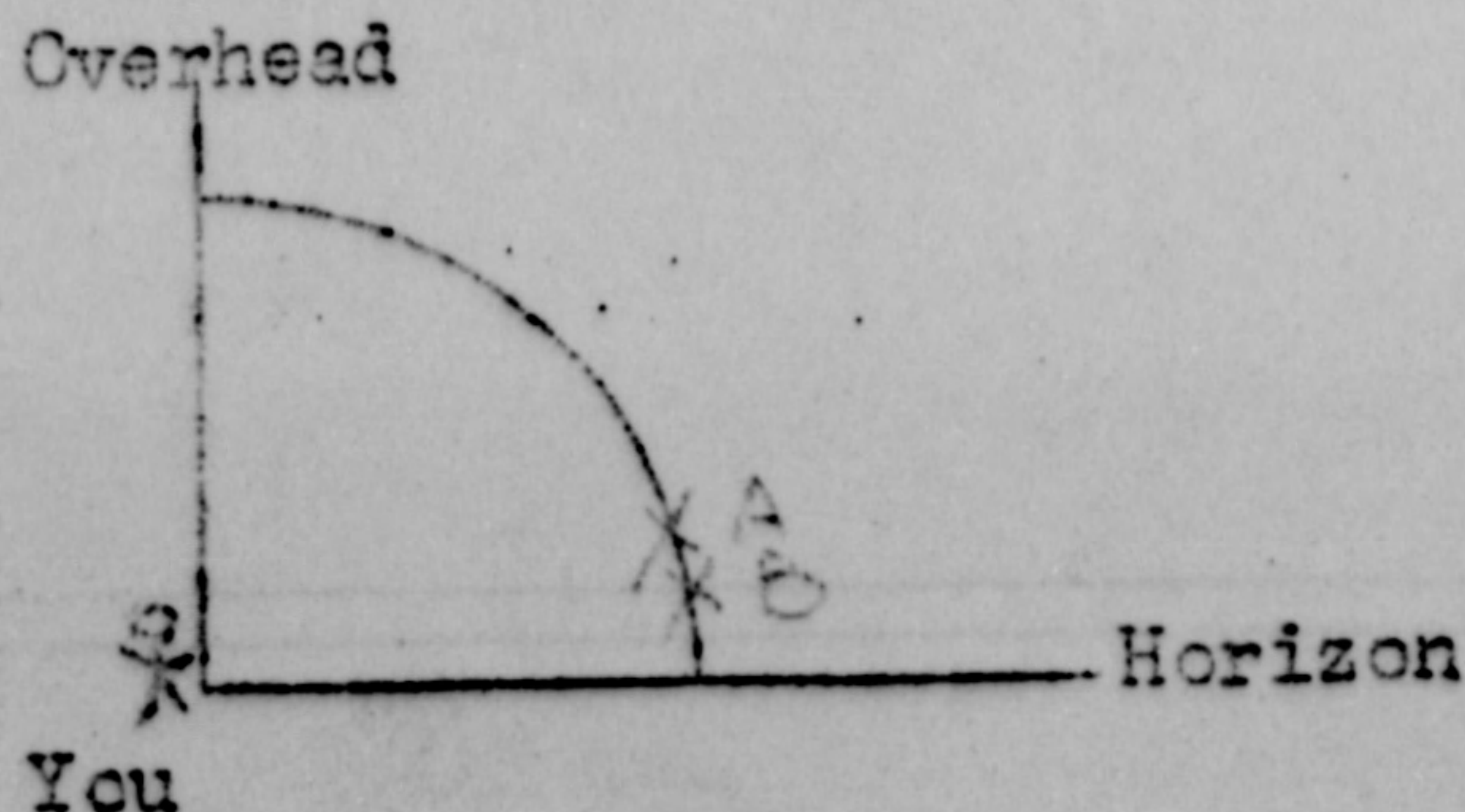
21. How did the object disappear from view?

- (Circle One):
- a. Suddenly
 - b. Gradually

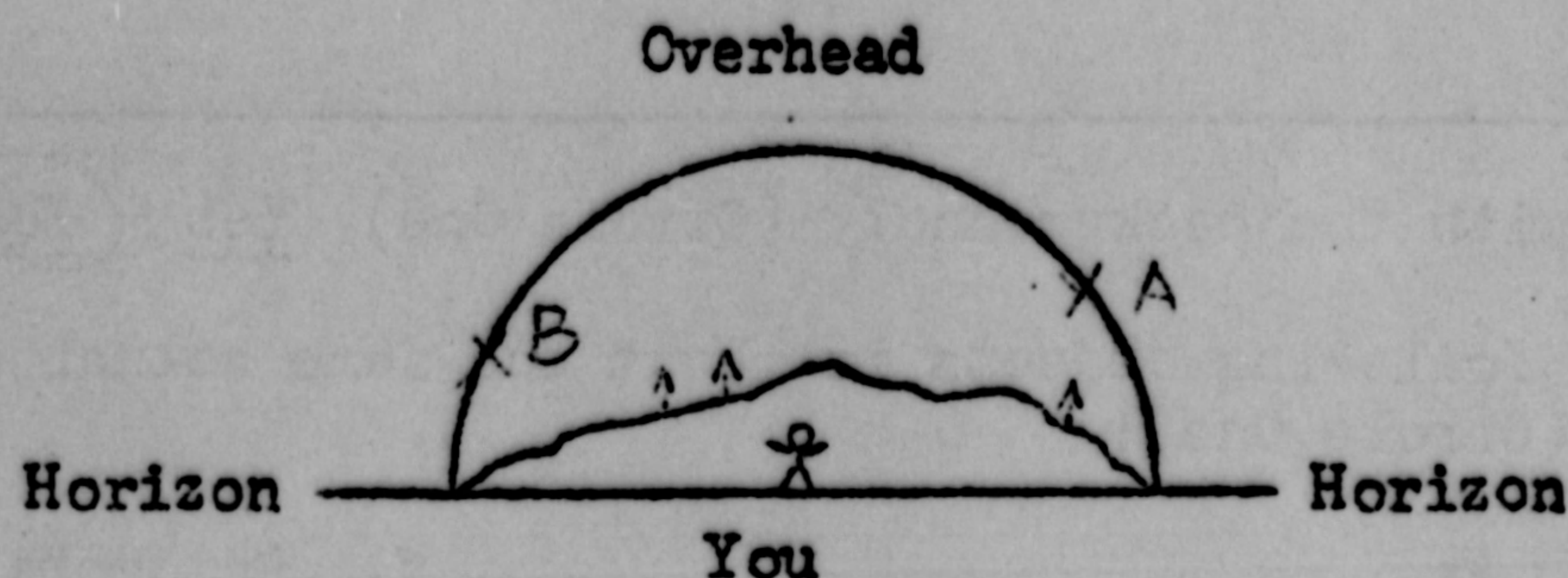
- c. Other Left scene
- d. Don't remember

SECTION D

22. In the following sketch, imagine your eye 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" to show where it was when you last saw it.



23. In the following sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you first saw it, and a "B" at its position when you last saw it.



24. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object made. Place an "A" at the beginning of its path and a "B" at the end of its path.



25. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw and place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

Object had no visible outline or shape
 even when flashes of lightning to rear of same
 illumined the clouds in back of them. I was
 merely two constant intensity bright lights.

SECTION E

26. Was this the first time that you have seen an object like this?

(Circle One): Yes or No

26.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what conditions did you see other ones? _____

27. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

with the presence of 3 storms in vicinity birds flying at high speed in high electrostatic field might glow with a brush discharge or so called St. Elmo's Fire

28. Give the following information about yourself:

NAME [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS [REDACTED] YORK PA.
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

What is your present job? Electronic and Ultrasonic Consultant To Pa. Water & Power Co. and Minneapolis Honeywell-Kron Ind.

Age 37

Sex male

29. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One): Yes or No

29.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One): Yes or No

29.2 Please list their names and addresses:

[REDACTED] 21
[REDACTED] 13
[REDACTED] 10

30. Please add here any further comments which you believe are important.
Use additional sheets of the same size paper, if necessary.

I am trained in the observation of
transient phenomena on oscilloscopes and in
Hi Speed micro-second photography.

The objects were not ordinary
aircraft lights.

They were affected by thermal
air currents.

They were 8 to 10 times the
brightness of the North Star.

over for map of sighting

COUNTRY United States		REPORT NO.	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT (UNCLASSIFIED) Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting (Short Title: FLYOBRPT)			
AREA REPORTED ON Middletown Air Materiel Area		FROM (Agency) Intelligence Office Olmsted Air Force Base, Middletown, Pa.	
DATE OF REPORT 8 August 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 8 August 1952	EVALUATION	
PREPARED BY (Officer) John L. Spiegel, 2d Lt. USAF		SOURCE Civilian Observer	
REFERENCES (Control number, direction, previous report, etc., as applicable) Air Force Letter No. 200-5, 29 Apr 52			
SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112--Part II.)			

This Office received the enclosed correspondence concerning the observation of an unidentified flying object from Mr. [REDACTED].

Since the subject letter includes great detail, the correspondence should suffice in presenting the facts surrounding the observation and will not be elaborated upon in this report.

The only additional information that this Office can supply is that the weather at the time of the observation may be described as 7-mile visibility with high scattered formation. There were no military or civilian aircraft reported to be in the area at the time; however, this is not conclusive proof that aircraft were not in the vicinity. Civilian authorities at Harrisburg State Airport indicated that weather balloons had been released some time earlier, disclaiming the probability that they were in the observer's area at the time.

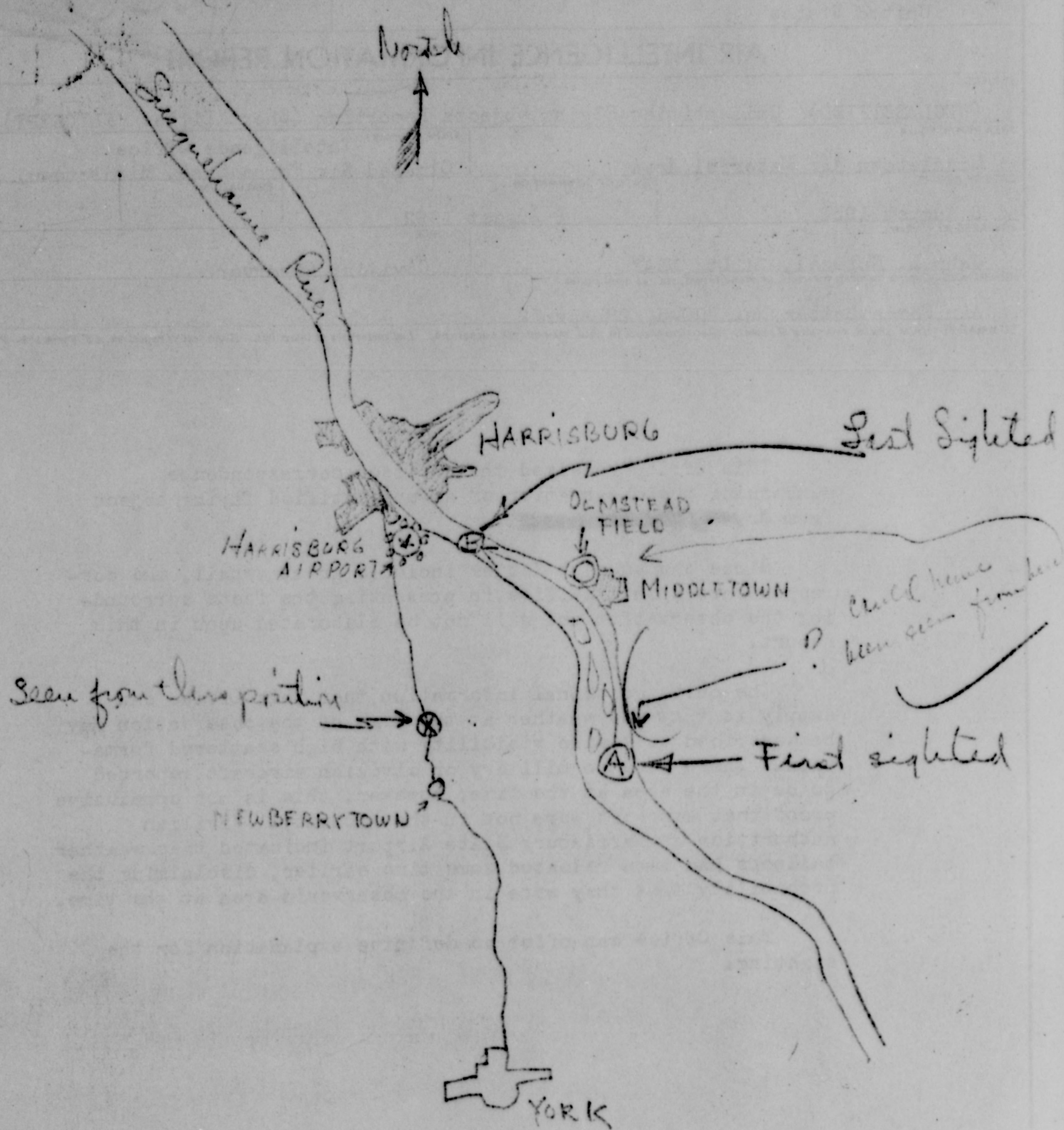
This Office can offer no definite explanation for the sighting.

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Ltr, 4 Aug 52, Robert C. Swengel

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W. M. C.
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
YORK, PA.

NAME * [REDACTED]

AGE - 37

EYESIGHT - 20-20 - Both Eyes - No Glasses.

OCCUPATION - Consultant to The Pennsylvania Water & Power Company and Brown Instrument Division of The Minneapolis Honeywell Regulator Company in the field of Electronics and Ultrasonics.

EXPERIENCE - 16 Years experience in Electronics - particularly in Instrumentation and Physical Measurement.

Industrial Photography in the field of Hi-Speed (1 Micro Second) photography of rapid mechanical motion and several months experience in aerial photography.

A great deal of experience in the field of underwater acoustics which include absorption, diffraction, refraction of shear and compressional waves as well as studies of radiation patterns of underwater mechanical antennae. This field is virtually an analogy of the optical branch of science.

The above should verify the fact that I feel the objects I saw were unusual enough for me to take the time and trouble to report them.

RCS:E
8/4/52

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
W. M. C.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
YORK, PA.

August 4th, 1952

Second Lieutenant John L. Speigel, Intelligence Officer
Olmstead Air Force Base
Middletown, Pennsylvania

Dear Lieutenant Speigel:

I understand from our local paper that the Army Air Force is requesting all observations of "unidentified flying objects" to be reported to them.

On the following pages you will find a detailed description of such a sighting as viewed by myself and family on the 28th of July at 11:05 P. M.

I personally feel that many reported accounts are highly erroneous and can easily be explained by the activity of local aircraft, searchlights, etc. It may well be that such will be the case in this instance and I have therefor added pertinent questions which, if you investigate, should eliminate such possibilities or prove our observations to be of a character easily explained.

For your further information it is my opinion that many observations or sightings have been made by people not specifically qualified to report even the conditions surrounding such observations. I am therefor listing my background so that you may judge thereby the probable accuracy of my report.

My own conclusions are that the objects sighted were definitely not reflections of ground objects due to a temperature inversion.

They were furthermore not reflections on the glass windows of the car in which I was travelling but stopped for observation and got out of same.

They were too bright for identification lights on planes.

Should further information be desired I can be reached at York [REDACTED] or Millersville [REDACTED].

I would greatly appreciate a reply as to your findings in the matter.

Very truly yours,
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

RCS:e
Enclosures (2)

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
YORK, PA.

REPORT OF SIGHTING

Date - July 28th, 1952

Time - First seen about 11:01 P. M. Last seen at 11:08 P. M. when I moved car to spot just North of Newberrytown and they were no longer visible.

Place first seen - About 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Miles North of Newberrytown on Susquehanna Trail (1 mile from end of present four lane road). Drove one mile in about one minute while watching lights and stopped car. Objects did not seem to be moving in sky. (Note that this car movement provides a triangulation base for estimated distance noted later). Next observations made after stopping car and getting out of same about one mile North of Newberrytown.

Estimated Line of Flight - Probably first sighted over Susquehanna River in vicinity of Goldsboro and last saw them in vicinity of Highspire.

Estimated Altitude - Between one and two thousand.

Estimated Speed - Visually they gave the appearance of travelling at about 80 or 90 MPH.

Estimated Distance - Three to Four Miles.

Description of objects - They consisted of two (2), very constant intensity, sources of light with an estimated intensity of approximately eight to ten times the magnitude of brightness of the North Star on a clear night. The color was in the pink part of the spectrum, perhaps due to haze. There were two of these lights separated at an estimated eighth mile with the one to the rear slightly higher in elevation than the lead object. The lead object descended somewhat when passing the sky glow from Olmstead Field.

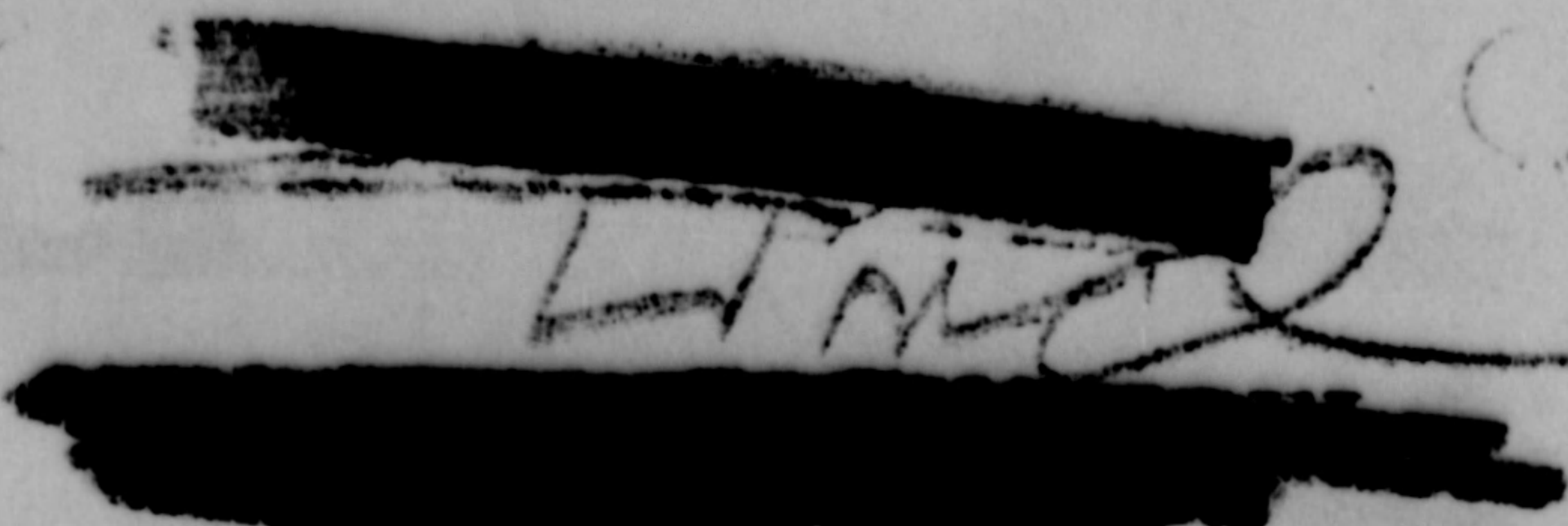
No smoke trail or light rays were otherwise visible near the lights. Their speed was relatively constant. The objects seemed to be affected by thermal up-drafts and down-drafts. My oldest son made this observation which corroborated my own without any prompting or previous mention of the fact on my part.

There were no red port lights visible which should have been the case if they were planes.

The intensity of these two lights did not change which they would definitely have done had they been tail lights on two planes travelling thru the arc they seemed to describe.

Atmospheric Conditions - Slight haze with ceiling estimated at 2,000. One very definite local thunderstorm to East of Olmstead Field a more lightning sighted to North and more to West. I made a definite effort to obtain a visual image or outline of these objects when lightning strokes illumined the sky in back of them. I could see no physical outline of any object however in spite of my experience at this sort of thing in hi-speed photography.

[REDACTED]


YORK, PA.

Report of Sighting - (Cont'd.) -

After moving the car to a spot just slightly to the South of Newberrytown (On York Haven Road) the objects were no longer visible and the storm to the West of us came in with heavy rain. A commercial airliner or Armed Forces plane with blinking lights (identification lights) was observed flying South East and the relative intensity of the lights before mentioned noted to be at least 5 times that of the white tail light. I estimated the distance of the aircraft at about half that of the two previous lights.

To check these observations I would like to see the following questions answered:

1. Did any planes land at Olmstead between 11:08 and 11:15 and in particular ships with low cruising speeds?
2. Did the Harrisburg Airport land two planes between 11:08 and 11:30 which came in from the East?
3. If your search radar was in operation did it pick up these objects?

If the first two questions are negative my own conclusions would eliminate the possibility of light planes because of the severe local storms and the lateness of the hour.

If your search radar picked them up and received no answer on interrogation it would further corroborate the presence of some definite objects of abnormal character.

Signe 

8/4/52

