PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

0003

3. LOCATION

Chanute AFB, Illinois

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar

☐ Air-Visual ☐ Airborne Radar

5. PHOTOS

☒ No

6. SOURCE

2 USAF Pilots

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

4

9. COURSE

W

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Bluish-gray color. Oblong shape.

11. COMMENTS

12. CONCLUSIONS

☐ Was Balloon

☐ Probably Balloon

☐ Possibly Balloon

☐ Was Aircraft

☐ Probably Aircraft

☐ Possibly Aircraft

☐ Was Astronomical

☐ Probably Astronomical

☐ Possibly Astronomical

☐ Other

☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation

☐ Unknown

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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? I DON'T KNOW. THEY DIDN'T APPEAR TO HAVE SUBSTANCE, ALTHO DEFINITELY WERE NOT A RESULT OF LIGHTNING IN THE AREA, NOR DID THEY SEEM TO BE THE RESULT OF ANY BEACONS OR AIRPLANE LIGHTS.

28. Give the following information about yourself:

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

ADDRESS OFFICERS MAL SECTION, CHANUTE AFB, ILL.
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted]

What is your present job? [redacted] TRAINING

Age 31

Sex M.

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]
AS IN ITEM 28

MAJ. & MRS [redacted]
CHANUTE AFB, ILL.

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

AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO

[redacted]
Chanute AFB, Illinois

Dear Sir:

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

ROBERT E. KENNEDY
Major, USAF
Air Adjutant General

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OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE - 4708.01 ~~4708.00~~

SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: 16 (Day) Aug (Month) 1952 (Year)

1.2 Time of Day: 00 (Hrs.) 03 (Min.) (A.M.) or P.M. (Circle One)

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:

HQ 3494 MTG (Postal Address) Chanute AF Base (City or Town) Illinois (State) USA (Country)

Additional Remarks: _____

3. 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
e. At sea
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 Military Quarters

4. How did you happen to notice the object? Mrs [redacted] first observed the objects.

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

16 (Day) Aug (Month) 1952 (Year)

SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? leaving the quarters of Capt [redacted].

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.

Playing bridge

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? _____ 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
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
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).

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
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):
a. Through window glass
b. Through windshield
c. Through binoculars
d. Through telescope
e. Through theodolite
f. Through sunglasses
g. Through open space
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
d. Thick or heavy clouds
e. Don't remember

11.2 WIND (Circle One)

a. No wind
b. Slight breeze
c. Strong wind
d. Don't remember

11.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

a. Dry
b. Fog, Mist, or light rain
c. Moderate or heavy rain
d. Snow
e. Don't remember
f. Scattered thunder showers

11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

a. Cold
b. Cool
c. Warm
d. Hot
e. Don't remember

SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object? 0 Hours 0 Minutes 5-15 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

14. Did the object at any time:

(Circle One for each question)

14.1	Change direction?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.2	Change speed?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.3	Change size?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.4	Change color?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.5	Break up into parts or explode?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.6	Give off smoke?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.7	Change brightness?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.8	Flicker, throb, or pulsate?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.9	Remain motionless?	Yes	(No)	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? Bluish Phosphoresent light

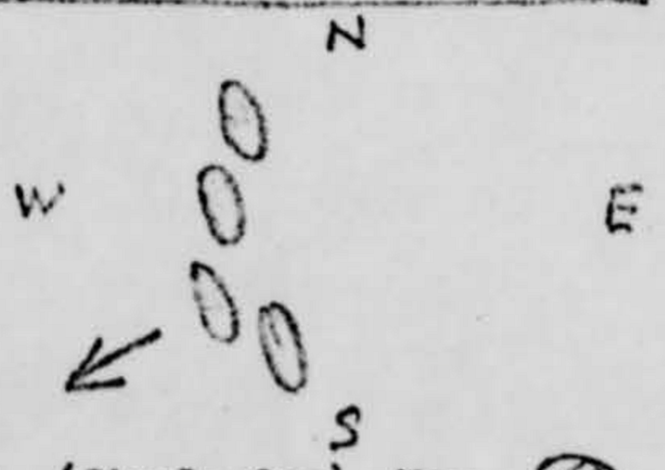
16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object?

16.1 Sound N/O

16.2 Color Bluish Phosphoresent Emission

17. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? 4
Draw a picture of how they were arranged and put an arrow to show the direction they were traveling.

Looking up at the objects:



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):

Impossible to answer this — if altitude was known then size could be estimated.

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? ____?____ feet.
20.2 How far was it from you? ____?____ feet or ____?____ miles.
20.3 How fast was it going? ____?____ miles per hour.
20.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above questions:

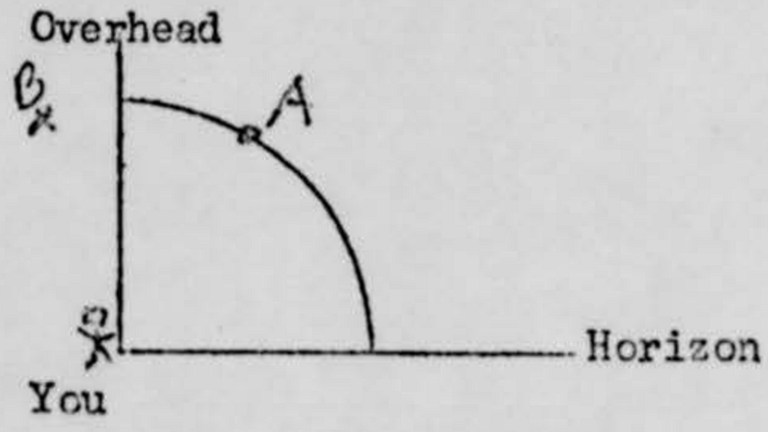
a. Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess
e. Can't answer this as too many factors are unknown.

21. How did the object disappear from view?

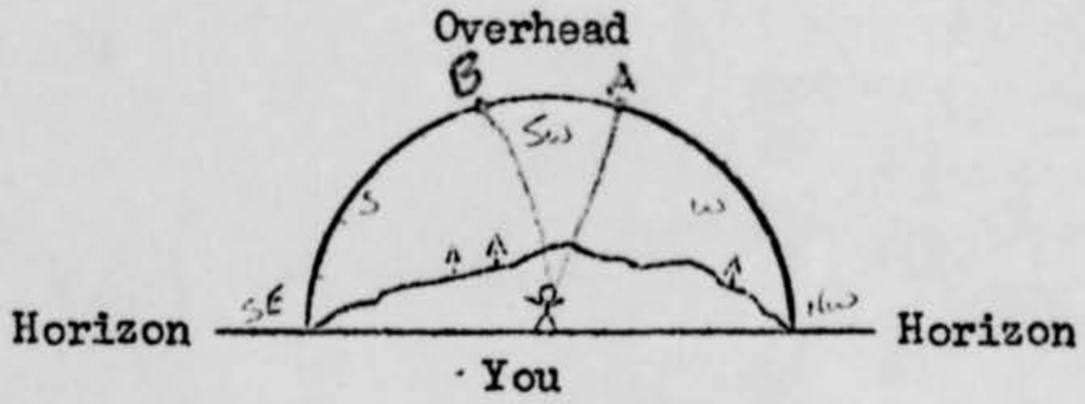
(Circle One): a. Suddenly
b. Gradually
c. Other Obstructed by buildings
d. Don't remember

SECTION D

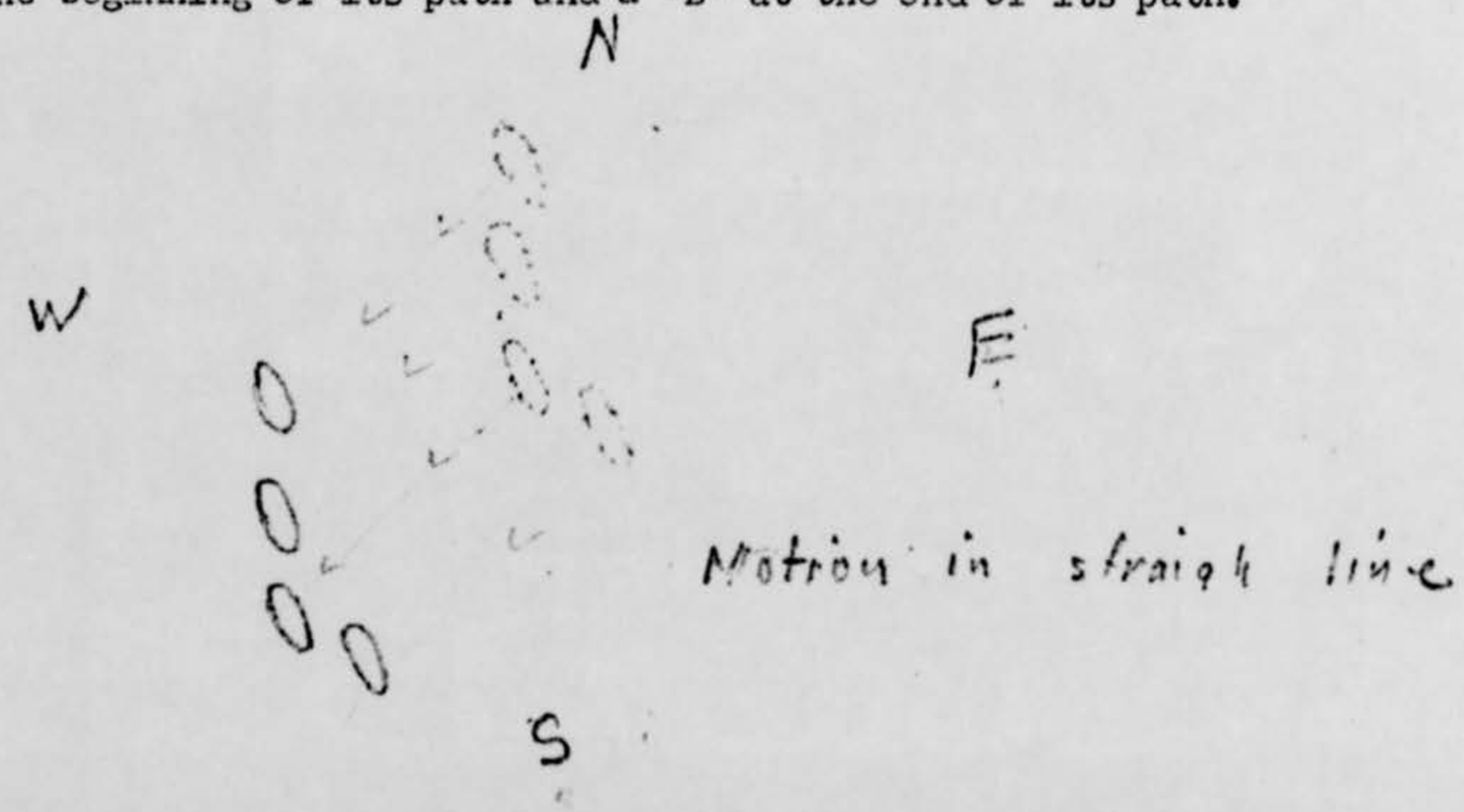
22. In the following sketch, imagine your eye at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you first saw it. Place a "B" to show where it was when you last saw it.



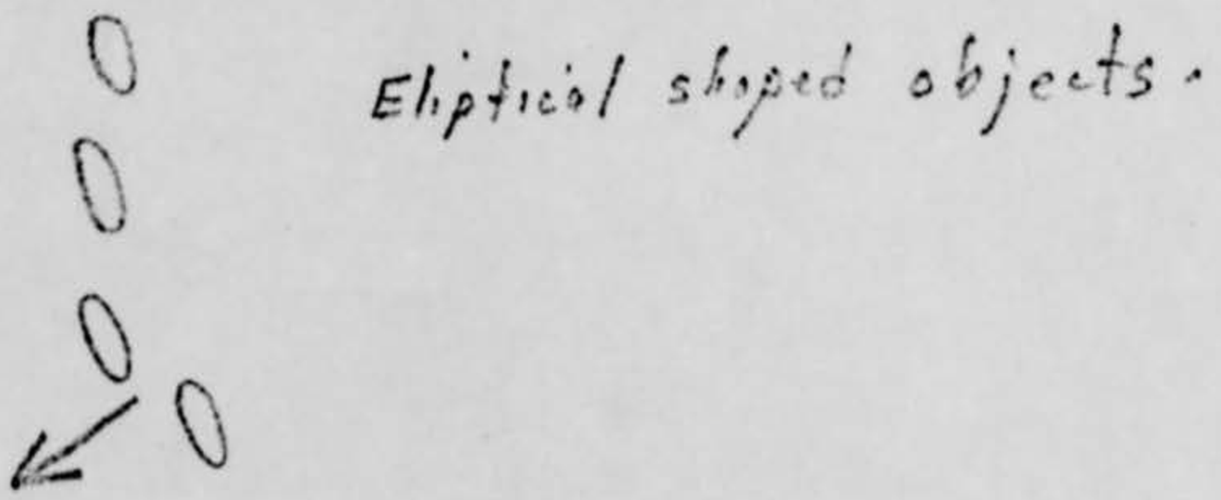
23. In the following sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you <u>first</u> saw it, and a "B" at its position when you <u>last</u> saw it.



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.



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?

Unknown

28. Give the following information about yourself:

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

ADDRESS [redacted] Chanute AF Base Illinois
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted]

What is your present job? [redacted]

Age 32

Sex M

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:

Capt. & Mrs. [redacted] Chanute AFB, Ill.

Mrs. [redacted] Chanute AFB, Ill

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: "FLYOBRPT"

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
Central Illinois	Wing Intelligence Section, CHANUTE AFB, ILL.

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
18 August 1952	16 August 1952	B-1

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
Lt Forrest G. Gentry, Wg Intel Off	Major [redacted]

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

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 113—Part II.)

On 16 August 1952, Major [redacted] Senior Pilot, with 3,000 hours flying time and combat experience in B-25s, presently assigned as Educational Advisor of the [redacted] Training Group, Chanute AFB, Illinois was interviewed in his office and stated in substance:

AT 0003 hours, 16 August 1952, Major [redacted] along with Captain [redacted] non-rated, not on flying status, [redacted] of the Department of Weather, [redacted] Technical Training Wing, Chanute AFB, Illinois, and their wives observed four (4) unidentified objects flying directly over Major [redacted] quarters on the south edge of CHANUTE AFB, Illinois. The objects were flying in a "V" formation moving from east to west. During the 5 to 10 seconds they remained in view they covered an arc of approximately 10 degrees of the horizon. They disappeared behind the house; attempts to regain view of the objects were futile. The objects were a phosphorescence like, bluish-gray color. They were oblong in shape with the major diameter being at right angles to the line of flight. The larger diameter of the objects appeared to be approximately the same as the wing span of a B-25 would appear to be at 5,000 feet altitude. The minor diameter was approximately one-half (1/2) as large as the major diameter. The distance between the objects was equal to about their minor diameter. The apparent speed, position in the formation, and color remained constant during the period of sighting. There was no apparent oscillation, fluttering, exhaust trail or sound. The weather was clear in the vicinity and it was specifically noted by Major [redacted] that the objects blocked out the view of the stars as they passed overhead. The Major took special note of the revolving split-type beacon of CHANUTE AFB. The movement of the objects and of the beacon had no corresponding relationship.

All four persons saw substantially the same thing and were definitely in accord as to number, size, color, course and the absence of sound.

APPROVED:

Forrest G. Gentry

FORREST G. GENTRY
1st Lt, USAF
Wing Intelligence Officer

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Sketch by Major [redacted]

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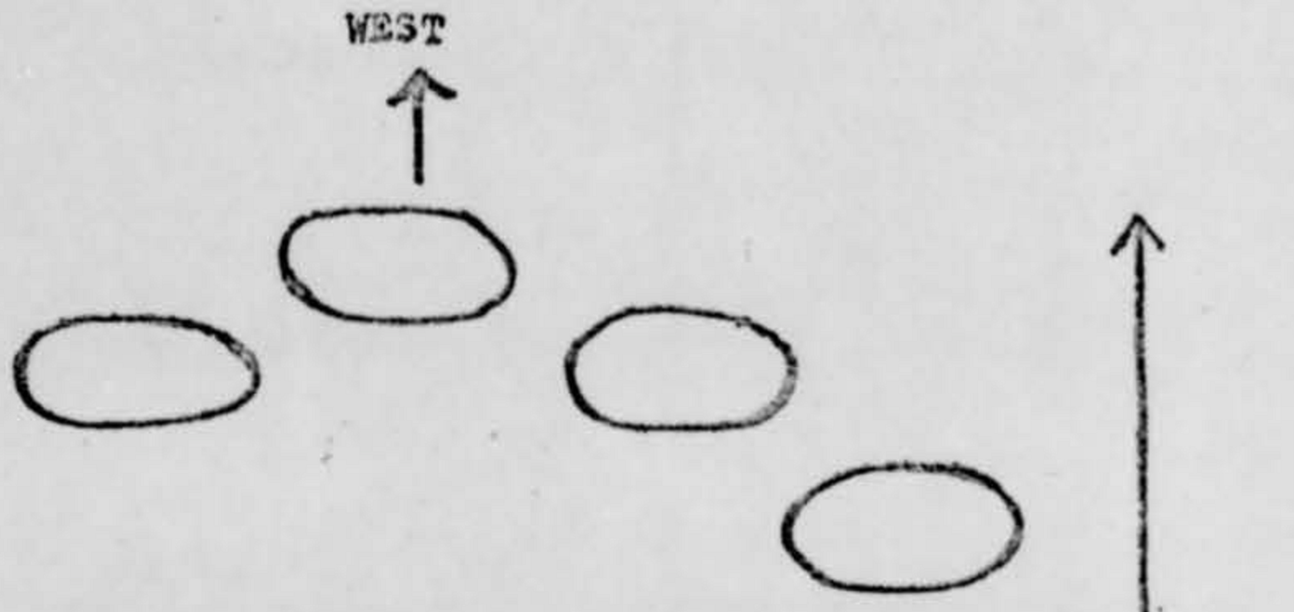
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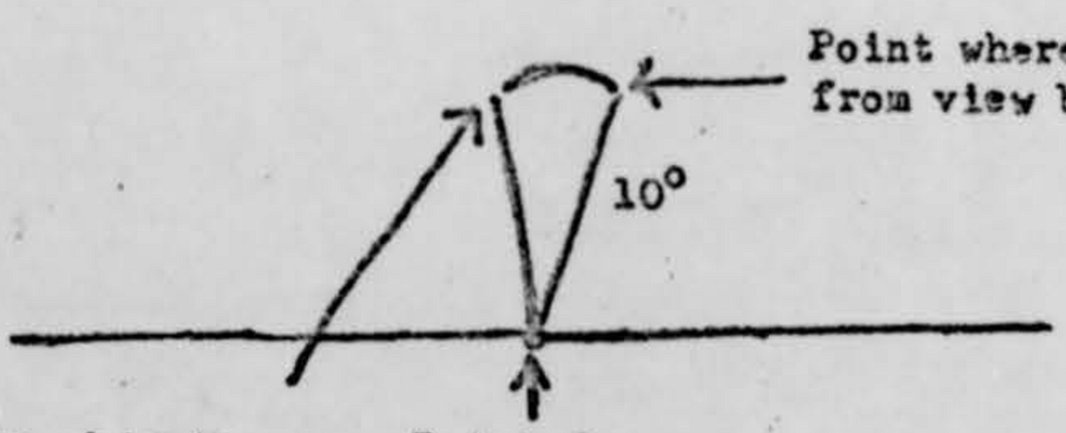
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Looking up at the objects as they passed over head.

Direction of formation.



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OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE - 4708.00

SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: 15 (Day) August (Month) 1952 (Year)

1.2 Time of Day: 12 (Hrs.) 03 (Min.) (A.M.) or P.M. (Circle One)

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:

OFFICERS' MAIN SECTION (Postal Address) CHANUTE AFB, ILL. (City or Town) (State) USA (Country)

Additional Remarks: _____

3. 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
e. At sea
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 OUTSIDE QUARTERS ON PERIMETER OF AIRFIELD.

4. How did you happen to notice the object? SAYING GOOD NIGHT TO GUESTS ON FRONT PORCH, WIFE POINTED TO SKY.

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

16 (Day) AUGUST (Month) 1952 (Year)

WAS REPORTED BY MAJOR [redacted] (maj 29.2)

SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? AS ITEM 4.

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.

PLAYING BRIDGE

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, b. Northeast, c. East, d. Southeast, e. South, f. Southwest, g. West, h. Northwest

7.2 How fast were you moving? _____ 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? ~~Not Applicable~~

(Circle One): a. North, (b.) Northeast, c. East, d. Southeast, e. South, f. Southwest, g. West, h. Northwest

8.1 What direction were you looking when the object disappeared?

(Circle One):
a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
(f.) Southwest
g. West
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).

(a.) Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
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):
a. Through window glass
b. Through windshield
c. Through binoculars
d. Through telescope
e. Through theodolite
f. Through sunglasses
(g.) Through open space
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
d. Thick or heavy clouds
e. Don't remember

11.2 WIND (Circle One)

a. No wind
b. Slight breeze
c. Strong wind
(d.) Don't remember

11.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

a. Dry
b. Fog, Mist, or light rain
c. Moderate or heavy rain
d. Snow
e. Don't remember

LIGHTNING TO THE NORTH AND SOUTHEAST.

11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

a. Cold
b. Cool
c. Warm
d. Hot
e. Don't remember

* HIGH, THIN LAYER OF ALTOSTATUS, ESTIMATED BY ME TO BE BASED AT 12000 FT. SCATTERED STRATOCUMULUS AT 3500!

SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object? 0 Hours 1 Minutes 30 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 — POSSIBLY TRANSLUCENT
THEY DIDN'T APPEAR TO BE SOLID, BUT WERE BELOW ALTOSTRATUS, BLOTTING
14. Did the object at any time: OUT THE MIDDLE CLOUDS.

(Circle One for each question)

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

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

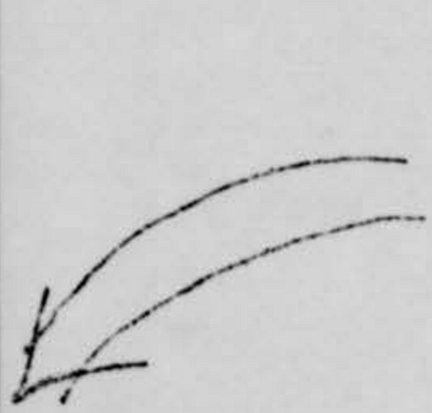
15.1 IF you answered YES, what was the color of the light? _____

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

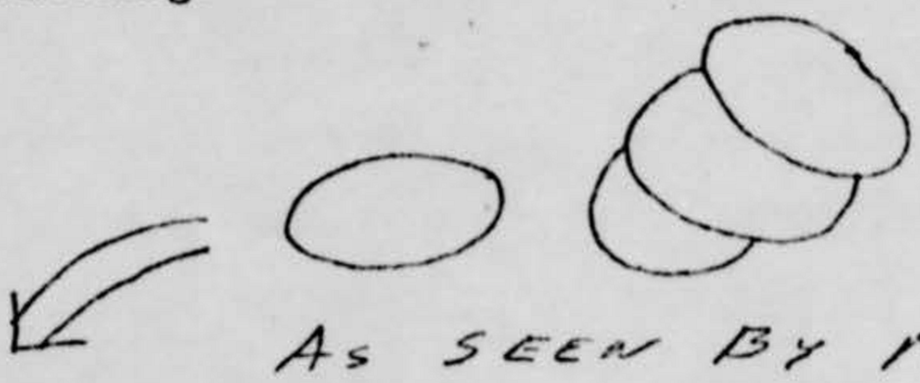
16.1 Sound NONE

16.2 Color LIGHT GRAY, SIMILAR TO THE SPOT A CEILOMETER BEAM MAKES ON THE BASE OF CLOUDS

17. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? 4
Draw a picture of how they were arranged and put an arrow to show the direction they were traveling.



AS SEEN BY ME



AS SEEN BY MRS. [redacted]

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.

MOVED OVER TOP OF HOUSE AND WAS LOST IN GLARE FROM PICTURE WINDOW.

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 APPROX. SIZE.

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? 100000 feet. (APPEARED TO BE BELOW AUTOSTRATUS DECK)
20.2 How far was it from you? ~ feet or ~ miles.
20.3 How fast was it going? ~ miles per hour.
20.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above questions:

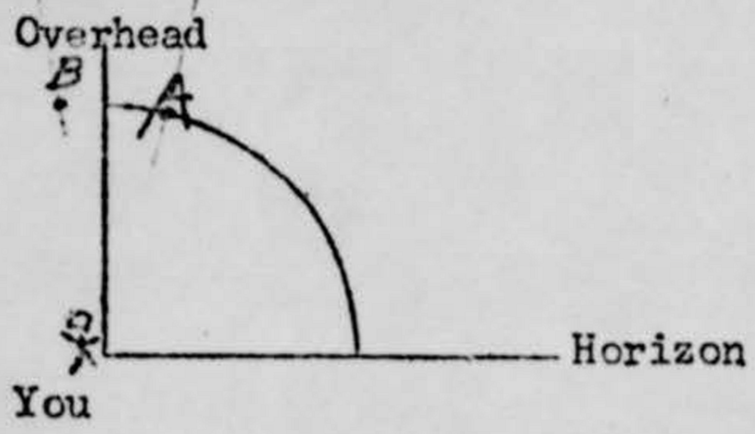
a. Certain
(b.) Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

21. How did the object disappear from view?

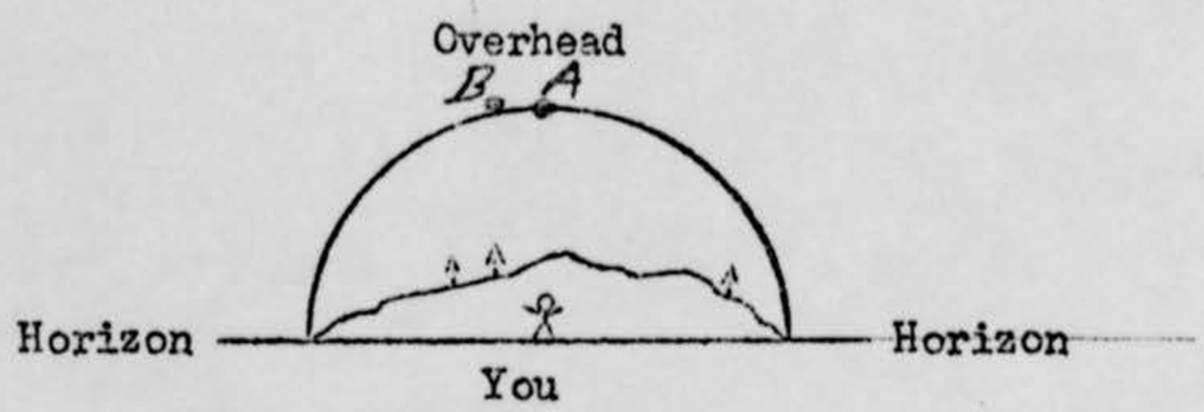
(Circle One): a. Suddenly
b. Gradually
c. Other LOST IN GLARE
d. Don't remember

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.

No motion of object.

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.

As in 17.