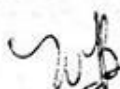


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GFO Encounter Convinces Airline Captain Former Skeptic

The authors are grateful to Dr. J. H. Duerksen for his helpful comments on the manuscript.

It developed, finally, and in my earlier days were among the great loves of the world's loveliest women. He seemed to me to have within him a strong flesh which yielded to me but it strongly yielded. Beauty is lost of it.

It was an Italian Renaissance light, approximately so, in the light of the bright of the day when the planet is in its brightest, impossible.

He showed, when she had it, a

The *Capra* that's *Praying* was from the desert but seems a good sign. "Signs," saying and doing the actions, and the signs giving the story, is what right up to the glowing *Midnight*. And *Capra* will bring the story to the screen. "We'll show other uses, like glue, or fat, to help us at night. This was not the right light, but it is a good one for the eye. Indeed, it is a good one for the eye, bringing a regular interest."

The answer came quickly: "Of course! It's like a Mobile SatNav. You, our customer, is our guide to the sky because of a thick cloud screen. Do you think the object is in our vicinity?"

"Unfortunately," replied Malt, "it looks like a cloud which might melt away soon in the eye of the storm, it's directly ahead of us and at about our altitude or slightly higher. We are right over Malvern and now descended to 10,000 feet. Please inform us call to Brackley Field tower and ask the controller if he can see it or not. Please inform me." *End of transmission.*

Immediately after this radio exchange the UFO began to maneuver, starting back and forth rising and falling, making extremely sharp turns, always far as known observers, sometimes changing direction. Witnesses in the region, all stating this during the radio remained a few, further stated, while not growing or diminishing in size at all.

Captain Bull's report continues: "I thought of calling the passengers over the public address system, but the object was dead silence—a cold pining on its performance, a groan when an animal large enough to eat a cowbitch in the cabin was gored to death, and the usual 'mudguts'."

Along the way, the former suffered from the flu, but JRD suddenly recovered and returned again.

At this moment the LFF again began another series of "unity" speeches. Jerry E. spoke characteristically, "reaching with a line of symbolic rhetoric through the audience the subject that even the Gulf of America, rising as it, extremely deep, single level of, such a feature's speed that it directed, rapidly as a glacier, to change into the light."

According to Captain Hall, the most interesting thing about the performance—barring two minutes of improvisation that the crowd had requested in the more lustrous than the place throughout the exhibition, "How do we know this?" says Hall. "It means—occurred to him, and just we were having done so it at that time from the same in the Vietnam, if it was in—five ten minutes and performing in one area, we should have been at least ten miles away. There were only about 100 miles, certainly took about an hour when viewed or with a great distance in distance. The Hall O'Clock hour was intended to represent of the past distance from it throughout the entire display."

Also, Captain Hull points out, the "Victims were" "above the clouds, justifying any reflections of our thoughts from below."

Chaplin had not yet begun his sighting to the press. That a word was printed about it until he revealed the details to John Dullberg, former associate editor of *Time*, which broke the first big story about him in 1947. Dullberg is now president of CBS in New York.

EXTRACT CSI
BULLETIN 30 HTD
JULY 1957

CAPITAL AIRLINES' PILOTS SEE ACROBATIC NIGHT LIGHT

(The sighting which follows is of particular interest because it was made by an expert observer - a veteran airline pilot - who was formerly extremely skeptical on the subject of flying saucers. In fact, in 1953 Captain Mull wrote an article for Airline Pilot magazine titled "The Obituary of the Flying Saucers." We reprint, with his permission, a slightly condensed excerpt from the letter to CSI President John Du Barry in which he described his experience.)

On the night of November 14, 1956 I was flying a Viscount at high altitude from New York to Mobile, Alabama. We were above a layer of clouds which were occasionally broken, giving us a glimpse of the ground now and then. At 10:10 p.m. E.S.T., when only about 60 miles from Mobile, my co-pilot Peter MacIntosh and I saw what we thought was a brilliant meteor. We were flying south-southwest and it fell across our path from left to right, first becoming visible at the top of the windshield. (The Viscount has wonderful visibility upward.) It decelerated rapidly, just as any meteor does when entering the denser layers of the earth's lower atmosphere, and we expected to see it burn out with the customary flash, which pilots often see, but which people on the ground are often denied.

Imagine our consternation when this brilliant light did not burn out, but abruptly halted directly in front of us! It was an intense blue-white light, approximately 7 or 8 times as bright as Venus when this planet is at its brightest magnitude. Pete shouted "What the hell is it, a jet?" His first thought, of course, was that the object was a diving jet fighter which had turned sharply away from us and in departing, was giving us a view right up its glowing tailpipe. Instantly I knew this could not possibly be an airplane. I have seen the glow of too many jet pipes at night not to recognize one when I see it. It was not the right color; it did not diminish in size, as a departing jet fighter's exhaust should have; and it remained motionless directly ahead of us, how far I cannot say, but it must have been quite a few miles.

I quickly grabbed my microphone and called the Mobile Control Tower. "Bates Tower, this is Capital 77! Look out toward the north and east and see if you can see a strange white light hovering in the sky."

"Capital 77, this is Mobile Bates Tower. We are unable to see much of the sky because of a thick cloud cover. Do you think the object is in our vicinity?"

"Affirmative. It looks like a brilliant white light bulb, about one tenth the size of the moon. It is directly ahead of us and at about our altitude, or slightly higher. We are right over Jackson, Alabama and have descended to 10,000 feet. Please initiate a call to Brookley Field Tower (Air Force Field 20 miles southeast of Bates Field) and ask the controller if he can see it on their big radar scope." (We did not have the military frequency crystals in our transmitter to work Brookley Tower.)

Just after this exchange, the object began to maneuver. It darted hither and yon, rising and falling in undulating flight, making sharper turns than any known aircraft, sometimes changing direction 90 degrees in an instant. All the while the color remained constant, a brilliant blue-white, and the object did not grow or lessen in size. MacIntosh and I sat there completely flabbergasted at this unnerving exhibition. I thought of calling the passengers over the public address system, but the object was dead ahead of us and putting on its performance in an area whose arc was not large enough to enable anybody in the cabin to get a view of it out the side windows. After a half minute or so of this dancing, unorthodox flight the object suddenly became motionless again and hovered dead still. We were simply confounded

by this.

Bates Tower called back. "Capital 77, we are trying to raise the Brookley Tower."

Right at this moment the strange light began another series of crazy gyrations, lazy 8's, square chandelles, all the while weaving through the air with a sort of rhythmic, undulating cadence, the likes of which neither Pete nor I had ever seen. Then, apparently content at the consternation which it had wrought, the object shot out over the Gulf of Mexico, rising at the most breathtaking angle and at such a fantastic speed that it diminished rapidly to a pinpoint and was swallowed up in the night.

This unearthly exhibition probably went on for at least two minutes, according to our best judgment. I glanced at the clock and noted it read 10:12.

The most puzzling thing about the whole occurrence, aside from the dancing flight, was that the object, whatever it was, had remained at the same distance from us throughout the performance. How do we know this? It never increased in size, and yet we were bearing down on it at more than 5 miles a minute in the Viscount. If it was in view two minutes and performing in one area we should have been at least ten miles closer to it. Now, any object that flies certainly looks different when viewed at such a great variance in distance. So this UFO must have managed to remain at the same distance from us throughout the entire display.

If you know southern Alabama you know that it is pretty desolate country, with few inhabitants and only a few small hamlets between Mobile and Montgomery up in the middle of the state. We were above the clouds, precluding any reflections of searchlights from below. I have seen hundreds of advertising searchlights playing on clouds, and this was nothing remotely related. Likewise I am summarily ruling out aircraft (at least the ones we know), balloons, missiles, or any other earth-launched device within my ken. The one thing which I can't get over is the fact that when it came, it came steeply downward; when it departed after its amazing exhibition, it went steeply upward. Now I ask you, John, is this machine based on the earth?

I followed up on this spectacular sighting after landing at Mobile. The control tower operators had reached Brookley after a slight delay, but the controller had seen nothing, and since no night flights were in progress, the surveillance radar had not been energized at the time.

In case any of your members would like to know my background, you may give it to them. You will remember me as objectively skeptical and cynically critical of most of the purported saucer sightings. But I think you have to believe a veteran airline pilot with 17 years of service, 15,000 hours and 3 million miles in his log-book. I am seeking no publicity. I didn't report this sighting to the press and not a word has ever been printed about it until this moment.

W. J. Hall

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 31 December 1956	2. LOCATION Guam	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other UNIDENTIFIED ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 31/1610Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE AF Interceptor Pilot	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE Fm W to S to W (maneuvered)
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING UFO passed under pilot's a/c (F-86-D). Came in fm West - proceeded South, then came over pilot. Pilot unable to gain or intercept obj. It turned West then returned and circled fighter going W. Pilot broke off due to low fuel. UFO described as white, round, dime-size, blinking white lights.		11. COMMENTS Maneuvers strongly indicate a/c. However, in view of stated reliability of observer, & statement no a/c in vicinity (air traffic over small island in Pacific easily discernible) will place in UNIDENTIFIED pending further details & info. Twx 30 Jan could not give any additional data. Case carried as UNIDENTIFIED.

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COMDR AIR DEFENSE COMD ENT AFB COLORADO

COMDR/USAF WHEELER AFB TX

COMDR 3RD ADIV ANDERSEN AFB GUAM MI

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UNCLASS//ATFDO 57-0018, SUBJECT IS UFOB. THE FOLLOWING REPORT
SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 7, AFR 200-2, DTD 12 AUG 1954
AND FEAF SUPPLEMENT 10TD 30 MARCH 1956. THIS MESSAGE IN 12 PARTS.
PART 1. A. ROUND. B. DIME. C. WHITE. D. ONE. E. NO. F. N. G. NONE.
H. NOT DESCERNIBLE. I. BLINKING WHITE LIGHT (REMAINED CONSTANT FOR
APPROX FOUR (4) SECONDS THEN BLINKED OFF AND ON QUICKLY REMAINING
CONSTANT AGAIN FOR THE SAME AMOUNT OF TIME). PART 2. A. OBJECT PASSED
UNDER AIRCRAFT WHILE IT WAS IN A HOLDING PATTERN ON THE GUAM RANGE.
IT CAME FROM A WESTERLY HEADING. B. AZIMUTH WAS THIRTY (30) DEGREES
RIGHT, ELEVATION ABOUT 25 DEGREES LOW. C. PILOT TURNED WITH THE

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OBJECT AND DESCENDED SO AZIMUTH AND ELEVATION WAS NOT DISCERNIBLE. D. THE OBJECT CAME IN FROM A WESTERLY HEADING AND PILOT, THINKING IT WAS A B-47, TURNED DOWN AND INTO THE OBJECT. THE OBJECT PROCEEDED WHEN HE WAS UNABLE TO CLOSE WITH IT AND IT CONTUNUED TO TURN WITH HIM ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE TURN. THE PILOT KNEW THERE WERE NO OTHER FIGHTERS AIRBORNE AT THE TIME AND OTHER AIRCRAFT STATIONED IN THE VICINITY COULD NOT TRUN OUTSUDE THE F-86D,S TURNING RADIUS. THE OBJECT PASSED BETWEEN THE INTERCEPTOR AND THE CITY OF AGANA, GUAM, AND AT THIS TIME NO SILHOUITTE WAS SEEN. THE OBJECT PROCEEDED SOUTH FOR APPROXIMATELY 10 MILES AT THE PILOT, S ALTITUDE (20,000 MSL) THEN IT CLIMBED TO ABOUT 30,000 MSL AND CAME DIRECTLY OVER INTERCEPTOR. PILOT TURNED AIRCRAFT TO KEEP IT IN SIGHT AND IT STARTED CIRCLING HIM. THE INTERCEPTO WAS PLACED IN AFTERBURNER AND TURNED IN TO THE OBJECT TRYING TO HEAD IF OFF. IT CONTINUED TO TURN AROUND AIRCRAFT AND HE WAS UNABLE TO GAIN ON IT OR CLOSE WITH IT. THEN IT PROCEEDED WEST AT AIRCRAFT ALTITUDE AND RETURNED OVER FIGHTER AT 10 TO 15,000 FEET HIGH. PILOT AGAIN TRUNED TO KEEP IT IN SIGHT AND IT CIRCLED FIGHTER AGAIN. AT THIS TIME PILOT HAD TO BREAK OFF AND RETURN TO ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE DUE TO LOW FUEL REMAINING. E. CONTACT WAS

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LOST WHEN PILOT RETURNED TO BASE. F. APPROXIMATELY 10 MINUTES. PART 3.

A. AIR VISUAL. B. NONE. C. FA86D, 52-99 5, 26,000 FEET MSL, 242

DEGRESS, 280 KNOTS, ANDERSEN AFB. PART 4. A. 1610Z, 31 DECEMBER 1956.

B. NIGHT. PART 5. IN AIRCRAFT OVER GUAM RADIO RANGE. PART 6. A. N/A

B. BRUNSON, TED, FIRST LIEUTENANT, 41ST RIGHTER- INTERCEPTOR SQUADRON,

ALERT PILOT, OBSERVER CONSIDERED VERY RELIABLE, NO OTHER SUPPORTING.

PART 7. A. BROKEN CLOUDS AT APPROXIMATELY 3,000 FEET. CLEAR ABOVE.

VISIBILITY 15 MILES PLUS. B. SURFACE - 00 DEGREES AT KNOTS: 6,000

- 100 DEGREES AT 24 KNOTS 10,000 - 100 DEGREES AT 20 KNOTS:

30,000 - 70 DEGREES AT 16 KNOTS: 50,000, - 120 DEGREES AT 35 KNOTS:

80,000 - NOT AVAILABLE. C. 0,000 FEET. D. 15 MILES. E. EVERCAST 10/10

F. NEGATIVE. PART 8. NONE. PART 9. TRIED TO GET TYPE AND SHAPE AND TO

OBSERVE THE OBJECT. SUCCEEDED ONLY IN KEEPING IT IN SIGHT. PART 10.

NO OTHER TRAFFIC KNOWN. A CHECK OF ALL FIELDS AND CONTROL STATIONS

VERIFIED THIS. PART 11. CHARLES E. HEIDENREICH, 2ND LT., USAF,

INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, 41ST FIGHTER INTERCEPTOR SQUADRON. COMMENTS:

SUBMITTED WITHOUT COMMENT. PART 12. NONE.

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that could comment,
specimen, etc.
be given.

In view of stated
reliability of observer and pilot
that no obj in area
was seen as UNKNOWN
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SUBJECT CLN UFO SIGHTING OVER GUAM PD NO FURTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED

THIS ORGANIZATION PD CHECK WITH ADC COMBAT OPERATIONS CENTER

REVEALED THAT THEY RECEIVED NO FURTHER INFORMATION PD END

BT

29/2157Z JAN RJEDEN

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 4 May 58	2. LOCATION Uruguay		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
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1300 GMT 04/1630Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE CIOVI		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 mins	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE -- --	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Case compared to Chiles Whitted (Evaluated as a meteor) by CIOVI. However the duration was rptd as over 5 mins & this rules out a meteor. Obj remained stationary for 5 mins. It was accompanied by a low humming noise when it moved. No wings, cylindrical shape, trail or wake, change in position relative to the vertical are rptd.		11. COMMENTS Insufficient data.	

4 MAY 1300

This report comes from inland, so we have based our studies only on the data taken from the observation files and letters received from the people, but there has been no personal interview of the observers.

All the observers agree that it was a cylindrical object. Some say that it stood still for 5 minutes approximately. Even standing still it had the wake. Nobody saw any wings.

A characteristic worth pointing out is the noise, described as low and rumbling. There are very few cases with this characteristic.

The cylindrical shape, the absence of wings, the wake, the immobility, and the change of position are facts that lead the CIOVI to indicate it was an unidentified object. (Walter Ribeiro says, "it was vertical to the horizon.")

According to the information that we have on that type of OVI, it is commonly known as "flying cigar." To complete this report we think it worthwhile to mention what happened to a DC-3 of the Eastern Airlines on June 24, 1948:

"The plane carried as pilot Clarence Chilles and as Copilot John Witted. At 2:45 AM they were flying to Atlanta when an enormous flying object, like the fuselage of a B-29 without wings. The bottom had a bluish shine, the rear was black, with 2 rows of small windows brilliantly alight, it came suddenly in front of the DC-3 at a terrific speed. The crash seemed inevitable, but, at the last second the "object" maneuvered and went by like a bolt of lightning, rocking the DC-3 with the violent rush of air it left behind. The same "object" was seen the same night, about an hour before, over Robinson Airbase in Georgia and by another pilot who saw it before that on the route of the DC-3. Similar "objects" were seen in the following places: Holland on the 20th of July 1948 and in the Philippines between Hong Kong and Saigon in August the same year. The pilots of the DC-3 reported this strange case, saying that from the rear of the plane there came out a huge tongue of flame."



I N F O R M E

CENTRO DE INVESTIGACION DE OBJETOS VOLADORES INIDENTIFICADOS

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SERVICIO DE INTELIGENCIA - FUERZA AEREA URUGUAYA

Debemos destacar en primer lugar que por tratarse de un fenómeno observado en el interior del país, basamos nuestro estudio solamente en datos obtenidos de las Fichas de Observación y de las cartas recibidas, sin que figure un interrogatorio personal con ninguno de los observadores.-

Todos los observadores concuerdan en precisar que se trataba de un aparato de forma cilíndrica. Algunos indican que se le vió inmóvil durante un lapso de cinco minutos aproximadamente. Aún estando quieto seguía produciendo la estela.

Nadie destaca la existencia de alas.-

Una característica destacable es la del ruido. En este caso se lo describe grave y bajo. Son escasos los antecedentes al respecto.-

No creemos necesario repetir elementos que surgen claros de los relatos contenidos en las Fichas de Observación y en las cartas.-

La forma cilíndrica, la carencia de alas, la formación de estela, la inmovilidad y el cambio de posición (Walter Riberio dice que se "puso vertical al horizonte"), llevan al departamento de Investigación de C.I.O.V.I. a indicar que se trataba de un Objeto Volador Inidentificado.

Ahora bien, de acuerdo a los conocimientos que se poseen, hay un tipo de OVI denominado vulgarmente "cigarro volador", que reúne las condiciones descriptas en el presente caso.-

Completando este informe creemos oportuno mencionar el caso ocurrido al DC 3 de la Eastern Airlines el 24 de junio de 1948.

Este aparato llevaba como piloto a Clarence Chilles y como co-piloto a John Witted. Siendo las 2 y 45 de la mañana volaban con destino a Atlanta cuando un enorme objeto volador, parecido al fuselaje de un B.29 sin alas, teniendo en la parte inferior un brillo azulado, con su parte anterior de color negro, y con dos hileras de ventanucos de donde salía una fuerte luz, surgió frente al DC 3 a gran velocidad.

La colisión parecía inevitable, pero en el último momento el objeto hizo una brusca maniobra y pasó como un bólido mientras que el Douglas era sacudido por la turbulencia del aire. Ese mismo objeto fué visto esa misma noche cerca de una hora antes sobre la Base Robins en Georgia y por otro piloto anteriormente, que volaba en la ruta del DC 3 . Aún más, objetos similares fueron vistos en los siguientes lugares: EN Holanda el 20 de julio de 1948 y en Filipinas entre Hong-Kong y Saigón a principios de agosto del mismo año.- Los pilotos del DC 3 informaron a su llegada del extraño encuentro asegurando que de la parte posterior del extraño aparato brotaba una imponente llama.-

CENTRO DE INVESTIGACION DE OBJETOS VOLADORES INIDENTIFICADOS

(C.I.O.V.I.)

REPUBLICA ORIENTAL DEL URUGUAY

FICHA DE OBSERVACION

Observación realizada por... Walter Siberto.....

Domicilio... Vishadero (Rivers)....Esd. 20...Estado Civil. Soltero...

Profesión u ocupación... Fotógrafo.....

Fecha de la observación... 4 de mayo de 1958.....Hora. 13.....

Lugar de la observación (Departamento, Localidad, Paraje, Calle, etc)
Punta de Arojal. 7ma. Secc. Dep. de Rivera.....

Testigos... Si.....

Domicilio de los testigos.....

Se podía observar o precisar la existencia de un objeto o aparato
 aparentemente sólido?... Si.....

De qué forma?... Esférico.....

Tamaño?... Un poco grande.....

Tenía apariencia de ser metálico?... Si. Brillaba como algo metálico

Cree Ud. que tenía movimiento giratorio sobre si mismo?.....

El movimiento giratorio se apreciaba en todo el aparato? Todo el
 conjunto giraba?.....

Que parte giraba?.....

La visión u objeto, se trasladaba?... Si.....

En que dirección?... hacia el Nor-este. 60 grados.....

La velocidad era uniforme?... Si..... se aceleraba?... No.....

..... se retardaba? Si, en los últimos minutos del fenómeno.-

La trayectoria era en líneas rectas?... La línea parte del trayecto.....

Efectuó alguna maniobra?... Si.....

Puede describirse?... linea parte de la trayectoria. dirección N-E; 2do.
se mueve perpendicular a la tierra, cabeza hacia abajo; 3ro. dirección
N-E.....

Se le observó movimiento de balanceo?... No.....

Qué altura llevaba?... No.....

Dejaba estela?... Si.....

De qué características?... Nube espesa color blanco.....

Había: A) Nubes?... No.....

De qué tipo?.....

B) Viento?... No.....

En qué dirección sopla?.....

Y no fué así, la estela permanecía inalterable, pero como estaba muy lejos se la veía pequeña. Luego el objeto, con su estela comenzó a moverse hacia el Este.- Es decir que se fué enderezando pero muy lentamente, hasta ponerse horizontal como una franjita paralela al horizonte, pero muy lejos del horizonte, para irse esfumando lentamente . Podría decirse que desde el primer momento que lo ví hasta el instante en que no lo ví más duró aproximadamente 20 minutos. Aclarando algunos puntos: el objeto era un punto brillante y estaba en la parte anterior de la estela. Las fotografías son de la estela, pero como dije antes, con una ~~buena~~ buena ampliación del negativo tal vez se vea el objeto, pues cuando hice la toma ya no se veía el objeto a simple vista sino sólo la estela. El objeto siempre tuvo la estela, cuando estuvo sobre mi cabeza, y hasta que se trasladó un poco lo ví en la punta de la estela, pero cuando estuvo más lejos se fué achicando y ya no fué posible verlo .-

Walter Hibeño
FIRMA

CENTRO DE INVESTIGACION DE OBJETOS VOLADORES INIDENTIFICADOS

(C.I.O.V.I.)

REPUBLICA ORIENTAL DEL URUGUAY

FICHA DE OBSERVACION

Observación realizada por..... O'Brien Argacha
 Domicilio..... Colonia R. Rius..... Edad..... 38..... Estado Civil..... Casado
 Profesión u ocupación..... Radiotécnico-comerciante.....
 Fecha de la observación..... 4 de mayo 1958..... Hora..... 13
 Lugar de la observación (Departamento, Localidad, Puesto, Calle, etc.)
 Depto. Durazno. Colonia Rosell y Rius
 Testigos..... Lila Bouchels - Juan Carlos Argacha - Ariel Abreu-Luis Argacha - Irene Vázquez.....
 Domicilio de los testigos.....
 Se podía observar o precisar la existencia de un objeto o aparato aparentemente sólido?..... No.-
 De qué forma?.....
 Tamaño?.....
 Tenía apariencia de ser metálico?..... No.-
 Cree Ud. que tenía movimiento giratorio sobre si mismo?.....
 El movimiento giratorio se apreciaba en todo el aparato? Todo el conjunto giraba?.....
 Que parte giraba?.....
 La visión u objeto, se trasladaba?..... Si.-
 En que dirección?..... Sur-este a nor-este.-
 La velocidad era uniforme?..... Si.- se aceleraba?..... No.-
 se retardaba?..... No.-
 La trayectoria era en líneas recta?..... Si.-
 Efectuó alguna maniobra?..... No.-
 Puede describirla?.....
 Se le observó movimiento de balanceo?.....
 Qué altura llevaba?..... 300 mts.-
 Dejaba estela?..... No.-
 De qué características?.....
 Había: A) Nubes?..... No.-
 De qué tipo?..... Si.-
 B) Viento?..... Si.-
 En qué dirección soplaba?..... nor-este a sur-este

C) Lluvia? **No.-**
D) Niebla? **No.-**
E) Humedad? **No.-**
F) Tiempo tormentoso? **No.-**
Hacia que lugar estaba la tormenta? **No.-**
El fenómeno se produjo: a) Por encima de las nubes?
b) Por debajo de las nubes?
c) A través de las nubes?
d) Por entre dos capas de nubes?
Que temperatura había? **15 a 20 grados**
El fenómeno se detuvo en algún momento? **No.-**
Cuál era su color? **Siempre**
Cambiasa de color? **Cuando se alejó.-**
Como cambiaba de color? **-----**
Puede precisar la ubicación de los colores?
Luminosidad general del fenómeno: a) muy brillante?
b) regular? **Si.-**
c) débil?
Destaque si el fenómeno se hallaba cerca de algún lugar importante (tal como aeropuerto, dependencia militar, industria, construcción vital, etc).
No hay nada por acá de lo que se destaca.-
Notó Ud. que la temperatura ambiente aumentaba? **No.-**
Hacía ruido? **No.-** Puede describirlo?
Oyó el ruido: a) antes de apreciar el fenómeno?
b) simultáneamente?
c) después?
Notó si después de ocurrir el fenómeno se observó la precipitación de alguna materia extraña sobre la tierra?
Notó Ud. alguna alteración eléctrica (en su casa, auto, alumbrado público, etc.) **No.-**
Indique si después de la observación Ud. experimentó algún trastorno físico (pérdida de pelos o de cabello, quemaduras en la piel, trastornos digestivos, Pérdida de conocimiento, etc).
Indique si antes de ocurrir el suceso o en el momento de éste, pudo apreciar algún estado de intranquilidad o excitación nerviosa en criaturas o animales.
Otras características que crea Ud. necesario destacar. **Diga que era un objeto que producía a su alrededor un fenómeno en la atmósfera que no permitía divisarlo.-**
Los otros testigos vieron lo mismo? **Si.-**
En que discrepan? **En nada**

Es la primera vez que Ud. ve un fenómeno como el que describe?...

Los otros testigos?..... también

Detalle (si lo es posible) qué se encontraba Ud. haciendo previamente a ocurrir el fenómeno..... Almorzando.

Concretamente, cuál es su opinión con respecto a lo ocurrido? que es un fenómeno que nunca se había visto en este país, y que por su forma rara no puede haber que pertenezca a nada de lo que hasta ahora nos hayan hecho creer los hombres de ciencia de este planeta.

En las líneas que siguen deseamos que Ud. relate el caso con sus propias palabras. Lo que detallamos a continuación es el tipo de fenómeno que ocurrió en el momento en que mi señora salió afuera, al notar alguna variación en la luminosidad del ambiente levantó la cabeza para observar a qué se debía y entonces con gran sorpresa notó un objeto alargado de forma bien cilíndrica, o más bien de cigarro, que se trasladaba a... velocidad regular de sur-oeste a nor-este. Fué entonces, que me dió un toque de alarma y yo con mi trija, que habíamos quedado en la casa corríamos a ver qué sucedía. Fué entonces que pudimos constatar la presencia de ese objeto raro, el cual con todo su cuerpo producía un efecto de interferencia tal como ese que se observa en esos medios días de verano al mirar al horizonte. Su velocidad era como la de un avión de pasajeros corriente. Su forma extremadamente rara. No hacía ruido alguno. Por unos momentos quedamos como petrificados ante la extraña observación y luego corrimos a avisar a los testigos que aquí figuran, los cuales también hicieron igual observación.

O'Brien Argachá

FIRMA DEL OBSERVADOR

Cod. de Identidad No.....

Cred. Cívica No..... RCA 559.-

CENTRO DE INVESTIGACION DE OBJETOS VOLADORES IDENTIFICADOS

(C.I.O.V.I.)

REPUBLICA ORIENTAL DEL URUGUAY

FICHA DE OBSERVACION

Observación realizada por Francisco Hugo Mandiá.-
 Domicilio. Cno. Santos 4696 Edad. 46 Estado Civil. Casado
 Profesión u ocupación. empleado
 Fecha de la observación. 4 de mayo de 1958 Hora. 12 a 12 y 15
 Lugar de la observación (Departamento, Localidad, Puesto, Calle, etc)
Sarandí del Yi (Florida) cerca de la estación Tabaré
 Testigos. Orestes Noccia y Martín Echeverrigaray
 Domicilio de los testigos. idem.-
 Se podía observar o precisar la existencia de un objeto o aparato
 aparentemente sólido? No.-
 De qué forma? ---
 Tamaño? ---
 Tenía apariencia de ser metálico? No.-
 Cree Ud. que tenía movimiento giratorio sobre si mismo? ---
 El movimiento giratorio se apreciaba en todo el aparato? Todo el
 conjunto giraba? ---
 Que parte giraba? ---
 La visión u objeto, se trasladaba? Si.-
 En que dirección? Sur-Oeste- a Nor-este.-
 La velocidad era uniforme? Si.- se aceleraba? No.-
 se retardaba? No.-
 La trayectoria era en línea recta? Si.-
 Efectuó alguna maniobra? No.-
 Puede describirla? ---
 Se le observó movimiento de balanceo? No.-
 Qué altura llevaba? 3.000 mts.- (estimado)
 Dejaba estela? Si.-
 De qué características? Estela corta, fina, caract. de humo
 Había: A) Nubes? No.-
 De qué tipo? ---
 B) Viento? No.-
 En qué dirección soplabas? ---

C) Lluvia?... **No.**
D) Niebla?... **No.**
E) Humedad?... **No.**
F) Tiempo tormentoso?... **No.**
Hacia que lugar estaba la tormenta?
El fenómeno se produjo: a) Por encima de las nubes?... **No.**
b) Por debajo de las nubes?... **No.**
c) A través de las nubes?... **No.**
d) Por entre dos capas de nubes?... **No.**
Que temperatura había?... **Medio templado.**
El fenómeno se detuvo en algún momento?... **No.**
Cuál era su color?... **Blanco (La estela)**
Cambió de color?... **No.**
Como cambiaba de color?...
Puede precisar la ubicación de los colores?...
Luminosidad general del fenómeno: a) muy brillante?...
b) regular?...
c) débil?...
Destaque si el fenómeno se hallaba cerca de algún lugar importante (tal como aeropuerto, dependencias militares, industria, construcción vital, etc.)...
... **dependencias militares y aeronáuticas.**
Notó Ud. que la temperatura ambiente aumentaba?... **No.**
Hacia ruido?... **No.** Puede describirlo?...
Oyó el ruido: a) antes de apreciar el fenómeno?... **No.**
b) simultáneamente?... **No.**
c) después?... **No.**
Notó si después de ocurrir el fenómeno se observó la precipitación de alguna materia extraña sobre la tierra?...
Notó Ud. alguna alteración eléctrica (en su casa, auto, alumbrado público, etc.)... **No.**
Indique si después de la observación Ud. experimentó algún trastorno físico (pérdida de bellos o de cabello, quemaduras en la piel, trastornos digestivos, pérdida de conocimiento, etc.)...
Indique si antes de ocurrir el suceso o en el momento de éste, pudo apreciar algún estado de intranquilidad o excitación nerviosa en criaturas o animales...
Otras características que crea Ud. necesario destacar... **La estela**
... **desaparición de improviso.**
Los otros testigos vieron lo mismo?... **Si.**
En que discrepan?... **en nada.**

En la primera vez que Ud. ve un fenómeno como el que describe?.

Al.,.

Los otros testigos?.. Igual..

Detalle (si lo es posible) qué se encontraba Ud. haciendo previamente a ocurrir el fenómeno.

Finalmente, en qué fecha, hora y lugar, y a los efectos de la familia.

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Concretamente: cuál es su opinión con respecto a lo ocurrido?

Me queda sin explicar.

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En las líneas que siguen desearé que Ud. relate el caso con sus propias palabras, lo más detalladamente que le sea posible. En la fecha mencionada nos encontramos en los campos ya indicados. El fenómeno que observamos fue una luz blanca muy brillante, que se movió rápidamente hacia el cielo y se desvaneció. Después de eso, la tormenta continuó y muy pronto volvió a caer. En ese momento la gran altura y distancia del lugar en que nos encontramos, cuando se produjo el fenómeno, sin dejar rastros.

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Hugo Manjila
Firma del Observador

Ord. de Identificación No. 108.821

Ord. Oficina No.

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 6 October 1953	2. LOCATION Groveland, Massachusetts	10. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Ballast ☐ Probably Ballast ☐ Possibly Ballast ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Aeronautical ☐ Probably Aeronautical ☐ Possibly Aeronautical ☐ Other ☐ Insignificant Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local Oct 06 1953	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground Visual ☐ Ground Radar ☐ Air Visual ☐ Air Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOL 0 Yes 10 No	6. SOURCE Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 60 seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	9. COURSE SSW
11. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING 65' long tube or disc observed in the afternoon at estimated alt of 25,000 ft w/speed of 1,000mph in straight horizontal flight. Color silver, sky clear.		12. COMMENTS Some of the estimates are wrong since the obj would remain in sight for a longer period of time than that rptd. Sighting was probably the misinterpretation of an a/c

AFSC FORM 100 (REV 14 SEP 52)

See
H/4

Dear Sir,

We have spotted an
Unidentified Flying Ob-
ject, here is the information:

Date: Oct. 9, 1958.

Time of sighting: 3:25 P.M.

Size: est. 65 ft. long.

Shape: tube or disc.

Composition: slim and long, pointed
at both ends.

Speed: est. 1000 m.p.h.

Altitude: est. 35,000 ft.

Direction of travel: South Southeast.

Maneuver Pattern: Straight horizon-
tal.

Color: Silver.

Sound: none.

Length of time observed: 60 sec.

Sky conditions: Cloudless blue sky.

Visibility: Perfect

Ground Direction of wind: (No wind)
Northwest West.

(OVER)

9 Oct

29 October 1958

Dear Mr. Colcord:

This is to acknowledge and thank you and Mr. Robert McComiskie for your interest in submitting the unidentified flying object sighting report of 9 October 1958 at Groveland, Massachusetts.

Estimates of speed and altitude are not acceptable unless measured by accurate instruments.

However, since Groveland is located directly under Airway Route Blue 4, which runs Northwest to Southeast, you probably saw an aircraft at high altitude flying towards Boston.

Sincerely,

LAWRENCE J. TACER
Major, USAF
Executive Officer
Public Information Division
Office of Information Services

Mr. Peter Colcord
13 Broad Street
Groveland, Massachusetts

CC: Mr. Robert McComiskie
27 Broad Street
Groveland, Massachusetts

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**REPORT ON AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
OVER**

HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

February 5, 1960 and February 6, 1960

(Observed by Hundreds of Witnesses)

This report is the result of a thorough and exhaustive study of this occurrence by the

LOS ANGELES NICAP SUBCOMMITTEE (LANS)

A Scientific, Investigative Committee of the

NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE ON AERIAL PHENOMENA (NICAP)

1536 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

Major Donald E. Keyhoe

USMC (Ret.)

Director

Foreword

Correlation of observations of many independent witnesses, who observed this phenomenon from various locations in Hollywood, together with scientific and technological information from authoritative sources have made this report possible.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to all witnesses who gave so generously of their time in describing their observations of this sighting, and granted permission to use their names in this report. Our sincere thanks also to those witnesses who, for personal reasons, requested anonymity, but nevertheless rendered valuable information and assistance.

Our grateful acknowledgment for vital information and advice on the technological aspects of this study, to the following: U. S. Weather Bureau, Santa Monica, California; U. S. Weather Bureau, International Airport, Inglewood, California; U. S. Weather Bureau, Burbank, California; Lockheed Control Tower, Lockheed Airport, Burbank, California; Lockheed Aircraft Corp. (1) Lockheed Research, (2) Missiles and Space Div., Van Nuys, California; Griffith Park Observatory, Los Angeles, California; Dept. of Water and Power (1) Los Angeles, (2) Van Nuys, California; Southern California Edison Co., Los Angeles, California, Edwards Air Force Base, Weather Detachment Forecaster, California; and U. S. Naval Ordnance Station, China Lake, California.

A special word of thanks to The Citizen-News, whose article (see page 2) in behalf of this committee, brought remarkable results in locating witnesses to this sighting.

MYSTERY FLASH

Fireball Reported In Hollywood Skies

That mystery flash which was reported from four western states — Montana, Idaho, Wyoming and Utah — Sunday night, may also have been observed in Hollywood by E. W. Cass, who says the flash lit up his bedroom like a flash-light through the window. Cass was the second local man to report the phenomenon.

Cass, who lives at 1554 N. Sierra Bonita Ave. in Hollywood, says the flash first lit up his room at 11:30 as he was winding the alarm clock. He looked outside and saw a "red ball" in the sky and he watched it for a couple of minutes before he called his wife, then they went outside and watched it some more.

He described the direction as slightly north of east from his location. His description as to the time involved in observing the phenomenon, whatever it was, is not in keeping with the descriptions of the flash seen, and heard, (it was described as sounding like a flock of jets going by) in the Montana disturbance, which the various reports investigated would tend to pinpoint in the area of the Bitter Root Valley.

(Time given as Sunday night should read Saturday night)

(Name Floyd Rickores should read Floyd Rickords)

Cass' description of the sighting closely resembles that related to the Associated Press Monday by amateur astronomer Floyd Rickores, also of Hollywood.

Rickores said after the flash of light the "red ball" was brighter than anything else in the sky. It seemed to hang motionless between two stars for some time, then took off with fantastic speed and disappeared.

Los Angeles Herald & Express

Sky Mystery Light Seen As Meteor

A mysterious bright light in the sky visible here early yesterday was undoubtedly a meteor, experts said today.

Hundreds of persons in Utah, Montana and Wyoming saw the strange light, indicating its path was over that area.

Local witnesses said the light appeared to hover over Hollywood and Vine, and early reports identified it as a weather balloon.

However, Floyd Rickores of Hollywood, an amateur astronomer, said he tracked a red ball in the sky for nearly five minutes after a "bright flash lighted the room." He said the ball was brighter than anything else in the sky, and he guessed it was thousands of miles above the earth.

"It seemed to stay stationary between two stars for three or four minutes, then it took off with a fantastic speed and disappeared," he said.

Western Air Line Pilot Richard Below, whose plane was 11,000 feet over Western Montana, said the light was "fantastically bright . . . it lit up everything in the cockpit and the cabin and the entire sky outside."

Observers in the mountain states described the light as something like a flash of lightning streaking across the sky.

Mystery Light Hangs Over Hollywood

Scores of telephone inquiries were received by the police and newspaper offices late last night from people who reported a strange red light high in the heavens almost directly over Hollywood Blvd. and Vine st.

After a check of Weather Bureau stations, the FAA and all airports in the metropolitan area, Lt. R. S. Tucker, night watch commander at the Hollywood police division, said he was unofficially recording the phenomenon as a weather balloon.

The "UFO" (unknown flying object) was first reported at 11:30 p.m.

Lt. Tucker, who kept track on the light from his office window, said it ap-

peared to snuff out at 12:15 a.m.

A spokesman for the Weather Bureau said he did not believe it was a scheduled weather balloon flight, but that it "could have been."

He explained that the light, operated by batteries, is to warn approaching aircraft. The balloons usually remain in the air for about an hour and ascend to as high as 100,000 feet. The vertical position of the "UFO" over Hollywood last night was explained by the fact wind conditions were zero.

Thurs., March 10, 1960 The Citizen-News

Sky Light Witnesses Sought by Committee

Persons who may have witnessed an unusual bright light in the sky on the night of Feb. 6 are urged to contact the National Investigation Committee of Aerial Phenomena.

A representative of the committee, which makes an evaluation of such happenings, can be reached by calling RE-public 1-5330.

THE REPORT.

(As described by many witnesses. Signed reports in files of NICAP.)

On two successive nights, February 5, 1960 and February 6, 1960, from 11:15 PM until after midnight, a brilliant red light traversed approximately the same course low over the heart of Hollywood.

It moved very slowly and silently, remaining completely stationary for periods of 8 to 10 minutes at a time.

Both nights the brilliant red light came from the west, traveling due east, parallel with Sunset Boulevard. And both nights it stopped and remained motionless over the northwest corner of Sunset Boulevard and La Brea Avenue 5 to 8 minutes. Friday night it continued its motion due east (after the 5 minute stop) for about two blocks, then veered to the southeast and disappeared.

Saturday night the red light made its appearance about the same time (11:15 PM) seemingly following the identical course, west to east, parallel with Sunset Boulevard. This time its first stop was about a block east of La Brea, where it remained stationary for approximately 10 minutes. Elevation of the light at this point was approximately 560 feet. (See Elevation A, Page 17.) Then, as witnesses watched, there was a loud explosion, and flash of bluish white light (flash of light was directed downward and westward), and the sudden formation of a "mushroom" shaped white cloud.

At the moment of the bright flash, a dull aluminum colored tubular shaped object was seen to shoot upwards, and a smaller object was seen "spiraling" downward. As the "whitish" cloud dissipated, it took on faint hues of pink, blue and purple. Some noticed a peculiar odor.

Simultaneous with the explosion, the brilliant red light seemed "to go out". It "came back on", or reappeared about five seconds later, slightly higher in elevation and a block west of the point of explosion--again, as on Friday night, it was directly over the northwest corner of Sunset Boulevard and La Brea Avenue. There it remained stationary for approximately eight minutes (while hundreds of Hollywood citizens watched in unbelieving amazement). Elevation of the light at this point was approximately 1,000 feet. (See Elevation B, page 17.) Then, very slowly it began to move due east. Witnesses said that for a few minutes the movement was so slow that it was almost imperceptible to the eye. After moving due east for about a block, it turned in a northeasterly direction, and appeared to be gaining altitude steadily. Finally, it stopped again, at an elevation of approximately 28,000 feet (see Elevation C, page 17), remaining motionless for about ten minutes--then suddenly shot straight up at "fantastic speed" and was out of sight in less than three seconds.

DESCRIPTION OF RED LIGHT.

Although the size of the light was variously estimated from the size of a baseball to a full moon, the majority of observers said that it appeared to be about one-fourth, or one-third the size of the full moon. (It has been suggested that the difference of opinion as to the size of the light may have been due to differences in location of witnesses, and angle of sighting.) There was almost unanimous agreement that the shape was round and clearly defined. Only a few thought the outline was fuzzy. To those who saw the light, there was no doubt as to its color. It was red--very red. The shade of red most often described

was "a brilliant cherry red". Several viewers said that the light was "pulsating". Many witnesses described the forward movement of the red light, when in motion, as "deliberate" or "like that of a controlled device". All observers said that it was unlike anything they had ever seen.

FRIDAY NIGHT SIGHTING (Feb. 5, 1960) AS TOLD BY THE WITNESSES.

Jerry Darr was busily attending to his duties at the Standard Service Station, where he was employed, at the northeast corner of Sunset Boulevard and La Brea Avenue. The time was shortly after 11:00 PM. The weather was clear and the stars visible. Something bright caught his eye and he looked up. He recounted, "There was this brilliant red light coming over the Eldorado (restaurant) real low. I just stared, sort of transfixed for a moment, wondering what it was." Then he called his co-worker, Charles Walker, to see it, and by that time others were looking up and watching as the red light came on slowly and silently towards them. Jerry Darr and Charles Walker then related how the red light had stopped and remained motionless for at least five minutes over Tiny Naylor's Restaurant and Drive-in across the street at the northwest corner of Sunset and La Brea. They said, "Hundreds of people saw it--everybody was looking up." Then the light began moving again, slowly, and came directly over the service station, moving due east. Charles Walker commented, "It didn't float--its movement was deliberate--like a machine." Jerry Darr went on, "As it passed right over us, we stared and stared at it and we couldn't see what that light was attached to--it was frustrating!" About a block east of them it turned southeast and Jerry Darr said, "I looked away for a second and when I looked back, it was gone--just as if it had turned off."

Less than a third of a mile north, others were watching this strange sight. Ken Meyer, manager of the Union Oil Service Station, at the northeast corner of Hollywood Boulevard and Sycamore, had also seen the bright red light. He said he could detect no movement for about ten minutes, then it slowly moved away in a southeasterly direction. Meyer said that he and others watching decided that it was either "manned or radio-controlled because of the abrupt and apparently purposeful manner of leaving."

Mr. Harold Sherman, author and lecturer, and Mrs. Sherman had just returned to the Garden Court Apartments, 7021 Hollywood Boulevard, where they reside, and as they got out of their car they too saw the brilliant red light. They both agreed that the size of the light, as near as they could estimate, was about one-fourth the size of the full moon. It was such a spectacle, they decided to walk on down Hollywood Boulevard a short distance to call their friends, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Brown, owners of Brown's Confectionery, 7007 Hollywood Boulevard. Mrs. Brown thought that it looked like a "ball of fire just hanging motionless in the sky". As the four watched, it began moving slowly--appeared to stop again--then moved eastward. Soon it disappeared from view behind the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, and the four interested observers walked hurriedly on down to the next corner (Hollywood Boulevard and Orange), hoping to see it again as it reappeared. In a few minutes it came into view again from behind the hotel, but was turning southeast away from them. Slowly the red light diminished in size, and then was gone. Mr. Brown commented that the elevation of the light seemed very low. Mrs. Sherman thought they had watched the light for approximately twenty minutes. Mr. Sherman said, "twenty or thirty other passersby saw it, and some taxi men at the Hollywood Roosevelt also witnessed the phenomenon, all asking each other, 'what is it?'"

Other witnesses, who requested anonymity, including a police officer at the Hollywood Police Station, witnessed this phenomenon Friday night.

SATURDAY NIGHT (Feb. 6, 1960) RED LIGHT REAPPEARS.

On Saturday nights, between 11:00 PM and midnight, activity on Hollywood Boulevard seems to reach a high point for the entire week. The same is true of other main thoroughfares in the heart of Hollywood. This Saturday night was no exception. The sky was clear and the stars visible. The moon was almost due west about thirty-five degrees off the horizon, two days past first quarter. It was an ideal night.

Miss Anne O'Neal, actress, was enjoying the sight from the porch of the Garden Court Apartments, 7021 Hollywood Boulevard, where she resides. A very bright red object in the sky attracted her attention, and after studying it for a minute or two, she went into the lobby and called Mr. Leonard Luban, night clerk at the Garden Court, and Mr. Lester Luther, drama teacher (also a resident of the Garden Court).

They hurried back to the porch and there they were greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sherman, coming up the walk, who had seen the brilliant red light just as they got out of their car, exactly in the same way they had first seen it the previous night. Both Mr. and Mrs. Sherman agreed that it appeared to be in the same place as the night before. Leonard Luban rushed back into the lobby and put in a hurried call to one of the daily newspapers, and asked if they knew what the strange red light was. He was told they hadn't heard about it. He returned to the porch and watched for a few minutes more with the others, and decided to phone the newspaper again. This time they told him, "We've had a lot of calls--but we don't know what it is!" Luban joined the others again and the five continued to watch--and wonder.

Approximately ten minutes elapsed. The brilliant red light was still motionless. Others on the boulevard were looking up. Suddenly there was an explosion and flash of bright bluish white light. Mr. Luther told interviewers, "The flash of white light came out of the right side of the red light--and the explosion wasn't like a sonic boom, or like any explosion I've ever heard. It was different. The red light went out, and about five seconds later came back on. It was just the same size as before the explosion--about the size of a pie tin, or one-third the size of the full moon. Something fell out of it and spiraled downwards."

Anne O'Neal told interviewers, "We were all so amazed when the red light came back on several seconds later--we thought it had blown up!" "A mushroom shaped white cloud formed at the time of the explosion, and as it dissipated, I noticed colors of blue and purple in it", she said. She also noticed a "peculiar odor", something like sulphur, she thought. Miss O'Neal described the light as a "large red star that radiated light--about one-third the size of the full moon". She, too, saw some small object, which she could not describe, spiral downwards after the explosion.

Leonard Luban spoke of the strange odor, the mushroom shaped cloud, the pulsating of the red light, and the object that spiraled downwards after the explosion. He said, "When the red light reappeared several seconds after the explosion, it was considerably higher and a little farther to the west." Luban agreed with the others that the light was about one-third the size of the full moon.

Mr. Sherman described the explosion, the white flash coming out of one side of the red light, and directed westward, the mushroom shaped white cloud, and the pulsating of the light. But he did not see the object that fell downward. His eyes were focused on something else. In the moment of illumination from the white flash of light, he saw a "tubular shaped object shoot upwards". He said, "It appeared to be dull aluminum in color." (See diagram B page 14.) Mr. Sherman described the red light going out at the moment of the explosion and coming back on about five seconds later, somewhat higher in elevation and a little west of its original position. Before the explosion, the light had been due south of the Garden Court.

Mrs. Sherman confirmed the statements of the others on most points. She didn't notice the object falling downward, nor the object which shot upward, seen by Mr. Sherman. Caught in a moment of surprise, it is understandable that no one person could perceive all of the details of a bizarre happening such as this. Therefore, five witnesses viewing such an occurrence at the same time could give a more complete account of the various details which contributed to the entire picture.

All five observers related how they continued to watch the red light as it again remained motionless (after its reappearance following the explosion) for five minutes or so. Then it began to move, very slowly, due east. It continued this course for a block or two, then turned northeast. This brought it towards them, but slightly east of them. (See map, page 15.) It was ascending steadily and as it crossed Hollywood Boulevard the watchers realized that very soon buildings would obstruct their view. Mr. and Mrs. Sherman and Mr. Luther rushed into the lobby and took the elevator to the roof where they had an excellent unobstructed view of the object as it continued to ascend in a northeasterly direction. Finally, it stopped again and remained stationary for approximately ten minutes. The three viewers described what happened next in these words, "Suddenly it shot straight up at fantastic speed and was out of sight in two or three seconds."

MORE OBSERVERS TELL OF SATURDAY NIGHT SIGHTING.

A little more than a fourth of a mile north of the Garden Court, Miss June Di Maggio, actress-singer, was returning home to her apartment at the Landmark Apartments, 7047 Franklin Avenue. Just as she was about to enter the building she was startled by an explosion and flash of light, which lit up the ground around her. She said, "I looked up and saw a pink cloud of smoke--sort of mushroom shaped--and a tubular shaped 'top' which was spinning. The left side looked shiny, but the right side seemed to be shadowed. I only saw the spinning object for a second. Then the smoke seemed to turn to lavender and different colors." Miss Di Maggio said that she felt slight concussion from the explosion. She went into the apartment building then and did not see anymore.

Ken Meyer, night manager of the Union Service Station at the corner of Sycamore and Hollywood, saw the red light for only a minute or so Saturday night. He said that it was in the northwest, apparently stationary. He was very busy at the time and did not see it again. He did not recall the time. (It is presumed to have been before 11:15 PM.)

Floyd Rickords, instructor of IBM key punch, of 1646 North Curson Avenue, was viewing the moon through his telescope (Polarex, 1200 mm focal length, eyepiece 25 mm, 48 power eyepiece). Mr. Rickords told of his experience, "It was near 11:30 PM and there was a loud explosion and flash of light that was so bright

that I could easily have read fine print by it. My first thought was that some aircraft had blown up. I had been looking at the moon in the west, but the flash of light came from the east. I looked in the direction of the explosion and flash and expected to see parts of a plane falling, but instead, there was a brilliant red light motionless in the sky. A few minutes later I saw it through the telescope, but could still not make out anything but the burning red light, that seemed to be turning or revolving. After the light ascended, it was directly between two stars. Although it was many times larger than any star, it twinkled like a star." Mr. Rickords said that he went in the house to get his wife, who had retired earlier, to come out and see the strange object, and by the time he got back outside, the red light was gone.

Across the street at 1647 Curson Avenue, Tom Burns and two friends were watching television. Burns said, "It must have been near 11:30 because the commercial had just come on. All of a sudden we heard an explosion and I raced out to see what happened. What I saw looked just like a big red Christmas ball hanging there in the sky. It seemed to pulsate from time to time. I went back into the apartment and the three of us watched it off and on through the window. Finally, we went back outside and it seemed smaller than when I first saw it. The first time I looked at it, it looked as big as the full moon, and I had the feeling that it was going to fall. It stayed in one place for a long while, then it went straight up into the sky at terrific speed and was gone in a couple of seconds." Mr. Burns' friends gave complete testimony of their sighting to interviewers, but requested anonymity. Their statements confirmed Mr. Burns' account of the sighting.

At 1554 North Sierra Bonita Avenue, Mr. E. W. Cass, builder and contractor, was winding his alarm clock and looking right at it. He had not switched the light on, he said, as there was sufficient light from the hallway. "It was exactly 11:30", he declared, "and suddenly a bright flash lit up the whole bedroom." Astonished, he went to investigate and find out who was responsible. Mr. Cass continued, "I went outside and there in the sky was a big red light--about twenty-five times larger than a red light on a plane. I stared at it for a couple of minutes, then I called my wife (who was still watching television in the living room). We both watched it for a while and it didn't seem to move at all. Finally, I decided to call the police and tell them about it." Mrs. Cass said, "The stars were very clear, and we noticed that this big red light was right between two stars. As we were watching, it went straight up into the sky very fast, and we didn't see it any more." Both Mr. and Mrs. Cass commented on what a beautiful shade of red that it was. They both agreed that it was the most beautiful shade of red that they had ever seen! (Strangely enough, several other witnesses made the same comment.) Mr. Cass asserted, "I've never been interested in things that are in the sky, but I've never seen anything like that in my whole life."

Sone' Rosi, parking lot attendant at the La Brea Inn, 1543 North La Brea Avenue, was enjoying a moment of respite. Then he heard an explosion--and the ground around him lit up like day. "It was a bluish white light", he said. At first he saw nothing unusual, but after a few minutes he saw what looked like a "big hot ember" about as big as the full moon. He thought it looked as though "pieces were falling from it". It finally moved east, slowly, and out of sight. A row of tall pine trees east of the La Brea Inn could have obstructed Mr. Rosi's view of the red object as it turned northeast.

ENIGMATIC RED LIGHT ATTRACTS HUNDREDS AT BUSY INTERSECTION.

The corner of Sunset Boulevard and La Brea Avenue is a typical modern intersection where two six lane thoroughfares intersect. Located on the four corners are two gasoline service stations, a popular restaurant and drive-in, and a market which remains open until midnight. All are brightly lighted. Adjacent to these are more equally popular restaurants, also brightening the area with highly illuminated decorative signs.

Saturday nights this area is fairly teeming with life and activity. The restaurants are "packed", late shoppers are buying their groceries for the week, and the usual steady stream of drivers are going in and out of the service stations, and lined up bumper to bumper waiting for signals to change. Such was the picture at Sunset and La Brea on Saturday night, February 6, when an explosion and flash of light caused throngs of Hollywood citizens to stop and look up into the sky. The story is told by two police officers, a waiter and a waitress, who witnessed this inexplicable event.

Tiny Naylor's Restaurant and Drive-in occupies the northwest corner of the intersection. The Drive-in was filled to capacity. Outside, standing on the lot were Officer Ray Lopez, and Officer Daniel Jaffee of the Los Angeles Police Department. Officer Lopez said that when he heard the explosion and looked up, he saw a bright red light--something like a flare, but sharply outlined, and about one-fourth the size of the full moon. He said, "It was directly overhead--right straight up. I had the feeling that it was going to fall. After watching it hover in the same place for about five minutes, it began to move eastward very slowly. I believe that I watched it for about twenty minutes, but I didn't have the opportunity to watch it steadily, and the last time I looked, it was out of sight." Officer Lopez said that he had phoned the station and reported the object and he added, "They'd already heard about it."

Officer Jaffee recalled that when he first looked up, following the explosion, he thought he saw a puff of smoke. A few seconds later, he saw the red light. His description was very much the same as that of Officer Lopez. "It was straight overhead, silent, and just hanging there", he said. Officer Jaffee continued, "It seemed to be the color of a flare, but it didn't flicker like a flare. I had the feeling it was going to drop. When it began to move, it was so slow that the only way you could tell it had moved was to look away then look back again. I guess I watched it about twenty minutes altogether, but we were busy and I didn't actually see it disappear." Both Officer Lopez and Officer Jaffee stated they had felt the concussion from the explosion. Both officers also mentioned that the weather was clear. Neither had ever seen anything like the strange red light before.

Barbara Joiner is a waitress, or car hop as they are popularly called, at Tiny Naylor's. She was very busy at the time of the excitement and didn't get to watch the light for more than twelve or fifteen minutes. Her testimony was much like the others. The light was "very red--like a red stop signal--only it had a very unfamiliar look. It was so vibrant", she said.

Larry Moquin, waiter at Tiny Naylor's, had received special training at Pearl Harbor during World War II, for spotting unknown sky objects. He was Chief Plotter for Major Calibre Anti-Aircraft Artillery. His training proved useful on the night of February 6, when he saw a vivid red object in the sky that he did not recognize. He told interviewers, "The explosion was different from other explosions--it had sort of a hollow sound, and you felt it as well as hearing it. I thought I saw a little smoke, and a few moments later a light appeared directly above us. I'd say it was a bright cherry red, self-luminous and sharply outlined. It appeared to be completely motionless, and my first thought was to line it up with something stationary so I'd know for sure whether it moved or not." Moquin then showed the interviewers exactly where he had lined up the red object. The front part of the building has a cantilever roof which extends some distance out beyond the main part of the building. On the front is the sign, "Tiny Naylor's". He stood under the edge of this and sighted straight up (90 degree angle) past the "T" in the sign. He said the red light remained stationary for approximately eight minutes, then began moving slowly, very slowly, eastward. He continued, "Everybody was standing outside their cars looking up--cars were backed up in the street--and everyone was asking each other, "What is it?" Moquin viewed the object off and on for about twenty minutes, and by this time his duties took his attention, and the next time he looked, it was out of sight.

One of the cashiers at the Safeway market, on the southeast corner of Sunset and La Brea, told interviewers that she had not seen the spectacle herself, but that she had heard a lot of customers talking about it.

The hostess at Carolina Pines Jr. Coffee Shop, 1518 North La Brea (near the intersection of Sunset and La Brea), said that patrons had told her all about the red light, the explosion and the mushroom cloud.

There can be little doubt that a red light of unknown origin, created considerable excitement in Hollywood two nights in succession--traveling over approximately the same course, stopping at the same locations for intervals of five to ten minutes. Hollywood citizens are still asking, "What was it?"

SIMILAR SIGHTINGS ELSEWHERE.

It is interesting to note that the explosion and flash which covered a wide area of Hollywood, occurred within thirty minutes of the time that a bright flash, accompanied by explosion, was seen over Montana, Idaho, Wyoming and Utah. The time of the flash over the four states was 12:03 AM, MST, February 7 (which was 11:03 PST, February 6). (See article, page 11.)

Also of interest was the "fiery red flying object" which was seen over Oakland, California, December 2, 1959. (See article, page 11.) Several aspects of this sighting significantly parallels the Hollywood sighting. The object was "fiery red". It approached slowly. There was an explosion and white vaporous cloud-- and it shot up at "fantastic speed".

Sightings over Alaska, February 16, 1960, mention "flash" and explosion. (See articles below.)

The significance of these sightings, in relation to the Hollywood sighting of February 5 and 6, is speculative, but too important to be overlooked in an overall evaluation of the problem.

L.A. Mirror-News
Feb. 16, 1960

Sky-Riding Objects Confirmed

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Feb. 16 (P)—A spokesman for the North American Air Defense Command here confirmed today that unidentified flying objects were observed in the skies over Alaska early yesterday.

The spokesman said Ent Air Force Base here received a report at 3 a.m. yesterday from northerly observation posts that two objects were moving in opposite directions across Alaska.

One was reported in the vicinity of Nome. It appeared to be moving slowly in a northeasterly direction. The object disappeared without a trace and without giving any indication of its size.

The second object reportedly was sighted at Unalakleet, moving rapidly northwest at a speed sufficient to produce contrails (exhaust trails).

Exhaust Trails

The object also produced a flash which was assumed to have been an explosion.

Whether the object exploded has not been determined but officials are making a search of the area.

A silvery object belching flames was reported to have flashed through the Alaskan sky late Sunday from the direction of Siberia.

February 16, 1960

VALLEY TIMES



SEEN OVER ALASKA—Line of arrows indicates route of mysterious object which was reported seen hurtling over Western Alaska. Nome airlines employee said object was silvery and tubular with flaming tail.—AP Wirephoto.

Note object, "silvery" and "tubular" seen over Alaska Feb. 16.

"Tubular" object reported over Hollywood Feb. 6, by Mr. Harold Sherman and Miss June Di Maggio.

Flash Lights Up Skies Over Four-State Area

SALT LAKE CITY Feb. 7 (AP)—A bright flash lit up the sky over four western states early today. The light was seen by hundreds of persons in Montana, Idaho, Wyoming and Northern Utah. Capt. Belew said he did not see the actual flash — only the light from it. He

Their reports seemed to pinpoint it in Southwestern Montana — possibly in the Bitter Root Valley. Some persons in Missoula and Butte, Mont., claimed they heard an explosion.

"It was fantastically bright — it lit up everything in the cockpit and the cabin and the entire sky outside," said Capt. Richard Belew of Salt Lake City, pilot of a West-

At Butte, Altha Tallon, secretary at radio station KBOW said a noise like a lot of jet planes taking off, followed the brilliant flash. In Utah, the State Highway Patrol said it had many reports which described the light like a flash of lightning streaking across the sky.



Below is a quote in a letter from Carl M. Nelson, Colonel, USAF, Congressional Inquiry Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force, Office of the Secretary — to Hon. Porter Hardy, Jr., Virginia Congressman: (Date of letter, March 31, 1960)

"The 7 February 1960 UFO sighting in the mid-west was not reported to the United States Air Force and, therefore, the Air Force did not analyze or evaluate this sighting."

(Documentation for above in files at NICAP)

Wednesday, Dec. 2, 1959
San Francisco Chronicle

Mystery 'Fireball' in Oakland Sky

A fiery red flying object was spotted high over the Oakland-Fremont area at 9:33 last night.

Ten watchers in the Oakland Airport control tower saw the red light approach slowly from the southeast at an estimated 2000 feet, then suddenly shoot up at a "fantastic" speed and explode into a white, vaporous cloud.

The pilots of two commercial planes approaching San Francisco over Point Reyes reported sighting the red light. One pilot, flying at 7000 feet, said the object appeared to be below him. He saw no white cloud; the object just disappeared, he said.

A dozen persons called the Alameda County Sheriff's office in San Lorenzo to report sighting the object, and it was also seen at the San Francisco Airport tower and as far north as Contra Costa county.

A Thor missile was launched at 9:29 p. m. from Vandenberg Air Force Base more than 200 miles south on the coast, but it was fired off to the west.

A. E. Whitford, director of the Lick Observatory atop Mount Hamilton in Santa Clara county, said no one there saw the flying object.

Whitford said it was barely possible that the object was a meteor. He said there could have been no connection with the missile firing.

METHOD AND PROCEDURE OF INVESTIGATION.

Early in the investigation of this phenomenon over Hollywood, one of the first steps was to determine the possibility of the red light being attached to a balloon--a meteorological balloon, or a balloon of any description, from any source.

Three different offices of the U. S. Weather Bureau, military bases, and several private organizations (who had in the past released test balloons) were consulted.

The Weather Detachment Forecaster, Edwards Air Force Base, stated that no balloons had been released from 5 February, 0950 PST until 8 February. He further stated the balloons from that station were the same as used by the U. S. Weather Bureau, and did not carry lights.

A letter from the U. S. Naval Ordnance Test Station, China Lake, California, dated 2 March 1960, reads: "In answer to your letter of inquiry dated 26 February regarding the unidentified objects observed over Hollywood, California, 6 February, we had not released any balloons at this Station during the evening on that date." (Signed, Quentin S. Dalton.)

These two military bases are located northeast of Hollywood. The prevailing winds the night of February 6 (according to U. S. Weather Bureau records) were from the northeast.

The U. S. Weather Bureau, Santa Monica, California, where the meteorological balloons are released, stated that the balloon released from their station at 2101 PST, February 6 did not go toward Hollywood, but in the opposite direction and was well out over the ocean by the time it had reached eight thousand feet. They also stated that none of their balloons had been carrying lights for some time--not even the Radio Sonde balloons which normally carry a tiny white light with flashlight size bulb. It was also stated that the light on the Radio Sonde balloon was so small that it could not be seen by a ground observer.

Private organizations which were contacted had not released any balloons for several months.

It was necessary to learn the source of the explosion and bright flash of light, which had been reported to the Hollywood Police Station by scores of Hollywood citizens. The Bureau of Water and Power and the Southern California Edison Company, two companies serving the Los Angeles area with power and light, were contacted. A thorough check of the logs of maintenance crews for the night of February 6 was made, and both companies stated there had been no transformer blow outs and no trouble of any kind with power lines which could have caused an explosion or bright flash. (At this time, the committee had not talked with those witnesses who were actually looking at the red light at the time of explosion and flash.)

Letters of inquiry were sent to Major Lawrence J. Tacker, USAF, Office of Information, Washington, D. C., and to Major Victor E. Irons, Jr., USAF, Office of Information, Los Angeles, California, to learn if the U. S. Air Force had investigated the unusual sighting over Hollywood. Their replies are included with this report.

The general report (Page 3) was a reconstruction of the sighting based on statements of a majority of the witnesses, or where certain aspects were described by two or more independent witnesses.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
WEATHER BUREAU
Santa Monica, California

May 19, 1960

Mrs I. E. Epperson
3790 So. Harvard Blvd.
Los Angeles 18, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Epperson:

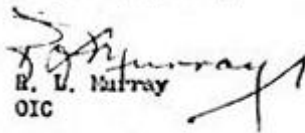
In answer to your questions; I will only show the general characteristics common to meteorological balloons.

1. None of the balloons released by personnel at this station were equipped with lighting units on the nights of February 5th or 6th.
2. I have attached a map of the local area indicating the line of flight for soundings made during this period; also attached is a composite of the wind data as evaluated for each sounding.
3. No free balloon will remain stationary, nor appear to remain stationary for this duration, regardless of the wind speed.

Balloons released from this station have, as a general rule, an ascension rate of at least 800 feet per minute; this, under normal night-time conditions limits their visibility time to about 3 minutes unlighted and 8 minutes when equipped with a lighting unit. However, when equipped with a lighting unit the balloon itself cannot be defined, only the light remains visible after 3 minutes, therefore, the radius of visibility for a night release is reduced to only the immediate area of the point of release.

I hope this shall be of some assistance to you and the facilities of this office remain open for any further information you may require.

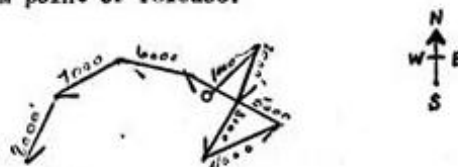
Very truly yours,


R. L. Murray
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Wind Direction and Velocity (knots)
Feb. 6, 1960 2101 PST

Ht.	Dir.	Sp.
1000	250	5
2	20	5
3	30	4
4	250	6
5	140	6
6	100	8
7	50	8
8	30	10
9		
10000	360	15
14000	350	17
20000	NW	22
25000	NW	23
30000	N	40

Flight Path for Flight of February 6, 1960
2101 PST for each 1000 feet/direction
from point of release.



Above sketch made at the office of the
U. S. Weather Bureau

Please note extreme difference of flight path of red light, as shown on opposite page, than that of the U.S. Weather Bureau meteorological balloon.

Unfortunately, space will not permit inclusion of other important information furnished by the U. S. Weather Bureau.

Graphic Solution for Determination of Height of Tubular Object

At a distance of 25 inches from observer's eye, the object was estimated to be 1-1/4 inches in height.

- A - Distance from observer's eye to ruler (held at arm's length)
 - B - Estimated height of object
 - C - The graphical slope distance from observer to object (1400 feet)
 - D - Height of tubular object (object in vertical position)
- A ratio of A to B as C is to D gives a height of 70 feet.

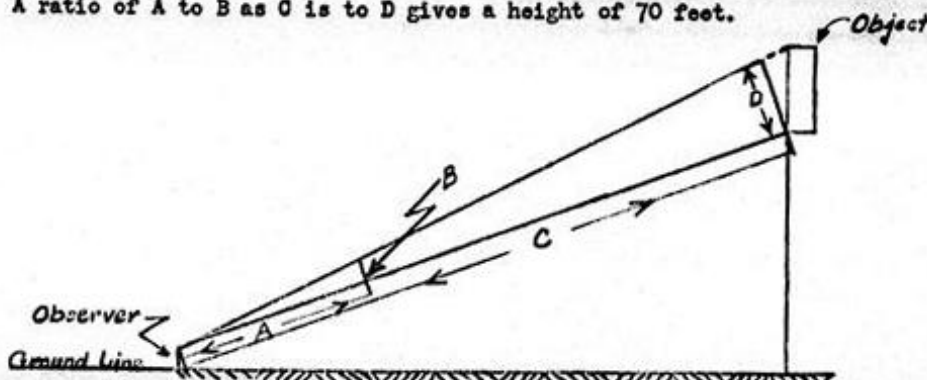


Diagram B

Wind Direction and Velocity(Knots)

Feb. 5, 1960 2100 PST		
Ht.	Dir.	Sp.
1000	020	04
2	330	05
3	310	06
4	300	08
5	300	13
6	300	17
7	310	20
8	310	22
9	310	22
10000	290	24
12	310	17
14	320	12
16	320	14
18	320	18
20000	310	23
25	300	35
30000	290	39

Feb. 6, 1960 0300 PST		
Ht.	Dir.	Sp.
1000	030	05
2	300	13
3	300	16
4	310	12
5	320	12
6	330	18
7	320	20
8	310	22
9	310	22
10000	310	20
12	320	18
14	300	23
16	290	25
18	290	30
20000	290	30
25	310	36
30000	320	24

Feb. 7, 1960 0300 PST		
Ht.	Dir.	Sp.
1000	310	02
2	340	03
3	340	06
4	350	16
5	330	14
6	320	10
7	300	07
8	300	05
9	320	05
10000	290	03
12	280	15
14	280	11
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18	280	08
20000	290	08
25	280	12
30000	290	19

Weather Bureau Airport Station
2501 Airport Avenue
Santa Monica, California

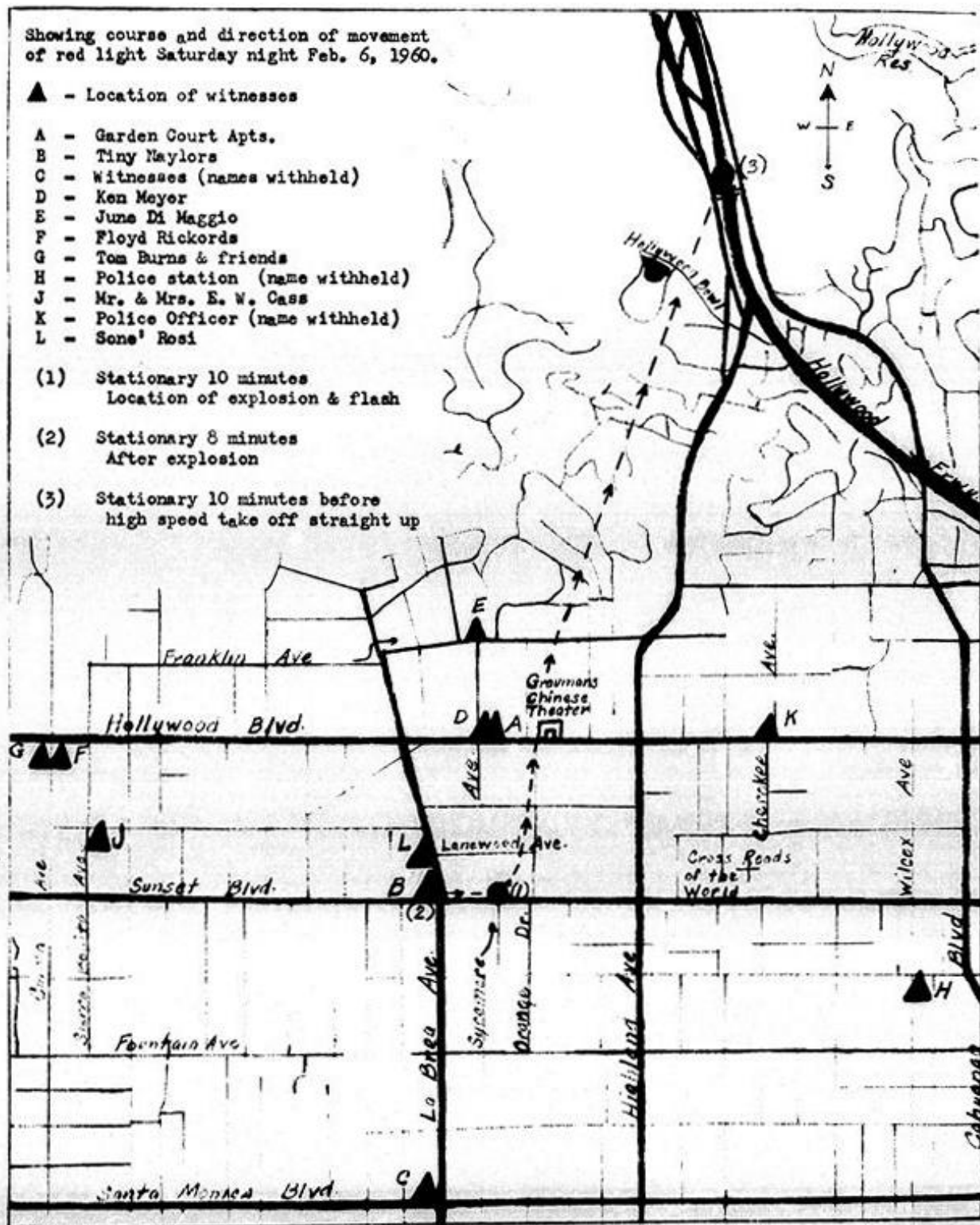
R. L. Murray
R. L. Murray
Supervising Met. Tech.

Showing course and direction of movement
of red light Saturday night Feb. 6, 1960.

▲ - Location of witnesses

- A - Garden Court Apts.
- B - Tiny Maylors
- C - Witnesses (names withheld)
- D - Ken Meyer
- E - June Di Maggio
- F - Floyd Rickords
- G - Tom Burns & friends
- H - Police station (name withheld)
- J - Mr. & Mrs. E. W. Cass
- K - Police Officer (name withheld)
- L - Sene' Rosi

- (1) Stationary 10 minutes
Location of explosion & flash
- (2) Stationary 8 minutes
After explosion
- (3) Stationary 10 minutes before
high speed take off straight up



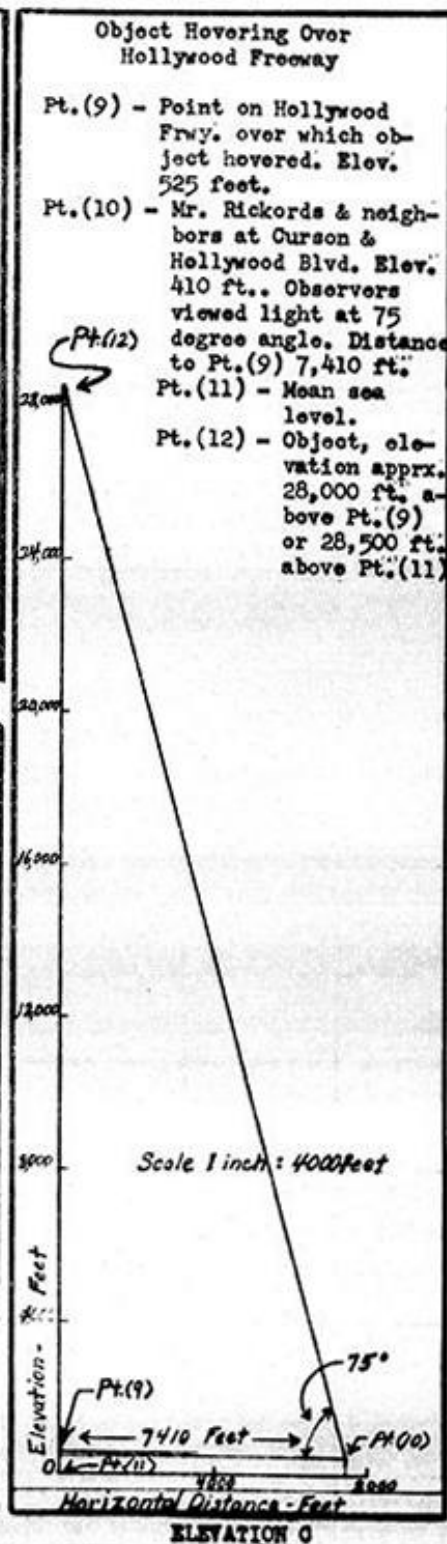
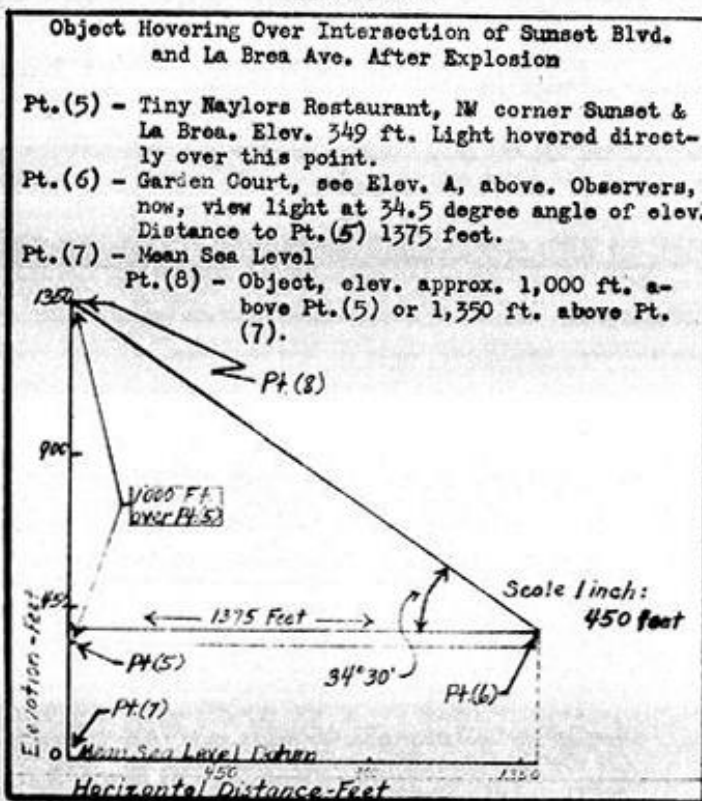
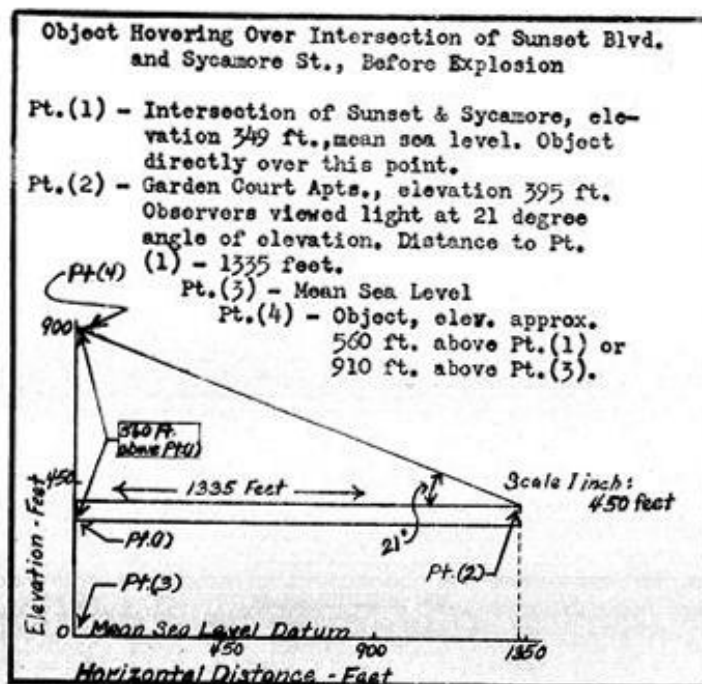
Supplement (page 17) Hollywood sighting report Feb. 5 & 6, 1960

METHOD OF DETERMINING NINETY DEGREE ANGLE

FOR ELEVATIONS A, B, AND C, PAGE 17 OF REPORT

- Elevation A Witnesses at the Garden Court Apartments (Location A, map page 15) observed object (red light) due south 175 degrees (from true north). Observers indicated position of red light in sky relative to a building. Interviewers, using a military compass, established the azimuth.
- Witnesses at Santa Monica and La Brea (Location C, map page 15) observed red light approximately 13 degrees (from true north).
- These two independent groups observed flash, explosion and mushroom cloud at same moment, 11:30 P M, Feb. 6, 1960.
- Plotting this information on map (U. S. Geological Survey Map, Los Angeles County, California, Hollywood Quadrangle) the intersecting lines locate the object (red light) over the intersection of Sunset Boulevard and Sycamore Street (Point (1) map page 15 of report).
- Elevation B The ninety degree angle shown is confirmed by the observers at Tiny Naylor's, Sunset and La Brea (Location B, point (2) map page 15). Witnesses at this location looked straight up, at ninety degree angle, to see red light.
- Elevation C Police officer at Police station, Wilcox and De Longpre (Location H, map page 15) observed red light, azimuth given, 345 degrees (from true north).
- Witnesses at Curson and Hollywood Boulevard (Locations F & G, map page 15) viewed red light, using stationary object as reference point. Azimuth 48 degrees (from true north).
- These two independent groups observed the red light at the same time as it hovered (Point (3) map page 15) and watched final take off.
- Plotting this information on the U. S. Geological Survey Map, the lines intersect at a point over the Hollywood Freeway.

**GRAPHIC SOLUTION FOR DETERMINATION OF ELEVATION OF OBJECT (RED LIGHT)
OBSERVED IN SKY FEBRUARY 6, 1960, 11:15 PM TO 12:15 AM**



HOLLYWOOD 6-1221

SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
LOS ANGELES OFFICE OF INFORMATION
4085 SUNSET BOULEVARD
HOLLYWOOD 28, CALIFORNIA



REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

SAFOI LA-1

2 June 1960

SUBJECT:

TO: Mrs. I. E. Epperson
3790 S. Harvard Boulevard
Los Angeles 18, California

Dear Mrs. Epperson

This office has no record of being notified on February 5 or 6 of the unusual sightings mentioned in your letter.

If such a report was made to this office, a resume of it would have been forwarded to Headquarters United States Air Force in Washington, D. C. for further evaluation.

FOR THE CHIEF:

Victor E. Irons, Jr.
VICTOR E. IRONS, JR.
Major USAF
Chief, Press, Books & Magazines Section

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27 May 1960



Dear Mrs. Epperson:

This is to acknowledge your letter of 24 May 1960 concerning UFO sightings in February 1960 over Hollywood, Calif.

These sightings you described were not reported to the USAF and therefore no investigation was made on these cases.

Sincerely,

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Major, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mrs. I. E. Epperson
3700 So. Harvard Blvd.
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NICAP UFO Report

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

HON. LEONARD G. WOLF

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 31, 1960

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, under leave to extend my remarks, I include an urgent warning by Vice Adm. R. H. Hillenkoetter, former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, that certain potential dangers are linked with unidentified flying objects—UFO's. Admiral Hillenkoetter's request that Congress inform the public as to the facts is endorsed by by more than 200 pilots, rocket, aviation, and radar experts, astronomers, military veterans, and other technically trained members of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena. Among them are Rear Adm. H. B. Knowles; Col. Joseph Bryan III, U.S. Air Force Reserve; Lt. Col. Jas. McAshad, USAFR; Lt. Col. Samuel Freeman, U.S. Army Reserve, Aviation; Mr. J. B. Hartranft, president, Aircraft Owners Pilots Association; Capt. R. B. McLaughlin, Navy missile expert; Mr. Frank Rawlinson, physicist, National Aeronautics and Space Agency; Dr. Leslie Kaeburn, space consultant, University of Southern California; former Air Force Maj. William D. Leet, with three officially reported UFO encounters while an Air Force pilot; Frank Halstead, 35 years as curator, Darling Observatory; Rear Adm. D. S. Fahrney, former chief of the Navy missile program; Col. R. B. Emerson, U. S. Army Reserve, head of Emerson Testing Laboratories; Prof. Charles A. Maney, astrophysicist, Duquesne University; Capt. W. B. Nash, Pan American Airways.

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The "NICAP Report on Secret Danger" with documented evidence on UFO's, was first submitted confidentially to me, and to several other Members of Congress, including Senator Lyndon Johnson. In a reply to NICAP, July 6, 1960, Senator Johnson stated that he had ordered the staff of the Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee to keep close watch on UFO developments and to report on any recent significant sightings and the Air Force investigations of such sightings.

Although I have not had time for a detailed study, I believe the conclusions of these experienced NICAP officials should be given careful consideration. Certainly their sober evaluations should be completely dissociated from the obvious frauds and delusions about UFO's which unfortunately have been publicized. The NICAP report is stated to be the result of a 3-year investigation—its conclusions based only on verified visual, radar, and photographic evidence by trained, reputable observers.

On August 20, 1960, NICAP sent me the following statement to be added to the original report:

There is a growing danger that UFO's may be mistaken for Soviet missiles or jet aircraft, accidentally causing war. Several Air Defense scrambles and alerts already have occurred when defense radar men mistook UFO formations for possible enemy machines. NICAP agrees with this sober warning by Gen. L. M. Chassin, NATO coordinator of Allied Air Services.

"It is of first importance to confirm these objects . . . the business of governments to take a hand, if only to avoid the danger of global tragedy. If we persist in refusing to recognize the existence of these UFO's we will end up, one fine day, by mistaking them for the guided missiles of an enemy—and the worst will be upon us."

Today, this danger may surpass the one cited in NICAP's report: That the U.S.S.R. might spread false rumors that the UFO's are secret Red devices which have mapped all the U.S. and allied targets and could be used as surprise-attack weapons. (Some Americans already suspect hidden fear of UFO's as the reason for secrecy.)

We are sure you will agree it is imperative to end the risk of accidental war from defense forces' confusion over UFO's. All defense personnel, not merely top-level groups, should be told that the UFO's are real and should be trained to distinguish them—by their characteristic speeds and maneuvers—from conventional planes and missiles. This is not in effect today.

Second, the American people must be convinced, by documented facts, that the UFO's could not be Soviet machines.

Certainly every Member of Congress will agree that any such danger of accidental war—even if slight—must be averted in every possible way. It is also important to prevent any unfounded fear that the UFO's are secret enemy devices.

After discussing the subject with colleagues, I am certain that there is real concern by many Members of Congress. Without necessarily accepting all the conclusions of the NICAP Board of Governors and technical advisers, we are convinced that a thorough study of the UFO problem should be made. Pending such action, I believe that publication of the NICAP report will help to reduce the dangers cited by Vice Admiral Hillenkoetter and the other NICAP officials.

For those Members desiring to do so the previously mentioned confidential report can be obtained upon request at the National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena, 1536 Connecticut Avenue NW., Washington, D.C.

the case, the object was seen at a distance of about 1000 feet, and was viewed by hundreds of witnesses.

2. At the second sight, Feb. 24th, 1951, the object "exploded", emitting a brilliant blue-white light with accompanying roar and concussion followed by "smoke" and a "cloud". A large, aluminum-colored object emerged from it and shot upward.

3. The red object hovered over one intersection in Hollywood for a full ten minutes on Feb. 24th, and over the identical intersection for a full 5 minutes on Feb. 25th.

4. Efforts made by witnesses to notify police and other local officials brought no action or investigation of any sort. Only slight, inaccurate accounts of the occurrence appeared in the press.

This report was prepared especially for the purpose of alerting responsible government officials like yourself to the danger of continuing to ignore these strange aerial objects. People like myself have been asking for many years---what are these things?---why are they in our skies?---what is the reason for their strange gyrations, explosions, and other accompanying phenomena. To learn what they are for curiosity's sake is one thing, but there is another, more urgent reason for official investigation and public information. These things have been sighted often on our nation's radar defense network. It is entirely likely that one day they will be mistaken for an enemy attack force, for they often fly in groups at high speeds. They could set off a general war, as has been indicated by none other authority than General Chassin, NATO coordinator of Allied Air Services. (See Foreword of Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery by Aime Michel.)

I sincerely hope you will take time to read our report. If you desire to know more regarding the personnel of our committee, I would be happy to send you additional information. I might say that we are all level-headed persons, with not an occultist, spiritualist, or crackpot among us! I will say here, that our Chairman is Dr. Leslie Kaeburn, who is director of the Bio-Electronics Laboratory of the University of Southern California, active now in space medicine research.

I would appreciate hearing from you regarding your opinion in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Ann Druffel
257 Sycamore Glen
Pasadena, California

Mr. William F. Lipscomb
Congressman, 11th District, Florida
House of Representatives, Office
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Congressman Lipscomb:

I received your recent letter of thanks for my campaign volunteer work, with much appreciation. I think it is the least a man in your responsible position will do to the trouble to write personal thanks.

In your letter, you invited me to continue to send my views to you, and so I take this opportunity to present for your consideration a matter of intense interest to me and to a large number of my friends and acquaintances.

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on file
I do not know whether this problem has been brought to your attention by any of your constituents, but colleagues of yours in the House of Representatives such as Mr. J. A. Sidney Herlong (Fla.), and Frank Thompson, Jr. (Ill.) have expressed concern. The problem is the official government policy of silence regarding unidentified flying objects (UFO's).

For almost four years the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), which has its headquarters at 1200 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, D. C., has been doing much to inform the public of the actual facts concerning these objects. May I re-direct your attention to the enclosed reproduction of part of the Congressional Record of August 31st, 1963 in which the Hon. Leonard G. Wolf put down his remarks regarding NICAP, quoting such respected citizens as Vice Adm. W. M. Millenkeetter, former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

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Members of the Los Angeles Subcommittee of NICAP have been investigating UFO reports over the past year, and we are proud to state that a large number of such sightings have turned out to be misidentification of conventional objects. However, there is still a hard core of the unknown which we are investigating.

9-10-64
To add to your information on this subject, I am sending you a detailed report of an unusual, unidentified aerial object which appeared over Hollywood, Calif. on the successive nights, February 5th and 6th, 1960. This report includes five color photographs, fantastic as they seem on paper, and represents four months of research. The highlights of the report are as follows:

1. A large, mysterious, and unidentified pod-like object appeared low over Hollywood, Calif., two nights in a row, at approximately

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SUBJECT Draft of Reply to Congressman Lipscomb

Dear Congressman Lister:

Forwarded with Mrs. Druffel's letter was a report of an unidentified flying object supposedly observed from Hollywood, California on 5 and 6 February 1960.

A preliminary check of Air Force files has not brought to light any reports of UFOs sighted in the area on either 5 or 6 February 1960. We would, however, like to check this further. We would also like to carefully review the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena report which was forwarded to you by Mrs. Druffel.

Please consider this an interim reply. Additional information and the report will be forthcoming at an early date.

Attachments

ANALYSIS OF HOLLYWOOD SIGHTING.

Scientific evidence, together with the testimony of many independent witnesses, form the basis for the following conclusions:

Characteristics of the red light, as described by witnesses, rule out any known form of natural phenomena (such as ball lightning, St. Elmo's fire, temperature inversion, after-image, etc.).

Aircraft, including helicopters, are obviously not the answer. The red object moved silently. A helicopter can be heard at five thousand feet elevation, and in gliding flight without power the blades can still be heard. It has been shown that the red light was less than one thousand feet, for ten minutes at one location, and approximately one thousand feet for about eight minutes at another location. Every witness, without exception declared that the red light was completely silent, both when moving and when stationary. (Explosion excepted.)

The question of a balloon being involved in the sighting, February 6, over Hollywood, was settled with finality by the information furnished by the U. S. Weather Bureau (included with this report). No balloon travels against or into the wind. The red light not only moved against the wind, but remained stationary for a period of approximately ten minutes in a wind velocity of more than twenty knots, at its last stop, at an elevation of some twenty-eight thousand feet, just before shooting upwards at high speed and out of sight.

Calculations of the dull aluminum colored tubular shaped object, seen by Mr. Harold Sherman (also reported by Miss June Di Maggio) showed the object to be approximately seventy feet long. Mr. Sherman said that the length of the object appeared to be three or four times greater than the width. In round figures, this makes the tubular object twenty feet by seventy feet. It is a startling disclosure--but then, a "disembodied" red light roaming around at will, creating loud explosions and mushroom clouds, is no less startling. It is presumed the red light was attached to something of a solid nature.

By the process of elimination, and the careful study of testimony of many witnesses, the enigmatic red light appears to fall into the classification called "unknown".

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

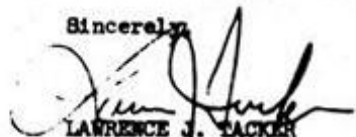
27 May 1960

Dear Mrs. Epperson:

This is to acknowledge your letter of 24 May 1960 concerning UFO sightings in February 1960 over Hollywood, Calif.

These sightings you described were not reported to the USAF and therefore no investigation was made on these cases.

Sincerely,



LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Major, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mrs. I. E. Epperson
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Los Angeles, California

ADDENDUM.

This report would not be complete without some mention of the psychological impact of the sighting to the witnesses themselves. The observers spoke of the red light as "eerie" or "weird" and although they were convinced at the time of the sighting that the object was unnatural, there was no panic. There was awe, excitement and apprehension, but most of all, an intense curiosity to know what it was and where it came from.

Naturally, there was much speculation--one or two thought it was a new device of our own government (and were indignant at the idea of testing it over a densely populated city). Several thought it was from Russia--a device to spy on us. They reasoned that it had made an aerial surveillance Friday night and came back Saturday night over the same spot to take a photograph. But the majority thought that whatever it was, it was from outside this world--and they were frank to declare they'd rather it was from outer space than from Russia.

Many witnesses complained that they had felt completely frustrated in their efforts to report the sighting to the "proper authorities". One witness was told to "call back on Monday".

Some were concerned over the "mushroom" shaped cloud which followed the explosion, and wondered whether there had been radiation in the area. They said, "Why wasn't an investigation made?"

Uppermost in the minds of many was the total absence of jets or military aircraft during the entire period of sighting (approximately one hour, Saturday night). (This fact is indicated on all signed reports of this sighting in files at NICAP.)

These witnesses represent a cross-section of the many hundreds who witnessed this strange phenomenon over Hollywood, two nights in succession--and without doubt reflect the thinking of all concerned. They are asking questions--serious, thoughtful questions about what is going on in our skies--and they feel they have the right to know.

PHANTOM HOLLYWOOD
SIGHTING PROBED BY LOS
ANGELES SUBCOMMITTEE

On the nights of Feb. 5 and 6, 1960, a round flying object, plainly visible because of its red glow, appeared at a low altitude over Hollywood, Calif. On the second night, an group in the streets watched, a flash of blue-white light, accompanied by a loud explosion, came from the hovering device.

At the same time, a cloud of smoke formed and the red light disappeared. Then an aluminum-colored, tubular object shot upward, disappearing at high speed.

Though these two sightings were fully substantiated by police and other observers, the Air Force denied receiving any reports. During a four month's careful investigation by the Los Angeles NICAP Subcommittee (LANS), no conventional answer could be found.

The Subcommittee investigation was headed by its Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Idabel Epperson. Dozens of witnesses, including police officers and an amateur astronomer, were located through a newspaper notice and by canvassing the sighting area, block by block. In addition, LANS checked with the U.S. Weather Bureau, airports, aircraft companies and other agencies, systematically ruling out balloons, planes, helicopters and familiar natural phenomena.

In its detailed report, LANS established these facts: The UFO, showing a distinct round shape, appeared on both nights at about 11:15 p.m. Visible until after midnight, it followed approximately the same course both times, sometimes hovering about 1000 feet above the observers (established by triangulation). After the explosive sound and appearance of the tubular device on Feb. 6, the red-lit UFO reappeared at a higher altitude. This was confirmed by L.A. police officers Ray Lopez and Daniel Jaimes, who saw the flash of light and smoke after hearing the explosion.

Though most of the witnesses were awed or excited, there was no panic. However, some were worried about possible radioactivity, after seeing the mushroom-like smoke cloud. Despite this, and the safety question involved in such a low-altitude incident, there is no record of action by the FAA, the Civil Aeronautics Board, or any local officials. Whether they actually assumed a conventional answer because of constant AF debunking of UFOs is not known. It is more probable they kept silent at AF request, since it would be difficult to explain away this well-witnessed sighting.

NICAP is indebted to Mrs. Epperson and the other Subcommittee members for their initiative and perseverance during this long investigation. Their success proves the value of the Subcommittee network for uncovering and documenting vital information which otherwise would be buried or forgotten. A report of this case will be added to the evidence sent to Congress.

Epperson

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FILE: UFOs

31 March 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY DIVISION, OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE
LIAISON

SUBJECT: Letter from Senator Eagle re UFO

It is suggested that a reply to Senator Eagle be made along the following lines:

1. Since the early reports of UFOs were received by the Air Force, over 7,000 cases have been reported, investigated and analyzed by a selected scientific group under the supervision of the Air Force. The scientists involved in these analyses are completely objective and open-minded on the subject and apply scientific methods of examination in reaching their conclusions.

2. The Air Force has stated that the results of its investigations show: first, there is no evidence that unidentified sightings were inimical or hostile; second, there is no evidence that unidentified sightings were interplanetary spaceships; third, there is no evidence that these unidentified sightings represent technological developments or principles outside the range of our present day scientific knowledge; and fourth, there is no evidence that these unidentified sightings are a threat to the security of our country.

3. With regard to Mrs. Epperson's reference to "the policy of admit-nothing, deny everything" I am inclosing a copy of Air Force Regulation 200-2 which provides details on the investigative procedures followed by the Air Force. Also inclosed is a copy of the latest Department of Defense fact sheet concerning UFOs.

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Dear Senator Engle:

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Letter to the Honorable Clair Engle (Continued)

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I hope this information will be useful. If we can assist you further in this matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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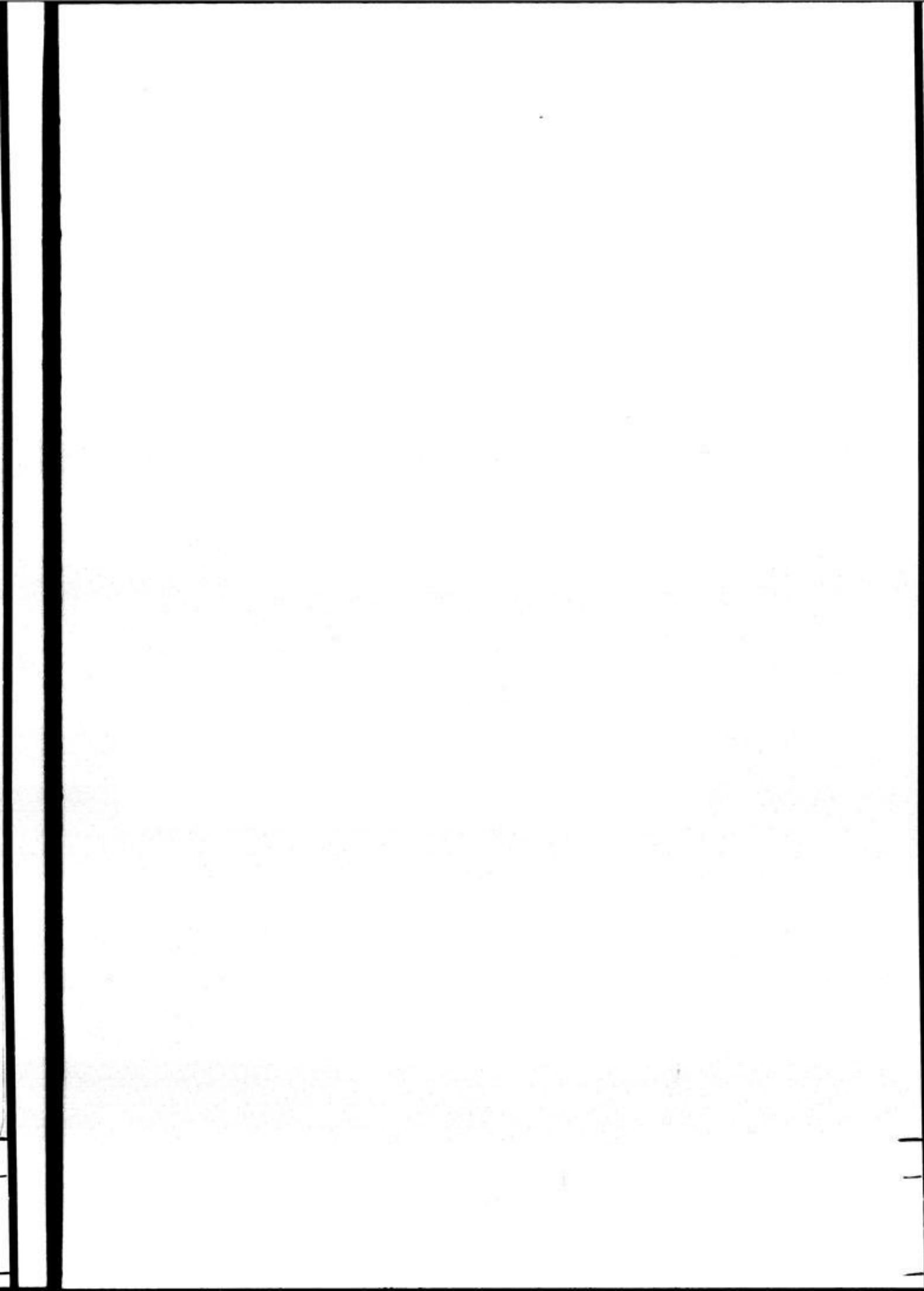
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United States Senate

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28 Mar: Rec'd L&L & Tm A. Case cons of RS fm Sen 22 Mar w/1std incl.
Fwrded to SAFOI for info.

3 Apr: Rec'd memo fm SAFOI w/info for fnl ltr.



MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE LIAISON, SAF-OS
ATTENTION: Mr. Wilson, SAF-LLI

SUBJECT: Congressional Referral on UFOs

Attached is a draft of a letter to Congressman
Lipscomb who requested information on which to base
a reply to Mrs. Ann Gruffel, 257 Sycamore Glen,
Pasadena, California.

JESSE E. STAY
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Public Information Division
Office of Information

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1. Draft of Reply
2. Blue Book Report

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Dear Congressman Lipscomb:

There is no truth to the allegation that our Government withholds or censors any information on unidentified flying objects. The results of all Air Force investigations have always been made available to bona fide news representatives and scientific researchers. Press releases are issued as warranted, and an annual report on the project is available to the public. A copy of this report is attached for your information.

The UFO incident over Hollywood, California, in 1960 which Mrs. Druffel refers to in her letter was not submitted to the Air Force for evaluation. Consequently, we have no information on the report.

Mrs. Druffel should be advised that the Air Force defines an unidentified flying object as any aerial object which the observer is unable to identify. It has been our experience in our endeavor to identify such objects that the cause of these sightings is usually a misinterpretation of natural or conventional objects. Examples of this are balloons, birds, aircraft, condensation trails, satellites, astronomical bodies, and meteorological phenomena. The cases which remain unsolved, however, have not given any indication that the cause of the sighting was of an interplanetary nature. Our success in investigating and evaluating UFO reports leads us to the conclusion that all sightings could be logically explained if sufficient evidence was presented.

The National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena report, "The UFO Evidence", has been reviewed by the Air Force. The report is a voluminous collection of reports, facts, opinions, excerpts, of investigative reports, and correspondence all designed to support the conclusion of NICAP that UFOs are a problem of national importance.

The Air Force will continue to investigate all reports of unusual aerial phenomena over the United States. The evaluations and conclusions reached by the Air Force will be released to the public,

The former Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, Mr. Carl Vinson, as recently as September of 1964, indicated his satisfaction with the conduct of the UFO program by the Air Force and stated that there is no need for Congressional hearings on this subject.

Sincerely,

GLENARD P. LIPSCOMB
24th DIST., CALIFORNIA

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

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February 2, 1965

Major General P. M. Hoisington, II
Director of Legislative Liaison
Department of the Air Force
The Pentagon
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Hoisington:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I received from
Mrs. Ann Druffel, 257 Sycamore Glen, Pasadena, California
concerning unidentified flying objects.

Any comments the Air Force believes could be ap-
propriately made on Mrs. Druffel's observations will be
appreciated.

Sincerely yours,


Glenard P. Lipcomb
Member of Congress

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Enclosure

January 14, 1960

The Honorable Clement F. Lipscomb
Congressman, 2nd District, California
U.S. House of Representatives
House of Representatives Office Building
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Congressman Lipscomb:

We are pleased to offer you our congratulations again on your re-election to Congress. Since our views on national and international affairs are so similar to yours, we are grateful indeed that you can continue to be in the Capitol representing our district.

We write to you again on a matter about which we exchanged correspondence during January, February, and March of 1959. I know I am sure through your files will probably bring your memory on your attempt to gain information from the operations of the Air Force regarding the identity of an unusual aerial object over Hollywood in February, 1960.

As you may recall, it was impossible to obtain any satisfaction at that time about the identity of that object, but sightings continue to be made over the nation (and other countries) up to the present time. The National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, an organization in Washington, D.C. which I wrote you about continues its interest in this subject. For the past several years, it has been working toward obtaining open Congressional hearings regarding UFO's, but as far has been blocked in accomplishment of this, mostly through the active opposition of the Air Force.

Our organization realizes that the Air Force is merely carrying out orders from some higher authority in the government, and our members admire deeply the officers and men of the Air Force as defenders of our nation. We have no quarrel with them as such. What we object to is the unwarranted veil of secrecy which the government is placing around this intriguing and important subject.

The Air Force has publicly stated that UFO's constitute no threat to the security of the United States (while at the same time paradoxically denying their very existence). Therefore our organization sees no logical reason why the truth of the continued sightings be kept from the public.

We recall having received, a few months ago, a report by Frank Cole entitled The UFO Evidence. It was sponsored by House and sent to every Congressman as well as to all news media. It has received much publicity since its issuance, and several members of Congress continue active interest in bringing about open hearings. If you will review your copy, I am sure it will convince you of the reality of UFO's and their importance to our country.

Our organization would appreciate any interest you can show in this matter, and I would like to hear from you your reaction to The UFO Evidence.

With continued good wishes for your success, I am,

Sincerely yours,

John J. Allen
107 Broadway Blvd
Pasadena, California

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

9 March 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF, CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY DIVISION, SAFL
ATTENTION: Mr. Robert Wilson

SUBJECT: Additional Information for Congressman Lipscomb's
Constituent, Mrs. Ann Druffel

The following additional information is furnished for reply to
Congressman Lipscomb on behalf of his constituent, Mrs. Ann Druffel.

Dear Congressman Lipscomb:

On _____ 1961, we wrote you we had forwarded
your correspondence on behalf of your constituent, Mrs. Ann Druffel
to the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson
Air Force Base, Ohio. Regrettably, a representative of that Agency
passed away en route to Washington and we have not yet been able to
recover the documents in his possession. These included the corre-
spondence and attachments received from Mrs. Druffel.

We do want to assure you that the subject of unidentified flying
objects is important to the Air Force for the reason that we have
primary responsibility for the air defense of the United States. In
the performance of this important mission, it is essential we have
knowledge of any grave threat, such as hostile visitors from unknown
areas.

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FILE: UFO

Dear Mr. Lipscomb:

This is in response to your letter of February 14, 1961 in behalf of Mrs. Ann Druffel concerning unidentified flying objects (UFOs). I regret the delay in providing you with a final report concerning this matter but, as indicated when the case was discussed with your office, it was necessary to await an investigation of the sighting reported by Mrs. Druffel.

Mrs. Druffel's correspondence was forwarded to the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, for investigation of the object sighted over Hollywood, California. We regret that the representative of that agency who was transporting the report to Washington passed away en route and we have not yet been able to recover the documents in his possession. These included the report of the sighting submitted by Mrs. Druffel. That report will be returned to your office as soon as the Air Force has again gained possession of it.

The subject of UFOs is important to the Air Force for the reason that we have primary responsibility for the air defense of the United States. In the performance of this important mission, it is essential we have knowledge of any grave threat, such as hostile visitors from unknown areas.

Since the early reports of UFOs were received by the Air Force, over 7,000 cases have been reported, investigated and analyzed by a selected scientific group under the supervision of the Air Force. The scientists involved in these analyses are completely objective and open-minded on the subject and apply scientific methods of examination in reaching their conclusions.

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The Air Force has stated that the results of its investigations show: first, there is no evidence that unidentified sightings were inimical or hostile; second, there is no evidence that unidentified sightings were interplanetary spaceships; third, there is no evidence that these unidentified sightings represent technological developments or principles outside the range of our present day scientific knowledge, and fourth, there is no evidence that these unidentified sightings are a threat to the security of our country.

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4 Feb BSR fm C/M to Gen Musgrave /w/incls Sincerely,
6 Feb Rcd L&L and Team A. Fwded SAFOI
Mar Memo fm SAFOI: Capt Mack
3 Mar Fnl ltr prepd & fwded based on above memo

WILLIAM M. NELSON
Colonel, USAF
Congressional Liaison Division
Office of Legislative Liaison

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Honorable Glenard P. Lipscomb
House of Representatives

January 31, 1961

The Honorable Glenard P. Lipscomb
Congressman, 24th District, California
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Congressman Lipscomb:

I received your recent letter of thanks for my campaign volunteer work with much appreciation. I think it is fine when a man in your responsible position will go to the trouble to write personal thanks.

In your letter, you invited me to continue to send my views to you, and so I take this opportunity to present for your consideration a matter of intense interest to me and to a large number of my friends and acquaintances.

I do not know whether this problem has been brought to your attention by any of your constituents, but colleagues of yours in the House of Representatives such as Edgar W. Hiestand, A. Sidney Herlong (Fla.), and Frank Thompson, Jr. (N.J.) have expressed concern. The problem is the official government policy of secrecy regarding unidentified flying objects (UFOs).

For almost four years the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), which has its headquarters at 1536 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington 6, D. C., has been urging open hearings to inform the public of the actual facts concerning these objects. May I re-direct your attention to the enclosed reproduction of part of the Congressional Record of August 31st, 1960 in which the Hon. Leonard G. Wolf put down his remarks regarding NICAP, quoting such respected citizens as Vice Adm. R. H. Hillenkoetter, former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Members of the Los Angeles Subcommittee of NICAP have been investigating UFO reports over the past year, and we are frank to state that a large number of such sightings do turn out to be misidentification of conventional objects, hoaxes, etc. But not all are such, as the official Air Force line would have us believe. There is always a hard core of the unknown and the unexplainable.

To add to your information on this subject, I am sending you a detailed report of an unusual, unidentified aerial object which appeared over Hollywood, Calif. on two successive nights, February 5th and 6th, 1960. This report contains facts which are fully documented, fantastic as they seem on paper, and represents four months of research. The highlights of the report are as follows:

1. A large, mysterious, and unidentified red light appeared low over Hollywood, Calif., two nights in a row, at approximately

the same time and following approximately the same course, and was viewed by hundreds of witnesses.

2. On the second night, Feb. 6th, 1960, the object "exploded", emitting a brilliant blue-white flash with accompanying roar and concussion followed by "mushroom-shaped" cloud. A large, aluminum-colored object emerged from it and shot upward.

3. The red object hovered over one intersection in Hollywood for a full ten minutes on Feb. 6th, and over the identical intersection for a full 5 minutes on Feb. 5th.

4. Efforts made by witnesses to notify police and other local officials brought no action or investigation of any sort. Only slight, inaccurate accounts of the occurrence appeared in the press.

This report was prepared especially for the purpose of alerting responsible government officials like yourself to the danger of continuing to ignore these strange aerial objects. People like myself have been asking for many years---what are these things?---why are they in our skies?---what is the reason for their strange gyrations, explosions, and other accompanying phenomena. To learn what they are for curiosity's sake is one thing, but there is another, more urgent reason for official investigation and public information. These things have been sighted often on our nation's radar defense network. It is entirely likely that one day they will be mistaken for an enemy attack force, for they often fly in groups at high speeds. They could set off a general war, as has been indicated by none other authority than General Chassin, NATO coordinator of Allied Air Services. (See Foreword of Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery by Aime Michel.)

I sincerely hope you will take time to read our report. If you desire to know more regarding the personnel of our committee, I would be happy to send you additional information. I might say that we are all level-headed persons, with not an occultist, spiritualist, or crackpot among us! I will say here, that our Chairman is Dr. Leslie Kaeburn, who is director of the Bio-Electronics Laboratory of the University of Southern California, active now in space medicine research.

I would appreciate hearing from you regarding your opinion in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Ann Druffel
257 Sycamore Glen
Pasadena, California

12 April 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY DIVISION, SAFIL

SUBJECT: Reply to Congressman Lipscomb - UFO

It is suggested that a reply to Congressman Lipscomb be made along the following lines:

Your letter of April 4, 1961, concerning unidentified flying objects in behalf of Mrs. Ann Druffel of Pasadena, California, has been received.

The documents possessed by the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center representative at the time of his demise (enroute to Washington from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, with several documents on different subjects, some of which were classified) were taken over by the FBI, a normal procedure under these circumstances. In essence, this report regarding the Los Angeles sighting referred to by Mrs. Druffel was inconclusive due to the fact that the Air Force was not apprised of the sighting until months after it occurred (January 1961). Consequently, we are unable to determine the cause for this sighting. We must reiterate that if prompt and accurate information had been received we would have been able to resolve the matter to your satisfaction.

It is true that the Air Force has personnel in the Los Angeles area. As a matter of interest the Ballistic Systems Division and the Space Systems Division of the Air Force Systems Command (formerly the Air Research and Development Command) are located in the Inglewood, California area. It is believed that had any Air Force personnel witnessed the sighting and could not resolve in their minds what they saw, it would have been expeditiously reported as provided in the Air Force Regulation 200-2.

Regarding Mrs. Druffel's comments pertaining to Congressional Hearings on the subject of UFOs, the only elaboration we can make is that on several occasions various members of the Congress and several Congressional committees have evidenced an interest in the unidentified flying object program and have received informal briefings by Aerospace

Technical Intelligence Center personnel on the conduct of this program. The subject of open hearings has been discussed with members of the Congress and their Administrative Assistants and the conclusion to date has been that an adequate program is being conducted by the Air Force and hearings are not necessary. Nevertheless, the Air Force stands ready to cooperate with the Congress in this matter at any time overriding considerations dictate a need for such public hearings.

Our comments made in paragraph two above apply concerning part three of Mrs. Druffel's letter.

With regard to part four of her letter, we must point out that detailed information must be readily available in close proximity to the time of the sighting if an objective analysis is to be made. The Air Force has a group of highly qualified scientists who meticulously analyze the facts of such sightings.

I hope that the above information proves helpful. Should you require further assistance in this matter please let me know.

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Correspondence packet

WILLIAM T. COLEMAN, JR.
Major, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

SAFLL-1/Mr. Wilson/pma/57201/13Apr61
SAFLL 158401

FILE: UFO

Dear Mr. Lipscomb:

This is in response to your letter of April 4, 1961, in behalf of Mrs. Ann Druffel, concerning unidentified flying objects (UFO's). Mrs. Druffel indicates her feeling that some analysis must have been made to her UFO sighting since the representative of the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center (ATIC) passed away while transporting the report to Washington. In this connection, the documents possessed by the ATIC representative at the time of his demise were taken over by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a normal procedure under these circumstances. These documents related to several subjects, some of which were classified. However, the only document relating to the report submitted by Mrs. Druffel was the report itself, which had been transmitted to ATIC for possible analysis. In essence, this report was inconclusive due to the fact that the Air Force was not apprised of the sighting until months after it had occurred. The Air Force was thus unable to determine the cause for the sighting.

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Letter to Honorable Glenard P. Lipscomb (Continued)

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Sincerely,

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Honorable Glenard P. Lipscomb

House of Representatives

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4 Apr - Ltr fr C/M to Gen Musgrave w/incls
7 Apr - Recd LL & Team A
10 Apr - Fwd SAFOI for prep draft reply
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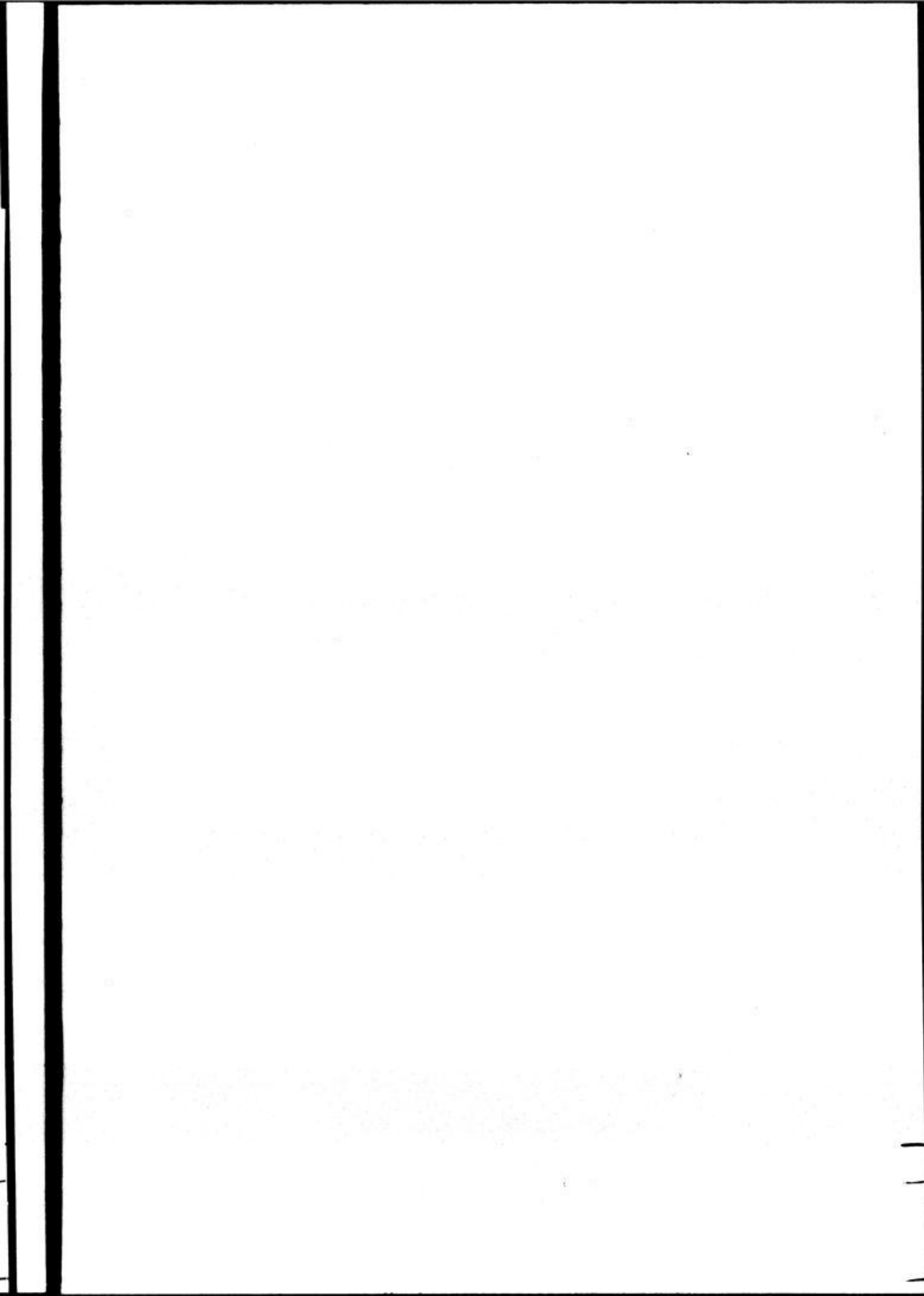
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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>night</u> GMT <u>not reported</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE civilian		☐ Other ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not reported	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE not reported	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Allege photo of object in or near Weymouth Rockland Massachusetts. Several reports of object being photographed by a newspaper Staff reporter. Reported as a time exposure. Note: Article attached to sighting from same city, same date, No correlation established between visual sighting and photo.		11. COMMENTS Copies of the photograph were requested for evaluation, however after a delay of more than four months no reply was received. Cannot evaluate without photos. Insufficient data for evaluation.	

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Request for UFO Information

Richard Pothier
Patriot Ledger, Staff Reporter
Quincy, Massachusetts

Dear Mr Pothier:

A sighting of an unidentified flying object has been reported to the U S Air Force. The sighting took place on 25-26 Jun 63 in the Weymouth, Rockland area. It is our understanding that you took a photograph of this object. We would appreciate borrowing the negative or a copy of this photo or slide. We would return this negative or photo to you upon completion of our photographic analysis. We would also appreciate the following information:

At what time and date was the photo taken?
In what direction was the camera facing when the photo was taken?
At what elevation was the photo taken?

Please mail the negative or photo and the information to:
FTD (TDEW), Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

Sincerely,

ERIC T de JONCKHEERE
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology
and Subsystems

SOURCE: SAUCER NEWS DEC 63

...A still photograph of a UFO, taken by a reporter on the Quincy, Massachusetts, Patriot Ledger, has baffled Dr. Gerald S. Hawkins, who is director of the Boston University Observatory and staff astronomer at the Harvard College Observatory. The picture was snapped on July 26th by reporter Richard Pothier from the back yard of his home. It shows a mysterious pattern of lights which the noted astronomer, who personally examined the picture, was unable to explain. Said Dr. Hawkins: "I would hesitate to say the photograph does show a flying saucer, although I admit it is very difficult to explain the photograph." He also stated that the picture "comes very close to scientific evidence about UFO's."....

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26 June 1963
Weymouth, Mass

Source: Quincy, Mass Patriot Ledger of Tuesday, 30 July 1963

UFO Photo Baffles Astronomer At B.U.

BOSTON—The mysterious pattern of moving lights photographed by Patriot Ledger Staff reporter Richard Potthier from the backyard of his Wollaston home June 26 apparently was not caused by a "flying saucer" or similar body, a noted Boston astronomer said.

Difficult To Explain

The astronomer, Dr. Gerald S. Hawkins, director of the Boston University Observatory said, "I could hesitate to say the photograph shows a flying saucer although I admit it is very difficult to explain the photograph."

Dr. Hawkins listed three reasons behind his theory. They are: "there were a solid object in the picture were obscured, the sky it would obscure some of the star trails. None of the trails

There are several areas on the film where no light has fallen. This is probably obscuration of some sort, and it is very unlikely that the glow from a flying saucer would be shining through some sort of a grid.

And, the complicated pattern,

State Board Head Voted Pay Raise She Didn't Want

BOSTON (UPI) — The Massachusetts Senate has given preliminary approval to a bill which would increase the membership and the salaries of members of the Massachusetts Commission

Raymond E. Fowler
From: Raymond E. Fowler,
13 Friend Court,
Wenham, Mass.

July 24, 1965

Mr. Darrell Bissonnette
853 West Street
Attleboro, Massachusetts

Dear Darrell

Thank you for your letter of July 17. I was very glad to get the clipping. I heard about this UFO but had not seen a copy of it until your letter arrived.

There are many different ways in which this UFO could have come about. First of all, remember that the man did not see anything in the sky. He was just taking pictures of the stars and the trails show clearly. It is very easy to get a film light struck. First of all this can happen in the developing. There may be some fault in the developer which can produce this sort of defect. The person might have had a shutter that stuck and momentarily at least as he waved his camera around happened to point it toward a fairly bright light. The shutter might not stick again. I know of several UFOs that are due to this effect. Also in loading or unloading the camera he might have inadvertently exposed the film. It would be interesting to know whether this was either the first or the last film on the reel. Sometimes a mirror mechanical abrasion can cause development of the image. We are not sure whether the man who took the picture did the development or not. There have been many similar unexpected images on photographic films that have been reported as UFOs, some very similar to this. He says that he took precautions so that an automobile headlight would not shine into the lens. But I would like to know whether he used a flashlight or not. Sometimes the light from a flashlamp, even if not directly shining in the lens, will shine in indirectly reflected perhaps from a wristwatch or a ring. The fact that some one of the UFO "study groups" confirmed that this was a true UFO does not impress me. Nor does the statement that this group "works closely with the Air Force," which is manifestly inaccurate and probably untrue. The rectangular motions are of no significance either. The only reported angular movements that I know of are those on radar, not on visual saucers. Nor would I completely rule out the "playful child". The argument about the focus does not convince because secondary reflections could have occurred that would have produced this sort of an effect. I would like to see an enlargement or copy (in color) of the original. I should also like to ask the photographer whether his camera automatically shifts the frame or not. I am trying to eliminate the possibility of an accidental double exposure.

He states that "what it photographed was definitely in the sky." He further states that he kept the camera in constant view. But he also said that he had not seen the object. I maintain that there is no proof that it was definitely in the sky or that it was something that had moved into the camera's view, hovered in at least seven spots, maneuvered, then left the camera's view.

Mr. Darrell Eissonette

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July 28, 1963

I definitely discount the statement of Putnam concerning the report of the two West Quincy girls. There have been far too many 'confirmations' of this sort. Does he not at least produce a pre-dated paper reporting this sighting by the West Quincy girls?

Sorry to be such a skeptic. I don't know whether any group is checking up on the picture. They would not normally be doing so unless he actually sent pictures to the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center, Wright Field, Dayton Ohio. I hope that my reply has at least communicated some of my scientific skepticism in the interpretation. I am quite sure that the person who made the observation is honest and reliable. But if he is an expert photographer, he should know that what I have said about possible defects is true. I am, therefore, sending him a copy of my letter.

Incidentally, you may be interested to know that my new book, "The World of Flying Saucers," published by Doubleday, written jointly by myself and Mrs. Lyle Boyd, will be on the bookstands in just a few days. I deal with photographic saucers there, in one of the chapters.

Thanking you for your interest, I am

Cordially yours,

DHM/sc

Donald H. Menzel
Director

cc: Richard Pothier

bcc Col. Friend

News Photog Snaps UFO

APRO HAS in its possession a colored slide of an object photographed on time exposure by news photographer Dick Pothier of Wollaston, Mass. In a by-lined story in the Quincy Patriot-Ledger, Mr. Pothier described his experience which took place on either the 25th or 26th of June 1963.

Pothier was taking time photos of stars in order to record the tracks of same, from his back yard at Wollaston, Mass. His equipment consisted of a Japanese 35 mm. camera on a tripod. He was using Kodachrome X film. Other than checking the distance he did not touch the equipment until 30 minutes after he opened the shutter, when he returned to close it.

Two weeks later Pothier had the film developed. On the slide he immediately spotted something which shouldn't have been there—a clear pattern of lights which moved into the camera's view, hovered in at least 10 spots, maneuvered, then left the camera's view again.

In Pothier's own words: "The time exposure was able to capture all this, and the intensity of the lights on the color slide clearly show just where the lights stopped and moved, leaving either an image of the lights or a colored track. In back of the orange, white and silver lights and tracks were the star trails which was originally the purpose of one of the shots."

Pothier eventually showed the photo slide to Stephen Putnam, a mechanical engineer, APRO member and President of the Two-State UFO Group, of Egypt, Mass. Putnam, in a statement to the Patriot-Ledger said after a three-hour study of the slide, that the lights seemed to be arranged on a single object which never changed its attitude relative to the ground, and appeared to make 90 degree turns without turning itself. Because the lights ranged in color from orange to white to silver, never changed their relative position, they were apparently mounted on the same frame-

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work, he said.

"Except for a brilliant orange nucleus, which remained in a central position, no matter which way the object stopped, turned or paused, the lights defy interpretation," Putnam said.

Putnam pointed out that the structure of the object would be invisible on the slide, as it was, just as a night picture of a car would show only headlights.

Obviously the lights were not caused by a balloon or airplane and the color of the lights precludes the helicopter explanation. The focus of the camera was set at infinity, thus ruling out close-in objects such as fireflies, etc.

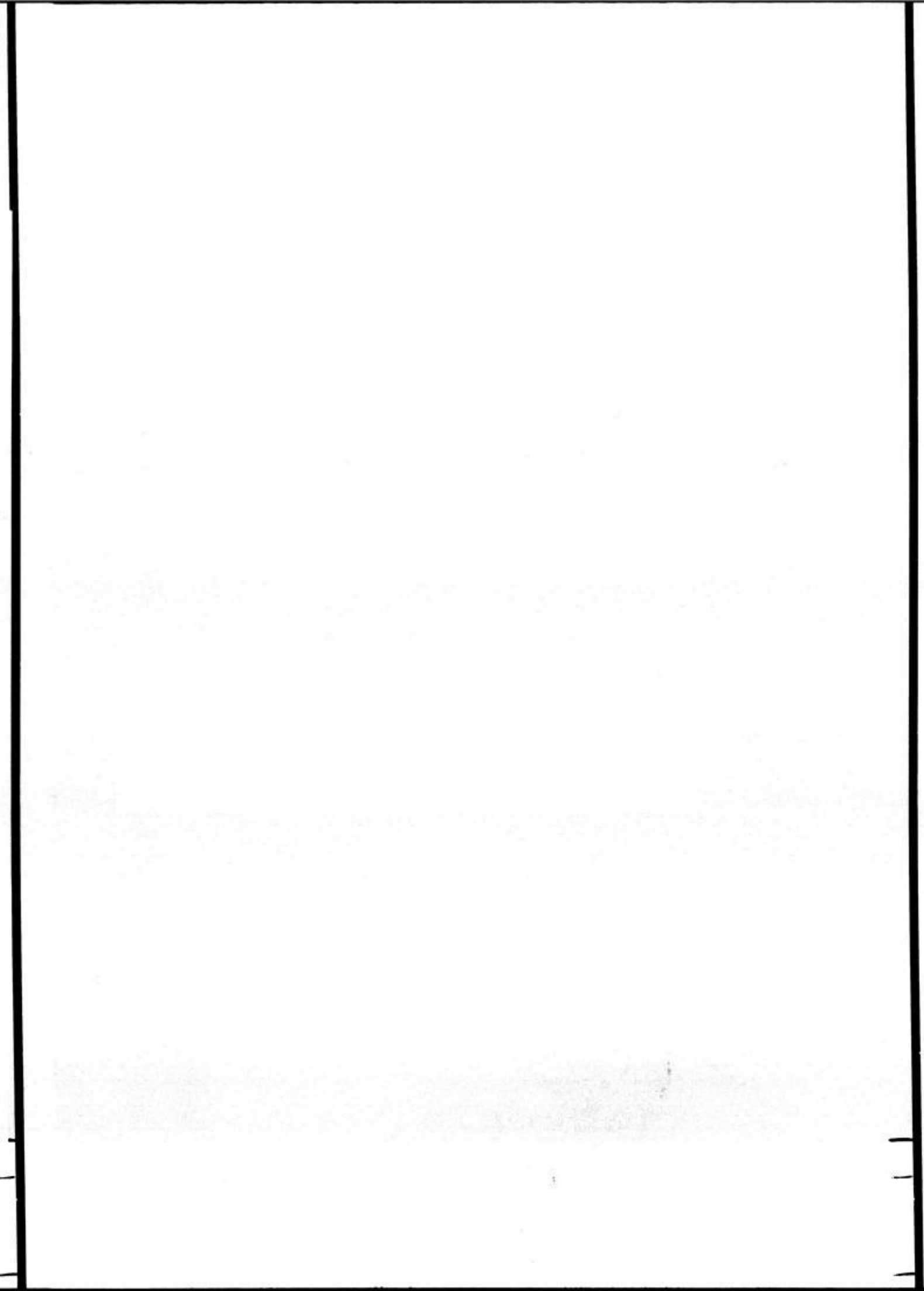
For camera enthusiasts, Pothier elucidates the details about his: It was a Heiland Pentax 35 mm. with an FL-55 mm. lens. The film was Kodachrome X, ASA 64—lens wide open and set for infinity.

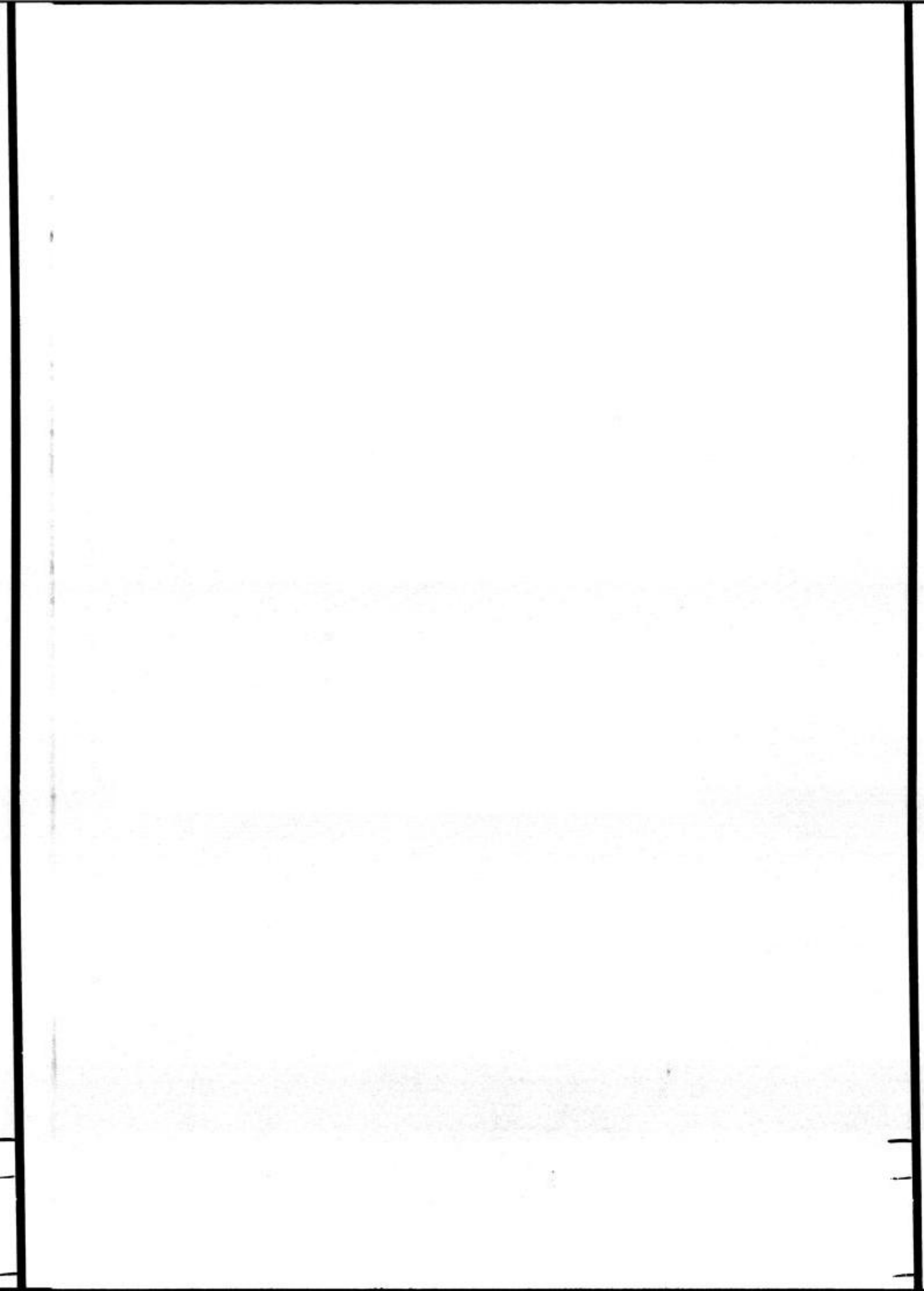
Exit and entrance trails of the object which made the image are very dim indicating that whatever it was it was either accelerating rapidly or descending into camera range during its exit and entrance upon the scene. In a letter dated August 3, John T. Hopf, APRO's photo analyst, had this to say: "There is no question but that this is a real image of some light source, we have positively ruled out processing or film defects. I don't agree with the Harvard astronomer who said that if there was a solid body behind the light it would obscure the star trails. I know from my own experience that an object passing in front of the stars for a short time will not show an effect on the trails in an exposure as long as 30 minutes as this one was. I think this photo is worth running in the Bulletin although we will probably never know just what caused it. I have talked to the fellow (Pothier) at great length, and believe him when he says that no accidental double exposure occurred. I happen to own one of the same cameras (Pentax) and will make some tests myself when I get a chance, but don't expect to duplicate the photo."

After Pothier's story the Patriot-Ledger carried an account in its July 30 edition which was headlined: "UFO Photo Baffles Astronomer at B.U." and quotes Dr. Gerald S. Hawkins, Director of the Boston University Observatory: "I would hesitate to say the photograph does show a flying saucer although I admit it is very difficult to explain the photograph." He also said: "If there were a solid object in the sky it would obscure some of the star trails. None of the trails in the picture were obscured. There were several areas on the film where no light has fallen. This is probably obscuration of some sort and it is very unlikely that the glow from a flying saucer would be shining through some sort of grid. And, the complicated pattern, similar to those found in multiple reflections, does not agree at all with the eyewitness descriptions of flying saucers."

It is obvious from Dr. Hawkins' comments that he has had little experience with the study and research of flying saucers. Mr. Hopf has deftly and correctly disputed Hawkins' theory about the obscuration of star trails, and most UFO experts, upon seeing the slide, remark about the similarity between the color and apparent placement of lights and the many sightings which describe almost those exact characteristics.

It would seem the UFOs suddenly attained some sort of legitimacy after being commented upon by Dr. Hawkins, for shortly, Pothier and others received accounts of various UFO sightings in the area.





PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 26 June 1963		2. LOCATION Weymouth, Massachusetts		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 0100 GMT 26/0600Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☒ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE civilian		☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION one minute		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE NE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Obj observed as two white lights and dark area in the middle by couple who awoke to a humming sound. Looked out window and saw obj. Report indicates that obj was observed in the SW and disappeared after a flight of one min in the NE. Wife did not observe obj very long. Got scared and hid under covers after initial observation. Principal witness continued to observe obj. Total duration of one min. Obj had light on top and light on bottom as bright as two lamp post lights. Edges outlined because of these lights.				11. COMMENTS News report indicates orange light on top and white light on bottom. No explanation as to how witness observed obj in SW and observed disappearance IN NE while looking from one window. Witness to sound next door thought obj (sound) was normal jet a/c, /flight, lights and general pattern of this sighting indicate an a/c observation. Nothing other than the shape as described by a sleepy witness, indicates this to be anything other than a normal a/c observation.	

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Space Technical Intelligence Center,
Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio

Attention: Major Carl R. Hart

Dear Major Hart: (Or, To whom it may concern)

Enclosed is a packet of information concerning what I believe to be an excellent UFO report even by itself, although it is supported by other sightings and an unexplained photograph in the same area and general time.

I have studied the UFO problem since 1947, and, during this time have come to a tentative conclusion that another race is probing our planet, as fantastic as it seems. Having served as an Intercept Operator in the USAF Security Service in the early fifties, I have been especially interested in the way(s) the USAF has handled UFO's over the years as regarding releases of UFO information to the public.

I am a member of the "gad-flies", i.e. NICAP, AFRO and a local group from which I try to sift out "good" UFO Reports. I do not concur with all that these organizations state. I have read and found Ruppelt's book very helpful as well as Keyhoe's works. NICAP and the USAF seem to be both doing their best, in their own ways, to deal with UFO's.

At present I am an Administrative Assistant for Sylvania and am working in the Minuteman Program Office. We are developing an advanced electronics system for Minuteman as you know. I trust that the information I am sending will be of some help. The Gilberti family are willing to answer any more questions the USAF may have although I realize that your present policy "seems" to have relinquished interviews because of the publicity involved.

I can see both the dangers in telling the public and in not telling the public what the USAF has found out so far concerning UFO's. I feel in the long run that an informed public is best even though many answers are not known. I trust the USAF is preparing or has prepared a public indoctrination program on UFO's to employ in the future. My concern is that the USAF may wait until the UFO problem might worsen. It could you know. It may be too late then.

Yours Sincerely,

Raymond E. Fowler
Raymond E. Fowler

FROM: RAYMOND E. FOWLER
13 FRIEND COURT
WENHAM, MASS

FIRST CLASS

ATIC - USAF
LFOB
WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB
DAYTON, OHIO

13 FRIEND COURT,
WENHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

SUBJECT: UFO SIGHTING - 26 JUNE 63; 1:00 AM; E. WEYMOUTH, MASS
DATE: 29 JULY 1963
FROM: Raymond E. Fowler
(Member: NICAP; APRO; MASS-R.I. TWO STATE UFO STUDY GRP)
TO: LIST

E. Gilberti (1)
USAF - ATIC (1)
NICAP (1)
APRO (1)
MASS/RI GRP (1)

On the evening of July 28, 1963 my brother and I interviewed two families on Commercial Street, East Weymouth, Massachusetts in regard to the sighting of an unidentified flying object which was seen, heard, and photographed in the Southshore area during the night of June 25th and the early morning hours of June 26, 1963.

Attached is a photostat of a completed UFO Data Sheet which is based upon a USAF Technical Information Sheet. The drawings of the UFO were done by Mr. Enrico Gilberti. We went through the form together objectively filling in the information. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gilberti signed the completed form. The following is a brief account of our interview with them and a family who live next door.

THE MERRILL INTERVIEW - 348 Commercial Street

Upon arriving in the Gilberti neighborhood, we first interviewed Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Merrill who live next door to the Gilberti's. Mr. Merrill works an evening shift and had just gotten into bed shortly before he and his wife heard a very loud "humming vibrating sound" ^{AT ABOUT 1:00 A.M. JUNE 26,} He said the sound was not that of an airplane. He is familiar with the sound of airplanes as he had flown in B-17's during World War II and later served during the Korean War. His wife, because the sound was so peculiar, asked him to get out of bed to see what it could be. However, he felt too tired to get out of bed.

THE GILBERTI INTERVIEW - 344 Commercial Street

Mr. and Mrs. Gilberti were awakened about 1:00 A.M. on June 26, 1963 by an "un-godly sound - like a slow moving jet" - is the best they could describe it. Their bed was pulled up to the back window so as to keep cool. Their heads were near the window and they both looked out. Mrs. Gilberti saw the UFO and was terrified, jumping under the covers. Mr. Gilberti observed the object for approximately one minute. "It", he said, was like "two hamburger buns one on top of another with a sandwiched piece of meat protruding around." Its outline was seen because of two lights on the object, one on the top and one on the bottom which were shaped like "Turkish Fez hats". It hovered momentarily, slowly moved at a height of about 100 feet over trees about 300 feet away, crossed power lines

stretch across a field in back of their house, until it disappeared from view. "Janet (Mrs. Gilberti) was so shaken she could not get to sleep," he said. "We talked about it until 4:30 A.M."

Mrs. Gilberti called the Naval Air Station around 8:30 A.M. and someone there took her name and telephone number saying they would call her later, but no call came. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gilberti cautiously asked their neighbors if they had heard a sound during the night. The three neighbors they asked all had heard a loud sound but did not get out of bed to look as they had dismissed it as a low-flying jet.

At first the Gilberti's were reluctant to tell anyone what they had seen. Later, -after the Patriot Ledger, a local Quincy newspaper, published a photo taken by Richard Pothier one of its reporters of a UFO in the skies that same night (July 25th) along with reports of visual sightings of a UFO, - the Gilberti's told their story to the Patriot Ledger (See photostat of news-clipping attached to data sheet).

The Gilberti's said they had no idea what the object could have been but were certain it was not an airplane or a helicopter. Both families (The Gilberti's and the Merrill's) were sincere and my brother and I were convinced that they had seen and/or heard what they had described - an Unidentified Flying Object.

Yours Sincerely,

Raymond E. Fowler and Richard A. Fowler

Raymond E. Fowler

Richard A. Fowler

UFO DATA SHEET

1. HAD YOU SEEN THE OBJECT?

NAME WIFE 1763
 DATE 1963 12-1

2. TIME OF DAY: 11:00(CIRCLE ONE): a. or b.

3. TIME ZONE:

(CIRCLE ONE):

- a. EASTERN
 b. CENTRAL
 c. MOUNTAIN
 d. PACIFIC
 e. OTHER

(CIRCLE ONE): a. DAYLIGHT
SAVING TIME
 b. STANDARD TIME

4. WHERE WERE YOU WHEN YOU SAW THE OBJECT?

344 COMMERCIAL ST. E. WEYMOUTH MASSACHUSETTS
 NEAREST POSTAL ADDRESS CITY OR TOWN STATE OR COUNTRY

ADDITIONAL REMARKS: HEARD SOUND WHILE SLEEPING IN BED
SOUND WAKE THEM. "LODD." HE AND WIFE LOOKED OUT BEDSIDE
WINDOW. BOTH SAW IT.

5. ESTIMATE HOW LONG YOU SAW THE OBJECT. 1
 HOURS MINUTES SECONDS

5.1 CIRCLE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TO INDICATE HOW CERTAIN
 YOU ARE OF YOUR ANSWER TO QUESTION 5.

- a. CERTAIN c. NOT VERY SURE
 b. FAIRLY CERTAIN d. JUST A GUESS

6. WHAT WAS THE CONDITION OF THE SKY?

(CIRCLE ONE): a. BRIGHT DAYLIGHT d. JUST A TRACE OF DAYLIGHT
 b. DULL DAYLIGHT e. NO TRACE OF DAYLIGHT
 c. BRIGHT TWILIGHT f. DON'T REMEMBER

7. IF YOU SAW THE OBJECT DURING DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, OR DARK, WHERE WAS
 IT LOCATED AS YOU LOOKED AT THE OBJECT?

(CIRCLE ONE): a. IN FRONT OF YOU d. TO YOUR LEFT
 b. IN BACK OF YOU e. OVERHEAD
 c. TO YOUR RIGHT f. DON'T REMEMBER

IF YOU ANSWERED YES, THEN TELL WHAT IT LOVED BEHIND:

14. DID THE OBJECT RESEMBLE: (CIRCLE ONE): a. SOLID b. TRANSPARENT
c. DOTTED

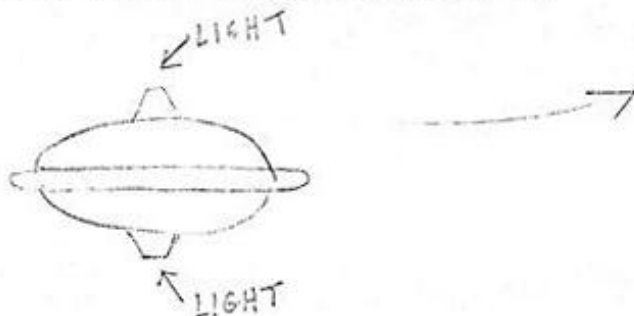
15. DID YOU OBSERVE THE OBJECT THROUGH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING?

a. BINOCULARS	YES	NO	e. BINOCULARS	YES	NO
b. SUN GLASSES	YES	NO	f. TELESCOPE	YES	NO
c. WINDOW GLASS	YES	NO	g. THERMIST	YES	NO
d. WINDOW GLASS	YES	NO	h. OTHER <u>SCREEN</u>		

16. TELL IN A FEW WORDS THE FOLLOWING THINGS ABOUT THE OBJECT.

a. SOUND VERY LOW. LIKE SLOW POUNDING
b. COLOR COULD NOT MAKE OUT COLOR - GRAY & DARK

17. 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 VAPOUR TRAILS. PLACE AN ARROW BESIDE THE DRAWING TO SHOW THE DIRECTION THE OBJECT WAS MOVING.



18. 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 MAY BE OUTLINE
BECAUSE IT WAS

19. 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 moving.

DR. A PICTURE THAT WILL SHOW THE LOCATION THAT THE OBJECTS OR OBJECTS WERE PLACED AT " " AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PATH AND " " AT THE END OF THE PATH, AND SHOW ANY CHANGES IN DIRECTION DURING THE COURSE OF FLIGHT.



21. IF POSSIBLE, TRY TO GUESS OR ESTIMATE WHAT THE REAL SIZE OF THE OBJECT WAS IN ITS LONGEST DIMENSION 30 (Feet).
"ABOUT SIZE OF 10 WHEEL TRAILER TRUCK"

22. HOW LARGE DID THE OBJECT OR OBJECTS APPEAR AS COMPARED WITH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OBJECTS HELD IN THE HAND AND AT ABOUT ARM'S LENGTH?

(CIRCLE ONE):

a. HEAD OF A PIN	g. SILVER DOLLAR
b. PEA	h. BASEBALL
c. DIME	i. GRAPEFRUIT
d. NICKEL	j. <u>BASKETBALL</u>
e. QUARTER	k. OTHER <u>BETWEEN SIZE J&K</u>
f. HALF-DOLLAR	

- 22.1 CIRCLE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TO INDICATE HOW CERTAIN YOU ARE OF YOUR ANSWER TO QUESTION 22.

a. CERTAIN c. NOT VERY SURE
b. FAIRLY CERTAIN d. UNCERTAIN

23. HOW DID THE OBJECT OR OBJECTS DISAPPEAR FROM VIEW? OUT OF VIEW AS WENT OUT OF LINE OF SIGHT

24. IN ORDER THAT YOU CAN GIVE US CLEAR A PICTURE AS POSSIBLE OF WHAT YOU SAW, WE WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO IMAGINE THAT YOU COULD CONSTRUCT THE OBJECT THAT YOU SAW. OF WHAT TYPE MATERIAL WOULD YOU MAKE IT? HOW LARGE WOULD IT BE, AND WHAT SHAPE WOULD IT HAVE? 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.

LIKE A HAMBURGER - MEAT STICKING OUT.
KNOW WHAT WOULD MAKE IT OUT OF. WAS
GRAY

25. WHERE WERE YOU LOCATED WHEN YOU SAW THE OBJECT(S)?
(CIRCLE ONE):

- a. INSIDE BUILDING
- b. IN A CAR
- c. OUTDOORS
- d. IN AN AIR LAKE
- e. AT SEA
- f. OTHER _____

26. WHERE WERE YOU (CIRCLE ONE):

- a. IN BUSINESS SECTION OF CITY
- b. IN RESIDENTIAL SECTION OF CITY
- c. IN OR IN COUNTRYSIDE?
- d. FLYING NEAR AN AIRFIELD?
- e. FLYING OVER A CITY?
- f. FLYING OVER OPEN COUNTRY?
- g. OTHER _____

27. WHAT WERE YOU DOING AT THE TIME YOU SAW THE OBJECT, AND HOW DID YOU HAPPEN TO NOTICE IT?

SOUND AS IF - AWAKENED BY SOUND - LOOKED

OUT WINDOW - SHE JUMPED UNDER COVERS.

28. IF YOU WERE MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE OR OTHER VEHICLE AT THE TIME, THEN COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

28.1 WHAT DIRECTION WERE YOU MOVING? (CIRCLE ONE):

- a. NORTH c. EAST e. SOUTH g. WEST
- b. N.E. d. S.E. f. S.W. h. N.W.

28.2 HOW FAST WERE YOU MOVING? _____ miles per hour?

28.3 DID YOU STOP AT ANY TIME WHILE YOU WERE LOOKING AT THE OBJECT? (CIRCLE ONE): YES NO

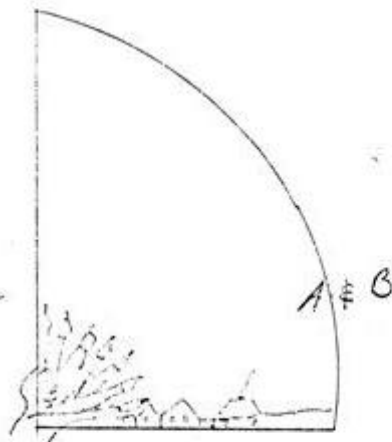
29. WHAT DIRECTION WERE YOU LOOKING WHEN YOU FIRST SAW THE OBJECT?

(CIRCLE ONE): a. NORTH b. N.E. c. EAST d. S.E. e. SOUTH f. S.W. g. WEST h. N.W.

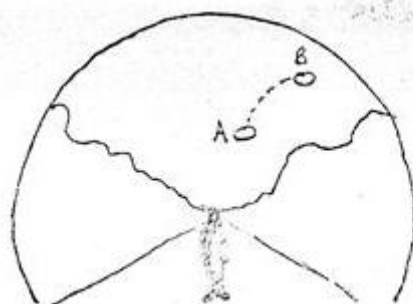
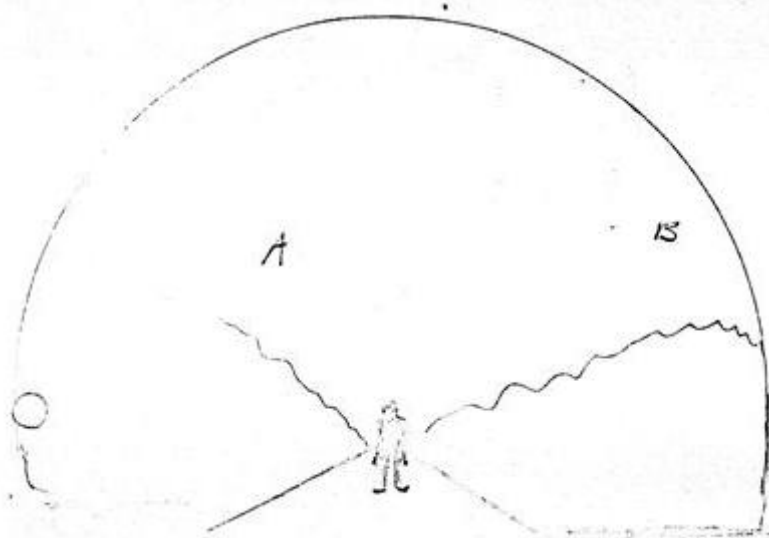
30. WHAT DIRECTION WERE YOU LOOKING WHEN YOU LAST SAW THE OBJECT?

(CIRCLE ONE): a. NORTH b. N.E. c. EAST d. S.E. e. SOUTH f. S.W. g. WEST h. N.W.

31. IN THE SKETCH BELOW, IMAGINE THAT YOU ARE AT THE POINT S.O.M.. PLACE AN "A" ON THE CURVED LINE TO SHOW HOW HIGH THE OBJECT WAS ABOVE THE HORIZON (SKILLING) WHEN YOU FIRST SAW IT. PLACE A "B" ON THE SAME CURVED LINE TO SHOW HOW HIGH THE OBJECT WAS ABOVE THE HORIZON (SKILLING) WHEN YOU LAST SAW IT.



32. IN THE SKETCH BELOW 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. REFER TO SMALLER SKETCH AS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW TO COMPLETE THE LARGER SKETCH.



33. WHAT WERE THE WEATHER CONDITIONS AT THE TIME YOU SAW THE OBJECT?

33.1 CLOUDS(CIRCLE ONE)

- a. CLEAR SKY
- b. HAZE
- c. SCATTERED CLOUDS
- d. THICK OR HEAVY CLOUDS
- e. DON'T REMEMBER

33.2 WIND(CIRCLE ONE)

- a. NO WIND
- b. SLIGHT BREEZE
- c. STRONG WIND
- d. DON'T REMEMBER

33.3 WEATHER(CIRCLE ONE)

- a. DRY
- b. FOG, MIST, OR LIGHT RAIN
- c. MODERATE OR HEAVY RAIN
- d. SNOW
- e. DON'T REMEMBER

33.4 TEMPERATURE(CIRCLE ONE)

- a. COLD
- b. COOL
- c. WARM
- d. HOT
- e. DON'T REMEMBER

34. WHEN DID YOU REPORT TO SOME OFFICIAL THAT YOU HAD SEEN THE OBJECT?

26 JUNE 1963

DAY MONTH YEAR

ABOUT 8:30 A.M.

AT S. WEYMOUTH

WHAT OFFICIAL? NAVAL

AIR STATION - SAID NO

PLANS IN AREA AT

THIS TIME.

35. WAS ANYONE ELSE WITH YOU AT THE TIME YOU SAW THE OBJECT?

(CIRCLE ONE): YES NO

35.1 IF YOU ANSWERED YES, DID THEY SEE THE OBJECT TOO?

(CIRCLE ONE): YES NO

35.2 PLEASE LIST THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESSES: WIFE -
SAME ADDRESS.

36. WAS THIS THE FIRST TIME THAT YOU HAD SEEN AN OBJECT(S) LIKE THIS?

(CIRCLE ONE): YES NO

36.1 IF YOU ANSWERED NO, THEN WHEN, WHERE, AND UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES DID YOU SEE OTHER ONE(S)?

37. IN YOUR OPINION WHAT DO YOU THINK THE OBJECT WAS AND WHAT MIGHT HAVE CAUSED IT?

I DON'T KNOW. WAS NOT ANYTHING I HAVE
EVER SEEN.

38. 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 _____ MPH.

39. 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 300 FT.

40. PLEASE GIVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF:

NAME MR. ENRICO GILBERTI

MRS. (JANET) GILBERTI

Enrico A. Gilberti Jr.

Janet S. Gilberti

ADDRESS 344 COMMERCIAL STREET,
EAST WEYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS

TELEPHONE NUMBER ED-5-1710

PRESENT JOB? CABINET MAKER

AGE 24

SEX MALE

PLEASE INDICATE ANY SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL TRAINING THAT YOU HAVE HAD:

a. GRADE SCHOOL ☒

e. TECHNICAL SCHOOL _____

b. HIGH SCHOOL ☒

(TYPE) _____

c. COLLEGE _____

d. POST GRADUATE _____

f. OTHER SPECIAL TRAINING _____

DO YOU BELONG TO NIGAP NO ? APRO NO ? OTHER? NO

HAVE YOU READ ANY BOOKS ON UFO'S? NO

41. DATE YOU COMPLETED THIS QUESTIONNAIRE: 28 JULY 1963

DAY MONTH YEAR

Lynwood E. Fowler
INTERVIEWER: RAYMOND E. FOWLER
13 FRIEND COURT,
WENHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

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came in this week in the
persons who said they would
have reported their sight-
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the photograph and ac-
companying story in Saturday's
paper.

Not of the persons asked that
names not be used, but then
said to look for them when they
saw that others saw the same
subject and that the reports agree
to almost all details.

All but one were at night
times between 9 p.m. and 1 a.m.
In almost all cases, the object
reported carried bright orange
and white lights and traveled in a
rectangular or zig-zag pattern
making sharp 90-degree turns
without pausing.

When the slide was later projected it clearly showed the flight path of a brilliantly-lighted orange and white object which had crossed the camera's field of vision during the half-hour maneuvered so sharp, vertical

The original purpose of the film — a color slide on Kodachrome X film — was to record the trails left by stars as the earth revolves.

1-tailed Report

It appears to be the same
came from Mr. and
Mrs. Gilbert of 344 Commer
street, East Weymouth, both
whom spotted the object on
June 26, at about 1 p.m. A

The ships, Mr. Gilbert said, was best described by using the "traditional 'frying saucer' concept," or "exactly two saucers stacked on top of each other and, as he said, he said was a protruding lip.

The two lips were shaped like a "ditch" or "hat," or a cone with the top cut off, he said.

"It flew smoothly, very low, almost right above the treetops," Gilbert said. "The roar was deafening."

"My wife was so shook up she couldn't sleep all night. She called South Weymouth the next morning and someone there took her name and telephone number but they never called back."

The signing was made at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tonsberg of Johnson Terrace, Rockland. Also present was Mr. Tonsberg's brother-in-law, William Henderson.

All three reported the object traced a zig-zag path, making a series of sharp 90-degree turns without pausing in its flight. To glow the object emitted was orange and white they said.

He said the object appeared to be heading northwest, but reportedly doubled back and flew over its path.

on the right angles taken by water was."

Gil-Voy saw the orange-white light so much higher than the airp-

led. "Look object" can
average slow motion in an at-
regular path fairly above
the ground near across up Wil-
liams High School.

"It was fully light, about 8:30 a.m., and we could see only very rough outline of the object. The most pronounced detail was the orange hue at the bottom and a dark surface or area at its top," she said.

Plunged Near Ocean

"It was going from west east, then suddenly stopped and moved erratically for a few seconds, reversed its direction and went back from east to west," she said.

"It was much bigger and brighter than the stars around it, and it was moving very unevenly. I could see it wasn't an airplane or helicopter because it was so high up and the lights that plane-people wouldn't see it for a long time."

as the Seifun sighting, two year-old girls from West Q reported seeing a group of orange-white lights moving in almost-exact duplicate of the seemingly-airless right-angle maneuvering captured on the film in Wall on

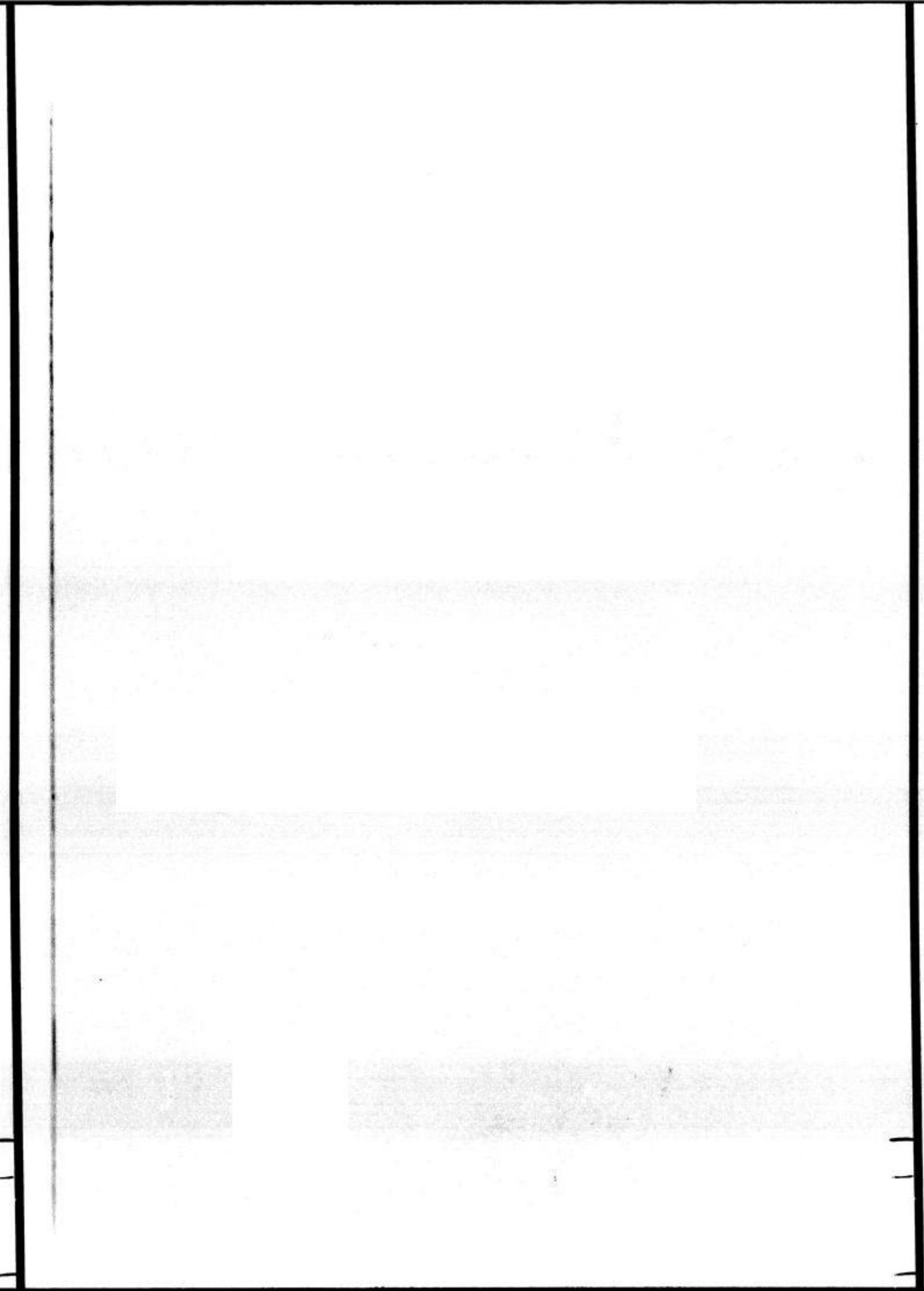
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lane, at such a low altitude as so

Information Only
Source: AFIO, November 1963

26 Jun 1963
South Weymouth, Mass

On June 26, Mr. and Mrs. Enrico Gilbert of East Weymouth spotted a UFO at 1 a.m. Next morning they reported the sighting to the Naval Air Station at South Weymouth and Mrs. Gilbert said the authority who took the report "didn't seem too surprised." The description of the sighting: Both Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert described the craft as 'very large,' bigger than a truck, with brilliant orange light on its bottom and a white light of equal intensity on its top. They said the object flew "with a deafening roar" about 100 feet over the ground, apparently following the path of some high-tension wires near the Gilbert home. Its shape, Gilbert said, was best described by using the traditional "flying saucers" concept, or more exactly, two saucers inverted toward each other. Around its middle, he said, was a protruding lip. The two lights were shaped like a Turkish fez hat, or a cone with the top cut off, he said. It flew smoothly, very low, almost right above the treetops, Gilbert said. The roar was deafening. "Up to now I've always thought of those people who believe in flying saucers as nuts," he said, "but my wife and I both saw it and it was some sort of machine, not a balloon or some other explanation."



11 OCT
7 DEC 64

13 Friend Court
Wenham, Massachusetts

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting - 11 October 1964 (Brockton, Mass.)
CONTENTS: UFO SIGHTING SUMMARY SHEET
MAP
UFO DATA SHEET *
FROM: Raymond E. Fowler
TO: List

cc. NICAP *
AFSC (FTD) *
W.H. Webb
APRO
NE UFO Group

The following Report provides detailed information concerning the sighting of a UFO over Brockton, Massachusetts on 11 October 1964 at 4:00 PM EDT by Mr. David Hanson, Mr. Vincent Flaherty and Mr. John _____ (anonymous). Any additional information on this sighting will be forwarded at a later date.

Raymond E. Fowler
Raymond E. Fowler
INVESTIGATOR

REF/ref

UFO SIGHTING SURVEY SHEET

UFO REPORT - 10/11/64

Witness #1 - David Hanson
111 Wilson Street
Brockton, Mass.

Age: 28
Education: College (6)
Occupation: Mech. Eng.

#2 - Vincent Flaherty
Center Street
Brockton, Mass.

Age: 30
Education: College (Eve.)
Occupation: Accountant

#3 - John _____
(wants name kept anonymous)
Brockton, Mass.

PLACE: 111 Wilson Street, Brockton, Massachusetts

DATE: 11 October 1964

TIME: 4:00 PM EDT

BACKGROUND:

On the evening of October 12th I taped the Bob Kennedy "Contact" show which was featuring "Contactee" George Adamski as guest for several hours.* My purpose for taping this program was to monitor telephone calls coming in from the radio audience concerning local UFO sightings. Only one sighting was phoned in and it turned out to be an excellent one. I found out later that the USAF had also monitored this program and had already questioned the principal witness when I contacted him.

* - I do not subscribe to the "views" of George Adamski

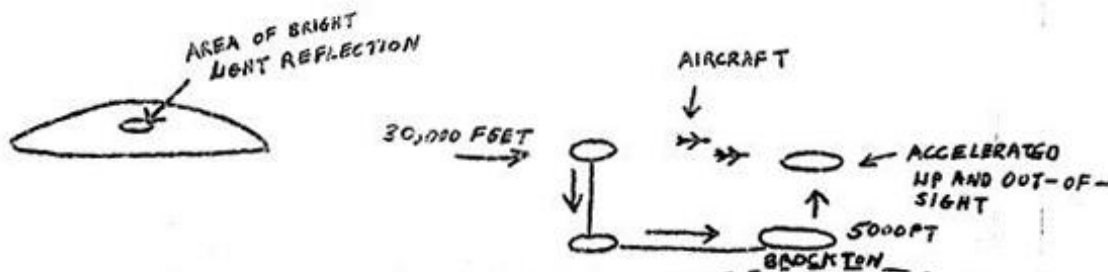
SIGHTING:

David, Vincent and John were on the front lawn at David's home when they heard two sonic booms. They looked up and saw two jet fighters flying at an estimated 30,000 feet leaving contrails. Directly behind and closing on the fighters was a bright round object. It caught up with the jet aircraft at a point just to the rear of them and then dropped slowly straight down over the city of Brockton. It levelled off at an estimated 5000 feet and moved over Brockton at a speed less than 100 mph. The jet fighters continued on their course.

Duration of the sighting was approximately 2 minutes. Condition of the sky was "Bright Daylight". The weather was clear sky, dry, cool with a slight breeze. The object was brighter than the background of the sky and appeared solid, sharply outlined and white in color. ("the color was off-white, possibly some sort of coating over metal") No noise was heard.

David stated that - "the object looked like an umbrella and was smooth all over..It reflected light when it made a slight turn.... reflected light came from a specific place about 2/3 the width in about the middle...the light was very bright." Vincent described the object as "circular" and "like a parachute".

DAVID'S DRAWINGS



The bright light reflected from the area shown in the above drawing was compared to the brightness of an automobile headlight several yards away. David compared the apparent size of the object with that of a silver dollar held at arm's length and guessed its real size as being "about 50 - 75 feet in diameter and about 15 feet high and flat on the bottom". Vincent felt that the object's apparent size was larger than that of a silver dollar held at arm's length but would not guess on its real size.

The object was first seen in the North, 75° from the horizon and was last seen toward the South at 30° from the horizon. It disappeared from view by going "straight up and out-of-sight in about 1-2 seconds." Its closest approach to the witnesses was estimated to be about one mile away.

Vincent voiced no opinion as to what he thought the object was. David stated that he thought the object was - "An aircraft of some type - manned - had tremendous speed because it chased and caught up to the two jets and when it went up and out-of-sight, its speed was extremely fast, although while over Brockton it was moving less than 100 mph."

Vincent and John were not contacted by the USAF but David was phoned by a Major who asked him the basic questions as found in AFR 200-2. The Major was particularly interested in whether the jet fighters turned around to look for the object. Unfortunately David cannot remember the Major's name. He did not say where he was phoning from.

EVALUATION:

I phoned the UFO officer, Major Brooks, at Hanscom AFB to see if he or someone from Hanscom AFB had phoned David and to obtain further information if possible although realizing that AFR 200-2 paragraphs #8 and #10 prohibited such information being given to the public by other than the SAFOI in Washington, D.C. I asked Major Brooks if it were possible for me to obtain additional information on a local UFO sighting that the USAF was investigating. He asked me for the date, place and time of the sighting and said he would have a look through his files. I heard him rustling through papers and then, after a pause he said - "Mr. Fowler, I'm going to have to put you on 'hold' for a minute." He did and I could not hear anything else. About 3-4 minutes went by and I was just beginning to wonder if I had been cut off when I

was re-connected again. Major Brooks said that he was sorry but he had no record of the UFO sighting to which I referred. I informed him that a USAF Major had questioned the principal witness by telephone. He made no comment and just repeated his first statement. I thanked him and hung up. He did not ask me any questions about the sighting except concerning the date, place and time. When I had talked to him on October 7th concerning a UFO sighted over Waltham, he wanted all the information that I could give him and encouraged me to phone in good UFO reports. His not asking for further details on this sighting may be significant.

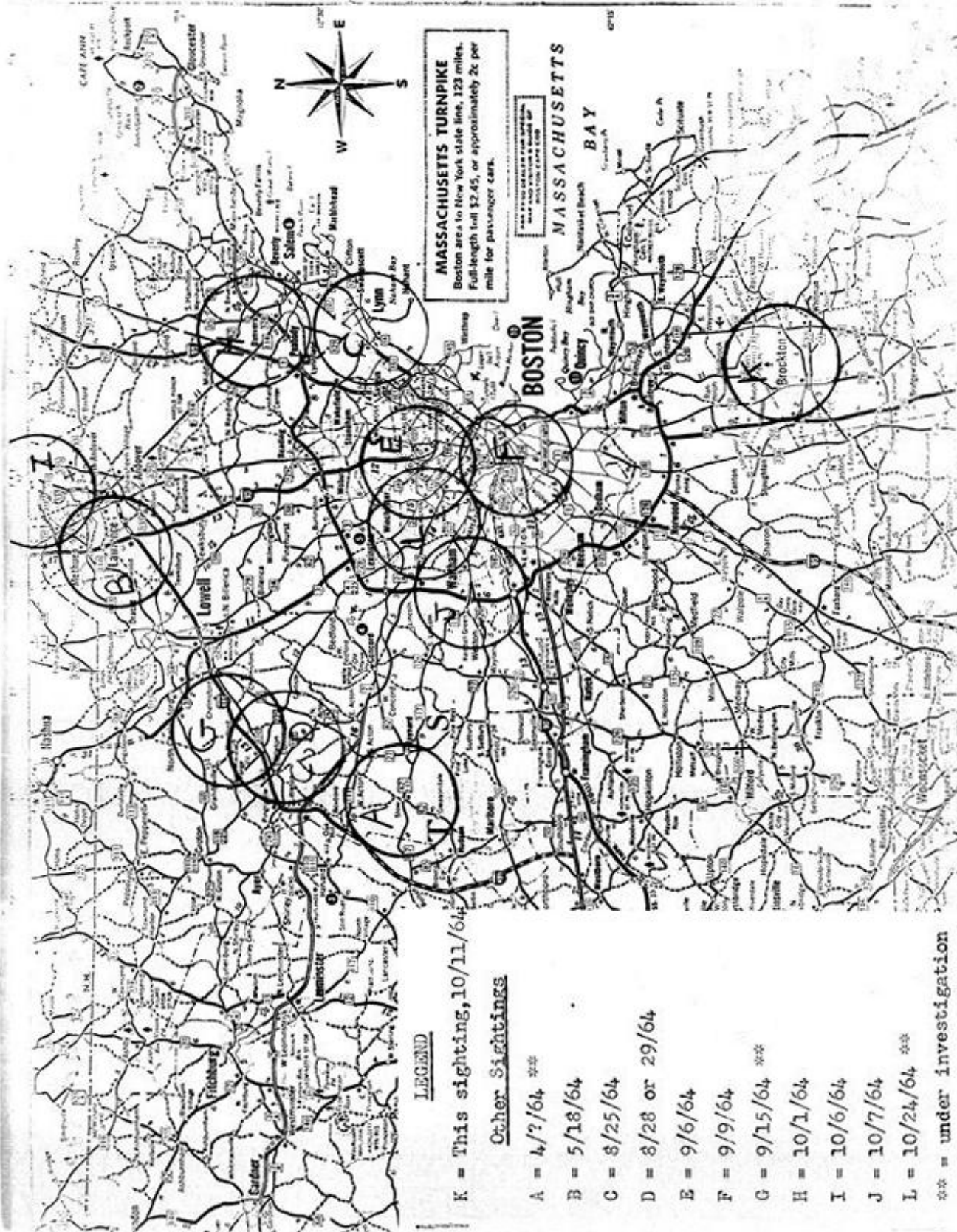
I consider David and Vincent to be sincere and competent witnesses. Neither had ever read books on UFOs or were particularly interested in the subject before making their sighting. David happened to be listening to the Bob Kennedy "Contact" show and wondered if what he had seen was connected with UFOs so he phoned in and related what he had seen to Bob Kennedy and the radio audience.

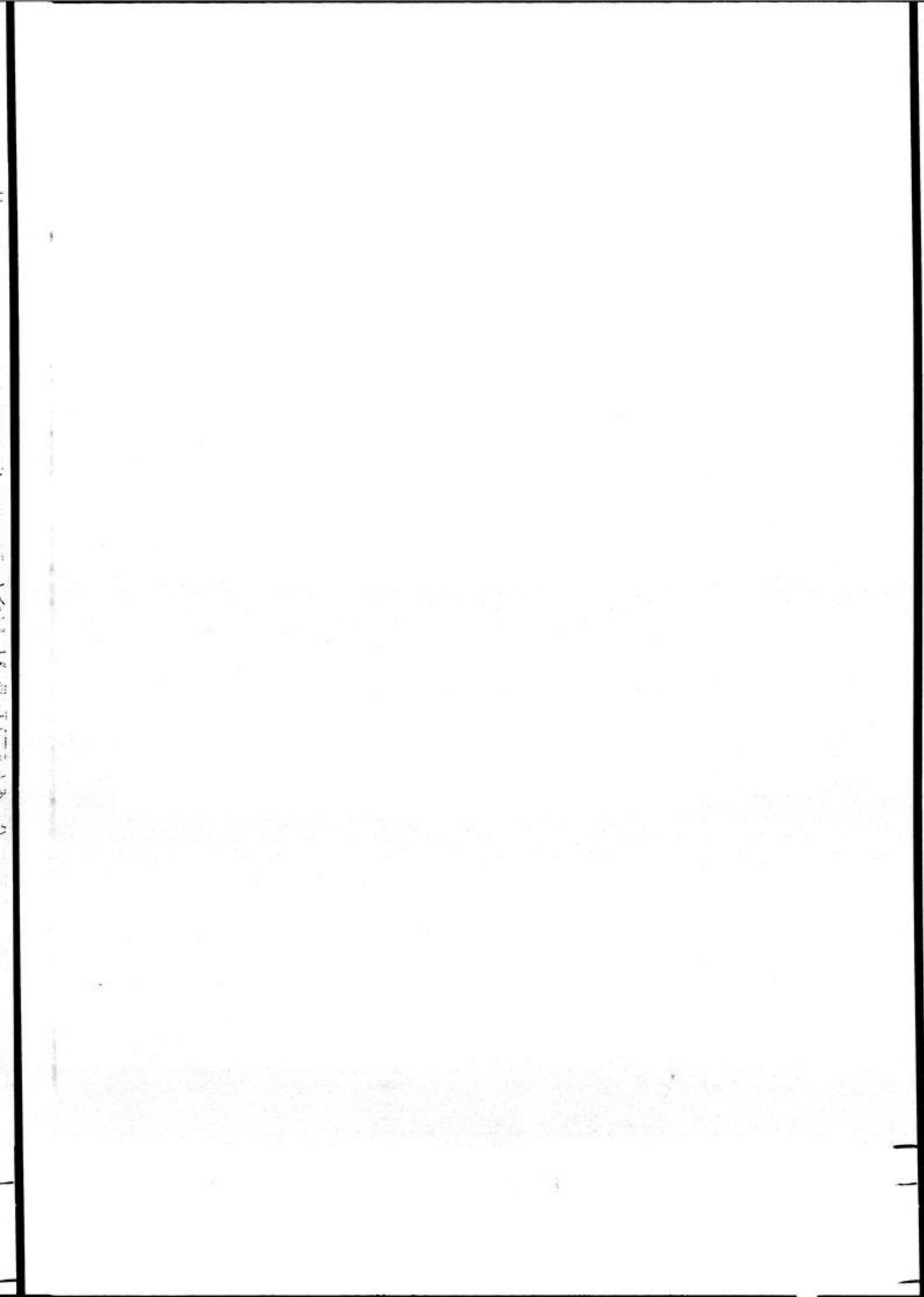
It is my opinion that the object described by the witnesses cannot be explained satisfactorily as a conventional object. I am convinced that they witnessed a real UFO.

Raymond E. Fowler
Raymond E. Fowler
INVESTIGATOR

cc. NICAP *
AFSC (FTD) *
W.N. Webb
APRO
NE UFO Group

* - UFO DATA SHEET included.





U F O DATA SHEET

Page one

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give as much information as possible concerning the "Unidentified Flying Object" 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. Thank you very much for your cooperation in this matter.

Investigator: National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena
Raymond E. Fowler
13 Friend Court
Wenham, Massachusetts

1. When did you see the object?

11 October 1964
DAY MONTH YEAR

2. Time of day: 4

HOUR MINUTES

(Circle One): A.M. or P.M.

3. Time zone: (Circle One):

- a. Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other _____

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

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

111 Wilson Street Brockton, Massachusetts
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks: I was at my home

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

2
HOURS MINUTES SECONDS

5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.

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

6. What was the condition of the sky?

- (Circle One): a. Bright daylight d. Just a trace of daylight
b. Dull daylight e. No trace of daylight
c. Bright twilight f. Don't remember

7. If you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

- a. In front of you c. To your right e. Overhead
b. In back of you d. To your left f. Don't remember

8. If you saw the object at NIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, 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 - dark
d. Don't remember

9. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky?

(Circle one): a. YES b. NO c. DON'T REMEMBER

10. If it was BRIGHTER THAN the sky background, was the brightness like that of an automobile headlight appearing to be? (CIRCLE ONE BELOW):

- a. A mile or more away? (a distant car)
b. Several blocks away?
c. A block away?
d. Several yards away?
e. Other? It reflected light when it made a slight turn.

11. 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. Flicker, throb, or pulsate? | YES | NO | DON'T KNOW |

12. 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: _____

13. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud?

YES NO DON'T KNOW (Circle One)

If you answered yes, then tell what it moved in front of: _____

14. Did the object appear (Circle One): SOLID? TRANSPARENT? DON'T KNOW

15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

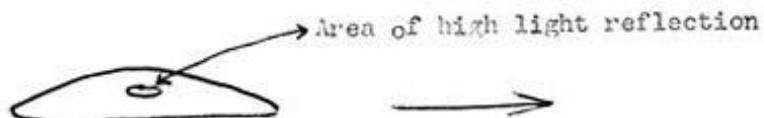
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|----------------|-----|----|-----------------|-----|----|----------|-------|
| a. Eyeglasses | YES | NO | d. Window glass | YES | NO | g. Other | _____ |
| b. Sun glasses | YES | NO | e. Binoculars | YES | NO | | _____ |
| c. Windshield | YES | NO | f. Telescope | YES | NO | | _____ |

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

a. SOUND None

b. COLOR White

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



The object looked like an umbrella and was smooth all over. The reflected light came from a specific place about $2/3$ the height in about the middle of the object. The light was very bright.

18. The edges of the object were:

(Circle One): a. Fuzzy or blurred

e. Other _____

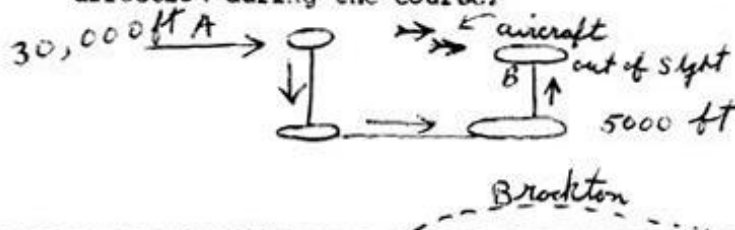
b. Like a bright star

c. Sharply outlined

19. 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 travelling.

JUST ONE OBJECT

20. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place a "A" at the beginning of the path; a "B" at the end of the path; and, show any changes in direction during the course.



21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension. 50 - 75 ft in dia. Feet.

22. How large did the object or objects appear as compared with one of the following objects "held" in the hand at about arm's length?

(Circle One): a. Head of a pin
b. Pea
c. Dime
d. Nickel
e. Quarter
f. Half-dollar

g. Silver dollar
h. Baseball
i. Grapefruit
j. Basketball
k. Other _____

- 22.1 CIRCLE ONE of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22.

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure
d. Uncertain

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? The object went straight up and out of sight in about 1-2 seconds.

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could construct the object that you saw. Of what type MATERIAL would you make it? How LARGE would it be, and what SHAPE would it have? 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.

The material color was off white, possibly some sort of coating over metal. It was about 50 - 75 ft. in dia and about 15 ft. high and flat on the bottom.

25. 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 _____

26. Were you (Circle One):

- a. In the business section of 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 _____

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

Standing on the front lawn

28. If you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

28.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One):

- a. North c. East e. South g. West
- b. Northeast d. Southeast f. Southwest h. Northwest

28.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour

28.3 Did you stop at any time while observing object?

(Circle One): YES NO

29. What direction were you looking when you FIRST SAW the object? (Circle One):

- a. North c. East e. South g. West
- b. Northeast d. Southeast f. Southwest h. Northwest

30. What direction were you looking when you LAST SAW the object? (Circle One):

- a. North c. East e. South g. West
- b. Northeast d. Southeast f. Southwest h. Northwest

31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

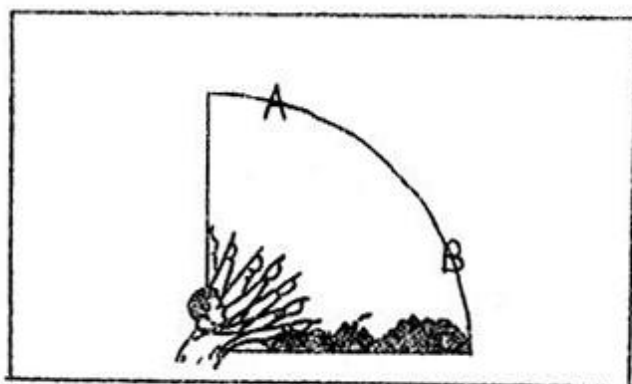
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North True N. degrees
- b. From horizon 75° degrees

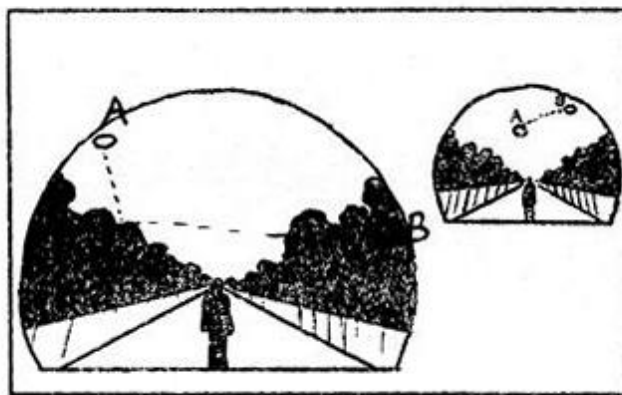
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 160° degrees
- b. From horizon 30° degrees

32. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place a "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.



33. In the following larger sketch place a "A" at the position the object was when you FIRST saw it, and a "B" at its position when you LAST saw it. (Refer to smaller sketch as an example of "how" to complete the larger sketch.)



- 33.1 Were there any KNOWN aircraft in the sky during your sighting?

(Circle One): ☒ YES ☐ NO

If you answered YES, was it following or attempting to intercept the Unidentified Flying Object? (Circle One): YES ☒ NO

If you answered YES, please circle TYPE of aircraft:

☒ MILITARY ☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PRIVATE? JET? ☐ PROPELLER

How many engines did the aircraft have? Single (Two Jet Fighters)

34. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

34.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

- a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds
- e. Don't remember

34.2 WIND (Circle One)

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

34.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

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

34.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

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

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

Official or Organization Name(s)	Day	Month	Year
Bob Kennedy "Contact" Radio Show WBZ	12	October	1964
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

36. Have you read literature pertaining to Unidentified Flying Objects?

(Circle One) YES NO If YES, how much? (Circle One) A LITTLE? MODERATELY? EXTENSIVELY?

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

(Circle One) YES NO

37.1 If you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One) YES NO

37.2 Please list their names and addresses if you circled YES:

(Attach separate sheet for above)

38. Was this the first time that you had seen an object(s) like this?

(Circle One) YES NO

38.1 If you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see the other one(s)?

39. In your opinion, what do YOU think the object(s) was and what might have caused it?

An Aircraft of some type - manned - had tremendous speed because it chased and caught up to the two jets and when it went up and out of sight, its speed was extremely fast, although while over Brockton it was moving less than 100 mph.

40. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object? Page 8
(Circle One) YES NO

If you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? See 39 MPH

41. 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? 5000 Feet

42. Did the Object(s) cause any interference with the operation of:
(Circle where applicable) RADIO? TV? LIGHTS? OTHER? _____

If you underlined any of above, explain the interference below:

43. Was a photo taken of the Object(s)? (Circle One) YES NO

Would you be willing to submit a copy? (Circle One) YES NO

If you circled YES, please send copy indicating monetary reimbursement:

44. Do you belong to a group or organization which investigates Unidentified Flying Objects? (Circle One) YES NO If YES, list them below:

45. May we publish your report if your name is kept confidential? YES NO

May we publish your report and use your name? YES NO
(Circle One)

47. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME	<u>Hanson</u>	<u>David</u>	<u>Ellsworth</u>
	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
ADDRESS	<u>111 Wilson Street,</u>	<u>Brockton,</u>	<u>Massachusetts</u>
	Street	City	State

TELEPHONE NUMBER JU 7-6126

What is your present job? Mechanical Engineer

AGE 28 SEX Male

Please indicate any educational training you have had: (Number of years)

a. Grade school <u>8</u>	e. Technical school _____
b. High school <u>4</u>	(Type of) _____
c. College <u>6</u>	
d. Post graduate _____	f. Other special training? _____

48. Signature: David E. Hanson Date: 10/21/64

Signed Original in hands of Raymond E. Fowler, INVESTIGATOR.

Information Only

Source: N.H. Sunday News, Manchester, N. H.

15 January 1965
Manchester, N. H.
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MANCHESTER, N. H.
Circ. 45,098

'Mystery Light' Seen After TV Stops Working

A second person has reported seeing a "mysterious light" Friday night minutes after his television set just as mysteriously stopped working.

Matthew Rybczyk of 106 Morse Rd., said that at just about 9:45 p. m. Friday he was at home watching TV when all of a sudden it stopped working.

He went outside, thinking the snow or wind had damaged the antenna, and upon opening the door saw the "mysterious light" in the sky.

Rybczyk said that as he saw the flash he also heard a humming sound. He reported the light was moving in the sky above the tree line to the east at a slow rate.

A Concord man Friday night had reported seeing a similar light while driving his car on Route 4A between Wilmet and Enfield.

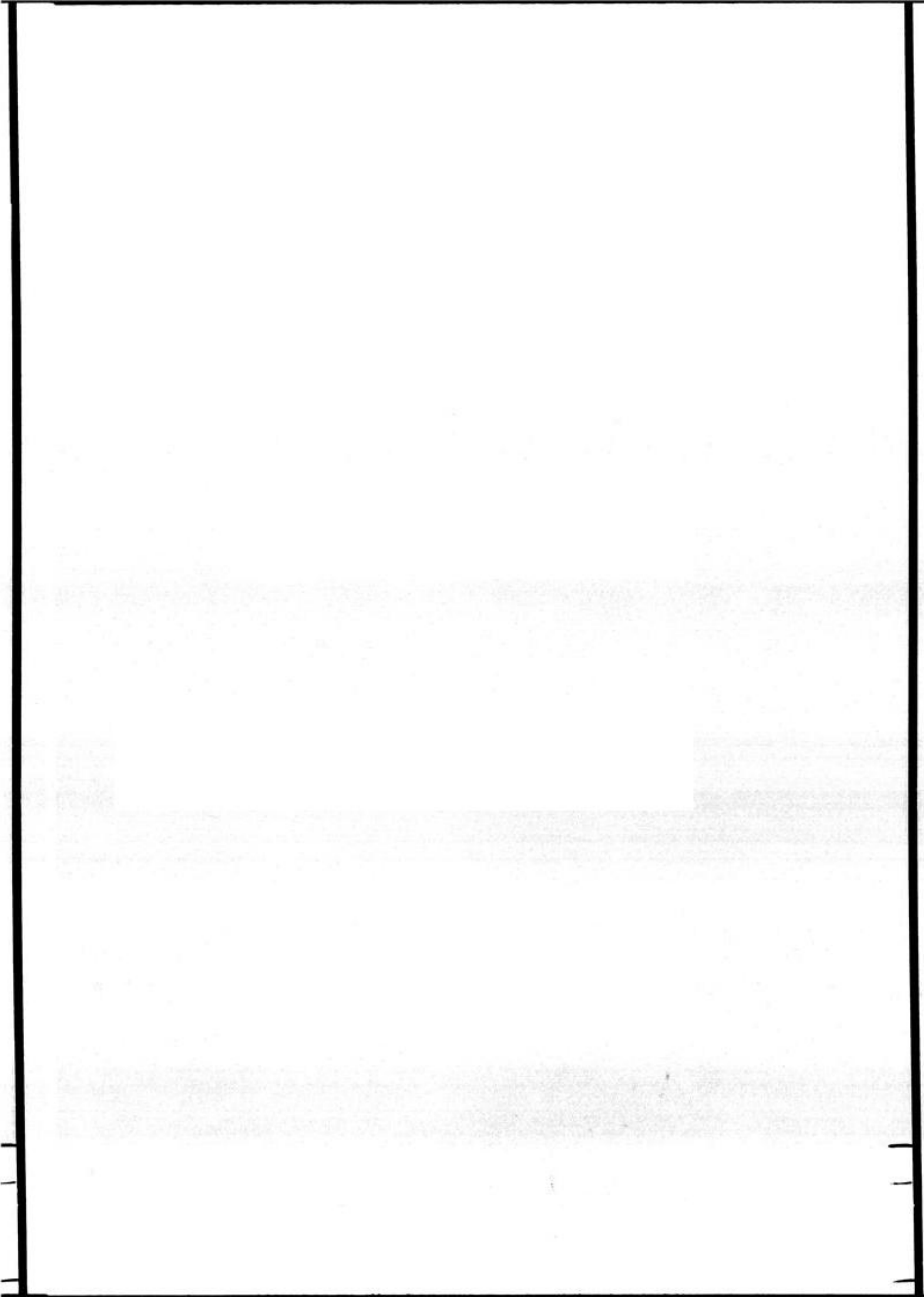
This motorist, who remained anonymous, said that his car's radio went off as well as the lights, and the motor stopped. He added that after pulling up, he looked out and saw the light and heard a humming sound.

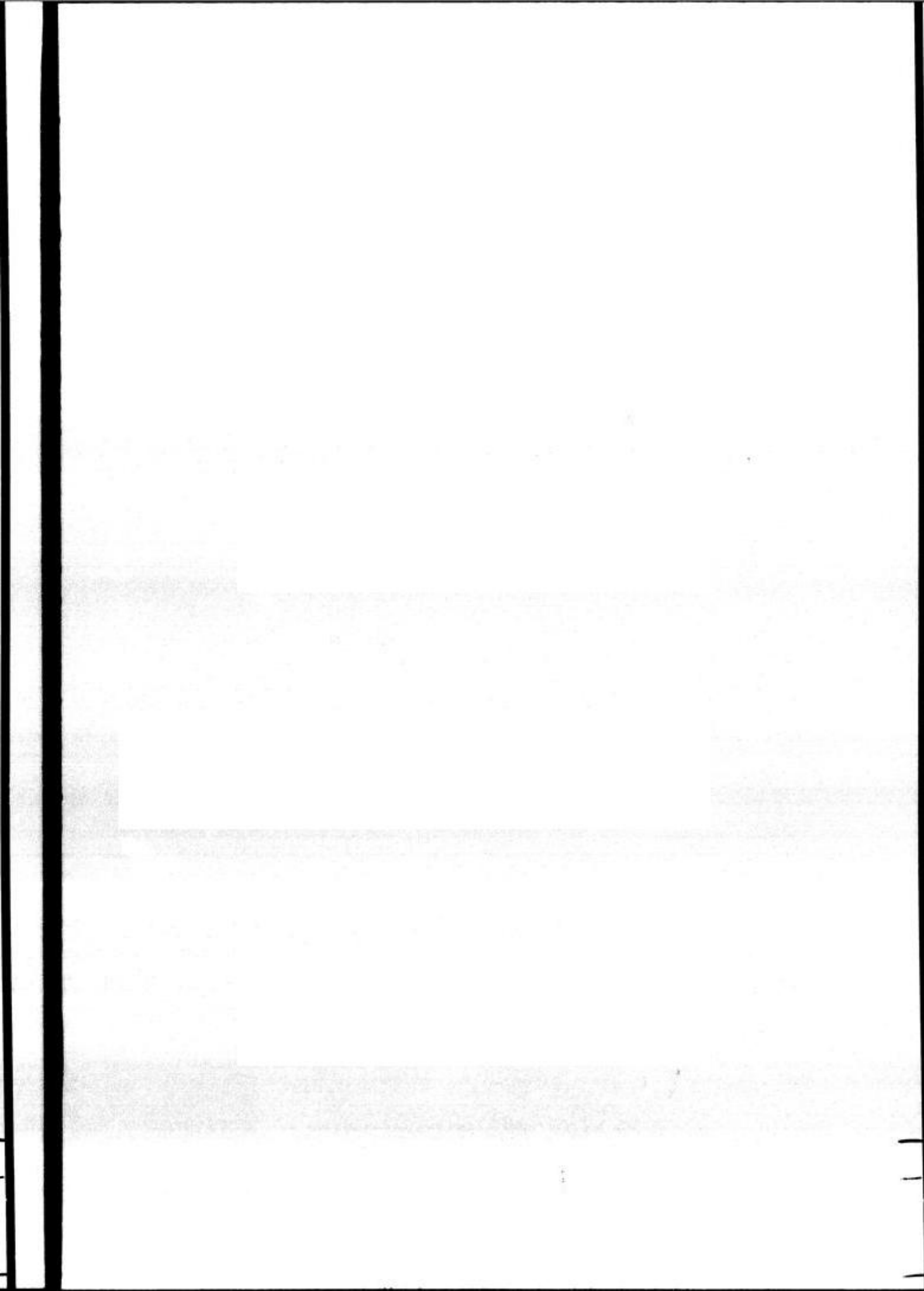
In both cases electrical power was restored when the "mysterious light" vanished.

Information Only
Source: Fawcett

Manchester, New Hampshire
25 January 1965

✓ January 25, 1965 --- Manchester, New Hampshire --- Matthew Rybczyk noticed his TV set stopped working after a mystery lighted object it's a humming sound hovered over his house. A Concord man reported his car radio, lights and motor stopped after a similiar object flew over Route 4A between Wilmot and Enfield. The strange object also made a humming sound. SOURCE: Manchester Reporter, New Hampshire.





Information Only
Source: Fawcett

Everglades, Florida
14 March 1965

March 14, 1965--Everglades, Florida-- Mr. James W. Flynn, 45 of Fort Myers, while camping and training hunting dogs in the Everglades drove his swamp buggy withing 400 yards, then walked to within 150 feet of a bright yellow lighted cone shaped object that had landed. The object emitted a loud whirring noise and had four tiers of windows visible around the side. Suddenly he was knocked unconscious by a strange force. When he regained consciousness the UFO was gone(though a black,oily looking circle was found on the ground where the UFO had been). The doctor treated him for eye damage after the incident, which left him with bloodshot eyes(partially blinded) due to the sudden blow. Both eyes were bandaged because of injuries received during the UFO encounter. SOURCE: NICAP "UFO INVESTIGATOR"-March-April, 1965 issue. Washington, D.C.

2555 East 12th Street
Brooklyn 35, New York
May 19, 1965

Office of Public Information
Department of the Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

On December 19, 1964, at 3:30 A. M., three Control Tower Operators on duty in the tower at the Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent, Maryland, observed on radar 2 unidentified objects moving at a speed in excess of 7000 miles per hour. At one point, one of the objects performed a violent turn. The radar targets appeared elliptical in shape, were very large, and the three observers were positive ~~the~~ the UFOs were real solid objects. What is the Air Force conclusion for this report?

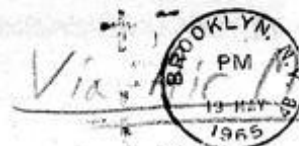
On December 21, 1964, at about 5 P. M., a man by the name of Horace Burns reported observing the landing of a UFO while driving on Route 250 near Staunton, Virginia. As the object crossed the road ahead of his car, the engine "conked out." The UFO was shaped like a very large inverted top, "dark, aluminum" in appearance, with a blue fluorescent band around the base. After a minute the UFO rose up with a sound like rushing air, and swiftly disappeared. A Geiger Counter showed the landing site to be highly radioactive. What is the Air Force conclusion for this report?

On March 14, 1965, between 1 - 2 A.M., a man by the name of James Flynn reported observing a UFO in the Florida Everglades. The UFO was shaped like a large, inverted cone, with windows visible around the side. The object emitted a whirring noise and was brightly illuminated. As the witness approached the object, he felt a "sledgehammer" blow and was knocked unconscious. He had to be hospitalized with eye damage. What is the Air Force conclusion for this report?

Thank you very much for your cooperation in informing^{me} of the conclusions of the above reports.

Sincerely,
Herbert S. Taylor
Herbert S. Taylor

H. Taylor
2555 E. 12th St.
Brooklyn 35, N. Y.



Office of Public Information
Department of the Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

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AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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No Case, Information Only
14 March 1965

Mrs Bunt/SAFOICC/72842/11 Jun 65

Jun 11, 1965

Dear Mr. Taylor:

This is in reply to your letter requesting information on unidentified flying objects.

The Air Force evaluation of the 19 December 1964 Patuxent, Maryland, UFO incident is attached for your information.

Regarding the 21 December 1964 sighting by Horace Burns at Staunton, Virginia, the Air Force investigation of this sighting revealed that no radioactivity was in the area. There was no evidence to indicate that such an event actually occurred.

We have no record of a UFO report by James Flynn on 14 March 1965. It is possible that the incident was investigated and evaluated locally.

Sincerely,

JOHN F. SPAULDING
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Civil Branch
Community Relations Division
Office of Information

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Patuxent Evaluation

Mr. Herbert S. Taylor
2555 E. 12th Street
Brooklyn 35, New York

HEADQUARTERS
FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION
AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: TDEW

SUBJECT: Request for UFO Information, Herbert S Taylor

TO: Hq USAF SAFOI-CC (Mrs Hunt)
Wash D C 20330

1. Reference the attached letter from Herbert S Taylor requesting information on unidentified flying objects. The following is provided to assist in making a reply to him.
2. The 19 Dec 64, Patuxent, Md sighting can be best answered by the Air Force release on this particular sighting.
3. Regarding the 21 Dec 64 sighting by Horace Burns at Staunton, Virginia - The Air Force investigation of this sighting revealed that no radioactivity was in the area. There was no evidence to indicate that such an event actually occurred.
4. The alleged observation of James Flynn on 14 Mar 65 was not reported to the Air Force.

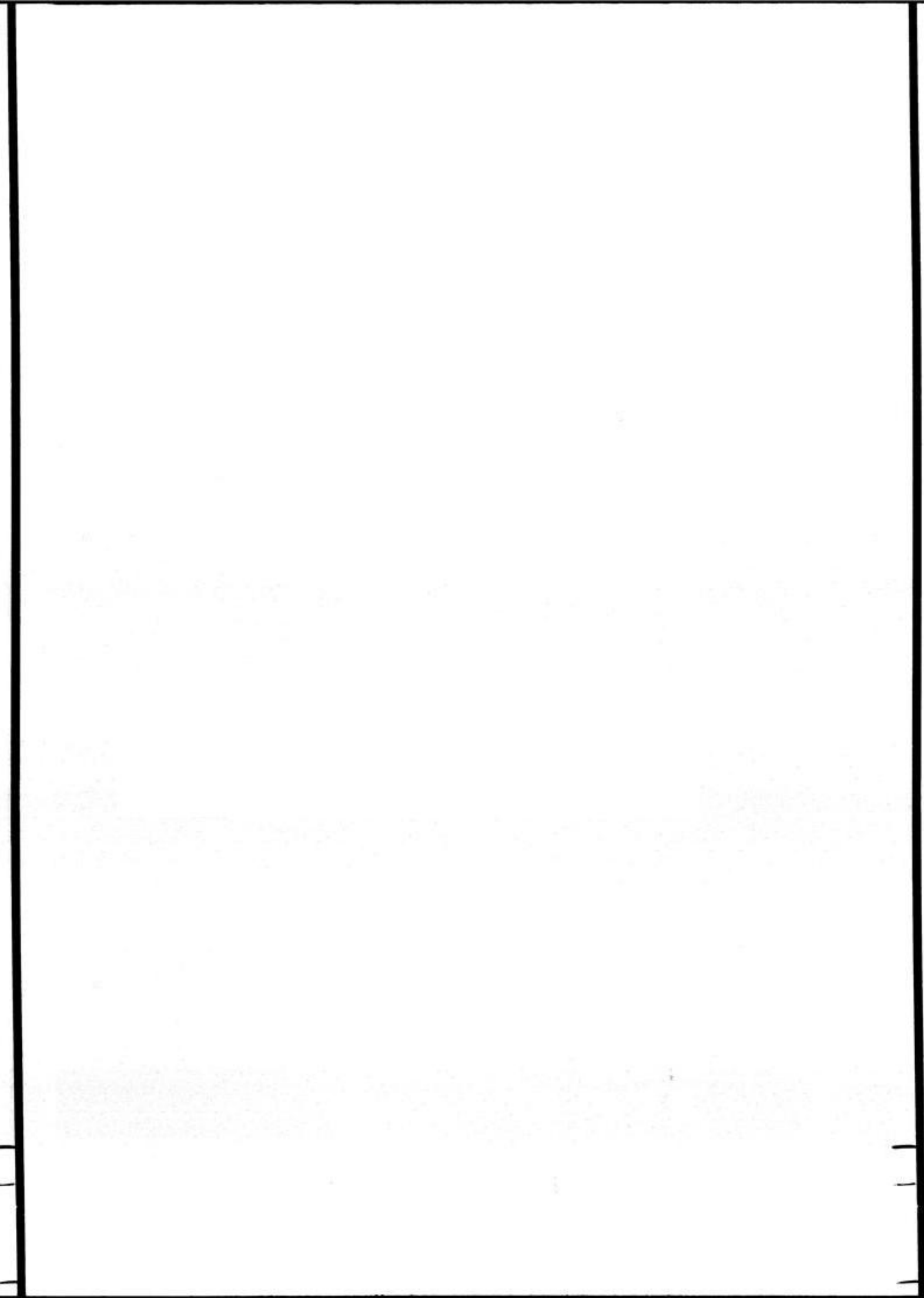
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ERIC T de JONCKHEERE
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology
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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: OCBB

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: AFSC (FTD)
Wright-Patterson AFB Ohio 45433

1. The attached information pertaining to unidentified flying object (UFO) sightings reported in this area during the period of 31 July through 3 August 1965 is submitted in accordance with Paragraphs 13(b) and 14, AFR 200-2. Paragraph 1 of TIG Brief Nr 11, Volume XVI, dated 22 May 1964, stipulates that such objects as described in this report are not to be reported as unidentified flying objects; however, due to the wide publicity regarding UFOs in this area, this information is submitted in an effort to clarify the matter.
2. On 31 July 1965 at 0735 Zulu (Z) hours, the initial report in this series of reported UFOs was received in this office from Winnewood, Oklahoma. This object was determined to be a weather balloon released from this installation. Since that time, local news media, i.e. newspapers, radio, and television stations, highly publicized the report to the extent one local radio station held a contest to see how many UFO reports could be reported during one evening and also held what was referred to as a UFO party at their radio station on another evening. Such publicity has generated a tremendous amount of interest in sky watching among the populace of this state, which has resulted in a flood of UFO reports (see attached newspaper clippings). Investigation of these reports has revealed the UFOs as being stars, which are extremely visible during this time of year from this location; high flying aircraft, aircraft in landing patterns, and weather balloons.
3. On 1 August 1965, Harry P. Aderill, Meteorological Technician and Supervisor, 6th Weather Squadron, Tinker AFB, was interviewed regarding the UFOs reported in this area. Aderill stated his organization releases weather balloons twice daily, one at 1715 Z hours and one at 0515 Z hours. Aderill described the weather balloons as being light tan, brown, or white in color, 6 to 8 feet in diameter, with radio sound equipment attached to a 100 foot long train. According to Aderill, all weather balloons released at night or during the hours of darkness have a small white light which is attached to a parachute on the balloon. Aderill stated that the balloons ascend to approximately 100,000 feet altitude, at which time they burst or develop a leak and start to descend, at which time the radio sound equipment would normally begin to oscillate, which in turn would cause the parachute to oscillate. According to Aderill, the light shining on the oscillating parachute would reflect different shades of redish and white color. Aderill stated that if the balloon did burst, normal descending time would be approximately forty minutes; however, if the balloon developed a leak and did not burst, the

descending time would be considerably longer, depending on the extent of the leak in the balloon, which would allow the balloon to drift to a number of different locations, changing courses erratically, depending on wind currents and velocity as it drifted back to the earth.

4. Aderill checked records and stated that the weather balloon released by his organization at 0515 Z hours, 31 July 1965, was tracked until 0657 Z hours, 31 July 1965, at which time the balloon was located 26 miles due south of this installation, which is approximately thirty miles north of Winnewood. Aderill stated that the balloon was at 101,000 feet altitude and was drifting toward Winnewood at that time. He continued that due to wind direction, the balloon should have continued traveling toward Winnewood while descending.

5. Records maintained by the 746th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, Oklahoma City Air Force Station, reflect that SSgt William C. Teaney, AF18422968, Radar Operator, was on duty and received information on the initial report of an unidentified flying object on 31 July 1965 at 0740 Z hours in the vicinity of Winnewood. The records indicate that an object was picked up on radar at approximately 10,000 feet altitude and was tracked to within fifteen nautical miles southwest of this installation. Radar contact was lost at 205° azimuth, twenty-nine nautical miles from this installation, which is in the area of the Goldsbie Airport. Position and tracking characteristics correlated with Carswell AFB, Texas radar. These records do not reflect any other objects in that area during that period of time.

6. Lt Walter J. Harrison, AO3131704, Chief Weather Forecaster, Detachment 13, 24th Weather Squadron, Tinker AFB, was interviewed on 3 August 1965 regarding the UFOs reported in this area. Harrison stated that in this area during the months of May, June, July, and mid-August, there is a transparent haze in the atmosphere that is particularly heavy. According to Harrison, on clear nights the haze will reflect lights and scenes from other areas which results in unusual sightings and mirages. Harrison concluded that this could possibly account for some of the reported unidentified flying objects.

7. On 4 August 1965, Dale Johnson, Director of the Kirkpatrick Planetarium, 3000 General Pershing Street, Oklahoma City, Okla., was interviewed regarding any UFOs he might have observed between 31 July and 3 August 1965. Johnson stated that his study of the skies is on a continuous basis, and he was especially watchful during the dates in question, during which time he did not observe anything unusual, unidentifiable, or different. Johnson continued that he had received numerous reports of UFOs during that time, and nine out of ten of the reports received were stars. According to Johnson, the average person is uneducated as to what the sky normally looks like; and when they

start looking and studying the sky, they see things that to them are unidentifiable and unexplainable. Johnson stated that a number of stars are extremely brighter than others at this time of year, also an unusually large number of meteors are visible in this area during the summer months. According to Johnson, these conditions, plus the temperature inversion and mirages could result in numerous reports of UFOs by persons not familiar with the sky.

8. Floyd J. Wilson, Chief Proficiency Officer, RAPCON, Tinker AFB, was contacted regarding radar markings of aircraft during the period of 2400 Central Standard Time (CST), 31 July 1965, through 2400 CST, 3 August 1965. Wilson stated that his organization operates on a twenty-four hour day basis and tracks aircraft within a forty mile radius of this installation. Wilson was unable to produce records on any aircraft's exact location during the dates in question as those records had been sent to Ft Worth, Texas. Wilson's records indicated that during those dates a total of 1,030 aircraft were tracked by his organization.

9. Investigation revealed that balloons are released at the following times and locations:

a. Tinker AFB, 6th Weather Squadron. Release two balloons daily, one at 1115 CST and one at 2315 CST.

b. US Weather Station, Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City. Release two balloons daily, one at 0515 CST and one at 1715 CST.

c. US Weather Station, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Release two balloons daily, one at 1100 CST and one at 2300 CST.

d. Target Acquisition Battalion, Ft Sill, Lawton, Oklahoma. Release three balloons daily at no set time; also four other organizations at that location release balloons. The number of releases and the time depend on the amount of artillery firing that is scheduled. All balloons released at night are equipped with lights.

Balloons are released at numerous other locations in this state; however, only those listed above were found to have released balloons during the dates in question.

10. This office will continue to investigate reported sightings of UFOs in this area, and reports will be submitted upon receipt of information pertaining to any objects that cannot be identified. Samples of reported UFOs are attached. Additional reports of UFOs will be forwarded at your request.

James F. Winton
JAMES F. WINTON, Major, USAF
Chief, Security & Law Enforcement Division

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1. Newspaper clippings
2. Samples of UFO sightings

REPORTED UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

a. Description of Object(s):

1. Shape: Circular with flat top.
2. Size compared to known object: Size of small plate.
3. Color: Dark color except for center which reflected a glowing blue light; one red light on each side, white light on top.
4. Number of objects: Two.
5. Formation: None.
6. Any discernible features or details: None.
7. Tail, trail, or exhaust: None.
8. Sound: None.
9. Other pertinent or unusual features: None.

b. Description of Course of Object:

1. What first called attention of observer to object: Heard news of objects on local radio.
 2. Angle or elevation and azimuth of objects when first observed: One was at 45° elevation, 279° azimuth; the other was at 45° elevation, 135° azimuth.
 3. Angle or elevation and azimuth of objects upon disappearance: One was at 35° elevation, 45° azimuth; the other was at 35° elevation, 90° azimuth.
 4. Description of flight path and maneuvers of object: Object observed at 270° traveled east in a straight line until directly overhead, at which time it reversed its course for a short distance, reversed again and continued traveling eastward, disappearing at approximately 90° azimuth. The other object which was observed at 135° azimuth was on a heading of approximately 285° azimuth, and upon reaching approximately 270° azimuth it changed course to a northeasternly direction and disappeared at approximately 45° azimuth.
 5. How did the object disappear? Both objects went out of sight.
 6. How long were the objects visible? Ten minutes.
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c. Manner of Observation:

1. Ground-visual.
2. Optical aids: None.
3. Not applicable.

d. Time and Date of Sighting:

1. 0200 Z hours, 2 August 1965.
2. Light conditions: Dark.

e. Location of Observer: East of Norman, Oklahoma on East Lindsay Street.

f. Identifying Information on Observer:

1. Civilian: Mary E. Matoon, 32 years of age, housewife, residing at 603 Norningside Drive, Norman, Oklahoma. Reliability: Subject thoroughly confused; no experience in meteorology.

2. Military: Not applicable.

g. Weather and Wind Aloft Conditions at Time and Place of Sighting:

1. Observer's account of weather: Clear and still.
2. Report from nearest US Weather Bureau:

<u>Altitude</u>	<u>Wind Direction</u>	<u>Speed</u>	<u>Temperature</u>
Surface	100°	4 knots	+83° C
6,000 ft.	360°	10 knots	+14° C
10,000 ft.	350°	15 knots	+ 5° C
16,000 ft.	340°	20 knots	- 4° C
20,000 ft.	340°	20 knots	- 14° C
30,000 ft.	330°	20 knots	-37° C
50,000 ft.	300°	30 knots	-61° C

3. Ceiling: Clear.

4. Visibility: Eleven miles.

5. Amount of cloud cover: None.

6. Thunderstorms in area: None.

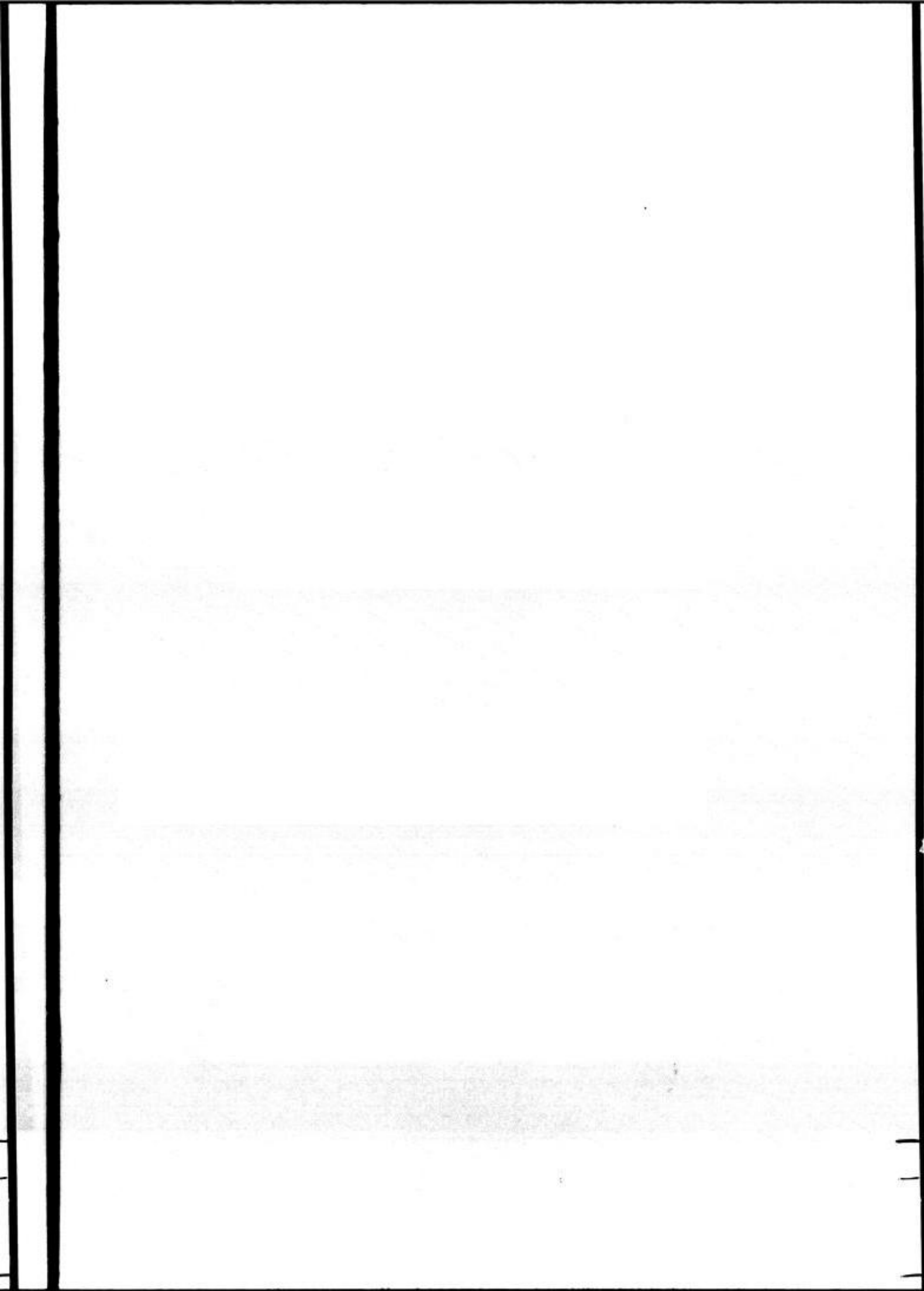
7. Vertical temperature gradient was -2° C per 1,000 ft., surface to 40,000 ft.; no change after that.

i. Interception or Identification Action Taken: Information furnished to 746th AC & W Squadron, Oklahoma City Air Force Station.

j. Location and approximate altitude of any air traffic or balloon releases: US Weather Station, Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City, Okla., released a weather balloon at 2315 hours Zulu, 1 August 1965. The weather balloon should have traveled south, changing directions at different altitudes to southeast and southwest from the point of release. Tinker AFB Flight Operations reports that a DC-6 landed at this installation at 0226 Z hours, 2 August 1965. The aircraft could have been in the area during the time of the sighting. The aircraft's crew did not report any unusual sightings during that time.

k. Position Title and Comments of Preparing Officer: Chief, Security and Law Enforcement Division, 2854th Air Base Group. Comments: The objects were apparently aircraft or a weather balloon released from a local weather station.

l. Physical evidence: None.



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REPORTED UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

a. Description of the Object(s):

1. Shape: No definite shape.
2. Size compared to known object: Same size as a star.
3. Color: Bright yellow with red hue.
4. Number: One object.
5. Formation: None.
6. Any discernible features or details: None.
7. Tail, trail, or exhaust: None.
8. Sound: None.
9. Other pertinent or unusual features: None.

b. Description of Course of Object(s):

1. What first called the attention of observer to object(s)? Another witness.
2. Angle or elevation and azimuth of object when first observed: 70° elevation, 180° azimuth.
3. Angle or elevation and azimuth of object upon disappearance: 50° elevation, 180° azimuth.
4. Description of flight path and maneuvers of object: Traveled at high rate of speed, then stopped and hovered for a period of 25 minutes or more.
5. How did object(s) disappear? Faded away.
6. How long were the objects visible? Thirty minutes.

c. Manner of Observation:

1. Ground-visual.
2. Optical aids: None.
3. Not applicable.

d. Time and Date of Sighting:

1. 0200 Zulu hours, 2 August 1965.
2. Light conditions: Night.

e. Location of Observer:

59th Street and South Pennsylvania, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

f. Identifying Information on Observer:

1. Civilian: Michael P. Wright, 18 years of age, sack boy in grocery store, address 1220 S. W. 35th Street, Oklahoma City. Extent of reliability: He appeared normal.

2. Not applicable.

g. Weather and Wind Conditions at Time and Place of Sighting:

1. Observer's account of weather conditions: Clear and still.

2. Report from nearest US Weather Station:

<u>Altitude</u>	<u>Wind Direction</u>	<u>Speed</u>	<u>Temperature</u>
Surface	100°	4 knots	+83° C
6,000 ft.	360°	10 knots	+14° C
10,000 ft.	350°	15 knots	+ 5° C
16,000 ft.	340°	20 knots	- 4° C
20,000 ft.	340°	20 knots	-14° C
30,000 ft.	330°	20 knots	-37° C
50,000 ft.	300°	30 knots	-61° C

3. Ceiling: Clear.

4. Visibility: Eleven miles.

5. Amount of cloud cover: None.

6. Thunderstorms in area: None.

7. Vertical temperature gradient: Was -2° C per 1,000 ft, surface to 40,000 feet; no change after that.

h. No unusual meteorological activities at that time.

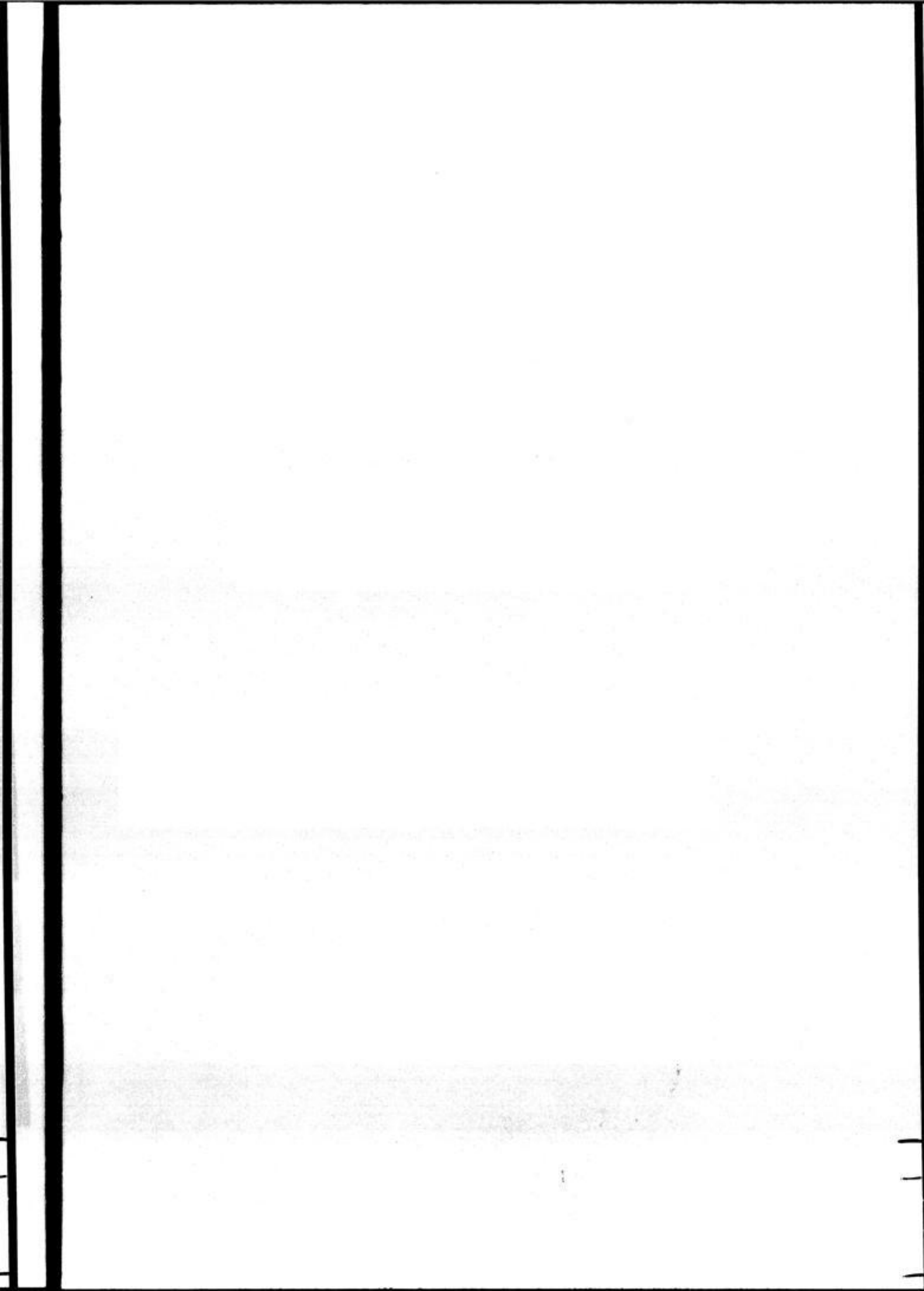
i. Interception or Identification Action Taken: Information furnished to the 746th AC & W Squadron, Oklahoma City Air Force Station, at 0222 Z hours, 2 August 1965. No radar contact could be made at that time on the object.

j. Location and approximate altitude and general direction of flight of any air traffic or balloon releases:

1. US Weather Station, Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City, Okla., released a weather balloon at 2315 Z hours, 1 August 1965. The weather balloon should have traveled south, changing direction at different altitudes to southeast and southwest from the point of release. FAA, Will Rogers Field, reported no aircraft in the area during this time period. Tinker AFB Flight Operations reported that a DC-6 landed at this installation at 0226 Z hours, 2 August 1965. The aircraft could have been in the landing pattern during the time of the sighting. The aircraft's crew did not report any unusual sighting during that time.

k. Position Title and Comments of Preparing Officer: Chief, Security and Law Enforcement Division, 2854th Air Base Group, Tinker AFB.
Comments: Based on the observer's statement that the object appeared in the southeast and hovered in one spot, then moved to the south, it appears the object was a weather balloon released at this installation.

l. Physical Evidence: None.



REPORTED UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

a. Description of Object(s):

1. Shape: Diamond shape.
2. Size: Size of an orange.
3. Color: Redish-orange and bluish-green and whitish.
4. Number of Objects: Five objects.
5. Formation: Four were in diamond formation; one was in center of formation.
6. Discernible features or details: None.
7. Tail, trail, or exhaust: None.
8. Sound: None.
9. Other pertinent or unusual features: None.

b. Description of course of object(s):

1. What first called the attention of observer to object? A request to look for unidentified flying objects from Oklahoma City news media.

2. Angle or elevation and azimuth of object when first observed? All of objects were at 45° elevation, 10° to 15° azimuth.

3. Angle or elevation and azimuth of objects upon disappearance: Objects did not disappear. When last observed were at 45° elevation, 10° to 15° azimuth.

4. Description of flight path and maneuvers of objects: Objects were stationary; however, one of them would disappear and reappear.

5. How did objects disappear? Objects did not disappear.

6. How long were objects visible? Observed for 1½ hours.

c. Manner of Observation:

1. Ground-visual.
2. Optical aids: None.
3. Not applicable.

d. Time and Date of Sighting:

1. 0320 Z hours, 2 August 1965.
2. Light conditions: Dark.

e. Location of Observer: 1600 North Harrison Street, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

f. Identifying Information on Observers:

1. Civilian: Raymond J. Black, 35 years of age, and Marion L. Richardson, 30 years of age, ~~both~~ police officers, Shawnee Police Department, Shawnee, Oklahoma. Reliability: Undetermined.
2. Military: Not applicable.

g. Weather and Wind Aloft Conditions at Time and Place of Sighting:

1. Observer's account of weather: Clear and Still.
2. Report from nearest US Weather Bureau:

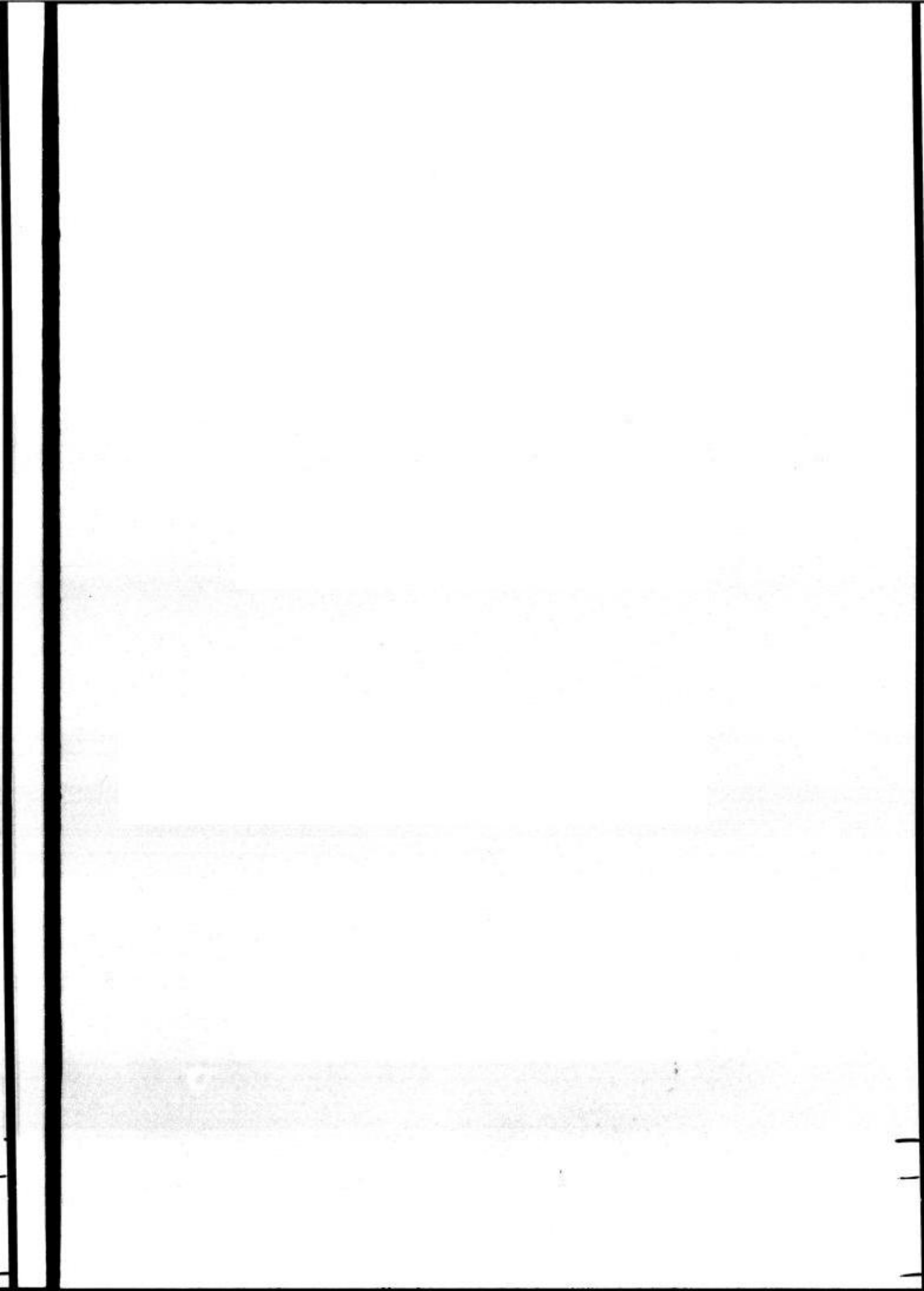
<u>Altitude</u>	<u>Wind Direction</u>	<u>Speed</u>	<u>Temperature</u>
Surface	100°	4 knots	+83° C
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20,000 ft.	340°	20 knots	-14° C
30,000 ft.	330°	20 knots	-37° C
50,000 ft.	300°	30 knots	-61° C

3. Ceiling: Clear.
 4. Visibility: Eleven miles.
 5. Amount of Cloud Cover: None.
 6. Thunderstorms in Area: None.
 7. Vertical temperature gradient was -2° C per 1,000 ft., surface to 40,000 ft.; no change after that.
- h. No unusual meteorological activities at that time.
1. Interception or identifying action taken: Information furnished to 746th AC & W Squadron, Oklahoma City Air Force Station.

j. Location and approximate altitude of any air traffic or balloon releases: Not determined.

k. Position Title and Comments of Preparing Officer: Chief, Security and Law Enforcement Division, 2854th Air Base Group. Comments: This sighting was reported in local news media as flying objects, diamond formation in the Shawnee area; however, due to the fact the objects did not move or disappear, they obviously were stars:

l. Physical Evidence: None.





UFO or USAF is the question about this welded aluminum disc discovered by Durant Deputy Sheriff Loyd Nabors.

DAILY OKLAHOMAN 4 AUGUST 1965

Now It's Saucers By the Squadron

By the State Staff

Sightings of unidentified flying objects continued Tuesday for the fourth straight night in Oklahoma, but the day's most spectacular sightings were reported in South America.

Observers in Curitiba, Brazil, reported seeing a squadron of 18 flying saucers flying over northern Brazil's Parana state.

From Santiago, Chile, came a report of a flying saucer which landed but took off again when a group of people moved toward it.

The highway patrol reported Tuesday night unidentified objects were seen in the skies over Erick, Lawton

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and in the Turley area near Tulsa.

Several reports were received of sightings in the Oklahoma City area.

A many-surfaced aluminum disc, found Monday night on the D. W. Meade farm 3½ miles southeast of New Alleson in southern Bryan County, was an item of some mystery Tuesday in Durant.

Meade turned the welded disc over to Loyd Nabors, deputy sheriff, who was stymied: "I have absolutely no idea what it is or where it came from," he said.

A verbal description of the object, and the "AL-CLAD 2024" imprinted on the side of it brought tentative

identification from officials at Perrin Air Force Base, Denison, Texas. They said it is likely a piece launched with large-size weather balloons. They withheld positive identification until they see the object.

Meade found the "thing" in his pasture Monday. He said it definitely was not there Sunday.

Unidentified flying objects were sighted in the Bryan County area Sunday night — glowing red and skimming just above tree-top level, according to witnesses.

"Maybe Mars has an ALCOA plant there, too," one wisecracker commented.

The fleet of objects over Brazil was first seen by two little girls. They saw four moving over the horizon in daylight at Astorga, about 250 miles west of Sao Paulo. They called three neighbors, who reported seeing 14 other saucers in formation. They were described as silvery with a greenish light shining from the top.

John Stark, 952 NW 6, Moore, reported he watched some object with a reddish light on top and a white light on the bottom hover at what he estimated as 2,000 feet above Will Rogers World Airport around 9 p.m. Tuesday.

"I couldn't see the shape of it," he said, "but I could see it had two distinct sources of light. It kinda shakes you up; it's no laughing matter."

Stark said he called his wife over when he had the object lined up between two houses. It hovered there, he said, as lights from a plane passed at the same level, then took off and disappeared.

Stark said the lights on the object were "six or eight times brighter than a star." Stark, a pre-dental student at Central State College, Edmond, is a sports writer for The Daily Oklahoman.

Like the unidentified flying objects, the Oklahoma City police switchboard glowed brightly with numerous reported sightings, mostly from the west side of town.

One youth reported seeing an object rise either from Lake Hefner or its shoreline. Another reported seeing two round objects circling about a mile from his home at 1044 SW 48. He said the objects flashed red lights and headed south at a high rate of speed.

Joe Sprinkle, 11, said, he, his parents and sister watched a bright orange object that "looked like a ball of fire" appear on the edge of the city. He said the UFO first headed south, then it appeared to reverse as it "just zoomed by."

Another resident saw a bright blue object "with a tail" about halfway up in the sky from his home at NW Hill and Shartel. He said he watched it for about two minutes at about 8:30 p.m.

W. R. Bill Clark, 9609 N. Western, said he and his wife watched three separate UFO's at about 8:30 p.m. He said one headed northeast to southwest on the east side of the city, and a short time later one headed in the opposite direction on the west side. A third, he said, moved straight west.

He said all three appeared to be red and traveled at a terrific rate of speed, taking only a minute or two to traverse the sky from horizon to horizon.

THE DAILY OKLAHOMAN
Tuesday, August 3, 1965

Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star?-

By Jim Jackson and Ivy Coffey
Of the State Staff

Stars, meteors and unusual atmospheric conditions were the official air force explanation Monday of a rash of sightings of unidentified flying objects Sunday night throughout most of Oklahoma and into neighboring states. Meanwhile, sightings of unexplained ob-

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jects in the sky were continuing.

The objects, sometimes described as glowing lights, were spotted in Norman, Blanchard, Woodward, Tishomingo, Durant, Hobart, Oklahoma City and other parts of the state and in Texas, Kansas and New Mexico.

The lights were reported over a period of several hours and the objects varied in size, shape and color.

In Cushing, J. C. Knoch, used furniture dealer, and his son, Ricky, 11, saw what they described as a large circular object flying over northeast Cushing at 12:50 p.m. Monday in full daylight.

Knoch, in the process of building a new furniture store, was looking out the window of the old store when he spotted the object. He described it as having black stripes or black windows and silver on the bottom side. It almost hurt his eyes to look at it, he said.

Four boys in Oklahoma City reported seeing approximately the same type of thing at 3:30 p.m. Monday on SE 44. They said they spotted a silver triangular object, striped and glowing, headed east across the sky and disappearing into the clouds.

The air force, in its announcement from Washington, said initial study of the flood of sighting reports indicated the sightings were "astronomical in nature."

"The objects observed may have been the planet Jupiter or stars Rigel Capella, Betelgeuse or Aldebaran which were visible," the air force statement continued. "At the time of the reported sightings, the azimuth and elevation of the reported sightings supports this preliminary conclusion."

The air force denied an unconfirmed report that the objects had been tracked by radar and denied that any planes were scrambled in an attempt to intercept or identify the UFO's.

The air force statement also pointed out that temperature, distribution and variant wind speeds both Sunday and Monday over the great plains from northern Texas to Wyoming were favorable to "scintillation."

The term was described as a natural phenomenon which causes stars to appear to twinkle or distant objects to appear to dance when seen through layers of the atmosphere.

Another possibility, the air force said, is that observers were seeing the Aqualad, commonly called the Delta meteor shower, which is occurring this year from July 26 to August 6. The meteor shower appears from the southeast in long streaks, trailing sparks.

Though the air force thinks the objects are stars, the investigation is continuing they said.

Prof. H. S. Mendenhall, OSU mathematics professor and astronomer, favors the scintillation theory and recalled that air force pilots in World War II reported being chased and even firing at what they thought were enemy planes but which turned out to be the planet Venus.

He said such illusions probably are caused by an unstable atmosphere, which spreads out the light into a spectrum of its basic colors, acting like a prism.

He said the prism effect could account for Sunday night reports of blue, green and red lights reported in the skies.

He speculated the sightings were meteorites, clouds, balloons, "or anything but interplanetary ships or travelers from outer space."

Dr. Walter Saucier, meteorology professor and director of OU's atmospheric research

laboratory, declined to say what those things were, but said he was not going to stick his neck out and say they were just sound stupid.

Dr. Tom J. Love, of mechanical engineering studies at OU said he objects seen were air illusions.

Police departments swamped with telephone reports of strange objects.

Bethany police office evening spotted two "saucers" at NW 42 and Rockwell, apparently the same as two seen at Warr Acres police station at NW 36 and changed colors, red, white and blue.

Warr Acres police he watched an unidentified object late Sunday night.

Five boys reported to Oklahoma City that at dusk they saw a round, shiny object without wings close to the ground in the 600 block on NW 63.

Two Oklahoma City boys, Robert Colbert, 11 and Charles Delhotal, at the Delhotal home, 512 NW 41, saw a red light blinking on and off. They said the object was a big "oval-like" thing flying to the north and then it stopped and reversed.

Hobart Police Chief Doss Kutch said there was no question of an UFO southwest of Hobart. He checked after receiving a report Kutch said he and his wife saw the bright object.

Oklahoma Highway Patrol trooper Obert Bennett reported sighting a green object north of Tishomingo traveling "high up." He said a jet plane seemed close to the object.

Several Woodward citizens reported seeing a solid red globe flying over Woodward at 10:30 p.m.

The Norman police department said a Cleveland County resident, Charles Boyd, reported from "the scene of an UFO" and that his report was confirmed by four persons at the scene. The group viewed through a tripod-mounted power telescope a white globe, 30 to 40 feet in diameter, 20 degrees above the horizon southeast of Norman. They said the object appeared to move forward, backward and then up and down.

A Cicero, Ill., visitor, Ron Buscemi, at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Taylor, at Blanchard saw a strange object for the second time Monday.

Three radio club members out "spotting" reported to the Norman police department Monday night they had sighted an unidentified object northwest of Norman's Max Westheim or Field.

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'Objects' for 20 Years

Air Intelligence Staffs Plagued by 'Objects' for

(Editor's Note: John Camden Curry, who prepared the following report, has an extensive background in aviation and military intelligence affairs going back to World War II.)

By John Camden Curry

The recent rash of reports on unidentified flying objects (UFO's) revives a problem which has plagued air intelligence staffs for nearly two decades.

During World War II, such reports came often from Sweden, or from underground sources near the Baltic Sea. Correlated with reconnaissance photos and other intelligence, they gave us early data on test flights of the V-1 and V-2 weapons, and on certain other experimental devices which did not get into production for the West war machine.

After the war, reports of "flying saucers" were abundant. Some were at first regarded as evidence that the Russians had taken over the Peenemunde experiments and were developing certain Nazi projects for their own use. Soon these gave way to "flying saucer" reports and from Stockholm the locale shifted to Dayton, Fort Knox, Los Alamitos, El Paso, and Oak Ridge. Nervous officials admitted these sensitive sites were too important to permit any possible reconnaissance to go undetected.

So the air intelligence crews were ordered to collect, correlate, and analyze the reports. One of the first officers I did with this unromantic chore was Maj. Gen. Robert M. Smith, USAF, who has just completed a tour of duty as director of intelligence of SAC and reports to the Pentagon this month for duty as director of plans. He was then a lieutenant colonel. His progress has not been matched by those sections in which the relatively small number of cases in which the object is

very understandable. In the majority of cases, there are explanations, and they do not involve visitors from another planet, or even another continent. If you have seen what you think was a UFO, you are not likely to accept any of these explanations. I find, if, like most people, you see only what is normally there when you look skyward, these explanations may help.

ONE — Most common daytime UFO is the balloon, the great balloons carrying scientific instruments can be so far into the sky, and in the hours near dawn or dusk can take on brilliant hues. They sometimes take on odd shapes, too, because they are made of transparent but reflective film. This is a reflection from the balloon surface. It is seen with a reflection from the air in the balloon. I have seen a perfect example of the "flying saucer" shape several times. It is — and have even seen it "launch" something toward earth. The instrument pack drops clear, followed by a long, undurled chute which does not umbrella into the familiar shape until near the earth, out of sight of distant observers. Balloons may look like large stars or small moons in the predawn sky, since they are high enough to catch the sunlight long before full daylight.

TWO — Most common night-flying UFO is the ordinary, common airplane. Many through flights now pass over mid-America so high that all sound is carried far downwind, and observers directly below hear nothing, but see the running lights. Depending on the angle, 3 or 4 running lights are seen at one time, as a rule, and these "fly" in formation. Some blink on and off, others are steady. Some planes have brilliant blue-white strobe

lights flashing. All have red left wingtip, green right wingtip, and white tail lights, and most have the orange-red flashing anticollision lights above and below the main spar. As these military jets and airliners pass overhead, the shifting relative position of the ground observer makes some lights disappear (behind wings, tail, or fuselage) as others appear.

THREE — Satellites account for many sightings. If the "star" is moving in the wrong direction and is not a plane, it is probably a manmade satellite. At present, 2 Echo satellites and 3 of the Pegasus orbiters are visible to the naked eye on regular schedules. Others seen without glasses have included the Atlas that had President Eisenhower's recorded voice aboard, and various short-lived rockets and castings.

Echo I Up 5 Years

Echo I moves west to east, in various tracks. Originally a round, 100-foot balloon of pure silver on mylar film, it is now badly out of shape. Called "Old Prunella" by scientists, it sees bright, then dim, as it alternately catches the light, then tumbles. It is still in a circular orbit after five years of silent travel.

Echo II is a larger, more rigid globe, in a polar orbit. The earth turns under its orbit, so it does not cover the same path each trip as far as ground observers are concerned. Whether headed north or south, it has one distinctive characteristic: It seems to arise from the north or south pole, and set into the opposite pole. Thus, if it is east of the observer, it may travel northeast from the point due south where it is first visible, then seem to swing north. Finally, it swings back northwesterly to its rendezvous with the north pole. If its orbit happens to pass directly overhead, it seems to fly in a straight line.

Pegasus, named for the winged horse of mythology, catches space dust by spreading huge wings, about 100 feet across. When these wings catch the sun's rays fully, it is a brilliant planet to the viewer. As it slowly turns edgewise, it may show colors briefly, then shrink to a pinpoint of blue light. A bit farther on, it is again bright white.

View's Range 12-20 Minutes

As a general rule, satellites are in view from 12 to 20 minutes. Since scientists have erred on this point, one hesitates to make too positive a statement. (Some orbits are elliptical, and produce extended views from time to time.)

FOUR — Lights reflected on low clouds, or beams caught by high "invisible" night haze, have been proved to be the cause of some UFO sightings.

Having said all that, one must add a few more facts. First, the stars and planets do move across the sky, and in a circle around the North Star, Polaris. If the object slowly, slowly passes a tree or pole moving in a clockwise direction around the north pole star, it is one of these heavenly bodies that has always been there, "hung aloft the night like Nature's patient, sleepless Krimlin."

There is a lot of meteorites that seem to come down and provide the requirement for the "flying saucer" shape.

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THE AUGUST WAVE

(Editor's note: The following article was compiled by Mr. Page D. Waller, Assistant Director, Division of Public Information, Department of Public Safety, from teletype information on the recent August wave of UFO reports.)

The information presented here comes from teletype information first relayed into the Oklahoma Highway Patrol Communications Network Center located near Edmond, Oklahoma, from the various highway patrol headquarters over the state. This information was then relayed to the Weather Wire teletype system and fed to both wire services as well as all major newspapers, television and radio stations across the state of Oklahoma.

The first message on UFOs came in on July 31st 7:32 P.M. The message went like this: "At approximately 1:30 A.M. on July 31st, a Wynnewood, Oklahoma, police officer, Lewis Stuck, observed an object in the sky at approximately 10,000 feet about five miles northeast of Wynnewood emitting a red, blue and white light. The officer could not hear any engine noise whatsoever. The object appeared to hover in the one spot and the officer observed it for 45 minutes before reporting it to the Oklahoma Highway Patrol Communication Tower at Edmond. Tinker Field was advised of the information and they made a radar check and came up with a fix at the location given at 8,000 feet.

Tinker checked with Fort Sill and other government installations as to air traffic within the area given. None was reported. At this time Carlwell Air Force Base aimed their radar at the same location and came up with the same fix as Tinker. Both of the bases tracked the object to a point 15 miles southwest of Tinker Field at which time it disappeared from both radar scopes. It was picked up again just a few minutes later and tracked to a location 20 miles south of Tinker Field at which time

it was lost again and not relocated. When the object was first located on radar, there was a Beaufort Airliner passing in the vicinity of Wynnewood at 5,000 feet but the airliner could not make visual contact with the object. As of now said object has not been sighted nor is there any other information available as to the nature of it. Authority: Oklahoma Highway Patrol Tower and Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma."

This was the first of the reports. It was the only one the patrol received on Saturday, July 31st, 1965. Sunday, August 1st, 1965, was a different story. At 9:19 P.M. August 1, 1965, the following message went out from the highway patrol tower reference: Unidentified Flying Objects. (Editor's note: This was when HOUFO learned about the sightings.)

Since 8:00 P.M. date, the tower has received in the neighborhood of 25 to 30 visual sightings, many by police officers and highway patrol troopers of various unidentified flying objects from the Poncell area north then the Norman area to Chandler and back south through Meeker and Shawnee.

Three Shawnee officers and their captain have four of the objects in sight at this time, also another has cropped up from the south of Tecumseh and is apparently going to fly directly over Shawnee. The sightings vary from one to four of the objects at various times, starting in a reddish color and varying to a white and blue later. Shawnee reports the objects seem to be flying four to a formation in a diamond-type formation.

Tinker Air Force Base has had from one to four of them on radar at a time, and they advise they are flying very high, at approximately 22,000 feet, which seems to coincide with the visual sightings, all of which are "very high-flying objects."

Other reports the same night went like this: Sheriff's Office, Chandler,

Stars in Their Eyes? Many Insist 'Flying Objects' Seen

Despite Air Force claims that Oklahoma were intensively "seeing stars," reports continued to flood in of unidentified flying object sightings Tuesday.

Dale Johnson, director of the Kirkpatrick Planetarium, said it is a "mystery" where the air force got its information that the objects may have been the planet Jupiter.

"Jupiter is not in view this time of year," Johnson said. The only planets visible now are Mars, which is overhead in the early evening, and Venus, Saturn comes into view in the morning, he said.

People may be seeing Saturn, a star in the south, which changes colors dramatically, or Vega, which is overhead about 9 p.m., he said.

One report even had a UFO landing near Justin, Texas, 11 miles from Denton.

Other reports had green UFO's, red UFO's and brilliant white UFO's zipping, hovering and streaking through unusually clear summer skies.

Hundreds of reports streamed into the Highway Patrol, police departments, Tinker Air Force Base, the U. S. Weather Bureau and news media for the third straight night.

But, the Air Force stuck to its released announcement from Washington, D. C., that some reports could be observations of a Delta meteor shower occurring from July 26 through August 8.

The Air Force statement said that during the past two days temperature had dropped, then up and distribution and wind speeds over the great plains were favorable to "stimulation" of the natural phenomenon that causes stars to appear to be "green UFO's" traveling outside or distant objects in the atmosphere at high altitudes.

Woodward police officer, said that a "solid red star" was flying over the reports from several residents.

But, people still reported seeing strange, unidentified things.

In Fort Smith, Ark., two high school students, Eunice Cable, 17, and Jack Clark, 17, both of Van Buren saw egg-shaped, disc-like UFO's streak overhead. Five minutes later they saw a fourth, they said.

In Texas two Tarrant County deputy sheriffs reported a brilliant object that "looked like a magnesium flare" appeared to touch ground near Justin. The men spotted it while on patrol near Wagle Mountain Lake.

Police officers examined the area but several hours later they reported their search revealed nothing.

About the same time, scores of residents in Fort Worth and Denton told of observing a bright light as it streaked northward across the sky.

Telephone callers asked Denton officers about a white glow which, they said, appeared to touch ground in the Justin vicinity.

A policeman at Lewisville, in north Denton County, reported a multi-colored object passed within 100 feet of the Lewisville Dam.

A Norman man, Charles Boyd, said he and four other men, certain atmospheric conditions, such as "stimulation," make distant objects appear to move around or change color.

Boyd said the object appeared to move forward, backward, then up and down.

Robert Bennett, a High-Altitude, "stimulation" way phenomena on duty at the natural phenomenon that causes stars to appear to be "green UFO's" traveling outside or distant objects in the atmosphere at high altitudes.

THEORY OFFERED *SPRING OUTLINE* 4 AUGUST 1965 Mystery Objects There All Along?

Look at the sky long enough and you'll see — or imagine you see — all sorts of things, particularly if you're not accustomed to sky-watching.

That's why so many people are seeing unidentified flying objects, explains Dale Johnson, director of the Kirkpatrick Planetarium.

He says the natural phenomena which cause such illusions are present all the time, but usually go unnoticed.

"Normally," he says, "people don't pay much attention to the sky. But, when you have a lot of people gazing skyward, they'll see things they never paid any attention to before."

Johnson believes that in a great majority of cases, the unidentified objects people notice are simply bright stars that they hadn't noticed before.

At times, certain atmospheric conditions, such as "stimulation," make distant objects appear to move around or change color.

Since the current rash of UFO sightings started, Johnson has observed the skies several nights hoping to spot some unusual object.

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Interest Revived in Sightings by 'Saucer' P

Chicago Daily News Service
Renewed interest in unidentified flying objects has been stirred by five recent sightings of them overseas and by Mariner 4's success-

ful photographing of the planet Mars.
Richard Hall, acting director of the National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) in

Washington said the world is experiencing its biggest increase in UFO sightings since 1957.
Hall and many members of his group believe that

some of the objects are from distant planets, the products of extra-terrestrial intelligence.
Hall said so far most of the increase has been in oth-

er countries.
The air force officer in charge of investigating all U. S. sightings said that in the 17 years the air force has been investigating such

objects no evidence has been turned up to indicate that the objects were guided by intelligent beings.
Maj. Hector Quintanilla, jr., chief of Project Blue

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Hopeful Gazer Draws Blank

By Ben Berger

THE SNFSS had at least one new member Tuesday. He also is eligible for membership in the CFUFO lodge.

SNFSS is the Stiff Neck from Scanning Skies, while CFUFO is Can't Find Unidentified Flying Objects.

The skies were clear Monday night and a comfortable lawn chair provided the viewing spot—but all that appeared were the galaxy of stars, including the only one the viewer could identify, the Big Dipper, and possibly the North star, which is pointed out by the Big Dipper.

Nearest thing to a UFO observed was the handle of the Big Dipper. When caught in the fringes of the bifocals it changed color, and when movement placed it in the bifocal section it moved.

There was one triangular form of stars directly overhead. The hypotenuse formed by an east and a west

star, while the right angle was based with a brightly shining north star.

One anxious moment came when after observing other stars the triangle could not immediately be located—but it was there bright as ever when the aging, rather weary eyes were able to focus properly.

If Jupiter, Rigel Capella or Aldebaran were present they were not identified by the amateur observer.

This by no means implies there are no UFOs flying around in our atmosphere—it means simply the SNFSS new member couldn't locate one.

There's one bright spot to this new talk of UFOs—it has brought lots of people from in front of the black boxes in their air-conditioned houses.

Some Oklahoma Cityans breathed good ole fresh air—and watched the stars (in the sky) for the first time in years.

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been Book, said investigations that have revealed the so-called flying saucers to be astronomical objects, aircraft, balloons, satellites and even blue clouds.

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GARAGE-TOP ROOST is a keen vantage point for tracking unidentified flying objects, these young star gazers decided Monday night. Twelve-year-old Asa Mayes Jr., left, 4100 NW 21 Terr., and Randy Stansel, 14, of 4120 NW 21 Terr., like hundreds of other city residents, spent the evening scanning the skies for those mystery flying objects. Story on Page 1. (Staff Photo by Bob Heaton)

33. July 31, 1965. Wynnewood,
Oklahoma, police officer sighted a
bright UFO at 1:05 a.m. Full story
to follow.



Photo by D. V. Critchfield

Two Oklahoma City girls reported seeing a flare in the southwest part of the city.

Mary Beth Tucker, 16, of 2504 SW 54 Pl., said, "We saw a flare. It was white on bottom and reddish on top. We thought it was flying. We were on SW 44 just off Walker. It looked like it was over I. H. 35."

Her companion, Sherry R. Rutledge, 18, of 332 SE 19, said, "It scared us to death. Goosebumps were all over us."

A small white parachute carrying a burnt out flare was brought to Oklahoma City police headquarters about 11 p.m. after an unidentified caller had told police that he saw it drift from the skies and land on S. Shields.

A little excitement turned to chuckles at headquarters when the parachute was discovered to be a crudely made floater apparently contrived from something that resembled a woman's white scarf.

Attached to the end of about six white strings was a heavy object that resembled a well-worn cigar butt. Officers, scratching their heads, said it really was the remains of a flare.

But no one anywhere had courage enough even to hint there were any little green men connected with the whole thing.



From the heavens, though probably from a standard earth-type plane, came this crudely-built flare parachute Sunday night in the midst of dozens of reported sightings of unidentified flying objects in the city area. The chute, held by officer Richard Boyd, was spotted floating down near SE 53 and Shields by Doyle Park, 3338 SW 38. (Staff Photo by Tony Wood)

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Bright Objects in Sky Set Phones, Nerves Jing

By Jim Tipton
The main staff

Unexplained sightings of bright objects in the sky have set nerves jingling in Oklahoma since Sunday night. The objects, which were reported in many parts of the state, were described as bright, white, and sometimes as having a red or orange glow. Some reports said the objects were seen in the sky for several minutes, while others said they were seen for only a few seconds.

The objects were seen in many places, including Chickasha, Shawnee, Chickasha, and Chandler.

Three different Shawnee police men watched the object for 10 to 15 minutes after 8 p.m. They were described as moving in a westerly direction and changing color from white to red. The objects were seen in the sky for several minutes.

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Police in three southwestern New Mexico cities received reports of objects in the sky. Witnesses said they changed color from white to orange.

New Mexico sightings were reported at Lubbock, Carlsbad and Artesia City.

In Bartlesville, a caller told police he saw what appeared to be either a plane or fire going down southwest of Bartlesville or a large meteor.

A Del City resident reported he saw an object move east to west across the sky, changing from red to white and back to red. He said it took about a minute and a half for it to traverse the sky from horizon to horizon.

First sighting report Sunday night was from the area between Ponca and Norman. Officers, however, could not verify any moving objects in the sky but noted the Evening Star was unusually brilliant.

In the midst of all the influx of UFO reports, some will tapped out his sentiments on the highway patrol's bureau news room wire: "I think I go to the funny house."

Sunday night's reports followed a sighting near Wynnewood early Saturday that was verified by Tinker and Carwell Air Force Bases, Fort Worth, Texas, as night police duty in Wynnewood, watched the object 45 minutes. He said it had flashing red, white and blue lights and hovered at about 10,000 feet northeast of Wynnewood.

The highway patrol also had reports of sightings from Paul Frazier, Tulsa, a Tulsa policeman; from Lynn Wood, Gage, and others.

More Evidence Claimed**'Saucers' Fly Pattern**

"I have several lines drawn and it is shaping up into something, but it is too early to tell."

With that, Hayden Hewes, Oklahoma City shipping clerk who spends his idle time investigating flying saucers, busied himself Monday with plotting the course of unidentified flying objects reported sighted over Oklahoma and eight other states.

"It's shaping up to more and more evidence that there was really something there — and on a flight path," Hewes said.

He said there have been as many as 2,000 reports from the area, many from Oklahoma.

Hewes believes the sightings since Biblical times have been scout ships from outer space, flown or controlled by intelligent beings.

Monday, he was compiling a chronological listing of sightings that began in Wynnewood two days ago and spread throughout the state and adjoining areas by Sunday night.

Of the latest reports, Hewes said: "It's too confusing. It is possible they are interplanetary. It is equally possible they are a government project or weather balloon."

He said, however, he leans more toward the spaceman theory, explaining: "It is possible it was a slight invasion for information about

our planet. Wouldn't you say our Mariner 4 invaded Mars?"

Hewes went without sleep Sunday night as he watched the skies from the highway patrol's headquarters in Edmond.

"I myself and six highway patrolmen and a television cameraman saw an object flashing red, white and blue lights and hovering for about an hour."

Bill Reefer, an associate of Hewes, said he saw one himself.

"I saw something. I wouldn't elaborate. When I get one of these things on

the ground and get in there and really go to work on it, I would be more inclined to talk," he said.

"Most people are interested in the beings flying these things. But I'm more interested in the propulsion and the material of which it is constructed."

"I believe there is something there. As to what, I wouldn't hazard a guess."



Hayden Hewes plots "saucer" course.

Sky Objects Excite Region

By Jack Taylor

Reports of unidentified flying objects swamped civilian and military authorities in at least four states before dawn Monday.

Scores of sightings were reported in Oklahoma, many in the Oklahoma City area.

Air force officials at Tinker AFB said they are investigating, but that further comment will have to come from Washington. This is normal procedure.

All Colors, Shapes

The brilliantly-colored objects apparently were similar to those reported by a Wynnewood policeman two days ago.

The UFO's have been described as egg- or turtle-shaped, flying in formation, making sharp maneuvers and changing colors.

The weather bureau at Tulsa said it tracked UFO's on its theodolite (visual tracking unit) and that they moved precisely with the stars.

A spokesman explained the night was exceptionally clear and some of the brighter stars "rose" in the sky and tended to give off strange lighting near the horizon.

Sightings were reported in a steady stream between 8 p.m. Sunday and 3 a.m. Monday in Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico and Kansas.

Radar at weather bureaus and air force bases scattered throughout the area reported tracking something.

One civilian UFO enthusiast said he received reports from counterparts that sightings ranged over a 9-state area.

The deluge of reports is the heaviest in the 17-year recorded history of UFO's, he said.

City Calls Heavy

Oklahoma City police said they received 30 to 40 UFO reports during the night.

Oklahoma Highway Patrol headquarters reported a similar experience and at one point three dispatchers couldn't handle all the reports.

Reports of UFO's poured in from Pecos, Monahans, Odessa, Midland, Fort Worth, Canyon and Dalhart, Texas, Hobbs, Carlsbad and Artesia, N. M.; Oxford, Belle Plaine, Winfield, Caldwell, Mulvane, Liberal and Wichita, Kan.

In Oklahoma, they came from Chickasha, Shawnee, Cushing, Guymon, Moore, Tulsa, Purcell, Norman, Meeker, Chandler, Gage, Del City and Oklahoma City.

The air force's official UFO center at Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio, was reported launching an investigation Monday.

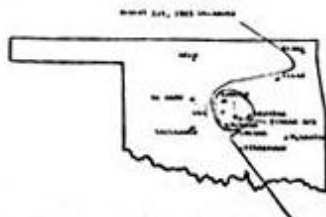
An air force spokesman for the Oklahoma City Air Defense Command refused to confirm or deny a report that a plane was sent after one of the UFO's.

North American Air Defense Command at Colorado Springs was reported in touch with the air force in connection with the UFO sightings.

The Sedgwick County sheriff's office at Wichita, Kan., said the weather bureau tracked several UFO's at altitudes of 6,000 to 9,000 feet.

The Oklahoma Highway Patrol said Tinker was tracking as many as four UFO's on its radar screen at one time, estimated their altitude at about 22,000 feet. A Tinker spokesman declined comment, however.

THE MAIN INVASION WAVE



Wynnewood, Oklahoma July 31, 1965

At 1:05 a.m. on the morning of Saturday, July 31st the UFO's came back to Oklahoma Wynnewood, Oklahoma police officer, Lewis Sikes, 29, reported an unidentified flying object approximately 30-35° NE of Wynnewood. Officer Sikes did not realize that the UFO was also being watched simultaneously by radar from Tinker AFB, Oklahoma City and Carswell AFB, Fort Worth, Texas. Officer Sikes observed the UFO with his wife for approximately 10 minutes in front of their home, when Officer Sikes drove across town and observed the UFO for another three minutes. His wife, Gail-Jean continued to watch the UFO until 2:30 a.m.

An "intelligent control" was indicated during the first 10 minutes of observation when the object abruptly gained 1000-1500 ft. in altitude (estimated by Sikes to be 10,000 ft., confirmed by radar at 8,000 ft.) The UFO remained stationary for several minutes and abruptly loss approximately 1500-



Photo by D. V. Critchfield

2000 ft. The UFO then moved to the west for approximately 1000-1500 ft. and returned to the original location, at which time it moved to the east for approximately 100-1500 ft. then returned to its original position.

The night sky was clear and many stars were visible. The UFO appeared to be three times as bright as the evening star and was estimated by Sikes to be five miles NE of Wynnewood. The UFO appeared as a "light" source. The UFO itself was white with a blue-green center, with a red rotating light circling the center.

At approximately 1:15 Officer Sikes drove across town and once again observed the UFO. His wife stated that while he was gone the UFO seemed to change colors and fade out. The UFO then reappeared and she watch it until she went in. Both Tinker AFB and Carswell AFB, tracked the object to a point 15 miles southwest of Tinker when it disappeared. A few minutes later, it was tracked to a location 29 miles south of Tinker when it was lost again. A Brainiff airliner in the vicinity of Wynnewood at 5,000 ft. was notified but the airline pilot said no visual contact with the UFO was made. Officer Sikes' mother, Mrs. Robert Sikes, also watched the UFO and reported that it faded out was gone.

I first learned of the Wynnewood sighting at 9:05 a.m. when Mr. Mike Buchanan of KWTB, Oklahoma City, called to see what I

distribution and variant wind speeds were favorable to "scintillation." "Scintillation" is a natural phenomenon which causes stars to appear to twinkle or distant objects to appear to dance when seen through layers of the atmosphere. It was also a possibility that the observers were seeing the Aqualad, commonly called the Delta Meteor shower which is occurring from July 26 to August 6.

Dale Johnson, IIOUFO Scientific Panel member and Associate Director of the Kirkpatrick Planetarium located in Oklahoma City said it is a "mystery where the Air Force get its information." Robert Risser of the Oklahoma Science and Arts Foundation, Kirkpatrick Planetarium said observers certainly did not see the planets and stars the Air Force claim. "That is as far from the truth as you can get," Risser said. "Some one has made a mistake. These stars and planets are on the opposite side of the earth from Oklahoma at this time of the year."

About 9:30 p.m. one of the closest observations was made by a Air Force weather expert through a 40 power spotting scope when it flew over Norman, Oklahoma. "The thing was moving fast and was observed for less than five minutes. It was estimated to be 20,000 ft. up and pitched at a 45° angle. It was surrounded by a bluish halo, but the saucer shape was easy to distinguish. There were two sets of revolving, pulsating lights on its perimeter. The saucer was illuminated by the red lights. The lights were pulsating, dim to bright and then bright to dim.



There were several reports from Oklahoma and neighboring states that several UFO's had landed. At 3:14 a.m. Sapulpa, Oklahoma reported that a larger UFO was on the ground near Pole Cat Creek Bridge on US 75A between Sapulpa and Keifer. It was a large light about 50-75 feet across and was oblong. The grass upon investigation showed evidence that something had been there.

Of all the landings, two in Oklahoma City are the most convincing. An Oklahoma City man between 55-60 reported that while he was fishing at Lake Hefner a large "saucer shaped" object, with a dome on top and a flat bottom rose out of the lake, hovered and flew off. He was admitted to an Oklahoma City hospital in a state of shock. His observation was on Saturday afternoon about 1:30 two days before drawings of the objects that appeared in the newspapers which were sighted the night after the Wynnewood sighting and the night before the invasion. (See page 12)

On Monday night about 11:15 p.m. a little six year old girl was burned by a "saucer shaped object" in Northeast Oklahoma City.

Flying Objects Zooming Over State

By BILL STEWART
A host of witnesses from 18 states, including a man who is a pilot, reported that they saw a "saucer shaped" object, with a dome on top and a flat bottom, rise out of the lake, hovered and flew off. He was admitted to an Oklahoma City hospital in a state of shock. His observation was on Saturday afternoon about 1:30 two days before drawings of the objects that appeared in the newspapers which were sighted the night after the Wynnewood sighting and the night before the invasion. (See page 12)

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She was picked up by ambulance and taken to an Oklahoma City hospital. She had received third degree burns over 60½ of her body and her clothes had not been burned. I conducted a personal investigation with Major C. W. Dutreun, of the Oklahoma Civil Defense and located three witnesses to the pick up, but all Oklahoma City hospitals state that no admittance was made. I wonder who gave the "clam up" orders?

An Oklahoma Civil Defense officer sighted a UFO between 10:30 until 11:00 p.m. on Monday evening, August 2 while driving from Oklahoma City on Interstate 35 enroute to Norman. The object was NE of Norman. In a letter dated August 4, 1965 to HOUFO headquarters "The craft was in the or over, the NE area of Norman. There was a quarter plus moon and the comparative size of the craft was almost as big as the moon would have been were it full. I saw four or six lights that were blinking regularly in rhythm; there was never any variance in the rhythm. I did not bother to count the lights because I was so startled, but half of them were red and half of them were either blue,



green, or blue-green; the colors were alternated and were arranged in a circle that in my view looked oval-shaped. The red lights blinked simultaneously, and then the other colored lights would blink simultaneously. All this time the lights were traveling in a counter-clockwise motion on the craft.

The astounding thing to me was that the lights traveled to a point east of Moore, or NE of Norman. Then it emitted a short brilliant white or yellowish flash and suddenly changed its direction and began to travel toward the southwest towards Norman. When it reached a point southwest of Norman it again emitted that white or yellowish flash and once again began traveling toward the NE of Norman. I will further say that this object was too clear, too rhythmical and too complex to be an illusion or a scintillation" (All information on file HOUFO headquarters.)

The following information was received from the Chief of Police, Sentinel, Oklahoma. "At approximately 1:15 a.m. this date (August 2nd) the officer on duty, called by public service to report that several police units around the area was observing UFO's. At approximately 1:20 a.m. I was picked up and went west of town 1¼ miles, turned off our lights and started observing. From reports from the Granite police unit, we got a bearing on the approximately location of the object, and at 1:30 a.m. observed it ourselves. When we first observed the UFO, it was moving in a northeasterly direction at a rapid speed, appearing to change colors of amber, white and a pale

UFO, Tracked On Radar



Photographed by Wichita Eagle

UFO Facts Withheld, Group Claims

Raydon C. Hines, a young leader of a 1,000-member "citizens' organization," charged here today that the Air Force is "suppressing some information" about unidentified flying objects (UFOs).

"It is a secret government project," Hines, 35-year-old Oklahoma City resident said, "who would explain their behavior."

"But it would not explain the hundreds of sightings before 1945 and since back to Biblical times," he said.

"OUR ORGANIZATION believes there is something real in UFO reports. Now what we are doing is trying to find out where they come from and what they are," he said.

Hines, in Kansas to speak to UFO groups in Topeka tonight, said in Wichita Saturday night, is convinced some of the objects sighted are from another planet in perhaps another galaxy.

"I believe they are appearing

here for surveillance," Hines continued.

"There have been too many confirmed reports from reliable sources over the years," Hines said, "to believe some of the reports are anything but alien in nature."

HINES is director of Interplanetary Intelligence of the Unidentified Flying Objects, a research, investigation and analysis organization with headquarters in Oklahoma City. He said there are 1,000 members with groups in 40 states and 30 foreign countries.

He said, "We are backed by a scientific panel of known scientists."

He named some of the panel as Maj. C. W. Durrett, director Civil Defense, Oklahoma City; W. M. Cross, astronomer, Rustonville, Ala.; D. Johnson, assistant director, Karpavich Planetarium, Oklahoma City; and Prof. R. M. K. Karpavich, geologist and mining engineer, North Dakota, among others.

Hines said his activities with the organization are on a part-time basis. He is regularly employed with the TGVV variety store chain.

TO BACK his contention, Hines said the Air Force has investigated 8,000 UFO reports of which 60 have not been identified as phenomena. He said the Air Force has a special division at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, to investigate UFO reports.



Raydon Hines

Wichita Beacon
Friday, August
6, 1955.

blue. The object stopped in the NE, between 60-85° angle from us. Could not tell the distance, but would say between 50-150 miles. We observed the UFO for 30 minutes. At about this time (2 a.m.) the Granite unit reported another object traveling in a northerly direction, being red in color and shooting red sparks from it. We went and tried to observe the object, but could not locate it."

Unidentified "blips" on the radar screen at the Wichita Weather Bureau confirmed the presence of unidentified flying objects around Wichita. (photo page 11)

Several attempts were made to photograph the UFO's but almost all failed. One photo was obtained by Junction City, Kansas photographer George Goodson who captured 8 ovals. The objects were not visible when the photo was taken. I was in Topeka, Junction City and Wichita during the weekend of August 3 and 7 and personally investigated the Junction City photo as well as several reports around Topeka and Wichita.



UFOs Photographed

Junction City Photo

July 23, 1965

Widespread reports of unidentified flying objects over the world including several radar contacts stirred interest at the Daily Union office when staff photographer George Goodson photographed eight UFO's.

The photo was taken at 4:10 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, (August 1st) at the municipal airport. The photo was snapped to show the parachute descent of a member of the Junction City Sky Divers club, but after development of the negative on August 2nd, disclosed eight disks in the sky at the left center. At first they were thought to be either a flaw in the film, or possibly water or developer solution spots on the film. Then it was noticed that the parachute shroud lines crossed over the disks; they would have been obliterated if the negative had been spotted by solution. Goodson took the photo from the ground, facing northwest and said he had not seen nothing in the sky other than the parachutist and the clouds.

HOOUFO Director Hayden Hewes interviewed Mr. Goodson on Saturday, August 7, 1956 while he was in Junction City.

Wichita, Kansas Weather Bureau radarscope showed unidentified flying objects Sunday night (August 1st) See circle blip. Other white dots show locations of earlier sightings as the objects moved across the scope.

Mr. John Shockley, Wichita weatherman, tracked "them" at different times betimes 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. "mostly on the south side of the city." The UFO's were about the size of a Cessna on the screen and were flying at altitudes of 6,000 to 9,000 ft. The Weather Bureau radar screen covers about all of the state of Kansas.



On July 23, 1965 at 3:30 p.m. the following photograph was taken by HOOUFO State Director August Powell while taking scenery pictures of the San Francisco peaks. The dark cylindrical-shaped UFO was moving West to East about 15' above the Southern horizon. Three photographs were obtained but only two came out. The UFO appeared to be 1/4 of an inch long at arms length. It was moving slower than jet speed and made no noise.

Note the 45° angle of the two UFO's. It was also described by many persons in Oklahoma.



TDEW/UFO

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UFO Sighting, 7 October 1965

Hq USAF SAFOICC (Mrs. Hunt)

We have received a report of an unidentified flying object from Mrs. Martha Tripp of 7245 Hillcraft, Apt #8, Houston, Texas. Mrs. Tripp has requested an evaluation of her sighting. A review of her Form 164 indicates that the sighting could be attributed to jet aircraft operating its afterburner. The flight path and duration are in accord with this evaluation. The description of the white object with the red and white luminous exhaust also conforms with this analysis. Since the officer at Ellington Air Force Base who received her initial report indicated that they had experimental aircraft, it is possible that she observed one of these. A sighting toward the Northwest at dusk often adds to distortion and visual misidentification of normal or conventional objects. There were other reports from the area at about the time Mrs. Tripp observed this object. About fifteen minutes prior to this, several reports evaluated as a meteor were submitted to Ellington. This meteor passed to the West of Houston. However, the duration was much shorter than the 30 seconds reported by Mrs. Tripp, and the motion or trajectory was straight and not rising. The description of the object she reported, its motion, and duration are in accord with an aircraft sighting. We have given her report an evaluation of a possible aircraft.

FOR THE COMMANDER

ERIC T. de JONCKHEERE, Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology and Subsystems

COORDINATION:

ORIGINATOR

TDEW/UFO Maj. H. Quintanilla, Jr.

DATE 14 Feb 66

TDEW

W.H. Perkins

DATE 18 Feb 66

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TDEW/UFO

7 Oct 65

FTD (TDEW)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433
21 December 1965

Mrs Martha Tripp
6226 ~~WILSON~~ Apt 13
Houston, Texas

*moved: 7245 Hillcroft
apt. #8
Houston, Texas*

Dear Mrs Tripp,

Reference your unidentified observation of 7 October 65. The information which we received was not sufficient for evaluation. Request you complete the attached FTD Form 164 and return it in the envelope provided.

We wish to thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

Sincerely,

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

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?

7 OCTOBER 1965
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 5 30 OR 45
Hour Minutes

(Circle One): A.M. or (P.M.)

3. Time Zone:

(Circle One): a. Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other _____

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

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

6226 VALERIE HOUSTON TEXAS
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or County

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

30
Hours Minutes Seconds

a. Certain

b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure

d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined?

IN MY MIND (KNOWING ABOUT HOW LONG AN MINUTE IS)

5.2 Was object in sight continuously?

Yes ✓

No _____

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY A LITTLE
a. Bright BEFORE DUSK
b. Cloudy

NIGHT
a. Bright
b. Cloudy

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One): a. In front of you
b. In back of you
c. To your right

FRONT
d. To your left VERY LOW
e. Overhead
f. Don't remember

8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS (Circle One):

- a. None
- b. A few
- c. Many
- d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON (Circle One):

- a. Bright moonlight
- b. Dull moonlight
- c. No moonlight - pitch dark
- d. Don't remember

9. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

CLOUDS (Circle One):

- a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds

WEATHER (Circle One):

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

10. The object appeared: (Circle One).

- a. Solid FRONT
- b. Transparent
- c. Vapor REAR

- d. As a light HIGHLY ILLUMINOUS
- 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:

ELECTRIC LIGHT GLOBE
OR SUNCURTAIN NOT HURT EYES

12. The edges of the object were:

- (Circle One):
- a. Fuzzy or blurred
 - b. Like a bright star
 - c. Sharply outlined
 - d. Don't remember

- e. Other LIKE THE EDGES
OF A LIGHT-OUTLINED
BUT VARYING OUT-LIKE
EDGES OF SUN.

13. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- a. Appear to stand still at any time?
- b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?
- c. Break up into parts or explode?
- d. Give off smoke?
- e. Change brightness?
- f. Change shape?
- g. Flash or flicker?
- h. Disappear and reappear?

- | | | |
|-----|----|------------|
| Yes | No | Don't know |
| Yes | No | Don't know |
| Yes | No | Don't know |
| Yes | No | Don't know |
| Yes | No | Don't know |
| Yes | No | Don't know |
| Yes | No | Don't know |
| Yes | No | Don't know |

EXHAUST-FLAME

14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? *IT DISAPPEARED - BUT LIKE IT MOVED OUT OF RANGE OF MY EYESIGHT (TRAVELING)*

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: _____

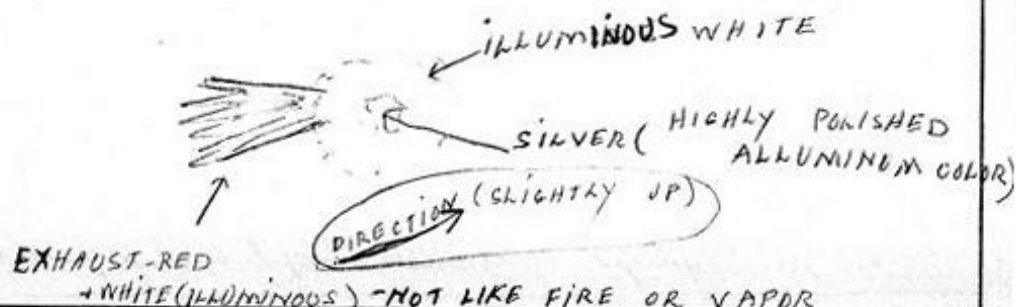
17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

- a. Sound *NONE (OR TOO FAR AWAY TO BE HEARD)*
 b. Color *FRONT - ILLUMINOUS LIKE LIGHT GLOBE (WHITE)*
REAR - RED AND ILLUMINOUS (WHITE)

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?

VERY LITTLE

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.



THIS WHOLE OBJECT WAS VERY LARGE

20. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One)

Yes

No

NOT IN MILEAGE

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? NOT FAST OR SLOW
(IF REAL HIGH-VERY FAST) NORMAL MOVING PLANE

21. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One)

Yes

No

HARD TO TELL - BECAUSE IT
WAS SO LARGE

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 _____

23. Were you (Circle One)

a. In the business section of a city?

b. In the residential section of a city?

c. In open countryside?

d. Near an airfield?

e. Flying over a city?

f. Flying over open country?

g. Other _____

24. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions.

24.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

a. North

c. East

e. South

g. West

b. Northeast

d. Southeast

f. Southwest

h. Northwest

24.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

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

(Circle One)

Yes

No

25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

a. Eyeglasses

Yes

No ✓

e. Binoculars

Yes

No ✓

b. Sun glasses

Yes

No ✓

f. Telescope

Yes

No ✓

c. Windshield

Yes

No ✓

g. Theodolite

Yes

No ✓

d. Window glass

Yes

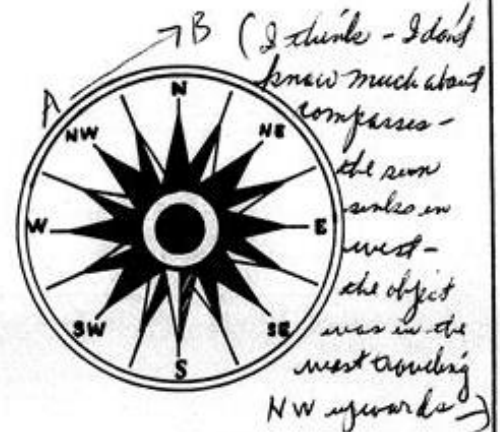
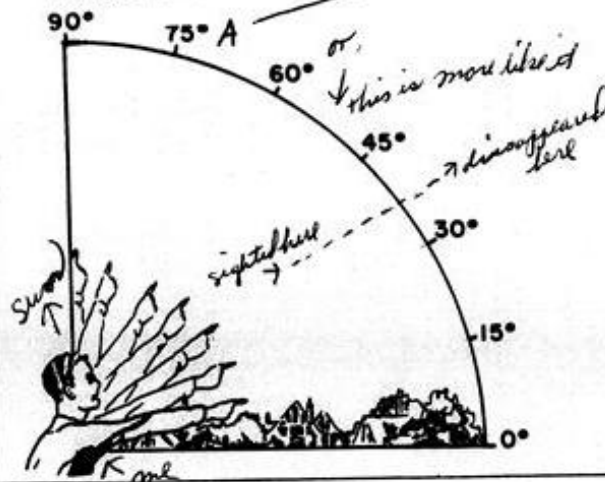
No ✓

h. Other _____

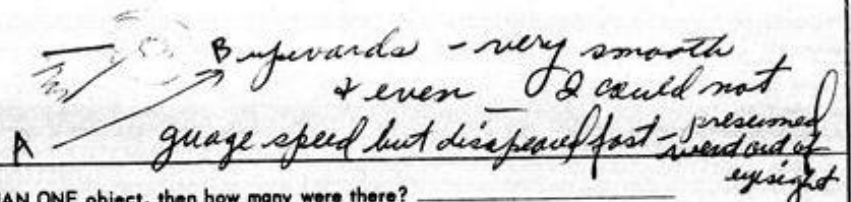
26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

*I have never seen anything like it before.
I don't know whether meteors or comets can be
seen in daylight or whether they travel upwards or not.
or how large they look.*

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



28. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.



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

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

no

31. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object? (Circle One) ☒ Yes ☐ No

31.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too? (Circle One) ☒ Yes ☐ No

31.2 Please list their names and addresses:

Mrs. Hightly - apt 1 6226 Valeris - Houston, Tex.
 Susette (teen-age girl) same address - different apt.
 Another woman (don't remember name - same address)
 (I have since moved) - sorry - maybe if you
 write 90 of names & addresses
 can give correct names & addresses.

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME TRIPP MARTHA LOUISE
Last Name First Name Middle Name
 ADDRESS 7245 HILLCROFT #8 HOUSTON TEXAS
Street City Zone State
 TELEPHONE NUMBER PR-4-9938 AGE 39 SEX F

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

I have kept an open mind on "Flying Saucers"
 even when I first heard about them years ago.
 Also, I am a very calm person & do not excite
 easily. I have never jumped to conclusions
 without the facts. I watched this thing very closely
 & tried to guess at what it could be - but it was all new to me -
 so I reported it.

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

7th October 1965 Officer at Ellington Field - called
Day Month Year
Nara first - around 8:00 or 9:00
in the evening - called radio
station KILT next morning - they did not
announce on news -

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

7th January 1966.
 Day Month 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.

pertaining to question 33 -

officer at Ellington said it had been seen in other sections of city by about 6 persons (before I called) He said that they said it had cut off exhaust & back on. when I first called he said he was curious also - after he had taken information he said we had experimental aircraft. He did not say if one was up there at that time. I asked about illuminous glow all around & he said it was friction from speed of plane. When conversation ended he was very business-like although he was "curious" himself when I first called.

Also, I do not remember date - I take your word for it as being Oct 7, 1965.

(over)

If, it is at all possible, could you
let me know your findings after you
check into my report. I am very interested.

Thank you,
Sincerely
Mrs. Martha Zipp

B.S. - I feel like I have not been of much help
as something like this is hard to put on
paper. Also, if it was a plane it was
quite different. Since then I have observed
jets flying in a direction that I could not see
the wings & the sun was shining against it
& I can see how some people might jump
to conclusions - but this thing that I saw
did not even resemble this. And also,
the exhaust or vapor trail was nothing
like a jet - ~~it was~~ although it looked
like a flame it also looked solid (?).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
STAFF MESSAGE BRANCH
INCOMING MESSAGE

AF IN: 50143 (5 Aug 65) G/jek

PG1 OF 6

ACTION: NIN-7

INFO: XOP-1, XOPX-8, SAFOS-3, DIA-1 (21)

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ZNR UUUUU

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FM 2854 AB GP TINKER AFB OKLA

TO RUWTFVA/ENT AFB COLO

RUWTFVA/29 AIR DIV RICHARDS GEBUR AFB MO

RUCIFDA/WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RUEBHQA/USAF WASH DC

RUEBHQA/SAF WASH DC

BT

UNCLAS OCBBP 85294 5 AUG 1965. SECTION 1 OF 2.

FOR: WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB (FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIV); USAF (AFCIN);
SAF (SAFOI). SUBJ: REPORTING OF UFOS.

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION PERTAINING TO REPORTED UFOS IN TINKER
AFB AREA BETWEEN 0200 AND 0733 HOURS, (Z) 2 AUG 1965, IS SUB-
MITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 14, AFR 200-2.

A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT(S):

- (1) SHAPE - NO DEFINITE SHAPE DUE TO DISTANCE.
- (2) SIZE - APPROXIMATE SIZE OF PEA HELD AT ARM'S LENGTH.
- (3) COLOR - BLUISH-WHITE WITH RED HAZE.

Handwritten notes:
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OBJECTS SUB-
SAF (SAFOI)
ANY MORE?

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- (4) NUMBER - 4 OBJECTS.
- (5) FORMATION - NONE; APPEARED TO BE AT SAME ALTITUDE.
- (6) DISCERNIBLE FEATURES OR DETAILS - NONE EXCEPT FOR COLOR.
- (7) TAIL, TRAIL, OR EXHAUST - NONE.
- (8) SOUND - NONE.
- (9) OTHER PERTINENT OR UNUSUAL FEATURES - NONE EXCEPT FOR COLOR.

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT(S):

(1) WHAT FIRST CALLED ATTENTION OF OBSERVED TO OBJECT?
ANOTHER WITNESS.

(2) ANGLE OR ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH OF OBJECT - 45 DEGREES
ELEVATION, 190 DEGREES AZIMUTH.

(3) ANGLE OR ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH OF OBJECT UPON DISAPPEARANCE -
QUIT LOOKING DUE TO PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES.

(4) DESCRIPTION OF FLIGHT PATH AND MANEUVERS OF OBJECT -
ALL OBJECTS APPEARED TO BE AT APPROXIMATELY 22,000 FT.
TWO OF OBJECTS DID NOT APPEAR TO BE MOVING; 1 OBJECT WAS MOVING
SOUTH AND 1 WAS MOVING NORTH AT SPEEDS OF APPROXIMATELY 150 TO
200 MPH.

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(5) HOW DID OBJECT DISAPPEAR? - HAD NOT DISAPPEARED AT

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LAST LOOK.

(6) HOW LONG OBJECT VISIBLE - 1 1/2 HOURS.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(1) CONTROL TOWER TO AIR VISIBILITY.

(2) OPTICAL AIDS - BINOCULARS, 7 X 50 POWER, MARK 28,

BAUSCH AND LOMB MANUFACTURE.

(3) SIGHTING DID NOT OCCUR WHILE AIR-BORNE.

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

(1) FIRST OBSERVED 0230 ZULU HOURS, 2 AUG 1965; LAST
OBSERVED 0400Z, 2 AUG 1965.

(2) LIGHT CONDITIONS - NIGHT.

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER(S):

LATITUDE 35 DEG, 23 MIN - 00 SEC NORTH; LONGITUDE 97 DEGREES,
22 MIN - 54 SEC WEST.

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER(S):

(1) CIVILIAN - NOT APPLICABLE.

(2) MILITARY - TSGT JOHN R. LANG, AF13289448, 34 YEARS OF AGE,
WATCH SUPERVISOR, TINKER AFB CONTROL TOWER, 3 RD MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS

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G. WEATER AND WINDS:

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(1) OBSERVER'S ACCOUNT OF CONDITIONS - CLEAR WEATHER AT TIME
OF SIGHTING.

(2) REPORT OF NEAREST US WEATHER BUREAU OFFICE:

(A) WEATHER AT TIME OF FIRST SIGHTING, 0230Z, 2 AUG 1965:

ALTITUDE	WIND DIRECTION	SPEED	TEMPERATURE
SURFACE	100 DEGREES	4 KNOTS	PLUS 83 DEG C
6,000 FT.	360 DEGREES	10 KNOTS	PLUS 14 DEG C
10,000 FT.	350 DEGREES	15 KNOTS	PLUS 5 DEG C
16,000 FT.	340 DEGREES	20 KNOTS	MINUS 4 DEG C
20,000 FT.	340 DEGREES	20 KNOTS	MINUS 14 DEG C
30,000 FT.	330 DEGREES	20 KNOTS	MINUS 37 DEG C
50,000 FT.	330 DEGREES	30 KNOTS	MINUS 61 DEG C

(B) WEATHER CONDITIONS AT LAST SIGHTING, 0400Z,

2 AUG 1965:

ALTITUDE	WIND DIRECTION	SPEED	TEMPERATURE
SURFACE	230 DEGREES	3 KNOTS	PLUS 74 DEG C
6,000 FT.	010 DEGREES	5 KNOTS	PLUS 15 DEG C

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10,000 FT. 350 DEGREES 20 KNOTS PLUS OR MINUS 5 DEG C

16,000 FT. 010 DEGREES 15 KNOTS MINUS 5 DEG C

20,000 FT. 030 DEGREES 10 KNOTS MINUS 15 DEG C

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30,000 FT. 340 DEGREES *25 KNOTS MINUS 37 DEG C

50,000 FT. 310 DEGREES 40 KNOTS MINUS 63 DEG C

(3) CEILING DURING ENTIRE PERIOD - CLEAR.

(4) VISIBILITY DURING ENTIRE PERIOD - 11 MILES.

(5) AMOUNT OF CLOUD COVERAGE - NONE.

(6) NO THUNDERSTORMS IN AREA DURING ENTIRE PERIOD OF
TIME.

(7) VERTICAL TEMPERATURE GRADIENT WAS MINUS 2 DEG C PER 1,000
FT., SURFACE TO 40,000 FT; NO CHANGE AFTER THAT DURING THIS
TIME.

(8) NO UNUSUAL METEOROLOGICAL ACTIVITIES DURING THAT
TIME.

1. INTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION TAKEN - INFOR-
MATION FURNISHED TO 746TH AC&W SQ, OKLAHOMA CITY AIR FORCE
STATION. THEY ADVISED RADAR CONTACT WITH 1 OBJECT AT 10,000
FT. IN VICINITY OF NORMAN, OKLA. LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 20 MI.

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SOUTH OF TINKER AFB.

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J. LOCATION, APPROXIMATE ALTITUDE, AND GENERAL DIRECTION
OF FLIGHT OF ANY AIR TRAFFIC OR BALLOON RELEASED: US WEATHER
STATION, WILL ROGERS FIELD, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA. RELEASED A
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ACTION: NIN-7

INFO: XOP1, XOPX-8, SAFOS-3, DIA-1 (21)

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FOR: WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB (FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIV); USAF (AFCIN);

SAF (SAFOI). SUBJ: REPORTING OF UFOS.

WEATHER BALLOON AT 0515Z HOURS, 2 AUG 1965. WEATHER BALLOONS
WOULD HAVE TRAVELED SOUTH, CHANGING AT DIFFERENT ALTITUDES TO
SOUTHEAST AND SOUTHWEST FROM THE POINT OF RELEASE. FAA AND
WILL ROGERS FIELD REPORTED NO AIRCRAFT IN THE AIR DURING THIS
TIME PERIOD. TINKER AFB FLIGHT OPERATIONS REPORTED 5 AIRCRAFT
WERE IN THE AREA DURING THIS TIME PERIOD; HOWEVER, NONE OF THE
AIRCRAFT REPORTED ANY UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS.

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K. POSITION TITLE AND COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER:

CHIEF, SECURITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, 2854TH AIR BASE GROUP. COMMENTS: NUMEROUS SIGHTINGS OF THESE 4 OBJECTS WERE REPORTED FROM THE FOLLOWING CITIES IN OKLAHOMA CITY AREA: NORMAN, PURCELL, CUSHING, CHICKASHA, LINDSAY, CHANDLER, MEEKER, AND SHAWNEE. MOST REPORTED THE OBJECTS AS BEING A LIGHT CHANGING FROM BLUE, WHITE, AND RED COLOR. ONE REPORT FROM SHAWNEE WAS THAT THE OBJECTS WERE FLYING IN A DIAMOND FORMATION. MOST REPORTS WERE THAT THE OBJECTS HAD NO DEFINITE FLIGHT PATTERN AND CHANGED COURSES ERRATICALLY. THE LAST INFORMATION RECEIVED ON THESE OBJECTS WAS AT 0733Z HOURS, 2 AUG 1965, AT WHICH TIME ONE OF THE OBJECTS WAS REPORTED SIGHTED OVER EDMOND, OKLA. AT APPROXIMATELY 1,000 FT. ALTITUDE AND APPEARED TO BE THE SIZE OF A BASEBALL HELD AT ARM'S LENGTH. THE OBJECT DISAPPEARED OUT OF SIGHT STRAIGHT UP. PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF POSSIBLE CAUSE OF SIGHTINGS AT THIS TIME IS WEATHER BALLOONS AND/OR KNOWN AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA.

1. EXISTENCE OF PHYSICAL EVIDENCE - NONE.
2. FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE SUBMITTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH

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REFERENCE PARAGRAPH 14 AFR 200-2, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS
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UFO

A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT(S)

- (1) PIE SHAPED
- (2) SLIGHTLY LARGER THAN A GRAPEFRUIT
- (3) ALUMINUM, DULL WITH BRIGHT TOP
- (4) 5
- (5) NO

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(6) NO

(7) NONE

(8) NO SOUND

(9) LOOKED LIKE CHILDS ALUMINUM CANTEEN

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT(S)

(1) OBSERVER WENT OUTSIDE HOUSE TO CHECK WEATHER IN ORDER TO DETERMINE HOW TO DRESS SHCILD FOR AN APPOINTMENT. AS OBSERVER LOOKED UP AT SKY SHE SAW UFO'S.

(2) APPROXIMATELY 45 DEGREE ANGLE AND 360 DEGREE AZIMUTH.

(3) FOUR UFO'S DISAPPEARED IN SLIGHT CLIMB ON 360 DEGREE AZIMUTH. THE ONE REMAINING HOVERED FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO MINUTES AND THEN WENT OUT OF SIGHT AT APPROXIMATELY 75 DEGREE ANGLE.

(4) FLIGHT PATH WAS SMALL ORBIT IN TRAIL FLIGHT PATH, NO PARTICULAR SPACING

(5) SEE NUMBER 3 ABOVE.

(6) THE 5 UFO'S CIRCLED FOLLOWING EACH OTHER APPROXIMATELY 3 MINUTES AT WHICH TIME 3 DEPARTED TO THE NORTH. THE OTHER TWO CONTINUED TO CIRCLE AND AFTER ONE MINUTE ANOTHER UFO DISAPPEARED TO THE NORTH. THE REMAINING UFO HOVERED THAN DISAPPEARED AT AN APPROXIMENT 75 DEGREE ANGLE.

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C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

- (1) GROUND - VISUAL
- (2) OBSERVER WEARS GLASSES
- (3) N/A

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

- (1) 23/2250Z AUG 65
- (2) DAY

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER: EASTERN PART OF CITY LIMITS OF ENID,
OKLAHOMA.

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF OBSERVER:

- (1) CIVILIAN - MRS. BILL BOUZIDEN; AGE 31; 2821 EAST ELM,
ENID, OKLAHOMA; OCCUPATION - HOUSEWIFE; WOULD CLASSIFY AS RELIABLE.
- (2) N/A

G. WEATHER AND WINDS - ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF
SIGHTINGS:

- (1) CLEAR AND 20
 - (2) SURFACE
- | | | |
|---------|------------|----------|
| | 160 DEGREE | 10 KNOTS |
| 6000' | 200 DEGREE | 15 KNOTS |
| 10,000' | 130 DEGREE | 10 KNOTS |
| 16,00' | 320 DEGREE | 10 KNOTS |

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20,000'	300 DEGREE	20 KNOTS
30,000'	350 DEGREE	25 KNOTS
50,000'	360 DEGREE	45 KNOTS
80,000'	NOT AVAILABLE	

(3) NONE

(4) 25 TO 30

(5) 1/10 AT 5000'

(6) NONE

(7) SFC 35 DEGREE CG PAST 6 HR AV 1 DEGREE C

60M	PLUS 17 DEGREE C
100M	PLUS 5 DEGREE C
160M	MINUS 4 DEGREE C
200M	MINUS 13 DEGREE C
300M	MINUS 36 DEGREE C
500M	MINUS 63 DEGREE C

H. SMALL DUST DEVIL SIGHTED AT APPROXIMATELY 2100Z NW QUAD 4
MILES FROM VANCE AFB.

I. NONE

J. NUMEROUS FORMATION FLIGHTS IN LOCAL AREA.

K. BASE OPERATIONS OFFICER: OBSERVER IS CONSIDERED RELIABLE BY

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PREPARING OFFICER; PERSONS INTERVIEWED AS TO CREDITABILITY OF OBSERVER ARE ALSO CONSIDERED RELIABLE IN THEIR JUDGEMENT. THE PREPARING OFFICER BELIEVES THERE ARE TWO POSSIBLE EXPLANATIONS FOR THE UFO SIGHTING: (A) THE OBJECTS COULD HAVE BEEN A FORMATION OF AIRCRAFT CIRCLING AT GREAT DISTANCE FROM THE OBSERVER OR (B) THE SIGHTING MAY BE EXPLAINED AS BRIGHT OBJECTS CAUGHT IN A SMALL WHIRLWIND AND KEPT ALOFT BY HOT GASES (900 DEGREE C) GENERATED BY OIL REFINERY SMOKE STACKS LOCATED IN THE AREA OVER WHICH THE UFO'S WERE REPORTED. AN INTERVIEW WITH THE OIL REFINERY SUPERINTENDENT REVEALED THAT LARGE CHUNKS OF FOAM ARE OCCASIONALLY BLOWN INTO THE AIR FROM REFINERY COOLING TANKS. ACCORDING TO THE SUPERINTENDENT, IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT DEBRIS COULD EMIT FROM A 212' SMOKE STACK IN THE REFINERY COMPLEX. CONTACT WITH PILOTS OF AIRCRAFT ALOFT AT THE TIME OF SIGHTING REVEALED NO EVIDENCE OF UFO'S. CONSULTATION WITH VANCE AFB WEATHER FORECASTERS REVEALED NO BALLOONS WERE RELEASED IN THE AREA; FORECASTERS ALSO STATED THERE WAS NO UNUSUAL METEOREOLOGICAL ACTIVITY AT THE TIME. CONTACT WITH TWOER OPERATOR AT VANCE AFB REVEALED SIGHTING OF SMALL DUST DEVIL 4 MILES NW OF VANCE AFB AT SIGHTING TIME. SPOKESMAN OF THE AC&W SITE AT TINKER AFB REVEALED NO UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS OVER ENID AT THE TIME.

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REFERENCE PARAGRAPH 14 AFR 222-2, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS
SUBMITTED:

RADAR OPERATORS AT VANCE AFB ALSO REPORTED NO
UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS. THE OBSERVERS COMMENTARY WAS CORROBORATED BY
HER 10 YEAR OLD SON WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN THE FINAL TWO
OBJECTS CIRCULING IN THE SKY, AFTER THE FIRST THREE HAD DISAPPEARED
TO THE NORTH. SEVERAL HOURS AFTER THE OBSERVER HAD BEEN
INTERVIEWED, SHE CONTACTED THE INTERVIEWING OFFICERS TO
REVISE HER ESTIMATE OF THE SIZE OF THE OBJECTS UPON OBSERVATION.

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INSTEAD OF "SLIGHTLY LARGER THAN A GRAPEFRUIT" SHE SAID THE OBJECTS
APPEARED TO BE "ONLY A COUPLE OF INCHES IN SIZE, " OR ABOUT THE
SIZE OF A SILVER DOLLAR.

1. NONE

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AM on July 31, 1965

At 1:05 Wynnewood police officer, Lewis Sikes 29, reported an unidentified flying object ^{at approximately 30-35°} NE of Wynnewood. At the same time simultaneous radar fixes were obtained by Tinker AFB, Oklahoma City, and Carswell AFB, Fort Worth, Texas.

Officer Sikes observed the object with his wife for approximately 10 minutes ^{from in} front of their home, then officer Sikes drove across town and observed the object for three more minutes. His wife watched the object until almost 2:30AM.

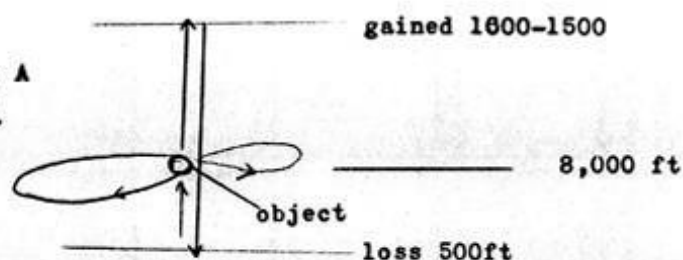
An "intelligent control" was indicated during the first 10 minutes of observation when the object abruptly gained 1000-1500 ft in altitude (estimated by Sikes to be 10,000 ft, confirmed by radar at 8,000ft). The object remained stationary for several minutes and abruptly loss approximately 1500-2,000 ft. The object then moved to the West for approximately 1000-1500ft and returned to the original location. At which time the object moved to the East for approximately 1000-1500 ft then returned to its original position. (Drawing A)

The night sky was clear and many stars were visible. The object appeared to be about three times as bright as the evening star. The UFO was estimated to be 5 or more miles NE of Officer Sikes and appeared as a "light" source. The object itself was white with a blue-green center, with a red rotating light circling the center (Drawing B).

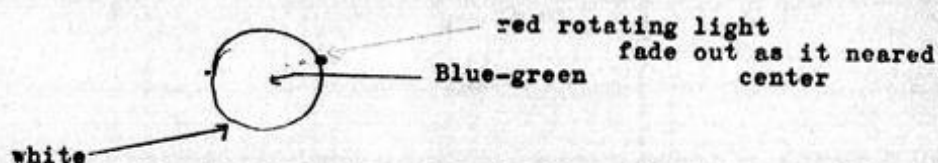
At approximately 1:15 officer Sikes drove across town and once again observed the object at approximately 1:30. His wife reported that the object (while he was gone) seemed to change colors, and shapes and fade out. Both Tinker AFB and Carswell AFB, tracked the object to a point 15 miles southwest of Tinker when it disappeared. A few minutes later, it was tracked to a location 29 miles south of Tinker when it was lost again. A Braniff airliner

in the vicinity of Wynnewood at 5,000 ft was notified but the airline pilot said no visual contact with the object was made. Officer Sikes' mother, Mrs Robert Sikes, also watched the object for a short time. She also reported that the object faded out.

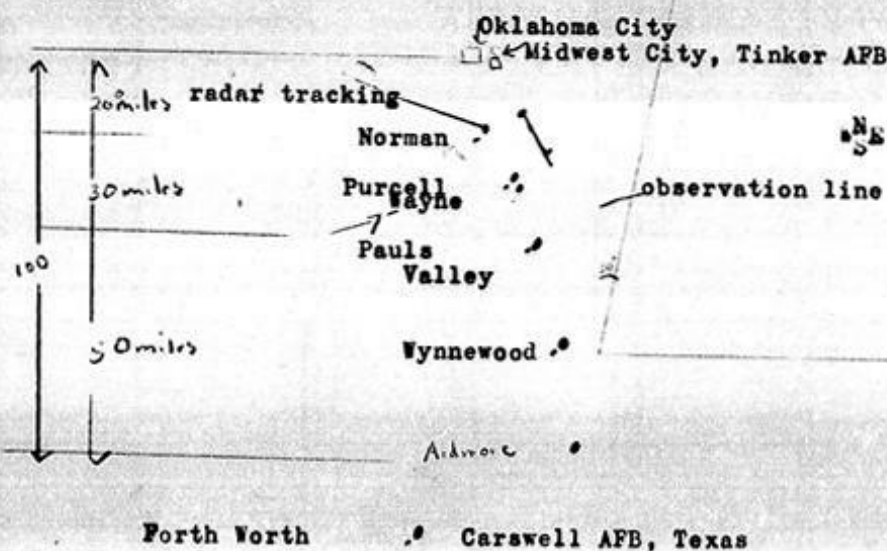
Drawing A
control



Drawing B
object



Drawing C
location



IIOUFO INVESTIGATES

I first learned of the Wynnewood sighting at 9:05 when Mike Buchanan, of KNTV called and wanted to know what all I knew. Within an hour Karon, DeWayne Critchfield and I were on our way. We arrived at the Wynnewood Police station and talked with the chief of police who showed me the first information he had received from officer Sikes in the form of the notation he had observed a U.F.O. and reported it to Tinker AFB. Prior to talking with the chief of police I had called Mrs Robert Sikes' mother of the officer who stated that they had no comment and that a report had been sent to Tinker. The chief of police suggested that we go over to officer Sikes house and talk with him. He gave us directions. When we arrived a reported from Ada, Oklahoma was talking to Officer Sikes wife outside. I introduced myself and was told that Louis Sikes could not be disturbed. I told then I had the official A₁ reporting forms and that all my information would be turned over to you. I was permitted to enter the home and talked for about 2 1/2 hours. While I was there the telephone rang about 10 times. They had received calls from New York, Conn. and Tulsa. While I was there a reported from the Sunday Oklahoman called, when he was told no information we asked if I had been there and I talked with him. He asked me to call him as soon as I returned to Oklahoma City. They wanted NO publicity at all. Officer Sikes did not want to return to work (works the night shift six ~~days~~ nights a week) because everyone would know where he was. He has been with the force for about a year. Before coming to Wynnewood he was a police man in Arozinga. They first believed the object to be a aircraft. He has served in the Navy and Army and was shown a UFO film that stated the Navy did not know what the objects were and to report all objects that they might observe. He knew of the Utah and Montana films, but not much about the UFO field in general. At first he would not talk at all. After I told him about the IIOUFO and the recent flap of sightings, my trip to Wright-Patterson AFB, and general information he was most cooperative. I am out of sighting forms so the answers to the 34 questions are as follows.

1. July 31, 1965
2. 1:05 AM
3. Central Time
4. Wynnewood, Oklahoma
5. First observed at 1:05. Last sighted at approximately 2:20.
51. His wife sighted the object continuously, he did not.
52. Watch
6. Night- very clear
- 7.
8. Stars- C
Moon- crescent
9. Clouds-A
Weather-Clear night with no clouds
10. D
11. 3 times as bright
- 11.1. Evening star (3 times as bright)
12. B
13. a yes
b no
c.no
d.no
e.no
f.yes
h yes (his wife said yes, he said no)
14. faded out and reappeared
15. No
16. No
17. Sound-None
Color- white-red and blue-green
- 18.
19. See drawing B
20. No
21. estimated to be some 5x22 miles from observer
22. b & c
- 23 b & c
- 24 D
24. 2 20-25 mph
- 24.3 yes for about three minutes
25. all no
26. You should receive the two page typed report (which I read)
soon if not all ready.
27. Object was at 30° for point A & B
Object was at 30-35° for point A & B

28 See drawing-A-

29.

30. No

31. yes- wife, mother observed from house

32. Lewis G. Sikes

Box 192

Wynnewood, Oklahoma

Telephone Wynnewood exchange ~~unknown~~ ^{inc} then number 54738

Age 29, Male, white

33. Object was reported to the Murry County Sheriffs Office who reported it to the Oklahoma Highway Patrol.

34. Information compleated by the IIOUPO J^{uly} 31, 1965. Photos of the area were obtained by DyWayne.

We arrived back in Oklahoma City at 5:00 and stopped at the Oklahoma publishing company and talked with Mr. Frank Garner (who I had talked to on the telephone when he called Wynnewood) He stated at Mr. Wayne Mackey , State Editor of the Oklahoman has observed and object at 5:00 on the afternoon of July 30. He compared them to the 1952 Coast Guard photo. Will find out more about this one later. I was home at 6:05 and called Mike Buchanan KWTB Ch. 9 Oklahoma City and let him know what I new which was already on the streets. At 7:00 Mr. V Domick New Director WKY- (NBC) TV called and wanted a interview for the 10:00 news. He stated that he wanted to get together next week to do a feature story (he said show) about the IIQ UFO and the recent sightings. His photographer left about 7:15. At 10:30 a John Otto) something like that called. He was representing KVOO Tulsa, Oklahoma, and they wanted an interview Sunday at 11:30. About 30 minutes before he called Phill Erdberg called and wanted an interview for Monday at 3:00 with photos. He is an AP writer. I have have seven or so reports of UFO's over Oklahoma in the past two weeks. I will send all the information I have as soon as I get them in order. It appears that this object was also sighted over Oklahoma City on Wednesday July 21, 1965 at Approximately 9:30. Color shaped and manuevers are the same. Receive this report the 28th.

re-investigated Sunday afternoon and located a Nettie Marie Thome of Wynnewood who also reported the object. Pault Valley Police did not receive any reports.

Oklahoma City IIUFO August 1 & 2

Information received from the Oklahoma Highway Patrol at the OHP tower Oklahoma City:

Since 8:08 pm the OHP tower received in the neighborhood of 25-30 visual sightings many by police and highway patrol troopers of various UFOs from Purcell area North thru the Norman Area to Chandler and back South through Meeker and Shawnee. (all in Okla). Three Shawnee officers and their Capt have four of the objects in sight at this time, also another has a cropped Y up from the South of Tecumseh and is apparently going to fly directly over Shawnee. The sightings vary from one to four objects, starting, stopping, in a reddish color and varying to a white and blue luster. Shawnee reports the object seem to be flying in a diamond type formation. CUSHING has reported four of the objects, two to the South of Cushing and two to the West flying in a Southerly direction. OHP units 30 and 40 have also made visual sightings. Mrs Bill Tipton 1 1/2 miles West of Davenport on US 66 watched an object which was described as reddish on the bottom and white on the top hover for 15 minutes and move off to the West. Tinker AFB 1 to 4 on radar and they advise they are flying very high, approximately 22,000 which seems to coincide with the visual sightings. All very high. TULSA Weather, Visibility 15 miles. Temp. 76° Wind North MPH. UFOs reported at 9:50 over Guthrie going towards Shawnee. ROBERT Sheriff Department report multi-colored object with legs over Altus AFB. Carl Broadfoot, Liberal Kansas reported seeing a UFO 16 miles East of Forgan at 9:20pm headed in a South East Direction. Highway Patrol said the same object was over GUYMON five minutes later. CHICKASKA reported a UFO over radio station KWCO, Jim Cline, police dispatcher, C.V. Barahill police patrolman, verified the sighting. MOORE UFO going South on Interstate 35, reported by Tice Wagner 1415 Lakecrest, Norman, Oklahoma at 10:00 pm. Mr Allen Smith 4719 S. 29 West, TULSA reported at 10:25 pm, himself and dad sighted a red & blue object west of Tulsa, traveling in a North to South Direction. The UFO was round with a red light that keep going off and on. Est. 8-10,000 ft. Not on radar Tulsa. Police officer watching two green and red things approx. 2 miles South of Sand Springs.

Mr. Jesse Upchurch of Marshall Oklahoma called and advised that from 9:30-9:36 PM. he his wife and two children observed a reddish ball of fire turn to blue then to white, traveling in a westerly direction pretty high. Traveled ^{parallel to} the ground and disappeared out of sight. Appeared as a large house.

LOWTON reported that a former pilot stated he saw one object North of Ft. Sill which was red and blue and silver in color traveling North about 25,000 ft and was not a plane. Ft. Sill could not pick it up on radar. Time Approx: 9:30PM. The residents of the ERICK area report that approx 9:30 PM and elongated object with fire coming from the rear, was very high and traveling fast in a West Direction. The object was brighter than most meteors.

H.C. Neil (newspaper Edmond Oklahoma) and Joe Cobb Edmond police reported at 10:20PM two object West of HARRAH Oklahoma. They were very high and "doing maneuvers". The two UFOs were red-white and blue and were jointed by two red and blue objects. OHP Unit 40 advised the object is over his residence 3 miles South of Lindsay at 10,000 feet has red blinking light in the middle green light on one end blue light on other end and a white light is traveling North over 76 at very fast rate of speed. Sub. Roddy Smith, Smart Motel Hardesty UFO 10 miles East and 10 East Sol Bryans Courner. Object came to a complete stop. Exploded then drifted off in flames. OHP time: 22:20 YOKON Oklahoma. Sub. Bobby Stigor reported a UFO North over Oklahoma City A round flashing light was on top and the object seemed to hover. UFO North from PAUL VALLEY, reported low to the ground 10:35 UFO reported north of STRATFORD Oklahoma. OHP unit 140 sighted UFO 3 miles south of LINSEY Oklahoma red blinking light, the middle was green on one end and blue on the other end. North over highway 76 at a very fast rate of speed. 10:52 Radio Tech. OHP Kenneth Fields, 3920 N.W. 33 OKC reported a red-white and blue UFO going West at approx 20,000 ft. One to the West moving to the East. One UFO to the East moving South. TWO UFOs sighted 11:05 still visible at 11:08 West South West of Norman, Oklahoma, very high going North-North East. UFO changed colors Red-white and blue, was very high and small. MOORE police observing the UFO. Jim Swatic a Journal (Oklahoma City) photographer on Interstate 40 and Sroud Rd observing a UFO overhead. Photo was taken but nothing appeared on the film. Oklahoma Highway Headquarters called at 11:07 have approx 20 of UFO reported to

them. 11:50 UFO South West of Tulsa over Sapulpa Oklahoma. Sub. Ran Gardner, Valley Inn Motel Rm 222. Stationary for 10 minutes. 11:58 UFO directly over EL RENO, Oklahoma. 1200 Midnight.

UPI Dallas reported thousands of UFO reports over Oklahoma.

12:01 UFO over El Reno. Sighted by OHP unit 54 over YUKON, North flashing red-white-and blue-green. Also sighted from OHP tower NORMAN. This was the UFO I watched with six officers for a little over an hour. Details later. UFO reported over Northwest Oklahoma City, 28th & May Ave as well as by the water tower at Nickle Hills. El Reno UFO now 300 ft moving East. CUSHING Oklahoma two police officers see two UFOs one is 2 miles NE of Enid and two are North West of Enid.

12:39 two OHP units watching 2 UFOs ver high. PAWNEE 12:40 2 UFOs North of Cushing red-white-and blue. 12:42 ARDMORE residents reports several UFO over the city. FAA has them on radar. 12:50-12:10 Sub. Willom Matlone 603 Morningside Norman reports two miles East Parte and Lisney roads Norman, Oklahoma. Over head-flashing blue-at top white in the middle. Radio station reported talk talking with the Pentagon. 1:05 PAWNEE unit 22 reports 1 UFO moving North CUSHING advise two UFOs, one moved NE and one West of Stillwater. 1:13 UFO reported NE of EDMOND it came up fast stopped, hovered and a red roasting light. 1:22 UFO over McAlister, 1:24 WEWOKA, 1:26 North of DURANT. Same discription. 1:29, WEWOKA Police reports UFO at 2,000 ft. red-green and blue, moving Eastward. 1:30 Shawnee star like object flashing red-light 1:34 Tinker PIO officer talked with OHP tower. Home phone PE 75158. Stated Air Force investigating. 1:36 Tulsa, Texas reporter UFO were observe with telescopes and appeared to be turtle shaped. Was confirmed on radar at Comley AFB, Waco Texas. 1:40 North & East of McAlister. Ufo over head. 1:45 UFO North of COALGATE moving up and down and little to the East about 4,000. OHP unit 62 at McAlister stated two UFOs WEWOKA police has two going towards Arkansas. VINITA Hqts. reports UFO hovering at 5,000 to-1000 above Miami. Will Roger turpike gate attendants reports sighting UFO near Miami. 1:49 1 UFO over Sapula circling moving up and down and back to the original stop. 1:50 PERRIN AFB Texas unable to locate UFO visable from Control tower at approx 8,000 ft. UFO reported North of COALGATE, Oklahoma. 2:00 UFO West of EUFAULA at 2000-5000 ft. 2:13 UFO northeast of EDMOND also sighted by Shawnee police. Four officers report plane chasing UFO.

PAWNEE 2:23 Police cars and members of a light plant watching a UFO approx 5 miles Northwest of Pawnee which suddenly took off at a high rate of speed. 2:25 McAlister HQTs report 3 UFOs appear near Eufaula. Also near Stigler. 1 due East of McAlister. All appear stationary then moved NW at a high rate of speed, out of site. 2:36 UFO NNE of WEWOKA. East elev. 10°-15° and 25°-30° from North, hovering watched with field glasses and not a plane. 2:39 Kansas reports a lot of UFO sightings. 2:58 many UFOs sighted East of Shawnee. 3:14 Sulpa reported to Tinker UFO on the ground. 3:19 FAA man at Will Rogers talking with Washington. 3:35 A lot of persons around the Pole Cat Creek Bridge on US 75 A Between Sapulpa and Keifer said that a UFO landed in the area and it looked like a large light about 50-75 ft across. The Object was ablong. Supula advise photographer and Deputy Sheriff was enroute. Something had landed grass was depressed and something had been walking around.

I then left the OHP tower which is located at Edmond, or 14 miles North of Oklahoma. OHP dispatcher up to 12:00 was a Jim West and Bill Delbert. I went by the OHP District One office and talked with OHP dispatcher Wilber Jones. Then then went to the Oklahoma police station who had called me while I was at the tower and asked if I wanted them to keep a record. I picked up the following information. THERE was more, but this was all I was given.

OKC Police Records

Sub. Curt Austin 613 NW Lweltgum phone SU 94446 at 10:03 pm Red-blue-and white, Egg shaped traveling East at 22,000 ft.
Sub. Kenneth Stewart # 10 South Brain ,CE 63352 UFO white & red hovering and round Time 10: 04
Sub. Johany Stagling ,1400 NE 10, CE 57170 Round UFO disappeared to the East, was blue then white. 10:10 pm.
Sub. Herb Ford, 1812 Overbrook Dr. 10:21 p 3300 NE 16, 4 UFO changing position Blue to red.
Sub. Mr. Rlagon 2300 SW, OKCccBc Binkley ME 48479 sighted at 10:28 over Tinker Field & Will Rigers field. White over red at 20,000 ft.
Sub. Betty Cutshall 805 Ashew Pe 73260 round and red in the South part of the city at 10:33 p.
I got home for the first time at 5:30 by six the phone was ringing I was on the telephone from 6 -11:30 Monday Night 16 hours straight. Was interviewed by all Oklahoma City Radio stations as well as all TV station. KCBS Los Angeles called three times on e was a

25 minute conference called with them, IIOUFO (me) and NICAP Headquarters Washington. Long Island, New York called and took at 25 minute interview for some newspaper. I was up at 6:30 and received calls all day again. Reports and interviews. At 7:00 in the evening Radio and TV station WKY had a Saucer Watch aprty and I was the featured speaker. We sighted many Airplanes but no UFOs. Many of the calls we received reported UFOs that we could identify (since WHI is NW of the city) as airplanes. Over 2,000 persons were there. That was the largest aud. I have talked before. It was over at 10:00 pm. I was home by 1:15 we did have two four inch telescopes. The reports are still coming in. It is now 9:00 Wednesday Moring. The enclosed fragments were received Sunday night from a boy who had received them July 30 from a boy from Texas. A large UFO went over their car and broke up. These fragments hit their car. The boy who gave them to me did not know the boy who found them are just where he found them. We have been unable to locate the boy. There is 2x in my opinion a 99 % chance there is nothing to the story but that 1 % is the reasons I am sending them. We have a lab in Oklahoma City working on it now. (all day yesterday. The fragments are radioactive and highly magnetic. (As you can tell.) It appears they are magnetite. This is the only evidence that has been offered at all. Will send you what the lab hear says. Working on two good leads. If they are true, these are from space.

NEWSPAPER COVERAGE

Oklahoma City Oklahoma Publishing Company 500 North Broadway
Oklahoma City. The Daily Oklahoman (Morning) &
The Oklahoma City Times, (evening)
OCT for July 31, 1965 page 1 Wynnewood sighting
OCT for July 31, 1965 page 1 late home addition mostly same information.
The News Sunday Oklahoman. Page 1 early addition, page 19 home
addition. August 1, 1965
The Daily Oklahoman August 2, 1965 page 1
The Oklahoma Journal August 2, page 1, (published one a day)
OCT August 2, 1965 page 1
OCT August 2, 1965 evening home page 2
Daily Oklahoman August 3, 1965 page 1
Oklahoma Journal August 3, 1965

Oklahoma Journal 7430 SE 15th Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
OCT August 3, page 2 & page 11
OCT August 3, home addotion page 1
Oklahoma Journal August 4, 1965 page 1
The Daily O,lahoma August 4, 1965 page 1

TV Stations

WKY 500 E. Britton Ave. O,lahoma City
KWTY 7401 N. Kely, Oklahoma City
KOCO 3705 NW 63, O,lahoma
KTEN Ada, Oklahoma
KVOO (?) Tulsa
All had film interviews

Radio Stations

WKY 500 E. Britton Ave, Oklahoma City
WNAD University of Oklahoma, Norman
KOTK 1800 W. Main, Oklahoma City
KOMA SW Oklahoma City, (MOORE Oklahoma)
KOCI 101 NE 28th, O,lahoma City
KLPR 600 SE 79, O,lahoma City
KJOO 108 N.W. 9, O,lahoma City.

There are a few more stations in the city but thses were the only one that called me.

AP office 500 North Broadway, Oklahoma City
UPI office/ 3601 Lincoln, Oklahoma
Oklahoma Highway patrol headquarters and tower and well as the police also received reports.



FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY
SOUTHWEST REGION
P.O. Box 1689
Fort Worth, Texas 76101

October 21, 1965

IN REPLY
REFER TO: SW-5

Project Blue Book
Headquarters, FTD (TD-EW/UFO)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

Dear Sgt. Moore:

Thank you very much for your assistance concerning the recent UFO activity in Oklahoma. Your explanations certainly helped clarify my understanding of how the Air Force handles the program.

As you will note in the attached letter, I simply advised the NICAP that no FAA radar tracked UFOs on the date and location referred to in their letter.

Thanks again for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "K. K. Jones", is written over the typed name.

K. K. Jones
Public Affairs Officer

Enclosure

MEMO FOR THE RECORD

On 14 Oct 65, K. K. Jones, Carswell AFB from Ft. Worth, Texas called. He stated that he had gotten a letter from NICAP. He requested information on the Tinker Air Force Base radar returns.

On 15 Oct 65 K. K. Jones from Carswell AFB, Ft. Worth, Texas called. He requested additional information on the Tinker Air Force Base radar returns.

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October 15, 1965

SW-5

Mr. Richard Hall
Acting Director
National Investigations Committee
on Aerial Phenomena
1536 Connecticut Ave., N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

Dear Mr. Hall:

Your recent letter addressed to the Federal Aviation Agency's Public Relations Office in Washington has been referred to this office for reply. Regrettably, your letter was inadvertently placed with other material in my office being held for action in October. For this reason, please accept my apology for this late reply to your letter.

The article enclosed with your letter from the St. Louis POST DISPATCH reported a radar tracking of an unidentified object in the vicinity of Wynnewood, Oklahoma on July 31, 1965, by two military installations. Reports received by this office indicate that no UFOs were tracked by Federal Aviation Agency radar on the date and at the location referred to in your letter.

The news article from the St. Louis POST DISPATCH is returned.

Sincerely yours,

CRITICAL READING 22

K. K. Jones
Public Affairs Officer

Enclosure

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cc: SW-500
Fort Worth ARTCC
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RETURN FOR FILING TO

8-31-65

NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE

ON AERIAL PHENOMENA

WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

TELEPHONE: NORTH 7-8434
CABLE ADDRESS:
SKYLIGHT

MAJOR DONALD E. KEYHOF
USMC (RET.) DIRECTOR

August 25, 1965

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
1536 CONNECTICUT AVE., N.W.

AK J.P.
(95-515)
Dec 9-3

Federal Aviation Agency
Public Relations Office
New York Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Based on the enclosed clipping detailing UFOs (unidentified flying object) tracked on radar at Tinker Air Force Base and Carwells Air Force Base, can you tell me whether FAA also tracked UFOs on July 31, 1965 in the vicinity of Wynnewood, Oklahoma?

Your help in this matter will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Hall
Richard Hall
Acting-Director

RH:h
Encl:1

1965 JULY 31

UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT SIGHTED OVER OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA CITY July 31
(AP)—A policeman at Wynnewood in south central Oklahoma reported sighting an unidentified flying object early today. Lewis Hicks said he saw the object at 1:30 a.m. and that it appeared to emit a red, blue and white light.

He reported the incident to the Oklahoma Highway Patrol. Tinker Air Force Base at Oklahoma City was advised of the sighting and located the object on radar at about 8000 feet. After checking with other Government installations, Tinker officials said no air traffic was authorized to be in the area.

Carswell Air Force Base at Fort Worth, Tex., also located the object on radar and both Tinker and Carswell tracked the object to a point 15 miles southwest of Tinker at which time it disappeared from both radar scopes. It was picked up again a few minutes later and tracked to a point 29 miles south of Tinker where it again disappeared. It was not relocated.

August 1 1st Lewis P. Hicks is reported

OKLAHOMA RESEARCH ASSOCIATION
Division of
INTERPLANETARY INTELLIGENCE OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS
I.I.O.U.F.O.

Publishers of "The Interplanetary Intelligence Report"

International Headquarters. 3005 W Eubanks

Research Laboratory 3300 N Bryant

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

August 4, 1965

In Reply refer to: 0-13337

Major Hector Quintanilla
FTD Box 9494
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

Dear Major Quintanilla:

Enjoyed our telephone conversations. Maybe the enclosed information will be of some help. I realize that most of the information is incomplete but Sunday night was nothing but confusion.

I will send you the Oklahoma Highway Patrol Log of what was reported by their units. It is from my notes enclosed. The news papers give most of the information but not all. For additional information I have enclosed the names and address of the different news medias in the Oklahoma City area that also were interested.

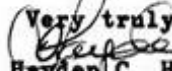
I am beginning to receive mail from af our members giving dates and observations. St. Petersburg July 27 & 28 the same objects sighted by many.

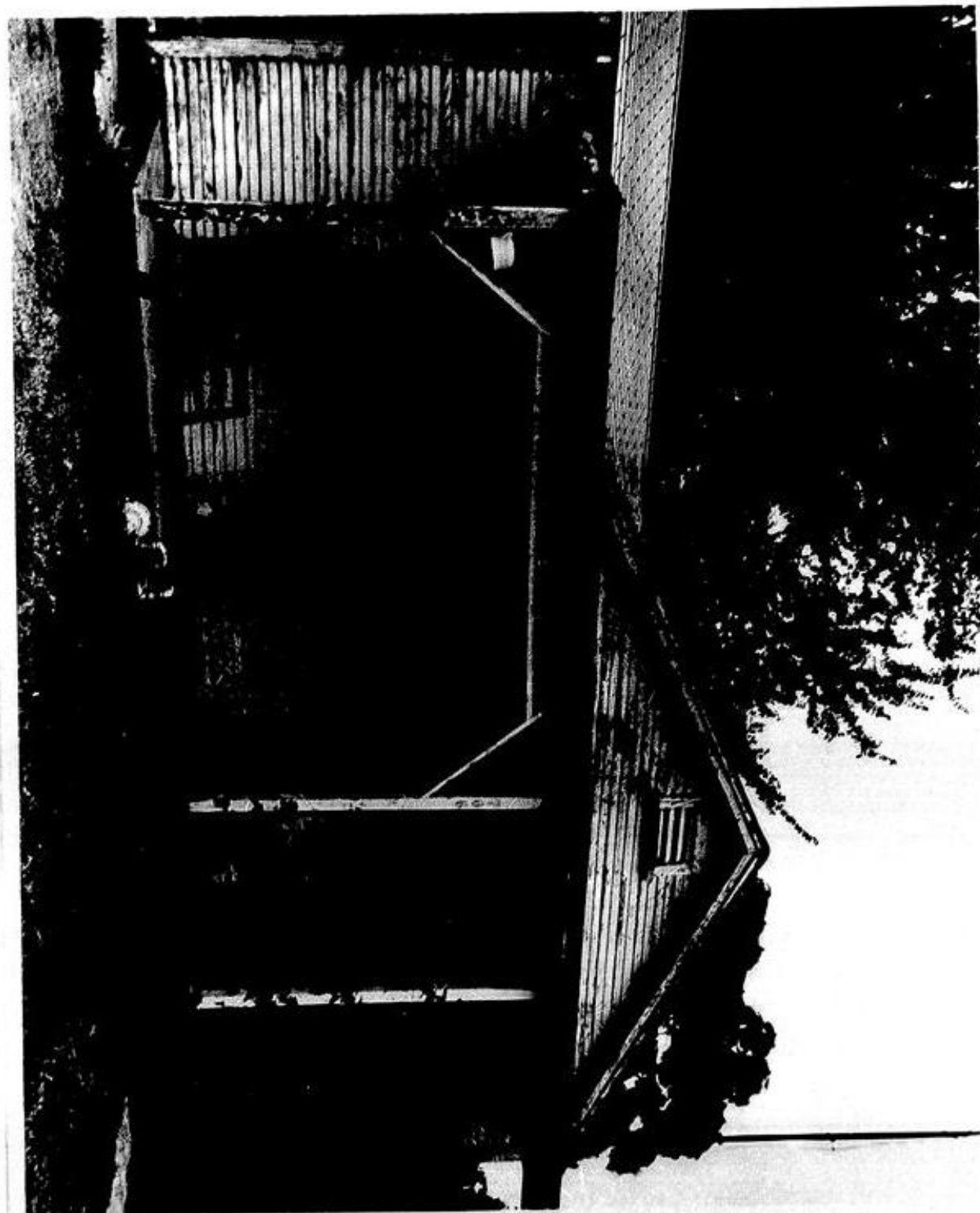
We investigated a report of fragments that came from a UFO over Texas. One enclosed. The Oklahoma Civil Defense (Director a friend) made the tests. It was radioactive but due to the mud soil around it. Will send you the spectrographic analysis. Taped interview with NBC radio news New York. Should be aired this week end.

Will keep you posted. Please let me know any thing you can as soon as possible. I need if possible 100 sightings forms. (for the Oklahoma Highway Patrol and police observations. NOT the fun sighters.)

It is my opinion that many of the sightings in our area are stars and planes but NOT all of them. There maybe 25-50 good fact sightings. The others are all in my opinion sensation seekers.

Very truly yours,


Hayden C. Hewes
Director, IIOUFO
International Headquarters





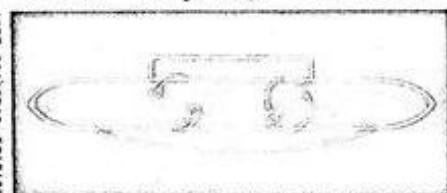
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Man Says He Saw 'Flying Saucer'

By JIM BROWN
A man who claims to have seen a "flying saucer" in the sky over his home in the Oklahoma City area, said he saw it on the night of July 28, 1952. The man, who is a member of the Oklahoma City chapter of the "Flying Saucer" club, said he saw it in the sky over his home in the Oklahoma City area, said he saw it on the night of July 28, 1952. The man, who is a member of the Oklahoma City chapter of the "Flying Saucer" club, said he saw it in the sky over his home in the Oklahoma City area, said he saw it on the night of July 28, 1952.

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This Is What Observer Saw
Sketch above is artist's drawing of "flying saucer" made from rough sketch drawn Sunday night by observer at Norman. The observer, an air force weather

Air Force Doesn't Believe in Flying Saucers

DARTON, this (AP) — The air force doesn't believe in flying saucers or even "UFOs" (unidentified flying objects). That's the opinion of a group of scientists who are working on the investigation of these so-called "flying saucers" in the Oklahoma City area, said he saw it on the night of July 28, 1952. The man, who is a member of the Oklahoma City chapter of the "Flying Saucer" club, said he saw it in the sky over his home in the Oklahoma City area, said he saw it on the night of July 28, 1952.



Studying plastic "saucers" he says he saw in air force officer Maj. Hester Quasthoff. (AP Wirephoto)

by the use of the use had not yet been made.
TITLE: "Nightly 'flying saucers'"
The following is the transcript of the interview with the observer.
Q: What is the name of the observer?
A: The name of the observer is Jim Brown.
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U.F.O. article

THE RALEIGH TIMES, Wednesday, August 4, 1965

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Midwesterners Tell Of Mystery Objects

OKLAHOMA CITY (UPI)—Thousands of persons across the nation's Midlands and Southwest again Tuesday night reported seeing mysterious flashing, winking and sparking phenomena that sped and sometimes zig-zagged across the skies.

The Air Force contends most of the sightings were probably just stars or planets.

Najeeb E. Halaby, former director of the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) said the rash of reports may signal a new "American mythology."

"Reports of such objects seem to reach their peak in August and September. It may be that the long, hot summer expedites the imagination," he said in Los Angeles.

Most of the objects people saw were described as red or yellowish and speeding across the sky from southwest to northeast at very high altitudes.

It was the fourth consecutive

day of UFO sightings, which have harried some police departments so much they have referred all inquiries to Air Force bases.

A lot of people took issue with the Air Force's claim they were stars or planets.

A 23-year-old Sioux City, Iowa high school English teacher said he saw a flashing object and that "anyone who would say this is a star would be out of their minds."

The teacher, who would not give his name, said he spotted the phenomenon when he and his wife drove out in their car to look for flying saucers.

Something zipped overhead that was bright, yellowish and zigzagged slightly. It was replaced, he said, with a red light surrounded by three white lights. The red light was the brightest, he said.

He said he got out of the car and turned off the ignition to try to hear an airplane engine.



They Saw The 'Saucer'

Two people, a man and a woman, are shown in a black and white photograph. They are looking upwards with expressions of surprise or awe. The man is on the left, and the woman is on the right, partially obscured by his arm.

First Night Color Shot Captures Flying Saucer

ASTORIA, Sept. 15 (AP)—A color film of a flying saucer was captured on the first night of a search for the craft in the Pacific Northwest.

The film, which was shot by a professional photographer, shows a bright, circular object in the sky. The object is described as being about the size of a dinner plate and having a distinct rim.

The search for the saucer was conducted by a group of people who were looking for it in the area around Astoria. The group was led by a man who claimed to have seen the craft several times.

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Letter Describes 'Saucer'

ASTORIA, Sept. 15 (AP)—A letter describing a flying saucer was received by a local newspaper. The letter was written by a man who claimed to have seen the craft several times.

The letter describes the saucer as being about the size of a dinner plate and having a distinct rim. It also describes the saucer as being bright and having a distinct shape.

The man who wrote the letter claimed to have seen the saucer in the sky several times. He described the saucer as being about the size of a dinner plate and having a distinct rim.

Life Boat Del City Enters Fight Against Wage Law

DEL CITY, Sept. 15 (AP)—The Life Boat, a group of people who are fighting against a wage law, has entered a fight against the law. The group is led by a man who claims to have seen the craft several times.

The group is fighting against a wage law that they believe is unfair. They claim that the law will hurt the economy and that it is not fair to the people.

Jail Is Inspected By Clinton Jury



Clinton Jury

ASTORIA, Sept. 15 (AP)—A jury led by a man named Clinton inspected a jail. The jury was looking for evidence of a crime. The man who led the jury claimed to have seen the craft several times.

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A PERSON
Saw a flying saucer today in the sky over Memphis, Tenn., and he says he saw it. The man, who is a well-known pilot, says he saw it at about 10 o'clock today. He says it was a large, flat, circular object, about the size of a dinner plate, and it was moving very fast. He says it was white and it had a black border. He says it was moving in a straight line and it was very high in the sky. He says he saw it for about 10 seconds and then it disappeared. He says he is sure he saw it and he is sure it was a flying saucer.

Man Says He Saw 'Flying Saucer'



lets. The investigation is continuing.

The weather observer, who refuses to let the Washington explanation, pointed out that the Air Force goes to great lengths to train its weathermen. Most are experts in meteorology. Each man receives training to enable him to distinguish heights, distances, shapes and degrees of pitch.

"We're going out again tonight with a radio, telescope and 10 by 34 and 7 by 30 sets of binoculars. We're going to be better prepared this time. I just hope the snarmer comes back."

Probe

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rechecked for this spring after Harrod left office.

When Harris took office, he said he had little time and an insufficient investigative staff to research the evidence left by Harrod and ready it in time for the grand jury which indicted Co. A, Charley, and former supreme court justice N. B. Johnson and Lee Smith for bribery.

The entire attorney said his office had denied that time was possible outside of preparing felony cases for trial to looking into the charges, but said not much time had been available to his staff.

Wooley had filed suit against the company after a forerunner navy in the 1940s. Oklahoma on Sept. 16 allegedly disclosed facts about Wooley's past life and convinced a juror that she made 22 years ago.

Liquor Count Filed On Man

EL RENO—Like a paper from prohibition history, Jack Orr, 66, 9400 NE 31, Monday was charged with bootlegging whiskey.

Victor deane's Linda Seabrook said he went to Orr's home and purchased a pint of bourbon for \$4.70, then returned the same after the sale was completed.

Canadian County Attorney John A. Whelan Jr. filed charges of sale of alcoholic beverages without a license.

ing. The girl is committed to the Tulsa County Jail.

During a habeas corpus hearing to release the bond on the robbery count, the youths' father said their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Perryman, mortgaged property to post bonds on rape charges.

The Perryman, described as "wealthy" members of the 1st City congregation, escorted the twins to church and were with them Sunday night. The elders didn't know of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Payton Stanley, were present.

"I don't think it was a move on the boy's part to get publicity," an elder said. "It takes a lot of courage to

Perjury Charged In Divorce Case

Assistant County Attorney James B. McKinney filed a perjury charge Monday against a 21-year-old employee of a Colorado home developing company, for allegedly false testimony May 2 in a divorce hearing.

Jack Robert Seward, Colorado Springs, allegedly told District Judge W. E. Wallace Jr. he had no children when this case came for trial. McKinney said the wife said she was not present for the hearing because she did not know her husband had filed for divorce.

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heart be involved, neither child to be involved.

When the twins should be the minister, they were asked: "Do you believe Jesus is Christ, the son of God?" "Yes," they both answered.

"I imagine you into the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit for the remission of your sins," Harris said as he lowered each youth totally into the water.

Stewart said the Church of Christ has four criteria for conversion: Faith (John 1:14), Repent of Sin (Luke 13:3), Confess Christ (Romans 10:9 & 10) and Baptism for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38).

The Englishman from Dulles, South Africa, described by the elders as "battered with youth," stated the pair in county jail July 15, along with Stewart. Harris has known the boys for two years while they attended the 600-member church "rather irregularly."

"They haven't missed a Sunday since they were charged," an elder said, "except one when they were in jail."

"They sat between their grandparents the first Sunday but since have acted like any other young person attending."

"We know the boys for years," an elder said, "and they've never done anything irregular at church."

"But," another said, "they will still have to pay for any crimes they've committed."

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Three Oklahoma County judges, who interviewed and two non-residents, are included in the 1967 program.

They are: six miles of surfacing on S. 11, 40 from two miles west of Council Bluffs, to the West Ryman, total cost, \$3.1 million; 1.5 miles of reconstruction on S. 11, 74 from SW 46 to SW 20, total cost, \$62,500; grading, drainage and bridges on West Ryman from NW 20 to NW 43, total cost, \$625,000.

Earlier Monday, the commission gave final approval to the September bid letting. The letting totals \$4.5 million, with almost half of the work in Tulsa County.

The commission awarded projects totaling about \$4 million to low bidders on the July letting. Commissioners gave tentative approval to \$2.14 million on projects in October.

The commission approved the hiring of the Oklahoma City engineering consultant firm of Lewis and Ralph to do preliminary engineering work on the remaining portions of the of the Broadway extension between Division and Memorial Roads.

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Mystery Objects There All Along?

Look at the sky long enough and you'll see — or imagine you see — all sorts of things, particularly if you're not accustomed to sky-watching.

That's why so many people are seeing unidentified flying objects, explains Dale Johnson, director of the Kirkpatrick Planetarium.

He says the natural phenomenon which cause such situations are present all the time, but usually go unnoticed.

"Normally," he says, "people don't pay much attention to the sky. But when you have a lot of people gazing skyward, they'll see things they never paid any attention to before."

Johnson believes that in a great majority of cases, the unidentified objects people notice are simply bright stars that they hadn't noticed before.

Also, certain atmospheric conditions, such as "scintillation," make distant objects appear to move around or change color.

This is also the time of year, explains Johnson, when there are an unusually large number of meteor showers.

"The next strong meteor shower will be August 20 and it will be interesting to see if we get a large number of UFO reports at that time."

Johnson believes many of the UFOs may be such planets as Mars, Venus, Saturn, Antares or Vega. All appear much brighter than other stars this time of year.

Another bright planet, Jupiter, is not visible this time of year.

"I'm not saying people are not seeing what they report," Johnson points out. "I believe they are simply seeing a phenomenon they haven't noticed before, one which creates some kind of optical illusion."

Since the current rash of UFO sightings started, Johnson has observed the skies several nights hoping to spot some unusual object.

Now It's Saucers By the Squadron

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Identification from officials at Perrin Air Force Base, Denison, Texas. They said it is likely a plane launched with large-size weather balloons. They withheld positive identification until they see the object.

Meade found the "thing" in his pasture Monday. He said it definitely was not there Sunday.

Unidentified flying objects were sighted in the Bryan County area Sunday night — glowing red and skimming just above tree-top level, according to witnesses.

"Maybe Mars has an ALCOA plant there, too," one witness commented.

The fleet of objects over Brazil was first seen by two little girls. They saw four moving over the horizon in daylight at Astorga, about 250 miles west of Sao Paulo. They called their neighbors, who reported seeing 14 other saucers in formation. They were described as silvery with a greenish light shining from the top.

John Stark, 352 NW 6, Moore, reported he watched some object with a reddish light on top and a white light on the bottom hover at what he estimated as 2,000 feet above Will Rogers World Airport around 9 p.m. Tuesday.

"I couldn't see the shape of it," he said, "but I could see it had two distinct sources of light. It kinda shakes you up; it's no laughing matter."

Stark said he called his wife over when he had the object lined up between two houses. It hovered there, he said, as lights from a plane passed at the same level, then took off and disappeared.

Stark said the lights on the object were "six or eight times brighter than a star." Stark, a pre-dental student at Central State College, Edmond, is a sports writer for The Daily Oklahoman.

Like the unidentified flying objects, the Oklahoma City police switchboard glowed brightly with numerous reported sightings, mostly from the west side of town.

One youth reported seeing an object rise either from Lake Hefner or its shoreline. Another reported seeing two round objects circling about a mile from his home at 1044 SW 48. He said the objects flashed red lights and headed south at a high rate of speed.

Joe Sprinkle, 11, said, he, his parents and sister watched a bright orange object that "looked like a ball of fire" appear on the edge of the city. He said the UFO first headed south, then it appeared to reverse as it "just zoomed by."

Another resident saw a bright blue object "with a tail" about halfway up in the sky from his home at NW Hill and Shartel. He said he watched it for about two minutes at about 8:30 p.m.

W. R. Bill Clark, 3609 N. Western, said he and his wife watched three separate UFO's at about 8:30 p.m. He said one headed northeast to southwest on the east side of the city, and a short time later one headed in the opposite direction on the west side. A third, he said, moved straight west.

He said all three appeared to be red and traveled at a terrific rate of speed, taking only a minute or two to traverse the sky from horizon to horizon.



UFO or USAF is the question about this welded aluminum disc held suspiciously by Durant Deputy Sheriff Loyd Nabors.

Now It's Saucers By the Squadron

By the State Staff

Sightings of unidentified flying objects continued Tuesday for the fourth straight night in Oklahoma, but the day's most spectacular sightings were reported in South America.

Observers in Curitiba, Brazil, reported seeing a squadron of 18 flying saucers flying over northern Brazil's Parana state.

From Santiago, Chile, came a report of a flying saucer which landed but took off again when a group of people moved toward it.

The highway patrol reported Tuesday night unidentified objects were seen in the skies over Erick, Lawton

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and in the Turley area near Tulsa.

Several reports were received of sightings in the Oklahoma City area.

A mazy-surfaced aluminum disc, found Monday night on the D. W. Meade farm 3½ miles southeast of New Allston in southern Bryan County, was an item of some mystery Tuesday in Durant.

Meade turned the welded disc over to Loyd Nabors, deputy sheriff, who was amazed: "I have absolutely no idea what it is or where it came from," he said.

A verbal description of the object, and the "ALCLAD 2024" imprinted on the side of it brought tentative

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With Headlines

Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star?—Now We Wonder

By Jim Jackson and Ivy Coffey
Of the State Staff

Stars, meteors and unusual atmospheric conditions were the official air force explanation Monday of a rash of sightings of unidentified flying objects Sunday night throughout most of Oklahoma and into neighboring states. Meanwhile, sightings of unexplained ob-

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jects in the sky were continuing.

The objects, sometimes described as glowing lights, were spotted in Norman, Blanchard, Woodward, Tishomingo, Durant, Hobart, Oklahoma City and other parts of the state and in Texas, Kansas and New Mexico.

The lights were reported over a period of several hours and the objects varied in size, shape and color.

In Cushing, J. C. Knoch, used furniture dealer, and his son, Ricky, 11, saw what they described as a large circular object flying over northeast Cushing at 12:50 p.m. Monday in full daylight.

Knoch, in the process of building a new furniture store, was looking out the window of the old store when he spotted the object. He described it as having black stripes or black windows and silver on the bottom side. It almost hurt his eyes to look at it, he said.

Four boys in Oklahoma City reported seeing approximately the same type of thing at 3:30 p.m. Monday on SE 44. They said they spotted a silver triangular object, striped and glowing, headed east across the sky and disappearing into the clouds.

The air force, in its announcement from Washington, said initial study of the flood of sighting reports indicated the sightings were

"astronomical in nature."

"The objects observed may have been the planet Jupiter or stars Rigel Capella, Betelgeuse or Aldebaran which were visible," the air force statement continued. "At the time of the reported sightings, the azimuth and elevation of the reported sightings supports this preliminary conclusion."

The air force denied an unconfirmed report that the objects had been tracked by radar and denied that any planes were scrambled in an attempt to intercept or identify the UFO's.

The air force statement also pointed out that temperature, distribution and variant wind speeds both Sunday and Monday over the great plains from northern Texas to Wyoming were favorable to "scintillation."

The term was described as a natural phe-

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Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star?—Now We Wonder

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nomenon which causes stars to appear to twinkle or distant objects to appear to dance when seen through layers of the atmosphere.

Another possibility, the air force said, is that observers were seeing the Aquasid, commonly called the Delta meteor shower, which is occurring this year from July 26 to August 6. The meteor shower appears from the southeast in long streaks, trailing sparks.

Though the air force thinks the objects are stars, the investigation is continuing, they said.

Prof. H. S. Mendenhall, OSU mathematics professor and astronomer, favors the scintillation theory and recalled that air force pilots in World War II reported being chased—even firing at what they thought were enemy planes but which turned out to be the planet Venus.

He said such illusions probably are caused by an unstable atmosphere, which spreads out the light into a spectrum of its basic colors, acting like a prism.

He said the prism effect could account for Sunday night reports of blue, green and red lights reported in the skies.

He speculated the sightings were meteorites, clouds, balloons, "or anything but interplanetary ships or travelers from outer space."

Dr. Walter Saucier, meteorology professor and director of OU's atmospheric research

laboratory, declined to speculate. "I have no idea what those things are," he said, "and I'm not going to stick my neck out and guess. I'll just sound stupid."

Dr. Tom J. Love Jr., director of the school of mechanical engineering and aerospace studies at OU said he is certain some of the objects seen were aircraft and other optical illusions.

Police departments over the state were swamped with telephone calls from persons reporting strange objects in the sky.

Bethany police officer Jim McGill Monday evening spotted two "saucers" while in his car at NW 42 and Rockwell. He said they were apparently the same as two objects reported earlier to Warr Acres police by a boy and his mother at NW 36 and Hammond. The object changed colors, red, white and green.

Warr Acres policeman Larry Watson said he watched an unidentified object sighted near El Reno late Sunday night until 5 a.m. Monday.

Five boys reported to Oklahoma City that at dusk they saw a round, shiny object without wings close to the ground in the 600 block on NW 63.

Two Oklahoma City boys, Robert Colbert, 11 and Charles Delhotal, at the Delhotal home, 512 NW 41, saw a red light blinking on and off. They said the object was a big "oval-like" thing flying to the north and then it stopped

and reversed.

Hobart Police Chief Doss Kutch said there was no question of an UFO southwest of Hobart. He checked after receiving a report Kutch said he and his wife saw the bright object.

Oklahoma Highway Patrol trooper Obert Bennett reported sighting a green object north of Tishomingo traveling "high up." He said a jet plane seemed close to the object.

Several Woodward citizens reported seeing a solid red globe flying over Woodward at 10:30 p.m.

The Norman police department said a Cleveland County resident, Charles Boyd, reported from "the scene of an UFO" and that his report was confirmed by four persons at the scene. The group viewed through a tripod-mounted power telescope a white globe, 30 to 40 feet in diameter, 20 degrees above the horizon southeast of Norman. They said the object appeared to move forward, backward and then up and down.

A Cicero, Ill., visitor, Ron Buscemi, at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Taylor, at Blanchard saw a strange object for the second time Monday.

Three radio club members out "spotting" reported to the Norman police department Monday night they had sighted an unidentified object northwest of Norman's Max Westheimer Field.



GARAGE-TOP ROOST is a keen vantage point for tracking unidentified flying objects, these young star gazers decided Monday night. Twelve-year-old Asa Mayes Jr., left, 4100 NW 21 Terr., and Randy Stansel, 14, of 4120 NW 21 Terr., like hundreds of other city residents, spent the evening scanning the skies for those mystery flying objects. Story on Page 1. (Staff Photo by Bob Heaton)

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United States alone on the battlefield, Russell said, "we would be justified in leaving."

The senator said he disagreed with the notion that it will take a ratio of 10 U. S. troops for every Communist Viet Cong guerrilla to win in a pitched battle. Fighting the war on that concept "is going to take an awful lot of American boys," he said.

If further U. S. manpower is needed, Russell said he would favor "distributing the load" by calling up men who have not yet seen military service.

He suggested that the United States might supply its fighting forces with better and more equipment. He did not elaborate but said he was not referring to guns and ammunition. He also said he did not refer to atomic weapons, which "we've got coming out of our ears."

Crutch Pro Okayed By

WASHINGTON (Staff) — Crutch and Little Crutch flood control projects in eastern Oklahoma county have been approved by the Bureau of the Budget, Sens. Mike Monroney and Fred R. Harris announced Sunday.

A Corps of Engineers Survey Report has been sent to congress for action.

The project, through channel improvements, will provide flood control in an area extending from SE 29 to the Oklahoma City Floodway near IS 40 and from the CRIP Railroad crossing on Soldier Creek to the North Canadian River.

Areas affected are Midwest City, Del City and Eastern Oklahoma City.

Total cost of the project is \$2,770,000 of which \$969,000 will be local and \$1,801,000 federal.

Flying Objects Seen In Four-State Area

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said the weather bureau tracked several UFO's at altitudes of 6,000 to 9,000 feet.

The Oklahoma Highway Patrol said Tinker was tracking as many as four UFO's on its radar screen at one time, estimated their altitude at about 22,000 feet. A Tinker spokesman declined comment, however.

The patrol said officers in three different cruisers reported watching the objects fly in a diamond-shaped formation for about 30 minutes in the Shawnee area.

The UFO's were described as changing color from red to white to blue-green.

A Sedgwick county sher-

iff's dispatcher said: "I was a disbeliever. But I saw something up there tonight and so did other observers at the weather bureau and the air force base (McConnell)."

The Wichita weather bureau said it tracked one of the objects at 3:40 a.m. south and west of Wellington at an altitude of about 22,000 feet, down to 4,000 feet.

Hayden Hewes, director of the Interplanetary Intelligence of Unidentified Objects, a private UFO investigative agency headquartered in Oklahoma City, said he, six highway patrol troopers and a television photographer watched one of the objects hover over Oklahoma

City for about an hour.

He said he has received at least 50 to 100 reports from his associates. He said he talked with Wright-Patterson AFB and was told as soon as UFO headquarters there had drawn a conclusion, the public would be informed.

In the past, the air force has said sightings have turned out to be such things as balloons, birds, search lights, jet exhaust, kites, meteors and missiles.

As of July 20, the air force has investigated 9,127 sightings since 1947, with 667 still unidentified, and said its investigations had turned up no evidence to indicate the objects came from outer space.

Air Force Investigating

Sky Sights Excite Big Area

By Jack Taylor

Reports of unidentified flying objects swamped civilian and military authorities in at least four states before dawn Monday.

Scores of sightings were reported in Oklahoma, many in the Oklahoma City area.

Air force officials at Tinker AFB said they are investigating, but that further comment will have to come from Washington. This is normal procedure.

The brilliantly-colored objects apparently were similar to those reported by a Wynnewood policeman two days ago.

The UFO's have been described as egg- or turtle-shaped, flying in formation, making sharp maneuvers and changing colors.

The weather bureau at Tulsa said it tracked UFO's on its theodolite (visual tracking unit) and that they moved precisely with the stars.

A spokesman explained the night was exceptionally clear and some of the brighter stars "rose" in the sky and tended to give off strange lighting near the horizon.

Sightings were reported in a steady stream between 8 p.m. Sunday and 3 a.m. Monday in Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico and Kansas.

Radar at weather bureaus and air force bases scattered throughout the area reported tracking something.

One civilian UFO enthusiast said he received reports from counterparts that sight-

ings ranged over a 9-state area.

The deluge of reports is the heaviest in the 17-year recorded history of UFO's, he said.

Oklahoma City police said they received 30 to 40 UFO reports during the night.

Oklahoma Highway Patrol headquarters reported a similar experience and at one point three dispatchers couldn't handle all the reports.

Reports of UFO's poured in from Pecos, Monahans, Odessa, Midland, Fort Worth, Canyon and Dalhart, Texas; Hobbs, Carlsbad and Artesia, N. M.; Oxford, Belle Plaine, Winfield, Caldwell, Mulvane, Liberal and Wichita, Kan.

In Oklahoma, they came

from Chickasha, Shawnee, Cushing, Guymon, Moore, Tulsa, Purcell, Norman, Meeker, Chandler, Gage, Del City and Oklahoma City.

The air force's official UFO center at Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio, was reported launching an investigation Monday.

An air force spokesman for the Oklahoma City Air Defense Command refused to confirm or deny a report that a plane was sent after one of the UFO's.

North American Air Defense Command at Colorado Springs was reported in touch with the air force in connection with the UFO sightings.

The Sedgwick County sheriff's office at Wichita, Kan.,

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Many Report Flying Objects

Despite Air Force claims that Oklahomans were literally "seeing stars," reports continued to flood in of unidentified flying object sightings Tuesday.

One report even had a UFO landing near Justin, Texas, 11 miles from Denton.

Other reports had green UFO's, red UFO's and brilliant white UFO's zipping, hovering and streaking through unusually clear summer skies.

Hundreds of reports streamed into the Highway Patrol, police departments, Tinker Air Force Base, the U. S. Weather Bureau and news media for the third straight night.

Still, the Air Force stuck to its released announcement from Washington, D. C., that some reports could be observations of a Delta meteor shower occurring from July 26 through August 6.

The Air Force statement also said that during the past two days temperature distribution and wind speeds over the great plains were favorable to "scintillation," the natural phenomenon that causes stars to appear to twinkle or distant objects to appear to dance when viewed through layers of the atmosphere.

But, people still reported seeing "strange, undefined things."

In Fort Smith, Ark., two high school students, Ronnie Coble, 17, and Jack Clark, 17, both of Van Buren saw egg-shaped three UFO's streak overhead. Five minutes later they saw a fourth, they said.

In Texas two Tarrant County deputy sheriffs reported a brilliant object that "looked like a magnesium flare" appeared to touch ground near Justin. The men spotted it while on patrol near Wagle Mountain Lake.

Peace officers swarmed into the area but several hours later they reported their search revealed nothing.

About the same time, scores of residents in Fort Worth and Denton told of observing a bright light as it streaked northward across the sky.

Telephone callers asked Denton officers about a white glare which, they said, appeared to touch ground in the Justin vicinity.

A policeman at Lewisville, in south Denton County, reported a multi-colored object passed within 100 feet of the Lewisville Dam.

A Norman man, Charles Boyd, said he and four other persons watched a white globe, which they estimated to be 30 to 40 feet in diameter hover about 20 degrees

above the horizon southeast of Norman.

Boyd said the object appeared to move forward backward, then up and down.

Robert Bennett, a Highway Patrolman on duty at Tishomingo, said he sighted a "green UFO" travelling northeast at high altitudes.

Woodward police officer Jim Peak, said he verified reports from several residents that a "solid red globe" was flying over the city.

Hayden Hewes, the 21-year old director of a scientific research organization, Interplanetary Intelligence for Unidentified Flying Objects, said Tuesday morning he is still at work plotting the course of the sightings.

Hewes said sources he has talked to in the Air Force are still investigating the reports.

Stating that there were probably a "lot of sensation seekers" out stargazing Monday night, Hewes added that some reports may be fabricated. Many people's imagination is more vivid as a result of all the excitement and interest, he said.

Tinker did have one radar fix for 40 minutes, he said. However, the object did not deviate at all.

"You can't dismiss the fact that so many reliable persons have reported sightings," he said, noting that so many highway patrolmen have reported seeing UFO's.

These people, he added, work at night and are used to seeing the stars. They would recognize an object out of the ordinary.

Meanwhile, Ed O'Brien, public information officer at Tinker, said he expects reports to continue pouring in until the meteor shower ends.

And, at Van Buren, Ark., police report an unidentified object of another sort. A nine-foot ghost with no head nor hands, has been reported by several adults and children roaming along a river bank.

Air Intelligence Staffs Plagued by 'Objects' for

(Editor's Note: John Causten Currey, who prepared the following report, has an extensive background in aviation and military intelligence affairs going back to World War II.)

By John Causten Currey

The recent rash of reports on unidentified flying objects (UFO's) revives a problem which has plagued air intelligence staffs for nearly two decades.

During World War II, such reports came often from Sweden, or from underground sources near the Baltic Sea. Correlated with reconnaissance photos and other intelligence, they gave us early data on test flights of the V-1 and V-2 weapons, and on certain other experimental devices which did not get into production for the Nazi war machine.

After the war, reports of "flying stovepipes" over

Scandinavia were at first regarded as evidence that the Russians had taken over the Peenemunde experiments and were developing certain Nazi projects for their own use. Soon these gave way to "flying saucer" reports and from Stockholm the locale shifted to Dayton, Fort Knox, Los Alamos, El Paso, and Oak Ridge. Nervous officials admitted these sensitive sites were too important to permit any possible reconnaissance to go undetected.

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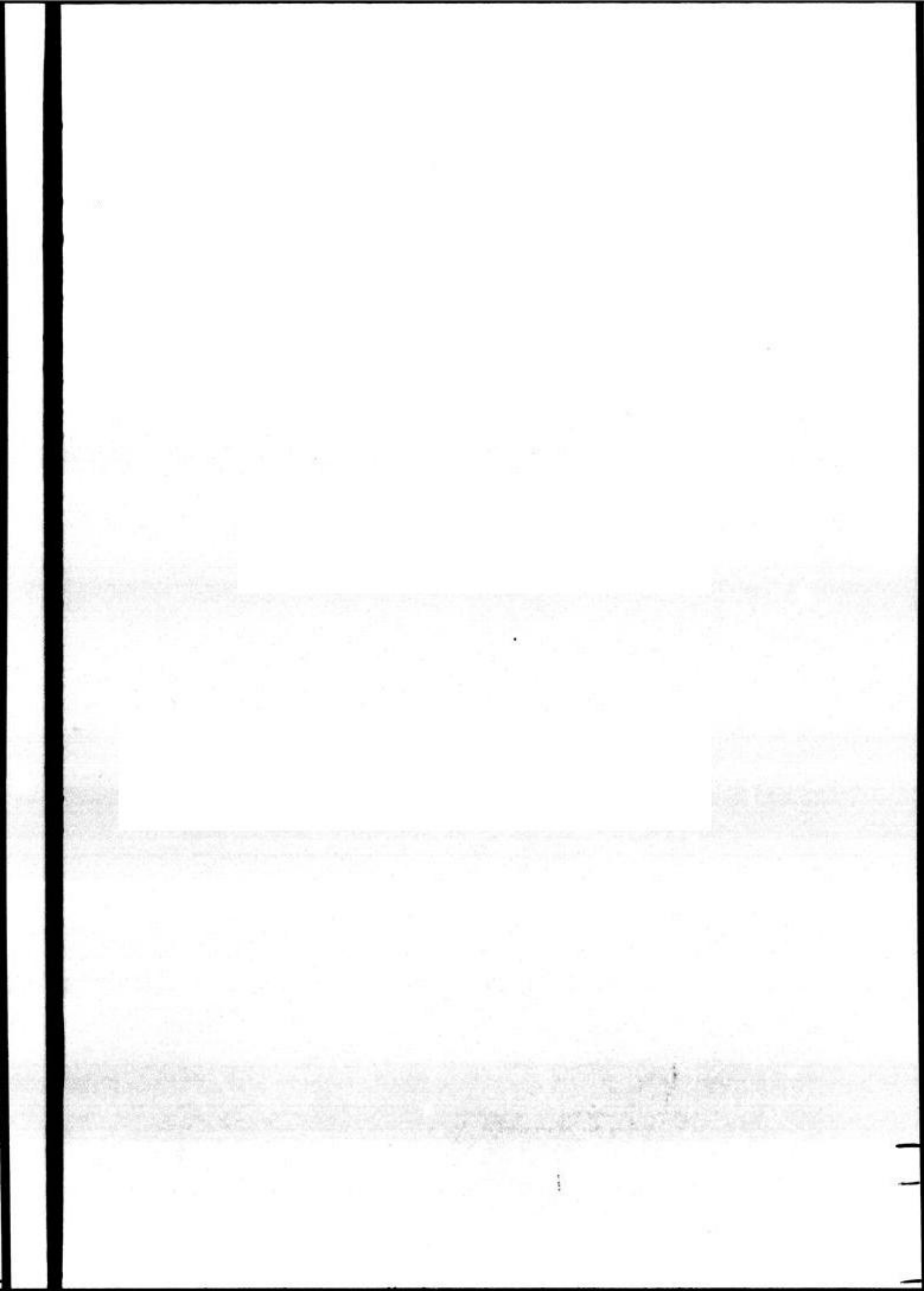
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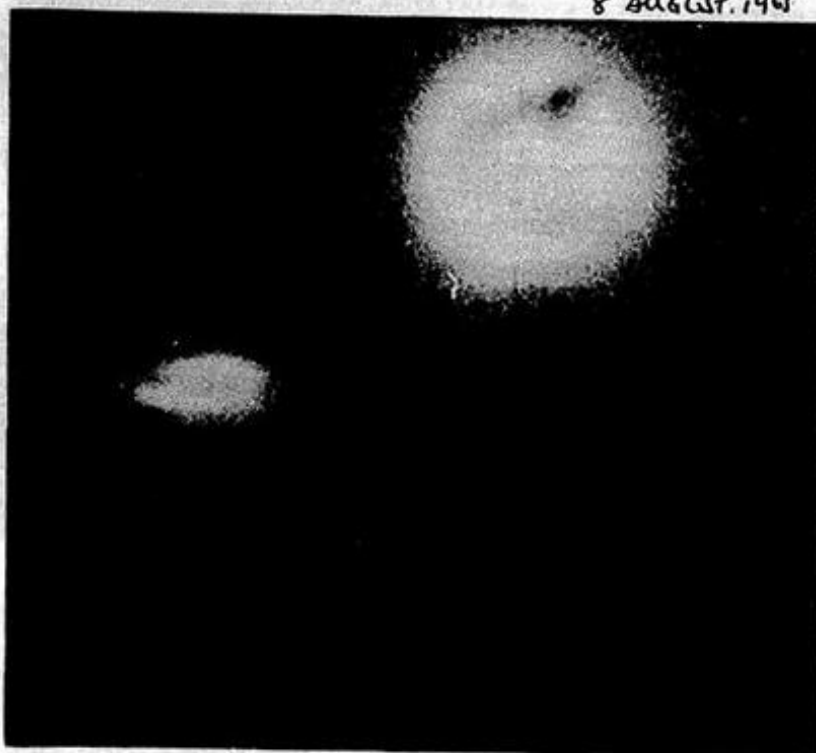
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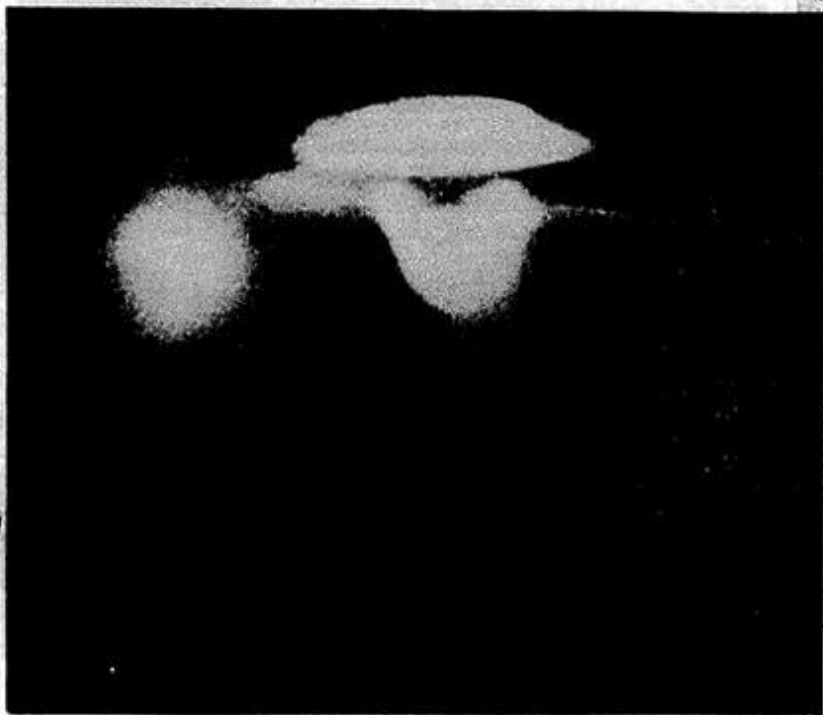
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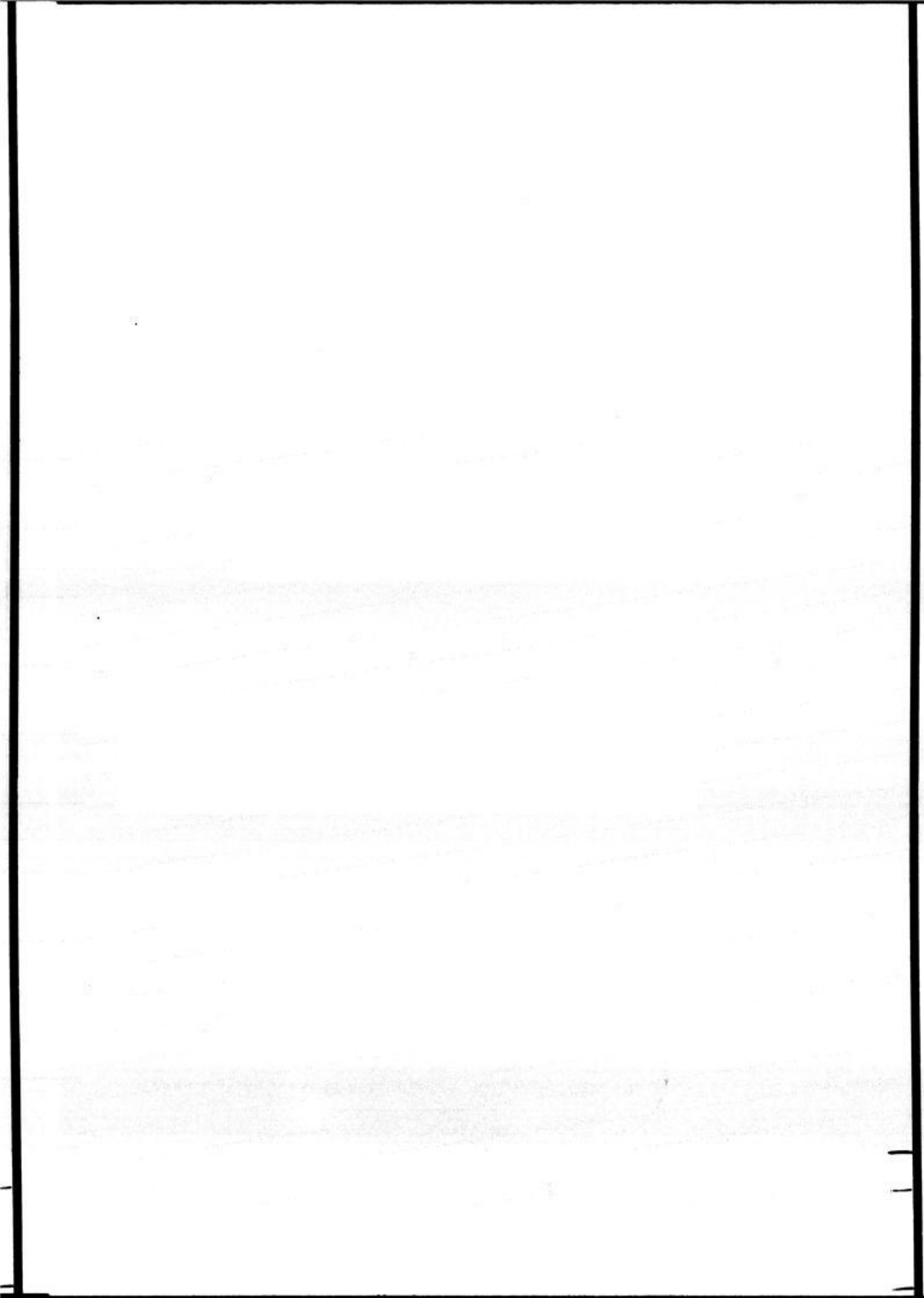
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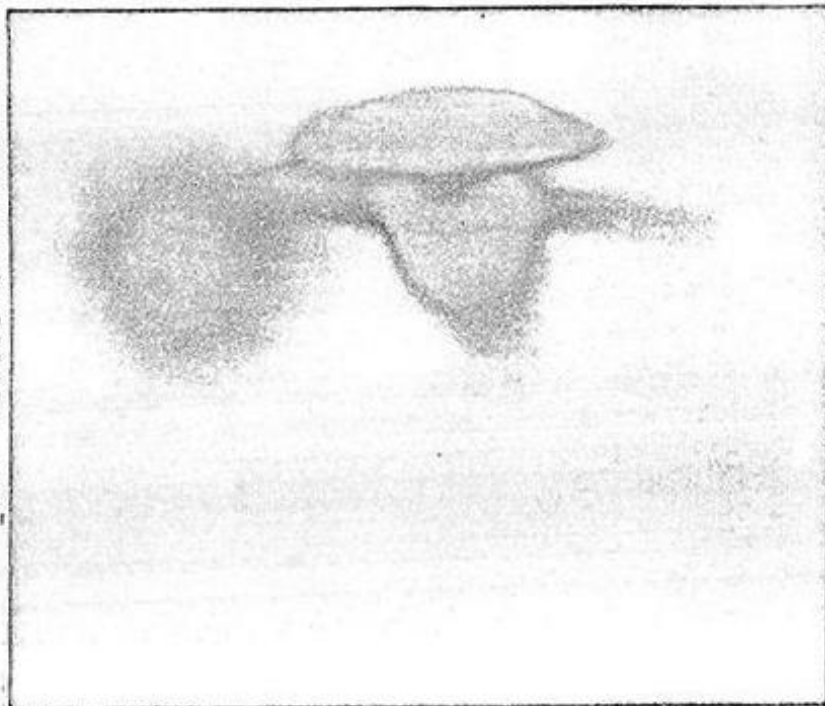
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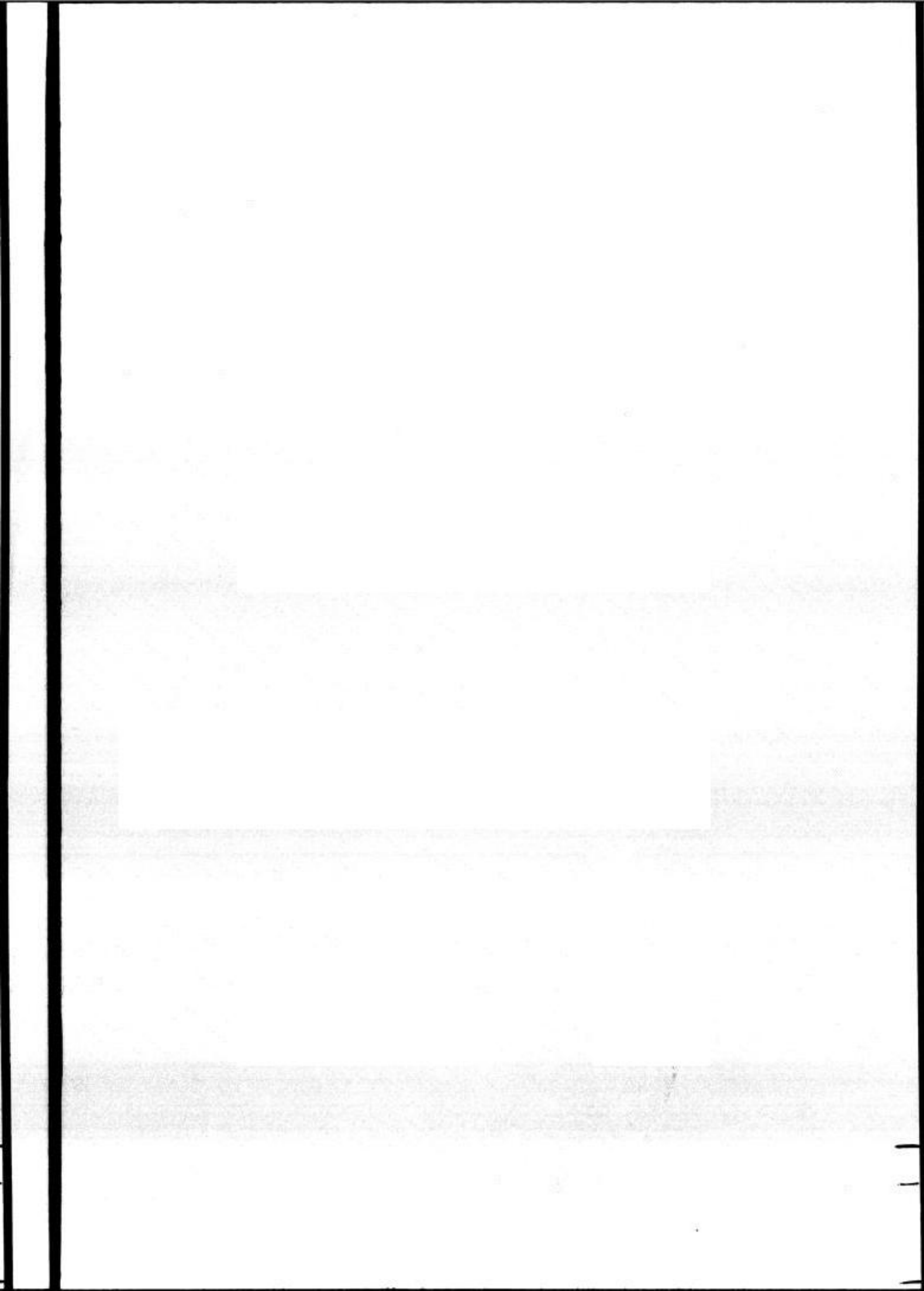
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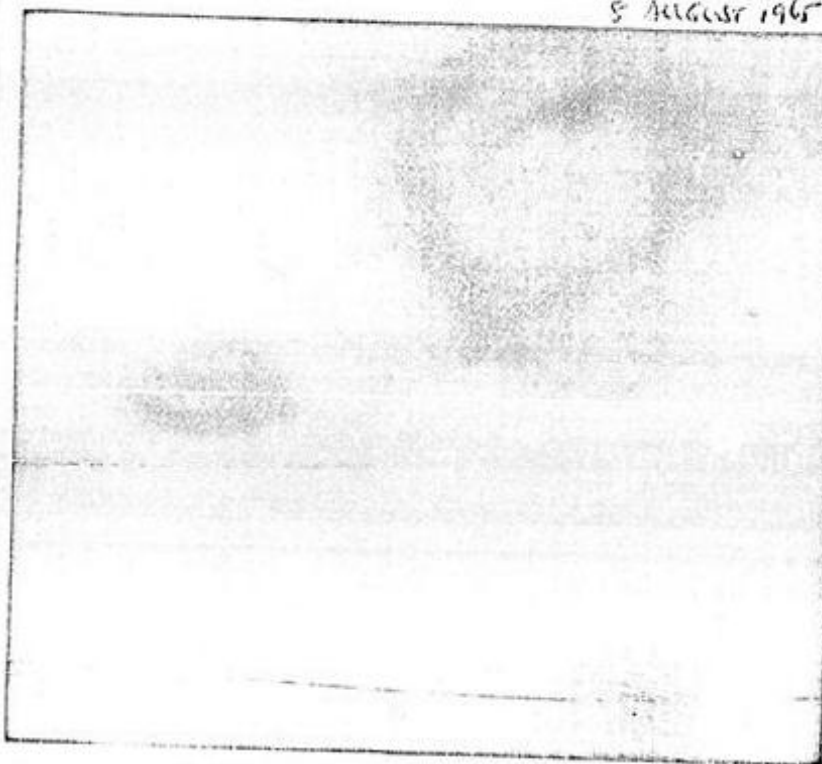
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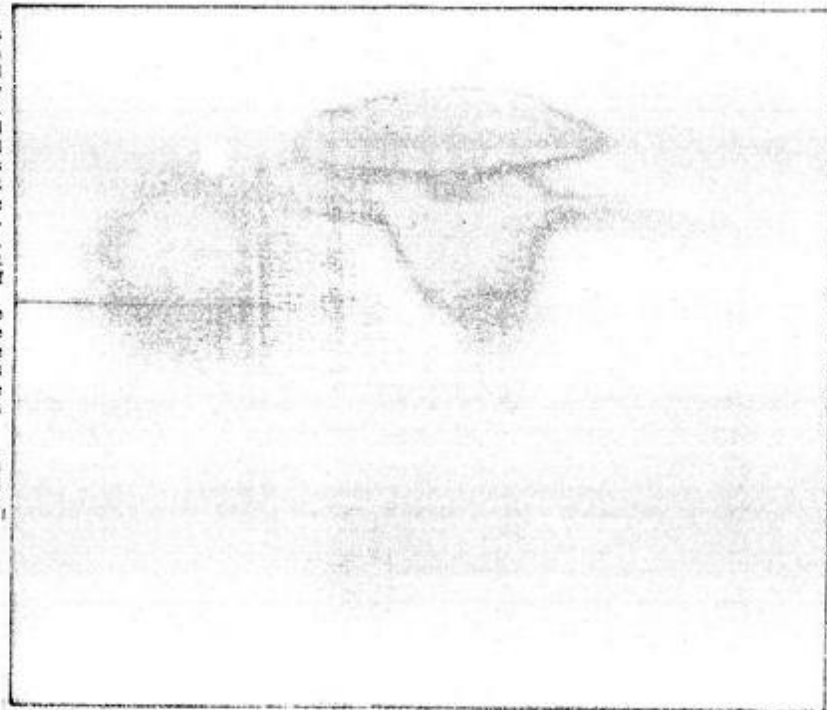
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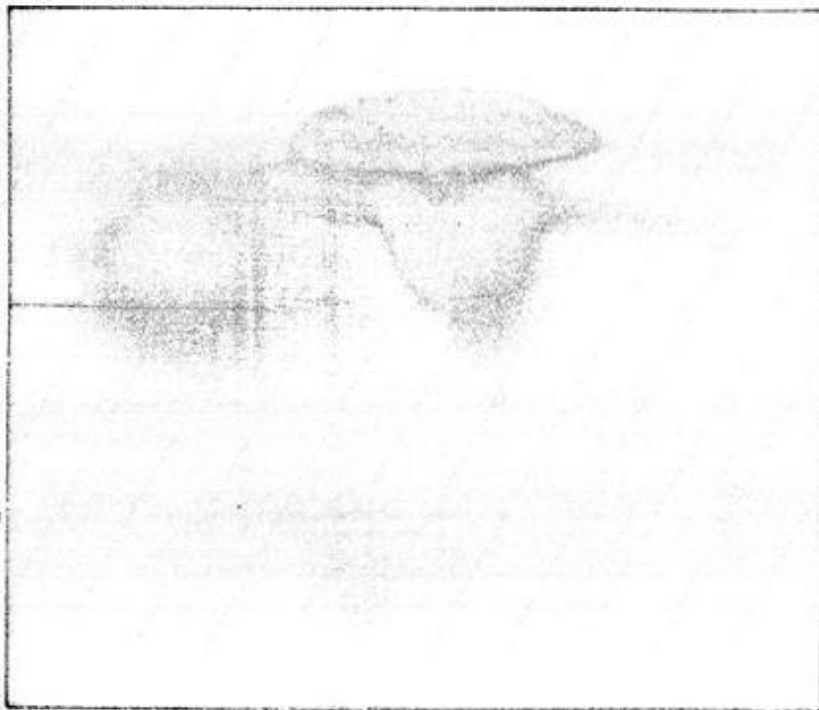
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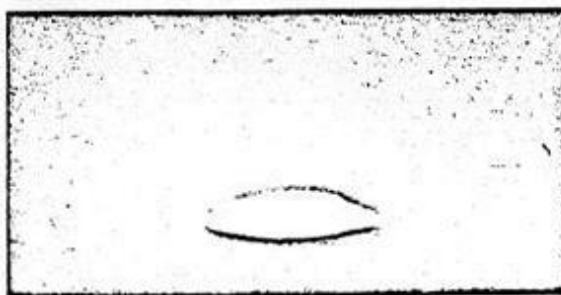
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PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 2 - 3 September 1965	2. LOCATION Exeter, New Hampshire
3. SOURCE Civilians (MULTIPLE)	10. CONCLUSION UNIDENTIFIED
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Multiple	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 Hour Period	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS SEE CASE FILE
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	There were aircraft in the area of the sighting between 03/0444Z and 03/0535Z on <u>OPERATION "BIG BLAST"</u> .
7. COURSE Varied, Stationary	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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

MEMO FOR THE RECORD: 9 Mar 66, Call from Major David H Griffin,
124 School - Class P-201, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma,
Extension 5317

Major David Griffin had investigated the reports in New Hampshire.
The reason that reports were not submitted on sightings other
than the Exeter, New Hampshire case of Bertrand, Hunt and Muscarello
was that they were identified on the spot.

He went out with Mrs Pierce for several nights, what she called
flying saucers no one else saw. All that were visible were aircraft.

According to AFR 200-2 if objects are identified it is not necessary
to submit a report.

A Colonel Stnaley A Ensberg at Base Ops has records on the UFO
sightings for this period of time.

Standard Form 63
November 1961
OSA Gen. Reg. No. 27

MEMORANDUM OF CALL

Date

Time

TO—

☐ YOU WERE CALLED BY—

☐ YOU WERE VISITED BY—

SGT REA. SZARVAS

(SUSAN SMITH)

TELEPHONE:

Number or code

Extension

☐ PLEASE CALL

☐ WAITING TO SEE YOU

☐ WILL CALL AGAIN

☐ WISHES AN APPOINTMENT

☐ RETURNING YOUR CALL

☐ IS REFERRED TO YOU

972-6142

LEFT THIS MESSAGE:

VIRGINIA HALE

WUDT PIERCE 19TH

RON. SMITH

TALBERT

Received By—

Mr. 926-2373 (phone)
① VA HALE, THOMSON CO, HAMPTON, ^{New Hampshire} 7 OCT.

Night 6 OCT 1825 Δ OBS IN EAST.

Moving from S to SE at 3,000 FT

Turned NE came Inland Stopped
over Coast Guard Station. for 4 min.
Made Sharp turn to SW toward Exeter
picked up Speed. Blue green, No Flare
lights, No Noise, Defined shape.

Missing total duration. Reason possible change
in intensity or shape. Size. age.
occ. Missing disappearance. Missing WX.

② Mrs Rudy Pierce, Came into office
Blonde 35-40 ^{1st} Excitable (understatement)
Whippin said on 2-3 occasions w/ L/col snoring
feet off or lights from Base

Major Whippin Hadmark Apts D-11
P-201

③	TALBERT.	NOTHING
④	SMITH	NOTHING

3 Sep 65, Exeter, N Hampshire

7 Sep 65, Leon, N York

TSgt David Moody called Griffis AFB, N York and talked with Sgt Hunt, 416 SW of the 4028 Operations Squadron. Informed that Farmer Boy refueling route had been changed to Fur Trapper. Records were checked and revealed that no refueling operations were conducted on the nights of 2-3 Sep and 6 Sep. The route Fur Trapper was closed from 03/0500 to 03/0600Z for an 8th Air Force Operation "Big Blast". Sgt Hunt informed Sgt Moody that a refueling area "Down Date" controlled at Loring AFB, paralleled "Fur-Trapper" adjacent to the old Farmer Boy area. Sgt Moody called Col Smith at Loring AFB. No flights were conducted on the morning of 3 Sep and one operation of a B-47, KC-135 from Loring entered the Speedway refueling area near Indianapolis at 07/0110Z. There were no refueling operations in the New England area during the time in question. Any information on "Big Blast" should be obtained from the 8th Air Force. Sgt Moody called Major Benanders at Westover AFB at the 99th Bomb Wing, DCOI, and requested him to obtain information pertaining to the lighting and type of aircraft used in operation "Big Blast" and their positions during the time period of 03/0500-0600Z.

The above was accomplished by telephone on 28 September 1965.

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TO AFSC WPAFB OHIO

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UNCLAS BDXI 00284 FEB 66.

FOR FTD. REFERENCE TELECON BETWEEN PROF. HYNEX, YOUR
HQS., AND LT. BRANDT, THIS HQS., RE UFO INCIDENT OF 3
SEP 65 IN EXETER, H.H. CHECK WITH PEASE BASE OPERATIONS
HAS REVEALED THAT NO PILOT REPORTS CONCERNING UNUSUAL
SIGHTINGS WERE MADE BY CREWS LANDING DURING PERIOD IN
QUESTION. ALSO NOT LIKELY THAT AIRCRAFT IS AREA
WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OR SPECIAL ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT DURING
THIS TIME.

BT

1-3 EW (UFO)
[Signature]

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JW*

MEMO FOR THE RECORD

FROM: Lt Alan T Brandt, Director of Information
SUBJECT: U.F.O. Sighting
DATE: 9 Sep 65

Received call from June Micholas, wife of Major Micholas, Resident Auditor, stating that her son had seen an unidentified flying object while in the back seat of the family car on 4 Sept 65 near Nashua, N.H., on Route 101.

Her son, Burke, age 13, a student at Portsmouth Junior High, saw the object after waking from a nap while lying in the back seat of the car. He told his parents about it after "coming to". He said he was too shocked to say ~~xxx~~ anything at the time. He described the ~~xxxx~~ object as oval, football-shaped, with red "and other" lights at about 2045 to 2100 hrs.

Phoned above information to Maj David Griffin, BDO, and he said he would make no formal report.

Alan T Brandt

TDEW/UFO

MAR 3 1966

UFO Information, Exeter, New Hampshire

RADC (EMYS)

Attn: Major Barnside

1. Reference your request for information on the Exeter, New Hampshire unidentified flying object report. A summary of the incident is as follows:

a. The sighting was made on the morning of 3 September 1965. Initial investigation was made by officers from Pease AFB, New Hampshire following wide spread publicity in the local newspapers from the New Hampshire area. A copy of the initial report, dated 15 September and two newspaper articles from 6 and 7 September are included in the case file. Information received in the initial report regarding description of the object and newspaper coverage was not sufficient for a firm evaluation of the sighting. The general description of flashing lights is consistent with previous reports of aircraft, refueling operations or low level photographic missions using infra-red lights. On 28 September an investigation attempting to place a specific aircraft of these types over Exeter was made. Results of this investigation indicated that an 8th Air Force operation "Big Blast" was conducted in the New England area and B-47 aircraft from Pease AFB were also involved in the operation. Letters were written to Patrolman Bertrand and Hunt and to the 8th Air Force at Westover AFB. A reply from the 8th Air Force indicated that ten B-47 aircraft landed at Pease AFB between 0045 and 0135 local time. The major portion of the sighting occurred subsequent to two a.m. Articles in the Saturday Review of Literature, January 1966 issue and the Look magazine, February 1966 issue, further stimulated public interest in this particular sighting. After consultation with project consultant, Dr. J. Allen Hynek of Northwestern University, a telephone call was made to Lt. Brandt at Pease AFB requesting that the B-47 pilots be interrogated regarding unusual observations and also to determine if infra-red photography was being conducted in the area. A TWX received on 11 February 1966 indicated that no unusual sightings were made by crews during the time period of the unidentified flying object report. His statement regarding night photography is inconclusive. Copies are included in the case.

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b. Both articles from the Saturday Review and Look Magazine are authored by John C Fuller. The article is essentially factual, however, it is apparent that poetic license and a flair for the sensational has been incorporated into the articles. The only report, submitted to the Air Force for evaluation, is the observation made by the police officers and Mascarello. The other reports, contained in the Look article, have never been reported to the Air Force. Analysis of the report indicates that it is possible for aircraft of a conventional type with rotating beacons or aircraft utilizing infra-red lights in photographic missions to have been the cause of this sighting. Since we have been unable at this time to identify a specific aircraft as the cause of the sighting, the case is regarded for statistical purposes as unidentified. There was no indication that the object presented any evidence whatsoever, of scientific or technical development beyond the present state-of-the-art. There is a total lack of evidence to indicate that the sighting could not have been caused by conventional aircraft.

2. Information on the conduct of the Air Force Project Blue Book was forwarded to your office at an earlier date.

FOR THE COMMANDER

ERIC T. de JONCKHEERE, Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology and Subsystems

1 Atch
Case File, Exeter,
New Hampshire

COORDINATION

ORIGINATOR:

TDEW/UFO

M. Quintanilla, Jr.
MAJ H QUINTANILLA, JR

DATE 2 mar 66

N. H. Perkins
TDEW

DATE 2 mar 66

RADC (EMYS)

Griffis AFB, N York

13440

Therj. Burnside

3 Sep 65

February 9, 1966

Mrs Hunt/sh/SAFOICC/72842/9 Feb 66

Gentlemen:

Based on the additional information you submitted to our UFO investigation office at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, we have been unable to identify the object you observed on September 3, 1965.

I am inclosing a copy of a letter to Mr. Raymond Fowler of Wrenham, Massachusetts. I hope this will help to clarify our initial statement regarding the sightings in Exeter.

In 19 years of investigating over 10,000 reports of unidentified flying objects, the evidence has proved almost conclusively that reported aerial phenomena have been objects either created and sent aloft by man, generated by atmospheric conditions, or caused by celestial bodies or the residue of meteoric activity.

Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force and for your subsequent cooperation regarding the report. I regret any inconvenience you may have suffered as a result.

Sincerely,

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Letter

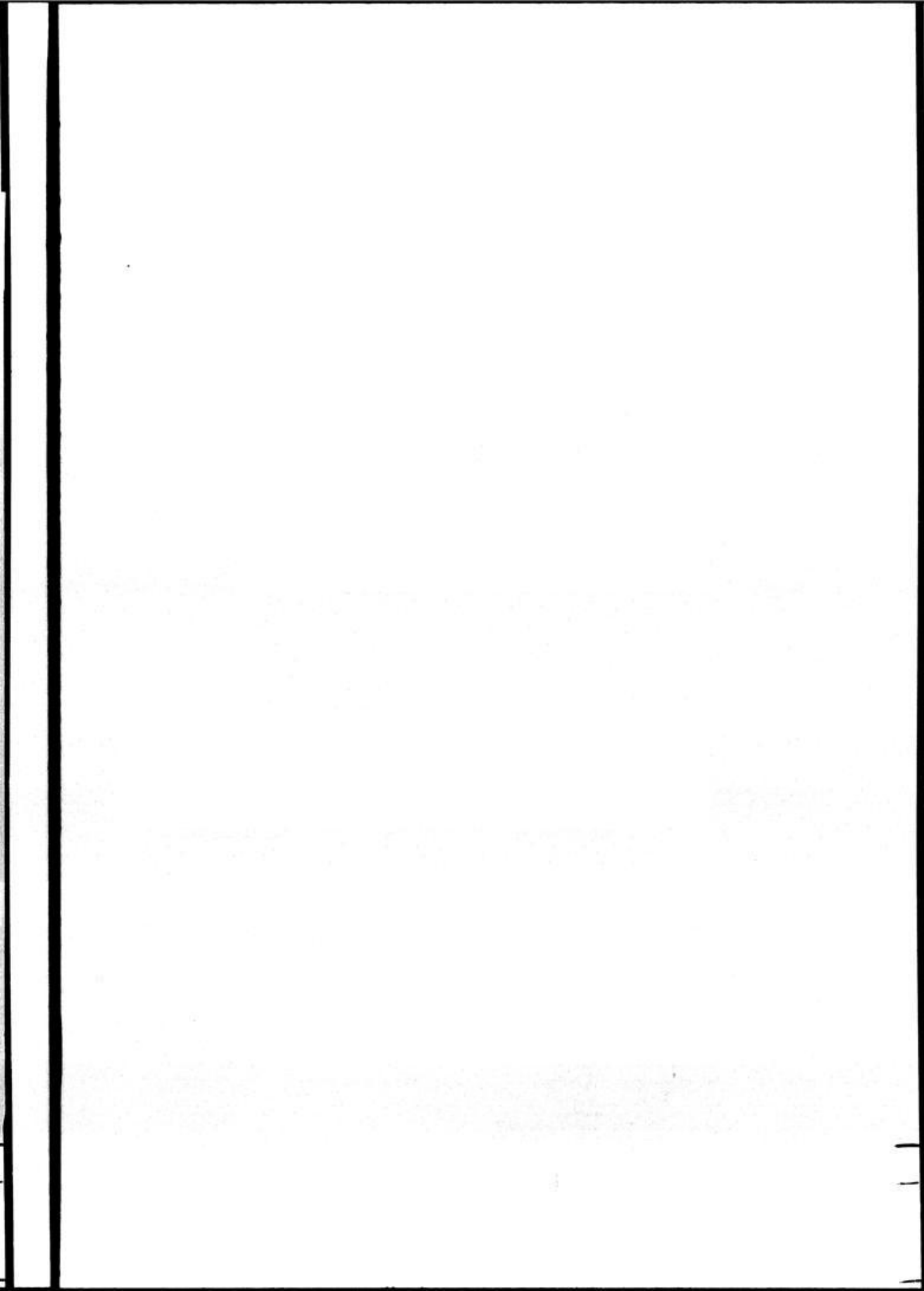
Mr. Eugene F. Bertrand, Jr.
Mr. David R. Hunt
Exeter Police Department
Exeter, New Hampshire

JOHN P. SPAULDING
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Civil Branch
Community Relations Division
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3 Sep 65

January 25, 1966

Mrs Hunt/sh/SAFOICC/72842/25 Jan 66

Dear Mr. Fuller:

I am inclosing our file on the Exeter, New Hampshire, UFO sightings.

Our office at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base has not received a report on an observation at Hampton, New Hampshire, on August 2, 1965. It is possible that a report was submitted to Pease Air Force Base and identified locally as a known natural or conventional object.

The photograph taken by Mr. Lucic of Beaver, Pennsylvania, was not turned over to the Air Force for evaluation.

Sincerely,

JOHN P. SPAULDING
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Civil Branch
Community Relations Division
Office of Information

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Exeter Case File

Mr. John G. Fuller
c/o Saturday Review
380 Madison Ave
New York, NY

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Mr JOHN G. FULLER
% SATURDAY REVIEW
380 MADISON AVE, NYC, NY

① EXETER, N.H. - Sept 3, 1965

± 3:00 AM
PH. Eugene Bertrand
PH. David Hunt

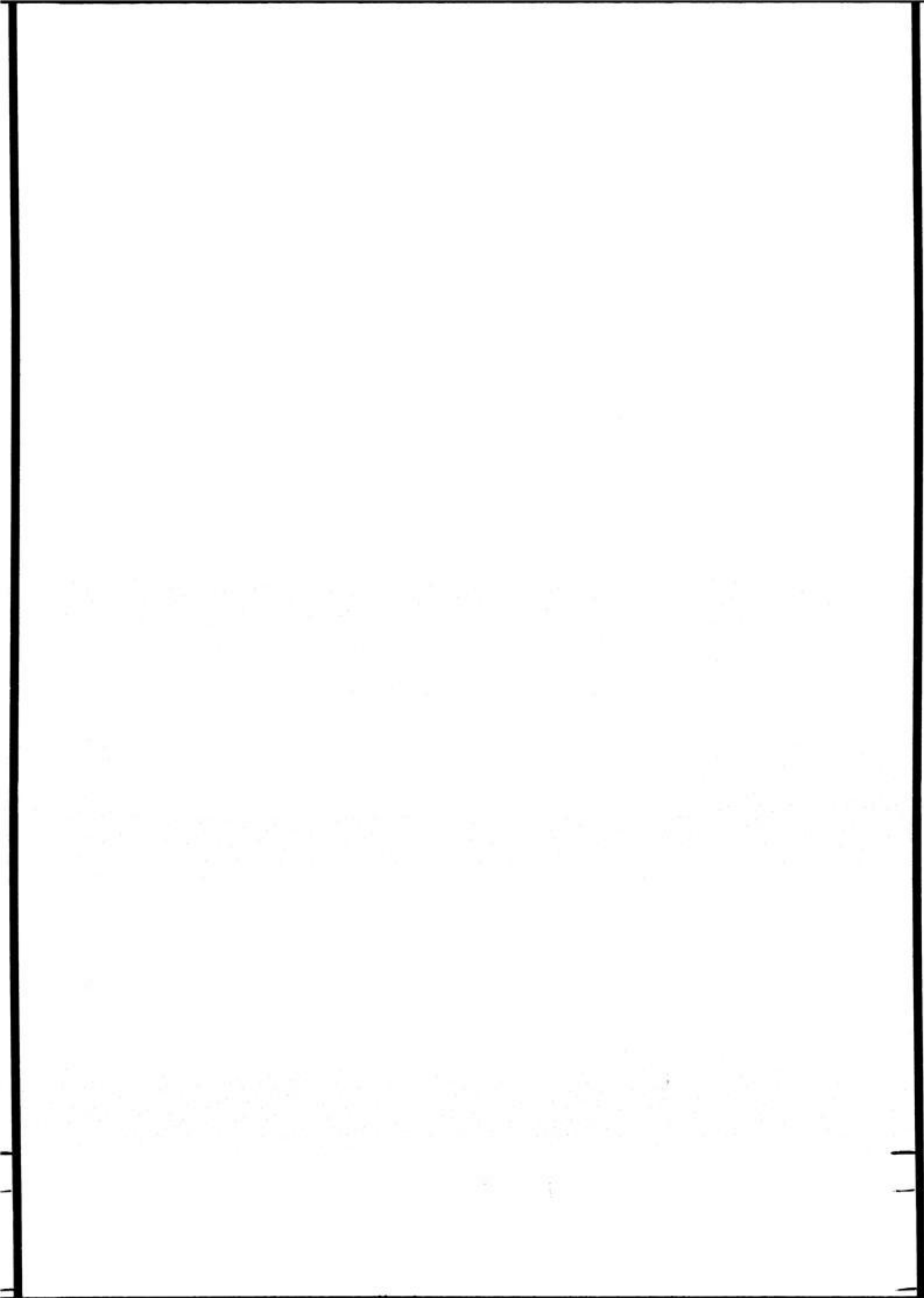
② HAMPTON, NH 0400

Reported To Pease AFB 2 AUG 1965
by Hampton Coast Guard Station
(Wally Shipman - sighted UFO
with friend)

③ BEAVER, PENNA. 8 AUG 1965
11:30 PM

JAMES Lucci
John Lucci

Saw and took Pix of
UFO



3 Sept 65

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JUN 11 1966

Request for UFO Information

Hq USAF SAFOICC (Mrs. Hunt)

1. We have delayed our reply to Mr. Fowler concerning the Exeter, New Hampshire sighting until our final investigation into this matter could be completed. The initial investigation from Pease Air Force Base was submitted to our office on 15 September 1965 and contained statements from the principle witnesses. This data indicated that a refueling operation might have been the cause of the sighting. Refueling area "Fur Trapper" and refueling area "Down Date" are controlled through Loring Air Force Base and located over the area of the sighting. A call was made to the controller of this refueling area and we were informed that they were offed from 03/0500Z to 03/600Z for an 8th Air Force operation Big Blast. A call was placed to the 99th Bomb Wing at Westover Air Force Base for information on this operation.

2. The initial impression was that aircraft from an 8th Air Force operation "Big Blast" was the cause of the lights observed during this incident. Information received from the 8th Air Force indicates that ten B-47 aircraft from Pease Air Force base involved in operation Big Blast "Coco" were in the traffic pattern over Exeter, New Hampshire between 03/444Z and 03/535Z. A copy of this information is attached. Since this information conflicted with the time of the sighting and eliminated these aircraft as a possible evaluation of this incident, a letter was forwarded to Mr. Eugene Bertrand and Mr. Dave Hunt of the Exeter Police Department requesting clarification of the time of the sighting. A copy of our letter to these gentlemen and a copy of their reply is attached.

3. The earlier sightings of two unnamed women and those of Mr. Muscarillo are attributed to aircraft from operation Big Blast "Coco." The subsequent observation by Officers Bertrand and Russel occurring after 2 A. M. are regarded as UNIDENTIFIED. It is requested that you send

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a carbon copy of your reply to Mr. Fowler, Patrolman Bertrand, Patrolman Hunt, and Dr. J. Allen Hysak.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Eric T. de Juncos
ERIC T. de JUNCOS, Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology and Subsystems

5 Atchs

1. Ltr 8th Air Force
2. Ltr Raymond Fowler
3. Ltr to 8th Air Force
4. Ltr to Master Police Dpt.
5. Ltr fm. Pt. Hunt and Bertrand

ORIGINATOR *H. Quintanilla, Jr.*
TDEW/UFO Maj. H. Quintanilla, Jr.

DATED *7 Jan 66*

N.H. Perkins
for TDEW

DATED *10 Jan 66*

December 28, 1965

Hector Quntanilla, Jr., Major, USAF
Chief, Project Blue Book
Wright Patterson AFB
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Since we have not heard from you since our letter to you of December 2, we are writing this to request some kind of answer, since we are still upset about what happened after the Pentagon released its news saying that we have just seen stars or planets, or high altitude air exercises.

As we mentioned in our letter to you, it could not have been the operation "Big Blast" you mention, since the time of our sighting was nearly an hour after that exercise, and it may not even have been the same date, since you refer to our sighting as September 2. Our sighting was on September 3. In addition, as we mentioned, we are both familiar with all the B-47's and B-52's and helicopter and jet fighters which are going over this place all the time. On top of that Ptl. Bertrand had four years of refueling experience in the Air Force, and knows regular aircraft of all kinds. It is important to remember that this craft we saw was not more than 100 feet in the air, and it was absolutely silent, with no rush of air from jets or chopper blades whatever. And it did not have any wings or tail. It lit up the entire field, and two nearby houses turned completely red. It stopped, hovered, and turned on a dime.

What bothers us the most is that many people are thinking that we were either lying or not intelligent enough to tell the difference between what we saw and something ordinary. Three other people saw this same thing on September 3, and two of them appeared to be in shock from it. This was absolutely not a case of mistaken identity.

We both feel that it's very important for our jobs and our reputations to get some kind of letter from you to say that the story which the Pentagon put out was not true; it could not possibly be, because we were the people who saw this; not the Pentagon.

Can you please let us hear from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Eugene Bertrand
Patrolman Eugene Bertrand

David R. Hunt
Patrolman David Hunt

Exeter Police
Exeter, New Hampshire

David Hunt
9 Charles Street
Exeter, N.H.

Hester Quantanilla Jr. Major, USAF
Chief, Project Blue Book
Wright Patterson AFB
Dayton, Ohio

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AIR MAIL

Hector Quintanilla Jr. Major, USAF
Chief, Project Blue Book
Wright Patterson AFB
Dayton, OHIO

David Hunt
9 Charles St
Exeter N.H.

December 2, 1965

Hector Quintanilla, Jr., Major, USAF
Chief, Project Blue Book
Wright Patterson AFB
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Sir:

We were very glad to get your letter during the third week in November, because as you might imagine we have been the subject of considerable ridicule since the Pentagon released its "final evaluation" of our sighting of September 3, 1965. In other words, both Ptl. Hunt and myself saw this object at close range, checked it out with each other, confirmed and reconfirmed the fact that this was not any kind of conventional aircraft, that it was at an altitude of not more than a couple of hundred feet, and went to considerable trouble to ~~confirm~~ confirm that the weather was clear, there was no wind, no chance of weather inversion, and that what we were seeing was no illusion or military or civilian craft. We entered this in a complete official police report as a supplement to the blotter of the morning of September 3 (not September 2, as your letter indicates). Since our job ~~is~~ depends on accuracy and an ability to tell the difference between fact and fiction, we were naturally disturbed by the Pentagon report which attributed the sighting to "multiple high altitude objects" in the area and "weather inversion." What is a little difficult to understand is the fact that your letter (undated) arrived considerably after the Pentagon release. Since your letter says that you are still in the process of making a final evaluation, it seems that there is an inconsistency here. Ordinarily, this wouldn't be too important except for the fact that in a situation like this we are naturally very reluctant to be considered irresponsible in our official report to the police station.

Since one of us (Ptl. Bertrand) was in the Air Force for four years engaged in refueling operations with all kinds of military aircraft, it was impossible to mistake what we saw for any time of military operation, regardless of altitude. It was also definitely not a helicopter or balloon. Immediately after the object disappeared, we did see what probably was a B-47 at high altitude, but it bore no relation at all to the object we saw.

Another fact is that the time of our observation was nearly an hour after 2:00 AM, which would eliminate the 8th Air Force operation Big Blast, since as you say this took place between midnight and 2:00 AM. Norman Muscarello, who first reported this object before we went to the sight saw it somewhere in the vicinity of 2 AM, but nearly an hour had passed before he got into the police station, and we went out to the location with him.

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We would both appreciate it very much if you would help us eliminate the possible conclusion that some people have made in that we might have A) made up the story, or B) were incompetent observers. Anything you could do along this line would be very much appreciated, and I'm sure you can understand the position we're in.

We appreciate the problems the Air Force must have with a lot of irresponsible reports on this subject, and don't want to cause you any unnecessary trouble. On the other hand, we think you probably understand our position.

Thanks very much for your interest.

Sincerely,

Eugene F. Bertrand
Ptl. Eugene Bertrand

David R. Hunt
Ptl. David Hunt

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Mr Eugene F Bertrand Jr
Mr David R Hunt
Exeter Police Department
Exeter, New Hampshire

Gentlemen,

The sighting of various unidentified objects by you and Mr Norman Muscarello was investigated by officials from Pease Air Force Base, New Hampshire, and their report has been forwarded to our office at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. This sighting at Exeter, New Hampshire, on the night of 2 September has been given considerable publicity through various news releases and in magazine articles similar to that from the "Saturday Review" of 2 October 1965. A portion of this article is attached for your information. This information was released by the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, a private organization which has no connection with the government. As a result of these articles, the Air Force has received inquiry as to the cause of this report.

Our investigation and evaluation of this sighting indicates a possible association with an 8th Air Force operation, "Big Blast." In addition to aircraft from this operation, there were five B-47 type aircraft flying in the area during this period. Before a final evaluation of your sighting can be made, it is essential for us to know if either of you witnessed any aircraft in the area during this time period either independently or in connection with the objects observed. Since there were many aircraft in the area, at that time, and there were no reports of unidentified objects from personnel engaged in this air operation, we might then assume that the objects observed between midnight and 2 A. M. might be associated with this military air operation. If, however, these aircraft were noted by either of you, then this would tend to eliminate this air operation as a plausible explanation for the objects observed.

Sincerely,

RECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Major, USAF
Chief, Project Blue Book

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Article "Saturday Review"

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE (SAC)
WESTOVER AIR FORCE BASE, MASSACHUSETTS 01022



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: DOOTO

24 NOV 1965

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting

TO: AFSC (TDEW/UFO)

1. In reply to your letter, same subject, 16 Nov 65, and telephone conversation between SMSgt Heffley, 8AF, and Sgt Moody, Hq AFSC, on 19 Nov 65, the following information is furnished.
2. Big Blast "Coco", a SAC/NORAD training mission, was flown on 2 - 3 September, 1965. By 03/0430Z, the operational portion of the mission was complete and participating aircraft were enroute to their home stations.
3. Ten B-47 aircraft from Pease AFB were involved in Big Blast "Coco" and were estimated to arrive at their initial approach fix (Pease TACAN 320° Radial, 10 DME fix), between 03/0444Z and 03/0535Z. The town of Exeter is within the traffic pattern utilized by Air Traffic Control in the recovery of these aircraft at Pease AFB, N.H. During their approach the recovering aircraft would have been displaying standard position lights, anti-collision lights and possibly over wing and landing lights.

FOR THE COMMANDER

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "William A. McGilpin Jr.", is written over the typed name.

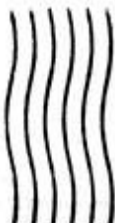
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Lt Colonel, USAF
Directorate of Operations

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(TDEW/UFO)
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio



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NOV 16 1965

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UFO Sighting

Hq 8th Air Force

1. A report of an unidentified flying object was submitted to our office at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base by the 817 Combat Support Group, Pease Air Force Base. This report was submitted to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in accordance with AFR 200-2. Evaluation of information submitted indicates that the observation may be associated with the military operation, Big Blast. The location of the observation was the New Hampshire area, in and around the town of Exeter. Time of the reported UFO was the night of 2-3 August 1965 and specifically 03/0500 to 0600 Zebra. This UFO report has received considerable publicity in newspaper and magazine articles, and the Air Force has received numerous queries regarding the cause of this sighting.

2. We would like to know the specific types of aircraft used in this operation and possible location of these aircraft at the time of the report.

FOR THE COMMANDER

[Signature]
ERIC T de JONCKHEERE, Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology and Subsystems

ORIGINATOR
TDEW/UFO

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MAJ T Quintanilla, Jr

(DATED) 15 Nov 65

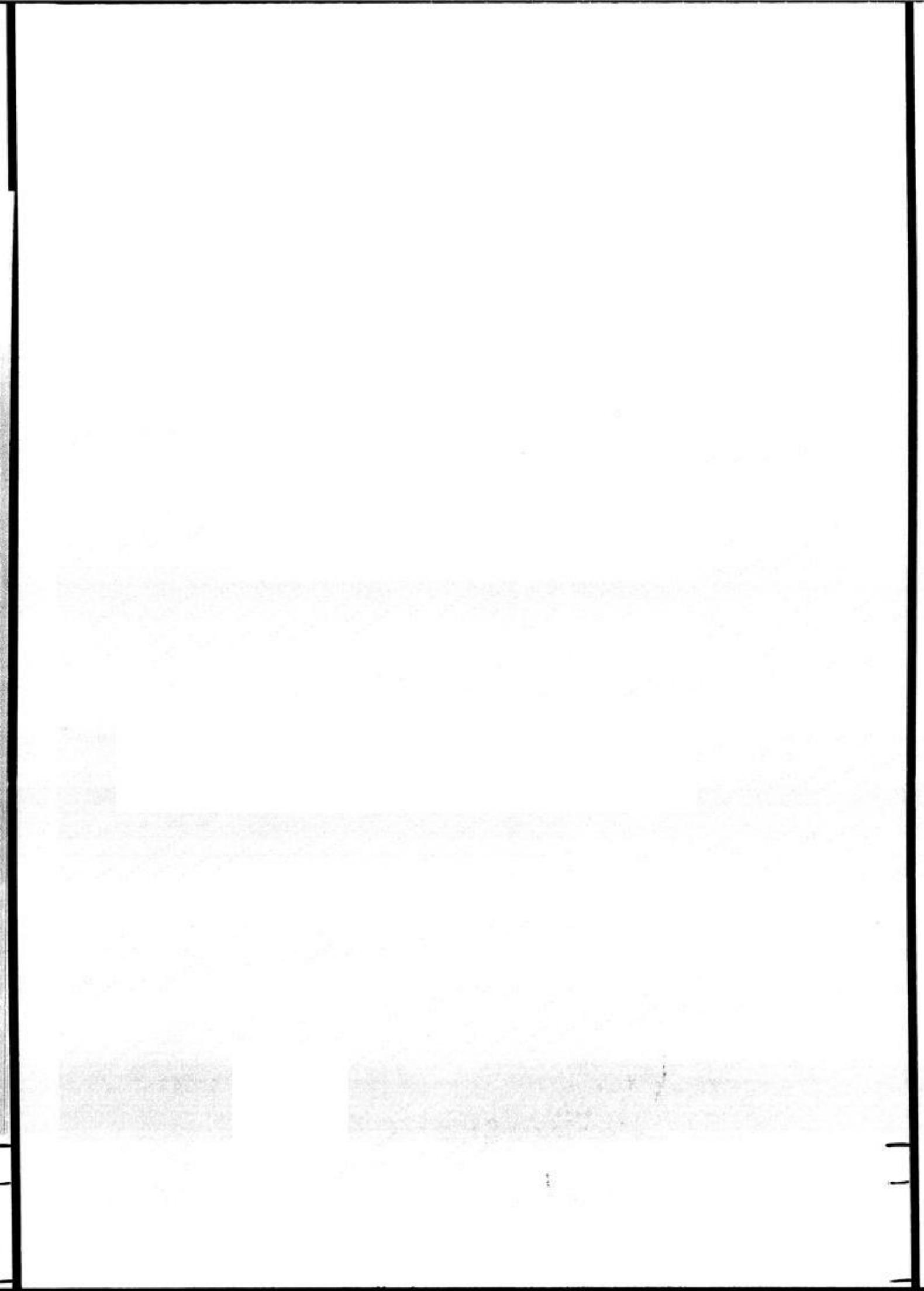
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TDEW

OCT 19 1965

Unidentified Flying Objects

Directorate of Information
817th Air Division (SAC)
Pease AFB, New Hampshire 03803

1. Reports which have been received by our organization from Pease AFB during the past year have contained sufficient information for us to provide an evaluation of the reports without subsequent evaluation with the exception of the Easter, New Hampshire report of 3 Sep 65. Preliminary analysis by personnel at our organization indicated a possible refueling operation. A call was made to the "Air Trapper" refueling area and "Down Date" refueling area. We were informed that these areas were closed for operation from 03/0500Z to 03/0600Z for an Eighth Air Force operation "Big Blast". It is our belief that aircraft from this operation and various stars and planets were the causes of the various reports on the night of 2 - 3 September from this area.
2. AFR 200-2 specifically states that only those objects which are unidentified are to be reported. Therefore, objects such as satellites, aircraft, balloons, etc are not covered by this regulation and such information may be released by your organization to the press or radio, in answer to questions regarding specific reports. If the sighting is not evaluated as a known or conventional object by your organization the release of this information is made by the Air Force through the Secretary of the Air Force, Office of Information.
3. Investigation of unidentified flying object reports is made only in those cases where the observer contacts the Air Force directly. No investigation is made of newspaper reports or rumors to the effect that an object has been sighted.
4. The Air Force does not, as a rule, provide speakers to private groups on the subject of UFOs. Past experience has indicated that talks on this subject only serve to generate additional requests for speakers and creates additional interest in the subject.

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5. Should you feel that the problem in your particular instance is sufficient to justify an Air Force representative from this project to visit your organization a request may be made through Hq USAF (SAF/OIC), Washington, D C 20330, attention Mrs Hunt.

FOR THE COMMANDER

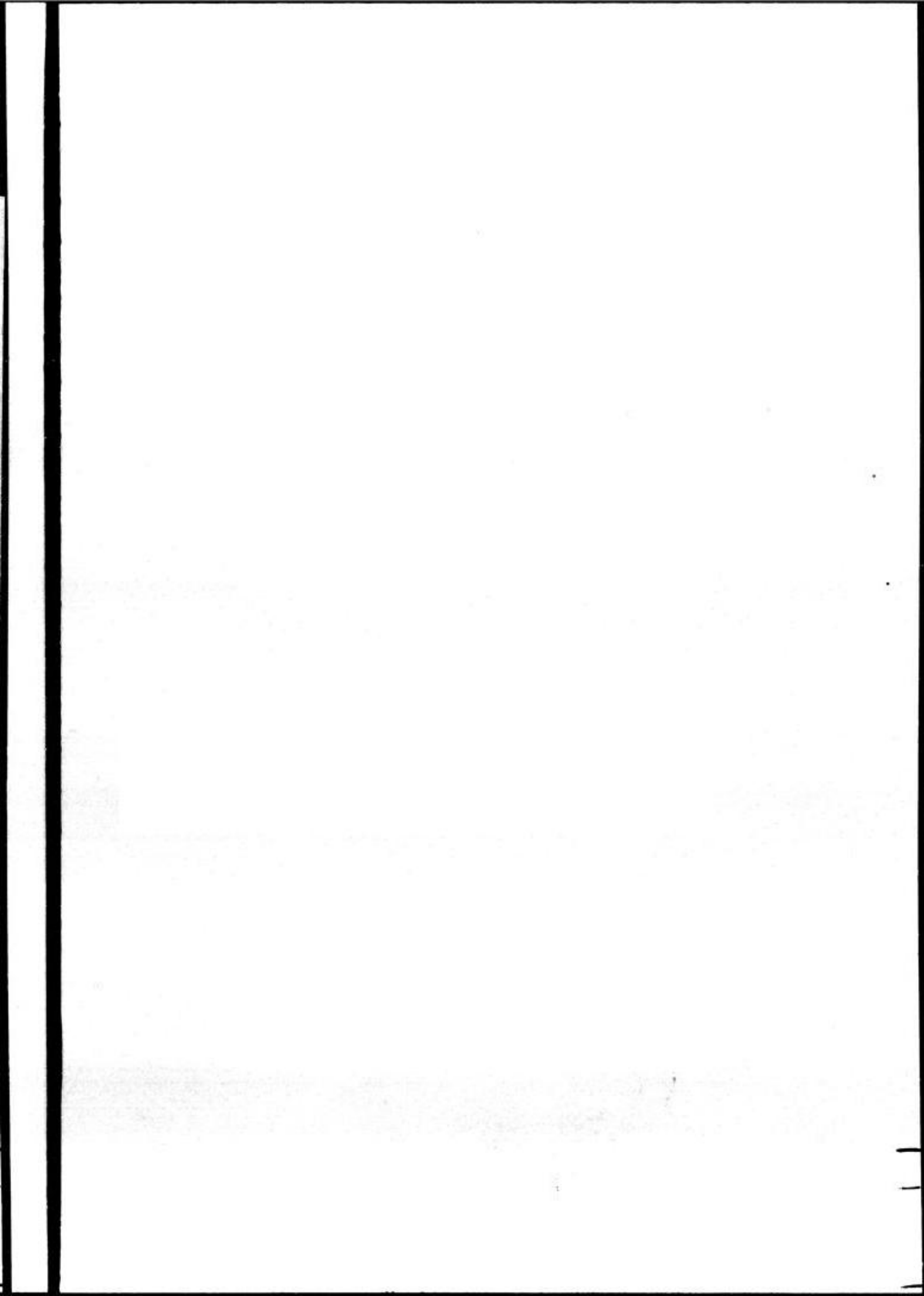
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ERIC T de JONCKHEERE, Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology and Subsystems

ORIGINATOR: _____

H. Quintanilla Jr DATED *19 Oct 65*

TDEW/UFO

Maj H Quintanilla, Jr



EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

3 SEPTEMBER 1965

One observer (Muscarello) was hitch-hiking on Route 150 at 0200 hours when a group of five bright red lights appeared over a house about 100 feet from where he was standing. The lights were in a line at about a 60° angle and they were so bright they lit up the area. Only one light would be on at a time. Observer watched these lights for approximately 15 minutes when they finally disappeared behind some trees and seemed to go into a field. At one time the objects came so close that observer jumped into a ditch to keep from being hit. Observer caught a ride to Exeter Police Station and reported what he had seen.

Second observer (Bertrand) arrived at Police Station after consoling a lady in a car who claimed a light had been following her and stopped over her car. Bertrand and Muscarello left for the area where Muscarello had seen lights. After arriving in the area a group of five bright lights came from behind a group of trees. These lights were extremely bright and flashed one at a time. The lights started to move around over the field. At one time the lights came so close Bertrand fell to the ground and started to draw his gun. The lights were so bright Bertrand was unable to make out any distinct form. There was no sound or vibration but the farm animals nearby were upset and making a lot of noise. When the lights started coming near again, Muscarello and Bertrand ran for the car.

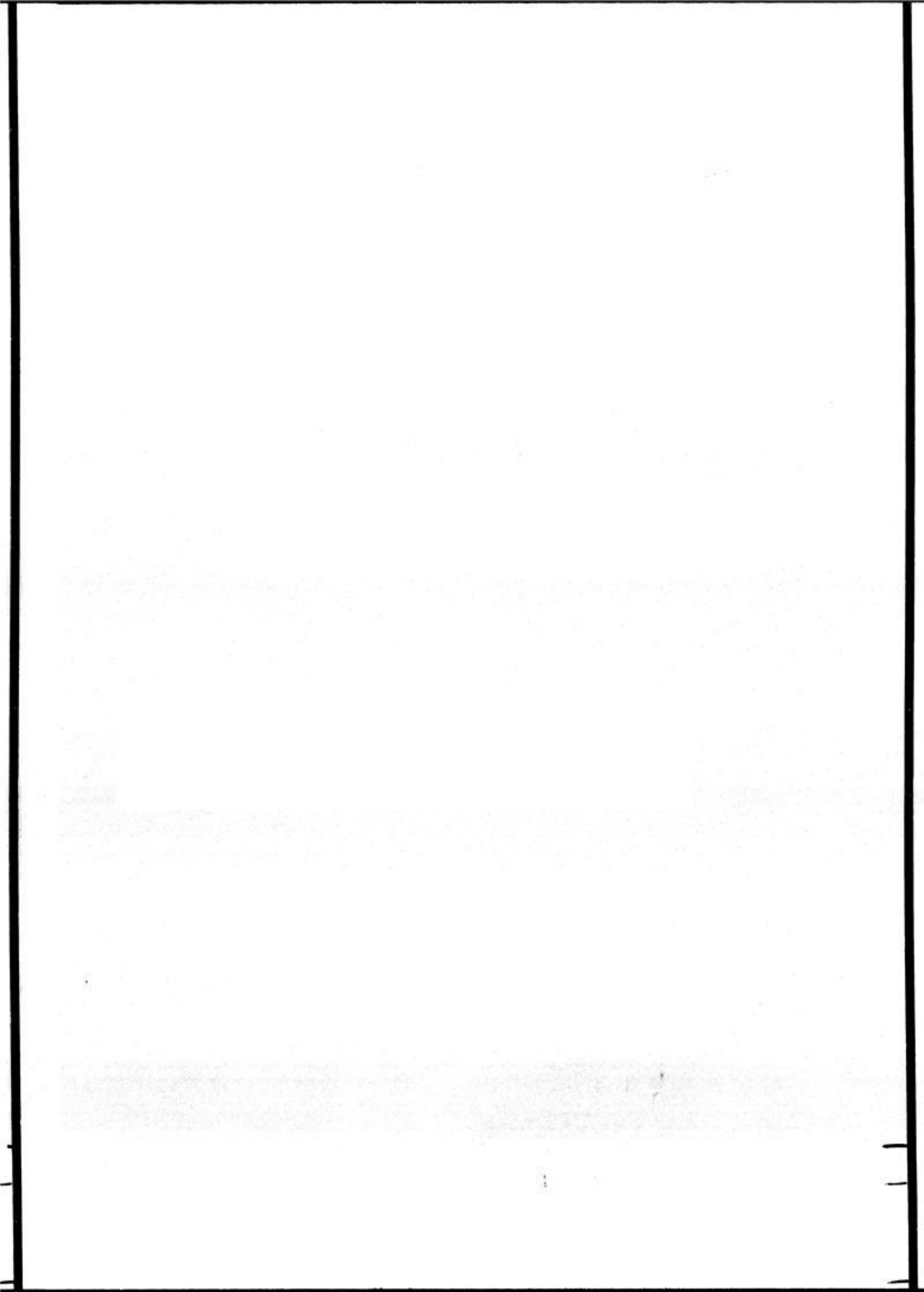
Third observer (Hunt) arrived after having been called by Bertrand. Hunt also observed the lights which were still over the field but not so close

as before. The lights moved out across the field at an estimated altitude of 100 feet and finally disappeared in the distance at the same altitude. The lights were always in line at about 60° angle. When the object moved the lower lights were always forward of the others. Total time that the lights were in the area was approximately two hours.

COMMENTS

The general description of flashing lights is consistent with previous reports of aircraft, refueling operations or low level photographic missions. An investigation was made as to the possibility of aircraft in the area at the time of the observation. Results of the investigation indicated that an 8th Air Force operation "Big Blast" was conducted in the New England area and B-47 aircraft from Pease AFB between 0044 and 0135 local time. The crews were questioned and they reported no unusual sightings during the time period of the unidentified flying object report. Although several reports were noted, the only report submitted to the Air Force for evaluation, was the observation made by the police officers and Muscarello.

The preliminary impression was that an aircraft from "Big Blast" was the cause of the lights. These aircraft were in the traffic pattern over Exeter between 0044 and 0135, which does not correspond to the time of the observation. Since no aircraft can be placed in the area at 0200 hours the case is listed as unidentified by the Air Force.



HEADQUARTERS
817th AIR DIVISION (SAC)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
Pease Air Force Base, New Hampshire 03803



15 OCT 1965

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: Directorate of Information

SUBJECT: Request for Information Concerning Speakers

TO: Information Officer
Foreign Technology Division, AFSC
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. There have been an unusually high number of reported sighting of unidentified flying objects in the Pease AFB, N.H. area which have been the subject of much discussion and numerous newspaper, radio and television reports. Many of these sightings have been reported to this base, and your records will show that we have performed thorough investigations of them. Other reports which we have learned of second hand have been made to local police departments and, in a few cases, to newspapers. Several members of this command have actually been called to view UFO's, by sincere and sober citizens, but as yet we have always been too late or "unlucky." The most interesting sighting, in the nearby town of Exeter, aroused special interest as two policemen saw the object at very close range (reference our report). It is the subject of an article in the current issue of the "Saturday Review of Literature."
2. This office has, of course, not commented on sightings reported to the Air Force other than to say that they are being or have been investigated, that the reports will be sent to your organization, that further releases will be made from the Public Information Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, etc. The fact that we cannot comment on the investigations has led to somewhat alarming suspicion of Air Force motives and interests in this area, the most popular belief being that "...the Air Force won't release the truth, because if the truth were known everyone would be panicked." I have attempted to counter this by explaining the USAF's interest in this matter every time I speak to the press or private citizens about this matter. I have obtained statistics from the "They'll Ask You" pamphlet concerning our success at identifying the vast majority of these sightings and released them in news release format. Still, however, an alarming number of people remain unconvinced.
3. Many members of the two nearby military affairs committees and key citizens from surrounding towns and cities have inquired concerning the possibility of an Air Force speaker on this subject.

Do you operate a speakers' bureau or would you be able to suggest where I might obtain a knowledgeable Air Force spokesman who could explain the Air Force UFO program and what happens to reports sent to your organization? If speakers from your organization are available, it might be possible for us to arrange transportation via a Pease-based C-47. Billeting poses no problem.

4. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Alan B. Brandt

ALAN B. BRANDT, 1st Lt, USAF
Director of Information

Can you take care of this?

Sgt Constance
DC-3
71222-52121

HEADQUARTERS
817th COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP (SAC)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
Pease Air Force Base, New Hampshire 03803



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: BDO

SUBJECT: Initial Report of Unidentified Flying Object (UFO)

15 SEP 1965

TO: AFCS (FTD)

The following report of an unidentified flying object is hereby submitted in accordance with AFR 200-2.

a. Description of object.

- (1) Round.
- (2) Baseball.
- (3) Bright red.
- (4) Five red lights in a row.
- (5) Lights were close together and moved as one object.
- (6) None
- (7) None
- (8) None
- (9) Extremely bright red.

b. Description of course of object.

- (1) Visual sighting.
- (2) Object was at an altitude of approximately 100 ft and moved in an arc of 135 degrees.
- (3) Object disappeared at an altitude of approximately 100 ft on a mag. heading of approximately 160 degrees.

(4) The object was erratic in movement and would disappear behind trees and houses in the area. It would then appear at a position other than where it disappeared. When in view it would act as a floating leaf.

(5) Object departed on a heading of 160 degrees and was observed until it disappeared in the distance.

(6) One hour.

c. Manner of Observation.

(1) Ground - visual.

(2) None.

(3) N/A.

d. Time and date of sighting.

(1) 03/09/0600Z

(2) Night

e. Location of observer.

(1) 3 N.M. South West of Exeter, N.H.

f. Identifying information on observer.

(1) Civilian. Norman J. Muscarello. Age, 18. 205 $\frac{1}{2}$ Front St, Exeter N.H. Unemployed (will join Navy on 18 Sept 65). Appears to be reliable.

(2) Civilian. Eugene F Bertrand Jr. Age, 30. Exeter Police Department, Exeter N.H. Patrolman. Reliable.

(3) Civilian. David R Hunt. Age, 28. Exeter Police Department, Exeter N.H. Patrolman. Reliable.

g. Weather and Winds.

(1) The weather was clear with no known weather phenomenon. There was a 5 degree inversion from surface to 5000 ft.

(2) Winds at Pease AFB, N.H.

<u>ALTITUDE</u>	<u>WINDS</u>
Surface	290/03
6000	310/03
10000	270/77
16000	270/56
30000	260/49
50000	250/33
80000	Not Rec.

(3) Clear (unlimited).

(4) 30 N.M.

(5) None.

(6) None.

(7) See SKEW T. Log P diagram.

h. None

i. None

j. None

k. Major David H. Griffin, Base Disaster Control Officer,
Command Pilot.

(1) At this time have been unable to arrive at a probable cause of this sighting. The three observers seem to be stable reliable persons, especially the two patrolman. I viewed the area of the sighting and found nothing in the area that could be the probable cause. Pease AFB had 5 B-47 aircraft flying in the area during this period but do not believe they had any connection with this sighting.

1. None.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Ray E. Mendenhall

Captain, U.S. Air Force
Director of Administrative Services

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1. Statement, UFO Sighting,
Eugene F. Bertrand Jr.
2. Statement, UFO Sighting,
David R. Hunt.
3. Statement, UFO Sighting,
Norman J. Muscarello.
4. SKEW T, Log P Diagram

S T A T E M E N T

UFO Sighting

I, Eugene F. Bertrand Jr., was cruising on the morning of the 3rd of September at 0100 on Rte. 108 by-pass near Exeter N.H. I noticed an automobile parked on the side of the road and stopped to investigate. I found a woman in the car who stated she was too upset to drive. She stated a light had been following her and had stopped over her car. I stayed with her about 15 minutes but was unable to see anything. I departed and reported back to the Exeter Police Station where I found Norman Muscorello. He related his story of seeing some bright red lights in a field. After talking with him awhile I decided to take him back to where he said he had seen the lights. When we arrived I parked the patrol cruiser and turned off the lights. There was nothing unusual in the area. Mr. Muscorello and I got out of the cruiser and started walking into the field with a flashlight. When we had gone about 50 ft a group of five bright red lights came from behind a group of trees near us. They were extremely bright and flashed on one at a time. The lights started to move around over the field. At one time they came so close I fell to the ground and started to draw my gun. The lights were so bright I was unable to make out any form. There was no sound or vibration but the farm animals were upset in the area and making a lot of noise. When the lights started coming near us again, Mr. Muscarello and I ran for the car. I radioed Patrolman David Hunt who arrived in a few minutes. He also observed the lights which were still over the field but not as close as before. The lights moved out across the field at an estimated altitude of 100 ft and finally disappeared in the distance at the same altitude. The lights were always in line at about 60 degree angle. When the object moved the lower lights were always forward of the others.

EUGENE F. BERTRAND JR
Patrolman

STATEMENT

UFO Sighting

I, David R. Hunt, at about 0255 on the morning of the 3rd of September, received a call from Patrolman Bertrand to report to an area about 3 miles South West of Exeter, N.H. Upon arriving at the scene I observed a group of bright red lights flashing in sequence. They appeared to be about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile over a field to the South East. After observing the lights for a short period of time, they moved off in a South Easterly direction and disappeared in the distance. The lights appeared to remain at the same altitude which I estimate to be about 100 ft.

DAVID R. HUNT
Patrolman

S T A T E M E N T

UFO Sighting

I, Norman J. Muscarello, was hitchhiking on Rte. 150, 3 miles South West of Exeter N.H. at 0200 hours on the 3rd of September. A group of five bright red lights appeared over a house about 100 ft from where I was standing. The lights were in a line at about 60 degree angle. They were so bright they lighted up the area. The lights then moved out over a large field and acted at times like a floating leaf. They would go down behind the trees or behind a house and then re-appear. They always moved in the same 60 degree angle. Only one light would be on at a time. They were pulsating 1,2,3,4,5,5,4,3,2,1. They were so bright I could not distinguish any form to the object. I watched these lights for about 15 minutes and they finally disappeared behind some trees and seemed to go into a field. At one time while I was watching them, they seemed to come so close I jumped into a ditch to keep from being hit. After the lights went into the field I caught a ride to the Exeter Police Station and reported what I had seen.

NORMAN J. MUSCARELLO

U F O DATA SHEET

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Investigator: National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena
 Raymond E. Fowler
 13 Friend Court
 Wrenham, Massachusetts

Time he reported sighting
** Dark after - 12:25 AM*
WAS SIGHTING TIME

1. When did you see the object? <u>3</u> DAY <u>9</u> MONTH <u>1965</u> YEAR		2. Time of day: <u>2</u> HOUR <u>55</u> MINUTES (Circle One): <u>A.M.</u> or P.M.	
3. Time zone: (Circle One): <u>a.</u> Eastern b. Central c. Mountain d. Pacific e. Other _____		(Circle One): <u>a.</u> Daylight Saving Time b. Standard Time	
4. Where were you when you saw the object? <u>KENSINGTON RFD</u> <u>KENSINGTON</u> <u>N.H.</u> Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country			
Additional remarks: _____			
5. Estimate how long you saw the object. _____ HOURS <u>10</u> MINUTES _____ SECONDS			
5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5. a. Certain <u>b. Fairly certain</u> c. Not very sure d. Just a guess			
6. What was the condition of the sky? (Circle One): a. Bright daylight d. Just a trace of daylight b. Dull daylight e. <u>No</u> trace of daylight c. Bright twilight f. Don't remember			
7. If you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object? <u>N/A</u> a. In front of you c. To your right e. Overhead b. In back of you d. To your left f. Don't remember			

8. If you saw the object at NIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, 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- dark

d. Don't remember

9. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky?

(Circle one): a YES

b. NO

c. DON'T REMEMBER

10. If it was BRIGHTER THAN the sky background, was the brightness like that of an automobile headlight appearing to be? (CIRCLE ONE BELOW):

a. A mile or more away? (a distant car)

b. Several blocks away?

c. A block away?

d. Several yards away?

e. Other? BRIGHTER THAN HEADLIGHT AT
CLOSE RANGE

11. 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. Flicker, throb, or pulsate?

YES NO DON'T KNOW

12. 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: _____

13. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud?

YES NO DON'T KNOW (Circle One)

If you answered yes, then tell what it moved in front of: _____

14. Did the object appear (Circle One): SOLID TRANSPARENT? DON'T KNOW

15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

a. eyeglasses YES NO

d. Window glass YES NO

g. Other _____

b. Sun glasses YES NO

e. Binoculars YES NO

c. Windshield YES NO

f. Telescope YES NO

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

a. SOUND NONE

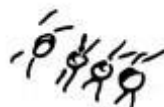
b. COLOR RED

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

← WEST — EAST — WEST — EAST —



RED LIGHTS
FLASHING



RED LIGHTS
FLASHING

18. The edges of the object were:

(Circle One): a. Fuzzy or blurred

b. Like a bright star

c. Sharply outlined

e. Other LIGHTS WERE

SO BRIGHT THEY

CREATED A HALO

19. 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 travelling.

N/A

20. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place a "A" at the beginning of the path; a "B" at the end of the path; and, show a y changes in direction during the course.



21. If POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension. N/A Feet.

22. How large did the object or objects appear as compared with one of the following objects "held" in the hand at about arm's length?

(Circle One): a. Head of a pin

b. Pea

c. Dime

d. Nickel

2- ☒ e. Quarter

f. Half-dollar

g. Silver dollar

1- ☒ h. Baseball

i. Grapefruit

j. Basketball

k. Other _____

- 22.1 CIRCLE ONE of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22.

a. Certain

b. Fairly certain

☒ c. Not very sure

d. Uncertain

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? DROPPED BELOW TREE LINE

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could construct the object that you saw. Of what type MATERIAL would you make it? How LARGE would it be, and what SHAPE would it have? 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.

N/A

25. 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 _____

26. Where were you (Circle One):

- a. In the business section of 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 _____

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

Went To ASSIST 18 year old boy

28. If you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

28.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One):

N/A

- a. North c. East e. South g. West
- b. Northeast d. Southeast f. Southwest h. Northwest

28.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour

28.3 Did you stop at any time while observing object?

(Circle One): YES NO

29. What direction were you looking when you FIRST SAW the object? (Circle One):

- a. North c. East e. South g. West
- ☒ d. Northeast d. Southeast f. Southwest h. Northwest

30. What direction were you looking when you LAST SAW the object? (Circle One):

- ☒ a. North c. East e. South g. West
- b. Northeast d. Southeast f. Southwest h. Northwest

31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

31.1 When it first appeared:

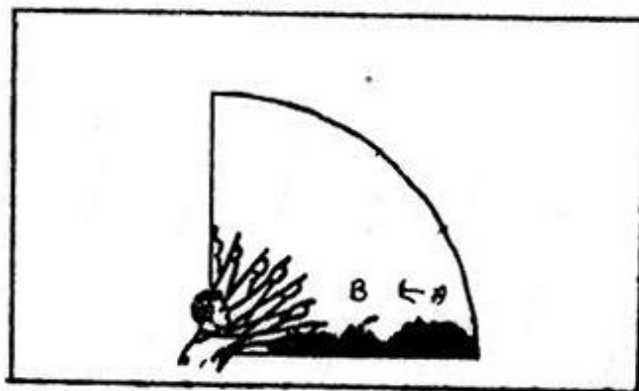
N/A

- a. From true North _____ degrees
- b. From horizon _____ degrees

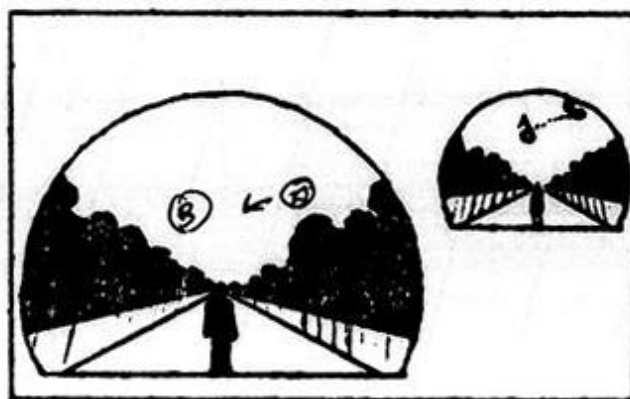
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North _____ degrees
- b. From horizon _____ degrees

32. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place a "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.



33. In the following larger sketch place a "A" at the position the object was when you FIRST saw it, and a "B" at its position when you LAST saw it. (Refer to smaller sketch as an example of "how" to complete the larger sketch.)



- 33.1 Were there any KNOWN aircraft in the sky during your sighting?

(Circle One): YES ☒ NO

If you answered YES, was it following or attempting to intercept the Unidentified Flying Object? (Circle One): YES NO

If you answered YES, please circle TYPE of aircraft:

MILITARY? COMMERCIAL PRIVATE? JET? PROPELLER?

How many engines did the aircraft have? _____

34. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

34.1 CLOUDS(Circle One)

- ☒ a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds
- e. Don't remember

34.2 WIND(Circle One)

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

34.3 WEATHER(Circle One)

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

34.4 TEMPERATURE(Circle One)

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

35. Who did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

Official or Organization Name(s)

Day

Month

Year

DESK OFFICER EXETER P.D.

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OFFICER TOLAND

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36. Have you read literature pertaining to Unidentified Flying Objects?

(Circle One) ☒ YES NO

If YES, how much? (Circle One) A LITTLE?

MODERATELY? EXTENSIVELY?

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

(Circle One) ☒ YES NO

37.1 If you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One) ☒ YES NO

37.2 Please list their names and addresses if you circled YES:

(Attach separate sheet for above)

38. Was this the first time that you had seen an object(s) like this?

(Circle One) ☒ YES NO

38.1 If you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see the other one(s)?

39. In your opinion, what do YOU think the object(s) was and what might have caused it?

DO NOT KNOW

40. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object? Page 3
(Circle One) YES NO

If you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? _____ MPH

41. 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? 100 Feet

42. Did the Object(s) cause any interference with the operation of:
(Circle where applicable) RADIO? TV? LIGHTS? OTHER? NONE
If you underlined any of above, explain the interference below:

43. Was a photo taken of the Object(s)? (Circle One) YES NO

Would you be willing to submit a copy? (Circle One) YES NO

N/A If you circled YES, please send copy indicating monetary reimbursement:

44. Do you belong to any Organization which investigates Unidentified Flying Objects? (Circle One) YES NO If YES, list them below:

45. May we publish your report if your name is kept confidential? YES NO
May we publish your report and use your name? YES NO
(Circle One)

47. Please give the following information about yourself: EUGENE

NAME: BERTRAND
Last Name First Name Middle Name
ADDRESS: PICKFORD RD EXETER N.H.
Street City State
TELEPHONE NUMBER 772-4943

What is your present job? POLICE OFFICER

AGE 32 SEX

Please indicate any educational training you have had: (Number of years)

a. Grade school 8 e. Technical school
b. High school 4 (Type of)
c. College
d. Post graduate f. Other special training?

48. Signature: Eugene F Bertrand Date: 9/11/63

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Investigator: National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena
Raymond S. Fowler
13 Friend Court
Wenham, Massachusetts

Time he reported sighting
to Base Officer - Time of sighting
= 5:25 AM

1. When did you see the object?

3 9 1965
DAY MONTH YEAR

2. Time of day:

2 55
HOUR MINUTES

(Circle One): A.M. or P.M.

3. Time zone: (Circle One):

(a) Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other _____

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

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

Kensington RFD Kensington N.H.
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks: _____

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

5-8
HOURS MINUTES SECONDS

5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.

a. Certain
(b) Fairly certain

c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

(Circle One): a. Bright daylight
b. Dull daylight
c. Bright twilight

d. Just a trace of daylight
(e) No trace of daylight
f. Don't remember

7. If you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

N/A

a. In front of you c. To your right e. Overhead
b. In back of you d. To your left f. Don't remember

8. If you saw the object at NIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, 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- dark

d. Don't remember

9. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky?

(Circle one): a. Yes

b. NO

c. DON'T REMEMBER

10. If it was BRIGHTER THAN the sky background, was the brightness like that of an automobile headlight appearing to be? (CIRCLE ONE BELOW):

a. A mile or more away? (a distant car)

b. Several blocks away?

c. A block away?

d. Several yards away?

e. Other? Brighter than headlights at close range

11. 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. Flicker, throb, or pulsate?

YES

NO

DON'T KNOW

12. 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:

13. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud?

YES NO DON'T KNOW (Circle One)

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14. Did the object appear (Circle One): SOLID? TRANSPARENT? DON'T KNOW

15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

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Yes NO

d. Window glass

YES NO

g. Other

b. Sun glasses

YES NO

e. Binoculars

YES NO

c. Windshield

YES NO

f. Telescope

YES NO

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

a. SOUND None

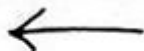
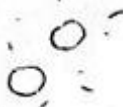
b. COLOR Red

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

- WEST -

- EAST -

(Two or three
Red Lights Flashing
in sequence)



Three line

18. The edges of the object were:

(Circle One): a. Fuzzy or blurred

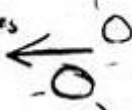
b. Like a bright star

c. Sharply outlined

③ Other Lights were so
bright they created a
Halo effect.

19. 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 travelling.

Two or three red flashing
lights moving on Horizon East to West
At about 60° angles
to each other.



20. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place a "A" at the beginning of the path; a "B" at the end of the path; and, show any changes in direction during the course. No change in direction

or Angle.

(B)



(A)

21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension... N/A Feet.

22. How large did the object or objects appear as compared with one of the following objects "held" in the hand at about arm's length?

(Circle One): a. Head of a pin

g. Silver dollar

b. Pea

h. Baseball

c. Dime

i. Grapefruit

d. Nickel

j. Basketball

☒ e. Quarter

k. Other _____

f. Half-dollar

- 22.1 CIRCLE ONE of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22.

a. Certain

☒ c. Not very sure

b. Fairly certain

d. Uncertain

Comparison based on probable distance of 2 1/2 - 4 miles

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? Dropped below face of horizon line.

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could construct the object that you saw. Of what type MATERIAL would you make it? How LARGE would it be, and what SHAPE would it have? 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.

N/A

25. 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 _____

26. Where were you located? (Circle One):

- a. In the business section of 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 _____

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

Called to someone to assist other
CAUTION.

28. If you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

28.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One):

- a. North c. East e. South g. West
- b. Northeast d. Southeast f. Southwest h. Northwest

28.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour

28.3 Did you stop at any time while observing object?

(Circle One): YES NO

29. What direction were you looking when you FIRST SAW the object? (Circle One):

- a. North c. East e. South g. West
- ☒ b. Northeast d. Southeast f. Southwest h. Northwest

30. What direction were you looking when you LAST SAW the object? (Circle One):

- ☒ a. North c. East e. South g. West
- b. Northeast d. Southeast f. Southwest h. Northwest

31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

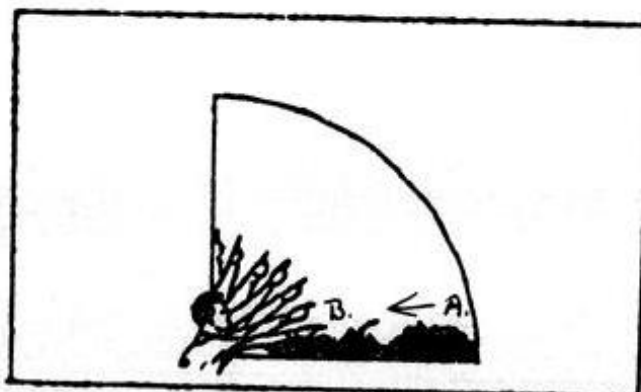
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North _____ degrees
- b. From horizon _____ degrees

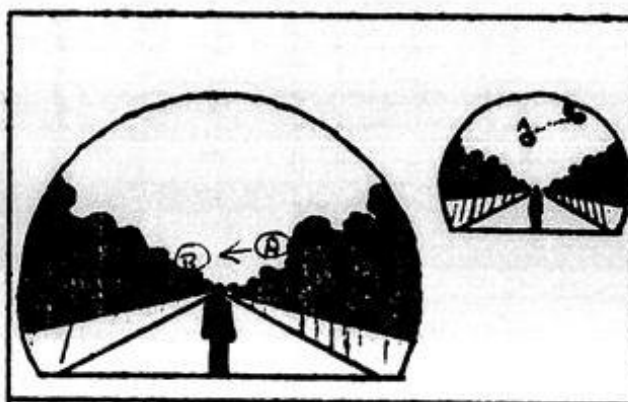
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North _____ degrees
- b. From horizon _____ degrees

32. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place a "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.



33. In the following larger sketch place a "A" at the position the object was when you FIRST saw it, and a "B" at its position when you LAST saw it. (Refer to smaller sketch as an example of "how" to complete the larger sketch.)



- 33.1 Were there any KNOWN aircraft in the sky during your sighting?

(Circle One): YES ☒ NO

If you answered YES, was it following or attempting to intercept the Unidentified Flying Object? (Circle One): YES NO

If you answered YES, please circle TYPE of aircraft:

MILITARY? COMMERCIAL? PRIVATE? JET? PROPELLER?

How many engines did the aircraft have? _____

34. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

34.1 CLOUDS(Circle One)

- ☒ a. Clear sky
☐ b. Hazy
☐ c. Scattered clouds
☐ d. Thick or heavy clouds
☐ e. Don't remember

34.2 WIND(Circle One)

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

34.3 WEATHER(Circle One)

- ☒ a. Dry
☐ b. Fog, mist, or light rain
☐ c. Moderate or heavy rain
☐ d. Snow
☐ e. Don't remember

34.4 TEMPERATURE(Circle One)

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

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

Official or Organization Name(s)

Day

Month

Year

Desk Officer Exton P.D.
Officer Toland.

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36. Have you read literature pertaining to Unidentified Flying Objects?

(Circle One) ☒ YES ☐ NO

If YES, how much? (Circle One) ☒ A LITTLE?

☐ MODERATELY? ☐ EXTENSIVELY?

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

(Circle One)

☒ YES

☐ NO

37.1 If you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One)

☒ YES

☐ NO

37.2 Please list their names and addresses if you circled YES:

(Attach separate sheet for above)

38. Was this the first time that you had seen an object(s) like this?

(Circle One)

☒ YES

☐ NO

38.1 If you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see the other one(s)?

39. In your opinion, what do YOU think the object(s) was and what might have caused it? Do NOT know.

40. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object? Page 8
(Circle One) YES NO

If you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? _____ MPH

41. 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? 9000 feet
at closest. Saw at about 2-3 miles on Horizon.

42. Did the Object(s) cause any interference with the operation of:
(Circle where applicable) RADIO? TV? LIGHTS? OTHER? NONE

N/A If you underlined any of above, explain the interference below:

43. Was a photo taken of the Object(s)? (Circle One) YES NO

N/A Would you be willing to submit a copy? (Circle One) YES NO

X If you circled YES, please send copy indicating monetary reimbursement:

44. Do you belong to any Organization which investigates Unidentified Flying Objects? (Circle One) YES NO If YES, list them below:

45. May we publish your report if you name is kept confidential? YES NO
May we publish your report and use your name? YES NO
changed to YES (Circle One)

47. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME <u>Hunt</u>	<u>David</u>	<u>Russell</u>
Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
ADDRESS <u>11 Charles St.</u>	<u>Exeter</u>	<u>N. H.</u>
Street	City	State

TELEPHONE NUMBER 772-3615

What is your present job? Police Officer

AGE- 26 SEX- Male

Please indicate any educational training you have had: (Number of years)

a. Grade school <u>8</u>	e. Technical school _____
b. High school <u>4</u>	(Type of) _____
c. College _____	f. Other special training? _____
d. Post graduate _____	

48. Signature: David R. Hunt Date: 9/11/65

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RECENT SAUCER SIGHTINGS

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE SIGHTINGS: Since publication of our December 1965 issue, we have received a good deal of additional material concerning our lead story in the "Recent News" section, which in our opinion is one of the most impressive UFO incidents of recent years. Here is Norman Muscarello's story, as quoted in the Rockingham County Gazette:

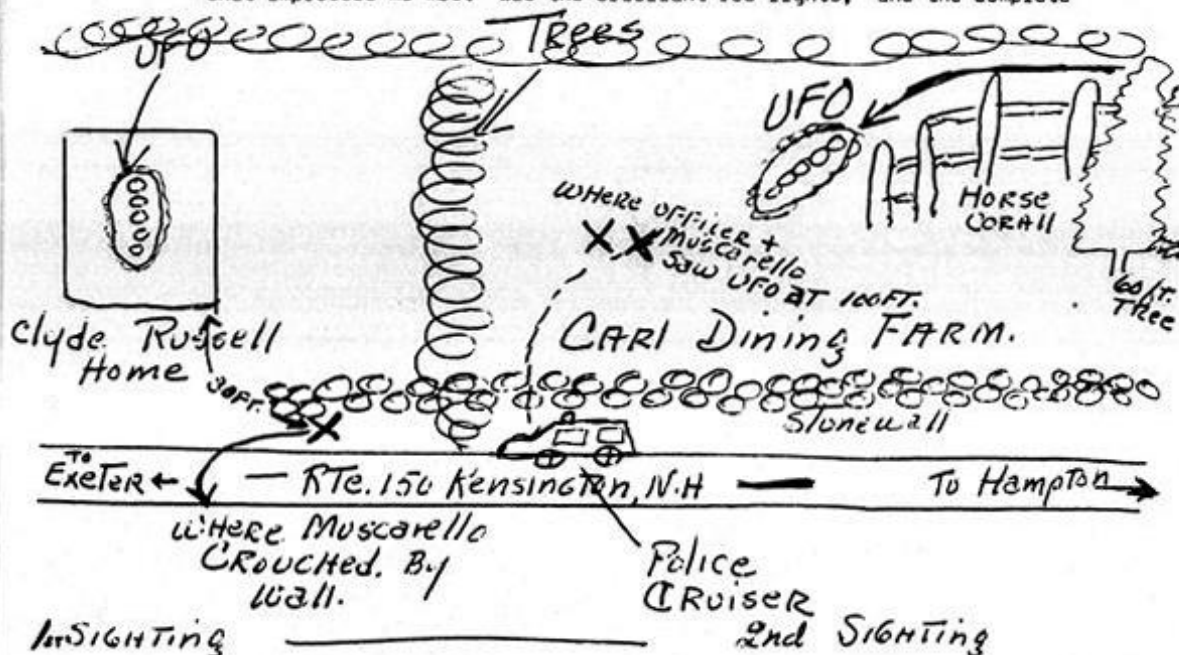
"It was about 2 a.m. on Friday, September 3rd. I was walking along Route 150 in Kensington (N.H.) on my way home from a visit to a friend in Amesbury. As I approached the Clyde Russell house, I saw a 'thing' with brilliant red alternating lights approaching me from the direction of Dining's corral. (See diagram below.) I jumped over the wall and lay on the ground while it hovered over me about a telephone pole length above the ground.

"I had a good opportunity to observe it closely. The lights were on an oblique angle, from sky to ground. There were five lights in all, which lit up in sequence. It took about two seconds to complete a cycle. I estimated the length from the first light to the fifth as approximately 90 feet.

"As it hovered over me, it also partially covered the Russell garage. The lights were so brilliant that it was impossible to make out any shape behind them. After it left, I banged on the door of the Russell home, but was unable to wake anybody. Then a car came along, and I was given a ride to the Exeter police station. I told them what I had seen, and someone suggested that we return to the area.

"Officer Bertrand took me in one cruiser, and Officer Hunt arrived in another. We walked down into the field, but didn't see anything. As we were about ready to return to the cruisers, I noticed the alternating lights down in back of some trees. It came out at tremendous speed, and we all had a good opportunity to observe it.

"What impressed me most was the brilliant red lights, and the complete



Trade Winds



In our column of last October 2, we reported on an incident at Exeter, New Hampshire, involving an Unidentified Flying Object, or UFO, as the Air Force likes to refer to them. The Exeter report was interesting not only because it was on the official records of the local police but also because it had been verified by two officers whose character and reliability seemed to be unassailable. Furthermore, at least five people observed the object at altitudes ranging from twenty to one hundred feet.

The Exeter incident, which occurred on September 3, 1965, followed a rash of UFO sightings by state police, as well as radar observations, in Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, and New Mexico, reported by the *New York Times* and other papers in August. All through the night of August 1, for example, the teletype at Oklahoma Highway Patrol headquarters chattered with reports from all over the state. The phrases were terse: THREE SHAWNEE OFFICERS HAVE FOUR OF THE OBJECTS IN SIGHT AT THIS TIME, ALSO ANOTHER HAS CROPPED UP FROM THE SOUTH OF TECUMSEH AND IS APPARENTLY GOING TO FLY DIRECTLY OVER SHAWNEE.

OKLAHOMA HIGHWAY PATROL UNITS 30 AND 40 HAVE ALSO MADE VISUAL SIGHTINGS. TINKER AIR FORCE BASE HAS HAD FROM ONE TO FOUR OF THEM ON RADAR AT A TIME AND THEY ADVISE THEY ARE FLYING VERY HIGH AT APPROXIMATELY 22,000 FEET, WHICH SEEMS TO COINCIDE WITH THE VISUAL SIGHTINGS. . .

On the same night that the Exeter police watched their enormous object hover silently at treetop level not more than a football field's distance away, Chief Deputy Sheriff B. E. McCoy and Deputy Sheriff Robert E. Goode were patrolling an area in Texas about forty miles below Houston. Their patrol car was approached by a luminous object that came down from the sky to a pasture about 150 feet off the highway and about 100 feet in the air. In a report to the Air Force the deputies said: "The bulk of the object appeared to be dark gray in color with no other distinguishing features. It appeared to be 200 feet wide and 40-50 feet thick in the middle, tapering off toward both ends. There was no noise or any trail."

The report in this column of the Exeter sighting brought many letters from readers. P. S. Hensel of Cleveland wrote, "For the past sixteen years, especially,

thousands of sane human beings, just as sane as the many police officers and air plane pilots and scientists around the world, have been seeing these things. But to the Air Force they are hallucinations, flying stars, and planets. Dozens have seen UFOs of one type or another, many have faith in their fellow men so that they do not deem them liars and fools."

The column also interested the editors of *Look*, who asked us to do an extensive, detailed article on the incident at Exeter. G. P. Putnam, the publishers, also were interested in the incident for a book. As a result we had the opportunity to spend the better part of a month in the Exeter area, tape-recording more than sixty interviews with people who say they've encountered these objects and give accounts of their observations that coincide.

The total impact of these interviews, many with people of considerable standing in the community cannot be



overlooked or dismissed lightly. Their testimony adds up to these things:

- There is almost overwhelming evidence that Unidentified Flying Objects do exist. Reports are still continuing.

- UFOs have moved and hovered directly over cars and people, as low as eight to ten feet above the ground.

- They have been reported not only by police, but off the record by military personnel and Coast Guardsmen.

- They have shown no evidence whatever of creating physical harm, but they have caused shock and hysteria among those people who have encountered them at low level. One couple had to seek psychiatric help after reporting a close encounter with a UFO.

- At least four women, living in widely separated areas of southern New Hampshire, are afraid to go out at night alone since they encountered low-altitude UFOs, and refuse to do so. On the other hand, observers recover from initial shock quickly, and actually try to see them again.

- At low altitude the motion of the

UFO is often reported to consist of a yawing, kitelike motion, wobbling in the air, moving slowly back and forth, changing directions on a dime. There is usually a total absence of sound although sometimes a high-frequency hum is heard. No wind, of the kind experienced from helicopter blades, is reported by witnesses.

- The objects can hover motionless for many minutes, then take off at incredible speeds, disappearing within seconds.

- They are often reported to cast a brilliant red light at low altitude, which can illuminate the ground and towers in an area 300 feet in diameter or more.

- The objects are constantly reported in the area of high-power transmission lines.

- The objects are reported to cause a violent reaction in dogs, cattle, and other animals. Problems with lights, radios, TV, and car ignition are also reported.

- Among the sixty people whose interviews were taped, the similarities of descriptions are amazingly consistent although many lived miles apart and knew nothing about the other sightings.

- In the large majority of interviews, we were able to determine that the respondent had a reasonable capacity to differentiate between a B-47, B-52, commercial jet or prop plane, helicopter, and the stars and planets.

- Some sightings were made in broad daylight and were described in detail.

While these taped interviews may add up to strong evidence, they still do not represent conclusive proof. The National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena has documented thousands of sightings by trained personnel, providing impressive evidence. Speculation is that the government and the Air Force may be fully aware of the entire story but are reluctant to admit its validity because of its possible disruptive effect on people. But the truth isn't likely to remain hidden forever. In fact, many are wondering if it isn't time for the government either to explain whatever it knows, or to order a research project to investigate the phenomenon and reveal the facts.

—JOHN C. FOLEY

SOLUTION OF LAST WEEK'S
KINGSLY DOUBLE-CROSTIC (No. 1658)

DAVID GARNETT:
VIRGINIA WOOLF

As a young man, I was well aware of her avidity to find out my secret feelings, and of the ruthlessness with which she might use her knowledge, so if Mr. Albee had been born, to ask his question "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" I should have admitted that I was.

Widespread UFO Reports In Southern New Hampshire

KENSINGTON, N.H. — An unidentified flying object has been reported as being sighted by at least five persons, including two Exeter police officers, in a field off Route 150.

Early Friday morning, Norman J. Muscarello, 18, 205 1/2 Front St., Exeter, was walking on Route 150 in Kensington, near the residence of Carl Dining, when he said he saw a large, red object with flashing lights emerge from the woods in the rear of the Dining residence.

Muscarello, on being interviewed later, stated he was at first stunned and then he lay flat in the ditch until the hovering object had withdrawn. He then tried to rouse the nearby Clyde Russell household but was unsuccessful.

Muscarello flagged down a passing car and was taken to the Exeter Police station where he reported what he had seen to Officer Eugene Bertrand.

Bertrand returned to Kensington with the youth and they were joined shortly by Officer David Hunt. The trio walked down into the field towards the area Muscarello reported seeing the object materialize. Suddenly the brilliant red object rose slowly in the sky, they said.

Bertrand ran to the police cruiser and notified the desk officer. They said the mysterious object hovered in the vicinity for approximately 15 or 20 minutes before it disappeared from sight again. Muscarello said it appeared to be as big as a house and completely silent. It was reported to move on a tilted angle.

During the time the object was in sight the horses at the Dining farm caused considerable commotion and the dogs in the neighborhood were reported to bark and howl.

Kensington

Correspondent: Mrs. Parker R. Biedgott, 2840 NW Road, Tel. 179 1244.

Similar reports of other people sighting the object that same night came into the police station. The descriptions were essentially similar.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Russell reported seeing a large mysterious object at about 10 p.m. Friday as they were getting ready for bed. Their description of the object was a large red ball with flashing lights. They said it made no noise and was moving rather slowly.

Watchers were out for about five hours Saturday night but the unidentified flying object was not seen.

According to Exeter police two unidentified women were found in a state of near shock in a parked car on the Exeter-Hampton by-pass at 12:30 Friday morning.

Officer Bertrand said the women reported being chased along Route 101 from Epping for about 12 miles by a flying object which glowed with a brilliant halo of red.

The flying object was again sighted by one of the women as she related the story to police. Bertrand sighted the object and said it appeared to be a star low on the horizon.

Another sighting was reported by a police officer at 3:30 p.m. Friday at the intersection of Route 101 by-pass in Exeter and Route 87 in Newfields, N.H.

Also, an unidentified man telephoned Exeter police later Friday afternoon in what police described as an "hysterical" condition, reporting that he had been chased by a flying saucer. The line went dead before the call could be completed or traced.

Important New England Sighting

By Dan Lloyd

This account has been condensed from a copy of a report sent to the *FLYING SAUCER REVIEW* by the chairman of the Massachusetts NICAP sub-committee, RAYMOND E. FOWLER. The original of the report was sent to NICAP H.Q. at 1536 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C., 20036. A model of objective investigation, the report provides an interesting insight into the workings of NICAP. Unhappily it is too long for presentation here in its original form, but it is worthy of note that a version of the account, with due acknowledgements to Mr. Fowler, appeared in the *SUNDAY TELEGRAPH* of October 3, 1965.

THIS unusual sighting occurred near Exeter, New Hampshire, on September 3, 1965.

At approximately 12.30 a.m. on that date, Officer Eugene Bertrand of the Exeter Police Station came upon a woman parked on the Exeter-Hampton Bypass, who told him excitedly that she had been chased along Route 101 for 12 miles by a flying object which was encircled with a brilliant red glow. She said that the object had dived at her car several times.

Approximately half an hour after this event, eighteen-year-old Norman Muscarello was walking along Route 150 some two miles outside of Exeter trying to thumb a lift into town. Suddenly, he was alarmed to see an object carrying at least four extremely bright red pulsating lights emerge from nearby woods and manoeuvre over a nearby field. It hovered over a house belonging to Clyde Russell, then, as the frightened youth crouched down behind a stone wall bordering the field, it seemed to move closer towards him. Its lights were so bright that the Russell home was bathed in a red glow. The object appeared to be about 80-90 feet long—much longer than the house—and was completely silent. Then it moved away and disappeared behind some trees. Muscarello tried to wake the occupants of the Russell home by pounding on the door but, thinking the boy was drunk, they refused to open the door. Muscarello finally gave up and flagged a lift to the Exeter Police Station.

Muscarello reported the incident to Desk Officer Reginald Towland at about 1.45 a.m. He was white with fear and hardly able to talk. Officer Bertrand was recalled to the station, and he picked Muscarello up, and returned with him to the scene of the incident, but the object was nowhere to be seen. Officer Bertrand suggested they examine the field, and as the police officer was playing his flashlight back and forth, Muscarello sighted the object rising slowly from behind some nearby trees. He shouted a warning. Bertrand swung round and saw a large, dark object carrying a straight row of

four extraordinarily bright red pulsating lights coming into the field at tree-top level. It cleared a 70-foot tree and came to within 100 feet of them. Instinctively, Officer Bertrand reached for his revolver but, thinking better of it, yelled to Muscarello to take cover in the cruiser. They ran to the cruiser, where Bertrand immediately put in a radio call to headquarters for assistance. Officer David R. Hunt arrived within minutes and, together, they observed the object move away beyond and below the tree line.

Altogether, the object was in view for some 10 minutes by Officer Bertrand and Norman Muscarello, and about 5 minutes by Officer Hunt when he joined them.

Pulsating Lights

The four brilliant pulsating red lights appeared to flash in a steady sequence from left to right and back again. Officer Bertrand said they were brighter than any light he had ever seen and compared their brightness to that of car headlights shining directly in one's face at a distance of only several yards. The manner in which they pulsed gave Bertrand the distinct impression that this was an intelligently-constructed vehicle and definitely not some natural phenomenon. The lights were seen to be part of a large, dark, solid object, and the reflection off the object's body caused a halo effect around it.

No sound was heard by the witnesses, even at close range, but apparently the animals in a nearby barn sensed something that frightened them, for they whinnied and kicked their stalls. A dog barked furiously. No interference was noticed on the police radio nor were the lights and ignition of the cruiser affected. The field contained no scorched marks or indentations.

To add to the excitement, an unidentified hysterical man tried to call the police during the early hours of the morning to report a UFO. He dialled the operator and excitedly asked to be put through to the police as he had been chased by a

13 Friend Court
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October 29, 1965

MASTON M. JACKS
Major, USAF
Chief, Pictorial Branch
Public Information Division
Office of Information

SAF-OIPB
DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
Office of the Secretary
United States Air Force
Washington, D.C. 20330

Dear Major Jacks:

This is a formal enquiry concerning the official USAF evaluation of the detailed UFO Report I submitted to AFSC-FTD/Project Bluebook last month. My investigation and subsequent report took place shortly after the official USAF Investigating Team from Pease AFB made their investigation.

The UFO sighting took place between the Clyde Russell and Carl Dining properties along Route #150 in Kensington, N.H. on September 3, 1965 in the early hours of the morning. The witnesses were Norman Muscarello and Officers Bertram and Hunt of the Exeter, N.H. police force.

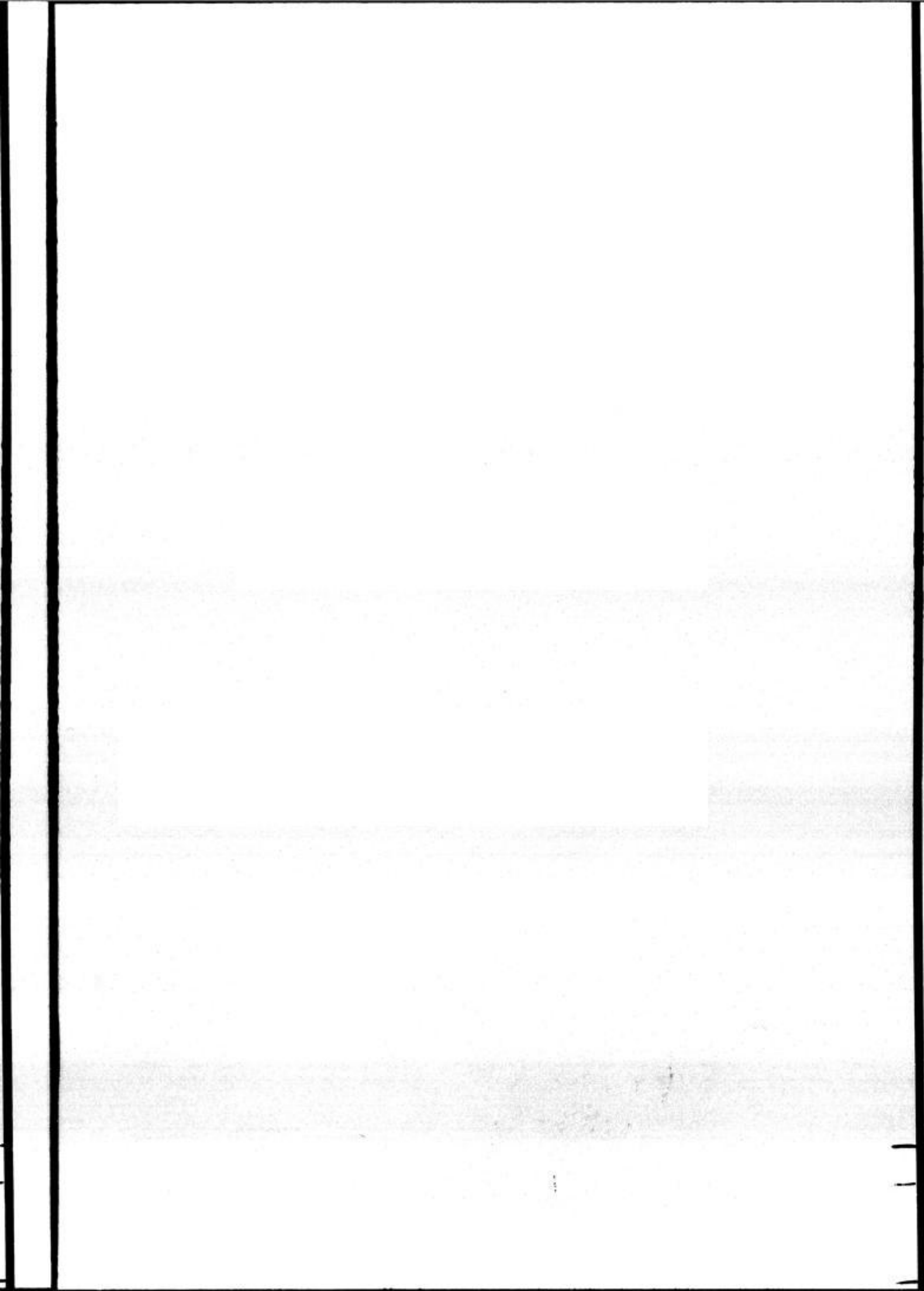
In 1964 I customarily received correspondence from your office in response to UFO reports submitted to the USAF for evaluation. This was appreciated. I have submitted many reports since but have not received any response. This is understandable due to the many reports received by the USAF and I do not expect such a service on your part normally, but, I did spend a great deal of time and thought on the Kensington, N.H. report and would appreciate your sending the official USAF evaluation of the same as-soon-as-possible. I understand the evaluation has been made.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. I look forward to hearing from your office soon.

Sincerely,

Raymond E. Fowler
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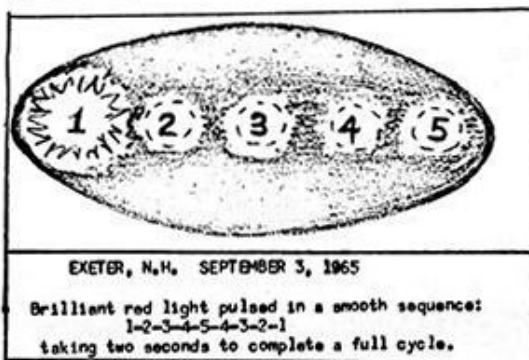
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"He was white with fear and hardly able to talk," Desk Officer Reginald Toland said later. Muscarello told Toland and Officer Bertrand the story, and though it seemed incredible, Bertrand drove him back to the scene in his police cruiser.

Muscarello and the officer walked into the field where the UFO had been seen. At first, nothing was visible. Then as Bertrand pointed his flashlight around Muscarello shouted, and Bertrand swung around in time to see a large dark object displaying "a straight row of extraordinarily bright red pulsating lights." The UFO, coming into the field at tree-top level, changed course and flew toward them, just clearing a 60-70 foot tree.

Bertrand reached for his revolver, then thought better of it. Shouting for Muscarello to take cover in the car, he also jumped into the cruiser, fearing they might be burned by the blinding red lights closing in.

As Bertrand radioed for help, he and Muscarello heard a dog barking furiously and horses in a nearby barn whinnying and kicking their stalls.



The sequence in which the five lights pulsed -- 1-2-3-4-5-4-3-2-1 -- gave Officer Bertrand the impression that the UFO was "an intelligently constructed vehicle." The brilliance of the lights created a halo effect; and at close range they were so blinding he could not look directly at them.

But even though he could not see clearly behind the lights, their reflection from the UFO's body indicated a "large, dark, solid object as big as a house... It seemed compressed as if it were round or egg-shaped, with definitely no protrusions like wings, rudder or stabilizer."

Officer David R. Hunt arrived from Exeter in time to view the UFO for about six minutes. By then it was moving away slowly, but he saw red lights pulsating in sequence "brighter than headlights at close range."

Moving on a westward course, the UFO disappeared below the tree line.

That night, Exeter police notified Pease AFB, and next day an AF major and a lieutenant interrogated the witnesses. Shortly afterward, NICAP Investigator Raymond Fowler also interviewed the policemen. They told him the AF officers showed special interest in the size and shape of the object. The policemen also said the AF men told them:

1. A USAF check revealed no aircraft in the area during the sighting. 2. Pease AFB had been receiving other UFO reports in the New Hampshire area almost nightly for the previous week. 3. There had been a case in late July where a motorist came upon a UFO hovering over the road directly in front of his car.

Most interesting of all, the police said the AF officers asked them to keep the story from the press to avoid frightening the public. But the details were already on the police blotter, and it was too late for secrecy.

Besides the witnesses, Investigator Fowler talked with several area residents. Most of them seemed more curious than frightened—but they had not had close-range encounters.

Later, the influential Saturday Review published details of this case after NICAP discussed it with John G. Fuller, writer of the

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Review's "Trade Winds" column. After a careful check with the Exeter police, Investigator Fowler and Pease AFB, Fuller wrote a serious report, including a new statement by Officer Bertrand: "My brain kept telling me this doesn't happen—but there it was, right in front of my eyes... it hovered there, about 100 feet away... I don't know what it was. All I can say is that it was there, and three of us saw it together."

(Mr. Fuller's report, crediting NICAP, appeared in the Oct. 2 issue of the Saturday Review.)

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silence of the thing."

Further confirmation came from the testimony of Mrs. Clyde Russell, near whose home the Muscarello sighting was made. She told how, on the evening of September 2nd, between 9:30 and 10 p.m., she watched a brilliant red object about the size of a full moon cross the sky over her home and disappear in the distance. This was about four hours previous to the sighting by young Muscarello in the same area.

Also, shortly before Muscarello's arrival at the Exeter police station, Officer Bertrand talked to two women parked in an automobile on Route 101, just out of town. Bertrand asked the ladies if they needed help, and the driver told him that, as she was driving from nearby Epping, N.H., a flying object had circled her car, giving off a brilliant red glow. She went on to say that it dived at her car several times before departing. Unfortunately, Bertrand did not take the names of these women, so they cannot be reached to add their evidence to the already impressive file we now have on the mysterious Exeter Case.

The two police officers and several other people were questioned by Air Force officers from Pease Air Force Base. The policemen were asked to keep the incident from the press, so as to "avoid alarming the local people." But it was too late, as several reporters already had the story. There was a rumor that an Air Force officer went to stores selling the Manchester (N.H.) Union Leader - containing the story - and bought up all the copies. This rumor was of course denied.

A phone call by SAUCER NEWS to the Air Force UFO spokesman at the Pentagon revealed that the sighting by the two policemen is carried on their books as an UNKNOWN.

Our thanks to researcher Nellie Robinson of Salem, Massachusetts, for the above drawing, as well as for most of the information in this article.

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UFOs PANIC POLICE, MOTORISTS

In the last few months, there has been a disturbing increase in public fear of UFOs. Suddenly confronted with these strange objects, veteran policemen -- formerly skeptics -- have panicked and fled. In one case Texas police frankly told the AF they had raced away, badly frightened, at over 100 m.p.h. (Copy of report to AF in NICAP files.) In other verified cases, women motorists were found in a state of shock. . . a truck driver was terrified when a UFO came at him head-on . . . and other observers, here and abroad, were alarmed by UFO encounters, especially at close range.

We do not wish to add to the fear of UFOs, but the causes mentioned are already known locally. If such cases continue, and are not offset by publicizing the thousands of harmless encounters, it could seriously add to the problem of educating the public.

A case at Exeter, N.H., Sept. 3, is a typical example of fear caused by a closely approaching UFO. Around 12:30 a.m., Exeter police, investigating a car parked by a highway, found two women in a state of near shock. The driver told Officer Eugene Bertrand they had been chased 12 miles by a flying object with a brilliant red glow. Not seeing any strange object, Bertrand reassured the women and drove off.

Pulsating Lights

Half an hour later, Norman J. Muscarello, 18-year-old Exeter youth, was walking along Route 150 when a strange, red-lighted object came over some nearby trees. The almost blinding red glow came from five extremely bright lights, which pulsed in sequence.

Frightened, Muscarello crouched behind a stone wall. The UFO stopped and hovered just above a house owned by Clyde Russell, of Kensington. Muscarello could see it was larger than the house -- at least 80-90 feet long. After the UFO silently moved back over the trees, Muscarello ran to the Russell home and pounded on the door. But the Russells, thinking it was a drunk, refused to open the door.

About 1:45, Muscarello reached the Exeter Police Station, two miles from the sighting spot.

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Mabley's Report:

Do We Have Visitors from Outer Space?

BY JACK MABLEY

WILLARD LIBBY, Nobel prize winner, former University of Chicago professor, now at the University of California at Los Angeles, states in the September Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists that life "in all probability occurs widely in other stellar systems."

He suggests life on other planets may be millions of years more advanced than that on Earth. Later I want to do a whole column on Dr. Libby's lucid explanation of man's place in the physical universe.

The reference to Dr. Libby today is to lend some weight to the idea that there is life out there, and with a million-year jump on us in developing intelligence, they just might be visiting us. We sent a flying saucer to Mars.

Northwestern's Dr. Allen J. Hynek, air force consultant on unidentified flying objects, says people like to see things. I'll go Dr. Hynek one step farther. People like to believe things. I find it fascinating to believe there probably are space ships flying close to earth.



JACK MABLEY

EARLY IN SEPTEMBER, an unidentified flying object was reported at Exeter, N. H. John Fuller, a columnist in *The Saturday Review*, was curious enough to follow up the report. He pieced together this story:

Policeman Eugene Bertrand, on routine patrol shortly after midnight Sept. 3, pulled up beside a parked car on Route 101 and found two women visibly disturbed.

They said an airborne object, bright red and flashing, trailed them for nearly 12 miles. Bertrand, a Korean war veteran, was skeptical. He made a routine radio report, and continued his patrol.

At 2 a. m., Norman Muscarello, 18, ran into the Exeter police station in near hysterics. He said he was hitchhiking home, looked up, and saw a similar object approaching him with a yawning kitelike motion. The object lighted the entire area. He threw himself against a stone wall, then ran to a farmhouse when the object sailed out of sight. After the police took his story, the desk sergeant radioed Officer Bertrand and asked him to take Norman Muscarello back to the spot.

OFFICER BERTRAND SAYS: "I was sure these women and this kid had seen a helicopter, or something like that. But we went out to the spot, and I parked the cruiser. It was a clear night. No wind. No fog. We walked about 100 yards out on the field, near a barn where a lot of horses were kept. Then the kid yelled, 'There it is!'"

"He was right. It was coming up over a row of trees. There was no noise at all. It was about 100 feet away from us. I could see five bright red lights in a straight row. They dimmed from right to left, and then from left to right—just like an advertising sign does."

"It lit up everything around us. But it was silent. The horses started kicking and making an awful fuss, and the dogs in the farm started barking."

"The kid froze in his tracks, and I grabbed him and pulled him toward the police car. I reached for my revolver and then thought better of it. Then Officer David Hunt arrived in another patrol car."

"WE SAT THERE AND LOOKED at it for at least 10 minutes. My brain kept telling me that this doesn't happen—but it was, right in front of my eyes."

"There was no tail, no wings, and again, no SOUND. It hovered there, still about 100 feet away, sort of floated and wobbled. I don't know what it was. All I can say is that it was there, and three of us saw it together."

Newspaper people and town officials vouch for the reliability of the two policemen. Lt. Cottrell, their superior, said if he didn't believe the policemen he'd put them in a locked room "and give 'em blocks to play with."

"But the whole story is on the police blotter," said the lieutenant. "If I had seen that thing and I was all alone, nobody else would have ever heard about it."

No Case, Information Only
Source: Saucer News, Vol. 12, No. 4
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Exeter., New Hampshire
3 Sep 65

CLOSE SIGHTING BY POLICE AND OTHERS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE: Among several extraordinary saucer sightings in New Hampshire in early September, is one that occurred on the 3rd, witnessed by a man named Norman Muscarello from the town of Exeter. Muscarello arrived at midnight at the local police station, with a hair-raising story of having been chased by a flying object as he was hitchhiking along a nearby highway. He told the desk officer that as he walked along the road, a large brilliant object at low altitude began making passes at an adjacent field. He crouched in a ditch while the UFO, which was so brilliantly red that its shape could not be determined, made closer passes as if searching for him. Shortly thereafter the object disappeared as quickly as it had appeared.

Patrolman Bertrand of the Exeter police station returned with Muscarello to the spot. In most such cases, the story concludes with the policeman having seen nothing to corroborate the original story. The ending of this case is quite different, however. Officer Bertrand suggested that they walk into the field where the UFO had last been seen. There they were joined by another police officer named David Hunt, who had driven separately to the scene. Suddenly, from behind a stand of trees in the black of the night, a huge blinding glow of light appeared. It traveled slowly and wavered slightly from side to side. The group was stunned by the blinding red light as the UFO moved toward them across the field. Bertrand made a move toward his service revolver, but then thought better of it. All three men then ran toward the police cruisers.

When questioned on the size of the object, Officer Bertrand estimated it to be "about the size of a house." He said that there was a complete absence of sound, except for the noise from a nearby farm, where the animals were panicked by the low-flying object and its weird red glow. The horses were making a tremendous commotion and kicking at the walls of their stalls, according to the witnesses.

EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
3 Sep 1965

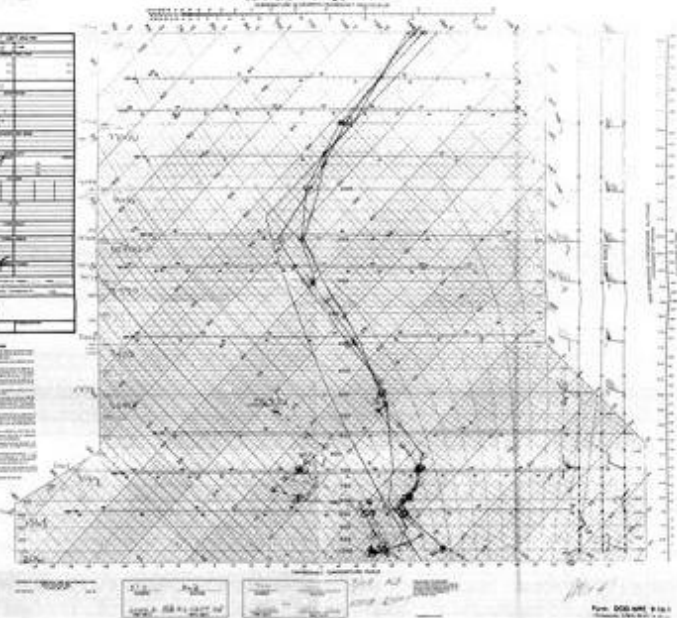
The sighting was made on the morning of 3 September 1965. Initial investigation was made by officers from Pease AFB, New Hampshire following wide spread publicity in the local newspapers from the New Hampshire area. Information received in the initial report regarding description of the object and newspaper coverage was not sufficient for a firm evaluation of the sighting. The general description of flashing lights is consistent with previous reports of aircraft, refueling operations or low level photographic missions using infra-red lights. On 28 September an investigation attempting to place a specific aircraft of these types over Exeter was made. Results of this investigation indicated that an 8th Air Force operation "Big Blast" was conducted in the New England area and B-47 aircraft from Pease AFB were also involved in the operation. Letters were written to Patrolmen Bertrand and Hunt and to the Hqs 8th Air Force at Westover AFB. (A reply from the 8th Air Force indicated that ten B-47 aircraft landed at Pease AFB between 0045 and 0135 local time.) The major portion of the sighting occurred subsequent to two a.m. Articles in the Saturday Review of Literature, January 1966 issue and the Look magazine, February 1966 issue, further stimulated public interest in this particular sighting. After consultation with project consultant, Dr. J. Allen Hynek of Northwestern University, a telephone call was made to Lt. Brandt at Pease AFB requesting that the B-47 pilots be interrogated regarding unusual observations and also to determine if infra-red photography was being conducted in the area. A Twx received on 11 February 1966 indicated that no unusual sightings were made by crews during the time period of the unidentified flying object report. His statement regarding night photography is inconclusive.

Both articles from the Saturday Review and Look Magazine are authored by John C. Fuller. The article is essentially factual, however, it is apparent that poetic license and a flair for the sensational has been incorporated into the articles. The only report, submitted to the Air Force for evaluation, is the observation made by the police officers and Muscarello. The other reports, contained in the Look article, have never been reported to the Air Force. Analysis of the report indicates that it is possible for aircraft

of a conventional type with rotating beacons or aircraft utilizing infra-red lights in photographic missions to have been the cause of this sighting. Since we have been unable at this time to identify a specific aircraft as the cause of the sighting, the case is regarded for statistical purposes as unidentified. There was no indication that the object presented any evidence whatsoever, of scientific or technical development beyond the present state-of-the-art. There is a total lack of evidence to indicate that the sighting could not have been caused by conventional aircraft.

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3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION [REDACTED] UNIDENTIFIED.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS See Case File. Object at 5 deg elevation 240 deg azimuth. Disappearance by shooting up 90 degrees into the air. Purple color.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 - 10 Minutes	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Stationary	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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MARS	14.24.20	$\nearrow$ 1.3	Set
JUPITER	5.51.04	- 1.8	Not Up
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LOOKING SOUTH (150°) ON
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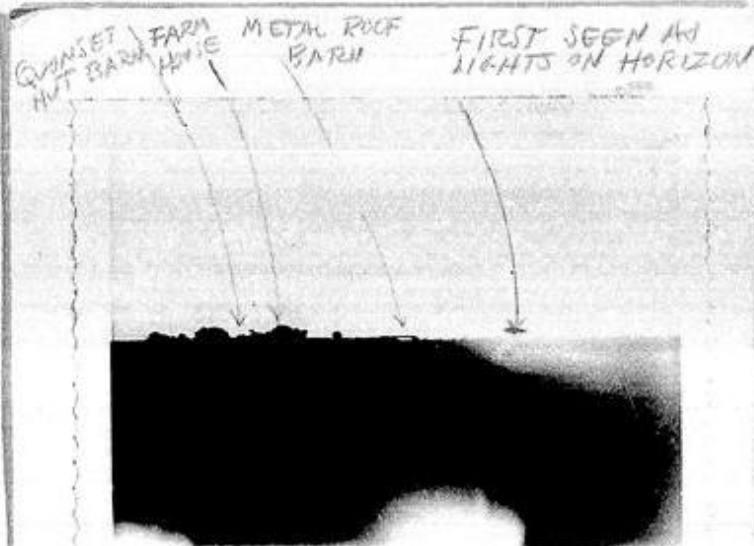
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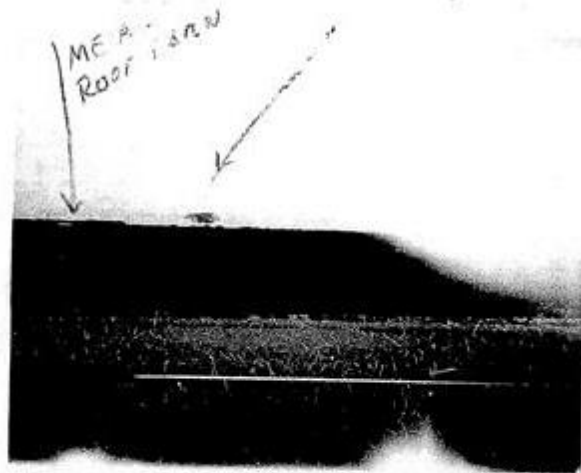


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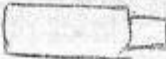
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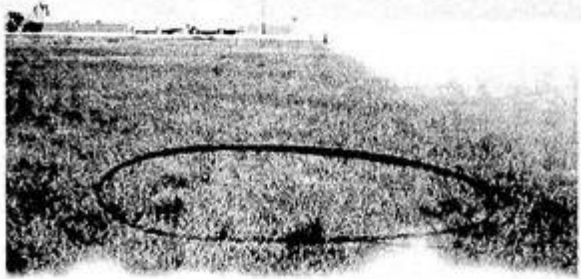


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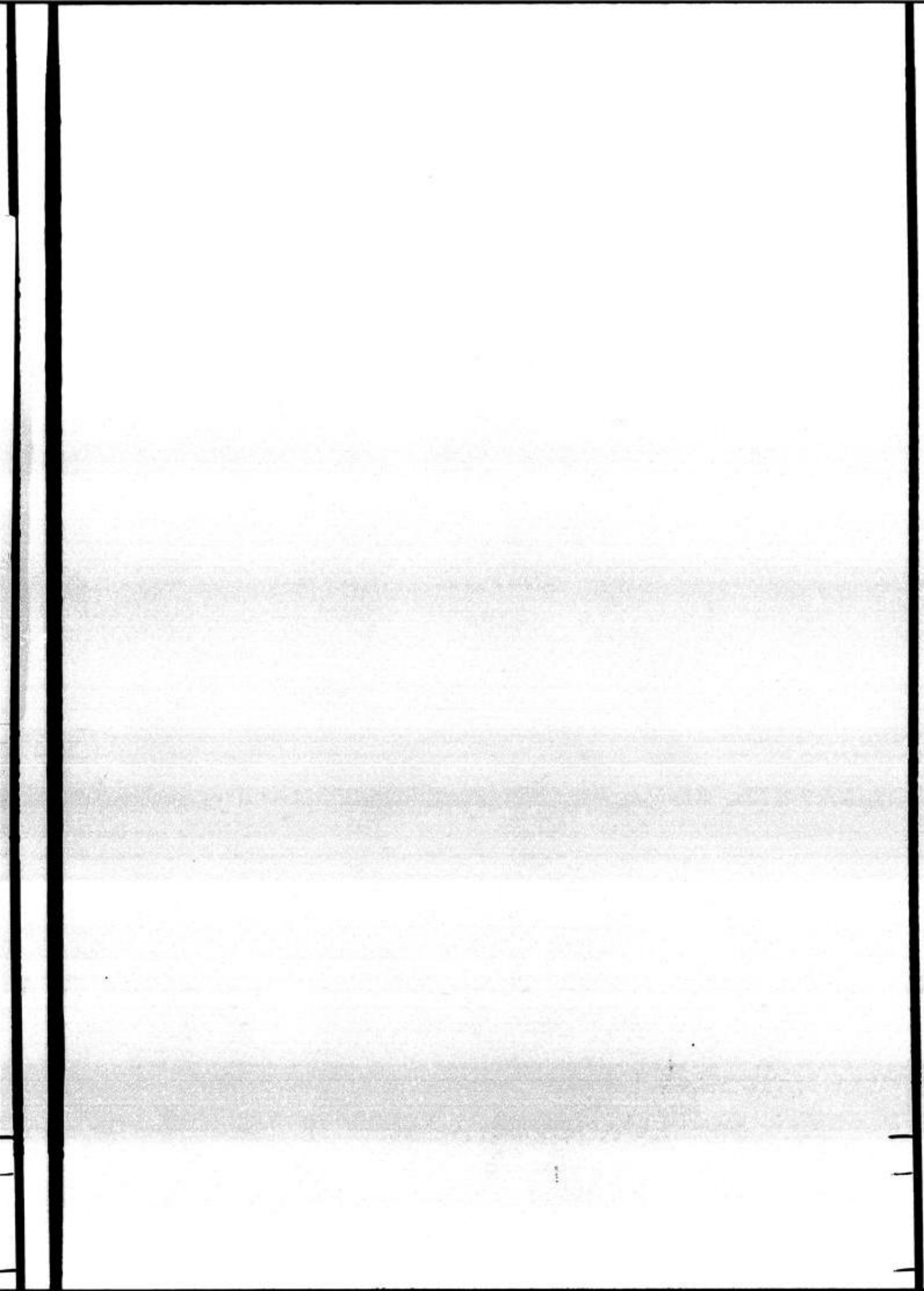
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TAKEN FROM FIELD WHERE OBJECT HOVERED



UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS - BRAZOSPORT FACTS - REPORTS

- 9/6/65 Ch. Deputy Billy E. McCoy, 38) 11:00 P. M. Friday - 2-3 miles
Deputy Bob Goode, 50) south of Damon on Hwy. 36.
Sighted object - 200' across and 50' thick.
- 9/9/65 Investigation of above by Maj. L. R. Leach, Jr. and assistant on
9/8/65 - Ellington Air Force Base team. Information to be for-
warded to Wright - Patterson Air Force Base - Dayton, Ohio.
- 9/15/65 Jim Wilson & Earl Cadenhead - Oddly colored spots were seen against
white clouds at noon on 9/14/65 in Freeport, Texas.
- Mrs. J. C. McCutcheon and neighbors - 1725 W. 7th St. - Freeport,
Texas - reported objects with a brilliant white glow early at
night lately.
- Patrolman James Spykes and Don and Shirley McKelvey - 119
Oleander Street - Lake Jackson, Texas - observed UFO for
about 10 minutes around 11:00 P. M. It kept changing colors from
red, white, green and yellow.
- 9/20/65 Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Calhoun - Jones Creek and five other persons -
Black Ferry Area of San Bernard River - UFO sighted about 8:00 -
8:30 P. M., Saturday, 9/18/65. Distant object - bright light
changed color - erratic movement.
- 10/12/65 James D. MacLaren II, 16 - Rt. 1, Brazoria - with 4 school mates -
Saturday night, 10/8/65 - at Stratton, near County line - crossing
Cedar Lane Bridge - object was 1 - 2 miles away - flickering white
and orange light - 500/1100' in air. They watched five minutes,
drove toward it - when they started toward it, it began moving
and sped away.

Mrs Hunt/Maj Freeman/sh/SAFOICC/72842

OCT 28 1965

Dear Mr. Griswold:

Thanks for your letter requesting information on unidentified flying objects; it is a change from the nature of our past dealings.

The investigation of unidentified flying objects reported in the skies over the United States is the responsibility of the Air Force, and information on the project is my responsibility. You wrote to the right man!

The name of the UFO project is Blue Book, and I am enclosing a report on it for your information. You will note from the report that we have investigated these phenomena for 18 years and have checked over 9000 reports. The evidence has proved almost conclusively that reported aerial phenomena have been objects either created and sent aloft by man, generated by atmospheric conditions, or caused by celestial bodies or the residue of meteoric activity.

Of the five incidents mentioned in your letter, only one was reported to the Air Force. (Individuals outside the Air Force may choose not to report to us.) This incident occurred in Dumas, Texas, on 3 September 1965. Our investigation office at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, evaluated the report as distortion due to refraction of the star Antares. A temperature inversion in that area at the time of the sighting probably caused this.

The Air Force will continue to investigate all reports of unusual aerial phenomena over the United States. The evaluations and conclusions reached by the Air Force are released to the public through news media and to individuals upon request.

I hope this is satisfactory and am sorry that I can't shed any light on "sighting" not reported to us.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM H. HUNTLEY
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Community Relations Division
Office of Information

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Project Blue Book Report

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October 14, 1965

Col. William H. Huntley, Jr.
U. S. Air Force
Community Relations Division
Office of Information
Department of the Air Force
Washington, D. C.

Dear Col. Huntley:

Please let me use this means to advise you of our appreciation of the greatly diminished frequency of sonic booms in the Midland area. We have only experienced one or two since our correspondence with Secretary Zuckert. Your assistance in securing this relief has been greatly appreciated, and we sincerely hope that we will not have a reoccurrence of the repetitive sonic booming.

As a matter of interest to me, I became aware of the recent number of unidentified flying objects sighted in the Freeport, Texas area recently. Some five incidents were reported through the local paper, the Brazosport Facts, September 6, 9, 15 and 20, and October 12. A very brief resume of these articles is attached. You will note that an Ellington Air Force based team, Maj. L. R. Leach, Jr., and assistant, did, on September 8, 1965, investigate the first sighting.

My reason for relating all this to you, realizing that you probably are not the appropriate government contact, but being a contact with whom I am acquainted, is that following these area sightings, articles in TRUE Magazine in January, 1965, and October, 1965, were called to my attention. The first article, "U. S. Air Force Censorship of UFO Sightings", by Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe, U. S. MC, retired, and the second article in October, 1965, issue, "A New Look at Saucer Mysteries", by Jacques Vallee, both appear quite plausible and lead one to question the apparent minimization of the phenomena.

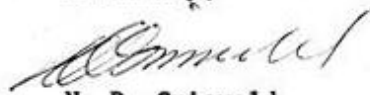
Col. William H. Huntley, Jr.
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October 14, 1965

It would seem to me, I hope an unbiased individual who has not seen a UFO, that sympathetic publicity and solicitation of observation of UFO's might be very desirable.

I would appreciate a comment on this from you, if you are in a position to make such comment, or advise as to whom I might communicate my concern, aroused by these two articles, about the UFO sightings here in Freeport.

Again, let me express my appreciation for the assistance you afforded us.

Sincerely,

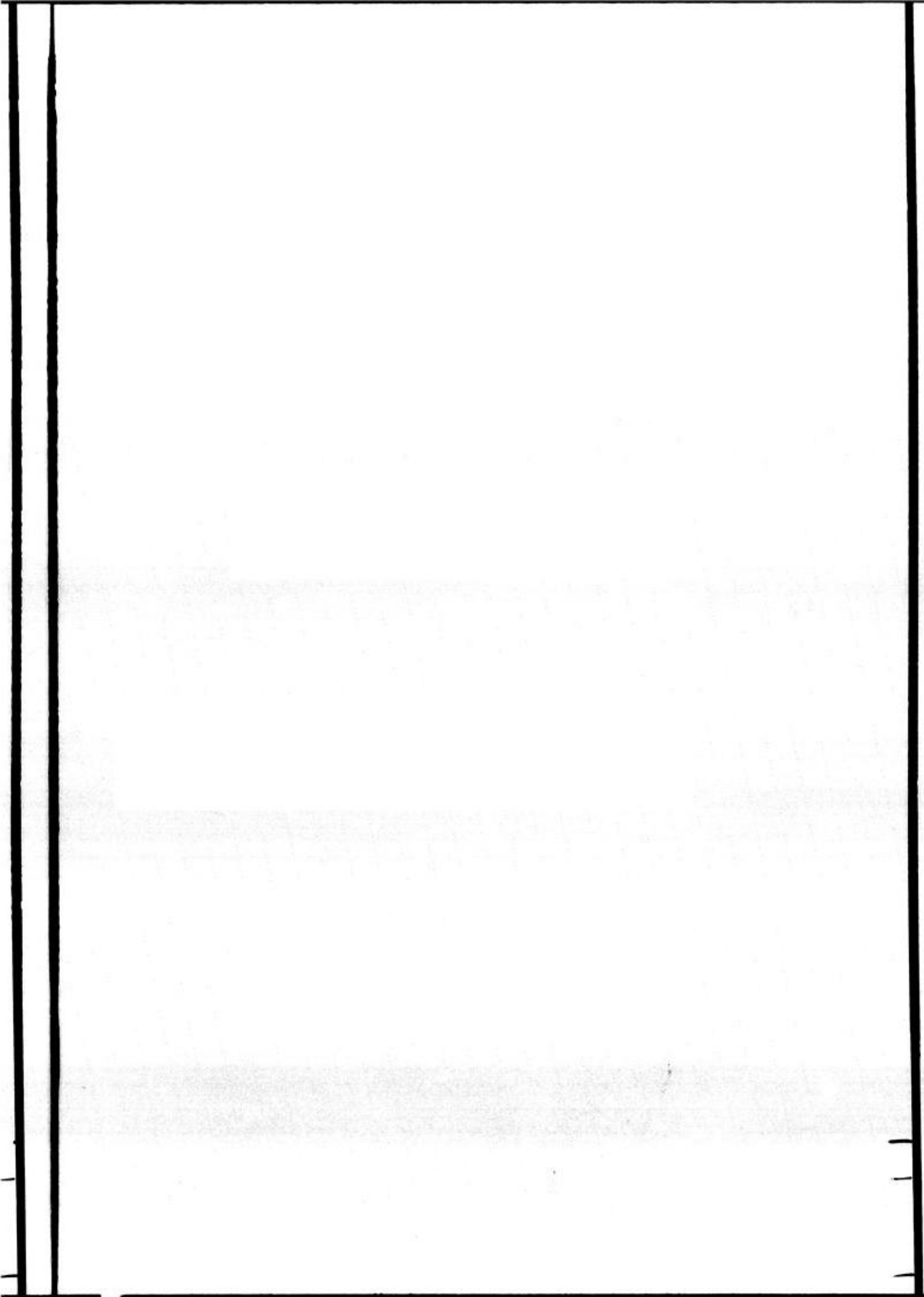


N. D. Griswold

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Enclosure

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Freeport



STATEMENT OF DEPUTY SHERIFF BILLY E. MCCOY

Deputy Sheriff Goode and I were driving south on Highway 36 from Damon, Texas, toward West Columbia at about 11:00 p.m. on Friday, September 3, 1965. When we were about two or three miles south of Damon, I saw a very bright purple light stationary on the horizon about 5-6 miles away and southwest of our position. After a few seconds a smaller blue light appeared out of the larger purple light and traveled to the right of the purple light, poising momentarily in two distinct positions before becoming stationary. The lights then floated upwards to an angle about 5-10° above the horizon. They remained at a distance of 5-6 miles and we were unable to distinguish any other features other than the two bright lights. We turned the car around and Deputy Sheriff Goode looked at the lights through binoculars. We decided to investigate further and headed back toward Damon to look for a back road to take us nearer the lights. After traveling about 3/4 of a mile on Highway 36, we slowed down, Goode had his window open (rolled down) and looked through the binoculars again and the lights appeared to still be in the same position. We slowed down to almost a stop off the edge of the highway and while watching the lights they started coming toward us at a rapid speed. The object came up to the pasture next to the highway about 150 feet off the highway and about 100 feet high. The bulk of the object was plainly visible at this time and appeared to be triangular shaped with a bright purple light on the left end and the smaller, less bright, blue light on the right end. The bulk of the object appeared to be dark gray in color with no other distinguishing features. It appeared to be about 200' wide and 40-50 feet thick in the middle, tapering off toward both ends. There was no noise or any trail. The bright purple light illuminated the ground directly underneath it and the area in front of it, including the highway and the interior of our patrol car. The tall grass under the object did not appear to be disturbed. There was a bright moon out and it cast a shadow of the object on the ground immediately below it in the grass. Deputy Sheriff Goode was in the driver's seat with his left arm laying in the open window. Although he was wearing a long sleeved shirt and a coat, he later said that he felt the heat apparently emanating from the object. We immediately put the car in motion and headed toward Damon as fast as we could go. While traveling at speeds up to 110 mph, toward Damon, I continued to watch the object out of the back window of the car. It appeared to remain in the same position for approximately ten seconds and then move off in the direction where we first saw it at a very high speed. There was no noise. While it was in motion the smaller blue light on the right side disappeared entirely and the larger purple light became smaller but retained its brilliance apparently caused by its movement away from us. After arriving at approximately its original position, it went straight up in the air and disappeared at 25-30° above the horizon.

When we got to Damon, we drove slowly through the town, discussed what we saw, and decided to go back to the area and see if the object was still there. We were both scared but still wanted to find out what it was. We decided to take the old Damon-West Columbia road which would put us closer to the area where we first saw it. However, we traveled the full length of this road until we turned off to go back on Highway 36 and we didn't see anything.

We headed back toward Damon on Highway 36 and when we got to the area where we first saw the bright lights we again saw the bright purple light on the horizon and the smaller blue light again appeared out of the larger purple light. After the blue light moved exactly like it did the first time and became stationary the lights floated in the air at about 8-10°. We decided to leave the area because we figured that the object would start coming towards us again.

We returned to West Columbia and told the City Judge of West Columbia, Jim Scott, about what we saw. Jim and his family went over to the area and remained for about an hour and a half but they didn't see anything.

I returned to the area the following 3 nights at approximately the same time and have not seen anything like what we saw the first night. I have been unable to come up with any plausible explanation of our sightings. There are no ground lights in this area which would cause a reflection. I am positive that the object was not any type of aircraft that I know to exist and I have never seen anything like it before.

I have been a Brasoria County Deputy Sheriff for 11 years and now occupy the position of Chief Deputy Sheriff. I am 38 years old. Deputy Sheriff Goode has been with the department for 10 years and is 50 years old. Neither of us had anything to drink on the night we saw the lights and the object. We were working the football game at Sweeney on this night.

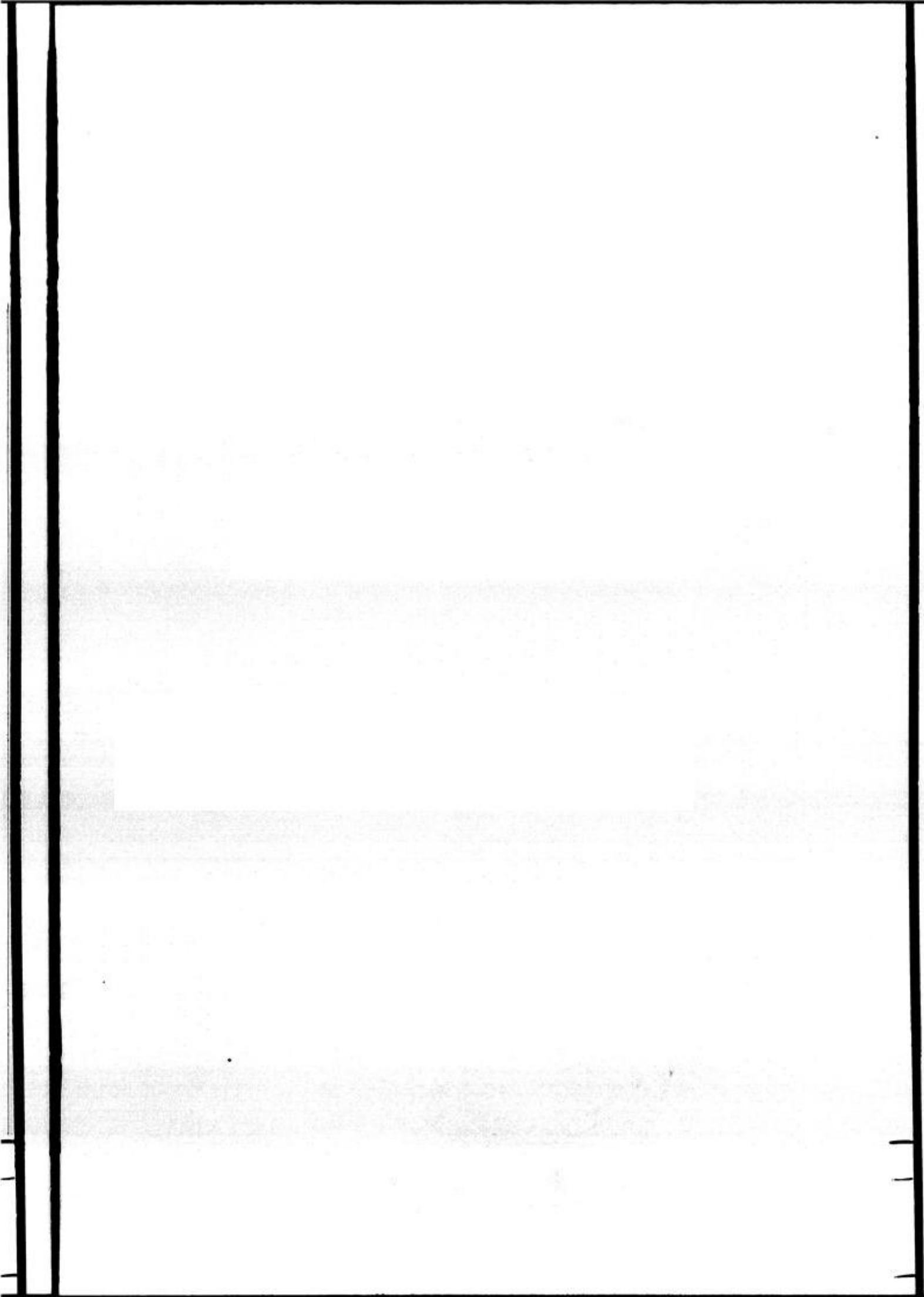
The area where we saw the object is in Goode's area of responsibility and we were on patrol duty. The night was clear and there were no clouds or haze. There were some spots of ground fog but not in the area where we saw the object.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Billy E. McCoy
Deputy Sheriff Robert W. Goode
Box 579, Angleton, Texas

Statement taken by:

Major Laurence R. Leach, Jr.
2578 Air Base Squadron
Ellington AFB, Texas

8 Sept 65



DAMON, TEXAS

3 SEPTEMBER 1965

Two Deputy Sheriffs were driving south on Highway 36 from Damon, Texas, toward West Columbia at approximately 2300 on Friday, 3 September 1965. About three miles south of Damon, a very bright purple light, that was stationary on the horizon about five to six miles away and southwest of their position was noted. After a few seconds a smaller blue light appeared out of the larger purple light and traveled to the right of the original purple light, stopping momentarily in two distinct positions before becoming stationary. The lights then floated upwards to an angle about $5 - 10^\circ$ above the horizon. The objects remained at a distance of five to six miles and the observers were unable to distinguish any other features other than the two bright lights. The car was turned around and attempts were made to get closer to the lights. At one time binoculars were used to view object. After traveling about $3/4$ of a mile down Highway 36, the observers slowed down, and again the lights were viewed through binoculars. The observers slowed down to almost a stop, off the edge of the highway, and while watching the lights, they started coming toward the witness at a rapid speed. The object came up to the pasture next to the highway, about 150 feet off the highway and about 100 feet high. The bulk of the object was plainly visible at this time and appeared to be triangular shaped with a bright purple light on the left end and the smaller, less bright, blue light on the right end. The bulk of the object appeared to be dark gray in color with no other distinguishing features. The object appeared to be approximately 200' wide and 40 - 50' thick in the middle, tapering off toward both ends. There was no noise nor any kind of trail. The bright light illuminated the ground directly underneath it and the area in front of it, including the highway and the interior of the patrol car. One observer stated he felt heat that was apparently emanating from the object. As the observers headed back toward Damon, one observer continued to watch the object out of the back window of the car. It appeared to remain in the same position for approximately ten seconds, and then move off in the direction where they first saw it at a very high speed. While it was in motion the smaller blue light on the right side disappeared entirely and the larger purple light became smaller but retained its brilliance apparently caused by its movement away from them. After arriving at approximately its original position, it went straight up in the air and disappeared at $25 - 30^\circ$ above the horizon.

After leaving the scene the observers returned to the same area and again saw the bright purple light on the horizon and the smaller blue light again appeared out of the larger purple light. After the blue light moved exactly like it did the first time and became stationary, the lights floated in the air at about $8 - 10^\circ$. Observers left the scene because they figured that the object would start moving towards them again.

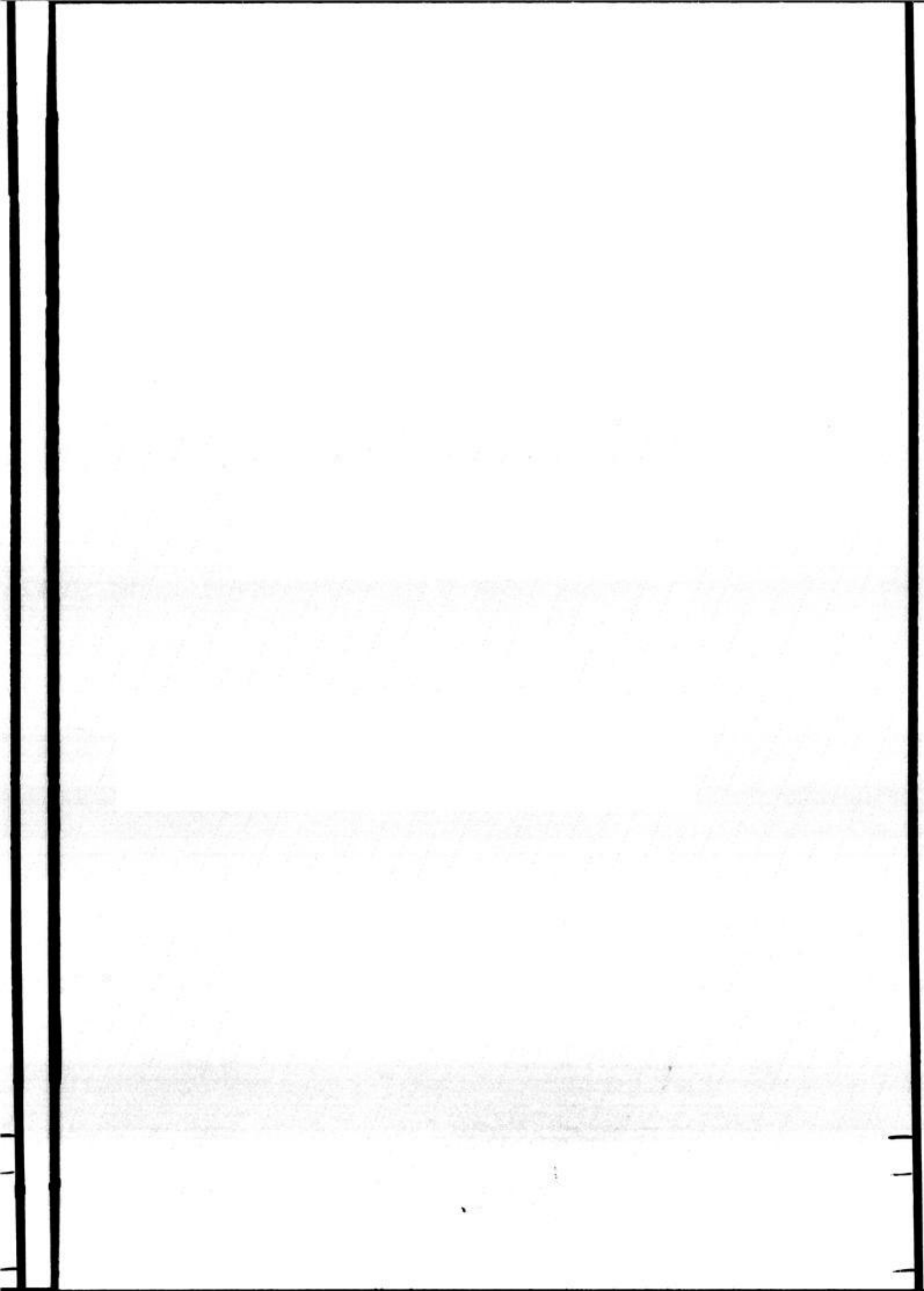
COMMENTS

At the time of the sighting Antares, with a stellar magnitude of $+1.2$, was

setting at 240 degrees azimuth. There was a surface radiation inversion during this period from the ground to 300 feet, and a very strong inversion between 8,000 and 10,500 feet. This inversion was strong enough to cause radar refraction. As Antares was setting this inversion between 8,000 and 10,500 feet could have caused a distortion of Antares.

Houston Air Traffic Control reported no IFR traffic in the area at the time of the sighting. They had no records of VFR traffic. Houston radar records indicated no UFO or unusual sightings during the period in question.

The fact that the object disappeared by shooting up 90 degrees into the air makes this case unidentified since such an abrupt change in position prevents an astronomical explanation.



UAO PURSUES POLICE

(their car engine was running), no change in the lights and no visible trail. The purple light seemed more brilliant as it approached, the distance between the two lights appeared to be 200 feet (based on object's length in relation to telephone poles along the highway and their distance from each other). The height of the object appeared to be 40-50 feet. (See sketch). The width and depth from "front" to "back" was undeterminable. See sketch for shape. The color of the object between the two lights was gray, material indeterminable, and there were no markings, that is, no letters, numerals, signs, windows, portholes, doors, wheels, antennas or protrusions.

The "purple light" on the "left", was rectangular in shape (see sketch), 40 to 50 feet in height. McCoy emphasized this light appeared to be same height as that of object at center. McCoy saw this light as constantly pulsating purple of the brilliance of a welder's light, but purple instead of blue. To Goode this light appeared to be a mass of small flashing lights. Blue light on object's "right", was definitely less prominent in size and brilliance than purple light; McCoy recalled that it, too, seemed rectangular in shape when close up.

Goode's car window was down; his elbow was extending outside beyond the window ledge; he states he definitely felt heat from object at this point. Window on McCoy's side was up.

Both witnesses were astounded by UAO's extraordinary rapid approach to the vicinity of their car; by the realization that it was a truly solid object; by its huge size, and by the brilliance of the purple light. Goode admitted he panicked upon feeling the heat and drove from the scene as fast as patrol car would accelerate, reaching 110 miles per hour "in almost no time". The UFO produced no noticeable ill effects on the men nor did it in any way affect the car or equipment. As they sped from the area, McCoy tried to continue his observation of the UAO, and as best as he could determine the object seemed to "snap back" to its original location, slightly above horizon level. McCoy used the expression "snap back" twice in his description.

Suddenly it shot straight up, the purple light becoming tremendously brilliant, and disappeared completely at what McCoy estimated was a 30 degree elevation above the horizon.

After driving for some time, and attempting to recover from their experience, McCoy insisted that they return to

One of the best documented multiple-witness sightings gathered and investigated by APRO in the past 6 months is the following which contains complete details.

On Friday, 3 September 1965 at 11 p.m. Chief Deputy Sheriff B. E. McCoy and Deputy Sheriff Bob Goode of Angleton, Texas (south of Houston) were patrolling the West Columbia area of Brazoria County, on the highway between W. Columbia and Damon.

McCoy spotted a brilliant purple glow at horizon level beyond vast pasture land and was unable to identify source. Officers heading south, Goode driving. McCoy on driver's right. Object to the west. Glow soon became discernible as bright light, round in appearance. Next, McCoy noted somewhat smaller, less powerful blue light seemingly "emerge" from purple light and move some distance to its right. He later realized this effect resulted from object making 90 degree turn so that it "faced" them, and the blue light, which had been parallel with and "behind" the purple one, now became visible. Goode had maintained until this time that the lights were oil field lights and McCoy disagreed. McCoy then noticed that both lights had apparently risen simultaneously slightly above horizon level, and Goode then conceded that objects could not be oil field lights, so he swung the car around for a better view as they were now directly opposite the light. McCoy on the side next to pasture. Based on knowledge of terrain and upon further investigation in daylight, McCoy and Goode estimate the object at this point was 5 to 7 miles from the highway. Although our investigator occasionally used the word object in his report, there was nothing but two lights visible until this point.

McCoy feels certain that within the next three or four seconds, after the car was turned around, the object traversed the distance from its initial position to a spot approximately 150 feet from the highway, 100 feet above ground level and parallel to their car. This movement

Information Only
Source: Saucer News, Vol 13, #1, Mar 66

Damon, Texas
13 Sept 1965

WEIRD UFO INCIDENT IN TEXAS: On the night of September 3rd, two police officers had a terrifying encounter with a UFO near Damon, Texas. The object, 200 feet long and 50 feet in diameter, approached so close to their patrol car, that its erie light was visible on the ground. The officers panicked and left the area at speeds in excess of 100 miles per hour. Later that night they returned. The same or a similar UFO again swooped down on their car, and again they left the area rapidly. They did not come back for a third try.

The really unusual aspects of the case are the following: An open sore on one officer's arm was apparently healed by heat and light from the UFO. The policeman, named Bob Goode, had had his arm out the window of the patrol car during the sighting, and later found that an infected wound from an alligator bite had healed suddenly.

The second weird aspect was the fact that Goode was visited by two men shortly after the incident, who told him in detail about the sighting, and advised him that, should he have another such encounter, he should "try to cooperate with any being on board, and keep to himself any conversation he might have with such beings." The identity of these two mysterious men is apparently not known.

An on-the-spot Air Force investigation of the affair failed to solve anything. Major Laurence R. Leach, Jr., of nearby Ellington Air Force Base, concluded that "both officers appeared to be intelligent, mature, level-headed persons capable of sound judgment and reasoning." (Braze-Sport facts, Freeport, Texas, 9/6/65-9/9/65.)

225-400 mc. Other frequencies in this band are assigned for various military purposes.
 328.6-333.4 mc. ILS glide slope frequencies.
 960-986 mc.; 1188-1215 mc. Distance Measuring Equipment (DME) frequencies. DME operating channels are paired with the associated VOR channel.
 960-1215 mc. Tactical Air Navigation (TACAN) frequencies. VOR and TACAN facilities are co-located and the associated frequency channels of each are paired to form a VORTAC facility.

Use of Frequencies in Voice Communication

Voice communication is not available at all radio ranges and radiobeacons. Facilities without voice are indicated on sectional charts by a note "No voice" in the lower line of the box.

In any communications with FSS or tower, the frequency on which reply is expected should be specified in the initial call.
 For L/M/HF communication, FAA control towers normally guard the high frequency 3023.5 kc. Reply from FSS will normally be made on the L/M/HF range or radiobeacon frequency. Reply from towers will normally be made on the low or medium tower frequency. Military facilities with voice are identified by the words "NAVY", "MARINE", or "AF" in the line with the name.

For VHF communication with private aircraft, FSS generally guard 122.1 mc. and FAA towers generally guard 122.3 mc. Certain towers, indicated in tower boxes on charts, guard 122.4, 122.6, or 122.7 mc. instead of 122.3 mc. Reply from FSS to private aircraft will normally be made on the VOR voice channel unless 122.2 mc. is requested; or on 122.1 mc. if voice on range channel is not available; or on 121.5 mc. if the range voice channel is out of service. Reply from FAA towers to civil aircraft will normally be made on one of the assigned frequencies in the 118.0-121.4 mc., 123.6-129.8 mc. bands.

Military facilities (Navy or AF) where voice is available do not generally guard FSS frequencies or provide FSS en route services. Some of these stations, guard 3023.5 kc., and nearly all guard one or more of the tower (military) very high frequencies. The voice facility in many cases is located in the tower.

Space limitations prevent the listing of all frequencies on sectional charts. However, the flight information publications list all frequencies available at each tower, FSS, and ARTC center.

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13. REMARKS		14. PILOT'S NAME	
15. PILOT'S ADDR		16. PILOT'S PHONE	
17. CODE OF AIRCRAFT		18. FLIGHT WATCH	

FAA Form 390 (7-64)
 USE PREVIOUS EDITION

CLOSE FLIGHT I

Close flight plans with nearest FAA Flight Service Station of radio channels. Failure to close or extend of Federal Aviation Regulations and may result in civil

MILITARY CLIMB CORRIDORS

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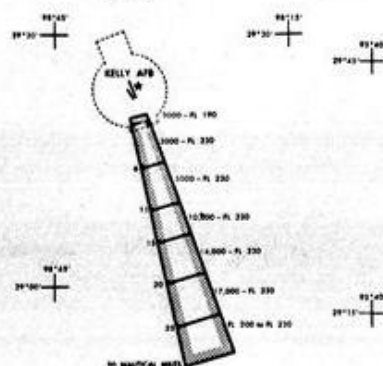
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HOUSTON, TEXAS (ELLINGTON AFB)
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LATERAL LIMITS OF MILITARY CLIMB CORRIDORS

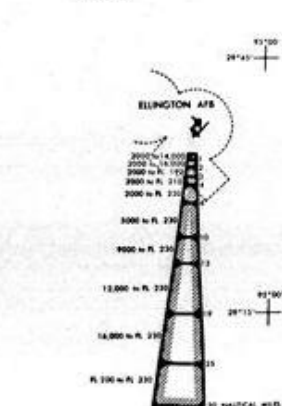
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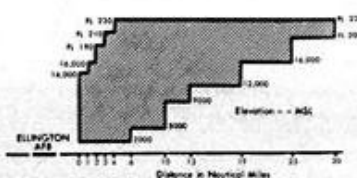
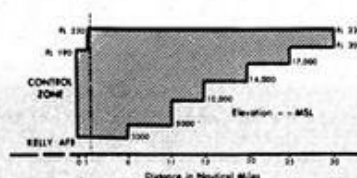
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PROFILE SHOWING UPPER AND LOWER LEVEL OF MILITARY CLIMB CORRIDORS



U.S. AIR DEFENSE IDENTIFI



FEDERAL AVIATION REGULATIONS

Operational		
Flight Plan	Southern Border Domestic ADIZ	A
Functioning Two-way Radio	Required for northeast air- craft	1
Suggested ADIZ Tolerances	Required except as stated in § 90.11(c)	1
Position Reports	Within 5 minutes of estimate and 10 nautical miles of course correction	1
Air Defense Emergencies § 90.7	Normal IFR reports or VFR give ETP at least 15 min- utes before penetration	1
Aircraft exempted from compliance to the provisions of Part 99 other than § 90.7	ALL AUTHORIZED EXCEPTIONS MAY BE ISSUED DURING	1
	Local exemptions granted by FAA ARTC	1
	Aircraft remaining within 10 nautical miles of departure point within the Continental U.S.	1
	Aircraft with T.A.S. less than 280 knots	1
	Aircraft from U.S. southbound through Southern Border ADIZ not entering Coastal ADIZ	1

NOTE: Detailed procedures to be
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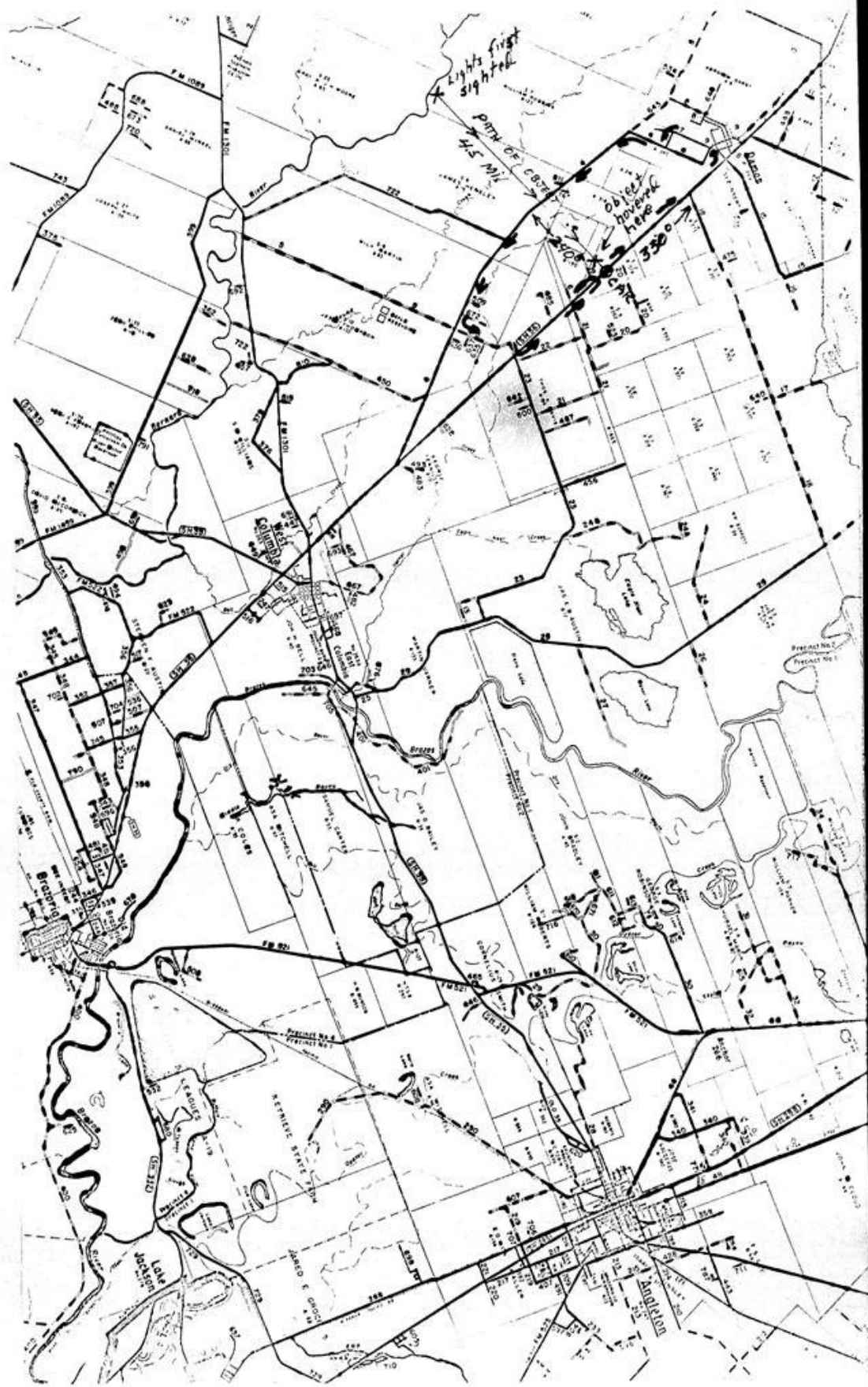
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Deputies Say UFO L~~N~~ Out After Them

Chronicle News Services

Angleton—Before Friday night, if you had talked about flying saucers to Deputies Billy McCoy and Bob Goode, they would have looked at you like you had lost your last marble.

Today, these still-shaking deputies agree that you possibly did see a flying saucer. In fact, they hurriedly say "Me, too."

Friday night they were returning from a football game at Damon. It was a beautiful night. You could see for miles on the almost brushless prairie.

Suddenly they saw a strange object—they say—in a pasture alongside the road.

'Purple Light'

"It hovered in the air. It was eerie," they said. "It was shaped like a triangle—200 feet long and 40 or 50 feet high. It had a purple light on its left side and a blue one on its right side."

They said it hovered just above the ground. It made no noise.

The deputies tried to find a gate to let them in the pasture so they could examine the strange object.

"It's coming toward us," shouted McCoy.

"It sho' it," said Goode as they raced for their car and took off.

It was coming at them at terrific speed.

"We hit 40 miles an hour and it was gaining on us," said McCoy. "We increased our speed, but it kept gaining."

Say It Hovered

Then suddenly it stopped. But the deputies didn't. The "thing" hovered above the ground a few seconds.

The brilliant lights on the object illuminated a wide area.

Then it disappeared.

Deputies McCoy and Goode are family men. In their long years as peace officers, they say, they have been taught to remain calm, to inspect objects—animate and inanimate—with a careful eye. They have never believed people who said they saw flying saucers.

They are not flustered easily. But they say they DID see this strange object and they don't want people to look at them like they have lost their marbles.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFO)
INFORMATION SHEET

1. Answers to the following questions will be obtained from persons calling in regard to the observance of an unidentified flying object (UFO). If person refuses to give answers to 3a, do not complete report.

2. Complete Information Sheet in duplicate and forward to BDO.

3.a. Name McCoy, B.E. Office ph. TI-97504 Address 30 S/Kayala, Angleton, Texas
Phone TI-95283 Res. Age 38 Occupation Chief Dep. Sheriff

b. Shape of Object Unk. c. Color Dark Gray

d. Size (compare to dime, quarter, baseball, basketball, or larger item)
Approx. 150 to 200 Ft. e. Number of Objects 1

f. Formation, if more than one Left side long blue light.

g. Unusual features of object Right side long purple light, pulsing.

h. Was there a tail, vapor trail, or exhaust? No i. Any Sound No

j. What called attention to the observer Bright lights.

k. What angle and elevation was the object on first observance 5 degree's

l. What angle and elevation was the object when disappeared 5 degree's

m. What was the flight path of object (to north or south, to east or west) and were there any maneuvers of the object West-East-West

No maneuvers.

n. How did the object disappear (instantly, to the north, no direction, etc.) West. horizon. when object disappeared purple light shot 90° into the air.

o. How long was the object visible (5 min, 1 hour, etc.) 5-10 min.

p. How was the object observed (naked eye, radar, telescope, binoculars, etc.) Naked eye & binoculars.

q. Time and date of sighting Approx. 2300 hrs. 3 Sept. 65

r. Light conditions (night, day, dusk) night

s. Geographical position of object (North of Houston, South of Pasadena, directly overhead, etc.) S/W Houston

t. Weather (clear day, hazy, cloudy, broken clouds, etc.) clear

u. Temperatures of day (80°, 90°, etc) Unk.

v. OTHER INFORMATION not answered above Report taken 1200 hrs. 6 Sept 65.

Object was thicker in the middle than the outside where the lights were. The purple light was bright enough to light the inside of the patrol car up. Also

5. Thank caller for information, but do not promise that a return call will be made to confirm nor deny the observance of the object.

the driver of the patrol car could feel the heat of the light on his arm. (122)

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
2578TH AIR BASE SQUADRON (COMAC)
ELLINGTON AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS 77030



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: BDO-A

10 Sep 1965

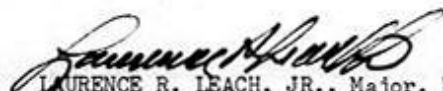
SUBJECT: UFO Sighting

TO: Foreign Technology Division
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
ATTN: Major Hector Quintanilla

1. Inclosed is my detailed investigation of the UFO sighting by Deputy Sheriffs McCoy and Goode of the Brazoria County Sheriff's Office, Angleton, Texas. Investigation is in reference to report number 122 previously forwarded to your office with news clipping on the same subject. This completes my action on this matter unless additional information is requested.

2. Object that allegedly fell on the roof of Mrs. Mary Hataman, 621 East Jefferson St., West Columbia, Texas, was reported to be a pipe pressure relief valve by the West Columbia police department. Object was made of brass, which was corroded, and had the following words on it: "Ft. Wayne, Indiana, Stratos~~ph~~, 200 lbs. 3/4". No further action was taken on this matter.

FOR THE COMMANDER


LAURENCE R. LEACH, JR., Major, USAF
Assistant Director of Operations
Directorate of Operations

1 Atch
Invest Officer's Rpt
of UFO Sighting #122
(Ellington AFB)

INVESTIGATION

RADIATION:

Radiation readings were taken with a PDR-27C radiac set to determine the existence of beta or gamma radiation. Readings were taken of the vehicle, clothing (left sleeve) of Deputy Sheriff Goode, and the pasture area next to Highway 36 where the object was reported to have hovered. No indication of the presence of radiation was found. However, it should be noted that there were two periods of rainfall between the time the object was sighted and the time the readings were taken.

AIR TRAFFIC:

It should be noted on the inclosed maps that the area of sighting is in the immediate vicinity of the Victor 20 airway. Although the officers emphatically denied that the object was an aircraft, and it is highly improbable that it could have been, I nevertheless checked with Houston Air Traffic Control Center. A review of their records indicated that there was no IFR traffic in the area at the time of the sighting. They had no records on any VFR traffic. Houston radar coverage extends into the area in question but not below 2000 feet. (The minimum altitude for Victor 20 is 2000 feet). Houston radar records indicated no UFO or unusual sightings during the period in question.

SIGHTING AREA:

The area where the object was sighted is a flat pasture area almost completely void of trees except a small growth around a farm house and a heavier growth running parallel to the river about five miles west of Highway 36. There are very few buildings/houses in the area. (See inclosed drawings and pictures).

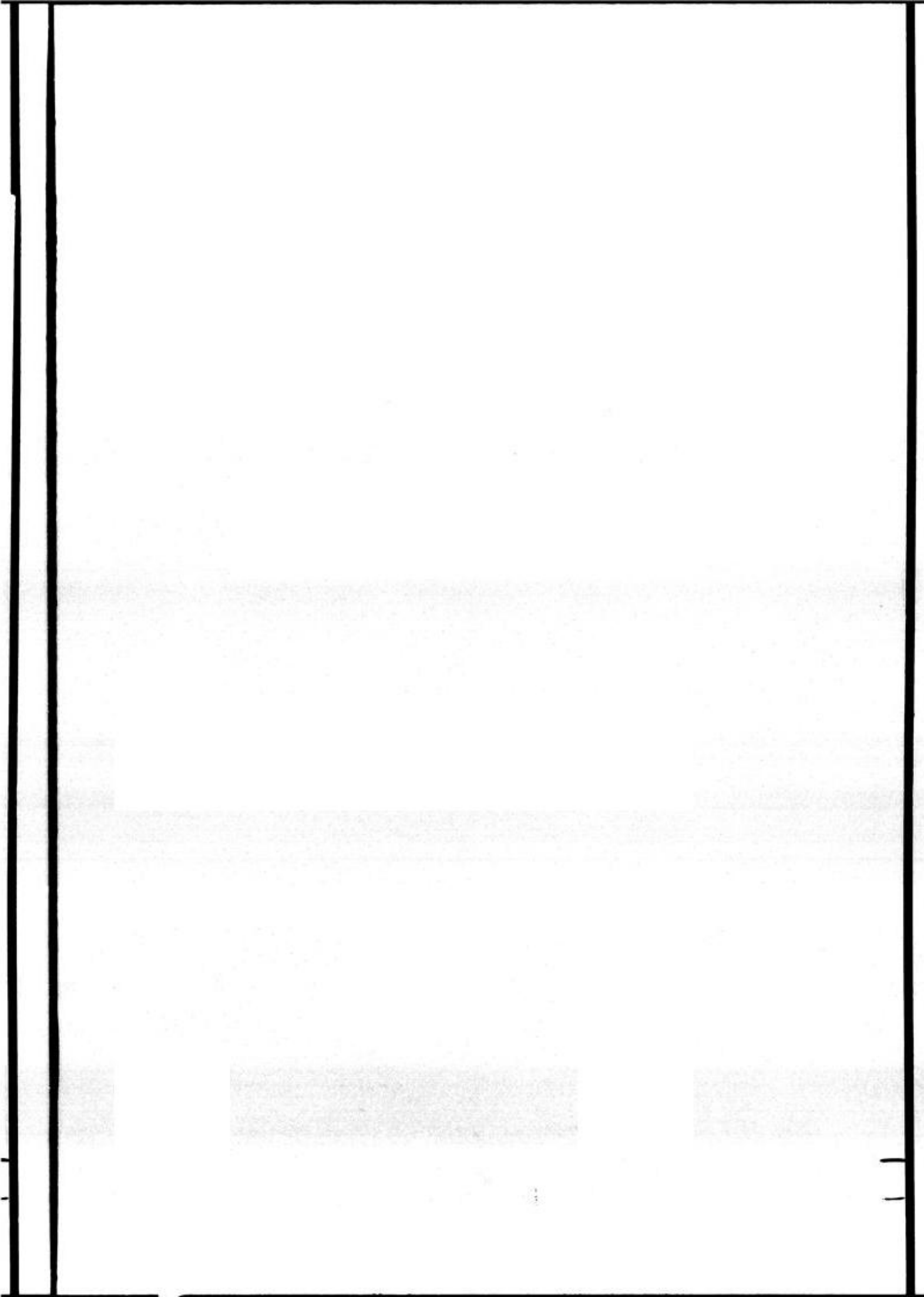
WEATHER CONDITIONS:

The Houston area was under the influence of a high pressure area causing cloudless skies and good visibility. The official surface weather conditions at Ellington Air Force Base (approx. 40 miles northeast of the area in question) at 2300 hours (CST) were: clear, eleven miles visibility, winds calm, altimeter setting 29.86, temperature 74 degrees, dew point 72 degrees. A surface radiation inversion was present during this period from the ground to 300 feet. A very strong substance inversion was present between 8000-10,500 feet. This inversion was strong enough to cause radar refractions. Upper air weather conditions have been omitted since they have no apparent bearing on this sighting.

CONCLUSIONS:

After talking with both officers involved in the sighting there is no doubt in my mind that they definitely saw some unusual object or phenomenon. However, my investigation failed to uncover any facts that permitted me, with my meager knowledge of such things, to arrive at any explanation for the unusual sighting. Both officers appeared to be intelligent, mature, level-headed, and persons capable of sound judgment and reasoning. Chief Deputy Sheriff McCoy holds a responsible position in the department requiring the supervision over 42 personnel. Both officers have been subjected to considerable friendly ridicule from their contemporaries and the local townspeople; but, have continued to profess the facts of their sighting. Furthermore, the sighting has stirred up considerable interest in the local newspapers, radio, and television causing them additional embarrassment and inconvenience.

Lawrence R. Beach, Jr.
LAWRENCE R. BEACH, JR.
Major. USAF
Asst. Director of Operations
3578th Air Base SGB.
Ellington AFB, Tex.



STATEMENT OF DEPUTY SHERIFF BILLY E. McCOY

Deputy Sheriff Goode and I were driving south on Highway 36 from Damon, Texas, toward West Columbia at about 11:00 p.m. on Friday, September 3, 1965. When we were about two or three miles south of Damon, I saw a very bright purple light stationary on the horizon about 5-6 miles away and southwest of our position. After a few seconds a smaller blue light appeared out of the larger purple light and traveled to the right of the purple light, poising momentarily in two distinct positions before becoming stationary. The lights then floated upwards to an angle about 5-10° above the horizon. They remained at a distance of 5-6 miles and we were unable to distinguish any other features other than the two bright lights. We turned the car around and Deputy Sheriff Goode looked at the lights through binoculars. We decided to investigate further and headed back toward Damon to look for a back road to take us nearer the lights. After traveling about 3/4 of a mile on Highway 36, we slowed down, Goode had his window open (rolled down) and looked through the binoculars again and the lights appeared to still be in the same position. We slowed down to almost a stop off the edge of the highway and while watching the lights they started coming toward us at a rapid speed. The object came up to the pasture next to the highway about 150 feet off the highway and about 100 feet high. The bulk of the object was plainly visible at this time and appeared to be triangular shaped with a bright purple light on the left end and the smaller, less bright, blue light on the right end. The bulk of the object appeared to be dark gray in color with no other distinguishing features. It appeared to be about 200' wide and 40-50 feet thick in the middle, tapering off toward both ends. There was no noise or any trail. The bright purple light illuminated the ground directly underneath it and the area in front of it, including the highway and the interior of our patrol car. The tall grass under the object did not appear to be disturbed. There was a bright moon out and it cast a shadow of the object on the ground immediately below it in the grass. Deputy Sheriff Goode was in the driver's seat with his left arm laying in the open window. Although he was wearing a long sleeved shirt and a coat, he later said that he felt the heat apparently emanating from the object. We immediately put the car in motion and headed toward Damon as fast as we could go. While traveling at speeds up to 110 mph, toward Damon, I continued to watch the object out of the back window of the car. It appeared to remain in the same position for approximately ten seconds and then move off in the direction where we first saw it at a very high speed. There was no noise. While it was in motion the smaller blue light on the right side disappeared entirely and the larger purple light became smaller but retained its brilliance apparently caused by its movement away from us. After arriving at approximately its original position, it went straight up in the air and disappeared at 25-30° above the horizon.

When we got to Damon, we drove slowly through the town, discussed what we saw, and decided to go back to the area and see if the object was still there. We were both scared but still wanted to find out what it was. We decided to take the old Damon-West Columbia road which would put us closer to the area where we first saw it. However, we traveled the full length of this road until we turned off to go back on Highway 36 and we didn't see anything.

We headed back toward Damon on Highway 36 and when we got to the area where we first saw the bright lights we again saw the bright purple light on the horizon and the smaller blue light again appeared out of the larger purple light. After the blue light moved exactly like it did the first time and became stationary the lights floated in the air at about 8-10°. We decided to leave the area because we figured that the object would start coming towards us again.

We returned to West Columbia and told the City Judge of West Columbia, Jim Scott, about what we saw. Jim and his family went over to the area and remained for about an hour and a half but they didn't see anything.

I returned to the area the following 3 nights at approximately the same time and have not seen anything like what we saw the first night. I have been unable to come up with any plausible explanation of our sightings. There are no ground lights in this area which would cause a reflection. I am positive that the object was not any type of aircraft that I know to exist and I have never seen anything like it before.

I have been a Brazoria County Deputy Sheriff for 11 years and now occupy the position of Chief Deputy Sheriff. I am 38 years old. Deputy Sheriff Goode has been with the department for 10 years and is 50 years old. Neither of us had anything to drink on the night we saw the lights and the object. We were working the football game at Sweeney on this night.

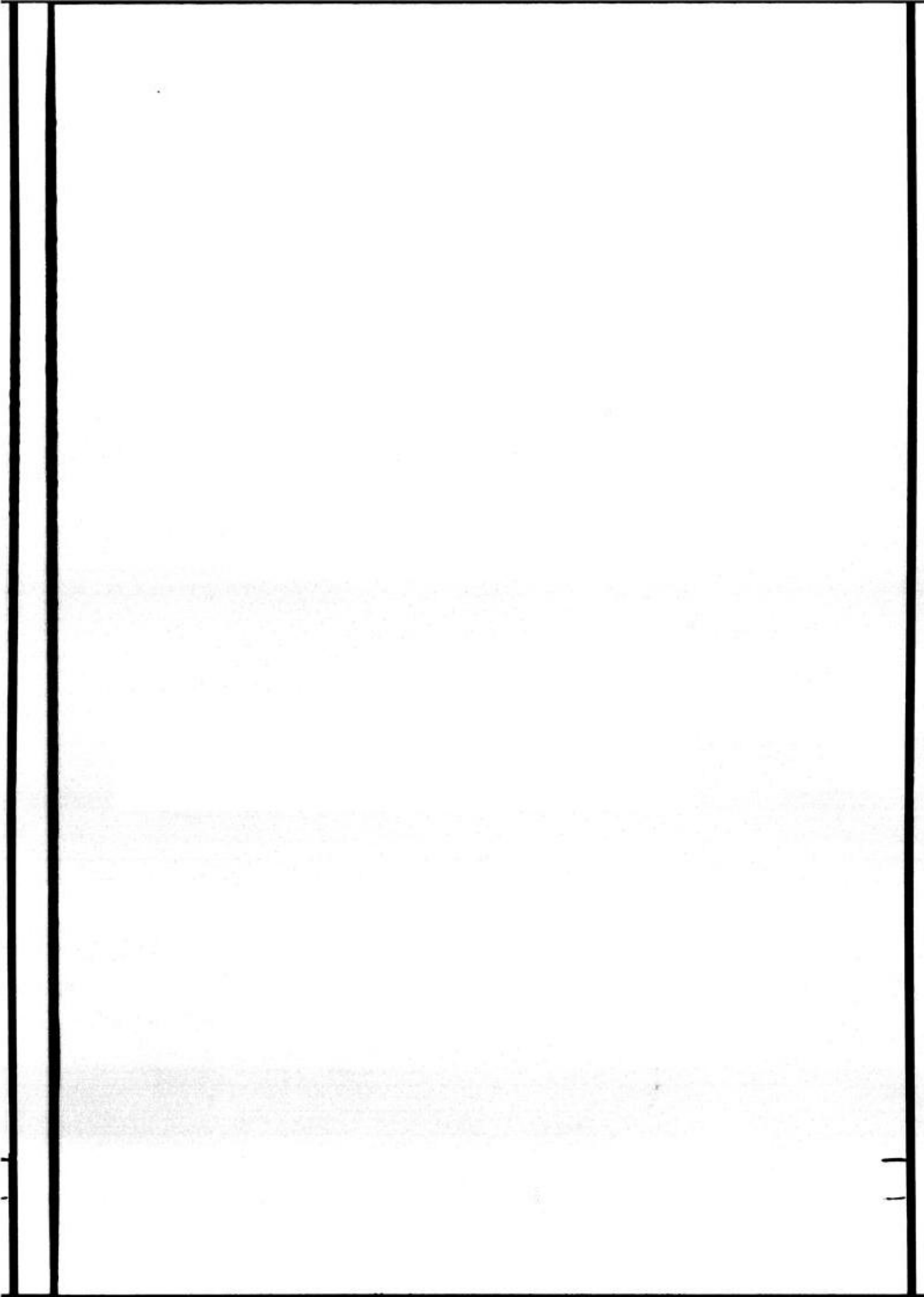
The area where we saw the object is in Goode's area of responsibility and we were on patrol duty. The night was clear and there were no clouds or haze. There were some spots of ground fog but not in the area where we saw the object.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Billy E. McCoy
Deputy Sheriff Robert W. Goode
Box 579, Angleton, Texas

Statement taken by:

Major Laurence R. Leach, Jr.
2578 Air Base Squadron
Ellington AFB, Texas

8 Sept 65



HOUSTON ■

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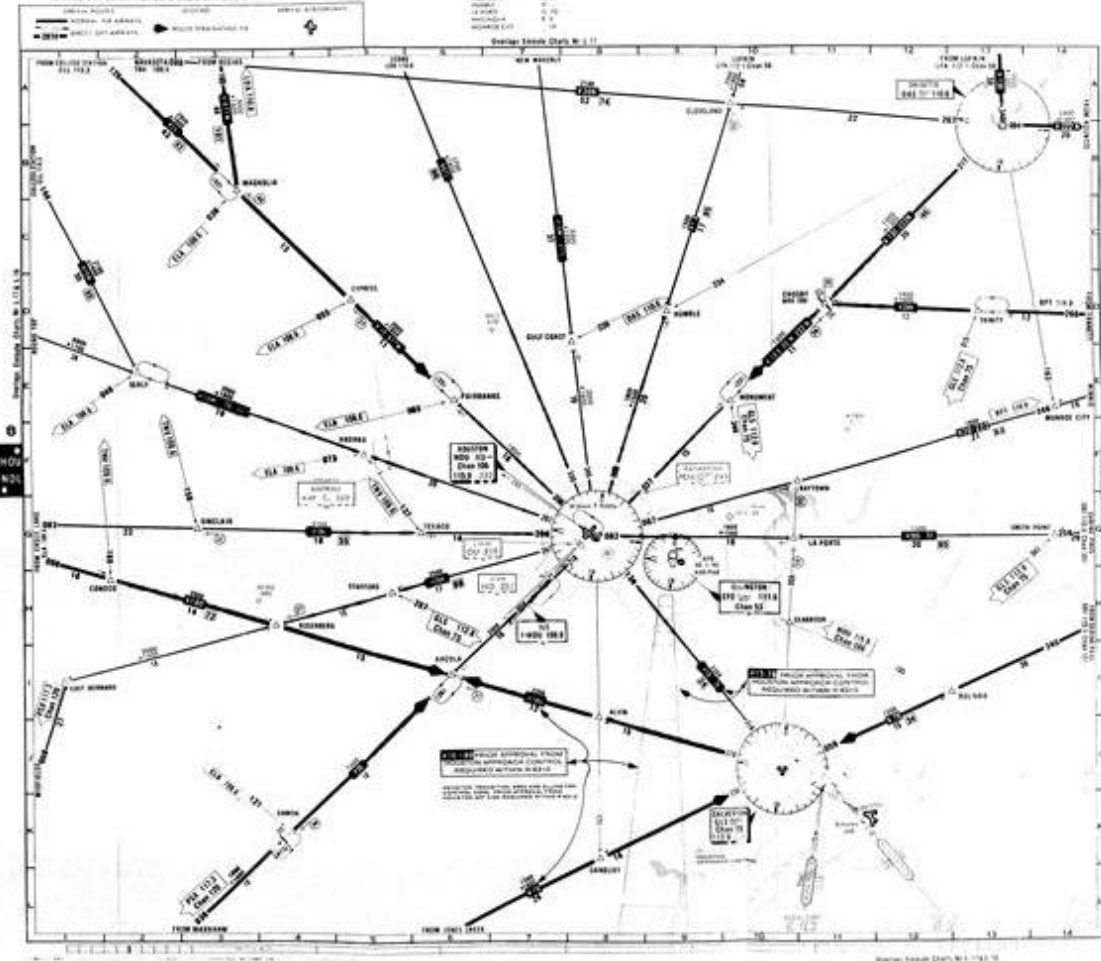
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TABLE 4. *Continued*

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Appendix 1: Study Characteristics. No. 1



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by Sheriff @ ENGLETON, TEXAS.
PRESS INTERESTED.

DTD. FRI NIGHT.
DAMON.

McGUY 3 Sept
GOODE

CLEAR NIGHT.

OBS IN PASTURE



200 FT LONG

40-50' HIGH

LOVERED IN PASTURE

APPEARED TO COMBAT THEM
PURPLE LIGHT.

REPORT CAME IN MCGUY
BRIGHT ENOUGH



15 feet in diameter, maybe four to five feet thick. The edge was round and there was a hump or something in the middle. It had a dark spot on it and it might have been a window or something.

"The thing raised up a bit and slowly took off, toward the west, then it headed south."

Whether witnesses believe in UFOs or not, such experiences are bound to be alarming, and they have been reported increasingly in the U.S. and other countries.

Australian Encounter

During the first week of August, two residents of Nedlands, West Australia jumped from their car, fearing a UFO was about to hit it. It was close to 8 p.m., and Dr. Antonin Kukla, formerly a physician in Europe, and Mrs. Audrey Lawrence were driving near Carnarvon when a flying object came toward their headlights.

Dr. Kukla hurriedly stopped and switched off the lights. As he and Mrs. Lawrence ran to the side of the road, the UFO stopped and hovered above the highway.

"It was rocking gently," Dr. Kukla said later. "And its orange color as it dived had changed to a fluorescent green glow."

The doctor's bull terrier, usually first out of the car when it stopped, was crouched in the back seat, hackles up. It refused to budge.

Dr. Kukla said the object was shaped like a "squashed football." "I had the fear that whatever it was, it was not man-made," he reported, after the UFO had left the scene.

The sighting appeared partly confirmed by resident Ron Butler, owner of nearby Mooka Station. Butler said that his entire camp had been lit up by a greenish glow when "something" passed over it, though he could not be sure of the time.

These are only a few sample cases. There are enough more to cause a sober appraisal of the problem.

For years, serious investigators—individuals and groups, including NICAP—have said there is no proof of UFO hostility, that the evidence is strongly against it. We have said that despite a few head-on passes at planes, three or four near collisions with airliners, the loss of three AF officers in UFO crashes and other incidents. With all the thousands of harmless encounters or sightings, it seemed likely these relatively few accidents were the result of too-close observations or perhaps mechanical failures or mistakes in control.

The recent NICAP poll (still being analyzed) shows that 90% of our members are convinced that UFO landings would not frighten them. But specific incidents, like the cases already described, show that most people will be alarmed by sudden close encounters with UFOs.

Are officials justified, then, in withholding UFO facts, in trying to hide landing incidents, as in the Exeter case?

Most of us will agree that fear of the unknown is far worse than fear of the known—even if it is something frightening. The late Dr. Carl Jung, noted Swiss analyst and NICAP member, wrote the director that withholding information on UFOs from the public would be the most stupid policy one could devise, certain to increase fear rather than lessen it.

The indications are that close approaches and landings will keep on increasing. If a large number of UFOs should land at points around the country, or maneuver at low altitudes over a number of cities, the reaction could be serious. Millions of people, accustomed to thinking of UFOs as jokes, would abruptly realize they had been deceived. Many would probably suspect that something ominous had been hidden even if there was not the slightest sign of any hostility.

It is far better to get the truth out in the open and prepare people, as calmly as possible, for further landings and close observations, before some sudden development makes gradual and reasonable preparation impossible.

Members' opinions and suggestions for solving this problem will be very much appreciated.

From an examination of recent fear reports, it appears that skeptics are the quickest to panic—people who have accepted official denials of UFOs' existence. One such case involved two Texas lawmen, both graduates of police schools—Chief Deputy B. E. McCoy and Patrol Deputy Robert Goode, of Angleton.

By coincidence, this incident occurred on Sept. 3, the same night as the Exeter scare. The following details are from the officers' signed report to NICAP and a signed copy of their statement to an AF investigator, Maj. Laurence R. Leach, Jr., 2578 Air Base Squadron, Ellington AFB, Texas.

After midnight, near Damon in Brazoria County, the two sheriffs sighted an enormous flying object from their patrol car. In the bright moonlight, they could see it was about 200 feet long, 40-50 feet thick at the center, tapering at both ends. It had a brilliant purple light at one end, a fainter blue one at the other.

Sheriff Goode turned the patrol car around, drove back three-fourths of a mile and stopped. As they were watching through binoculars, the strange craft came down to 100 feet, heading rapidly toward the lighted police car. In the moonlight, the UFO cast a huge shadow on the ground, and the officers could see it moving swiftly toward the highway.

Fifty Yards Away

As it neared them, the brilliant purple light illuminated the ground and the inside of the car. Sheriff Goode, leaning out the driver's side, suddenly felt heat from the approaching UFO. He hastily started the engine. By this time the huge flying object was barely 50 yards away.

With understandable panic, the sheriffs fled.

"We were traveling at speeds up to 110 miles an hour," McCoy told the AF.

When they reached Damon, the lawmen calmed down and decided to go back.

"We were both scared," McCoy frankly admits. "But we wanted to find out what it was."

But when they returned to the area, the UFO's lights began to shift just as they had before its swift approach. Again, the sheriffs raced away.

"We figured the object would start coming toward us again," McCoy said in his AF statement. In describing the UFO, he said the body appeared dark gray. There was no sound, nor any trail visible.

"I never saw anything like it before," McCoy concluded.

Both sheriffs admitted they had not believed in UFOs before.

"I've always been skeptical about these things," said McCoy.

"I'm not a skeptic any more."

Truck drivers, like policemen, are not noted for being easily scared. But Don Tenopir, a Beatrice, Nebraska trucker, had moments of sheer terror on the night of August 4, when a flying disc buzzed him:

"I was en route to Lincoln, Nebraska, about 25 miles from Abilene, Kansas. It was near 1:30 a.m. when all of a sudden the lights on my truck went out. Then they came back on, then off, then on again.

"About then, this thing went over my truck with a sizzling or wind-like blowing sound. It scared hell out of me, it seemed to almost touch the cab.

"It just swooped down over the road and hovered there, not more than 100 feet in front of me. I tell you I was standing on those brakes. It looked like it was going to fall right in the middle of the road. When it stopped there was another car approaching from the opposite direction, and it went into the ditch. Later the other driver told me it looked like a car accident until he got closer.

"I don't know how long it was there. I was just too damned scared to tell time. The thing looked around to me. It was orange like the color of a traffic policeman's jacket, I guess it was about

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 20 September 65 21/0817Z	2. LOCATION St Petersburg, Florida
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION A/C ✓
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	No data presented to indicate that this was NOT an A/C observation.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object 5 to 10 times larger than star POLARIS. Witness stated that the object had definite configuration compared to a star. Blue-White color. Speed 2-3 times that of ECHO. Observed while shooting star POLARIS with Theodolite. Observed at 90 deg elevation. Manuvered and climbed to 35 deg elevation. Initial direction to East for 10 deg of arc turning North and climbing. Manuvered including a loop turn to East and climbed out sight. Witness made previous observation in same month. (Not regarded as a specific sighting). Considered as background material for this report.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual (THEODOLITE)	
7. COURSE Manuvered	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

20 Sept.

HEADQUARTERS
12TH TACTICAL FIGHTER WING (TAC)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: DOI 12

SUBJECT: Sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO)

TO: AFSC (FTD)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

1. The following Unidentified Object Reports (UFO's) are submitted as directed by AFR 200-2, 20 July 1962, amended and in the format prescribed in par. 14 of the regulation.

Report Number One:

a. (1) The object appeared slightly elongated. It was described as being 10 arc-seconds in overall size, or 5 to 10 times larger than the star Polaris. (Mr. Elliot)

The object had a definite configuration in contrast to star. (Mr. Eldred)

(2) Match Head

(3) Blue-White

(4) One

(5) N/A

(6) The object was traveling at a speed of 2 to 3 times the speed of the Echo Satellite.

(7) None

(8) N/A

(9) None

b. (1) The object was observed while preparing to shoot the star Polaris. The object was visually sighted by Mr. Eldred and Mr. Elliot then observed the object with an optical instrument.

(2) The object was 30° from the horizon and on a due North heading.

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- (3) After the object was sighted it maneuvered and had a final heading of about 35° and climbed out of sight at an 40° angle of elevation.
 - (4) The object initially traveled on an Easterly heading for 10° of arc and made a 90° turn to the North. The object next slowed, executed a loop turn and took up a reciprocal heading. Upon reaching the intersection of the original Easterly flight path, it turned Easterly at a heading of about 35° and climbed out of sight.
 - (5) The object faded out as it climbed at a 40° angle of elevation.
 - (6) 3 min.
- c. (1) Ground-Visual
- (2) A 45XX Theodolite was the observing instrument used by Mr. Elliot. The instrument is made by Kern and is Model # DKM3-AX.
 - (3) N/A
- d. (1) 0317Z / 21 Sept.
- (2) Night
- e. (1) $82^{\circ} 43' 22.5''$ W. and $27^{\circ} 53' 34.0''$ N. geodetic position.
- f. Mr. Elliot, Robert W.
 46 years of age
 2630 Bayside, St. Petersburg, Fla.
 Senior Standards Technician @ Honeywell Corporation
 Plant #9, Clearwater, Fla.

Mr. Elliot was an ex-Navigator and Navigation Instructor. He has been making astronomical shoots for eight years. Mr. Elliot is apparently well informed and gave a concise account of his observations. I would assume that he is a stable and reliable individual.

Mr. Eldred
 56 years of age
 13011 Bocaiega Ave.
 Madera Beach, Fla.
 Senior Standards Lab Technician @ Honeywell Corporation
 Plant #9, Clearwater, Fla.

Mr. Eldred has taken Solar Astronomy and Celestial Navigation courses. He has four years practical experience in Celestial Navigation with first order instruments. In addition, he has 250 hours of private flying time.

g. (1) Clear-high thin clouds with surface haze. Ceiling unlimited.
Visibility 5-10 miles. No storms in the area. (Weather at Observation site.)

(2) Weather at 0155Z, @ MacDill AFB:

Altitude	Direction	Knots	Temperature
Surface	060°	12	
6000	100°	18	+14.0 C.
10,000	100°	22	8.3 C.
16,000	110°	17	-4.0 C.
20,000	120°	15	-12.5 C.
30,000	006°	16	-36.7 C.
50,000	020°	15	-69.3 C.

(3) Clear

(4) 10 NM visibility

(5) None

(6) None

(7) See question (g. 2)

h. (1) See attachment A. This attachment is an account given by a member of the University of South Florida, Physical Science staff of the observations that he made on the evening of 21 Sept 1965.

The University is located within a 50NM radius of the sighting. This information was not submitted initially, but sought as additional information to augment the report.

i. _____

j. Unknown

k. The two initial observers are apparently qualified. In the absence of any additional information, it seems that the observation was on astronomical sighting, or phenomena.

l. None

Report Number Two:

a. (1) Circular

(2) Head of pin held at arm's length.

(3) White

(4) 1

- (5) N/A
- (6) None
- (7) None
- (8) None
- (9) None
- b. (1) Star gazing
 - (2) Elevation 290°, azimuth 40°
 - (3) Elevation 30° , azimuth 60°
 - (4) Generally straight path appeared to slow down, and wobble; speed was not constant.
 - (5) Disappearance not seen
 - (6) Approximately 5 min. possibly more.
- c. (1) None
 - (2) None naked eye
 - (3) N/A
- d. (1) Just before 0200 Zulu time
 - (2) The brighter stars visible. Haze conditions: Big Dipper visible. Mercury vapor lights from campus area tended to shut out less-bright stars.
- e. (1) University of South Florida
- f. (1) F.F. Agens
 - 60 years of age
 - Ph Rm 336
 - Lecturer- Physical Science
 - Reliability- good, not an expert on Satellite sighting.
 - (2) Captain F.F. Agens USN retired.
- g. (1) "One of few decent observable nights during this time of year". Sept.
 - (2) Unknown
 - (3) Unknown

(4) Unknown

(5) Haze

(6) None

(7) Unknown

h. (1) None

i. (1) Unknown

j. (1) Unknown

k. (1) None


EDWARD J. SCHANK, Major, USAF
Director of Intelligence

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 11 January 66 11/1200Z	2. LOCATION 26.58N 154.46E (Pacific)
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION OTHER (SATELLITE DECAY) ✓
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Cosmos 53, (984), 11 Jan 66, 1202Z, 18.7N 167.6E.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object was described as being cigar shaped, glowing, with a bright light at its head, a glowing body with a duller light aft and a long fiery tail. Its flight path was described as coming from the horizon on the starboard beam. It approached to within 1 mile at a height of 400 feet then altered course to a position off the starboard quarter where it appeared to hover for approximately 30 seconds then went to the port quarter and gradually disappeared. Ship was steering at 257 degrees gyro, 258 degrees North.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE SE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	(3 WITNESSES)

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PACIFIC RESERVE FLEET
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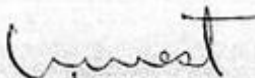
From: Commander U. S. Naval Defense Forces Eastern Pacific
To: Commander, ATIC, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio
Subj: UFO Sighting

Encl: (1) Statements of Witnesses
(2) Drawings of Course and Description of UFO

1. The following report was received from the master of the SS MORGANTOWN VICTORY of the Pacific Far East Lines and is forwarded with enclosures for information.

"At 111200Z (Jan 1966) posit 26-58N - 154-46E watch sighted 200 ft. cigar shaped silent UFO at 400 ft. height. Approached one mile starboard beam then hovered starboard quarter then to port quarter and away. Visible three min. Executed Williamson search for possible down plane one hour. Phenomenon inexplicable. Airmail witness report signed Master."

2. Comment: Master Glynn J. Petrie is a sincere, intelligent individual who has furnished reliable information in the past.


W. WEST
By direction

Satellite Decay

(784) Common 53

11 Jan 66 / 1202Z

18.7 Deg N / 167.6 Deg E

STATEMENT OF WITNESSES: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT AT 2200 JAN 12, 1966

S.S. MORGANTOWN VICTORY Voz. 5-23A-5

LATITUDE 26° 58' N TIME. 2200 1200

LONGITUDE 154° 46' E LOC 2200

Statement of Claunch, Robert J., A.B. :

"At a little before 2200 January 12, 1966, I was bow lookout in clear fine weather. I sighted a large glowing object coming from the horizon on the stbd beam. It approached to within one mile at a height of about 400 feet. It then altered course to a position off the starboard quarter where it hovered for about 30 seconds then went to the port quarter and gradually disappeared. It appeared to be cigar shaped with a bright light at its head, a glowing body with a duller light aft and a fiery tail. It was silent and I saw it for about 3 minutes in all. I first thought it was a plane in trouble and looked for running lights but saw none. It did not flare or light up the surroundings. The lights were steady. This definitely was not a meteor. I am an Able Seaman and have been at sea for 25 years and have never seen anything like it."

Robert J. Claunch
Robert J. Claunch, A.B.

Statement of Anderson, Richard H., Third Mate :

"Lookout phoned from the bow to bridge reporting a flying object low on stbd side. I glanced out stbd fwd and did not notice anything. Lookout called again and said it was on the port quarter. I glanced out and saw an orange glow like fire trailing behind a flying object streaming out behind, for what appeared to be, about 15 or 20 feet. Same disappeared in about a minute heading in an easterly direction approximately 3 or 4 degrees above the horizon. Pointed out object to helmsman and phoned Captain Petrie notifying him of same. I hold a Second Mate license and have been to sea for 37 years."

Richard H. Anderson
Richard H. Anderson, Third Mate

Statement of Facha, John F., A.B. :

"At a little before 2200 January 12, 1966, I was at the wheel steering 257 gyro. When the lookout reported a flying object, I looked out and saw what appeared to be a plane on fire on the port quarter. I watched it for over a minute when it showed a bright flash and went out. The ship was steering well and making steady course. I have never seen the likes of this before. I am an Able Seaman with 17 years sea experience."

John F. Facha
John F. Facha, A.B.

THE ABOVE REPORT OF THE WITNESSES STATEMENT WAS TAKEN AT 2300 HOURS 1/12/66.

STATEMENT OF GLYNN J. PETRIE, MASTER :

"Just prior to 2200 ship time, January 11, 1966, I was in my bunk when I heard a hurried clatter of feet on the bridge grating over my head. After the phone rang and Mr. Anderson, Third Mate, reported what appeared to be a plane afire on the port quarter.

I ran to the bridge, but could see nothing. The information given me indicated a plane in trouble had headed for the ship and ditched on the port quarter.

At 2201, the vessel started to execute a Williamson Turn. The bow lookout was doubled and a search was made utilizing the vessel's search light.

During the search, I realized that I had heard no sound, such as a plane would have made. I questioned Claunch, A.B. on bow lookout and learned that the object had maneuvered approximately 180° about the vessel without sound.

At 2238, vessel executed another Williamson Turn and resumed her original course and continued search.

At 2300, I took statements from each of the witnesses, Mr. Anderson, Third Mate on watch, R. Claunch, A.B. and bow lookout, and J. Facha, A.B. and helmsman who had left the wheel to sight the object. The statements were taken individually and I did not seek to make them agree.

The weather was clear; wind SSW 15k, Barometer 30.16, Temperature 19 dry 15 Centigrade, sea moderate, and fine with excellent visibility, almost full moon astern with the vessel steering 257 gyro and 258 true.

This is a fine steering vessel, a fact important in considering the possibility of poor steering and yawing which, had such been the case, might have accounted for the apparent maneuvering from the stbd to the port quarter.

There were two (2) phone calls from the bow. First when object was on stbd quarter. The Third Mate ran to stbd wing and looked forward, seeing nothing. Another phone call from the bow was to have the bridge look on the port quarter. The Third Mate and Facha looked and saw the object. This gives a rather prolonged time element during which the object was visible."

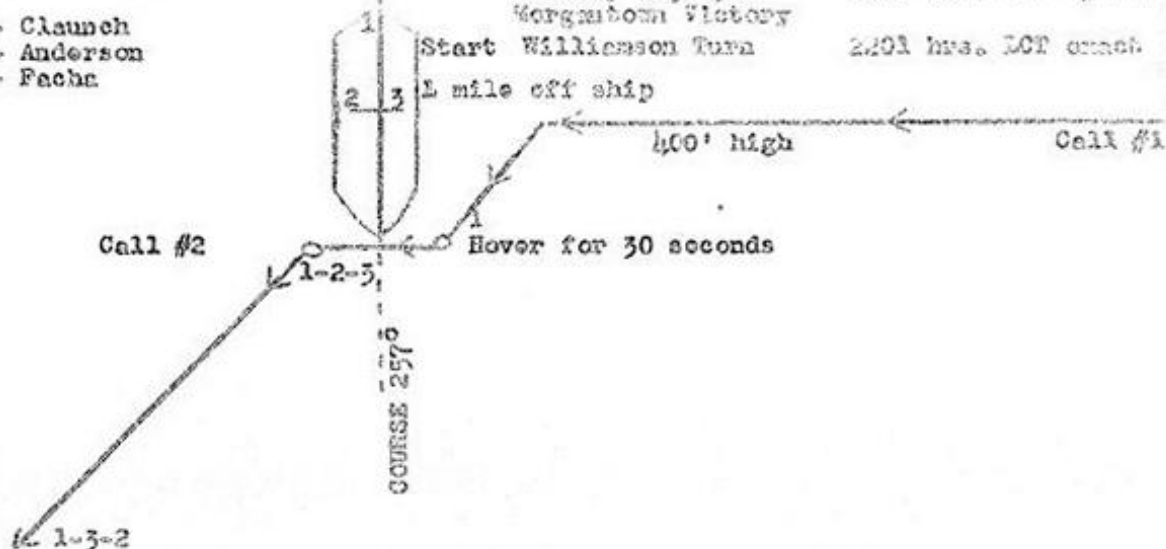

Glynn J. Petrie, Master

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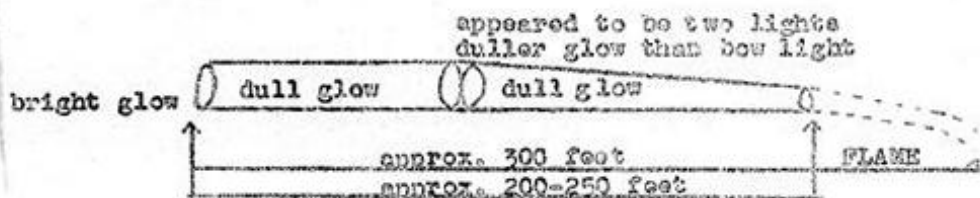
Observed by:

#1- Claunch
#2- Anderson
#3- Pachn

Course of UFO tracked 2400 hrs. CT up on
January 11, 1966 1200 hrs. CSE approx.
Morgantown Victory 2401 hrs. LCT crash



Description of UFO



color of UFO - appeared orange-yellow glow with a whiter blut
aft of the two lights.
Flame - appeared to be red-orange with direction of
flame dipping downward.
Height - approximately 35-40 feet.

"The above drawings are accurate to show the course and description of
what was seen on January 11, 1966."

Robert J. Claunch
Robert J. Claunch, A.B.

ENCL (2)

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PRIORITY

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK
SUBJECT: [illegible]

Re: foot & hand prints

RE: [illegible]

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PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP Mid March 66	2. LOCATION SOUTHERN MICHIGAN
3. SOURCE Multiple-Civilians	10. CONCLUSION Other(MARSH GAS)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS SEE CASE FILE
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION	
7. COURSE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☐ No	Multiple Witnesses
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☐ No	

Air Force Statement Regarding the UFO Sightings at Dexter, Michigan,
on March 20, 1966, and Hillsdale, Michigan, on March 21, 1966

The investigation of these two sightings was conducted by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, scientific consultant to Project Blue Book; personnel from Selfridge Air Force Base, Michigan; and personnel from the Project Blue Book office at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

In addition to these two specific cases, there has been a flood of reports from this area both before and after March 20 and 21. The investigating personnel have not had the time to investigate all of these. It has been determined, however, that in Hillsdale, over and above the sincere and honest reporting by the young ladies at Hillsdale College, certain young men have played pranks with flares. It has also been determined that the photographs released yesterday through the press was taken on March 17 just before sunrise near Milan, Michigan, and have nothing to do with the cases in question. The photograph clearly shows trails made as a result of a time exposure of the rising crescent moon and the planet Venus.

The majority of observers in both the Dexter and Hillsdale cases have reported only silent glowing lights near the ground - red, yellow, and blue-green. They have not described an object. The only two observers who did describe an object have stated that they were no closer than 500 yards - better than a quarter of a mile away - a distance which does not allow details to be determined.

Witnesses have described glowing lights - lights that seem to move but never far from a definite place or lights which suddenly disappeared and popped up at another place. The locale in both cases was a swamp. In both cases, the location of the glow was pinpointed - in Dexter it was seen between two distant groups of people and at Hillsdale it was seen in a swampy depression between the girls and the distant trees. It was in both cases a very localized phenomena. The swampy location is most significant.

A swamp is a place of rotting vegetation and decomposition. Swamps are not a province of astronomers. Yet, the famous Dutch astronomer, Minnaert, in his book, Light and Colour in the Open Air, describes lights that have been seen in swamps by the astronomer Bessel and other excellent observers. The lights resemble tiny flames sometimes seen right on the ground and sometimes rising and floating above it. The flames go out in one place and suddenly appear in another, giving the illusion of motion. The colors are sometimes yellow, sometimes red, and sometimes blue-green. No heat is felt, and the lights do not burn or char the ground. They can appear for hours at a stretch and sometimes for a whole night. Generally, there is no smell and no sound except for the popping sound of little explosions such as when a gas burner ignites.

The rotting vegetation produces marsh gas which can be trapped during the winter by ice. When the spring thaw occurs, the gas may be released in some quantity. The flame, Minnaert says, is a form of chemical luminescence, and its low temperature is one of its peculiar features. Exactly how it occurs is not known and could well be the subject of further investigation.

The glowing lights over the swamps near Dexter and Hillsdale were observed for two or three hours, and they were red, green, and yellow. They appeared to move sideways and to rise a short distance. No sound was heard except a popping sound.

It seems entirely likely that as the present spring thaw came, the trapped gases, CH_4 , H_2S , and PH_3 , resulting from decomposition of organic material, were released. The chemistry book by Sienko and Plane has this to say: "In air, Phosphine PH_3 usually bursts into flame apparently because it is ignited by a spontaneous oxidation of the impure P_2H_4 . The will-of-the-wisp, sometimes observed in marshes, may be due to spontaneous ignition of impure PH_3 which might be formed by reduction of naturally occurring phosphorus compound."

It has been pointed out to the investigating personnel by other scientists in this area that in swamps the formation of H_2S and CH_4 from rotting vegetation is common. These could be ignited by the spontaneous burning of PH_3 .

The association of the sightings with swamps in this particular instance is more than coincidence. No group of witnesses observed any craft coming to or going away from the swamp. The glow was localized, and Deputy Fitzpatrick described the glow from beyond a rise adjacent to the swamp as visible through the trees. He stated that the light brightened and dimmed much as stage lights do - smoothly and slowly - and this description exactly fits the Hillsdale sighting also. The brightening and dimming could have been due to the release of variable quantities of marsh gas.

The disappearance of the lights when people got close with flight-lights or car lights would indicate that the glow seemed bright to dark-adapted eyes. The night was dark and there was no moon. The Hillsdale girls kept their rooms dark in order to see the swamp lights.

It appears very likely that the combination of the conditions of this particular winter (an unusually mild one in that area) and the particular weather conditions of that night - it was clear and there was little wind at either location - were such as to have produced this unusual and puzzling display.

TSgt David N Moody
Trip Report - A3C William Elmer, Michigan Area

23 March 1966

Checked out of FTD at 1916 hours, arrived at Ypsilanti approximately 2330 hours, spent night at Mayflower Motel, Ypsilanti.

24 March 1966

Departed Mayflower 0830 hours. Arrived at Willow Run Airport 0900 and talked with Mr. Carlingi and Mr. Washl at the University of Michigan Infra-Red Photographic Laboratory. (Hanger of the Operations Section). They informed us that they had not been flying missions at night for the last two months. Mr. Washl informed us that Conductran Corporation might be doing work of this type. Sgt Moody called Mr. Silvester of Conductran Corp. They rent a plane and Mr. Silvester checked out the purchasing records and found that there was no activity on the nights of the 20, 21, 22 March 1966. They were in fact not doing any work at night. One of the employees at Willow Run said he had heard on the radio about a sighting in Flint, Michigan, last night, Wednesday, 23 March 1966.

Departed Willow Run 0935 hours for the County Court House in Ann Arbor. Arrived at the County Court House at 1000 hours. There we got a map of the county and found the location of the Sheriff's office and the Ann Arbor Newspaper Office. Since the Sheriff's office was only a block away we walked over there first. Arrived at the Sheriff's office where Sgt Moody called into the office to find out if Dr. Hynek had called. He had and we were informed that he would meet us at the Lamp Post Motel in Ann Arbor at 1:00 pm. Also, we got a copy of a cartoon that someone (unknown) had sketched and put together to look like it had come from a newspaper. It was a copy and it was learned that it didn't appear in the newspapers. We spoke briefly with Deputy Sheriff McFadden who had witnessed the sighting Sunday night. He said the object was sighted from about 8:30 to 12:05 pm Sunday night, 20 March 1966. He first saw the object due north at point A on the county map. He thought it was a radio tower beacon which was north of that point. He then proceeded to points B, C, and D and discovered that the object was not the beacon. At Point D the light was observed in the south. He said the light was about 3/4 mile away. Compared it to the size of the back end of a truck and about as bright as a radio tower light. We didn't probe too deeply into his sighting since Dr Hynek had already interviewed him.

Departed Sheriff's Office 10:28 hours for newspaper office (Ann Arbor News). Arrived 1030 hours. Got newspaper dated Mon, Tues, and Wed, 20, 21, 22 March 1966.

Departed Newspaper office 1100 hours for Young Field (small private airport) from there we phoned the owner (Dr Metty, phone 668-7331, 216 South State Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan)

He said there may have been somebody up at night from there but no records were kept. Sgt Moody asked him if he would post a note asking if any pilots had observed anything unusual from the air and if they had, to forward the information to W-P AFB and he said he would.

Departed Young Field 1135 for Ann Arbor Airport (State Street) Contacted a Mr. Irv Gloss who said that they have a lot of night activity but he heard of no one who had seen anything. In fact, he himself was up Sunday night and saw nothing unusual. Mr. Gloss said they had an electrical advertising sign but haven't used it for last two months. No night photo missions. Then contacted ~~Wing and~~ Bob McCannel at the Municipal Airport Building. Results there was also negative. No reports and not much activity at night. No helicopters. Departed 1215 for Lamp Post Motel to meet Dr. Hynek, arrived at the motel at 1240. He did not show. We were informed to meet him at the Chelsea Police Office at 1500.

Left Ann Arbor for Chelsea at 1400 arrived at Chelsea at 1450. Talked with two Chelsea Policemen who were reported seeing a UFO Sunday night. Their names are Clyde Meyers, and Charles Sharpe. They did not know how they got into this they knew they saw an a/c and still think that's what it was. They saw 3 lights, one red, one green and an orange-yellow glow between the other two and a little to the back. Time - 1130 - 1145 pm.

↑ direction of flight

glow

They described the object and its flight and it was agreed that this was an aircraft. (possible a jet w/afterburner?) Dr Hynek arrived at 1615 and he also agreed that there was nothing to indicate that it wasn't an a/c.

It was generally agreed that the glowing object seen in the swamp by the farmer and his son, and the Ann Arbor policemen was marsh gas.

Later that evening we received a telephone call from the airmen assisting Dr. Hynek. They said a UFO was sighted near Ann Arbor and they would pick us up to go out there. Evidently they got their wires crossed as they left without us and we didn't know where the sighting was. We tried to get ahold of Dr. Hynek but couldn't so we went to the Sheriff's office. Shortly after we got there Dr. Hynek returned. He said that he had seen nothing unusual. Fitzpatrick was back and he had the photos that he had taken on 17 March 1966. It was a time exposure of the crescent moon and Venus. It was taken early in the morning. When the crescent moon was low on the eastern horizon and rising and Venus was a little to the left and slightly higher than the moon.

25 March 1966

Left Ann Arbor area 1100 for W-P AFB and arrived at W-P AFB at 1600.

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Comp. No. 01058

WASHLENAW COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Comp. Name Bob Wagner Nature of Comp. UFO
 Address Dexter Body Shop Location Between McGinnis Rd. & N. Terr.
Dexter Mich.
 Date Received 3-20-66 Time 8:30 P
 Date Occurred 3-20-66 Time 8:30 P
 Phone No.: Res. _____ Bus. _____
 Telephone XXXX Radio _____ Letter _____ in Per _____ Received by Dep. Kelly
Dep. McFadden & Fitzpatrick and Car #34
 Officers Assigned _____
 Time Assigned 8:35 Pm

Details of Comp. Comp. called and stated that there was a strange object in the swamp at the end of McGinnis Rd. It was on the ground, went up in air about 500' and came down making a lot of noise.

INVESTIGATION: Dispatched to the above location, and made contact with the complainant at 10600 McGinnis Road. Complainant advised that an un-identified object was presently located in the swamp, to the rear of afore mentioned location, and had been so located for approximately (2) one-half hour. Complainant further related that the object had been observed to rise to an altitude of approximately 500 Feet, and then to return to the ground. Subject stated that lights were observed upon the object, and that the lighting turned from a blue-green to a brilliant red to a yellow in coloring. Object had appeared to be having difficulty in getting off of the ground.

FRANK MANNER, of 10600 McGinnis Road, and his son, **RONALD**, had watched the object for some time, and then proceeded into the woods and swamps, in an attempt to locate the object, and to see what it was. Both **MANNER'S** were within the swamp at the time of arrival of the undersigned officers.

ACTION TAKEN: The undersigned officer, in company with the complainant, proceeded along Dexter-Pinckney Road to Territorial Road, and then turned onto Quigley Road, where a vantage point was obtained, being in direct line with the house, and the area of the objects observation. At this point, the patrol vehicle was secured, and the afore mentioned proceeded into the woods, in attempt to locate the swamp edge, and the object.

While in the woods area, a brilliant light was observed from the far edge of the woods, and upon approaching, the light dimmed in brilliance. As the afore mentioned approached the upper ridge, and edge of the woods, the Brilliant light again appeared, and then disappeared. A continued search of the area was conducted, through swamp, and high grass, with negative results.

Upon returning to the patrol vehicle, the undersigned officers were met by others who had gathered to observed, and the undersigned officer were informed that one of the objects had been hovering directly over the area where our Flashlight beams had been seen, and had then departed in a West Direction of flight, at high rate of speed.

OVER: DGF

INVEST: CONT:

upon returning to the patrol vehicle, the undersigned officers returned to the McGinnis Road address, where the MANNERS were talked to.

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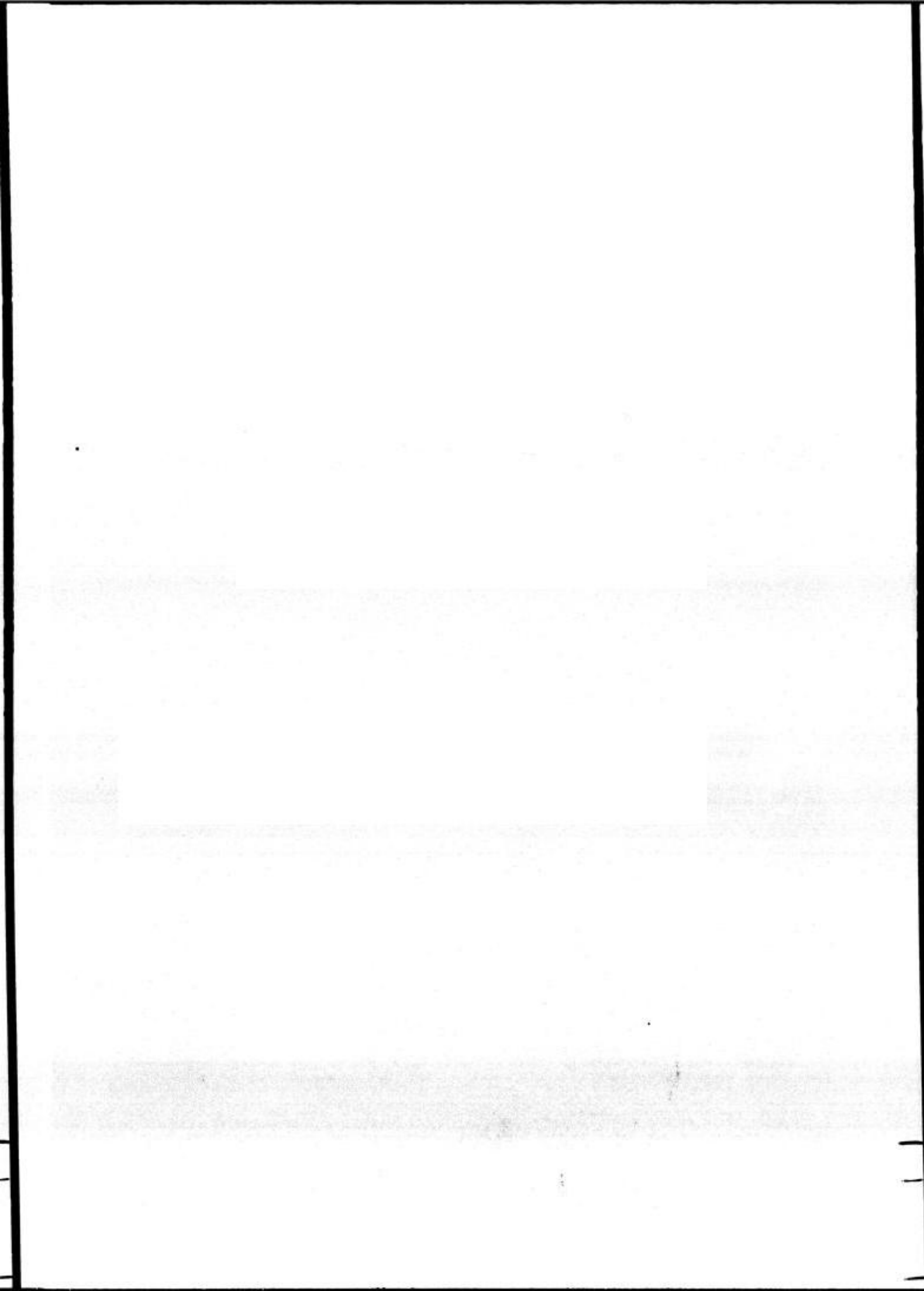
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STATUS:
OPEN:

Respectfully Submitted,

David H. Fitzgerald
Det. Fitzgerald/McGadden



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ACTION: NIN-7

INFO: SAFOS-3, XOP-1, XOPX-2, DIA-1 (15), ADV CY DIA
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UFO REPORT IAW PARA 14 AFR 200-2

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT

1. LIKE TWO SOUP BOWLS PLACED ONE ON TOP OF OTHER (*shape*)
2. CAR OR SMALL BUNGALOW (*size compared to known*)
3. BROWN
4. FOUR

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5. N-A

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6. RED LIGHT ON ONE SIDE, GREEN ON THE OTHER WITH WHITE
GLOW IN CENTER. TWO OBJECTS LIKE ANTENNA POINTING DOWN.

7. N-A

8. LIKE A RICOCHETING BULLET

9. NONE

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECTS

1. NOISE AND LIGHTS

2. WESTERLY CLOSE TO GROUND

3. SAME

4. ONE APPEARED TO BE IN TROUBLE, GOING UP AND DOWN WHILE THE
OTHERS STAYED OVERHEAD. AT ONE POINT IT DIPPED SO CLOSE TO THE
GROUND IT APPEARED TO HAVE TOUCHED OR LANDED.

5. DISAPPEARED QUICKLY TO THE WEST

6. THREE HOURS

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION. 1. GROUND-VISUAL 2. BINOCULARS

3. N-A.

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

1. 21-0130Z TO 21-0330Z MAR

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1. DUSK TO NIGHT

LOCATION OF OBSERVER CLN 8 MILES NW OF ANN ARBOR OUTSIDE OF SMALL

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TOWN OF DEXTER 8356W 4219N.

OBSERVER:

1. FRANK MANNOR, 10600 MC GINNIS. RD, DEXTER, MICH. AGE 47,
FARMER. APPEARS RELIABLE, HAS HUNTED FREQUENTLY IN THIS AREA AND
STATES POSITIVELY THE LIGHTS WERE NOT FIRES CAUSED BY NATURAL GAS
IN THE SWAMP OR MARSHLAND.

WEATHER AND WINDS

1. CLEAR

2. WINDS CLN

SURFACE 210-15 (*clear*)

6M 310-25 (*visibility*)

10M 320-35 (*Out of cloud cover*)

16M 310-60 (*Thunderstorms in area*)

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20M 310-45

30M 310-65

50M 300-35

80M N-A

3. CIRIFORM CEILING 5-10 BECOMING 9-10

4. VISIBILITY 15 MILES

5. LESS THAN .5 TO .9

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6. NONE

7. SURFACE PLUS .5.5 DEG C

6M MINUS 1 DEG C

10M MINUS 3 DEG C

16M MINUS 16.5 DEG C

20M MINUS 27 DEG C

30M MINUS 47.5 DEG C

50M MINUS 57.5 DEG C

80M N-A

H. NONE

I. NONE

J. NONE

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MICH. THE INFORMATION GIVEN BY THE OBSERVER WAS RECEIVED FROM
DEPUTY STANLEY MC FADDEN, WASHTENAW COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT,
MICH. DEPUTY MC FADDEN WAS CALLED TO THE SCENE AND REPORT GIVEN
BY FRANK MANNOR. DEPUTY MC FADDEN SAW THE LIGHTS AND HEARD THE
SOUND MADE BY OBJECT. HE DID NOT VIEW THE OBJECT AS LONG NOR
AS CLOSE AS FRANK MANNOR, BUT IS IN AGREEMENT WITH HIM ON WHAT
HE OBSERVED. HE BELIEVES MR MANNOR IS RELIABLE AND NOT GIVEN
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TO HALLUCINATIONS. PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS GIVES NO BASIS FOR
DISBELIEF IN THE SIGHTING NOR CLUE TO ITS IDENTITY. BASED ON
THIS REPORT AND THAT OF NEWS MEDIA OF THE AREA, WHICH ALSO
COVERED MR MANNOR'S SIGHTING AND THAT OF OTHER UNKNOWN WITNESSES,
BELIEVE THIS TO BE A FACTUAL REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING
OBJECT.

L. NONE

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March 25, 1966

Major Hector Quintanilla
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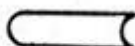
Dear Major Quintanilla:

If Dr. Hynek has not already notified you of the facts I have listed below I will most happily explain the Milan, Mich. photographs.

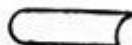
Whether or not it was intended the photograph is a hoax. It does not show UFO's but simply the planet Venus and the moon. There seems to either be a slight mixup in dates in the local papers or the photographer has lied about the date, he gave March 16 while the facts fit March 17. Working from several astronomical books the newspaper's text and the AP wirephoto I have obtained the following information;

- 1) The moon and the planet Venus were close together on the morning of March 17 just before dawn.
- 2) The UFO's rose about 4AM local time, the moon and Venus rose about 4AM local time.
- 3) The UFO's were visible until about 7AM, Venus (which is very bright just now) and the moon would have been easily visible until about sunrise which was about 7AM.
- 4) One exposure shows the lower part of the sky illuminated, if this can be assumed to be the coming of dawn the camera was aimed southeast, Venus and the moon were in the southeast.
- 5) At about the time of the photograph (5:30 AM CST) Venus and the moon were about 10° apart. If the largest UFO in the photo is assumed to be the moon whose apparent diameter is $\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ then the separation of the two UFO's is 10° .
- 6) During a ten minute time exposure a celestial object will trail about $1\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ across a photographic plate as a result of the earth's rotation. If we again assume the largest UFO is the moon the amount of trailing of both UFO's is $1\frac{1}{2}^\circ$.
- 7) The moon was a crescent on the morning of March 17 and if a time exposure were taken of it, it would appear as in illustration A in the photograph it looked like B.
- 8) One of the objects was described as red on the bottom, white in the middle and blue on top. When a celestial object is at a low altitude atmospheric refraction causes it to appear just this way.

I hope I have been able to shed some light on these photographs if Dr. Hynek has not already done so.



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Sincerely yours,

John E. Bortle
Mr. John E. Bortle

New York City Amateur
Astronomers Assoc., Inc.

Ethel A. Faull
509 East Prospect Street
Kewanee, Illinois
March 25, 1966

Major Hector Q. Quintanilla,
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Division
of Blue Book
Dayton, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

I have been very interested in the account in the Chicago Tribune of March 23rd telling of lights seen over a swamp near Dexter, Michigan. I am addressing this letter to you because, like I, you are unexcited over this phenomena.

I think there can be little doubt that this manifestation is known as "will o' the wisp", or from the Latin "foolish fire", and it should incite little attention except for its beauty.

I have seen these lights as described in this article many times when I was a child. We were accustomed to seeing them above a small swampy body of water which was an over-flow from a creek that ran through our neighborhood.

If you will look in the dictionary under the name "ignis fatuus" you will see that the lights are due to phosphorous that forms over the water in a swamp or marsh. There never was a sound accompanying these lights, but it may be that we never went close enough to hear. At any rate we were never concerned over their appearance as we knew what they were; and, too, the swamp was small and the display not elaborate.

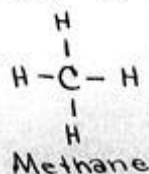
What fantastic things this mortal mind can conjure up when the unusual presents itself!

Very truly yours,

Ethel (Mrs. Edwin) Faull

METHANE GAS

Methane is a hydrocarbon, meaning that it is composed of hydrogen and carbon atoms. By looking at a chemical diagram we see that



4 atoms of hydrogen combine with 1 atom of carbon to produce CH_4 or methane.

It can now be noted from its chemical formula that methane contains 5 atoms in its molecule, 4 atoms of hydrogen and 1 carbon atom. This property enables it to be classified as a gas.

Methane is more often known as "swamp gas", "marsh gas", and "fire damp" among other terms. It occurs due to the decaying of animal and vegetable matter under water. It is then given off due to the decomposition reaction, bubbling through the water, and escaping.

Methane is a colorless and odorless gas, insoluble in water, and burns with a blue flame. It is highly inflammable and often times is the cause of explosions in coal mines.

REPORT ON THE DEXTER-HILLSDALE, MICHIGAN UFO SIGHTINGS OF

20 - 21 MARCH 1966

In my capacity as scientific consultant to the Air Force on UFOs, I was requested to investigate two major sightings in Michigan which, for some reason, had captured public attention and were the subject of many radio and news stories. It was unfortunate that I did not ask permission to take at least two assistants along. Mr. Powers of the Dearborn Observatory asked to go along, as had Mr. Vallee and Mr. Hanlon. A far better job of interviewing the large number of ostensible witnesses to the same events could have been done.

Once upon the scenes (Dexter and Hillsdale — and Ann Arbor and Chelsea along with Dexter), despite the help of A2C Hanby (loaned from Selfridge Field) I realized that the task was far too great for one man if all the witnesses wishing to be interviewed (and many of whom were 'miffed' because I had either not had a chance to talk with them or was able to give only a short time to them) were to be satisfied. Since I had no authority to call in help without going through FTD, and that would take time, I decided upon the following plan of action: I would limit myself to interrogating key witnesses in both localities and would use as the basis of my judgment only those 'information bits' that were agreed upon by several witnesses. I could not give weight to one person who contradicted some bit of information which the others had already concurred in. Thus I had to neglect the testimony of one person who said he saw an object when the majority in the same location described only lights. Had I had assistance, I would have adopted the plan of having an assistant interrogate separately the single witnesses who had a different story to tell. I cannot com-

plain about the lack of assistance, however, since none of us knew what proportions these incidents would assume as the next few days came around.

My interrogations were made triply difficult because of the ubiquitous press, radio and TV men. It was impossible to talk quietly with anyone without having a microphone placed in front of your face. I was always importuned for "just a word" or, "will you answer just one question?" It is difficult to describe to one who wasn't there the general bedlam. Mr. Mannor, the chief protagonist in the Dexter case, reportedly complained that I had spent very little time with him. It was virtually impossible to do so; several times I was waiting and anxious to talk with him but he was occupied with several reports. Here again is where some assistants would have come in handy; they could have diverted the reports while I talked to Mannor. One needs some clever interference run for him in cases like this; it is virtually impossible to do it single handed. By contrast, I recall the Eagle River, Wisconsin "pancake" case. In that instance I had chartered a plane and took several graduate students with me. They were invaluable in chasing down leads, assisting in the interrogation of subsidiary witnesses and running very necessary interference, making special arrangements to see people etc. I have resolved that in investigating future cases, if I do at all, I must have at least one dependable assistant who knows the ropes. Otherwise too much time is wasted in sheer mechanics.

Through the kindness of Prof. Freeman Miller, Associate Dean of the Graduate School, University of Michigan, I made my headquarters at his home during my several day stay and both he and Mrs. Miller were of extreme help. Mrs. Miller gave freely of her time in answering the phone, which seemed to ring incessantly, to very late hours, and then again early in the morning. It was through Dr. Miller's kindness that I was put into touch with several University

of Michigan faculty members (who prefer to remain anonymous) who were able to give me considerable help on possible physical solutions to the sightings. It was at Dean Miller's invitation that eleven members of the University of Michigan astronomy department met with me at Dean Miller's home to discuss the sightings and other things as well.

It is virtually impossible to describe the hectic nature of the three days in the Ann Arbor neighborhood. I certainly would not wish to undergo another such episode unless I were far better prepared for it in terms of time and physical assistance. Nonetheless, it happened this way, and I went after the salient 'facts' of the sightings and let the chips fall where they would.

The two primary sightings at Dexter and Hillsdale, respectively, may be called the crucial sightings which became the focal point of local (and later of nationwide) attention, and had associated with them a veritable barrage of other reports with no clear-cut association with the two principal events under discussion here. It is possible that many of these were the result of the general excitement surrounding these events and of suggestibility on the part of those who reported them. However, there were reports of odd sightings, particularly in the Milan area, a few nights previous to the sightings here discussed. It would have taken an army of investigators to have exhaustively looked into all of these. In the course of my three days of investigation, I talked with the following people at some length and with a host of others in passing.

County Sheriff Harvey - Washtenaw County
Deputy Stanley McFadden
Deputy David Tizpatrick
Patrolman Hunnawill
Colonel Gerald G. Miller
Chief Taylor
Mr. Frank Mannor
Bob Wagner, son-in-law of Mr. Mannor
Univ of Michigan, Astronomy Dept. (11 members)
Univ of Michigan, Faculty members

Mr. Ted Seeling, Radio and Television Engineer
William Van Horn, Funeral Director and Civil Defense Chief in Hillsdale
Chief John Palmer, Chelsea Police
Mrs. Hearn, housemother at Hillsdale College
Miss Joe Wilson / Two students at Hillsdale whom Mrs. Hearn chose
Miss Sara Robeck / as having had the greatest first hand knowledge.
Patrolman Clyde Myers
Patrolman Sharpe
(Sgt. Schuerder, Dets Bushra and Anderson were contacted by A2C Hanby)

I should apologize for the lack of detail in the description of the people I interviewed. Things happened so fast that there was little time for making formal records. The next time I undertake an investigation of any scope I will want to take with me an IBM portable recorder to assist me in getting names, places, and associations down correctly.

There may be some comment that I never interviewed Mr. Mannor's son. I fully intended to. He was either with reporters or unavailable. There simply was not enough time to interview everyone!

My questions were specifically directed toward determining what was visibly perceived and towards pinpointing the location and extent and duration of the phenomena.

Case A — Dexter, Michigan

There follows the record of the report received at the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department at 835pm on 20 March 1966 and of the local investigation made. This can be said to have initiated the succession of events.

"Complainant called and stated that there was a strange object in the swamp at the end of McGinnis Road. It was on the ground, went up in air about 500 feet and came down, making a lot of noise.

INVESTIGATION: Dispatched to the above location, and made contact with the complainant at 10600 McGinnis Road. Complainant advised that an unidentified object was presently located in the swamp, to the rear of afore mentioned

location, and had been so located for approximately ($\frac{1}{2}$) one-half hour. Complainant further related that the object had been observed to rise to an altitude of approximately 500 feet, and then to return to the ground. Subject stated that lights were observed upon the object, and that the lighting turned from a blue-green to a brilliant red to yellow in coloring. Object had appeared to be having difficulty in getting off of the ground.

FRANK MANNOR, of 10600 McGinnis Road, and his son RONALD, had watched the object for some time, and then proceeded into the woods and swamps, in an attempt to locate the object, and to see what it was. Both MANNORS were within the swamp at the time of arrival of the undersigned officers.

ACTION TAKEN: The undersigned officer, in company with the complainant, proceeded along Dexter-Pinckney Road to Territorial Road, and then turned onto Quigley Road, where a vantage point was obtained, being in direct line with the house, and the area of the objects observation (See Map). At this point, the patrol vehicle was secured, and the afore mentioned proceeded into the woods, in attempt to locate the swamp edge, and the object. While in the woods area, a brilliant light was observed from the far edge of the woods, and upon approaching, the light dimmed in brilliance. As the afore mentioned approached the upper ridge, and edge of the woods, the brilliant light again appeared, and then disappeared. A continued search of the area was conducted, through swamp, and high grass, with negative results.

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STATUS: OPEN

End of Record at Washtenaw County Sheriff Office.

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were already making a trek to the swamp area to look in an attempt to locate the "object". Mannor and his son did not carry any lights, save a cigarette lighter (it seems strange since the night was dark, being the new moon). The deputies thereupon proceeded to the point marked A on figure #1, where they parked their car. They then proceeded towards the glow along a path marked by a dotted line (a path which I almost exactly repeated on Wednesday, 23 March in the company of Deputy Fitzpatrick and Airman Kelley, to point B). From point B, Deputy Fitzpatrick observed a glow emanating from point marked C. Point C is also indicated on a map of the region. Points A, B, C & M are also indicated on figure 2. Deputy Fitzpatrick reported that the glow reported at C brightened and dimmed slowly. "as though stage lights were being brightened and dimmed". Deputy Fitzpatrick never observed anything other than a glow. He did not even observe the glow to rise to the tree top level as Mannor and his son indicated it had.

While Deputy McFadden busied himself in another direction in the swamp, Deputy Fitzpatrick proceeded towards the glow. The deputies were equipped with flashlights and the lights from the flashlights were visible to Mr. Mannor and his son who had now returned to the farm and were observing the deputies search afrom afar. Deputy Fitzpatrick stated to me that as he and his flashlight approached the glow, whose source was apparently hidden by a slight rise in the terrain, the glow disappeared. Deputy Fitzpatrick did not see it again. Mr. Mannor reported that as he observed the deputies approach the depression with their flashlights, (the area of the glow) the glow disappeared there and immediately appeared at a more distant point of the swamp. Mr. Mannor described the motion of the glow as a smooth horizontal motion which did not follow the

countour of the land. He indicated that if this had been an ordinary vehicle the lights would have proceeded with a bumpy motion because of the irregularities in the terrain. Mr. Mannor indicated that the glow in various parts of the swamp lasted for $2\frac{1}{2}$ - 3 hours. The stories of Mr. Mannor and Deputies McFadden do not exactly agree here but this might be due to their different advantage points.

During the Mannors' trek towards the swamp (incidentally they never arrived at their objective, never getting closer than 500 yards) they stated that as they came closer to the swamp they saw an oval object depicted in figures 3 & 4. Deputy McFadden drew figure #4, though he stated to me that he had not seen the object himself. Mannor and his son described the vehicle as a brownish oval with a green and white light at the opposite ends of the longitudinal axis and a bright red elongated light in between the two.

When the officers returned to their patrol car they found two other patrol cars there. Deputy Hunnawill and his wife who were in one car, and Officer Bushroe in another, asked the returning officers whether they had seen the lights directly above them. The new arrivals stated that four lights were hovering directly above the officers while they were conducting their search in the swamp, and expressed surprise that the officer had not seen the lights. Deputy Hunnawill stated that one of the lights came directly towards his car, passing it slightly to the right. Mrs. Hunnawill had rolled the window down and, peering out, stated that she observed the ball of light to pass very close to the car. Officer Hunnawill had turned the car motor off to check whether any sound came from the ball of light, there was none. As he did so the object was visible in front of him through the windshield. He got out, paused to shut the door, and then looked around for the object, only to discover that the object was already to

the rear of the car. This high angular rate, if correct, would indicate that the light must have been very near.

Before proceeding with a discussion of these observations it would be best to examine the basic reports from the Hillsdale area because of the great similarity between them and those in Dexter.

It is most unfortunate that none of the witnesses in the Dexter area were technically trained. It was difficult for me to speak to them in terms of angles, and angular rates — their powers of description were inadequate to the occasion; they would have made poor reports or investigators. This is not to disparage the witnesses, and certainly not to impugn their honesty or sincerity — they simply lacked the ability to describe accurately and technically.

Let us now examine the Hillsdale case; the witnesses were of the same order as those at Dexter with the exception of Mr. Van Horn who has had technical training, holds a pilots license, and is generally articulate. But even for him the words of accurate description failed him. Further, to one of his training, he should have availed himself of other technically trained people in the area rather than rely solely on the girls at Hillsdale college. The college has some science teachers who certainly should have been alerted and their opinions and observations solicited. Also, while we could hardly expect Mr. Mannor to have a camera ready, certainly the people at Hillsdale, with a good vantage point, and three hours available to them, should have placed a camera in action and obtained a time exposure of the lights. So now let us look at the Hillsdale case:

CASE B - Hillsdale, Michigan

On Thursday, March 24th I traveled to Hillsdale with Airman 2nd Class Hanby and his driver to investigate the Hillsdale case. We called first at

the home of William Van Horn, County Civil Defense Director and operator of the Van Horn Funeral Home. He has a pilots license, been in the Air Force, and is a very knowledgeable and seemingly efficient person. I talked with him at length about the sighting. Mrs. Van Horn had taken the first call, a report from the girls' dormitory, to the effect that there were blue, red and white lights visible to the east from the dormitory near the ground. Van Horn went to the back roof of his house and for 10 minutes scanned the skies and could see nothing. He did see a white light in the SW which he stated was stationary at first, and then appeared to change azimuth from 210 to 270 degrees. His wife and son, David, observed it for about 20 minutes. He said it wasn't a star, and not an aircraft because it remained in the field of the binoculars for five minutes. But he saw nothing in the area of the sky to the northeast and east. This was reported to the girls but they called back at 1105 (Barbara Cohn) and stated, in effect, "sorry to bother your, don't want you to think we are crackpots, but the thing is coming down". It was straight east of the dormitory and probably $\frac{1}{2}$ miles away, they stated. Van Horn called the State Police as well as the city police who arrived shortly, investigated the area and reported there was nothing to be seen. Because the girls continued to report lights, Van Horn decided to go to the dormitory. He saw Mrs. Hearn, housemother at the dormitory, who took Van Horn to the second floor of the dormitory. They went to the room where Miss Jo Wilson and Sara Robecheck were. The girls had the room dark and windows open and were looking down towards a swampy depression in the country side. Van Horn observed the lights then himself for the first time.

After getting this story from Van Horn at his home, we proceeded to the dormitory and talked with Mrs. Hearn who took us up to the sighting room, where the same girls were interviewed. They were most cooperative and Miss Jo Wilson drew the attached picture, (Figure #4). Both girls told me that attention was first called by a casual glance out of the window which lead to the remark by one of them "there's no house down there, is there?" or words to that effect. A fairly bright red light and two yellowish lights, resembling Christmas tree lights, according to the girls, were close to the ground in the marsh area, where, they obviously knew there was no house.

They reported no tangible object. They did remark, although there was much confusion, that several of the girls had seen a very bright light sweep past the window just before the main sighting. I could get no consistent story relative to this, in contrast to the fairly consistent description to the lights in the swamp.

According to Van Horn, the lights were surrounded by a glow which rose every once in awhile to above the trees to about 150 feet above the swamp, appearing to get brighter as it rose, then rather quickly dimming out as it got higher. It appeared, Van Horn said, as though it wished to avoid the periodic sweep of a nearby airplane beacon.

Van Horn stated that his first impression of the lights were that they were marsh lights, otherwise known as fox lights, etc. He told me that he was about to say that this was what they actually were, but just about the time he thought he had the solution, the red light on the right and the white light on the left (a location of these lights did not agree with the girls description) started to get more brilliant. It was at this time that the lights appeared to

rise. The lights made their ascent and descent some four times between 1130 pm, 21 March and 145 am, 22 March. Van Horn thought that between the two lights he could see a mass and thought it was convex shaped. The girls, however, had described only a red light at that position.

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I am not reporting at this time the numerous side investigations, such as a trip to the home of a young chap who had reported to Van Horn that he had a photograph of a UFO. I visited this chap at Hillsdale and discovered that, as far as I was concerned, he had photographed a blimp. I did give him \$2 for a print, just for the record, which I never received. I will not also report at this time the many peripheral conversations I had with individual policemen from the office of the Sheriff of Washtenaw County at Ann Arbor, Michigan (Sheriff Harvey, and a number of his deputies), members of the Chelsea Police

Department (Chief John Palmer, Clyde Myers and Charles Sharpe and a number of his other men), and the police in Dexter Michigan (Captain Taylor and his men, notably Officer Hunnawill), nor will I describe the fairly long discussion I had with Colonel Miller, civilian Defense Chief in Ann Arbor, who appears to be a very practical and blunt man who told me, in a nutshell, that he took no stock in any of the reports that had been going around. I might point out, that all through the investigation I made discreet inquiries relative to character reference and general reliability of other witnesses, and came away with the general impression that I had not been dealing with seasoned and careful investigators, but rather with men untutored in reporting matters outside their normal line of reporting (license plates, accidents, etc, but not angular rates, angular distances in the sky, brightnesses, and in general, time motion sequences). I was forced, therefore, to take into account, and regard as facts, only such things which had been reported fairly consistantly by several witnesses. The doubt case upon certain witnesses by other witnesses did not inspire in me a feeling of confidence as to the quality and reliability of the data, I was obliged to use from which to draw my conclusions. I therefore felt that the only expedient thing to do was to concentrate on the consistent aspects of the stories from Dexter and Hillsdale and place into another category the host of the individual and generally mutally conflicting bits of testimony offered by the many individuals I talked to during my three day stay.

I therefore decided to look at the common pattern which seemed to be developing in the Dexter and Hillsdale cases. These had many interesting points in common; first, the lights in both cases were associated with swamp areas. While it was true that various individuals reported lights traveling

in the sky at about those times and in those general vicinities, I could form no consistent picture whatever of these alleged events. On the other hand, I could form a consistent picture of what apparently was observed over the swamp at Dexter and at Hillsdale. In both cases a distinctive reddish yellow, and green lights were reported, plus a general yellow glow. The spectacular lights, when reported, were stated to be of limited area. One of the girls at Hillsdale agreed but stated that a yellowish glow surrounding and enveloped the discreet lights. The similarity between the Dexter lights and the Hillsdale lights was striking. Not only as to color and intensity, but motion as well. The motion was described in both cases as smooth and slow, with a tendency to disappear rather suddenly and reappear elsewhere. Most observers described a smooth horizontal motion and while other girls from Hillsdale said the lights seemed to get excited and moved erratically when car lights and flashlights came into the vicinity, the major behaviour was described as persistent, smooth and slow.

I had hoped to be able to gather more data and, with the help of some of my Northwestern staff who were willing to come to the area with me and help in the interrogation and so to be able to examine many of the individual reports not associated directly with the swamps, but funds were not available for bringing in any of my associates, who are excellent interrogators in this field, and further, since the interest and excitement generated in these cases was mounting to fever pitch, it seemed expedient, in fact mandatory, to hold a press conference and make a progress report. Until the evening before I was to make such a statement, I was still puzzled as to a natural explanation for even the consistent sightings. Fortunately, I have a number of friends in the academic world in Ann Arbor and whose invaluable aid I enlisted. I would like

to give credit to the scientists I talked with until very late into the night but they prefer to remain anonymous. I am sure, however, that should their testimony be officially required, rather than for the press, their cooperation could very easily be obtained.

It was from these academic gentlemen that I obtained the information on marsh gas and the lights frequently associated with it. To summarize, it appears that rotting vegetation in the swamps produces methane, CH_4 , and hydrogen sulfide, H_2S , in ample quantities under certain conditions. Methane is odorless, H_2S is not but since it is present in relatively small quantities one does not smell it unless one overturns a shovel full of swamp material. I am told that this would then release a distinct odor. In addition, phosphine PH_3 is produced by the reduction of phosphorous compounds in the marsh material. These three gases ordinarily do not spontaneously ignite, but I am told, a small impurity in the PH_3 , namely P_2H_4 , is highly flammable and when exposed to air spontaneously ignites. This then apparently can serve to ignite the other gases. The phenomenon of swamp lights is apparently quite well known, and references to it are ample in the literature. Even in non-technical literature these lights, variously known as willow-of-the-wisp, ignis fatuus, fox lights, etc., have had many stories woven around them, including stories of these lights being the souls of the departed as well as elemental mythological entities. Technically, they are treated in two books to which I had immediate access, Light and Colour in the Open Sky, by Minnaert and Chemistry, by Sienko and Plane. Here the lights are described even into their colors, red, yellow, white and green, thus matching the colors described by the majority of the witnesses. It is stated in these books that the lights are a form of low temperature chemical luminescence which does not char or burn grass, etc. The lights generally are

are evanescent, burning here for a moment or so, going out, and appearing some feet or yards away as another plume of gas spontaneously ignites. This sporadic lighting is generally soundless, although sometimes a "popping" noise is heard (this may be the origin of the "ricochet sound" Mr. Mannor reported). The illusion of motion can easily be given by the sporadic appearance of a wisp of light here, and then there.

The lights have never been described as truly bright. They would be visible best to dark-adapted eyes on a clear dark night and also on a night which there was no high wind (which would quickly dissipate the gas as it bubbled up from underneath).

It appears to me that many of the conditions for the appearance of swamp lights were satisfied at both Dexter and Hillsdale. I can't state with any certainty that this is the correct solution to the problem; merely that it is the most likely cause. I would of course, appreciate learning of other possible natural causes should they be forthcoming. We can, I believe, completely eliminate any solution based on aircraft, balloons, birds, meteors, stars, etc, because they simply do not fit the consistent data reported to me.

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The entire matter of a full dress press conference was most distasteful to me because I would rather present carefully weighed and consistent evidence and conclusions, with due time allowed, to a body of scientific colleagues than be subject at a moment's notice to a roaring pack of news hounds whose chief interest appears to be in getting a quick story.

I recommend once again, as I have often in the past, in my capacity as scientific consultant, that the UFO phenomenon which has now plagued us for a score of years, and has been responsible for countless words in newsprint during that time, should be recognized as a scientific and sociological problem of our times and studied as such by competent men in various fields. Further, since the first requisite for any scientific investigation is concern for the quality of the basic data, much more attention should be paid to the immediate gathering and processing of such data.

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APPENDIX "A"

STATEMENT ON THE DEXTER AND HILLSDALE UFO SIGHTINGS, by Dr. F. Allen Mynatt,
Scientific Consultant to Project Blue Book.

The Air Force has asked me to make a statement on my findings to date. This I am happy to do, provided it is clearly understood that my statement will refer to the two principal events as reported to me: the event near Dexter, Mich., on March 20, and a similar one at Hillsdale, Mich., on March 21. It does not cover the hundreds of unexplained reports as opposed to the thousands of explained cases made not only to Project Blue Book, but those from other countries, over the past several years, as described in recent books and articles. I have not investigated these--such as the one near Exeter, N.H. and those in the western states last year, nor the puzzling foreign cases, such as that at Cuernavaca, Mexico, last fall. I have recommended in my capacity as Scientific Consultant, that competent scientists quietly study such cases when evidence from responsible people appears to warrant such study. There may be much of potential value to science in such events. We know a very great deal more about the physical world in 1966, than we did in 1866--but, by the same token, the people in the year 2066 may regard us as very incomplete in our scientific knowledge. We must not in our haste to have answers, be Frederick Smiths.

If then, it is understood I am not making a blanket statement to cover the entire UFO phenomenon over the past 20 years in this and other countries, I am prepared to discuss the Dexter and Hillsdale sightings.

Now, in addition to these two specific cases there has been a flood of other reports from this area, both before and after last Sunday and Monday, and I could not possibly have had the time to investigate all of these. I have had time, however, to determine that in Hillsdale, over and above the sincere and honest reporting by the young ladies at Hillsdale College of a very puzzling sighting, certain young men have played pranks with flares.

And, I have also determined that the pictures released yesterday to the press were taken on March 17, near Milar, Mich., and have no reference whatever to the sightings of March 20 or 21st, and are without any question a time exposure of the rising crescent moon and the planet Venus. I emphasize that this explanation refers to those specific pictures and not to the two cases now in question.

At long last now, the Dexter and Hillsdale cases: Here are the hard facts, the residue, the common denominator after sifting out as much of the subjective, peripheral, and inconsistent statements as I have been able to do in this short time.

The majority of observers in both cases reported only lights--red, yellow and green, silent glowing lights, near the ground. They have not described an object. Even the only two observers who did describe an object have stated that they were no closer than 500 yards--better than a quarter of a mile away--a distance which does not allow details to be determined. Witnesses have described glowing lights--lights that seemed to move but never far from a definite locale, or which suddenly disappeared and popped up at another place. Now what was that locale in both instances? In both cases, a swamp. In both cases the location of the glow was pin-pointed: in Dexter it was seen between two distant groups of people, and at Hillsdale it was seen in a swampy depression between the girls and distant trees. It was in both cases a very localized phenomenon. I think that this is a most significant point.

A dismal swamp is a most unlikely place for a visit from outer space! It is not a place where a helicopter would hover for several hours, or where a soundless, secret device would likely be tested.

Now what is a swamp? It is a place of rotting vegetation and of decomposition. Swamps are not the normal province of the astronomer; he usually has his eyes trained toward far loftier places--yet the Dutch as-

trouwer, Minnaert, in his book, "Light and Color, in The Open Air," has this to say about swamps. He describes lights that have been seen in swamps by the astronomer Bessel and other excellent observers. The lights, he says, resemble tiny flames, sometimes seen right on the ground, sometimes floating above it. The flames go out in one place and suddenly appear in another, giving the illusion of motion. The colors, he says, are sometimes yellow, sometimes red and blue-green. No heat is felt, and the lights do not burn or char the ground. They can appear for hours at a time and sometimes for a whole night. Generally there is no smell, and usually no sound, except the popping sound of little explosions, such as when a gas burner ignites.

Where does the gas come from, and what lights it? The rotting vegetation produces marsh gas which can be trapped by ice and winter conditions. When a spring thaw occurs, the gas may be released in some quantity.

The flame, Minnaert says, is a form of chemical luminescence and its low temperature is one of its peculiar features. Exactly how it occurs is not known and this in itself might be made a subject of an interesting study.

The glowing lights on the swamp near Dorset and Milldale were observed for two to three hours. No sounds were heard, except for popping sounds. The lights were red, green or yellow and they appeared to move sideways, and to rise a short distance. I emphasize this would not be seen frequently—it is of a unique character. I have never seen it myself and I can easily understand the dismay of the witnesses who saw it and who sincerely described what they saw.

It seems likely that as the present spring thaws came the trapped gases CH_4 , H_2S , PH_3 , resulting from decomposition of organic materials were released. The chemistry book by Sienko and Plane has this to say: "In air, phosphine, PH_3 , usually bursts into flame, apparently because it is

ignited by a spontaneous oxidation of the impurity P_2H_4 . The will-o-the-wisp, sometimes observed in marshes, may be due to spontaneous ignition of impure PH_3 , which might be formed by reduction of naturally occurring phosphorous compounds."

Other scientists have pointed out to me that in swamps the formation of H_2S and CH_4 from rotting vegetation is common. These could be ignited by the spontaneous burning of the Phosphine, PH_3 .

It would seem to me that the association of the sightings with swamps, in these particular cases, is more than coincidence. No group of witnesses observed any craft coming to or going away from the swamps. The glow was localized there. Deputy Fitzpatrick described the glow as coming from beyond a rise adjacent to the swamp, and visible through the trees. He stated that the lights brightened and dimmed much as stage lights do—smoothly and slowly. The girls at Hillsdale described almost the identical thing. This could have been due to the release of variable quantities of marsh gas.

The disappearance of the light when people got close with flash-lights or car lights, would indicate that the glow seemed bright only to dark-adapted eyes. The night was dark—there was no moon. The Hillsdale girls kept their rooms dark in order to see the lights in the swamp.

I emphasize in conclusion that I cannot prove in a Court of Law that this is the full explanation of these sightings. It appears very likely, however, that the combination of the conditions of this particular winter, an unusually mild one in this area, and the particular weather conditions that night—there was little wind at either location—were such as to have produced this unusual and puzzling display.

DEARBORN OBSERVATORY
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EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

July 30, 1966

Dear Marilyn:

My dictaphone broke down and so my original plan to dictate the whole report and then have my secretary retype it won't work---anyway in the interests of time--mail is slow from here---I will type as much of the report as I can myself, suggesting that you pick up, as indicated, copy from the preliminary report. No need for me to type that twice. Please send me at least two copies of the final report for my files--thanks.

REPORT ON THE DEXTER-HILLSDALE, MICHIGAN UFO SIGHTINGS OF
20-21 MARCH 1966.

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In my capacity as scientific consultant to the Air Force on UFO's, I was requested to investigate ~~the~~ two sightings in Michigan which, for some reason, had captured public attention and were the subject of many radio and news stories. It was unfortunate that I did not ask permission to take at least two assistants along. Mr. Powers of the Dearborn Observatory had asked to go along, as had Mr. Vallee and Mr. Hanlon. A far better job of interviewing the large number of ostensible witnesses to the same events could have been done.

Once upon the scenes (Dexter and Hillsdale--and Ann Arbor and Chelsea along with Dexter), despite the help of A2C Hanby (loaned from Selfridge Field) I realized that the task was far too great for one man if all the witnesses wishing to be interviewed (and many of whom were 'miffed' because I had either not had a chance to talk with them or was able to give only a short time to them.) were to be satisfied. Since I had no authority to call in help without going through FTD, and that would take time, I decided upon the following plan of action: I would limit myself to interrogating key witnesses in both localities and would use as the basis of my judgment only those 'information bits' that were agreed upon by several witnesses. I could not give weight to one person who contradicted some bit of information the others had already ~~agreed~~ concurred in. Thus I had to neglect the testimony of one person who said he saw an object when the majority in the same location described only lights. Had I had assistance, I would have adopted the plan of having an assistant interrogate separately the single witnesses who had a different story to tell. I cannot complain about the lack of assistance, however, since none of us knew what proportions these incidents would assume as the next few days came around.

My interrogations were made triply difficult because of the ubiquitous press, radio and TV men. It was impossible to talk quietly with anyone without having a microphone placed in front of your face. I was always importuned for "just a word" or, "will you answer just one question?" It is difficult to describe to one who wasn't there the general bedlam. Mr. Mannor, the chief protagonist in the Dexter case, reportedly complained that I had spent very little time with him. It was virtually impossible to do so; several times I was waiting and anxious to talk with him but he was occupied with several reporters. Here again is where some assistants would have come in handy; they could have diverted the reporters while I talked to Mannor. One needs some clever interference run for him in cases like this; it is virtually impossible to do it single handed. By contrast, I recall the Eagle River Wis. "pancake" case. In that instance I had chartered a plane and took several graduate students with me. They were invaluable in chasing down leads, assisting in

the interrogation of subsidiary witnesses and running very necessary interference, making special arrangements to see people etc. I have resolved that in investigating future cases, if I do at all, I must have at least one dependable assistant who knows the ropes. Otherwise too much time is wasted in sheer mechanics.

Through the kindness of Prof. Freeman Miller, Associate Dean of the Graduate School, University of Michigan, I made my headquarters at his home during my several day stay and both he and Mrs. Miller was of extreme help. Mrs. Miller gave freely of her time in answering the phone, which seemed to ring incessantly, to very late hours, and then again early in the morning. It was through Dr. Miller's kindness that I was put into touch with several University of Michigan faculty members (who prefer to remain anonymous) who were able to give me considerable help on possible physical solutions to the sightings. It was at Dean Miller's invitation that eleven members of the University of Michigan astronomy department met with me at Dean Miller's home to discuss the sightings and other things as well.

It is virtually impossible to describe the hectic nature of the three days in the Ann Arbor neighborhood. I certainly would not wish to undergo another such episode unless I were far better prepared for it in terms of time and physical assistance. Nonetheless, it happened this way, and I went after the salient 'facts' of the sightings and let the chips fall where they would.

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I should apologize for the lack of detail in the description of the people I interviewed. Things happened so fast that there was little time for making formal records. The next time I undertake an investigation of any scope I will want to take with me an IBM portable recorder to assist me in getting names, places, and associations down correctly.

There may be some comment that I never interviewed Mr. Mannor's son. I fully intended to. He was either with reporters or unavailable. There simply was not enough time to interview everyone!

Now as to the cases themselves: (M pick up Insert B) M: where are the maps? Local map of Territorial Road and Quigley road would be handy here and the map showing arrows. Didn't I leave that with you? Does the VanHorn report have this? I probably have my maps at home if I didn't leave them with you.).

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It is most unfortunate that none of the witnesses in the Dexter area were technically trained. It was difficult for me to speak to them in terms of angles, and angular rates--their powers of description were inadequate to the occasion; they would have made poor reporters or investigators. This is not to disparage the witnesses, and certainly not to impugn their honesty or sincerity---they simply lacked the ability to describe accurately and technically.

Let us now examine the Hillsdale case; the witnesses were of the same order as those at Dexter with the exception of Mr. Van Horn who has had technical training, holds a pilots license, and is generally articulate. But even for him the words of accurate description failed him. Further, to one of his training, he should have availed himself of other technically trained people in the area rather than rely solely on the girls at Hillsdale college. The college has some

science teachers who certainly should have been alerted and their opinions and observations solicited. Also, while we could hardly expect Mr. Mannor to have a camera ready, certainly the people at Hillsdale, with a good vantage point, and three hours available to them, should have placed a camera in action and obtained a time exposure of the lights. So now let us look at the Hillsdale case:

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J. Allen Hynek

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— DR HYNER's report

REPORT ON THE INVESTIGATION OF THE DEXTER, MICHIGAN SIGHTING OF
20 MARCH AND THE HILLSDALE, MICHIGAN SIGHTING OF 21 MARCH 1966

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The two sightings at Dexter and Hillsdale, respectively, may be called the crucial sightings which became the focal point of local ^{attention,} attention (and later of nationwide) and had associated with them a veritable barrage of other reports with no clear-cut association with the two principal events under discussion here. It is possible that many of these were the result of the general excitement surrounding these events and of suggestibility on the part of those who reported them. However, there were reports of odd sightings, particularly in the Milan area, a few nights previous to the sightings ^{here} discussed. It would have taken an army of investigators to have exhaustively looked into all of these. In the course of my three days of investigation, I talked with the following people at some length and with a host of others in passing.

County Sheriff Harvey - Washtenaw County
Deputy Stanley McFadden
Deputy David Fitzpatrick
Patrolman Hunnawill
Colonel Gerald G. Miller
Chief Taylor
Mr Frank Mannor
Bob Wagner, son-in-law of Mr. Mannor.
Univ of Mich, Astronomy Dept (11 members)
Univ of Mich, Faculty members
Mr. Ted Seeling, Eng, Rad, Tel Radio and television engineer
William Van Horn * Chelsea
Chief John Palmer - Grosse Pointe Police
Mrs Hearn, housewife at Hillsdale college
Miss Joe Wilson // Two students at Hillsdale whom Mrs. Hearn
Miss Sara Robeck // chose as having had the greatest
Patrolman Clyde Myers first hand knowledge.
Patrolman Sharpe
(Sgt. Schuerder, Deps Bushra and Anderson were contacted by A2C Hanby)

* Funeral director and Civil Defense Chief in Hillsdale.

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My questions were specifically directed toward determining what was visibly perceived and towards pinpointing the location and extent and duration of the phenomena.

Case A - Dexter, Michigan

There follows the ~~original report~~ ^{record of the report} received at the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department at 835 pm on 20 March 1966, ^{and the local investigator made.} ~~which can be said to initiated~~ ^{This}

"Complainant called and stated that there was a strange object in the swamp at the end of McGinnis Road. It was on the ground, went up in air about 500 feet and came down, making a lot of noise.

INVESTIGATION: Dispatched to the above location, and made contact with the complainant at 10600 McGinnis Road. Complainant advised that an unidentified object was presently located in the swamp, to the rear of afore mentioned location, and had been so located for approximately ($\frac{1}{2}$) one-half hour. Complainant further related that the object had been observed to rise to an altitude of approximately 500 feet, and then to return to the ground. Subject stated that lights were observed upon the object, and that the lighting turned from a blue-green to a brilliant red to yellow in coloring. Object had appeared to be having difficulty in getting off of the ground.

FRANK MANNOR, of 10600 McGinnis Road, and his son, RONALD, had watched the object for some time, and then proceeded into the woods and swamps, in an attempt to locate the object, and to see what it was. Both MANNORs were within the swamp at the time of arrival of the undersigned officers.

ACTION TAKEN: The undersigned officer, in company with the complainant, proceeded along Dexter-Pinckney Road to Territorial Road, and then turned onto Quigley Road, where a vantage point was obtained, being in direct line with the

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(see Map)

house, and the area of the objects observation. At this point, the patrol vehicle was secured, and the afore mentioned proceeded into the woods, in attempt to locate the swamp edge, and the object. While in the woods area, a brilliant light was observed from the far edge of the woods, and upon approaching, the light dimmed in brilliance. As the afore mentioned approached the upper ridge, and edge of the woods, the brilliant light again appeared, and then disappeared. A continued search of the area was conducted, through swamp, and high grass, with negative results.

Upon returning to the patrol vehicle, the undersigned officers were met by others who had gathered to observed, and the undersigned officers were informed that one of the objects had been hovering directly over the area where our flashlight beams had been seen, and had then departed in a west direction of flight, at high rate of speed. Upon returning to the patrol vehicle, the undersigned officers returned to the McGinnis Road address, where the MANNORS were talked to.

TALK WITH FRANK MANNOR: FRANK MANNOR stated that he had observed the lights coming from the swamp, and had awakened his son, RONALD. BOTH MANNORS then proceeded into the swamps in an attempt to find out the object which was producing the light. Upon entering the lower edge of the swamp, RONALD stated "what is that thing", and as FRANK MANNOR looked in the direction indicated, the object was observed. At the instant of observation the small lights went out, and in just an instant, re-appeared across the swamp, a distance of about 500 yards. At this time, the object became illuminated from a brilliant source of light, which flowed horizontal between ~~two~~ two (2) small lights. After

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lights disappeared and were not observed again. Further search of the area was made with negative results.

DISPOSITION: FURTHER INVESTIGATION AND SEARCH OF THE AREA WAS MADE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

STATUS: ~~UNOPEN~~ OPEN

End of Record at Washtenaw County Sheriff Office

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Mr. Wagner, the "complainant," is the son-in-law of Mr. Mannor who made the original sighting. Mr. Mannor ^{said that he} was about to enter his house from a front yard, when, according to him, he noticed a bright light out of the corner of his eye. He thought at first it was a falling star which he said abruptly stopped right over a swamp to the immediate north of his barn. He called his son, Ronald, out from the house to verify the sighting and together they watched the glow of light behind the trees in the distant swamp. Apparently at this time Mr. Wagner made the report to the Sheriff's office. Deputy McFadden and Fitzpatrick were dispatched to the Mannor farm and in my interview with McFadden and ~~Particularly~~ with Fitzpatrick (with whom I spent several hours in detailed discussions) they stated that upon arrival at the farm Mr. Mannor and his son were already making a trek to the swamp area to look in an attempt to locate the "object". Mannor and his son did not carry any lights save a cigarette lighter (it seems strange since the night was dark, being the new ^{mo} Moon). The deputies thereupon proceeded to the point marked A on figure #1, where they parked their car. They then proceeded towards the glow~~ing~~ along a path marked by a dotted line (a path which I almost exactly repeated on Wednesday, 23 March in the company of Deputy Fitzpatrick and Airman Kelley, to point B). From point B, Deputy

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proceeded towards the glowing along a path marked by a dotted line (a path which I almost exactly repeated on Wednesday, 23 March in the company of Deputy Fitzpatrick and Airman Kelley, to point B). From point B, Deputy Fitzpatrick observed a glow ^{emanating} emitting from

point marked C. Point C is also indicated on a map of the region.

Points A, B C & M are also indicated on figure 2. Deputy Fitzpatrick reported that the glow reported at C brightened and dimmed slowly.

"as though stage lights were being brightened and dimmed". Deputy Fitzpatrick never observed anything other than a glow. He did not even observe the glow to rise to the trees top level as Mannor and his son indicated it had.

While Deputy McFadden busied himself in another direction in the swamp, Deputy Fitzpatrick proceeded towards the glow. The deputies were equipped with flashlights and ~~if~~ the lights from the flashlights were visible to Mr Mannor and his son who ~~was~~ had now returned to the farm and were observing the deputies search from afar. Deputy Fitzpatrick stated to me that as he and his flashlight approached the glow, ^{that} ~~the~~ source was apparently hidden by a slight rise in the terrain, the glow disappeared.

Deputy Fitzpatrick did not see it again, ^{approached} ~~that~~ Mr Mannor reported ^{definition with their} that as he observed ~~the~~ the depression, flashlight approach (the area of the glow) ^{observed the deputies approach} the glow disappeared there and immediately appeared at a more distant point of the swamp. Mr Mannor described the motion of the glow as a smooth horizontal motion which did not follow the countour of the land. He indicated that if this had been an ordinary

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watching the object for a couple of minutes, the rays of light from two flashlights were observed from the ridge above the object. The light from the object intensified, then went out, and a whistle similar to the sound of a rifle bullet ricochet was heard, and the object passed directly over the MANNORS in just an instant.

DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT: Object was observed to be of a brown coloring, appearing to be quilted type outside surface. Object appeared to be flat upon the bottom, and cone shaped toward the top, however, being low in height. Two small lights appeared to be at the outer edges of the object, glowing in a bluish-green light, and intensifying to a brilliant red in color. When the vehicle or object illuminated, the lighting was a yellow-white in color, and ran horizontal between the two outer lights, allowing some of the object to be viewed. Outer body appeared to be rough in texture.

PERSONS OBSERVING OBJECT:

FRANK MANNOR of 10600 McGinnis Road, Dexter, DOB Jan 5, 1919
RONALD MANNOR of 10600 McGinnis Road, Dexter, DOB Jan 28, 1947
Several others, names unknown.

FURTHER UFO SIGHTED: Shortly after the UFO was departed from the scene, CHELSEA POLICE DEPARTMENT reported sighting a similar object over the Village of Chelsea, hovering, and then departing at high rate of speed in a westerly direction.

A further sighting of similar bluish-green lights was reported near the woods and swamp, north side of N Territorial Road, between Scully Rd., and Webster-Church Road, in Webster Twp., County of Washtenaw, by Washtenaw County Sheriff Patrol #19, however, when attempt was made to get closer,

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vehicle the lights ~~would~~ would have proceeded with a bumpy motion because of the irregularities in the terrain. Mr Mannor indicated that the glow in various parts of the swamp lasted for $2\frac{1}{2}$ - 3 hours. The stories of Mr Mannor and Deputies Mc Fadden do not ~~at~~ exactly agree here but this might be due to their different advantage points.

the Mannors'

During ~~their~~ trek towards the swamp (incidentally they never arrived at their objective, therefore never getting closer than 500 yards) they stated that as they came closer to the swamp they saw an oval ~~of~~ object depicted in figures 3 & 4. Deputy McFadden ~~direct through~~ ^{drew} figure #4, though he ~~had indicated~~ ^{stated} to me that he ~~had~~ had not seen the object himself. Mannor and his son described the vehicle as a brownish oval with a green and white light at the opposite ends of the longitudinal axis and a bright red elongated light in between the two.

When the officers returned to their patrol car they found two other patrol cars there. Deputy ~~John~~ ^{who} Hunavill and his wife/were in one car, and Officer ~~Briscoe~~ ^{Bushroa in another} ~~stated~~ asking the returning officers whether they had seen the light directly above them. ~~stated~~ ^{that the new} ~~stated~~ that four lights were hovering directly above the officers while they were conducting their search in the swamp, ~~Deputy Hunavill stated that~~ ^{and expressed surprise that the} one of the lights came directly towards his car, passing ~~at~~ slightly to the right. Mrs Hunavill had rolled the window down and, peering out, ~~stated~~ ^{stated} that she observed the ball of light to pass very close to the car. Officer Hunavill had ~~talked~~ ^{turned} the car motor off to check whether any sound came from the ball of light. As he

officer had not seen the light

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so the object was visible in front of him through the windshield.

He got out, ^{paused} ~~positioned~~ to shut the door, and then looked around

for the object, only to discover that the object was already to the rear of the car. ^{this high angular rate, if correct, would indicate that the light must have been very near.}

Before proceeding with ~~an analysis~~ ^{a discussion} of these observations it

would be best to examine the basic reports from the Hillsdale area

because of the great similarity between them ^{and those in Dexta.}

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Case B - Hillsdale, Michigan

A2C Hamby
Happy

On Thursday, March 24th I traveled to Hillsdale with Ann Hamby

and his driver to investigate the Hillsdale case. We called first

at the home of William Van Horn, County Civil Defense Director and

operator of the Van Horn Funeral Home. He has ^a pilots license,

been in the Air Force, and is a very knowledgeable and ^{seemingly} ~~effective~~ efficient person. I talked with him ^{at} length about the sighting.

Mrs Van Horn ^{had taken} ~~took~~ the first call, a report from the girls' dormitory,

to the effect that there were blue, red and white lights

^{to the east} visible from the dormitory near the ground. Van Horn went to the

back roof of his house and for ¹⁰ minutes scanned the skies

and could see ~~nothing~~ nothing. He did see a white light in the SW

which ^{he stated} ~~was~~ stationary at first, ^{and then} ~~it~~ appeared to change azimuth ^{from}

210 to 270 degrees. His wife and son, David, observed it for

about 20 minutes. He said it wasn't a star, and not an aircraft because

it remained in the field of the binoculars for five minutes. But

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he saw nothing in the area of the sky to the northeast, ^{and east.} This was reported to the girls but they called back at 1105 (Barbara Cohn) ^{and} ~~they~~ stated, "ineffect," sorry to bother you, don't want you to think we are crackpots, but the thing is coming down." ^{It was straight} East of the dormitory and probably $\frac{1}{2}$ miles away, ^{they stated.} Van Horn called the State Police as well as the city police who arrived shortly, investigated the area and reported there was nothing to be seen. Because the ~~the~~ girls continued to report lights, Van Horn decided to go to the dormitory. He ~~was~~ saw Mrs Hearn, housemother at the dormitory, who took Van Horn to the second floor of the dormitory. They went to the room ^{where} of Miss Jo Wilson and ~~of~~ Sara Robecheck ~~were~~. The girls had the room dark and windows open ~~ff~~ and were looking down towards a swampy depression in the country side. Van Horn observed the lights then himself for the first time.

After getting ^{this} ~~Van Horn's~~ ^{from Van Horn} sorry at his home, we proceeded to the dormitory and talked with Mrs Hearn ^{who} took us up to the ^{sighting} ~~same~~ room, where the same girls were interviewed. ^{viewed.} They were most cooperative and Miss Jo Wilson drew the attached picture, (Figure #4). Both girls told me that attention was first called by a casual glance out of the window which led to a remark by one of them "theres no house down there, is there?" or words to that effect. A fairly bright ~~1~~ red light and two yellowish lights, resembling ~~was~~ tree lights, according to the girls, were close to the ground in the marsh area, where, they obviously ~~knew~~ there was no house.

Christmas

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They reported no tangible object. They did remark, although there was much confusion, ~~however, that~~ ^{to this, that} several of the girls had seen a very bright light sweep past the window, ^{just before the main sighting.} I could get no fairly consistent story relative to this, in contrast to the ~~wide~~ consistent description to the lights in the swamp.

According to Van Horn, the lights were surrounded by a glow which rose every once in awhile ^{To above the trees} to about 150 feet above the swamp, appearing to get brighter as it rose, then rather quickly dimming out, ^{as} it got higher. It appeared, Van Horn said, as though it wished to avoid the periodic sweep of a nearby airplane beacon.

Van Horn stated that his first impression of the lights were that they were marsh lights, otherwise known as fox lights, etc. He told me that he was about to say that this was what they actually were, but just about the time he thought he had the solution, the red light on the right and the white light on the left (a location of these lights did not agree with the girls description) started to get more brilliant. It was at this time that the lights appeared to rise. The lights made ^{Their} ~~their~~ ascent and descent some four times between 1130 pm 21 March and 145 am 22 March. Van Horn thought that between the two lights he could see a mass and thought it was convex shaped. The girls, however, had described only a red light at that position.

The arrows on the sketch indicate, according to the girls, the extent of the horizontal and vertical motion of the lights.

I am not reporting at this time the numerous side investigations, such as a trip to the home of a young chap who had reported to

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Van Horn that he had a photograph of a UFO. I visited this chap at Hillsdale and discovered that, as far as I was concerned, I did ^{he had photographed a blimp.} give him \$2 for a ~~pointy~~ print, just for the record, which I ~~have~~ never ~~not yet~~ received. I will not also report at this time the many ^{several} ~~peripheral~~ ~~preferential~~ conversations I had with individual policemen from the office of the sheriff of Washtenaw County at Ann Arbor, Michigan (Sheriff Harvey, and a number of his deputies), members of the Chelsea Police Department (Chief John Palmer, ¹ ~~Clye~~ Myers and Charles Sharpe and a number of his ^{other} ~~men~~), and the police in Dexter Michigan (Captain Taylor and his men, notably Officer Hunawill), nor will I describe the fairly long discussion I had with Colonel Miller, civilian Defense Chief in Ann Arbor, who appears to be a very practical and blunt man who told me, in a nutshell, that he took no stock in any of the reports that had been going around. I might point out, that all through the investigation I made discreet inquiries relative to character reference and general reliability of ~~these~~ other witnesses, and came away with the general impression that I had ~~not~~ been dealing with seasoned and careful investigators, but rather

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with men untutored in reporting matters outside their normal line of
(license plates, accidents etc but not
reporting angular rates, angular distances in the sky, brightnesses, and
in general, time motion sequences). I was forced, therefore, to take into
account, and regard as facts, only such things which had been reported
fairly consistently by several witnesses. The doubt cast upon certain
witnesses by other witnesses did not inspire in me a feeling of confidence
as to the quality and reliability of the data ~~I must use or~~ I ~~was~~ was
obliged to use from which to draw my conclusions. I therefore felt that
the only expedient thing to do was to concentrate on the consistent aspects
of the stories from Dexter and Hillsdale and place into another category
the host of the individual and generally mutually conflicting bits of
testimony offered by the many individuals I talked to during my three
day stay.

I therefore decided to look at the common pattern which seemed
to be developing in the Dexter and Hillsdale cases. These had many
interesting points in common; first, the lights ~~was~~ ^{in both cases were} definitely
~~was~~ associated with swamp areas. While it was true that various
individuals reported lights traveling in the sky at about those times

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and in those general vicinities, I could form ~~no~~ consistent picture whatever of these alleged events. On the ~~contrary~~, ^{other hand,}

I could form a consistent picture of what apparently was observed over the swamp at Dexter and ~~SW~~ at Hillsdale. In both cases

a distinctive/^{reddish}relationship, yellow, and green lights were reported, ^{plus} a general ~~of~~ yellow glow. The spectacular

lights, when reported, were stated to be of limited area. One

of the ^{girls}~~girls~~ at Hillsdale described lights in the sky as Christmas

tree lights. Other girl at Hillsdale agreed but stated that a yellowish glow surrounding and enveloped the discreet lights.

The similarity between the Dexter lights and the Hillsdale lights

was striking. Not only as to color and intensity, but motion as well. The motion was described in both cases as smooth and

slow, with a tendency to disappear rather suddenly and reappear

elsewhere. Most observers described a smooth horizontal motion and while

other girls from Hillsdale said the lights seemed to get excited and moved

erratically when car lights and flash lights came into the vicinity, the

major behaviour was described as persistent, smooth and slow.

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I had hoped to be able to gather more data and, with the help of some of my ~~N~~orthwestern staff who were willing to come to the area with me and help in the interrogation and so to be able to examine many of the individual reports not associated directly with the ~~seamps~~^{swamps}, but funds were not available for brining in any of my associates, who are excellent interagators in this field, and further, since the interest and excitement generated in these cases was mounting to fever pitch, it seemed expedient, in fact mandatory, to ~~have~~ hold a press conference and make a progress report. Until the evening before I was to make such a statement, I was still puzzled as to a natural explanation for even~~t~~ the consistent sightings. Fortunately, I have a number of friends in the acedemic ~~fi~~e world in Ann Arbor and ~~y~~ whose invaluable aid I enlisted. I would like to give credit to the scientists I ~~worked~~ talked with until very late into the~~n~~ight but they prefer to remain anonymous. I am sure, however, that should their testimony be officially required, rather than for the press, their cooperation could very easily be obtained.

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Technically they are treated in two books to which I had immediate access, Light and Colour in the Open Sky, by Minnaert and Chemistry, by Sienko and Plane. Here the lights are described even into their colors, red, yellow, white and green, thus matching the colors described by the majority of the witnesses. It is stated ~~that~~ in these books ^{that} the ^{light} ~~illuminescent~~ ~~is~~ a form of low temperature chemical luminescence which does not char or burn grass, etc. The lights general ^{ly} are evanescent, burning ~~for~~ here for a moment or so, going out, and appearing some feet or yards away as another plume of gas spontaneously ignites. This sporadic lighting is general soundless, although sometimes a "popping" noise is heard (this may ^{be} ~~be~~ the origin of the "ricochet sound" Mr Mannor reported ^{gives}). The illusion of motion can easily be ~~caused~~ ^{given} by the sporadic appearance of a wisp of light here, and then there.

The lights have never been described as truly bright. They would be visible best to dark-adapted eyes on a clear dark night and also on a night which there was no high wind (which ~~it~~ would quickly dissipate the gas as it bubbled up from underneath),

It appears to me that ^{many of the} ~~all the major~~ conditions for the appearance of swamp lights were ~~not~~ satisfied ^{both} at Dexter and Hillsdale. I can't state with any certainty that this is the correct solution to the problem; merely that it is the most likely natural cause. I would of course, appreciate learning of other possible natural causes should they be forthcoming. We can, I believe, completely eliminate any solution based on a/c, balloons, birds, meteors, stars, etc, because they simply do not fit the consistent data reported to me.

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It was from these academic gentlemen that I obtained the information on marsh gas and the lights frequently associated with it. To summarize, it appears that rotting vegetable vegetation in the swamps produced methane, hydrogen sulfide, ^{under} CH_4 and H_2S in ample quantities in certain conditions. Methane is odorless, H_2S is not but since it is present in relatively small quantities one does not smell it unless one overturns a shovel full of swamp material, ^{I am told that this} ~~which~~ would then release a distinct odor. ~~I am told:~~

PH_3
In addition, phosphine PH_3 is produced by the reduction of phosphorous compounds in the marsh material. These three ^{gases} ~~gases are not~~ ordinarily do not spontaneously ignite, ^{but,} ~~I am told,~~ ^{PH_3 , namely P_2H_4 ,} that a small impurity in the PH_3 , ~~name P_2H_4~~ is highly flammable and when exposed to air spontaneously ignites, ^{this} ~~which~~ then apparently can serve to ignite the other gases. The phenomena ^{on} of swamp lights is apparently quite well known, and references to it are ample in the literature. Even in ^{non-} ~~scientific~~ technical literature these lights, variously ^{known} ~~as willow-of-the-wisp, ignis fatuus, fox lights, etc.~~ ^{ignis fatuus} have had many stories ^{of} ~~woven~~ around them, including ~~such~~ stories ^{as} these lights being the souls of the departed as well as elemental ^{mythological} ~~mythological~~ entities.

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I therefore presented this likely explanation at the press conference.

The entire matter of a full dress press conference was most distasteful

to me because I would rather present carefully weighed and consistent evidence and conclusions, ^{with due time allowed, a} to a body of scientific colleagues than ^{be subject} to a

roaring ^{pack} path of news hounds whose chief interest appears to be in getting

a quick story. ^{It} I recommend once again, as I have often in the past, in

my capacity as scientific consultant, that the ^{UFO} ^{on} phenomena which

has now plagued us for a score of years, and has been responsible for

countless words in newsprint during that time, should be recognized as

a scientific and sociological ^{problem} ~~principle~~ of our times and studied as such

by competent men in ~~these~~ various fields. ^{Further, since requisite} ~~Since~~ the first requisition

~~for~~ any scientific investigation is concerned for the quality of the

basic data, much more attention should be paid to the immediate gathering

and processing of such data. I would be most happy to submit a more specific

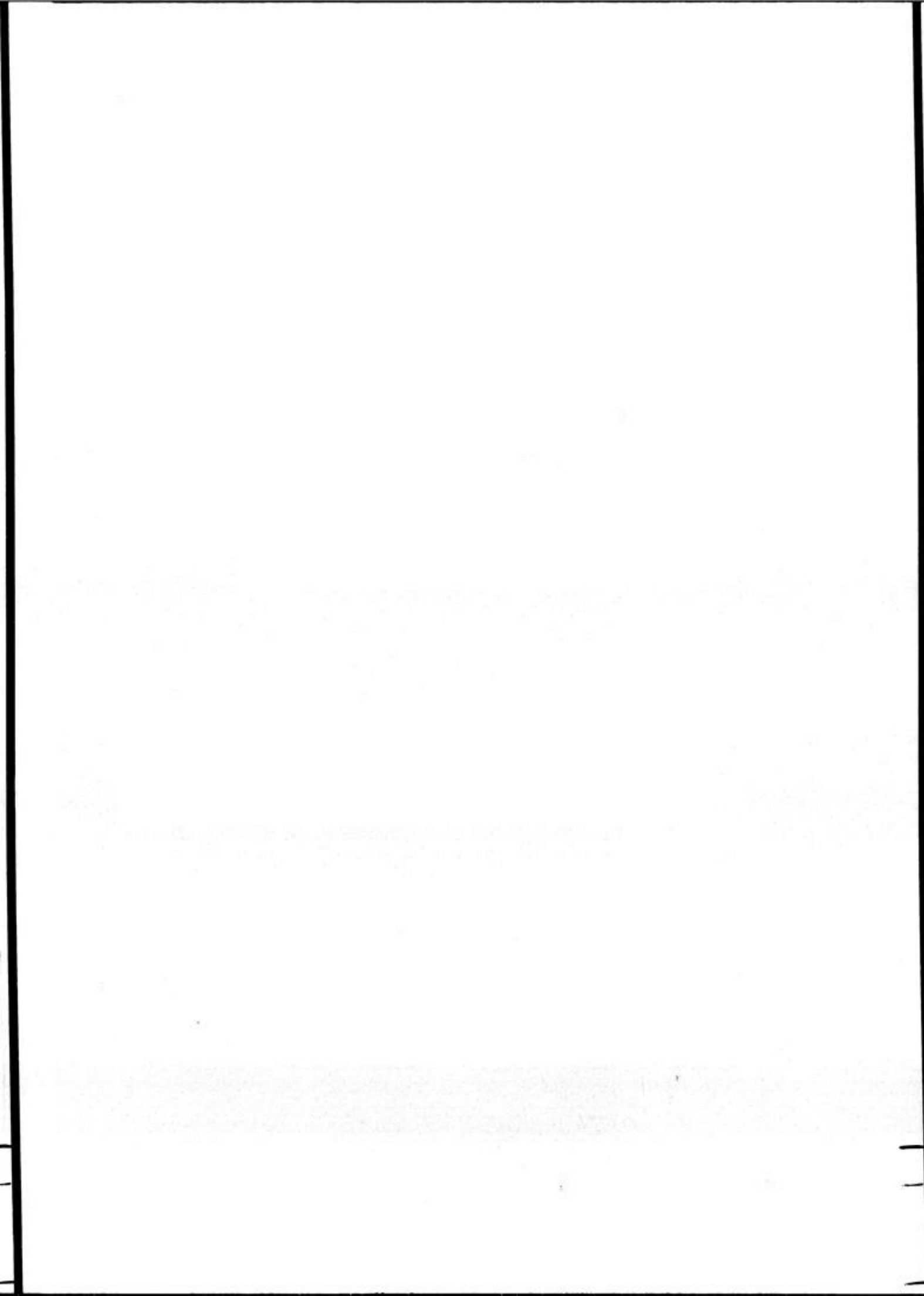
recommendation on the handling of this problem, based on my score of years

of experience with the problem if this seems appropriate at this time.

~~During the three-day interrogation~~

All notes obtained were gathered all through my working hours on the three days, are available in my ~~files~~ ^{files}

— End of Report F.



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Mount Vernon, N.Y.
March 25, 1966

Major Hector Quintanilla
Air Force UFO Project
Wright-Patterson A. F. Base
Dayton, Ohio

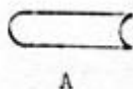
Dear Major Quintanilla:

If Dr. Hynek has not already notified you of the facts I have listed below I will most happily explain the Milan, Mich. photographs.

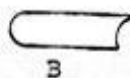
Whether or not it was intended the photograph is a hoax. It does not show UFO's but simply the planet Venus and the moon. There seems to either be a slight mixup in dates in the local papers or the photographer has lied about the date, he gave March 16 while the facts fit March 17. Working from several astronomical books the newspaper's text and the AP wirephoto I have obtained the following information;

- 1) The moon and the planet Venus were close together on the morning of March 17 just before dawn.
- 2) The UFO's rose about 4AM local time, the moon and Venus rose about 4AM local time.
- 3) The UFO's were visible until about 7AM, Venus (which is very bright just now) and the moon would have been easily visible until about sunrise which was about 7AM.
- 4) One exposure shows the lower part of the sky illuminated, if this can be assumed to be the coming of dawn the camera was aimed southeast, Venus and the moon were in the southeast.
- 5) At about the time of the photograph (5:30 AM CST) Venus and the moon were about 10° apart. If the largest UFO in the photo is assumed to be the moon whose apparent diameter is $\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ then the separation of the two UFO's is 10° .
- 6) During a ten minute time exposure a celestial object will trail about $1\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ across a photographic plate as a result of the earth's rotation. If we again assume the largest UFO is the moon the amount of trailing of both UFO's is $1\frac{1}{2}^\circ$.
- 7) The moon was a crescent on the morning of March 17 and if a time exposure were taken of it, it would appear as in illustration A in the photograph it looked like B.
- 8) One of the objects was described as red on the bottom, white in the middle and blue on top. When a celestial object is at a low altitude atmospheric refraction causes it to appear just this way.

I hope I have been able to shed some light on these photographs if Dr. Hynek has not already done so.



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Sincerely yours,

John E. Bortle
Mr. John E. Bortle
New York City Amateur
Astronomers Assoc., Inc.

Ethel A. Faull
309 East Prospect Street
Kewanee, Illinois
March 25, 1966

Major Hector Q. Quintanilla,
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Division
of Blue Book
Dayton, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

I have been very interested in the account in the Chicago Tribune of March 23rd telling of lights seen over a swamp near Dexter, Michigan. I am addressing this letter to you because, like I, you are unexcited over this phenomena.

I think there can be little doubt that this manifestation is known as "will o' the wisp", or from the Latin "foolish fire", and it should incite little attention except for its beauty.

I have seen these lights as described in this article many times when I was a child. We were accustomed to seeing them above a small swampy body of water which was an over-flow from a creek that ran through our neighborhood.

If you will look in the dictionary under the name "ignis fatuus" you will see that the lights are due to phosphorous that forms over the water in a swamp or marsh. There never was a sound accompanying these lights, but it may be that we never went close enough to hear. At any rate we were never concerned over their appearance as we knew what they were; and, too, the swamp was small and the display not elaborate.

What fantastic things this mortal mind can conjure up when the unusual presents itself!

Very truly yours,

Ethel A. Faull

SOME DAY . . .

Saucers for Real? That Would Bore Us

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WASHINGTON, Mar. 29—The flying saucers seen in Michigan last week are now officially dismissed as swamp gas. It is probably just as well.

One of these days a genuine flying saucer will come to earth and, after the excitement wears off, there will be one less mystery in the universe to keep us awake.

Psychologists hold that many of us believe in flying saucers because we want flying saucers to exist. Not so. We can see that it is not so by considering what will happen after the first new flying saucers have landed.

The immediate reaction will be an intense interest. All three TV networks will preempt their afternoon schedules, as well as "Batman" and "I Love Lucy"—reruns, to cover the event, and no one will telephone the networks to complain.

THERE WILL be a national wave of disappointment when the saucer opens and fails to disgorge either a tall slim man who resembles Michael Rennie or little green men wearing glass globes around their heads. The likelihood that whatever it is that is able to land missions on earth from distant worlds will have any human characteristics is remote.

When the saucer is opened, it is more likely to contain cats or flying cockroaches. Or, it may contain something utterly uninteresting. Great balls of moss, perhaps, or piles of rubber bands.

Now, while a visit from another planet is a fascinating

event to look forward to, the real thing is almost certain to be an anti-climax, particularly if the visitors are no more interesting than cats or rubber bands or great moss balls.

After the first few landings, the public will begin to find the whole business tiresome. Then years ago, the prediction that man would shortly travel in space thrilled and absorbed the world. Recently, when two space travelers encountered a serious emergency, thousands of people complained because the networks interrupted favorite TV programs to report what was happening.

NOTHING FALLS nowadays as rapidly as a miracle. After the first few saucer arrivals, we will ask, "What's the idea of interrupting 'Bonanza' to report another saucerload of moss balls?"

This is why the psychologists are wrong. We do not want flying saucers to exist because, once their existence is established, something exciting will go out of life and saucer landings will take their place in the humdrum of daily existence along with the comings and goings of Lyndon B. Johnson, the crash of airliners and the billingsgate of politics.

What we want is to preserve the possibility that flying saucers exist without ever having to confront the real thing. So long as flying saucers are a possibility, we can entertain dreams about the universe.

So long as they are merely a possibility, it is possible that they really may have Michael Rennie aboard, or little green men with glass globes around their heads.

Russell Baker

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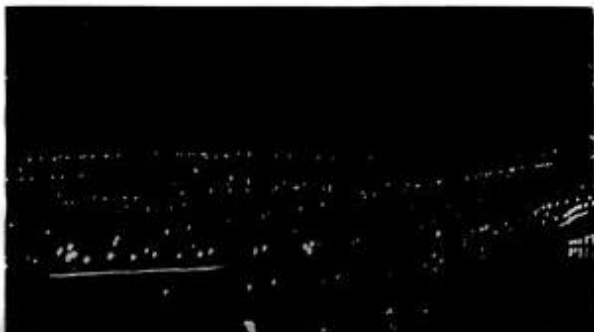
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A amateur photographer named J. Brundish had set up his camera on a tripod atop a hill overlooking Perth, Australia in early 1967. One night, he saw a bright light descending from a great height. It was so bright, he felt he should have had an instant of the same color. He wrote, as well as I could judge it, was slightly oval. Brundish took a picture. "When it reached a height of approximately 500 feet above the water, it showed in a series of about five miles per hour and I took another picture. As I was preparing to take one more, the object shot up into the air leaving a trail of smoke and disappeared within three seconds. . . ."



'Invasion'—by Something

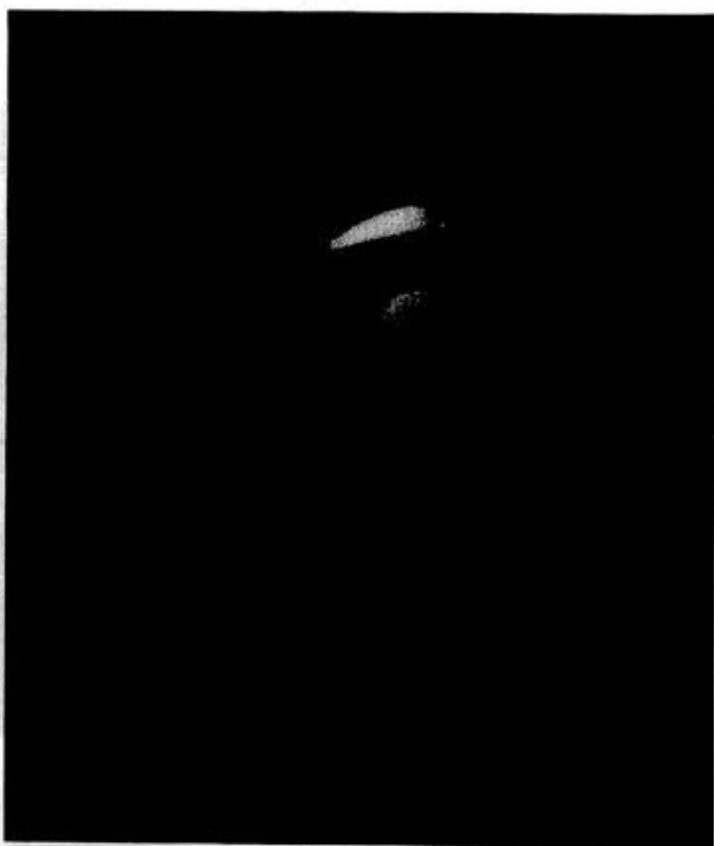
From Australia to Michigan, a flurry of eerie UFO sightings



Call them what you will: flying saucers, unidentified flying objects (UFOs), optical illusions, or the first symptoms of the alien invasion. They are back again—and seen by more people than ever before. Some are graceful and elegant, like the mysterious thing that swooped down over Perth, Australia several weeks ago (left and above). Others are football-shaped and aglow with pulsating lights. Last week the manifestations seemed almost to have reached the proportions of an invasion. Near Ann Arbor, Mich., 15 witnesses, including a dozen policemen, saw five strange objects hovering over a swamp (see p. 20). The next day a glowing thing flared over a small village in Hildesheim, West Germany, and was sighted by 67 students, an assistant dean and the local civil-defense director. Whatever the explanation of the peculiar phenomena—seen and described similarly by so many—something eerie was in the air.



Luminous Pulsating Shapes That Hover in the Night



Mark Roth, a 22-year-old photographer who lives in New York, was strolling with his girl friend in a park near her home in Queens. Suddenly looking up, he saw "an orange-silver object that gave off a yellowish light." They dashed to her house, scooped up a camera and hurried back. Roth's first shot caught the object on the horizon (top left) "and then it flattened out and ramished" (bottom left).

This photograph of an unidentified object in the sky was taken last fall by Alan Smith, a 14-year-old Tulsa newspaper boy, and subsequently was copyrighted by the Oklahoma Journal Publishing Co. "It was changing color from white to red to blue-green," Alan said later. "It pulsed with a high whining sound emitting from it. As the sound grew louder, the light was brighter. It gave us the creeps."

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CALLS of 21 MARCH 1966

UPI, COLUMBUS, JAY GOODY - Would like to know if we have any reports from Ann Arbor, Mich. The only thing ~~we~~ we have was on the radio. We haveno official information whatsoever. People report to the closest AFB. The information included a policeman, three persons. Selfridge told them they had no official reports. We won't do anything until some base nearby sends a report to us. Try to determine what it is after we get the information.

WKAR Radio - Have had no information on Michigan

WONE R dio, Dayton, Ohio - We have had no information on Michigan sightings etc. Frank Macomber, San Diego, California 234-7111 - We have no information on Michigan sightings, etc.

Lippencott, Citizens Journal Columbus. We have not received any reports from Lockbourne etc, last night. No info ~~on~~ on the michigan case.

Maj Davis - Safai - Selfridge is sending us a rept. It wa reported by two or three people - they came up with nothing. Operations secretary was typing the report. Majr Davis wants evaluation.

SAFOI - Sara - Major Davis d/ trying to press for statement.

Jerry Chambers - Wone - Selfridge collecting information on UFOs in area. Will be sent here etc.

ROBERT deGROUFF, WASHINGTON MUTUAL BROADCASTING. Only information we have on Ann Arbor is second or third hand. Selfridge is going to investigate.

WONE - Douglas Drake - Dr Hynek is going to assist in the investigation. He is astro@physicist

WHK News in Cleveland, Steve Fuller. We haveno reports from Cleveland whatsoever. Dr Hynek is goig to assist in investigation by Selfridge.

Mr White Thomas, 222-3536 - We regard all UFO reports as serious. These are all statnadar motions. Sent Dr H to hlep investigate. As soon as we get info it will be relased.

CALLS 22 Mar 66

Associated Press Desk, Columbus, Ohio, Bob Miller. Sent Dr Hynek to help in investigation. Details quite sketchy. Will be released as soon as info is in, etc.

JACK JONES, Dayton Daily News. - Dr Hynek should be on the scene now. Haven't talked to him as yet. We take all reports serious. etc

BILL WISE, LIFE MAGAZINE - Arranged to come here to make a feature article.

PHIL JONES WJLR - Have started investigation. Dr Hynek is in the field, information will be released when it is in, etc. Nothing has ever proven to be extraterrestrial in nature.

MAJOR GREGORY, SCFA - gave him a break down on what had been happening

CALLS OF 24 MARCH 1966

Douglas Drake, WNY NONE - We are on second lead story. Wanted to know what progress has been made in the Michigan sightings and when we expect a result and an opinion. Do we see any association between Michigan and North Carolina sightings. Things are beginning to shape up and expect an explanation tomorrow, etc. Have no reports from N Carolina.

Barrents, Radio Station, Detroit, Mich TR-3-2890 - Told him ~~if~~ we expected results tomorrow.

Dr Thomas Healy, University of Florida 898-7411 - Tampa. He is interested in UFOs, from the scientific view. He is planning to go up to Washington, D C in two or three weeks and would like to come to Dayton. He would like to generate the first scientific conference on UFO's on each case, presenting the best meteorologists to talk about investigations, and look through the cases with a scientific viewpoint. He feels if the academic community would look at the cases with a scientific viewpoint it would show that the Air Force is doing the best job they can. He felt that by generating a conference with the aid of our office that he would be doing a service not only ~~if~~ to the Air Force but to the scientific community as well.

~~Max~~ Major told him he ~~had~~ had a very good thought and thought it was a tremendous idea. Gave him Col Spaulding's address to go through.

Phil Donahue - WHIO, Dayton - The investigation is still being conducted.

JACK JONES - DAYTON DAILY NEWS, Dayton - hope to have ~~if~~ results tomorrow afternoon.

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Fred Stir, Ann Arbor - regarding AP statement - With collection of information and investigation is proceeding nicely and we hope to have an explanation, hopefully sometime ~~tomorrow~~ tomorrow. Once Dr Hynek and Moody check it out we can work it out and go over the data. Hope to have a press conference tomorrow at S. lfridge, etc.

CALLS 24 Mar

John Sweeney - 223-1111, Journal Herald - Wanted to know about the Michigan case. Told him nothing new except what had been given to Jones that morning at Dayton Daily News, about 1 hour ago. He said I couldn't have talked to Jones 1 hour ago and surely there was some news. I told him that if he didn't want what we had to say he could go over and ask Jack Jones at Dayton Daily News (other side of building) he said he wouldn't do that cause that was their competitor).

Calls of 265 Mar 66

WIFE Radio Station, Indianapolis, Indiana - Wanted to know if we had received report of a UFO landing in a gravel pit last night at 835pm in Indianapolis and ~~whatxxx~~ if we were going to send someone over to investigate it. He said the Sheriff was out investigating it now. Informed him that until it was reported to the Air Force by the orbserver we ~~if~~ could do nothing. Thanked us.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

, oColumbus, Ohio 228-4306. Wanted to know about press conference called with Dr. Hynek. It is to be this afternoon. Press conference will be at 1 pm at Selfridge. Everything pretty well solved.

NBC NEWS CLEVELAND, OHIO, GLEN RAEKER - Dr Hynek is having a press conference at 1pm at Deteroit Press Club, in Detroit, Mich. Dr Hynek is consultant to BB. Official statement will be released by Washington when Dr Hynek has press conference. Haven't heard about any sightings from Astabula, lately.

RATTNER WANC RADIO - Swamp gas had. Photograph had no connection with the sightings of Hillsdale. We haven't seen the report as yet. Dr Hynek is consultant to BB, etc. Gave information on the program to date.=statistics, etc.

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WBNS, NEWSROOM, COLUMBUS, OHIO 224-9265. We have not seen the film from the patrolman. It will probably be a few days. The object observed was Venus. I spoke with the patrolman and he gave me the technical information, azimuth, elevation and it is definitely the Planet Venus. CRAIG EDWARDS, CINCINNATI - Seen on Wire that W-P is having a rash of sightings. Major said he didn't know how we got on the wire. Gave information on the program to date.

PAUL MASS, COLUMBUS DISPATCH - UFOs in Columbus area would be reported to Lockbourne. I am the Blue Book Officer for the whole Air Force. Call the Air Force base nearest you and ask for the UFO officer when reporting a UFO. We have had a rash of sightings due to publicity and the onslaught of spring. Gave general information on the UFO program

CALLS OF 29 MARCH 1966

Jim Mosely. I didn't go to Michigan. Dr Hynek, Moody and Ann Elmer went. Mosely said that it was in the New York Journal by Lloyd Young that Hynek did not want to give the answer about the gas, that there was a violent argument between Hynek and Major Quintanilla. Dr Hynek suggested marsh gas. We talked to Chemist here and he talked to them up there. We had an idea Thursday afternoon but we couldn't say anything until it was thoroughly checked out. We agreed Friday morning. I have never met Mr Young. Spoke on the current sightings to him.

WILLIAMS, Lisbon, Ohio - Wanted to know if Major Quintanilla would be available to speak. This afternoon I am going to be on radio and I would like to honor your request but we are very busy. If I do it for one person I must do it for all. Major Explained the project to date, etc.

ROUGH DRAFT

REPORT ON THE INVESTIGATION OF THE DEXTER, MICHIGAN SIGHTING OF
20 MARCH AND THE HILLSDALE, MICHIGAN SIGHTING OF 21 MARCH 1966

The two sightings at Dexter and Hillsdale, respectively, may be called the crucial sightings which became the focal point of local attention (and later of nationwide) and had associated with them a veritable barrage of other reports with no clear cut association with the two principal events under discussion here. It is possible that many of these were the result of the general excitement surrounding these events and of suggestibility on the part of those who reported them. However, there were reports of odd sightings, particularly in the Milan area, a few nights previous to the sightings discussed. It would have taken an army of investigators to have exhaustively looked into all of these. In the course of my three days of investigation, I talked with the following people at some length and with a host of others in passing.

County Sheriff Harvey - Washtenaw County
Deputy Stanley McFadden
Deputy David Fitzpatrick
Patrolman Hunnawill
Colonel Gerald G. Miller
Chief Taylor
Mr Frank Mannor
Bob Wagner
Univ of Mich, Astronom Dept (11 members)
Univ of Mich, Faculty members
Mr. Ted Seeling, Eng, Rad, Tel
William Van Horn
Chief John Palmer - Clesea Police
Mrs Hearn
Miss Joe Wilson
Miss Sara Robechok
Patrolman Clyde Myers
Patrolman _____ Sharpe
(Sgt. Schuerder, Deps Bushra and Anderson were contacted by A2C Hanby)

My questions were specifically directed toward determining what was visibly perceived and towards pinpointing the location and extent and duration of the phenomena.

Case A - Dexter, Michigan

There follows the original report received at the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department at 835 pm on 20 March 1966, which can't be said to initiated

Complainant called and stated that there was a strange object in the swamp at the end of McGinnis Road. It was on the ground, went up in air about 500' and came down making a lot of noise.

INVESTIGATION: Dispatched to the above location, and made contact with the complainant at 10600 McGinnis Road. Complainant advised that an unidentified object was presently located in the swamp, to the rear of afore mentioned location, and had been so located for approximately ($\frac{1}{2}$) one-half hour. Complainant further related that the object had been observed to rise to an altitude of approximately 500 feet, and then to return to the ground. Subject stated that lights were observed upon the object, and that the lighting turned from a blue-green to a brilliant red to yellow in coloring. Object had appeared to be having difficulty in getting off of the ground.

FRANK MANNOR, of 10600 McGinnis Road, and his son, RONALD, had watched the object for some time, and then proceeded into the woods and swamps, in an attempt to locate the object, and to see what it was. Both MANNOR's were within the swamp at the time of arrival of the undersigned officers.

ACTION TAKEN: The undersigned officer, in company with the complainant, proceeded along Dexter-Pinckney Road to Territorial Road, and then turned onto Quigley Road, where a vantage point was obtained, being in direct line with the

house, and the area of the objects observation. At this point, the patrol vehicle was secured, and the afore mentioned proceeded into the woods, in attempt to locate the swamp edge, and the object. While in the woods area, a brilliant light was observed from the far edge of the woods, and upon approaching, the light dimmed in brilliance. As the afore mentioned approached the upper ridge, and edge of the woods, the brilliant light again appeared, and then disappeared. A continued search of the area was conducted, through swamp, and high grass, with negative results.

Upon returning to the patrol vehicle, the undersigned officers were met by others who had gathered to observed, and the undersigned officer were informed that one of the objects had been hovering directly over the area where our flashlight beams had been seen, and had then departed in a west direction of flight, at high rate of speed. Upon returning to the patrol vehicle, the undersigned officers returned to the McGinnis Road address, where the MANNORS were talked to.

TALK WITH FRANK MANNOR: FRANK MANNOR stated that he had observed the lights coming from the swamp, and had awakened his son, RONALD. BOTH MANNORS then proceeded into the swamps in an attempt to find out the object which was producing the light. Upon entering the lower edge of the swamp, RONALD stated "what is that thing", and as FRANK MANNOR looked in the direction indicated, the object was observed. At the instant of observation the small lights went out, and in just an instant, re-appeared across the swamp, a distance of about 500 yards. At this time, the object became illuminated from a brilliant source of light, which flowed horizontal between ~~two~~ two (2) small lights. After

watching the object for a couple of minutes, the rays of light from two flashlights were observed from the ridge above the object. The light from the object intensified, then went out, and a whistle similar to the sound of a rifle bullet ricochet was heard, and the object passed directly over the MANNORS in just an instant.

DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT: Object was observed to be of a brown coloring, appearing to be quilted type outside surface. Object appeared to be flat upon the bottom, and cone shaped toward the top, however, being low in height. Two small lights appeared to be at the outer edges of the object, glowing in a bluish-green light, and intensifying to a brilliant red in color. When the vehicle or object illuminated, the lighting was a yellow-white in color, and ran horizontal between the two outer lights, allowing some of the object to be viewed. Outer body appeared to be rough in texture.

PERSONS OBSERVING OBJECT:

FRANK MANNOR of 10600 McGinnis Road, Dexter, DOB Jan 5, 1919
RONALD MANNOR of 10600 McGinnis Road, Dexter, DOB Jan 28, 1947
Several others, names unknown.

FURTHER UFO SIGHTED: Shortly after the UFO was departed from the scene, CHELSEA POLICE DEPARTMENT reported sighting a similar object over the Village of Chelsea, hovering, and then departing at high rate of speed in a westerly direction.

A further sighting of similar bluish-green lights was reported near the woods and swamp, north side of N Territorial Road, between Scully Rd., and Webster-Church Road, in Webster Twp., County of Washtenaw, by Washtenaw County Sheriff Patrol #19, however, when attempt was made to get closer,

lights disappeared and were not observed again. Further search of the area was made with negative results.

DISPOSITION. FURTHER INVESTIGATION AND SEARCH OF THE AREA WAS MADE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

STATUS: ~~UNOPEN~~ OPEN

Mr. Wagner, the complainant, is the son-in-law of Mr. Mannor who made the original sighting. Mr. Manor was about to enter his house from a front yard, when, according to him, he noticed a bright light out of the corner of his eye. He thought at first it was a falling star which he said abruptly stopped right over a swamp to the immediate north of his barn. He called his son, Ronald, out from the house to verify the sighting and together they watched the glow of light behind the trees in the distant swamp. Apparently at this time Mr. Wagner made the report to the Sheriff's office. Deputy McFadden and Fitzpatrick were dispatched to the Mannor farm and in my interview with McFadden and Particularly with Fitzpatrick (with whom I spent several hours in detailed discussions) they stated that upon arrival at the farm Mr. Mannor and his son were already making a trek to the swamp area to look in an attempt to locate the "object". Mannor and his son did not carry any lights save a cigarette lighter (it seems strange since thenight was dark, being the new Moon) The deputies thereupon proceeded to the point marked A on figure #1, where they parked their car. They then proceeded towards the glow/ff along a path marked by a dotted line (a path which I almost exactly repeated on Wednesday, 23 March in the company of Deputy Fitzpatrick and Airman Kelley, to point B). From point B, Deputy

proceeded towards the glowing along a path marked by a dotted line (a path which I almost exactly repeated on Wednesday, 23 March in the company of Deputy Fitzpatrick and Airman Kelley, to point B). From point B, Deputy Fitzpatrick observed a glow emitting from point marked C. Point C is also indicated on a map of the region.

Points A, B C & M are also indicated on figure 2. Deputy Fitzpatrick reported that the glow reported at C brightened and dimmed slowly. "as though stage lights were being brightened and dimmed". Deputy Fitzpatrick never observed anything other than a glow. He did not even observe the glow to rise to the tree top level as Mannor and his son indicated it had.

While Deputy McFadden busied himself in another direction in the swamp, Deputy Fitzpatrick proceeded towards the glow. The deputies were equipped with flashlights and ~~if~~ the lights from the flashlights were visible to Mr Mannor and his son who said had now returned to the farm and were observing the deputies search from afar. Deputy Fitzpatrick stated to me that as he and his flashlight approached the glow ^{the} ~~source~~ ^{whose} source was apparently hidden by a slight rise in the terrain, the glow disappeared.

Deputy Fitzpatrick did not see it again, ~~that~~ ^{approached} Mr Mannor reported ~~that~~ ^{with their} as he ~~observed the~~ ^{observed the} ~~depression~~ ^{depression} flashlight approach the area of the glow, the glow disappeared there and immediately appeared at a more distant point of the swamp. Mr Mannor described the motion of the glow as a smooth horizontal motion which did not follow the countour of the land. He indicated that if this had been an ordinary

vehicle the lights ~~would~~ would have proceeded with a bumpy motion because of the irregularities in the terrain. Mr Mannor indicated that the glow in various parts of the swamp lasted for $2\frac{1}{2}$ - 3 hours. The stories of Mr Mannor and Deputies Mc Fadden do not ~~at~~ exactly agree here but this might be due to their different advantage points.

During their trek towards the swamp (incidentally they never arrived at their objective, ~~therefore~~ never getting closer than 500 yards) they stated that as they came closer to the swamp they saw an oval ~~object~~ ^{drew} depicted in figures 3 & 4. Deputy McFadden ~~direct through~~ figure #4, though he had indicated to me that he had had not seen the object himself. Mannor and his son described the vehicle as a brownish oval with a green and white light at the opposite ends of the longitudinal axis and a bright red elongated light in between the two.

When the officers returned to their patrol car they found two other patrol cars there. Deputy ~~John~~ ^{who} Hunawill and his wife/were in one car, and Officer ~~Brice~~ ^{Bushra in another,} ~~stated~~ asking the returning officers whether they had seen the light, directly above them. ~~stated~~ ^{they} that four lights were hovering directly above the officers while they were conducting their search in the swamp, ~~Deputy Hunawill stated that~~ ^{and expressed surprise that the} one of the lights came directly towards his car, passing ~~at~~ slightly to the right. Mrs Hunawill had rolled the window down and, peering out, stated that she observed the ball of light to pass very close to the car. Officer ~~Hunawill~~ ^{had} ~~talked~~ turned the car motor off to check whether any sound came from the ball of light. As he

officer had not seen the light,

there was none.

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so the object was visible in front of him through the windshield.

He got out ^{paused} ~~positioned~~ to shut the door, and then looked around

for the object, only to discover that the object was already to the rear of the car. *this high angular rate, if correct, would indicate that the light must have been very near.*

Before proceeding with an analysis of these observations it would be best to examine the basic reports from the Hillsdale area because of the great similarity between them *and those in Dexter.*

Case B - Hillsdale, Michigan

Hambly

On Thursday, March 24th I traveled to Hillsdale with Ann Hambly and his driver to investigate the Hillsdale case. We called first at the home of William Van Horn, County Civil Defense Director and operator of the Van Horn Funeral Home. He has his pilots license, been in the Air Force and is a very knowledgeable and effective person. I talked with him *for* at length about the sighting. Mrs Van Horn ^{had taken} ~~took~~ the first call, a report from the girls dormitory to the effect that there were blue, red and white lights ^{to the east} visible ^{from} the dormitory near the ground. Van Horn went to the back roof of his house and for ~~15~~ 10 minutes scanned the skies and could see ~~nothing~~ nothing. He did see a white light in the SW ^{he stated} which ~~was~~ was stationary at first, ^{and then} ~~it~~ appeared to change azimuth *from* 210 to 270 degrees. His wife and son David observed it for about 20 minutes. He said it wasn't a star, and not an aircraft because it remained in the field of the binoculars for five minutes. But

he saw nothing in the area of the sky to the northeast ^{and east}. This was reported to the girls but they called back at 1105 (Barbara Cohn) they stated in effect "sorry to bother you, don't want you to think we are crackpots, but the thing is coming down") It was straight East of the dormitory and probably $\frac{1}{2}$ miles away, ^{they stated}. Van Horn called the State Police as well as the city police who arrived shortly, investigated the area and reported there was nothing to be seen. Because the girls continued to report lights, Van Horn decided to go to the dormitory. He saw Mrs Hearn, housemother at the dormitory, who took Van Horn to the second floor of the dormitory. They went to the room ^{where} Miss Jo Wilson and Sara Robeck were. The girls had the room dark and windows open and were looking down towards a swampy depression in the country side. Van Horn observed the lights then himself for the first time.

After getting ^{this} ~~Van Horn's~~ ^{from Van Horn} story at his home, we proceeded to the dormitory and talked with Mrs Hearne who took us up to the same room where the same girls were interviewed. They were most cooperative and Miss Jo Wilson drew the attached picture, (Figure #4). Both girls told me that attention was first called by a casual glance out of the window which led to a remark by one of them "theres no house down there is there?" or words to that effect. A fairly bright red light and two yellowish lights, resembling Christmas tree lights, according to the girls, were close to the ground in the marsh area, ^{where}, they obviously knew there was no house.

Christmas

They reported no tangible object. They did remark, although there was much confusion, ~~As to this,~~ ^{however, that} ~~that~~ several of the girls had seen a very bright light sweep past the window, ^{just before the main sighting.} I could get not consistent story relative to this, in contrast to the ^{fairly} ~~wide~~ consistent description to the lights in the swamp.

According to Van Horn, the lights were surrounded by a glow which rose every once in awhile ^{To above the trees} to about 150 feet above the swamp, appearing to get brighter as it rose, then rather quickly dimming out ^{as} it got higher. It appeared, Van Horn said, as though it wished to avoid the periodic sweep of a nearby airplane beacon.

Van Horn stated that his first impression of the lights were that they were marsh lights, otherwise known as fox lights, etc. He told me that he was about to say that this was what they actually were, but just about the time he thought he had the solution, the red light on the right and the white light on the left (a location of these lights did not agree with the girls description) started to get more brilliant. It was at this time that the lights appeared to rise. The lights made the ~~the~~ ascent and descent some four times between 1130 pm 21 March and 145 am 22 March. Van Horn thought that between the two lights he could see a mass and thought it was convex shaped. The girls, however, had described only a red light at that position.

The arrows on the sketch indicate, according to the girls, the extent of the horizontal and vertical motion of the lights.

I am not reporting at this time the numerous side investigations, such as a trip to the home of a young chape/ who had reported to

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It was from these academic gentlemen that I obtained the information on marsh gas and the lights frequently associated with it. To summarize, it appears that rotting ~~vegetable~~ vegetation in the swamps produced methane CH_4 and H_2S in ample quantities in certain conditions. Methane is odorless, H_2S is not but since it is present in relatively small quantities one does not smell it unless one overturns a shovel full of swamp material which would ~~then~~ then release a distinct odor I am told.

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Technically they are treated in two books to which I had immediate access. Light and Colour in the Open Sky, by Minnaert and Chemistry, by Sienko and Plene. ~~W~~ Here the lights are described even into their colors, red, yellow, white and green thus matching the colors described by the majority of the witnesses. It is stated that in these books the illuminancy is a form of low temperature chemical luminescence which does not char or burn grass, etc. The lights generally are eveniscent, burning ~~for~~ here for a moment or so, going out, and appearing some feet or yards away as another plume of gas spontaneously ignites. This sporadic lighting is generally soundless although sometimes a popping noise is heard (this may ~~be~~ ^{be} the origin of the "ricochet sound" Mr Mannor reported). The illusion of motion can easily be carried by the sporadic appearance of a wisp of light here and then there.

The lights have never been described as truly bright. They would be visible best to dark adapted eyes on a clear dark night and also on a night which there was no high wind (which ~~it~~ later would quickly dissipate the gas as it bubbled up from underneath.

It appears to me that all the major conditions for the appearance of swamp lights were ~~not~~ satisfied both at Dexter and Hillsdale. I can't state with any certainty that this is the correct solution to the problem; merely that it is the most likely natural cause. I would of course, appreciate learning of other possible natural causes should they be forthcoming. We can, I believe, completely eliminate an solution based on a/c, balloons, birds, meteors, stars, etc. because they simply do not fit the consistent data reported to me.

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I therefore presented this likely explanation at the press conference. The entire matter of a full dress press conference was most distasteful to me because I would rather present carefully weighted and consistent evidence and conclusions, to a body of scientific colleagues than to a roaring path of news hounds whose chief interest appears to be in getting a quick story. I recommend once again, as I have often in the past in my capacity as scientific consultant, that the ufo phenomena which has now plagued us for a score of years and has been responsible for countless words in newsprint during that time should be recognized as a scientific and sociological principle of our times and studied as such by competent men in these various fields. Since the first requisition of any scientific investigation is concerned for the quality of the basic data much more attention should be paid to the immediate gathering and processing of such data. I would be most happy to submit a more specific recommendation on the handling of this problem, based on my score of years of experience with the problem if this seems appropriate at this time.

~~During-the-three-day-interrogation~~

All notes obtained were gathered all through my working hours on the three days are available in my files. *Piles*

REPORT ON THE DEXTER-HILLSDALE, MICHIGAN UFO SIGHTINGS OF

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In my capacity as scientific consultant to the Air Force on UFOs, I was requested to investigate two major sightings in Michigan which, for some reason, had captured public attention and were the subject of many radio and news stories. It was unfortunate that I did not ask permission to take at least two assistants along. Mr. Powers of the Dearborn Observatory asked to go along, as had Mr. Vallee and Mr. Hanlon. A far better job of interviewing the large number of ostensible witnesses to the same events could have been done.

Once upon the scenes (Dexter and Hillsdale — and Ann Arbor and Chelsea along with Dexter), despite the help of A2C Hanby (loaned from Selfridge Field) I realized that the task was far too great for one man if all the witnesses wishing to be interviewed (and many of whom were 'miffed' because I had either not had a chance to talk with them or was able to give only a short time to them) were to be satisfied. Since I had no authority to call in help without going through FTD, and that would take time, I decided upon the following plan of action: I would limit myself to interrogating key witnesses in both localities and would use as the basis of my judgment only those 'information bits' that were agreed upon by several witnesses. I could not give weight to one person who contradicted some bit of information which the others had already concurred in. Thus I had to neglect the testimony of one person who said he saw an object when the majority in the same location described only lights. Had I had assistance, I would have adopted the plan of having an assistant interrogate separately the single witnesses who had a different story to tell. I cannot com-

plain about the lack of assistance, however, since none of us knew what proportions these incidents would assume as the next few days came around.

My interrogations were made triply difficult because of the ubiquitous press, radio and TV men. It was impossible to talk quietly with anyone without having a microphone placed in front of your face. I was always importuned for "just a word" or, "will you answer just one question?" It is difficult to describe to one who wasn't there the general bedlam. Mr. Mannor, the chief protagonist in the Dexter case, reportedly complained that I had spent very little time with him. It was virtually impossible to do so; several times I was waiting and anxious to talk with him but he was occupied with several reports. Here again is where some assistants would have come in handy; they could have diverted the reports while I talked to Mannor. One needs some clever interference run for him in cases like this; it is virtually impossible to do it single handed. By contrast, I recall the Eagle River, Wisconsin "pancake" case. In that instance I had chartered a plane and took several graduate students with me. They were invaluable in chasing down leads, assisting in the interrogation of subsidiary witnesses and running very necessary interference, making special arrangements to see people etc. I have resolved that in investigating future cases, if I do at all, I must have at least one dependable assistant who knows the ropes. Otherwise too much time is wasted in sheer mechanics.

Through the kindness of Prof. Freeman Miller, Associate Dean of the Graduate School, University of Michigan, I made my headquarters at his home during my several day stay and both he and Mrs. Miller were of extreme help. Mrs. Miller gave freely of her time in answering the phone, which seemed to ring incessantly, to very late hours, and then again early in the morning. It was through Dr. Miller's kindness that I was put into touch with several University

of Michigan faculty members (who prefer to remain anonymous) who were able to give me considerable help on possible physical solutions to the sightings. It was at Dean Miller's invitation that eleven members of the University of Michigan astronomy department met with me at Dean Miller's home to discuss the sightings and other things as well.

It is virtually impossible to describe the hectic nature of the three days in the Ann Arbor neighborhood. I certainly would not wish to undergo another such episode unless I were far better prepared for it in terms of time and physical assistance. Nonetheless, it happened this way, and I went after the salient 'facts' of the sightings and let the chips fall where they would.

The two primary sightings at Dexter and Hillsdale, respectively, may be called the crucial sightings which became the focal point of local (and later of nationwide) attention, and had associated with them a veritable barrage of other reports with no clear-cut association with the two principal events under discussion here. It is possible that many of these were the result of the general excitement surrounding these events and of suggestibility on the part of those who reported them. However, there were reports of odd sightings, particularly in the Milan area, a few nights previous to the sightings here discussed. It would have taken an army of investigators to have exhaustively looked into all of these. In the course of my three days of investigation, I talked with the following people at some length and with a host of others in passing.

County Sheriff Harvey - Washtenaw County
Deputy Stanley McFadden
Deputy David Tizpatrick
Patrolman Runnavill
Colonel Gerald G. Miller
Chief Taylor
Mr. Frank Mannor
Bob Wagner, son-in-law of Mr. Mannor
Univ of Michigan, Astronomy Dept. (11 members)
Univ of Michigan, Faculty members

Mr. Ted Seeling, Radio and Television Engineer
William Van Horn, Funeral Director and Civil Defense Chief in Hillsdale
Chief John Palmer, Chelsea Police
Mrs. Hearn, housemother at Hillsdale College
Miss Joe Wilson / Two students at Hillsdale whom Mrs. Hearn chose
Miss Sara Robeck / as having had the greatest first hand knowledge.
Patrolman Clyde Myers
Patrolman Sharpe
(Sgt. Schuerder, Depts Bushra and Anderson were contacted by A2C Hanby)

I should apologize for the lack of detail in the description of the people I interviewed. Things happened so fast that there was little time for making formal records. The next time I undertake an investigation of any scope I will want to take with me an IBM portable recorder to assist me in getting names, places, and associations down correctly.

There may be some comment that I never interviewed Mr. Mannor's son. I fully intended to. He was either with reporters or unavailable. There simply was not enough time to interview everyone!

My questions were specifically directed toward determining what was visibly perceived and towards pinpointing the location and extent and duration of the phenomena.

Case A — Dexter, Michigan

There follows the record of the report received at the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department at 835pm on 20 March 1966 and of the local investigation made. This can be said to have initiated the succession of events.

"Complainant called and stated that there was a strange object in the swamp at the end of McGinnis Road. It was on the ground, went up in air about 500 feet and came down, making a lot of noise.

INVESTIGATION: Dispatched to the above location, and made contact with the complainant at 10600 McGinnis Road. Complainant advised that an unidentified object was presently located in the swamp, to the rear of afore mentioned

location, and had been so located for approximately ($\frac{1}{2}$) one-half hour. Complainant further related that the object had been observed to rise to an altitude of approximately 500 feet, and then to return to the ground. Subject stated that lights were observed upon the object, and that the lighting turned from a blue-green to a brilliant red to yellow in coloring. Object had appeared to be having difficulty in getting off of the ground.

FRANK MANNOR, of 10600 McGinnis Road, and his son RONALD, had watched the object for some time, and then proceeded into the woods and swamps, in an attempt to locate the object, and to see what it was. Both MANNORS were within the swamp at the time of arrival of the undersigned officers.

ACTION TAKEN: The undersigned officer, in company with the complainant, proceeded along Dexter-Pinckney Road to Territorial Road, and then turned onto Quigley Road, where a vantage point was obtained, being in direct line with the house, and the area of the objects observation (See Map). At this point, the patrol vehicle was secured, and the afore mentioned proceeded into the woods, in attempt to locate the swamp edge, and the object. While in the woods area, a brilliant light was observed from the far edge of the woods, and upon approaching, the light dimmed in brilliance. As the afore mentioned approached the upper ridge, and edge of the woods, the brilliant light again appeared, and then disappeared. A continued search of the area was conducted, through swamp, and high grass, with negative results.

Upon returning to the patrol vehicle, the undersigned officers were met by others who had gathered to observe, and the undersigned officers were informed that one of the objects had been hovering directly over the area where our flashlight beams had been seen, and had then departed in a west direction of flight, at high rate of speed. Upon returning to the patrol vehicle, the under-

signed officers returned to the McGinnis Road address, where the MANNORS were talked to.

TALK WITH FRANK MANNOR: FRANK MANNOR stated that he had observed the lights coming from the swamp, and had awakened his son, RONALD. BOTH MANNORS then proceeded into the swamps in an attempt to find out the object which was producing the light. Upon entering the lower edge of the swamp, RONALD stated "what is that thing", and as FRANK MANNOR looked in the direction indicated, the object was observed. At the instant of observation the small lights went out, and in just an instant, re-appeared across the swamp, a distance of about 500 yards. At this time, the object became illuminated from a brilliant source of light, which flowed horizontal between two (2) small lights. After watching for a couple of minutes, the rays of light from two flashlights were observed from the ridge above the object. The light from the object intensified, then went out, and a whistle similar to the sound of a rifle bullet ricochet was heard, and the object passed directly over the MANNORS in just an instant.

DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT: Object was observed to be of a brown coloring, appearing to be quilted type outside surface. Object appeared to be flat upon the bottom, and cone shaped toward the top, however, being low in height. Two small lights appeared to be at the outer edges of the object, glowing in a bluish-green light, and intensifying to a brilliant red in color. When the vehicle or object illuminated, the lighting was a yellow-white in color, and ran horizontal between the two outer lights, allowing some of the object to be viewed. Outer body appeared to be rough in texture.

PERSONS OBSERVING OBJECT:

FRANK MANNOR of 10600 McGinnis Road, Dexter, DOB Jan 5, 1919
RONALD MANNOR of 10600 McGinnis Road, Dexter, DOB Jan 28, 1947
Several others, names unknown.

FURTHER UFO SIGHTED: Shortly after the UFO was departed from the scene, CHELSEA POLICE DEPARTMENT reported sighting a similar object over the Village of Chelsea, hovering, and then departing at high rate of speed in a westerly direction.

A further sighting of similar bluish-green lights was reported near the woods and swamp, north side of N Territorial Road, between Scully Road, and Webster-Church Road, in Webster Twp., County of Washtenaw, by Washtenaw County Sheriff Patrol #19, however, when attempt was made to get closer lights disappeared and were not observed again. Further search of the area was made with negative results.

DISPOSITION: FURTHER INVESTIGATION AND SEARCH OF THE AREA WAS MADE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

STATUS: OPEN

End of Record at Washtenaw County Sheriff Office.

Mr. Wagner, the "complainant", is the son-in-law of Mr. Mannor who made the original sighting. Mr. Mannor said that he was about to enter his house from a front yard, when according to him, he noticed a bright light out of the corner of his eye. He thought at first it was a falling star which he said abruptly stopped right over a swamp to the immediate north of his barn. He called his son, Ronald, out from the house to verify the sighting and together they watched the glow of light behind the trees in the distant swamp. Apparently at this time Mr. Wagner made the report to the Sheriff's office. Deputy McFadden and Fitzpatrick were dispatched to the Mannor farm and in my interview with McFadden and particularly with Fitzpatrick (with whom I spent several hours in detailed discussions) they stated that upon arrival at the farm Mr. Mannor and his son

were already making a trek to the swamp area to look in an attempt to locate the "object". Mannor and his son did not carry any lights, save a cigarette lighter (it seems strange since the night was dark, being the new moon). The deputies thereupon proceeded to the point marked A on figure #1, where they parked their car. They then proceeded towards the glow along a path marked by a dotted line (a path which I almost exactly repeated on Wednesday, 23 March in the company of Deputy Fitzpatrick and Airman Kelley, to point B). From point B, Deputy Fitzpatrick observed a glow emanating from point marked C. Point C is also indicated on a map of the region. Points A, B, C & M are also indicated on figure 2. Deputy Fitzpatrick reported that the glow reported at C brightened and dimmed slowly. "as though stage lights were being brightened and dimmed". Deputy Fitzpatrick never observed anything other than a glow. He did not even observe the glow to rise to the tree top level as Mannor and his son indicated it had.

While Deputy McFadden busied himself in another direction in the swamp, Deputy Fitzpatrick proceeded towards the glow. The deputies were equipped with flashlights and the lights from the flashlights were visible to Mr. Mannor and his son who had now returned to the farm and were observing the deputies search afrom afar. Deputy Fitzpatrick stated to me that as he and his flashlight approached the glow, whose source was apparently hidden by a slight rise in the terrain, the glow disappeared. Deputy Fitzpatrick did not see it again. Mr. Mannor reported that as he observed the deputies approach the depression with their flashlights, (the area of the glow) the glow disappeared there and immediately appeared at a more distant point of the swamp. Mr. Mannor described the motion of the glow as a smooth horizontal motion which did not follow the

countour of the land. He indicated that if this had been an ordinary vehicle the lights would have proceeded with a bumpy motion because of the irregularities in the terrain. Mr. Mannor indicated that the glow in various parts of the swamp lasted for $2\frac{1}{2}$ - 3 hours. The stories of Mr. Mannor and Deputies McFadden do not exactly agree here but this might be due to their different advantage points.

During the Mannors' trek towards the swamp (incidentally they never arrived at their objective, never getting closer than 500 yards) they stated that as they came closer to the swamp they saw an oval object depicted in figures 3 & 4. Deputy McFadden drew figure #4, though he stated to me that he had not seen the object himself. Mannor and his son described the vehicle as a brownish oval with a green and white light at the opposite ends of the longitudinal axis and a bright red elongated light in between the two.

When the officers returned to their patrol car they found two other patrol cars there. Deputy Hunnawill and his wife who were in one car, and Officer Bushroe in another, asked the returning officers whether they had seen the lights directly above them. The new arrivals stated that four lights were hovering directly above the officers while they were conducting their search in the swamp, and expressed surprise that the officer had not seen the lights. Deputy Hunnawill stated that one of the lights came directly towards his car, passing it slightly to the right. Mrs. Hunnawill had rolled the window down and, peering out, stated that she observed the ball of light to pass very close to the car. Officer Hunnawill had turned the car motor off to check whether any sound came from the ball of light, there was none. As he did so the object was visible in front of him through the windshield. He got out, paused to shut the door, and then looked around for the object, only to discover that the object was already to

the rear of the car. This high angular rate, if correct, would indicate that the light must have been very near.

Before proceeding with a discussion of these observations it would be best to examine the basic reports from the Hillsdale area because of the great similarity between them and those in Dexter.

It is most unfortunate that none of the witnesses in the Dexter area were technically trained. It was difficult for me to speak to them in terms of angles, and angular rates — their powers of description were inadequate to the occasion; they would have made poor reports or investigators. This is not to disparage the witnesses, and certainly not to impugn their honesty or sincerity — they simply lacked the ability to describe accurately and technically.

Let us now examine the Hillsdale case; the witnesses were of the same order as those at Dexter with the exception of Mr. Van Horn who has had technical training, holds a pilots license, and is generally articulate. But even for him the words of accurate description failed him. Further, to one of his training, he should have availed himself of other technically trained people in the area rather than rely solely on the girls at Hillsdale college. The college has some science teachers who certainly should have been alerted and their opinions and observations solicited. Also, while we could hardly expect Mr. Mannor to have a camera ready, certainly the people at Hillsdale, with a good vantage point, and three hours available to them, should have placed a camera in action and obtained a time exposure of the lights. So now let us look at the Hillsdale case:

CASE B - Hillsdale, Michigan

On Thursday, March 24th I traveled to Hillsdale with Airman 2nd Class Hanby and his driver to investigate the Hillsdale case. We called first at

the home of William Van Horn, County Civil Defense Director and operator of the Van Horn Funeral Home. He has a pilots license, been in the Air Force, and is a very knowledgeable and seemingly efficient person. I talked with him at length about the sighting. Mrs. Van Horn had taken the first call, a report from the girls' dormitory, to the effect that there were blue, red and white lights visible to the east from the dormitory near the ground. Van Horn went to the back roof of his house and for 10 minutes scanned the skies and could see nothing. He did see a white light in the SW which he stated was stationary at first, and then appeared to change azimuth from 210 to 270 degrees. His wife and son, David, observed it for about 20 minutes. He said it wasn't a star, and not an aircraft because it remained in the field of the binoculars for five minutes. But he saw nothing in the area of the sky to the northeast and east. This was reported to the girls but they called back at 1105 (Barbara Cohn) and stated, in effect, "sorry to bother your, don't want you to think we are crackpots, but the thing is coming down". It was straight east of the dormitory and probably $\frac{1}{2}$ miles away, they stated. Van Horn called the State Police as well as the city police who arrived shortly, investigated the area and reported there was nothing to be seen. Because the girls continued to report lights, Van Horn decided to go to the dormitory. He saw Mrs. Hearn, housemother at the dormitory, who took Van Horn to the second floor of the dormitory. They went to the room where Miss Jo Wilson and Sara Robecheck were. The girls had the room dark and windows open and were looking down towards a swampy depression in the country side. Van Horn observed the lights then himself for the first time.

After getting this story from Van Horn at his home, we proceeded to the dormitory and talked with Mrs. Hearn who took us up to the sighting room, where the same girls were interviewed. They were most cooperative and Miss Jo Wilson drew the attached picture, (Figure #4). Both girls told me that attention was first called by a casual glance out of the window which lead to the remark by one of them "there's no house down there, is there?" or words to that effect. A fairly bright red light and two yellowish lights, resembling Christmas tree lights, according to the girls, were close to the ground in the marsh area, where, they obviously knew there was no house.

They reported no tangible object. They did remark, although there was much confusion, that several of the girls had seen a very bright light sweep past the window just before the main sighting. I could get no consistent story relative to this, in contrast to the fairly consistent description to the lights in the swamp.

According to Van Horn, the lights were surrounded by a glow which rose every once in awhile to above the trees to about 150 feet above the swamp, appearing to get brighter as it rose, then rather quickly dimming out as it got higher. It appeared, Van Horn said, as though it wished to avoid the periodic sweep of a nearby airplane beacon.

Van Horn stated that his first impression of the lights were that they were marsh lights, otherwise known as fox lights, etc. He told me that he was about to say that this was what they actually were, but just about the time he thought he had the solution, the red light on the right and the white light on the left (a location of these lights did not agree with the girls description) started to get more brilliant. It was at this time that the lights appeared to

rise. The lights made their ascent and descent some four times between 1130 pm, 21 March and 145 am, 22 March. Van Horn thought that between the two lights he could see a mass and thought it was convex shaped. The girls, however, had described only a red light at that position.

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In Hillsdale, Mr. Van Horn was clearly the best observer as far as technical background was concerned, yet his knowledge of physics is not good. After I had gotten back to Ann Arbor we had a few more phone talks, and at one time he called me rather late at Dean Miller's home to inform me that he was seeing lights in the sky near the horizon — and that through binoculars the lights were vertical lines, green on top, yellow in the middle, and red on the bottom. He failed to recognize this as the effects of atmospheric refraction of starlight into a small spectrum. Van Horn also struck me as a man who becomes enamoured with an idea and tends to lose objectivity in favor of the idea. He tends to ride a hobby horse, as was indicated when he marshalled all his forces at a later date to set out to prove the marsh gas hypothesis wrong.

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to give credit to the scientists I talked with until very late into the night but they prefer to remain anonymous. I am sure, however, that should their testimony be officially required, rather than for the press, their cooperation could very easily be obtained.

It was from these academic gentlemen that I obtained the information on marsh gas and the lights frequently associated with it. To summarize, it appears that rotting vegetation in the swamps produces methane, CH_4 , and hydrogen sulfide, H_2S , in ample quantities under certain conditions. Methane is odorless, H_2S is not but since it is present in relatively small quantities one does not smell it unless one overturns a shovel full of swamp material. I am told that this would then release a distinct odor. In addition, phosphine PH_3 is produced by the reduction of phosphorous compounds in the marsh material. These three gases ordinarily do not spontaneously ignite, but I am told, a small impurity in the PH_3 , namely P_2H_4 , is highly flammable and when exposed to air spontaneously ignites. This then apparently can serve to ignite the other gases. The phenomenon of swamp lights is apparently quite well known, and references to it are ample in the literature. Even in non-technical literature these lights, variously known as willow-of-the-wisp, ignis fatuus, fox lights, etc., have had many stories woven around them, including stories of these lights being the souls of the departed as well as elemental mythological entities. Technically, they are treated in two books to which I had immediate access, Light and Colour in the Open Sky, by Minnaert and Chemistry, by Sienko and Plane. Here the lights are described even into their colors, red, yellow, white and green, thus matching the colors described by the majority of the witnesses. It is stated in these books that the lights are a form of low temperature chemical luminescence which does not char or burn grass, etc. The lights generally are

are evanescent, burning here for a moment or so, going out, and appearing some feet or yards away as another plume of gas spontaneously ignites. This sporadic lighting is generally soundless, although sometimes a "popping" noise is heard (this may be the origin of the "ricochet sound" Mr. Mannor reported). The illusion of motion can easily be given by the sporadic appearance of a wisp of light here, and then there.

The lights have never been described as truly bright. They would be visible best to dark-adapted eyes on a clear dark night and also on a night which there was no high wind (which would quickly dissipate the gas as it bubbled up from underneath).

It appears to me that many of the conditions for the appearance of swamp lights were satisfied at both Dexter and Hillsdale. I can't state with any certainty that this is the correct solution to the problem; merely that it is the most likely cause. I would of course, appreciate learning of other possible natural causes should they be forthcoming. We can, I believe, completely eliminate any solution based on aircraft, balloons, birds, meteors, stars, etc, because they simply do not fit the consistent data reported to me.

In putting forth the swamp gas explanation of the major Michigan sightings I am aware that it is open to several objections: we do not know whether swamp lights ever appear at the near freezing temperatures that obtained in those areas at the time. If these were swamp lights, one may well ask why they have not been seen in those localities before. One may also ask why not at other swamp areas in Michigan instead of just these two? I am also concerned that the Michigan sightings bear a slight resemblance to other UFO sightings in which swamp areas do not figure. I am also concerned that I had to neglect the peripheral evidence of the few people who said that they thought an object had

been present. On the other hand, no convincing or coherent evidence was presented that any object had been seen either to enter or to leave the swamp areas. And why swamp areas in both cases? The case for swamp gas is by no means conclusive, and is unprovable, but still remains in my mind as a logical explanation for the majority opinion as to what was sighted. I therefore presented this likely explanation at the requested press conference, at which I pointed out in no uncertain terms that the swamp gas hypothesis was just that and that "I couldn't prove it in a court of law".

I wish that a press conference had not been necessary, or, if necessary that it had been handled more expertly and adroitly. I have little to say that is complimentary about the public relations office at Selfridge Field. It was amateurish in the extreme, and displayed no knowledge of how a press conference should be handled.

The entire matter of a full dress press conference was most distasteful to me because I would rather present carefully weighed and consistent evidence and conclusions, with due time allowed, to a body of scientific colleagues than be subject at a moment's notice to a roaring pack of news hounds whose chief interest appears to be in getting a quick story.

I recommend once again, as I have often in the past, in my capacity as scientific consultant, that the UFO phenomenon which has now plagued us for a score of years, and has been responsible for countless words in newsprint during that time, should be recognized as a scientific and sociological problem of our times and studied as such by competent men in various fields. Further, since the first requisite for any scientific investigation is concern for the quality of the basic data, much more attention should be paid to the immediate gathering and processing of such data.

In conclusion, it is unfortunate that so much press and public attention was paid to the Michigan sightings which, as far as UFO reports go, do not compare in substance or in competent witnesses, to many other cases in the file which got very little attention. But at least, in the Michigan cases there was a possible fairly obvious physical explanation at hand; with the others, which remain unidentified, this does not appear to be the case.

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APPENDIX "A"

STATEMENT ON THE DEXTER AND HILLSDALE UFO SIGHTING³, by Dr. J. Allen Hynek,
Scientific Consultant to Project Blue Book.

The Air Force has asked me to make a statement on my findings to date. This I am happy to do, provided it is clearly understood that my statement will refer to the two principal events as reported to me: the event near Dexter, Mich., on March 20, and a similar one at Hillsdale, Mich., on March 21. It does not cover the hundreds of unexplained reports as opposed to the thousands of explained cases made not only to Project Blue Book, but those from other countries, over the past several years, as described in recent books and articles. I have not investigated those—such as the one near Exeter, N.H. and those in the western states last year, nor the puzzling foreign cases, such as that at Cuernavaca, Mexico, last fall. I have recommended in my capacity as Scientific Consultant, that competent scientists quietly study such cases when evidence from responsible people appears to warrant such study. There may be much of potential value to science in such events. We know a very great deal more about the physical world in 1966, than we did in 1866—but, by the same token, the people in the year 2066 may regard us as very incomplete in our scientific knowledge. We must not in our haste to have answers, be Frederick Smiths.

If then, it is understood I am not making a blanket statement to cover the entire UFO phenomenon over the past 20 years in this and other countries, I am prepared to discuss the Dexter and Hillsdale sightings.

Now, in addition to these two specific ones there has been a flood of other reports from this area, both before and after last Sunday and Monday, and I could not possibly have had the time to investigate all of these. I have had time, however, to determine that in Hillsdale, ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~about~~ ^{about} the sincere and honest reporting by the young ladies at Hillsdale College of a very puzzling sighting, certain young men have played pranks with flares.

And, I have also determined that the pictures released yesterday to the press were taken on March 17, near Milan, Mich., and have no reference whatever to the sightings of March 20 or 21st, and are without any question a time exposure of the rising crescent moon and the planet Venus. I emphasize that this explanation refers to those specific pictures and not to the two cases now in question.

At long last now, the Dexter and Hilledale cases: Here are the hard facts, the residue, the common denominator after sifting out as much of the subjective, peripheral, and inconsistent statements as I have been able to do in this short time.

The majority of observers in both cases reported only lights—red, yellow and green, silent glowing lights, near the ground. They have not described an object. Even the only two observers who did describe an object have stated that they were no closer than 500 yards—better than a quarter of a mile away—a distance which does not allow details to be determined. Witnesses have described glowing lights—lights that seemed to move but never far from a definite locale, or which suddenly disappeared and popped up at another place. Now what was that locale in both instances? In both cases, a swamp. In both cases the location of the glow was pin-pointed: in Dexter it was seen between two distant groups of people, and at Hilledale it was seen in a swampy depression between the girls and distant trees. It was in both cases a very localized phenomenon. I think that this is a most significant point.

A dismal swamp is a most unlikely place for a visit from outer space! It is not a place where a helicopter would hover for several hours, or where a sunless, secret device would likely be tested.

Now what is a swamp? It is a place of rotting vegetation and of decomposition. Swamps are not the normal province of the astronomer; he usually has his eyes trained toward far loftier places—yet the Dutch as-

trouwer, Minnaert, in his book, "Light and Color, in The Open Air," has this to say about swamps. He describes lights that have been seen in swamps by the astronomer Bessel and other excellent observers. The lights, he says, resemble tiny flames, sometimes seen right on the ground, sometimes floating above it. The flames go out in one place and suddenly appear in another, giving the illusion of motion. The colors, he says, are sometimes yellow, sometimes red and blue-green. No heat is felt, and the lights do not burn or char the ground. They can appear for hours at a time and sometimes for a whole night. Generally there is no smell, and usually no sound, except the popping sound of little explosions, such as when a gas burner ignites.

Where does the gas come from, and what lights it? The rotting vegetation produces marsh gas which can be trapped by ice and winter conditions. When a spring thaw occurs, the gas may be released in some quantity.

The flame, Minnaert says, is a form of chemical luminescence and its low temperature is one of its peculiar features. Exactly how it occurs is not known and this in itself might be made a subject of an interesting study.

The glowing lights on the swamp near Dexter and Hillsdale were observed for two to three hours. No sounds were heard, except for popping sounds. The lights were red, green or yellow and they appeared to move sideways, and to rise a short distance. I emphasize this would not be seen frequently—it is of a unique character. I have never seen it myself and I can easily understand the dismay of the witnesses who saw it and who sincerely described what they saw.

It seems likely that as the present spring thaws came the trapped gases CH_4 , H_2S , PH_3 , resulting from decomposition of organic materials were released. The chemistry book by Stenke and Flann has this to say: "In air, phosphine, PH_3 , usually bursts into flame, apparently because it is

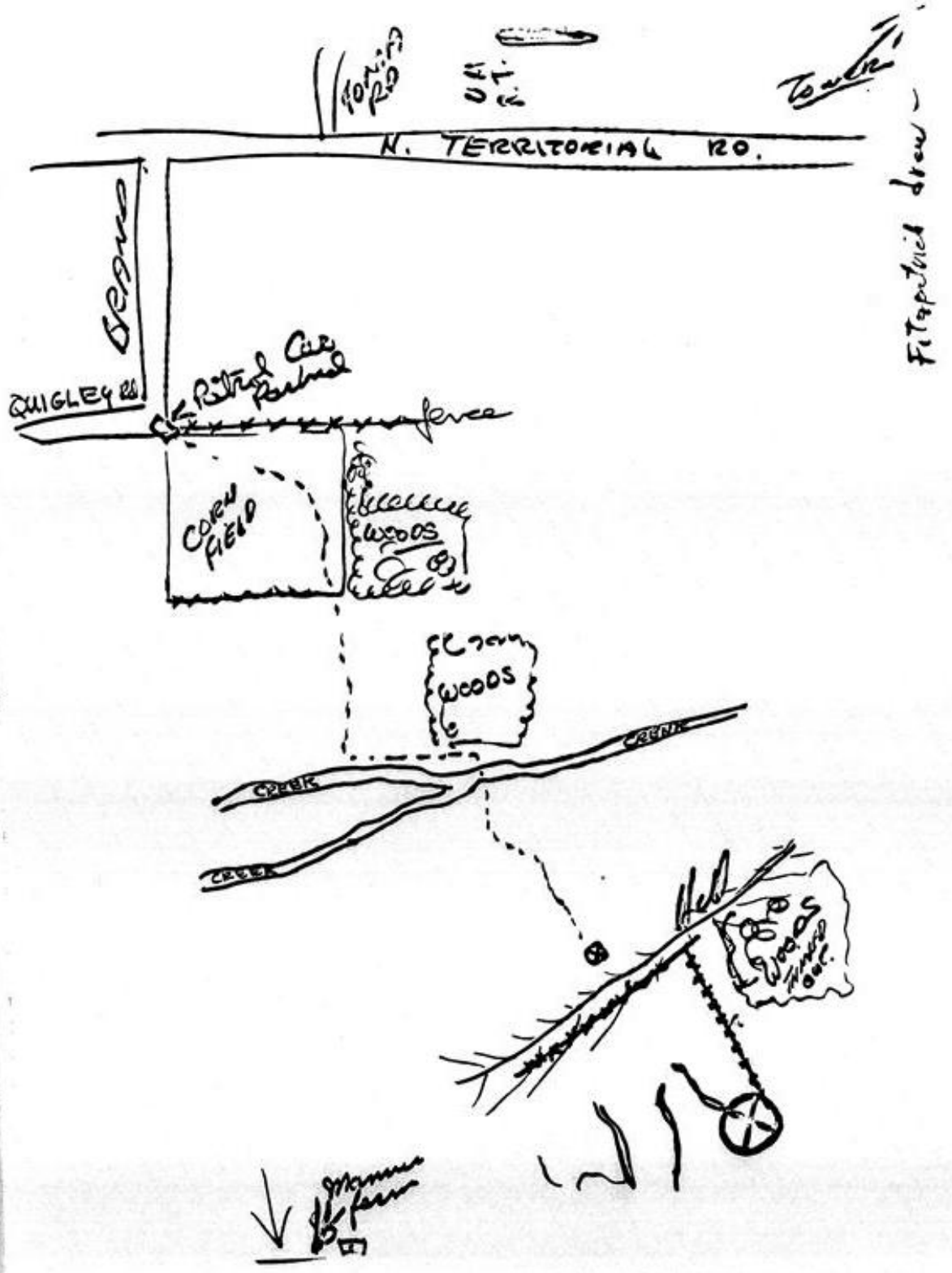
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Other scientists have pointed out to me that in swamps the formation of H_2S and CH_4 from rotting vegetation is common. These could be ignited by the spontaneous burning of the Phosphine, PH_3 .

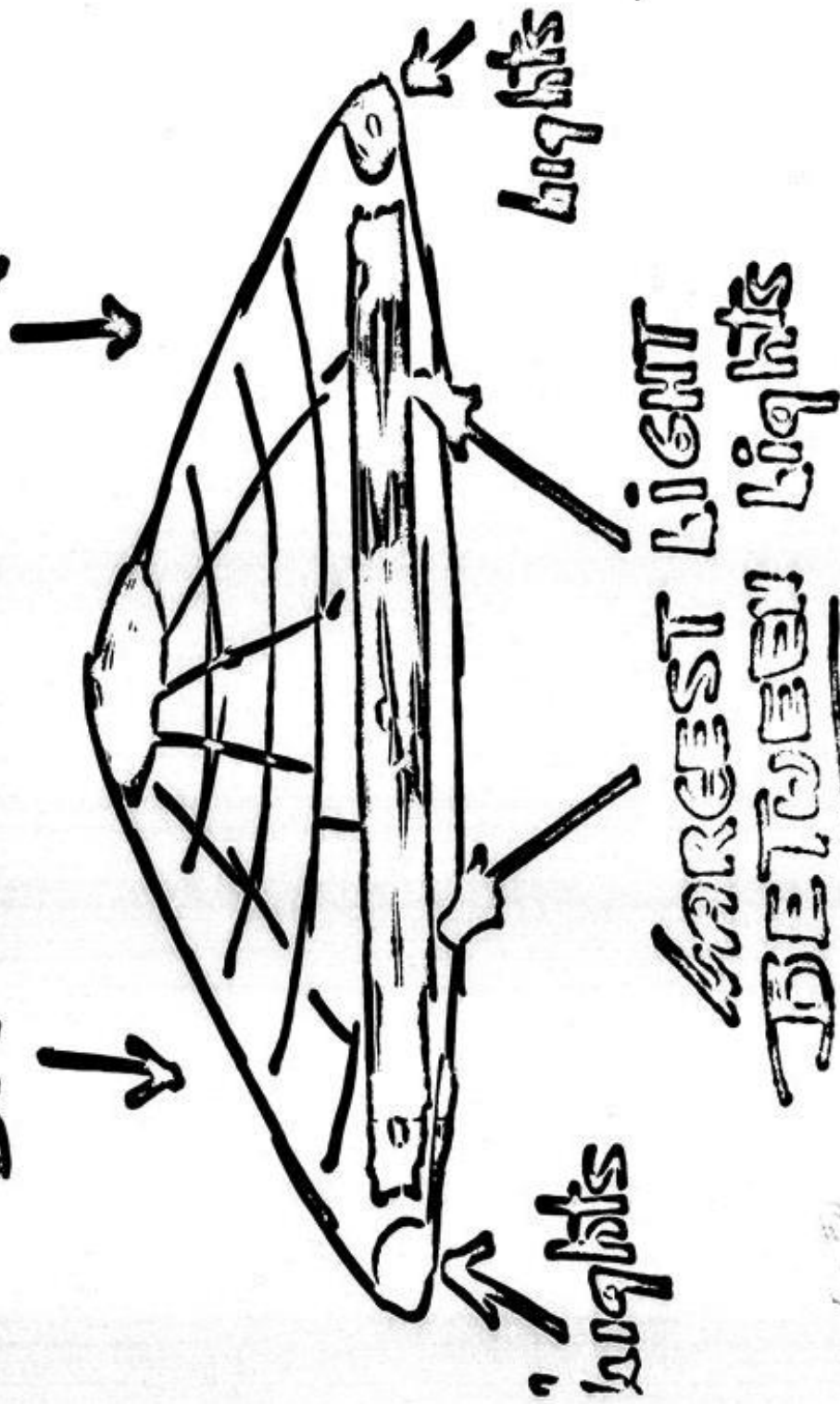
It would seem to me that the association of the sightings with swamps, in these particular cases, is more than coincidence. No group of witnesses observed any craft coming to or going away from the swamps. The glow was localized there. Deputy Fitzpatrick described the glow as coming from beyond a rise adjacent to the swamp, and visible through the trees. He stated that the lights brightened and dimmed much as stage lights do—smoothly and slowly. The girls at Hilledale described almost the identical thing. This could have been due to the release of variable quantities of marsh gas.

The disappearance of the light when people got close with flash-lights or car lights, would indicate that the glow seemed bright only to dark-adapted eyes. The night was dark—there was no moon. The Hilledale girls kept their rooms dark in order to see the lights in the swamp.

I emphasize in conclusion that I cannot prove in a Court of Law that this is the full explanation of these sightings. It appears very likely, however, that the combination of the conditions of this particular winter, an unusually mild one in this area, and the particular weather conditions that night—there was little wind at either location—were such as to have produced this unusual and puzzling display.



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AIR FORCE STATEMENT REGARDING THE UFO SIGHTINGS AT DEXTER, MICHIGAN,
ON MARCH 20, 1966, AND HILLSDALE, MICHIGAN, ON MARCH 21, 1966

The investigation of these two sightings was conducted by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, scientific consultant to Project Blue Book; personnel from Selfridge Air Force Base, Michigan; and personnel from the Project Blue Book office at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

In addition to these two specific cases, there has been a flood of reports from this area both before and after March 20 and 21. The investigating personnel have not had the time to investigate all of these. It has been determined, however, that in Hillsdale, over and above the sincere and honest reporting by the young ladies at Hillsdale College, certain young men have played pranks with flares. It has also been determined that the photographs released yesterday through the press was taken on March 17 just before sunrise near Milan, Michigan, and have nothing to do with the cases in question. The photograph clearly shows trails made as a result of a time exposure of the rising crescent moon and the planet Venus.

The majority of observers in both the Dexter and Hillsdale cases have reported only silent glowing lights near the ground - red, yellow, and blue-green. They have not described an object. The only two observers who did describe an object have stated that they were no closer than 500 yards - better than a quarter of a mile away - a distance which does not allow details to be determined.

Witnesses have described glowing lights - lights that seem to move but never far from a definite place or lights which suddenly disappeared and popped up at another place. The locale in both cases was a swamp. In both cases, the location of the glow was pinpointed - in Dexter it was seen between two distant groups of people and at Hillsdale it was seen in a swampy depression between the girls and the distant trees. It was in both cases a very localized phenomena. The swampy location is most significant.

A swamp is a place of rotting vegetation and decomposition. Swamps are not a province of astronomers. Yet, the famous Dutch astronomer, Minnaert, in his book, Light and Colour in the Open Air, describes lights that have been seen in swamps by the astronomer Bessel and other excellent observers. The lights resemble tiny flames sometimes seen right on the ground and sometimes rising and floating above it. The flames go out in one place and suddenly appear in another, giving the illusion of motion. The colors are sometimes yellow, sometimes red, and sometimes blue-green. No heat is felt, and the lights do not burn or char the ground. They can appear for hours at a stretch and sometimes for a whole night. Generally, there is no smell and no sound except for the popping sound of little explosions such as when a gas burner ignites.

The rotting vegetation produces marsh gas which can be trapped during the winter by ice. When the spring thaw occurs, the gas may be released in some quantity. The flame, Minnaert says, is a form of chemical luminescence, and its low temperature is one of its peculiar features. Exactly how it occurs is not known and could well be the subject of further investigation.

The glowing lights over the swamps near Dexter and Hillsdale were observed for two or three hours, and they were red, green, and yellow. They appeared to move sideways and to rise a short distance. No sound was heard except a popping sound.

It seems entirely likely that as the present spring thaw came, the trapped gases, CH_4 , H_2S , and PH_3 , resulting from decomposition of organic material, were released. The chemistry book by Sienko and Plane has this to say: "In air, Phosphine PH_3 usually bursts into flame apparently because it is ignited by a spontaneous oxidation of the impure P_2H_4 . The will-of-the-wisp, sometimes observed in marshes, may be due to spontaneous ignition of impure PH_3 which might be formed by reduction of naturally occurring phosphorus compound."

It has been pointed out to the investigating personnel by other scientists in this area that in swamps the formation of H_2S and CH_4 from rotting vegetation is common. These could be ignited by the spontaneous burning of PH_3 .

The association of the sightings with swamps in this particular instance is more than coincidence. No group of witnesses observed any craft coming to or going away from the swamp. The glow was localized, and Deputy Fitzpatrick described the glow from beyond a rise adjacent to the swamp as visible through the trees. He stated that the light brightened and dimmed much as stage lights do - smoothly and slowly - and this description exactly fits the Hillsdale sighting also. The brightening and dimming could have been due to the release of variable quantities of marsh gas.

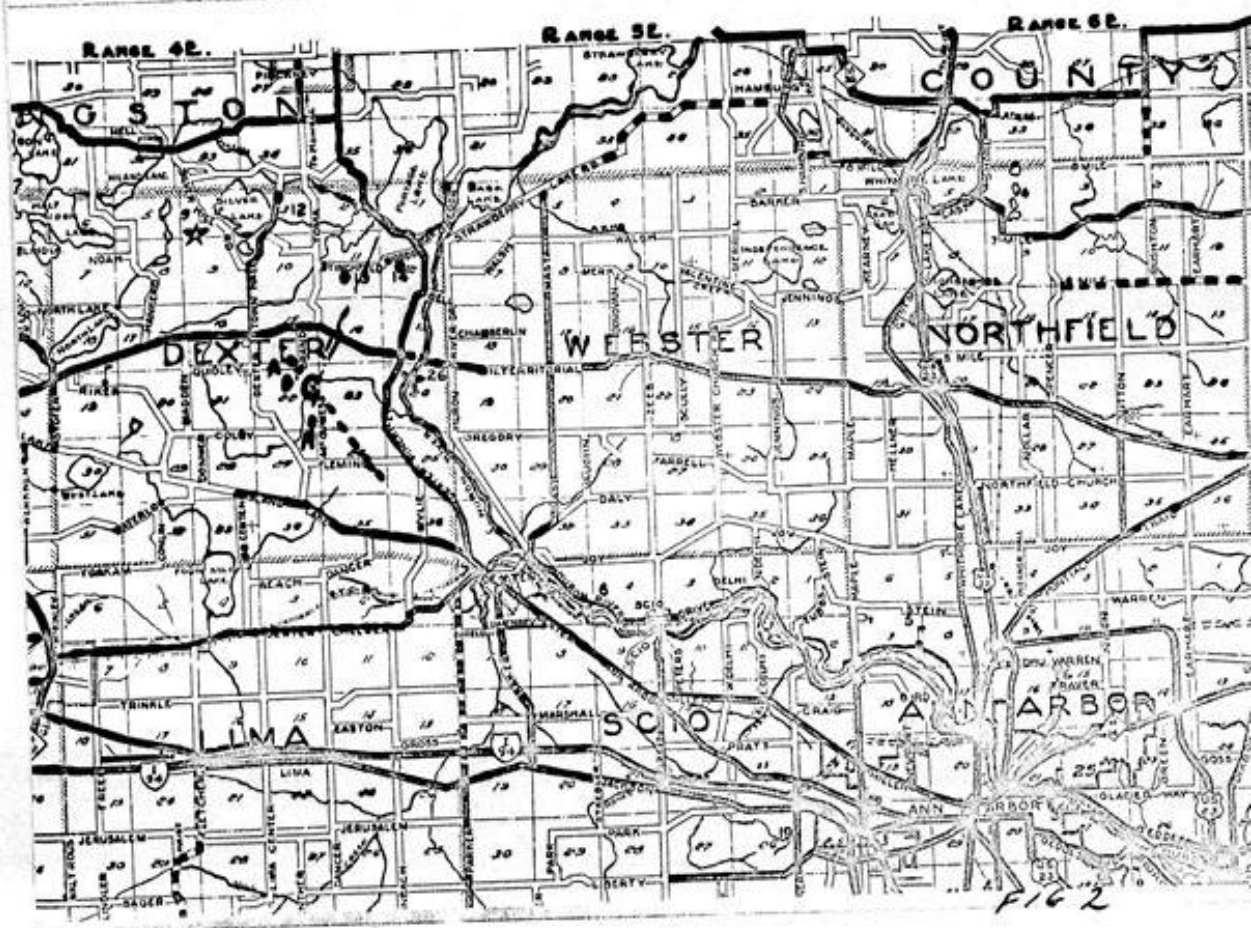
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Major Quintanilla,

Took a call from the WIFE Radio in Indianapolis, Indiana 0815.

Wanted to know if we were going to send an investigative team to Indiana today. There was UFO that crashed into a gravel pit last night, 24 Mar 66, at 2030 hours near Indianapolis and the sheriff is on the scene at present. I informed them that we had not received a report from Indianapolis and could do nothing until the observer reported ~~to~~ observation to the Air Force. The radio station replied that he figured it wouldn't be reported since the sheriff was on the scene. Thanked us.

Marilyn

Memos for the Record: Ann Arbor, Michigan, night of 20 Mar 66
Received a phone call from Dr J Allen Hynek on the morning of
21 March 1966. He had heard on a NBC broadcast on radio this morning,
21 March 1966 of a UFO landing in Ann Arbor, Michigan, several
witnesses, metallic craft landed in marsh. More than one observer.
Dr Hynek wanted us to be on the look out for a report from there.
Immediately following Dr Hynek's call, Major Quintanilla called
Mrs Hunt and informed her that we had not received any official
reports concerning a landing at Ann Arbor, Michigan.

At 131230 on 21 March 1966 Major Quintanilla spoke with Major
Davis, SAFOI, ext 55809 or 73002 regarding Ann Arbor, Michigan
sighting. Informed him we did not have an official report on it.
Dr Hynek had heard it on the radio and notified us. Major Davis
had inquiries from Harry Mantell regarding UFOs and has three
questions. What do we know of UFO in Ann Arbor. What
sighting does this become and when did we start keeping records.
As of 1 March 1966 we had 10147 cases. We started to keep records
in 1947. Major Davis read the UPI 53 - At least 40 persons saw a
UFO land in Ann Arbor, Michigan, police said today. Twelve observers
were policeman, they saw erie blinking lights, apparantly on the
flying objects. Object arose above the tree tops then dip again.
Other policemen saw a formation of 4-5 objects, one flew over
their car. A farmer and his son came within 400-500 yards from
object. Some saw it on the ground others saw it in the air. Police
slogged through the swam then went down and landed. Farmer drew
a sketch, picture shape of football, waffle metal, blinking lights
and antenna. (We have not had any official report)

According to radio reports the sighting was reported to Selfridge AFB, Michigan they referred the caller to Air Defense Sector at Battlecreek, Michigan because Battlecreek was closer to Ann Arbor.

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At 1120, 24 March 1966, Major Quintanilla received a telephone call from Congressman Vivian, extension 225-4401. Congressman Vivian requested information on the unidentified flying objects at Dexter, Michigan. He had read the report from the Sheriff. Asked Major Quintanilla if he had any remarks on it. Major replied that Dr Hynek was talking with the policemen and other witnesses gathering information on the observations. Dr Hynek is on his way to Hillsdale to talk with the coes there. We hope to have a breakthrough within twenty-four hours. Not all of the witnesses observed the same object. Major informed Congressman Vivian that it was good that we had multiple witnesses. Sgt Moody is up at Willow Run checking out the tower operators. Checking both positive and negative data so we can be doubly sure. We will release the information as to the cause of the observations as soon as possible. Hopefully this information will be this afternoon, 24 March 1966. Dr Hynek has been given permission to grant a press conference at Selfridge AFB as soon as the conclusions are reached and he has spoken with Major Quintanilla. Congressman Vivian asked about various experimental aircraft in the area at the time. Major replied that this was being checked out presently. Congressman Vivian asked that he be notified before a press c onference is given by Dr Hynek.

Call from Congressman Vivian - 23 March 1966 1520 Hc-es.

First Item - Did Dr Hynek make a statement regarding the Michigan case. Dr Hynek made the statement. Congressman Vivian wanted to know why he had not been informed of the time that the press meeting was going to be. Major informed the Office of Information that Congressman Vivian was to be informed. Congressman asked for the number of the office. Wanted to know if we had received a report from Hynek. Replied that it was given verbally over the telephone and the office of information had taken it down over the phone. The complete information would be typed up by Dr Hynek's office at Northwestern this week and we would receive a copy. Dr Hynek made the announcement of his findings at the press club. The Office of Information released his findings at the same time over the wire system. He explained events as marsh gas, rising crescent moon and some as flares. Dr Hynek has not submitted his report as yet. We plan no further investigation. Selfridge does the initial investigation and submits it to us. There will be no followup or further action unless there are additional sightings. Vivian asked how many times we have had Marsh Gas sightings. Major replied once or twice. Vivian wanted to know if we knew about the Sheriff's remarks regarding Dr Hynek. Major said no. Vivian then asked what Major's degree was in. Major is a physicist, in BS, we normally go to Dr Hynek for consultation. Major has been with the project for 32 months. Vivian asked who Major reported to - Colonel Eric T. de Jongheere, Deputy for Technology And Subsystems, he reports to General Arthur Cruikshank. Who assists us. Sgt Moody has a degree in Psychology. ^{upon graduation} We use other branches of the Air Force. Congressman wants the number of personnel working on

the project and what the qualifications are, ^{what} ~~what~~ manner of reporting
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28 March 1966

Immediately following conversation between Congressman Vivian and Major Hector Quintanilla, he (Maj Q) informed Mrs Sara Hunt (SAFOICC) of the conversation with Congressman Vivian.

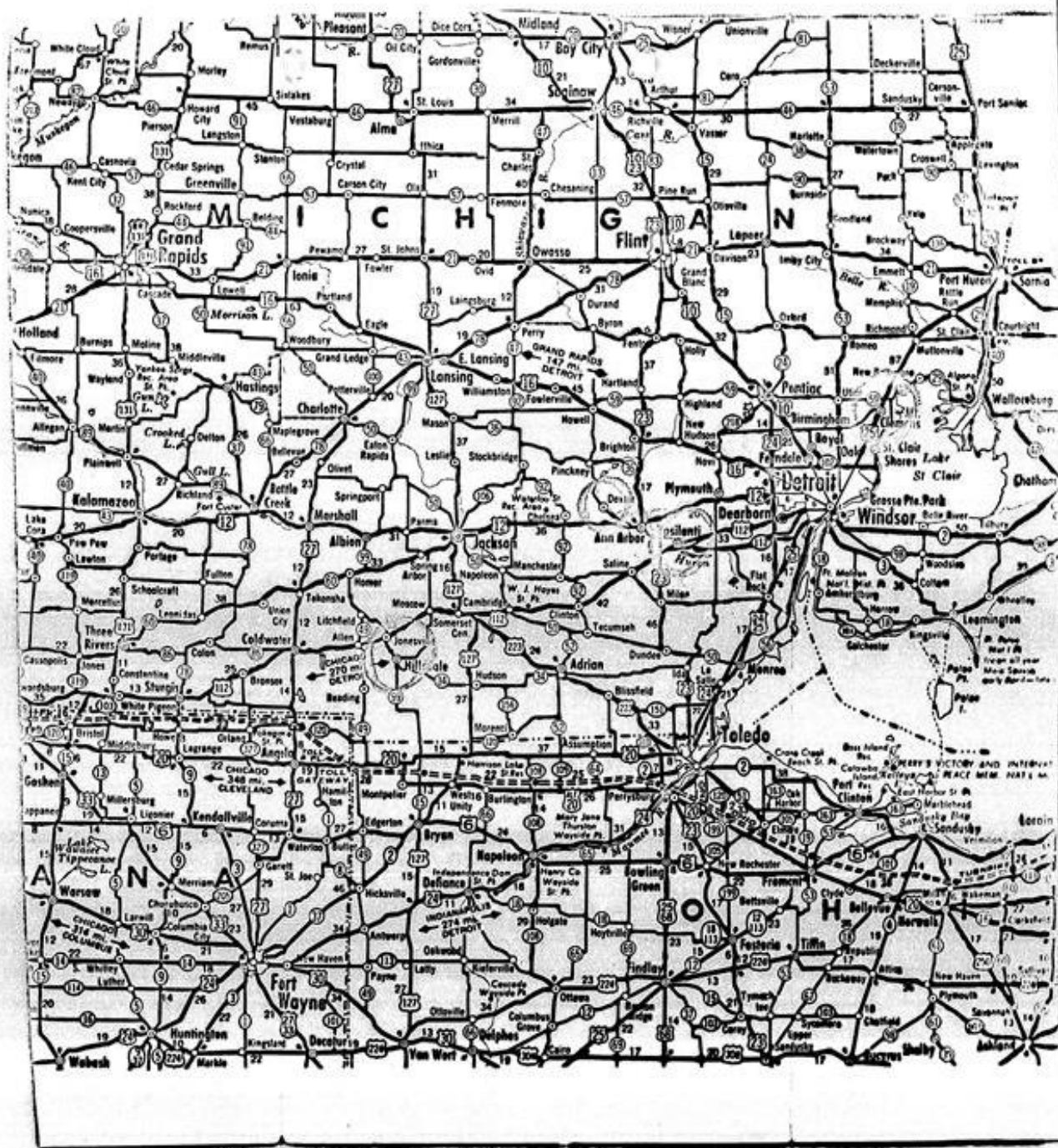
Upon completion of phone call to SAFOICC, Major Quintanilla informed TDE, Colonel Eric T. de JONCKHEERE of the conversations.

29 March 1966, 0810

Major Quintanilla spoke with Major Gregory at AFSC SCFA regarding telephone conversation with Congressman Vivian. Last Week congressman Vivian called us direct and requested we inform him prior to press conference of Dr Hynek's. We informed SAFOI and they said L&L would take care of it. Major gave a run down on the conversation of 28 Mar 66 with Vivian. General Cruikshank wanted us to report what transpired yesterday, 28 Mar 66 to SCFA. Gregory said that paragraph 7 of AFR 200-2 indicated that Congressmen were not to go directly to us. Gregory would inform SAFOI of the above.

29 Mar 66, 1050 - Conversation with Major Gregory, AFSC - Question regarding detailed report that Vivian asked for. Major Quintanilla told Vivian that Hynek was making a detailed report. Gregory said then there was no leak there. Two phone calls were made from Vivian. Gregory is sending AFR 200-2 and Blue Book out. Congressman Ford may ask for a congressional. AFSC would like a copy of Hynek's report.

29 March 1966 1232 hours - Maj Gregory spoke with ~~Mrs Stencombe~~ Mrs Stencombe - Confirmed that Vivian spoke directly with Major Quintanilla without going through General Cruikshank first.



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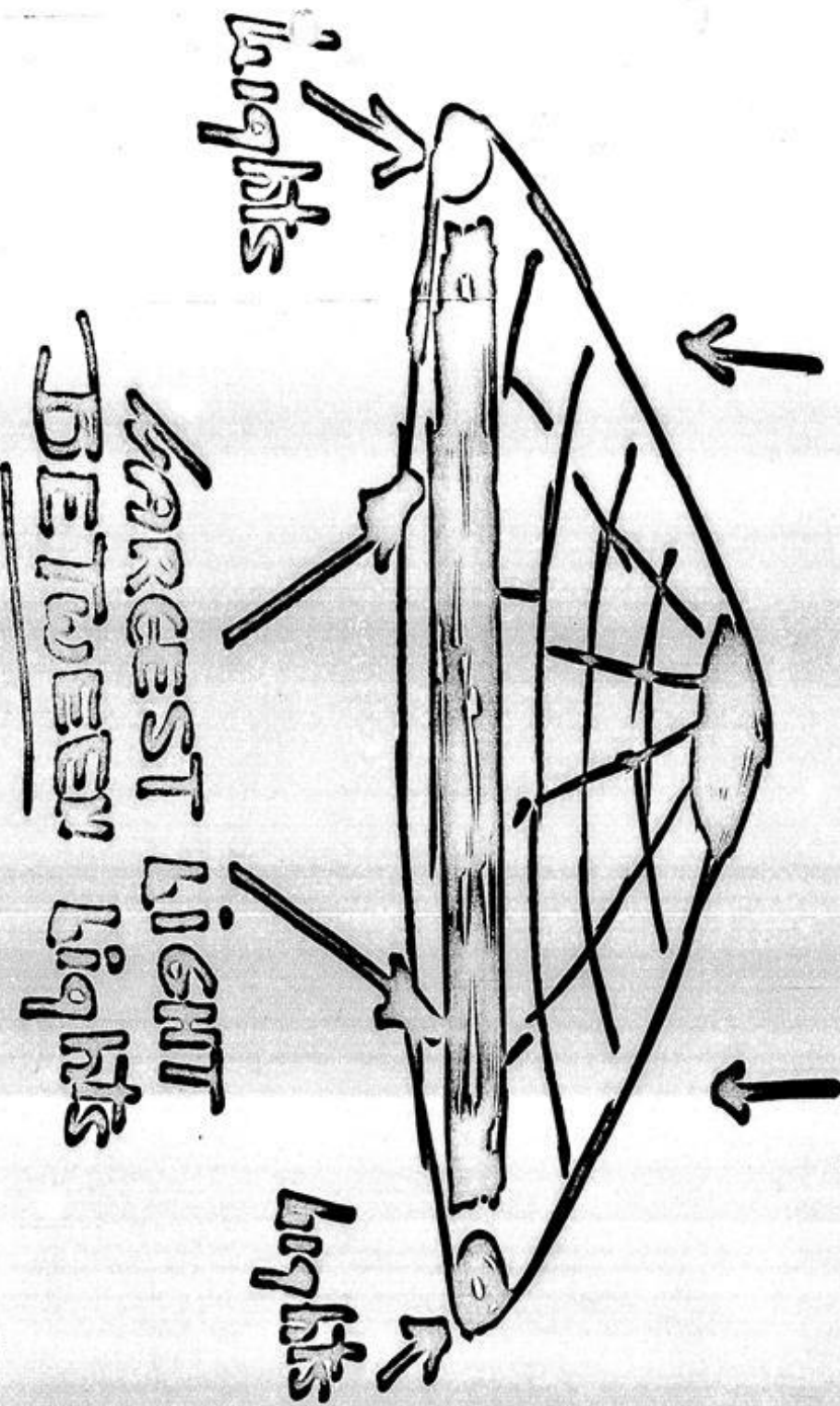
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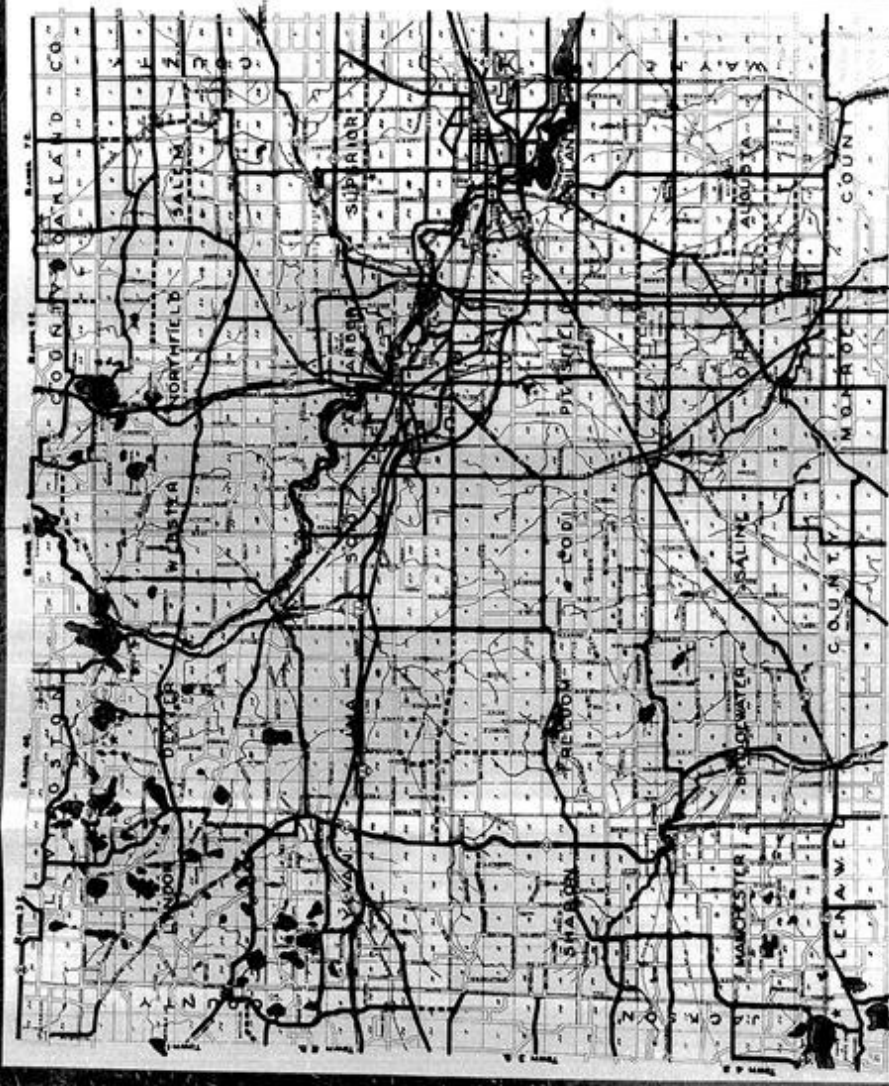
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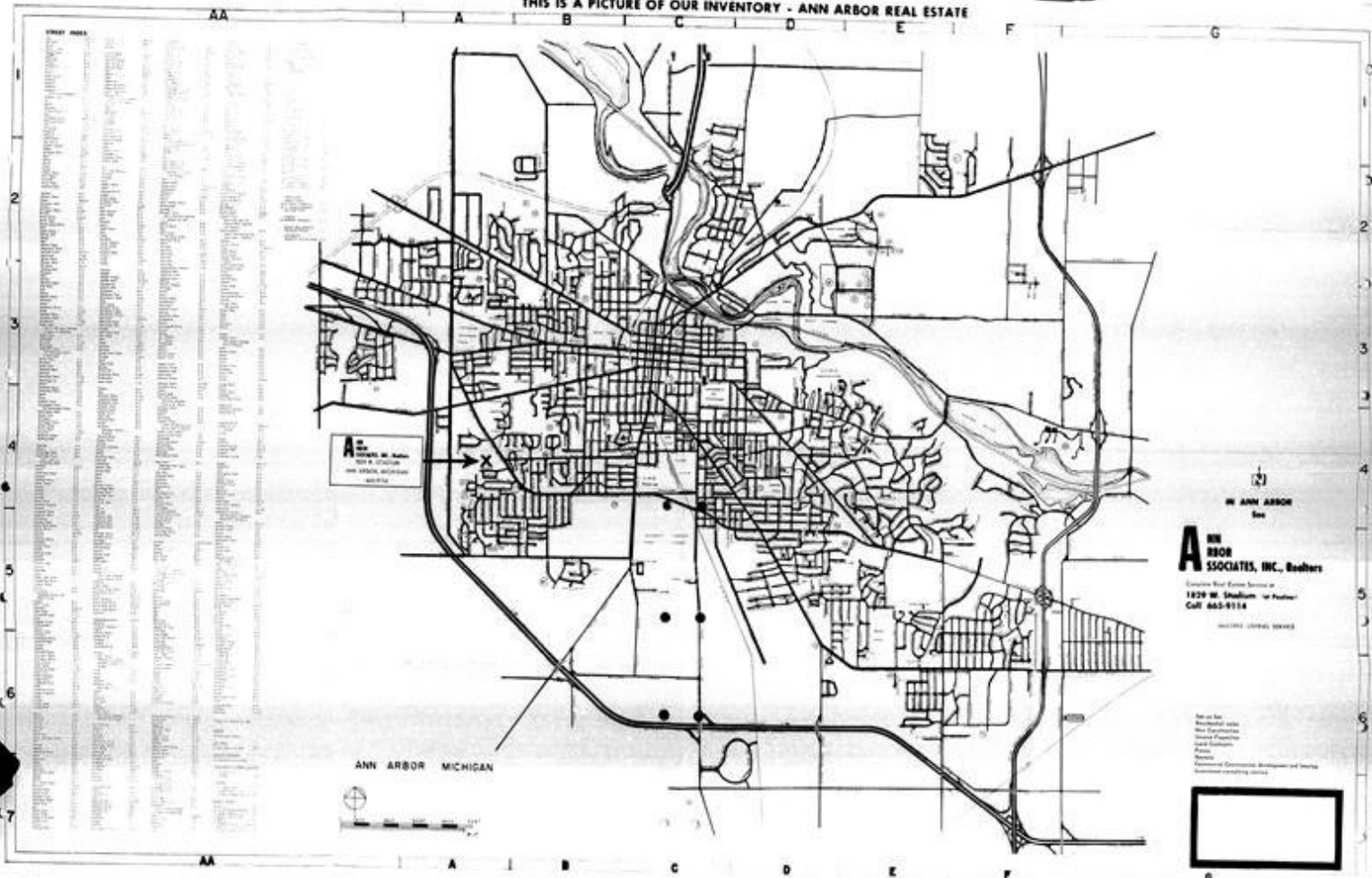
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UFO'S (320)

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ANN ARBOR, MICH., MARCH 21 (AP)—THERE MAY BE SOMETHING BESIDES *Michigan*

SPRING IN THE AIR OVER SOUTHERN MICHIGAN.

THREE TIMES IN A WEEK RESIDENTS OF THE NEARBY COMMUNITY OF DEXTER HAVE REPORTED SPOTTING UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS FLOATING THROUGH THE NIGHT AIR. *Inso*

THE LATEST SIGHTINGS WERE MADE LAST NIGHT BY MORE THAN A SCORE OF PERSONS, INCLUDING POLICE OFFICERS. OFFICERS USING GEIGER COUNTERS SEARCHED THE AREA TODAY BUT SAID THEY FOUND NOTHING.

"I GOT WITHIN 500 YARDS OF THAT THING AND IT LOOKED PYRAMID-SHAPED. IT HAD A LIGHT HERE AND A LIGHT THERE AND WHAT LOOKED LIKE A PORTHOLE," SAID FRANK MANNOR, 47, OF DEXTER.

"I STILL DON'T BELIEVE IT," SAID STAN MCFADDEN, 27, A WASHTENAW COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY.

DEXTER PATROLMAN ROBERT HUNIWELL SAID THE FLYING OBJECT HE SAW HAD RED AND GREEN FLASHING LIGHTS AND AT ONE TIME ZIPPED DOWN TO HOVER "WITHIN 10 FEET" OF A POLICE PATROL CAR. WHEN IT ROSE AGAIN, SAID HUNIWELL, IT WAS JOINED BY A SIMILAR OBJECT.

MANNOR SAID HE WAS INDOORS WHEN HE NOTICED FLASHING LIGHTS THROUGH A WINDOW.

HIS SON, ROBERT, 19, AND HIS WIFE, LEONA, ALSO SAW THE OBJECT. "IT WASN'T LIKE THE PICTURES OF A FLYING SAUCER AND IT HAD A CORAL-LIKE SURFACE. I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT," SAID MANNOR.

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ANN ARBOR, MICH.--INSERT UFO'S, A119DT, AFTER NINTH GRAPH

"IT WASN'T X X X MANNOR." (TO UPDATE):
SHERIFF DOUGLAS J. HARVEY, A DISBELIEVER AT FIRST BUT NOW WONDERING, ASKED WASHINGTON'S HELP MONDAY.

"I DIDN'T BELIEVE THESE REPORTS, EITHER, BUT WITH SO MANY TRAINED POLICE PERSONNEL AND RELIABLE CITIZENS HAVING SEEN THEM (THE OBJECTS), I MUST BELIEVE SOMETHING IS IN THE WASHTENAW COUNTY SKIES," HARVEY SAID.

HARVEY SAID CONGRESSMAN WESTON VIVIAN, ANN ARBOR DEMOCRAT, IS TO INQUIRE TOMORROW IN WASHINGTON OF THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT AND THE U.S. AIR FORCE FOR POSSIBLE EXPLANATIONS. HE IS TO ASK THEM TO ENTER AN INVESTIGATION.

IN ANY EVENT, HARVEY WANTS A CONTACT WITH THE EXPERTS. HE SAID HE HAD FAILED IN A PERSONAL EFFORT TO REACH THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT.

"MCFADDEN WAS X X X," 10TH GRAPH A119DT (FIRST GRAPH 2ND TAKE -120DT).

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UFO (300)

(WITH WAREPHOTO)

ANN ARBOR, MICH., MARCH 24 (AP)—DEPUTY SHERIFF DAVID FITZPATRICK CAME UP TODAY WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OF STREAKS OF LIGHT IN THE SKY WHICH HE SAID WERE MADE BY UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS HE OBSERVED SNOOSHING THROUGH SKIES OF SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN NINE DAYS AGO.

MORE THAN A SCORE OF PERSONS, INCLUDING BOTH DEPUTIES AND POLICE-MEN, HAVE REPORTED SIGHTING FLYING OBJECTS AT NIGHT SINCE THEN.

FITZPATRICK MADE HIS PHOTOGRAPHS JUST OUTSIDE MILAN, MICH., 15 MILES DUE SOUTH OF ANN ARBOR, WITH A MINOX MODEL B CAMERA, ROUGHLY THE SIZE OF A MAN'S TWO FOREFINGERS HELD TOGETHER. FITZPATRICK SAID HE LOCKED THE CAMERA, WHICH HAS A 3.5 LENS, OPEN ON TIME EXPOSURE AND KEPT IT THERE FOR 10 AND 12 MINUTES.

THE PHOTOGRAPHS SHOW TWO DISTINCT STREAKS OF LIGHT HIGH ABOVE STREET LIGHTS OF CARPENTER ROAD LEADING INTO MILAN. NO DETAILED OBJECTS, HOWEVER, ARE VISIBLE IN THE PICTOS TAKEN AT 5:30 A.M.

FITZPATRICK SAID HIS CAMERA WAS POINTED SOUTHEASTERLY AND THAT SHERIFF'S SGT. NUEL K. SCHNEIDER OBSERVED THE FLYING OBJECTS SUISHING ABOUT FROM ABOUT 4 A.M. TO 7 A.M.

"THEY LOOKED," HE SAID, "LIKE A BRILLIANT LIGHT." HE SAID IT WAS A YELLOW-WHITE LIGHT.

STEPPED UP TO 8-X-10 INCHES FROM A FILM SMALLER THAN A POSTAGE STAMP THE PHOTOGRAPHS SHOW STREAKS OF BRILLIANT LIGHT.

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THE LANDING WAS REPORTED BY FRANK MANNOR, 46, A FARMER SOME 12 MILES NORTHWEST OF ANN ARBOR, WHO SAID THE GLOWING OBJECT TOOK OFF BEFORE HE AND A SON COULD REACH IT.

FITZPATRICK SAID HE USED HIS PERSONAL CAMERA, FILM AND TRIPOD TO MAKE THE PICTURES. THE PICTURES WERE RELEASED BY SHERIFF DOUGLAS J. HARVEY.

DR. J. ALLEN WYNEK, A NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY ASTROPHYSICIST, SENT HERE BY THE AIR FORCE TO INVESTIGATE THE REPORTS OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS, HAD NOT SEEN FITZPATRICK'S PHOTOGRAPHS SEVERAL HOURS AFTER THEIR RELEASE.

MAJ. HECTOR QUINTANILLA, OF WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE AT DAYTON, OHIO, SAID EARLIER TODAY THE AIR FORCE HOPED TO COME UP WITH A REASONABLE EXPLANATION OF THE OBJECTS WITHIN THE NEXT 24 HOURS. HE GAVE NO HINT OF WHAT IT MIGHT BE.

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MIDMORNING ADVISORY

(TIMES ARE EASTERN STANDARD)

A STORY WRAPPING UP LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS REPORTED IN MICHIGAN WILL MOVE SOON. AN AIR FORCE INVESTIGATOR HAS SCHEDULED A 1 P. M. NEWS CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS HIS PROBE.

YOU ARE REMINDED THAT SECRETARY OF STATE DUSK'S NEWS CONFERENCE, ORIGINALLY SET FOR 10:30 A. M., WAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL NOON.

A LEAD ON THE SOUTH BEAD RELIGIOUS CONFERENCE (A40) IS EXPECTED ABOUT 11:30.

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SCHOOL'S FOOTBALL FIELD LAST NIGHT AS THEY WATCHED FROM THEIR ...
DORMITORIES.

THREE MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY POLICE FORCE, ONE OF THEM A SERGEANT, ...
SAID THEY SAW LIGHTS IN THE ...
BUT COULD NOT DETERMINE WHETHER THEY WERE OBJECTS.

THE OFFICERS SAID ONE OF THE COEDS TOLD ...
HAD LANDED ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD, BUT THEY SAID THEY FOUND NO ...
EVIDENCE ANYTHING HAD TOUCHED DOWN.

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AT NEARBY WASHTENAW (ANN ARBOR) COUNTY, DEPUTY SHERIFF DAVID ...
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COUNTY, AT SAGINAW, ABOUT 80 MILES FROM HERE, AND AT SAUGATUCK ACROSS THE ...
LOWER PENINSULA.

OAKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICERS SAID THEY GOT ABOUT 10 CALLS FROM ...
PERSONS WHO SAID THEY SAW A RED, WHITE AND ORANGE OBJECT ...
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 ...25 MILES SOUTHWEST OF DETROIT...
 ...SIGHTINGS AT HILLSDALE, TO THE NORTH, ON APRIL 21.

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HYNEK NOTED THAT MOST OF THE SIGHTINGS WERE NEAR A SWAMP.
 "A DISMAL SWAMP IS A MOST UNLIKELY PLACE FOR A VISIT FROM OUTER SPACE," HYNEK SAID.
 "IT IS NOT A PLACE WHERE A HELICOPTER COULD HOVER FOR SEVERAL HOURS OR WHERE A SOUNDLESS SECRET DEVICE WOULD LIKELY BE TESTED."
 MOST WITNESSES TO THE FLYING OBJECTS DESCRIBED THEM AS HAVING GLOWING LIGHTS, SOME RED, SOME GREEN AND YELLOW, AS APPEARING TO MOVE SIDEWAYS AND MOVE SHORT DISTANCES.
 "I SAW A RED LIGHT... IT WAS VERY FREQUENTLY AND AS A SERIES OF PULSES..."
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 HYNEK SAID IT SEEMED LIKELY THAT PRESENT SPRING THAW RELEASED TRAPPED GASES RESULTING FROM DECOMPOSITION OF ORGANIC MATERIALS.
 "IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT THE ASSOCIATION OF THE SIGHTINGS WITH SWAMPS IN THESE PARTICULAR CASES IS MORE THAN COINCIDENCE," HYNEK DECLARED.
 "NO GROUP OF WITNESSES OBSERVED ANY CRAFT COMING TO OR GOING AWAY FROM THE SWAMPS. THE GLOW WAS LOCALIZED THERE."
 HYNEK SAID THAT HE WANTED IT CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD HE WAS NOT MAKING A BLANKET STATEMENT TO COVER THE ENTIRE UFO PHENOMENON OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS IN THIS AND OTHER COUNTRIES.
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UFOs Again Reported Over Michigan Area

ANN ARBOR, Mich.—(AP)—There may be something besides spring in the air over southern Michigan.

Three times in a week residents of the nearby community of Dexter have reported spotting unidentified flying objects floating through the night air.

The latest sightings were made by more than a score of

persons, including police officers. Officers using geiger counters searched the area yesterday but said they found nothing.

"I got within 500 yards of that thing and it looked pyramid-shaped. It had a light here and a light there and what looked like a porthole," said Frank Mannor, 47, of Dexter.

"I still don't believe it," said Stan McFadden, 27, a Washtenaw county sheriff's deputy.

Dexter Patrolman Robert Hunsell said the flying object he saw had red and green flashing lights and at one time zipped down to hover "within 10 feet" of a police patrol car. When it rose again, said Hunsell, it was joined by a similar object.

Mannor said he was indoors when he noticed flashing lights through a window.

His son, Robert, 13, and his wife, Leona, also saw the object.

"It wasn't like the pictures of a flying saucer and it had a coral-like surface. I've never seen anything like it," said Mannor.

McFadden was one of about 20 deputies in seven patrol cars sent to the area to investigate Mannor's report.

He said he and deputy Dave Fitzpatrick tried to reach the object by walking up to it but that it flew off as they approached.

Dexter Police Chief Robert Taylor who was accompanied by Patrolman N. G. Lee, said, "we saw it from the hill. It looked it was down in the swamp. We saw the red glow and with binoculars we could see it. It was a pulsating red light. When we got into the swamp there wasn't anything there."

Flying objects are not new to Michigan, especially in warmer weather when more people are outdoors.

Previous sightings were made in the Dexter area last Thursday and a week ago Sunday. Police pictures made at the time failed to develop. A rash of sightings was reported last October in the Coldwater Mich., area. An air Force spokesman said at the time that radar showed nothing unusual in the area.

U. S. Asked

The U. S. Defense Department and the U. S. Air Force have been officially "invited" into a widening investigation of strange, flying objects seen over Washtenaw County three times in the past eight days.

Rep. Weston E. Vivian of the Second Congressional District told Sheriff Douglas J. Harvey late yesterday he will make an official inquiry of the Defense Department and the Air Force today concerning the unidentified flying objects.

Harvey had told the Ann Arbor congressman that he had been ignored in repeated at-

tempts to contact federal officials about the sightings.

Vivian said the incidents "certainly should be looked into by the U. S. Government."

Meanwhile the Sheriff's Department pushed an intensive investigation of the incidents with Washtenaw County Civil Defense Director Gerald Miller and Michigan State Police who yesterday afternoon were ordered into the probe by Frederick E. Davids, commissioner of the state force. Davids also is state director of Civil Defense.

Yesterday afternoon Harvey, Miller and a half-dozen depu-

ties and detectives visited the Brand-Quigley Rds. area in Dexter Township where one of the "flying saucers" reportedly made a brief landing last Sunday night. Frank Manner of 10600 McGinness, on whose farm the object supposedly landed, recounted to Harvey and Miller the sightings he and his son, Ronald, made of the object.

Manner said the object with glowing red and green lights was in a marshy area and about 500 yards from him and his son. When Ronald spoke, the lights went out momentarily

Assessment Program Defended

Answering charges that the city's assessment reappraisal program is discriminatory, City Assessor Walter H. Labde last night said all assessments in the city are based on 1964 sales figures.

Donald G. McGuigan, 1614 Morton, charged in a letter to the council that the city's current reappraisal program violates the uniform taxing procedures set up in the new Constitution. He claimed that some of the city assessments are based on 1962-63 figures while a small section (the Burns Park area) is based on 1965 figures.

He said the city's program of reassessing about 20 per cent of the city annually is "discriminatory" and said any taxpayer could get a court ruling

Department of Labor saying



He Describes Flying

Frank Manner, 46, of Dexter Township, shown here with his teen-age son, Ronald, describes the strange, flying object which he says landed briefly in a swampy area near

his home about a dozen sheriff's saw flying object area.

points. Greetings! the leading playmaker was assists.

To Probe 'Saucers'

and the object reappeared some distance away. Moments later it was gone, Manner said.

Sheriff's Detective Harold Kerr used a Geiger counter throughout the area where Manner said he saw the object, but no trace of radioactivity was found. The sheriff said there was "absolutely no physical evidence" of an object landing in or near the swamp.

"By this I mean there was no scorched or burned grass, no depression in the ground, brush or weeds, no imprint which a vehicle of any type might make and no tracks or ground im-

pressions," Harvey reported.

The sheriff has had all deputies who saw one of the objects Sunday night write complete reports on their experiences, and he is combining those reports with others made when deputies saw other objects last Wednesday night and on March 14.

Harvey said a rumor that his department had a film taken of one of the objects apparently stemmed from pictures taken last Wednesday night by deputies who were some distance from the objects and snapped several pictures. He said the film has been sent to New York for processing but it is considered doubtful that anything of value is on the film.

Harvey said he was making no "hard and fast judgment on these reports."

"I know my men and I trust their reports," he said. "I don't know what it is, but I'm sure they have seen something aloft."

The reports of the "flying saucers" brought scores of requests by far-flung news media for more detail from the Wash-

tenaw County Sheriff's Department. The County Jail switchboard reported receiving calls from radio and television stations and newspapers in Hawaii, Canada, California, New York City and Miami, Fla.

Yesterday afternoon as the sheriff and county CD director were preparing to leave the jail for the Manner farm to check the "landing area," there were 11 different news media representatives awaiting interviews.

Last night crowds of curious ignored a drenching rain and continued thunder and lightning to visit the Manner farm area.

Sheriff's deputies said they received several reports of new sightings last night, but nothing was found when the reports were checked out. One of the reports was made by John Monahan of 206 W Washington St. who told deputies he and his family saw strange, flying objects in the sky over N. Territorial Rd. near Hadley Rd. in Lyndon Township and again over Dexter Rd. in Scio Township.

While Washtenaw County

seems to be the center for the "flying saucer" viewings for now, the local area apparently doesn't have exclusive rights to the strange happenings.

William Van Horn, 41-year-old Civil Defense director for Hillsdale County, reported he and 87 Hillsdale College coeds watched an eerie, hovering flying object in a swampy hollow near a school dormitory last night.

Van Horn said he watched the unidentified object through binoculars for three hours. He said it emitted wavering orange, red and white lights and hovered over the swamp about 1,000 yards from the girls' dormitory.

The U.S. Air Force said today it was calling in Dr. H. Allen Hynek, chairman of the Dearborn Observatory at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., to investigate the sightings in Washtenaw and Hillsdale Counties. Hynek who will work out of Selfridge Air Force Base near Mt. Clemens is scientific consultant to the Air Force "Project Blue Book," the official program to track down flying object reports.



Object

at 8:30 p.m. Sunday. A half-deputies later said they also objects in the sky in the Dexter

Council Postpones Attorney Subject

By Ron Cordray

Discussion of policies relating to the hiring of outside help by the city attorney's office was postponed by the City Council last night.

Fourth Ward Councilman John W. Hathaway

or that it would be substantial. In the unlikely circumstance of a sudden emergency, I would inform the council at its next meeting," he said.

Farmer also said the retention of the Detroit attorney "was the only retention of coun-

reviewed and continued by successive councils since that date. I believe it is a matter of known fact that I spend at least 40 hours a week on city business. This is generally between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. and often evenings and weekends, sometimes on

THE ANN ARBOR

Ann Arbor, Michigan, Monday, March 21, 1966

Landing Of 'Sa

LANSING UPD —Fredrick E. Davids, state police commissioner and Michigan civil defense chief, said today he is launching an investigation into reports of unidentified flying objects near Ann Arbor.

"I used to discount these reports, too, but now I'm not so sure," Davids said.

By William B. Trem

Washtenaw County, which in the past week has become the "flying saucer center" of the Midwest, again was in the news spotlight last night with a flurry of "saucer" reports, including one which said an object had actually landed in Dexter Township.

More than 40 police officers from the Sheriff's Department, Dexter and Chelsea village Police Departments, and State Police joined area residents in a prolonged but futile search for the "landed" craft. However, more than a half-dozen of the searchers said they saw strange flying objects or lights from the objects during the five-hour hunt.

The report which began the massive search came from Robert Wagner of Dexter and

Frank Manner who lives on a farm at 10600 McGinnis in Dexter Township. Wagner told sheriff's deputies at 8:30 p.m. yesterday that a strange flying object appeared to land in a swampy area on the McGinnis property at the intersection of Quigley and Brand Rds. That intersection is just south of W. North Territorial Rd. and east of the Dexter Town Hall Rd., about five miles north and west of the village of Dexter.

Manner, 46, said he and his 18-year-old son, Ronald, went out in search of the landed object moments after they said they saw it descend to the ground.

Manner said he and his son saw an object in the swamp which appeared to be brown in color and had a "quilted" effect on the surface. It was flat on the bottom and cone-shaped toward the top, Manner related.

There were two small lights at the outer edges of the object which issued a glowing bluish-

green color, he said. That color intensified and turned brilliant red at times.

Several times when the object became brightly lighted the entire object was yellow-white in color and the light ran horizontally between the two outer "running" lights, Manner said. As the Manners watched, the small lights at the edge of the craft suddenly went out and in an instant the object appeared across the swamp about 30 yards away from its original position, deputies were told.

When flashlights used by approaching deputies touched the area, the light from the object became very bright and then went completely out, Manner said.

"We then heard the sound of a whistle — something like a rifle bullet makes when it ricochets off something," Manner said. "Then this object went up in the air, passed directly over us and disappeared."

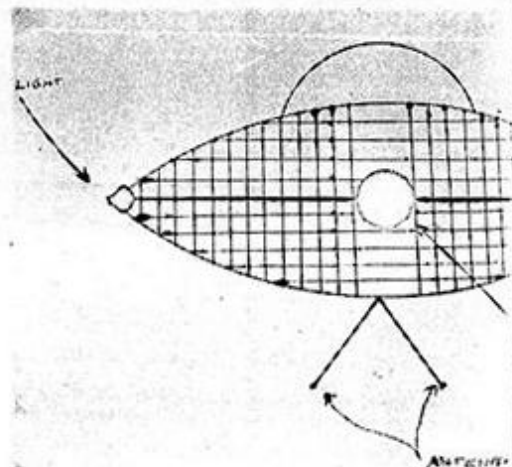
Patrolman Robert Hunawill of

Reports Set On City Use Of Lawyers

Reports relating to procedures involved in hiring outside counsel for the city attorney's office will be presented to the City Council at its regular 7:30 p.m. meeting today.

The council will also be presented with a resolution prepared by Fourth Ward Councilman John R. Hathaway which define the powers of the city attorney in obtaining outside help.

In other business tonight, the council will conduct a public hearing on an amendment to the noise control ordinance



How 'It' Looked

This drawing of one of the unidentified flying objects reported over Dexter Township last night was made by Sheriff's Cpl. David B. Severance from descriptions provided by

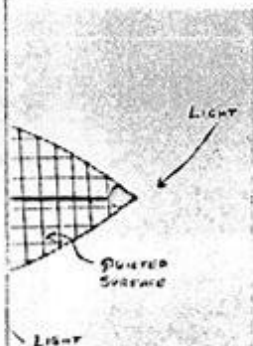
a half-dozen witnesses given size of the object which appeared

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the Dexter Village Police Department said he saw what appeared to be the same object which baffled the Mappers. Hunawill had parked his scout car at the Quigley-Brand intersection, while Dexter Police Chief Robert Taylor and Patrolman Nolan Lee entered the search area with sheriff's deputies.

Hunawill said the object suddenly appeared over his patrol car at a height of about 1,000 feet. The object had white and red lights on it which at times had a bluish tinge. It hovered over the scout car and then made continuing sweeps over the swamp where the first object had been reported down, Hunawill said.

He said he watched it for five to 10 minutes before it was joined by three other objects and the objects flew in formation in two's, with one set flying high above the second two. They all finally disappeared into the sky, Hunawill said.



deputies and area residents. All rally agreed on the shape and colors and on the colored lights on them.

Later Uniformed Sheriff's Deputies Stanley McFadden and David Fitzpatrick reported shining a searchlight from their scout car on one of the objects. The officers had taken part in the swamp search near Quigley Rd., had seen the brilliant white-red light and were patrolling on N. Territorial Rd near Mast Rd after the light disappeared.

Suddenly, a strange, lighted object appeared overhead and the deputies immediately turned on a spotlight on their cruiser and aimed it at the object.

"From what we could see the object was as large as a small house, kind of pushed down flat," said McFadden, a veteran of seven years' police work with the Ann Arbor Police Department and the Sheriff's Department. "It had red-green lights on it and movements which could not possibly be made by any aircraft I've ever heard of."

McFadden and Fitzpatrick said that as they watched, the object it suddenly turned and disappeared to the north. After that report, Sheriff's Detectives Charles J. Anderson and Harold Kerr who had been called to the Quigley-Brand area by Sheriff Douglas J. Harvey were returning to headquarters when they spotted another strange object in the sky.

over Island Lake Rd. They pursued the object westward until it disappeared.

Chelsea village police also reported seeing unidentified flying objects near the village, with Patrolman Charles Sharp reporting he pursued one of the objects in his scout car but lost it.

The sheriff said his men found no evidence of a landing having been made in the Dexter Township area.

"If there actually is some type of flying object now making periodic visits, this theory of one coming down for a brief moment and the others hovering over the area for protection seems logical," the sheriff said. "Right now we're not discounting anything."

The original point of last night's sightings was at almost exactly the spot where Charles Wiedman of 5911 Madden Rd., Dexter Township, reported a flying object more than five years ago.

Wiedman and his son ran from their farm house one night when they saw a lighted object come down in an area near their home. Wiedman later told sheriff's men the object took off almost straight upward when they approached it and disappeared.

Kelley Alters PCHA Charges

(Special to The News)

GROSSE POINTE — Atty. Gen. Frank J. Kelley late this morning obtained warrants in Grosse Pointe Municipal Court charging two former Peoples Community Hospital Authority officers with "unlawfully using or allowing to be used public monies of the PCHA and disbursing public monies for unlawful purposes."

The warrants were issued by Grosse Pointe Municipal Judge

PCHA investigation and because of new facts which have come to light recently, new warrants will be requested.

"In the meantime it is deemed advisable and fair to dismiss the pending conspiracy charge against Messrs. Gremore, Rodwell and Fitzpatrick for which there was to be an examination today (in Detroit's Common Pleas Court).

"The new charges will be detailed at the time of the issuance of the warrants."

3 UFOs Explained; Find Flares

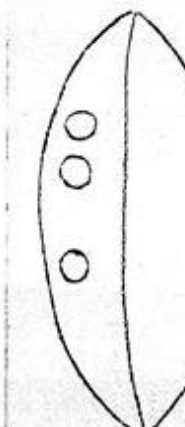
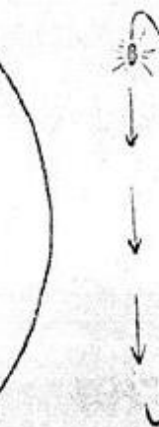
HILLSDALE — The rash of ting that report, they were stop- reports of mysterious flying ob- ped by several boys who saw a jects continued Wednesday and flashing red light on W Bacon today in Hillsdale County as Street. That was a blinking, un- hundreds of persons armed with cameras and binoculars search- ed the night skies.

At least three reported sight- ings were proven false by city police who along with the State Police and the sheriff's depart- ment have stopped recording all the reports.

Meanwhile a Pennsylvania man has blamed the sightings on "damp gas" rising from seam- py ground, and Jeanne Dixon, self-styled prophetess who re- portedly predicted the assass- ination of President Kennedy, has said the objects are not from outer space.

City Police said a report of an orange and red object hov- ering east of the city, spotted by residents of the Chi Omega sorority house of Hillsdale Col- lege, was a reflection from a weather vane at the municipal airport. A second report, of a red object floating "about 10 miles from the city," was a light reflecting from a radar tower on Reading Avenue, police said.

As patrolmen were investiga-



HILLSDALE OBJECTS — Mrs. Jason Merrill of Hillsdale made these drawings of unidentified flying objects which her daughter, Susan, 12, viewed and described Tuesday night. Broken line at top indicate path of a point of light which circles the object intermittently. The object was described as 20-25 feet across and 15 feet high, with three lights in the lower half flashing red, white and green, but in to particular sequence. (AP Photo)

Ann Arbor Dicken said he wit- nessed similar phenomena on quite often," he said. "We call 'Jack-O-Lanterns' and of the United States are extra- terrestrial.

them through the swamps and break them about with sticks, breaking them into smaller shapes.

Dickens said the objects were a formation of luminous gas from decaying leaves which would float through the woods on air currents.

Mrs. Dixon, who has been foretelling the future for three decades and claims to have pre- dicted events from the Alaskan earthquake in 1964 to the re- moval of the adenoids of her secretary's son, said she thinks the objects are from earth.

"I think they are planes or military craft of some kind — but not from outer space," she said Wednesday. "I think they are from the other side — they are either from the enemy, or our own Air Force."

She says she gets her predic- tions from a psychic reaction — a kind of vibration. "I can even get vibrations over the phone," she once said.

She said she does not get at- mospheric vibrations that the UFO's now being sighted in Michigan and the eastern part

From Our Point Of View:

Flying Saucer Reports Come On Big News Day

THE chief topic of conversation in these parts lately has been the unidentified flying objects seen in the skies over southeastern Michigan the past two weeks. The sighting of what was supposedly a UFO near Dexter last Sunday night was followed by a report one night later of another flying object which hovered over a hollow near a Hillsdale College dormitory.

Within a very short time, Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County came in for a liberal spate of national publicity. Calls were received from as far away as Los Angeles and Miami, and suddenly the area was swarming with representatives of the different news media. "Saucer" jokes became the new laugh-getter and people took a new interest in night skies.

IT IS CERTAIN that Dexter farmer Frank Mannor, the Hillsdale College coeds and Sheriff Doug Harvey's deputies saw something that appeared to glow and move rapidly aloft. The popular notion that these objects are "extra-terrestrial" and operated by intelligent beings from some distant planet is entertained seriously by some, scoffed at by others.

One of the scores of telephone

calls to The News regarding the reported sightings was from a Los Angeles newspaper. The caller wanted to know what The News was doing "to quiet the population." The only reply the reporter could think of was "Who's excited?"

Warden Paul Sartwell of the Federal Correctional Institution at Milan was probably just as happy that the Ann Arbor area was the focus of national attention for the UFO story and the possible AEC accelerator site Tuesday. It helped in his efforts to move notorious prisoner Joseph Valachi into the prison with a minimum of attention.

The question of whether man is alone in the universe has been discussed and debated for a long time. Even the most knowledgeable and scholarly men have made serious errors in judgement, and perhaps it is naive, even presumptuous, to automatically reject the idea that man may have company in distant reaches of the universe. Intelligent life on other planets may never be discovered, but one of the incidentals of the U.S. space program is to find out whether our neighboring planets support life in one form or another.

Saucer Sightings Soaring in State

Reports of unidentified flying objects (UFO) darting across the skies of southeastern Michigan mounted Wednesday as an Air Force investigating team continued its probe of earlier sightings.

The latest sightings were reported Tuesday night in Hillsdale and Washtenaw counties, where similar sightings were reported Sunday and Monday night.

In another development, a 16-year-old Monroe-area boy produced a film which he said contained a picture of a "flying saucer" that flew over his house Friday night.

Dr. H. Allen Hynek, a top Air Force scientific adviser on unidentified flying objects, spent Wednesday interviewing witnesses of earlier sightings. Dr. Hynek, a Northwestern University astrophysicist, is conducting his investigation in secrecy.

Commenting on the Michigan sightings, Dr. Hynek said: "These reports are more consistent than most of the other sightings I've investigated."

Frank Mannor, of Dexter, who reported a flying object landed near his home Sunday night, reported Wednesday that vandals had smashed the windshield of his car.

Air Force Sends Top UFO Expert To Check Michigan Sightings

HILLSDALE, Mich.—(UPI)—A civil defense director, an assistant dean and 87 coeds reported yesterday they watched a glowing object zip past a college dormitory and hover in a swamp for hours. Their description of the eerie object seen here Monday night tallied closely with that of one seen by more than 50 persons, including 12 policemen, near

Ann Arbor, Mich., the previous night.

The Air Force dispatched its top scientific adviser on unidentified flying objects (UFO) to launch an investigation.

The witnesses said they watched from the second floor of a Hillsdale college girls' dormitory as the object wobbled, wavered, glowed eerily and once zipped right at a dormitory window before stopping suddenly.

Mrs. Kelly Hearn, for seven years a newspaper reporter before becoming assistant dean of women, assistant professor of English and housemother of the dorm, had the coeds take notes as they watched the object for four hours.

They and William Van Horn, 41, Hillsdale county civil defense director, said the object dimmed its lights when police cars approached, brightened again when they went away, and dodged an Air Force beacon light.

Barbara Kohn, 21, New Castle, Pa., and Cynthia Poffenberger, 18, Cleveland, were the first to see the object. They described its shape as roughly that of a football. It was roughly the same description given by a man and his son who reported they saw an eerie object land in a swamp Sunday night 45 miles northeast of here near Ann Arbor.

The Air Force announced it was bringing in Dr. H. Allen Hynek, chairman of Dearborn observatory at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., and scientific consultant to the Air Force's "Project Blue Book" program to track down the reports of unidentified flying objects.

Hynek set up his headquarters at Selfridge Air Force base, Mount Clemens, Mich., near the southern Michigan section where UFOs have been reported several times lately.

Pentagon To Get Aid Plea

The U.S. Air Force dispatched an astrophysicist to Michigan Tuesday, and Rep. Weston Vivian (D., Mich.) announced he would ask the Department of Defense for help.

Both moves resulted from a rash of mysterious flying objects seen in southern Michigan skies the past few nights.

En route to cast an experienced eye on the flashing lights and odd flight routines of the Unidentified Flying Objects

(UFOs) was Dr. J. Allen Hynek, of Northwestern University, who has been checking out such phenomena for the Air Force for 18 years. In that time he has investigated more than 100 other UFO sightings.



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HYNEK will operate out of Selfridge Air Force Base in conducting his investigation into the UFO sightings, principally in the Ann Arbor area.

at the field was expanded today with reported sightings in Hillsdale and in the Warren-Clinton Township area.

Most of the recent southern Michigan UFOs have played to large audiences, including law enforcement officers with a considerable supply of built-in skepticism.

There was a crowd in the vicinity when a large glowing object settled into a swamp near the farm home of Frank Mannor near Ann Arbor Sunday night. A dozen policemen and deputies, as well as about 40 others, watched as Frank and his son Ronald, 18, trudged into the swamp to track the thing down.

They saw four other glowing objects hover in the sky as if guarding the one on the ground. The latter sped off as if alarmed when Ronald spoke from about 500 yards.

The retreating objects were chased by a half-dozen police cars, but the earthbound vehicles could not keep pace with the flying visitors.

Monday night, Hillsdale County Civil Defense Director William Van Horn, 41, watched with 87 Hillsdale College co-eds as a mysterious lighted object hovered for three hours some 1,000 to 1,500 yards from the college.

Van Horn said the object he and girls saw was about 20 feet across. He said there were no colors.

"It was definitely some type of vehicle," Van Horn said. "It would rise to a point just below the airport beacon about two miles east of the college and then would start settling down toward the earth again."

IT WAS JUST about dusk Monday when a UFO showed up over the Warren-Clinton Township area.

It was reported by witnesses in the Mound-Fourteen Mile area, Nine Mile-Van Dyke area, and hovering over Warren Police Headquarters.

A Clinton Township couple, Mr. and Mrs. Robert DeVoe, said they first thought the object was a plane in trouble because it appeared to be emitting considerable smoke.

But the smoke stopped and the object halted in mid-air — just hung there in one spot — and they got a good look at it.

AF Experts Probe Reported Ghost Ship in Michigan

Pulsating Object Landed
Near Ann Arbor, Farmer Says

DEARFIELD, Mich., Mar. 28 (UPI)—An Air Force investigating team today trudged through sugar-beet fields and interviewed persons who reported sighting a glowing "ghost ship" in an attempt to identify the mysterious object.

Scores of witnesses, ranging along roads and a drain, east from Dearfield in testimony to they saw the hovering object.

Fifty persons in the Ann Arbor area reported similar sightings Monday and their descriptions were similar to those of 47 souls at Hilsdale village who said they saw an object "look down in searchlight" near their driveway Monday night.

SWAN'S investigation was conducted in secrecy and a spokesman at Dearfield Air Force base would only say that the Northampton university investigator planned to continue his search of the southern Michigan area through today.

It was not known if they planned to go to Hilsdale.

The Hilsdale village girls and their drags attempted to scientifically document the sighting but failed for lack of photographic and recording equipment. Some laughed and said they felt light on what they saw.

IN ADDITION to the words in a woman's driveway, the object was sighted by Mrs. Betty Smith, an assistant dress of women who was a telephone operator in Ypsilanti, Mich., the same year before joining the village girls.

When she was called to the

drain, the girl saw it.

DR. H. ALLEN Hays, the top Air Force scientific adviser on unidentified flying objects (UFOs), yesterday opened a letter from near Ann Arbor, Mich. Frank Manner, the farmer, had reported that a pulsating object landed in a swamp on his land Sunday and was observed by his family and the world's media.

When he saw it early glowing object in a swampy valley near the building, Mrs. Hays reported 20 words in two witness rooms as they could post their information.

FRANK to find a tape recorder, camera or other kind equipment, she designed a tape recorder, in a Cleveland, O. farmhouse, in 1955, from the group's spirit-own feelings in England.

Brand New Saucers

Anyone who thinks General Motors is a big outfit might consider the company that manufactures all those flying saucers. Now there's a whopping business.

Saucers come in all sizes and designs as people in southern Michigan, who sighted some the other night, will attest. There's the popular glow model which discreetly camouflages itself as a star. There's the distinctive hovering model equipped with a variety of flashing lights. Then there's the sports model that literally can disappear in a flash. (Racing stripe optional.)

While last year's saucers won wide response from carlings, the new 1956 models promise to give saucer makers their greatest year ever.

Stan McFadden, a Washtenaw county, Mich., sheriff's deputy, who spotted one of the new saucers, said, "I still don't believe it." Frank Manner of Dexter, Mich., said, "It wasn't like the picture of a flying saucer and it had a crescent-like surface. He added that it was pyramid-shaped and had a purple, (Obviously, Mr. Manner was viewing the deluxe model with twin nozzles.)

Of course, there are some who won't believe Mr. Manner or Deputy McFadden. Even pictures of the sleek design craft get the push-pops. But those who appreciate a good machine know that somewhere in space there's a giant assembly line where thousands of little green men in safety shoes are pounding and welding, wiring and painting.

Now if someone would just catch the license number of one of those saucers—maybe GM could send a franchise.

Journal-Examiner

Expert Calls UFO Reports Consistent

No Speculation Yet
On Causes Behind
Michigan Lights

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — (UPI) — The top Air Force expert on unidentified flying objects said yesterday recent reports of a glowing object seen throughout southern Michigan are "more consistent" than most he has investigated.

Dr. H. Allen Hynek of Northwestern university, chief scientific adviser for the Air Force Project Blue Book, refused to speculate however, on what might be behind the rash of UFO sightings in recent days.

Hynek, dressed in fatigues and hip boots for his close-up look at a swamp near Dexter, Mich., where a farmer reported the ghost ship landed Sunday night, said "I'm still gathering the facts."

Hynek has been in the area since Tuesday, interviewing witnesses and examining areas where the object was reported. His investigation has been carried on behind Air Force secrecy but he made yesterday's comments when encountered at the Dexter police station where he was questioning the police chief and several officers.

"It's like reports from people who saw a fire," the goateed astrophysicist said. "You get as many different facts as you get people who saw the fire. So far, all I've been able to come up with is reports of a variety of lights."

"These reports are more consistent than most of the other sightings I've investigated," he said.

Hynek said "I wish we had some photographs of this and more technical observers. The ideal situation would be to have a spectrograph trained on the object to determine its makeup. I wish we had them available. Frequently these things turn out to be usual things seen under unusual circumstances," he said.

WPAFB Prober Rules Out Hoax In Saucer Case

A local spokesman for the Air Force ruled out a hoax in the Michigan "flying saucer" mystery last night and said a "reasonable explanation" will be ready by noon today.

Maj. Hector Quintanilla, project officer for the national Unidentified Aerial Phenomena office at Wright-Patterson Air Force base, was not surprised by reports that the unidentified objects reported in Michigan may have been simulated by flares, as in Westport, Conn., Wednesday.

"I don't think this is a case of publicity seekers playing games," Quintanilla said. "But incidents of this sort just make it tougher for legitimate investigations of UFO's that actually mystify people."

Police Capt. Louis Rosenau, of Westport, Conn., reported the use of flares attached to weather balloons to perpetrate an apparent hoax.

The reports from Michigan began last Sunday when several persons, including police officers, reported triangular-shaped craft hovering close to the ground.

Quintanilla said that his office began investigation Tuesday and that Dr. J. Allen Hynek, astrophysicist and adviser to the national UFO office here, has been visiting Ann Arbor, Dexter, Hillsdale and several other cities where reports originated.

"He has been talking directly with the people who sighted objects," Quintanilla said. "He

told me this afternoon (Thursday) that he would be up late tonight with research."

The major also has T/Sgt. David Moody, his assistant, in Michigan working on the investigation.

Quintanilla reports that they have checked off all of the things that the objects could have been, but were not, and investigation is now centered on positive information.

One of the reports came from William Van Horn, civil defense director of Hillsdale county, who said he saw the flying object east of Hillsdale Monday. He said it was "definitely some type of vehicle." He added it was about 20 feet across but that its boundaries were indistinguishable.

Quintanilla said that a press conference will probably be held today at Selfridge Air Force Base, Michigan, under the direction of Dr. Hynek.

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Air Force to Explain 'Saucers'

What are those mysterious glowing, flying objects that have aroused so much furor in southeastern Michigan this week?

The Air Force said Thursday that it expects to come up with a reasonable, logical answer sometime Friday.

The Air Force investigation said Maj. Hector Quintanilla of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, O., is "beginning to shape up. We hope to have a reasonable explanation sometime tomorrow."

QUINTANILLA is the project officer in charge of the Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO) office.

The Air Force, which has been checking out UFO reports for nearly 20 years, has come up with some dandy explanations in the past. Quintanilla didn't indicate which of

them might fit the current Michigan situation or whether we might be able to add a new one to the collection.

Not enough people have seen these apparitions, with their flashing colored lights and weird flight patterns, for the Air Force to send one of their top civilian investigators, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, to check into the situation.

Hynek, astrophysicist at Northwestern University, has been looking into UFOs for 18 years for the Air Force and says that so far he has found no evidence to indicate that any of the mysterious sights in the sky are the result of "extraterrestrial intelligence."

HE EXPLAINED that this means that

they aren't little green men from Mars or Venus swooping down on us with their anti-gravity-powered space saucers.

So the official Air Force explanation isn't expected to satisfy those who watched the saucers soaring over Dexter, Hillsdale, Warren, Clinton Township and various other places.

It may agree with Alfred Dickens, of York, Pa., a maintenance man for the York County Gas Co., who snorts at saucers and says the phenomena are merely balls of "damp gas" seeping from swamps and marshes.

Also called "Jack-o-Lanterns," they form in warm, still air and are blown by light breezes so that they dance around, he said.

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DR. J. ALLEN HYNEK, POLICE CHIEF TAYLOR
Study UFO Citing Reports at Dexter, Mich.—UPI.

MICHIGAN 'SAUCER'

Report on UFO Expected Soon

By JACK JONES, Daily News Staff Writer

The Air Force hopes to crack the latest Michigan "flying saucer" mystery within 24 hours, the officer in charge of the Unidentified Aerial Phenomena office at Wright-Patterson Air Force base said this morning.

Maj. Hector Quintanilla said the investigation into the mysterious sightings in the Ann Arbor area is "beginning to shape up" and he hopes to have a reasonable explanation some time tomorrow.

DR. J. ALLEN Hynek, Northwestern university astrophysicist and scientific adviser to the Air Force on unidentified flying objects, was on his way to Hillsdale, Mich., this morning.

He plans to interview the Hillsdale college coeds and their dean who saw the glowing object, Quintanilla said.

The major said he has sent T/Sgt. David Moody of his office to Michigan to confer with Dr. Hynek this afternoon. Moody is Quintanilla's assistant in the Project Blue Book office and has had considerable experience with UFO investigations.

AN AIRMAN from Selfridge AFB at Mt. Clemens, Mich., has also been helping in the investigations, according to Quintanilla.

He said investigations so far have made it possible to rule out quite a number of things.

"Sometimes negative answers are almost as helpful as positive ones," he said.

WITH SO MANY witnesses, he said, it takes quite a while to check them all and get the details, elevations, angles, times and other facts needed for a complete investigation, Quintanilla said.

Scores of persons, ranging from farmers to policemen, also said they saw the hovering, glowing object during the past week end.

Pranksters Busy After UFO Talk

BULLETIN

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — The Air Force said here today it hopes to come up with an explanation within the next 24 hours for the unidentified flying objects sighted in southeastern Michigan in recent days.

Maj. Hector Quintanilla, of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, project officer in charge of the Unidentified Flying Objects Office, said the investigation of the Michigan sightings is "beginning to shape up . . . we hope to have a reasonable explanation sometime Friday."

The Air Force office got into the investigation after numerous reports were received of the objects being seen three times within a week in the Ann Arbor area and in the nearby town of Dexter, Mich.

Working with the Air Force in the investigation is Dr. J. Allen Hynek, a Northwestern University astrophysicist and UFO project consultant. He has been asked to check on the reports of strange, glowing objects in the night skies.

The local investigation of the "flying saucer" phenomena slowed to a walk today as pranksters and vandals took over the scene and sheriff's deputies began a nighttime patrol of the "landing" area in Dexter Township.

No new reports of sightings occurred last night.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, an astrophysicist from Northwestern University who is probing the Washtenaw County unidentified flying objects, walked through the swamp on the Frank Mannor farm at 10600 McGinnis Rd. yesterday afternoon but came away confused. It was Mannor and his 10-year-old son Ronald, who reported seeing a lighted, flying object alight in the swamp about 8:30 p.m. last Sunday night. It flew away when the Mannor boy spoke, sheriff's deputies were told.

Dr. Hynek, retained by the Air Force to investigate "UFO's", said he is "still gathering facts."

"But it's like getting reports from a dozen people who saw a fire," Dr. Hynek said. "Everyone saw something different. However, I will say that these Washtenaw County reports are more consistent than most of the sightings I've investigated."

The scientist said he came up with no new evidence after tramping through the Mannor marsh and interviewing the Mannors, sheriff's deputies and others who saw the strange lights last Sunday.

The Mannor family has been besieged with crank calls, vandalism and nighttime prowlers since news of the sightings on their land was made public.

Sheriff Douglas J. Harvey has ordered a scout car to circle the area near the Mannor home during the nighttime hours because of the incidents.

Vandals have broken the windshield on the Mannor car, tossed broken bottles on their porch, chided them about seeing the objects with midnight telephone calls and roamed across the Mannor property after dark, the sheriff said.

"I think these acts speak pretty well for the level of intelligence of these vandals," Sheriff Harvey said. "My men are under orders to make arrests and bring these people in. We're going to stop this harassment one way or another."

Six Whitmore Lake teen-agers were taken into custody after a prank involving a "homemade" saucer.

Sheriff's men said the youths — all 16 and 17 years old — made a wood and tin-foil "saucer" in shop class at Whitmore Lake High School yesterday. The youths placed a car headlight on the object and attached flash lights at the edges of it.

The boys then placed the four-foot-in-diameter object in the yard of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Wheeler at 2850 Barker Rd., Northfield Township. When the Wheelers were pulling their car into their driveway about 8:15 p.m. yesterday the youths ran up and told of seeing a "flying

saucer" in the yard. They warned the Wheelers not to touch the object as it "might be dangerous."

Sheriff's deputies confiscated the "saucer" and brought the six boys to the County Jail for questioning. They were released to their parents and are to be interviewed later by Youth Bureau Cpl. George W. Miller.

While the initial rush of news media to the County Jail has slowed Sheriff Harvey reported his office continues to receive telephone calls from far-distant radio and television stations and newspapers.

Uniformed Sgt. Nuel K. Schneider who, with other deputies made the second sighting of flying objects eight days ago, is to be flown to New York City tomorrow to appear on a television interview about his experience. Sheriff Harvey, Sgt. Schneider and Deputy David Fitzpatrick are to appear on a Detroit television interview Sunday while other deputies who saw the objects or investigated the Mannor sightings have given more than 20-tape-recorded statements for radio.

A Montreal interview crew from a television station appeared at the jail this morning to film talks with officers and Mannor and his son.

Newspaper editors from various U.S. cities have contacted The Ann Arbor News for further information on the "saucers." Three national news magazines have had representatives in the city.

Dr. Hynek has not as yet contacted Hillsdale County Civil Defense Director William Van Horn. Hynek made one visit to Hillsdale where Van Horn and 87 Hillsdale College coeds watched strange flying objects for several hours four nights ago. However, Van Horn said this morning he has yet to meet Dr. Hynek. He said the scientists talked with him briefly on the telephone but has made no personal contact.

Van Horn says he is convinced that the objects he and the Hillsdale College coeds saw was not "marsh gas." The theory has been advanced that gases from rotting vegetation in the swamps could have been the objects seen both by the Mannors and Van Horn.

"When I was a kid I played regularly in a swamp," the CD director said. "I know what marsh gas looks like, its color and what it does. What we saw the other night was not this. It was an object which I never saw before."

Van Horn said he and several assistants tracked pranksters last night who appeared in the swamp near Hillsdale College with flares. The CD director said the pranksters left behind the remains of flares they were using in an attempt to perpetrate a hoax.

At Westport, Conn., police said five persons purchased weather balloons, inflated them with gas, attached railroad flares to them and released them.

'U' Scientists Suggest 'Saucer' Explanations

Scientists at the University have been generally reluctant to comment on the unidentified flying object (UFO) sightings in this area except for saying they have not seen flying saucers themselves or heard of reports of sightings by other U-M faculty members.

Prof. William P. Bidelman of the astronomy department, however, ventured the guess that the U-M's radio telescope on Peach Mountain north of Dexter may be involved in the Dexter Township sightings.

Bidelman said an auroral display along the horizon reflecting on the telescopes gridded dish might give the impression of movement and disappearance and provide the red and green

lights described by observers.

He pointed out that the grid design of the big dish silhouetted by the "northern lights" would appear from a distance something like the object described

in the sightings.

Bidelman said that solar (sun spot) activity is starting to pick up and in the past week or so has been pronounced than in recent years, and that aurora

are influenced by the sun spot cycle.

Assistant Prof. George W. Saunders of the U-M zoology department indicated the UFO sightings by Hillsdale Civil Defense Director William Van Horn and 87 Hillsdale College coeds in a swamp hollow in that area may have involved the phenomena known as "will-o-the-wisps."

The natural phenomenon which is believed to result from igniting of hydrogen phosphide gas from rotting substances in swamps, provides weird displays of dancing and disappearing red, yellow and blue flames accompanied at times by the popping of little explosions.

UFOs Very Likely Swamp Gas: Hynek

Detroit, March 25 — Dr. Roy Allen Hynek, scientific advisor to the Air Force on extraterrestrial aerial phenomena, today said he was unconvinced public reports of "extraordinary sightings" by eye-witnesses of this area.

The doctor, a respected astronomer, publicly blasted such sighting reports at nightclubs as "glimpses of swamp gases released by mosquitoes and unaccountably worse smogger at the last in drizzle."

Hynek, chairman of the astronomy department of Northwestern University and director of the school's Dearborn observatory, also daily denounced photographs made by police

and purportedly showing movement of lights in the skies. These, he said, were close exposures made of the stars and the planet Venus on March 21.

Headnote From Dr. Hynek:
Despite this analysis, made after 10 days of painstaking sifting, action from above

and interviewing of more than 100 witnesses, a UFO or reports came from Maine to the Rockies, describing UFOs illuminated during objects seen by night and day. Hundreds of such reports were made in police, at county offices, and newspapers.

Even Dr. Hynek, sitting for an hour before Blue Book, landed his denouement in two instances of sightings on March 20 and March 21, at the Dearborn, Mich., area.

Reminds for Investigation
"I emphasize," he said, "I cannot prove in a court of law that there are the full explanations for these sightings."

"It appears very likely, however, that the astronomical conditions of this particular winter—as unusually mild one in the atmosphere such as to have produced this unusual and puzzling display."

He added: "I am not making [Comment on page 4, col. 1]

a blanket statement to cover the entire UFO phenomena over the last 20 years.
"If only one person reports seeing something it might be dismissed, but if 20 or 30 or more report seeing similar objects it then is grounds for scientific investigation."

Both cases upon which he based his conclusions were, Hynek said, involved sightings areas where lights of aerial objects were exhibited for hours. At Hillsdale, Mich., an aircraft at the local village and a mass of all adults around the (sighting object). At Detroit, Mich., it slides away, a formation reported to be a similar light.

A UFO Phenomenon

"In each case reports were immediate. There are a mass of today place to attract visitors look more space. They are not plans for helicopter practice or where a sounding device would be tested," the astronomer wrote in his report.

"Such gases are rare; I have never seen any myself. But someone who observed one light, not shape, and he moved away from the vicinity," he explained.

"The spring flows could have released gases formed by decomposition of organic material. This is known to glow under certain conditions."

Dr. Hynek did not exclude any witnesses for interview. He said he readily understood the desire "of those who sincerely and sincerely described what they saw."

Suggests a Trick

He also indicated that points by students may have been in mind in the Hillsdale affair. Several hundred feet from one found near the airport observation where some had been watching.

Across the country, however, the "familiar explanation" of Hynek and the other investigators was ignored. More and more are "sightings in formation," some said "lights" showed that extraterrestrial objects that shapes lighted in red, green, blue, and yellow areas built up at eye-levels.

There were so many such reports that Sen. Gerald R. Ford (Mich.), Republican floor leader, proposed a "high school" hearing by a committee from America to get to the facts.

FORD DEMANDS CONGRESS PROBE

Daily News

UFO Spotters Insist 'Saucer'

From Phil Remy Wire Service

DETROIT, Mich. 25—An expert's opinion that most of Michigan's unexplained flying objects (UFOs) probably were aircraft given only have convinced the Air Force but not the people who saw them.

"I'm an professor, and I'm not as educated as you, but I think he's all wrong," Mrs. Frank Manner said of Dr. A. Allen Hynek.

House Republican Leader Gerald R. Ford (Mich.) also is skeptical.

He has proposed that a committee of Congress investigate UFOs, most common Michigan and other parts of the nation.

FORD IS APPARENTLY dissatisfied at the Air Force investigations because they have either brushed the reports aside as delusions or they "have come up with nothing new."

Ford says the American people "are becoming alarmed by the UFO stories."

"In the light of these new sightings and incidents," said Ford, "it would be a very wise thing for a committee of the Congress to conduct a number of hearings."

Hynek, a Northwestern University astronomer and scientist associated with the Air Force, told a news conference yesterday that sightings made on two specific days probably stemmed from swampy gases.

HE SAID his study was confined to sightings made near Dearborn, Mich., by the Manner family and by officers, and at Hillsdale by 12 village guards and the army and defense division.



DR. ROY ALLEN HYNEK, UFO PHOTO Phil Remy, Associated Press—UPI

Dearborn, a small community, is about 10 miles southeast of Detroit. Hillsdale is about 50 miles west.

Hynek sent a photograph taken by a sheriff's deputy near 10 near Milan, several miles south of Dearborn, showing the rising chemical smoke and the planet Venus. The deputy

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said the two streaks of brilliant light on the photograph, identified by Hynek as the planet, were captured on film by his camera in a time sequence as he observed that he concluded to be unexplained flying objects.

NUMEROUS UFO sightings have been reported in Michigan, especially the southern lower portion, in recent weeks, many of them by law officers. Hynek said he did not investigate these because large enough groups had not witnessed them.

He said both the sightings he did investigate were in swampy areas—"most unlikely place for a visit from outer space"—and said the UFOs probably resulted from spring thaws releasing trapped gases resulting from decomposing organic materials.

He added that in the Hillsdale case the sighting might have been caused by smoke blowing "puffs with flames."

The remains of several farms were found near the village shortly after the sightings.

"FORDK WERE so often involved in this," said William Van Horn, Hillsdale county civil defense director. He said the Hillsdale village could report sighting a white and red object about 10 feet across—from necessary windows he nearly three hours.

"I think I will discuss this (sighting) in a few weeks," Van Horn said. "I also didn't rule for the methods of investigation. I know no theory were involved."

Frank Manner said his son, Thomas, 18, saw one what they saw was not swamp gas.

Although he could not make out the form of the object

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UFOs Just Swamp Gas?

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through the swamp mist, Mannor estimates that it was about the size of a car and was hovering about eight to 10 feet off the ground. He thinks it was about 500 yards away.

IT DIDN'T make a sound.

The change from dull red to bright blue-green to white startled Mannor and the boy. They stood frozen in their tracks for about three or four minutes.

Finally Ronnie could contain himself no longer.

"Look at that horrible thing!" he exclaimed.

And with that, said Mannor, the lights snapped off.

Ronnie, a high school track star, bounded across the creek and up a knoll with his father not far behind.

BY THE TIME they reached the knoll, Mannor said, the craft had moved perhaps 500 yards eastward up the valley and once again it was glowing red.

Mannor said he and his son watched it for a while, but decided against chasing it farther.

A few minutes later, Mannor said, the lights went out and the silence was broken by a whine that is similar to that of a ricocheting bullet as the unlighted craft seemed to fly directly over the house.

The next day Mannor spent five hours walking through the five-mile-long valley searching for a trace of the craft.

"I EXAMINED and smelled every branch, but I couldn't see or smell a thing," said Mannor.

"I didn't even find a blade of swamp grass that was broken."

The Mannors are dismayed at some of the events that have followed.

When Mannor's wife, Leona, 39, drove into Dexter one afternoon to shop, someone draped a huge paper sign on her auto with the words: "UFO Car."

She drove home in tears, right past another sign posted on a fence post: "Caution! Flying Saucers."

EACH NIGHT, long lines of cars containing students from the nearby University of Michigan and other sightseers drive up the muddy road to the house. All night long.

One night a carload of men in a red Corvair stopped in front of the house. A young man got out and heaved a beer bottle through the windshield of Mannor's 1961 Dodge.

Sometimes they just drive past, shine a spotlight on the bedroom windows and scream, "Martians!"

A schoolmate told 12-year-old Leland Mannor that his dad must have been seeing things. Leland punched the kid in the face.

By week's end, Mrs. Mannor, a handsome brown-haired woman, had been given tranquilizers and ordered to bed by her physician.

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AF Investigator 'Shoots Down' Saucers

Swamp Gasses Blamed for Michigan Sightings

DETROIT (AP) — Some of Michigan's flying saucers were in effect shot down Friday by a special Air Force investigator who said they probably were swamp gasses and not unidentified flying objects—UFOs.

But some of those who said they saw the objects remained unconvinced.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek discussed his findings at an overflow news conference after spending almost a week interviewing persons in the nearby Ann Arbor and Hillsdale areas where most of the sightings originated.

Hynek is a Northwestern University astrophysicist and scientific consultant for the Air Force.

Numerous UFO sightings have been reported in recent weeks, many of them by lawmen.

Hynek emphasized his investigation was confined to two specific days of sightings and did not cover all of those reported.

"I am not making a blanket statement to cover the entire UFO phenomena over the last 20 years," Hynek said.

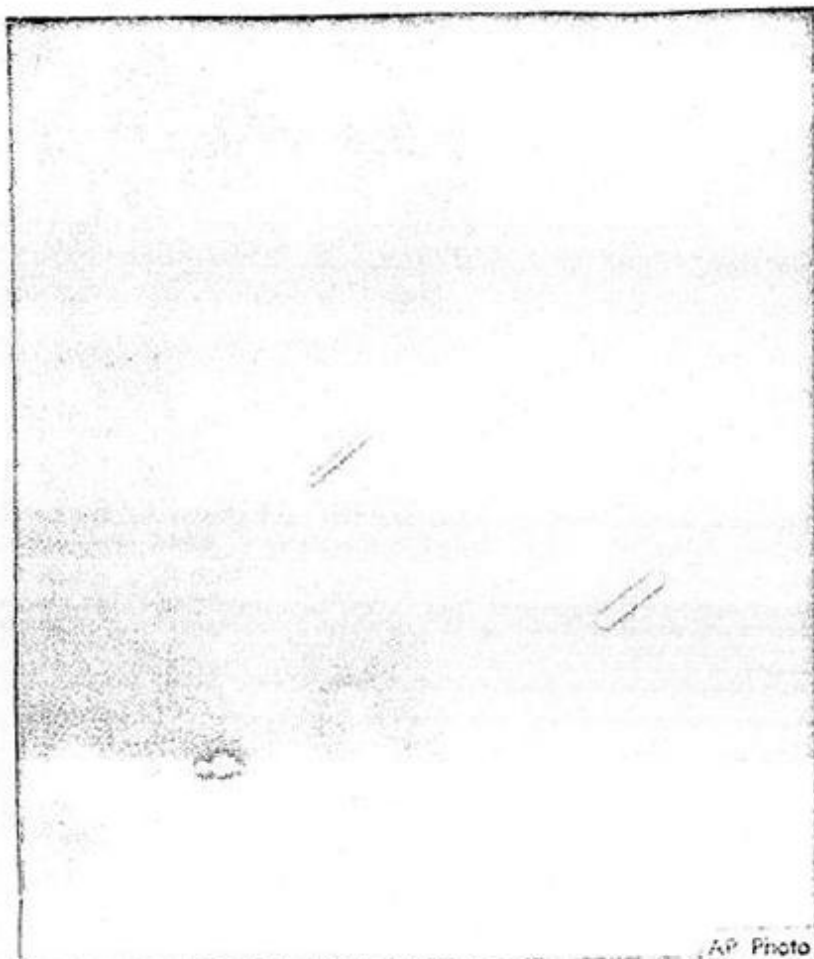
"I emphasize that I cannot prove in a court of law that this is the full explanation of these sightings. It appears very likely, however, that the combination of the conditions of this particular winter—an unusually mild one in this area—and the particular weather conditions were such as to have produced this unusual and puzzling display."

Hynek said his study was confined to March 20 sightings made near Dexter, a small community about 50 miles southwest of Detroit, and one made at Hillsdale, about 100 miles west, on March 21.

Although there have been numerous other reports of UFOs in the state, Hynek said he would not investigate them because not enough persons had seen them. He said he investigated only those sightings seen by a large group of witnesses.

"If only one person reports seeing something, it might be discounted," Hynek said. "But if 10 or 20 report seeing similar objects then it is grounds for scientific investigation."

Hynek also pointed out that photos released to the press Thursday which showed two lights in the sky over a series of street lights were "without any question" trails made as a result of a time exposure of the rising moon and the planet Venus.



AP Photo

MICHIGAN FLYING SAUCERS? — This picture released yesterday is described as showing two flying objects above lights along Carpenter Road, about 15 miles southeast of Ann Arbor, Mich., on March 16. Washtenaw County Deputy David Fitzpatrick said he made the picture with a subminiature camera at 5:30 a.m., using a 10-minute exposure, and that he and other deputies watched the "objects" more than two hours.

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SAUCER SIGHTINGS VEX CAPITOL HILL

Investigating Flying Objects
Might Cause Public Alarm

By EVERT CLARK

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, March 26—Across the swamps of southern Michigan earlier this week "flying saucers" flew. An Air Force investigator shot most of them down with a simple explanation—swamp gas.

But policemen, a civil defense director, a house mother and hundreds of college students had seen the mysterious lights, and it is safe to say that not all of them accepted the investigator's conclusion.

The opening of this year's saucer season—the 20th year for "unidentified flying objects," or "u. f. o.'s"—has presented official Washington with a problem.

Gerald R. Ford, House Republican leader, injected a new element by calling for a "full-blown" Congressional investigation. Such inquiries have been proposed many times before, but never by one of Mr. Ford's stature in Government.

Mr. Ford had just returned from Michigan. No saucers were sighted in his district and he had no calls from constituents about them. However, he said:

"I can assure you there is considerable interest and I suspect public concern."

Reluctant to Investigate

Congress has been and still is reluctant to investigate. To do so is to encourage the idea that there is more to the u. f. o. than mistaken sightings of natural or manmade objects.

To refuse to investigate, however, opens Congress to the charge, often made by fervent believers, that the Government knows what the saucers are but is "covering up."

Mr. Ford suggested that the House Armed Services or the Science and Astronautics Committee hold the investigation.

A spokesman for the Science Committee said the number of "reliable witnesses" who had reported seeing saucers was small compared to all the people who thought they had seen them.

"You can't just select airline pilots and other trained observers to testify," he said. "You have to take anybody who says he's seen one, and you know what that means. Since we handle space, we already get enough people in here who want to tell us how you can fly to the moon on a washboard or something."

A spokesman for the Armed Services Committee said he had once facetiously suggested that the House Committee on Un-American Activities investigate saucers because "it is un-American to have unidentified objects flying over this country."

No Laughing Matter

The committee, however, does not laugh at those who believe they have seen saucers, he said.

"That might be like laughing at the guy who thought of the submarine for the first time."

Nevertheless, there is some fear in both committees that a "full-blown" investigation might frighten much of the public, no matter what findings resulted, by seeming to indicate concern in Congress.

The Air Force, charged with the defense of the nation's skies, investigates every sighting reported to it. Through the end of last year, it had studied 10,147 such reports.

Last year, 886 sightings were reported—topped only by 1,501 in 1952 and 1,006 in 1957.

Of the 10,147 sightings, 616 remain in the Air Force's "unidentified" category. Most "U.F.O.'s"—identified flying objects—were explained as meteors, stars and planets, or planes, balloons and satellites. But many were thrown into a category called "other."

"Other," in the case of this year's sightings, included tracer bullets, debris in the wind, "poor photo process" and "man on ground," according to the Air Force.

'Some Kind of Vehicle'

No space ships, no alien men. Yet this week's reports included that of William Van Hara, a Hillsdale County civil defense director, who said the wavering orange, red and white lights he saw through binoculars definitely came from "some kind of vehicle."

John King, a 22-year-old Bangor, Me., man, said he shot four times at a 60-foot-long glowing object and hit it. It then zoomed skyward, he said.

"I could hear the elderberry bushes scraping as the thing came toward me," Mr. King said.

A postman in Colorado, a newsmen in Wisconsin and an Air Force electronics instructor in Oklahoma all reported seeing mysterious objects last week. The electronics man said a "fish-shaped" craft manned by an "ordinary human" blocked his car near the Texas border. In Texas, the police said hundreds of people reported seeing a starlike object that purred and changed colors.

Noting that "it must be a real dull day, newswise" for his suggestion to get so much attention, Representative Ford said he believed a thorough inquiry would "allay any apprehensions or fears."

"If it is marsh gas, the whole thing could be cleaned up and eliminated as a matter of concern very rapidly," he said.

Meanwhile, the Air Force says it still welcomes any evidence "of the existence and intraspace mobility of extraterrestrial life," particularly if it is "operating within the earth's near-space envelope."

Michiganders Report More Flying Objects

ANN ARBOR, Mich. —(AP)— Unidentified flying objects go on tantalizing Michigan, despite an expert's finding that failed to support their existence in two sightings areas.

New reports of sightings extended about 100 miles north Saturday night — up toward the tip of Michigan's "thumb" in Lake Huron.

At the same time odd lights were reported in the sky over Oakland (Pontiac) county and the neighboring Detroit area. Others were reported westward in the Lansing area.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek of Northwestern university, scientific consultant to the Air Force, has reported phenomena seen at Dexter and Hillsdale on the night of March 20 probably were the result of swamp gases.

His conclusion met with question again yesterday, however. Sheriff's Deputy Keith Lester of Oakland county said it was "definitely" an object which he saw with "glowing green and red and blue lights" about 9 p.m. Saturday night in the vicinity of Pontiac township.

Earlier, Sheriff Douglas Harvey of Washtenaw county and Civil Defense Director William Van Horn of Hillsdale county had criticized Dr. Hynek's report. Dexter is in Washtenaw county.

Van Horn said the swamp gas explanation was an attempt to "explain it away arbitrarily." And he took a cut at the Air Force.

"The Air Force," Van Horn said, "is going to get into trouble going on this way. It seems like a whitewash."

Dr. Hynek, an astrophysicist, came to Michigan to investigate after appeals from the state to the Air Force and the defense department for an inquiry in justice to disturbed citizens.

Dr. Hynek investigated at Dexter and Hillsdale only on reported sightings in those areas. His report related only to those areas.

People Entitled to Observe Mysterious Flying Saucers

There is a delightfully ley quality to most of those reports of flying saucers. I hope they remain a mystery. We need the mysteries we have left.

The latest involves 87 co-eds from Hillsdale (Mich.) college, a civil defense director, an assistant dean and a solid, no-nonsense farmer. That's about par for the course.

Flying saucers usually seem to choose their clientele with a discerning sense for the inappropriate, for a scrambled version of the American dream.

OUT AT Wright-Patterson, there is a small group of men who have the chore of running down all such reports. They have as mixed a bag of work assignments as anyone you will encounter.

They can explain a high percentage

of the sightings—weather balloons, Venus, you name it—but some remain blissfully unsolved.

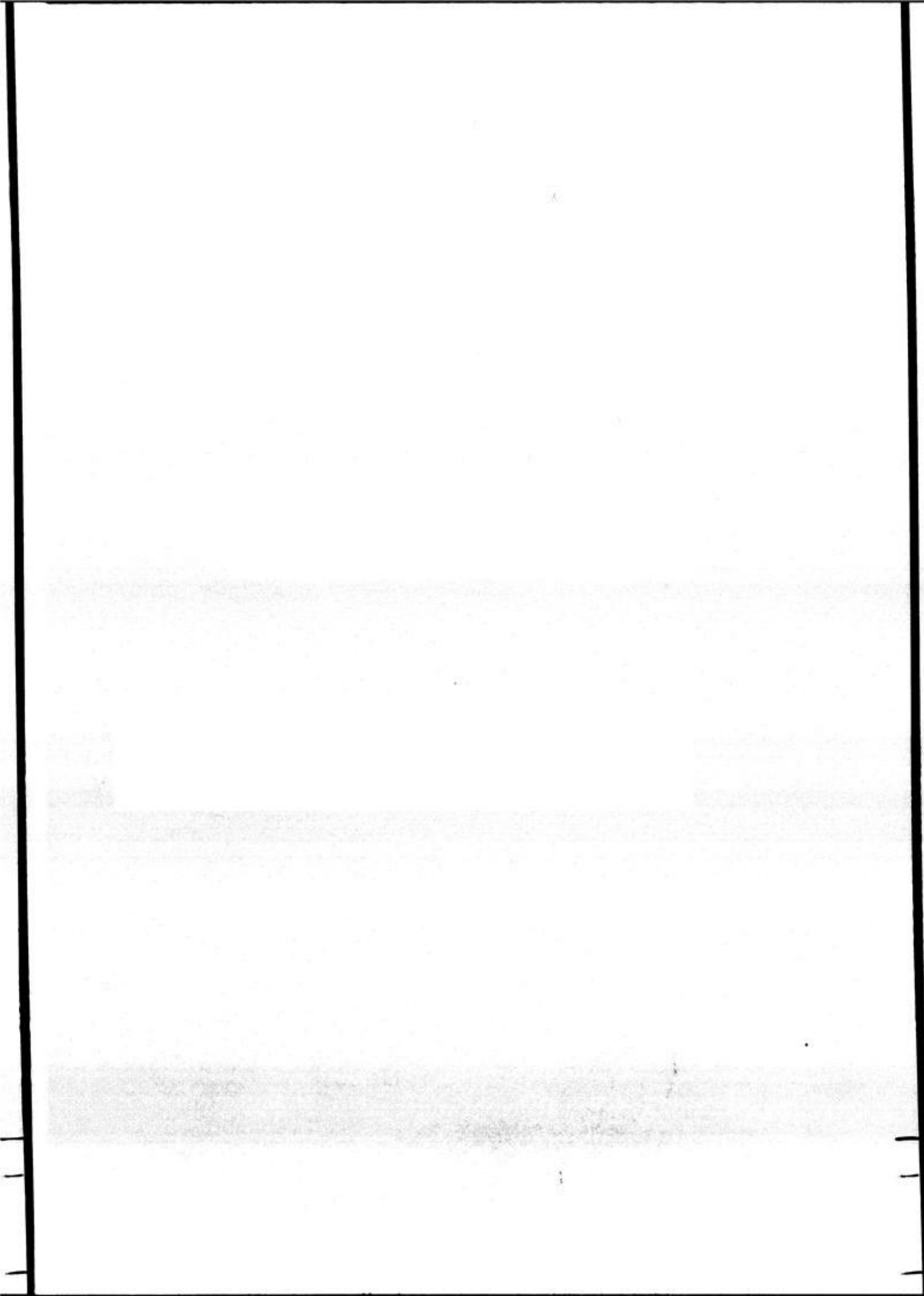
A few years ago, they ran into one of the rare instances in which tangible evidence is left. A man in a Middle Western state had observed a saucer land and had seen the little men get out of it. They had proceeded to eat dinner.

WHEN THE MAN approached them, they scattered back into the saucer and fled, whoosh, leaving behind a little piece of cake-like substance. He scooped it up.

The Air Force investigators had it carefully analyzed by chemists. It turned out to be a standard commercial pancake mix, somewhat charred in the cooking.

Disappointing? Not really. Little men in flying saucers have as much right to overdone pancakes as anyone else. And 87 co-eds make a formidable testament to almost anything.

*Jim
Fair*



Raleigh, N.C.

The News and Observer, Sunday, March 27, 1966

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AF Report On UFOs 'Mockery'

CLEVELAND Ohio (UPI)—One of 87 college coeds who reported seeing mysterious flying objects in Michigan last week Saturday called an Air Force report that the objects were luminous gas a "mockery."

Barbara Kohn, 21, a Hillsdale College student here to visit an aunt, accused Dr. J. Allen Hynek of "not doing his research thoroughly" before rendering his opinion.

Hynek, a Northwestern University astrophysicist sent by the Air Force to Hillsdale to investigate the reports, said Friday the objects were "probably swamp gas."

"These objects were not viewed over a swamp but over the college arboretum and the college baseball field," Miss Kohn said. "The arboretum is a carefully tended woodsy park with a few small ponds but has no rotting vegetable matter from which gas might have been produced."

Miss Kohn said that Hynek talked to only two coeds, neither one of which had reported seeing the objects when they were first sighted, and that he had made no visits to the dormitory rooms from which the objects were sighted.

Miss Kohn, whose parents live in New Castle, Pa., said she viewed them through binoculars and the "outline of the objects were very precise."

Raleigh, N.C.

**FORECAST**

Figures Show High Temperatures
For Daytime Wednesday

Isolated Precipitation Not Indicated

WET IN THE EAST—A big rain, except the southeast, will rain on the northwest rise in the west and drop in

UFO Eyed By Many For Hours

HILLSDALE, Mich. (UPI) — A Civil Defense director, an assistant dean and 87 coeds reported Tuesday they watched a glowing object zip past a college dormitory and hover in a swamp for hours.

Their description of the eerie object seen here Monday night tallied closely with that of one seen by more than 50 persons, including 12 policemen, near Ann Arbor, Mich., the previous night.

The Air Force dispatched its top scientific adviser on unidentified flying objects (UFO) to launch an investigation.

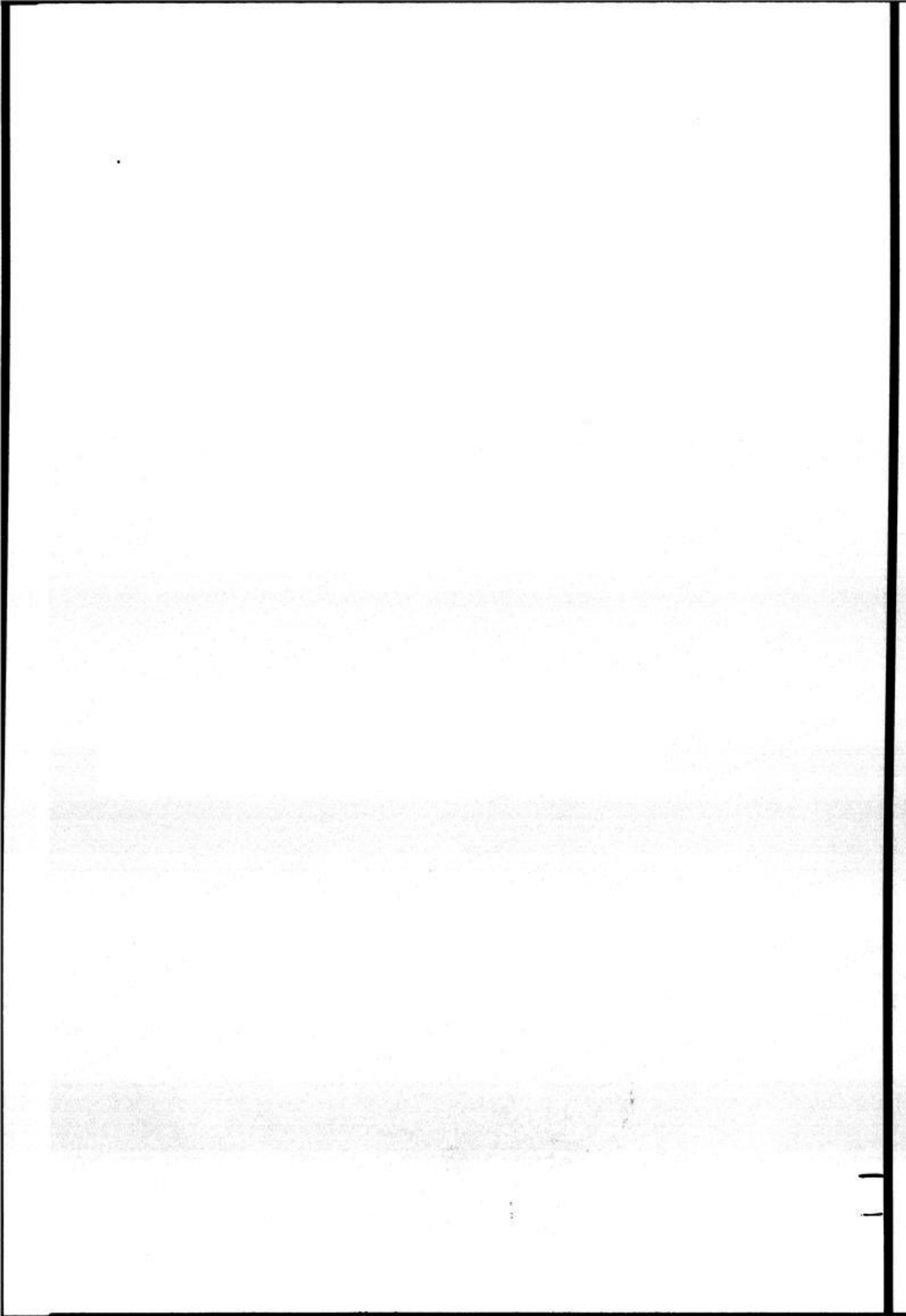
The witnesses said they watched from the second floor of a Hillsdale College girls dormitory as the object wobbled, wavered, glowed eerily and once zipped right at a dormitory window before stopping suddenly.

Coeds Took Notes

Mrs. Kelly Hearn, for seven years a newspaper reporter before becoming assistant dean of women, assistant professor of English and housemother of the dorm, had the coeds take notes as they watched the object for four hours.

They and William Van Horn, 41, Hillsdale County civil defense director, said the object dimmed its lights when police cars approached, brightened again when they went away, and dodged an air port beacon light.

Barbara Kohn, 21, New Castle, Pa., and Cynthia Poffenberger, 18, Cleveland, Ohio, were the first to see the object.



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Twelve MU Seniors
Named Wilson Fellows

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Tuesday, March 25, 1966

Tries to Quell Disturbances

Hynek Swamps It To Study UFO's Following Report

By DAVID L. NEUMAN
Camp Editor

Treading through swamps in southern Michigan may not be the ideal spring vacation activity. But Northwestern's Fred J. Allen Hynek thinks it is worth it, so he attempted to quell disturbances of a different kind.

The astronomy department chairman is also the chief scientific consultant to the U.S. Air Force on the subject of "unidentified flying objects" (UFO).

In his last two years, he had a rash of strange sightings has been reported throughout the Midwest area, primarily in Michigan.

Some Republican leader Gerald R. Ford (Mich.) proposed that reports of "unidentified flying objects" be investigated.

Congress have "a full blown investigation" into these incidents.



Fred J. Allen Hynek, chief of the astronomical department at Northwestern University, is seen here last week studying reports of "unidentified flying objects."

but the Air Force was satisfied to send their men Hynek to the visible area.

The major sighting event of the week which Hynek had to face included

a sighting of a "UFO" in the sky over the Michigan State University campus in East Lansing, Mich. College students reporting they saw an eerie, hovering flying object within a twenty minute span of their dormitory. The event was also witnessed by William Van Horn, the astronomer at the Michigan State University.

At Northwestern, Hynek said that he had seen a "UFO" in the sky over the Evanston campus. He saw an object that glowed like a cigarette with a greenish-blue light on one end and a white light on the other. The light came from a swampy area, one quarter of a mile behind the main campus.

Photographs of "unidentified flying objects" taken by a Michigan Deputy sheriff and released by the sheriff to a national news program.

Special Editor [Name]

Reported Seeing Lights

Hynek said in both Illinois and Texas "the majority of sightings occurred during the night, but some occurred during the day." He said the lights were "red, yellow, and green, and sometimes blue."

He said the Illinois witnesses, Minnert, in his book *Light and Color in the Open Air*, writes that lights resembling they have seen in the Midwest were seen on the ground or floating right above swampy areas.

The colors are sometimes yellow, sometimes red, and blue-green and can appear for hours at a time or for a whole night. Hynek said that the lights are not seen in the Midwest, but in the Midwest region, just the particular weather conditions on the nights the lights were visible—little wind in other locations—Hynek said he has not been able to reproduce the lights in the laboratory.

He also determined that the "UFO photos" were nothing but

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Hynek Explains Michigan's UFO Sightings; Swamp Gases And Male Pranksters Blamed

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time exposure shots of the rising crescent moon and the planet Venus.

In the Illinois case, after the real sighting, Hynek said, certain young men played pranks with flares to the further distress of the cooks.

The pictures were taken on a different night and in a different town and have no reference whatever to the other two sightings as originally represented, Hynek said.

"This is no new thing. It is like a jigsaw puzzle. There are a lot of pieces to work with, and to complicate the picture. Most of the time we are working with several jigsaw sets," he added.

Hynek expressed surprise in the excitement the Michigan sightings caused.

"We've had many more interesting cases, like in Exeter, New Jersey."

Sunday on Channel 11 at 6:30 p.m. Hynek will be joined by a panel of experts in a one-hour-long discussion on unidentified flying objects, primarily the Exeter case.

Hynek agreed it was an unusual way to spend a spring vacation, but said most of his investigations had to be sandwiched in between the school year requirements.

He said, "I learned more about swamps than I ever thought I would care to."

Marsh Gas and Chickenman

Was it Martians or marsh gas?

Northwestern University's J. Allen Hynek, now a more nationally known astronomer than ever, disturbed many last week by saying that people who reported seeing flying saucers in Michigan probably saw marsh gas.

And what wasn't marsh gas wasn't Martians either, the astronomy department chairman said. Those unidentified flying objects were various contraptions rigged by humans as "pranks," said he.

Hynek, who serves as the U. S. Air Force's authority on strange things seen in the sky, received more publicity for his unique interest during the past several days

than in all the years he's spent looking through Dearborn Observatory's telescopes.

The things he called marsh gas or pranks were seen by many people in Michigan, including a Civil Defense official, several policemen, one newspaper reporter, a college dean, and a group of college coeds.

And they all thought surely they were watching contraptions driven by visitors from the planets which the United States and the U.S.S.R. both are attempting to study with their space vehicles.

It's hard to believe that what those folks up in Michigan saw — as well as what's been reported hovering in the skies of Georgia and other states across the nation — were all pranks and marsh gas. But it's equally difficult to argue with as distinguished an authority as Prof. Hynek.

We bet he doesn't believe in Chickenman either.

Removing More Rules

Associated Women Students has proposed an extension of freshman women's hours for winter and spring quarters beginning in 1967.

The plan is another step in a path which AWS and other student groups at Northwestern are taking faster and faster to eliminate some of the artificial social rules and regulations at this university.

We trust Northwestern's women will be wise enough to support the plan in their living units, as they have supported partial hours and a junior key system earlier this year.

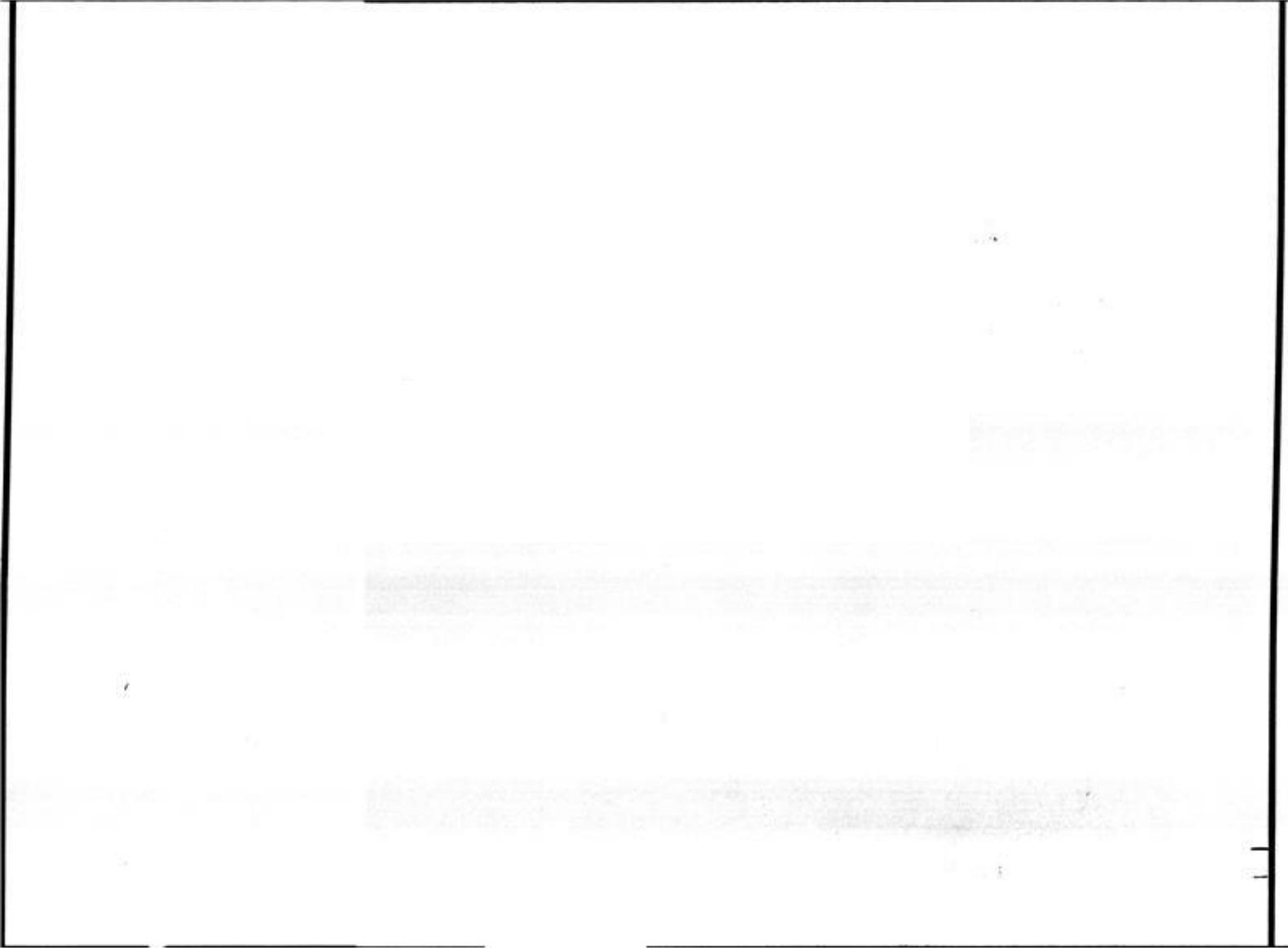
And we hope the Council on Undergraduate Life will crawl out of the puritanical shell it put itself in last quarter and approve the plan when presented with it later this quarter.

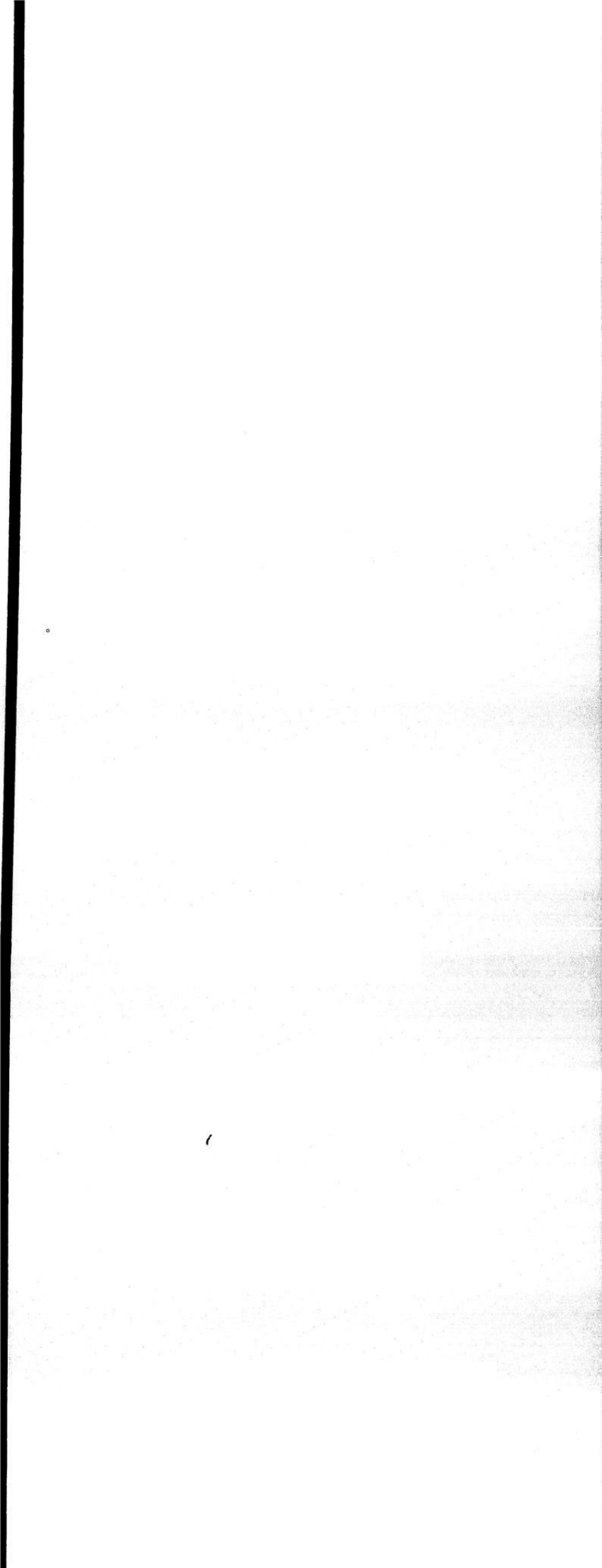
Boys and Men

Boys will be boys, and nothing proved it better than the night late last quarter when the electric power disappeared from north campus for about 80 minutes and NU's men enjoyed it.

They exploded fire crackers in the quadrangles, crashed bottles on sidewalks and in the corridors of living units, lit waste basket fires, put in false fire alarms, and staged a premature party raid. They also removed a television and some other items from residence hall lounge — a joke, it was later reported.

Sometimes men ought to act like men.





PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 31 March 66. 01/0120Z	2. LOCATION Rehoboth, Mass.
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	Object was oblong in shape like a football, orange or amber in color. There appeared to be bright lights on the edge of the object. Object moved slowly to the observers left horizontally and faded slowly from view in ten minutes. During the time of the sighting there was aircraft traffic in the area. Investigating officer feels that the aircraft landing lights were the cause of the sighting.
7. COURSE Not Reported	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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Memo for the Record

18 April 1966

Called the wing intelligence officer at Otis AFB Autovon 552-1290 ext 4276
Investigating officer said that at the time of the sighting (0120Z / 31 Mar 66, Rehoboth, Mass.) the weather was deteriorating rapidly and there was a haze in the area. The observers were close to the Hills Grove R.I. Airport and in a direct line to the approach of the airport. There was heavy aircraft traffic in the area at that time. He believed that the cause of the sighting was the landing or navigation lights on an aircraft approaching said airport.

Call made by A3C Elmer

NICAP MASSACHUSETTS INVESTIGATING SUBCOMMITTEE

13 Friend Court
Wenham, Massachusetts

SUBJECT: UFO REPORT, 3-30-66, Rehoboth, Massachusetts

DATE: 12 April 1966

FROM: Raymond E. Fowler
Chairman: NICAP MASS SUBCOM

TO: NICAP
Attention: Richard Hall

cc: AFSC - FTD (Project Bluebook)
Congressman William Bates

Enclosed is a detailed report on UFO sightings which occurred on
30 March 1966 between 8:00 - 10:00 PM EST at Rehoboth, Massachusetts.

An on-the-spot investigation by Subcommittee member Ernest C. Reid
and follow-up by the Chairman, supplied the data for this report. Signed
data sheets, newsclips, weather report and other pertinent material are
included for backup information.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond E. Fowler
Raymond E. Fowler
Chairman: NICAP MASS SUBCOM

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Questioned by U.S. Officials

Rehoboth Residents See Flying Objects

At least a dozen Rehoboth residents, including the town's postmaster, have reported seeing unidentified flying objects since March 23, according to Police Chief Oscar A. B. Berghman of Rehoboth.

Investigators from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, a private research organization, have questioned at least two of the witnesses.

Three sightings have occurred. Chief Berghman said the first was on March 23 and two last Wednesday. The objects have been seen between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Reports of the sightings generally agree that the objects show three reddish orange lights that creep soundlessly along in front area hover motionless or accelerate at incredible speeds.

At least one of the witnesses reported the lights appeared to be part of a large, circular object.

Witnesses have been within three miles of each other in Rehoboth when the sightings have been made.

Flashing Lights

Joseph Moltoza, Rehoboth postmaster, said he watched "three or four flashing red lights" about 10 p.m. last Wednesday.

Mr. Moltoza said both he and his wife, who also watched the lights, were at their home on Hobson Street. The lights moved from east to the southwest in a broad curve, Mr. Moltoza said, making a whistling

sound or a loud humming noise. He said the lights were brighter than those used by aircraft. Mr. Moltoza said he did not report his sighting to police.

Another sighting last Wednesday was reported by Gardner C. Borden of 122 Bay State Rd., Rehoboth.

He said he was driving toward Warren along Route 118 at Route 6 about 8:30 p.m. when he and five other adults in the car saw three reddish orange lights above them in the sky.

In about three minutes, Mr. Borden said, the lights disappeared behind some trees.

"When we first saw the lights," he said, "they were about 500 yards in front of us and about 600 feet high. The color and brilliance of the lights were unusual."

"At first we thought it was a helicopter," Mr. Borden continued, "but after we started going faster, the lights sped up to about three times our speed and disappeared behind some trees."

One of the passengers, Mrs. Howard Rose, who also lives on Bay State Road, said the lights "seemed to be reflected off dull metal."

Like Headlights

"We saw three very large reddish lights high above the horizon in the west," she said. "They were neither red or yellow, and looked like large headlights."

She said the lights "appeared to be on the bottom of a large circular object." No sound accompanied the lights, she said.

"We weren't frightened, and we didn't jump to any conclusions," Mrs. Rose said. "I'm just as skeptical of flying saucers as anyone."

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Both Mr. Borden, and Mrs. Rose said they were questioned yesterday by FBI investigators and representatives of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena.

A third sighting was reported about 7 p.m. on March 23 by Mrs. June Palmer of Perryville Road, who said she and her children watched for about 20 minutes from their home as three lights moved slowly across the sky.

"They were very close to each other, and seemed to be about 100 feet away from the house," Mrs. Palmer said. "After a while one of the lights separated slowly from the others and drifted off in another direction."

She said she saw a flashing white light between two red lights. There was no noise, she said.

Mrs. Palmer said two of her friends also saw the lights, but she said they remained silent, fearing ridicule.

Otis Intelligence Probes Strange Aerial Lights

The Intelligence Division at Otis Air Force Base has been assigned today the task of investigating a sighting by four area teenagers of strange aerial lights at the Rehoboth-Dighton line last night.

Capt. Paul McManus, public information officer, said that the report made at the Rehoboth State Police Barracks concerning hovering lights was the first in this area.

McManus added that a team of intelligence specialists will be dispatched to the area and a report of their findings will be made.

The foursome said that while riding in an auto on Cedar Street in Rehoboth they noticed two amber-colored lights flashing above their car.

One of those who spotted the lights was Jacqueline Letourneau, 19, of 831 Globe St. She said the group watched the "bright flashing lights" hover over the auto for 10 to 15 minutes.

She said that the shape was not distinguishable.

Fade

Miss Letourneau said that the amber-colored lights moved to a field and appeared to be landing in a clump of trees. "When the lights began to come down they moved from a horizontal to a vertical position and appeared to fade," she said.

Others in the auto sighting the lights were Ernest Nunes, 17, of 24 New Hampshire Ave., Somerset, Guy Averill, 19, of 833 County St., Somerset and Mary L. Mooney, 19, of 28 Brayton Ave., this city.

Miss Letourneau said the group became excited and reported the sighting to the Swansea police. They were directed to report the incident to the state police in Rehoboth.

Trooper Joseph M. Proccini at the Rehoboth barracks said the youngsters appeared to be "very level headed" and said that he believes they did spot some type of object.

A trooper was dispatched to the general area but nothing was sighted.

Proccini said he didn't think the incident was a hoax because of the youths' efforts in contacting the Swansea police and returning to notify the state police.

There were no other reports of sightings either to the state police or to the town police. The area is described as being remote and heavily wooded.

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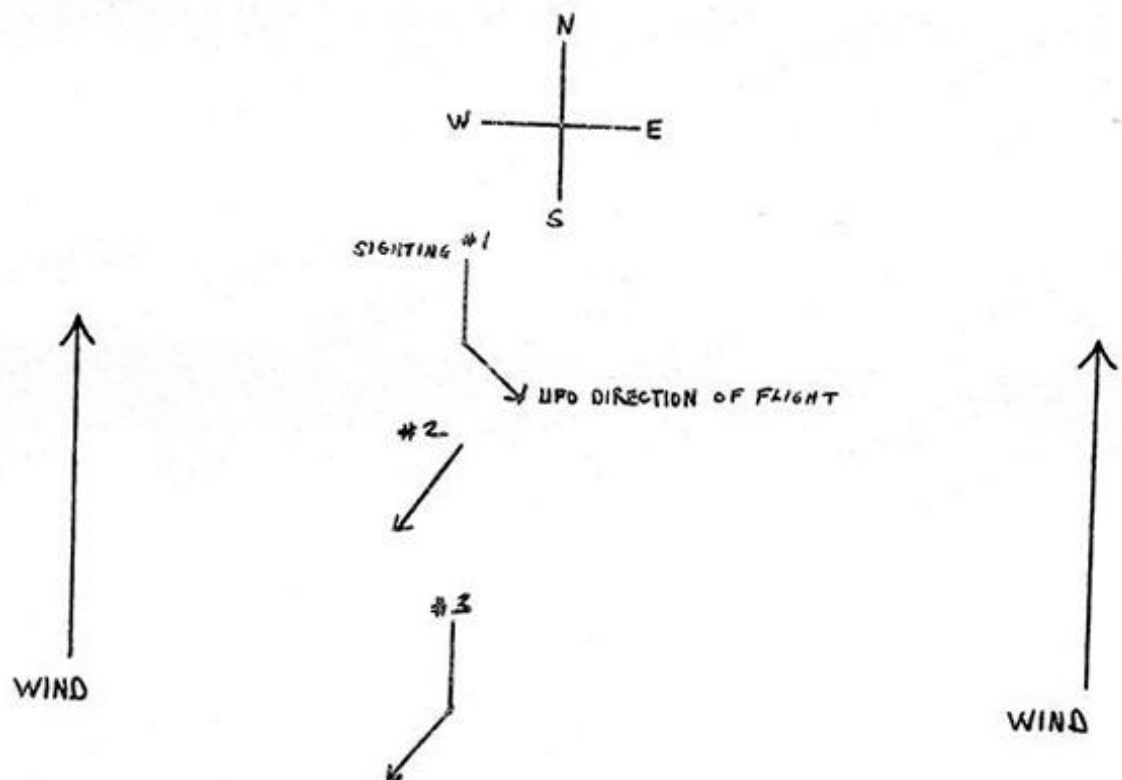
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Temperature

8:00 P.M. EST
2600 Broken/5000 Overcast
12 Miles
South
15 MPH
45°F

9:00 P.M. EST
2600 Broken/High Overcast
12 Miles
South
15 MPH
43°F

R. E. Fowler
Chairman: NICAP MASS. SUBCOM.



UFO SIGHTING SUMMARY SHEET

UFO Report - 3/30/66

* - Marilyn Greene
Woodland Way, Rehoboth

** - Interviewed by phone

WITNESSES

GROUP	NAME/ADDRESS/TELEPHONE	AGE	EDUCATION	OCCUPATION
1	Guy L. Averill 833 County Street, Somerset, Massachusetts 672-8429	17	High School	U.S. Record (Phonograph) Return Department
1	Jacqueline T. Letourneau 831 Globe Street, Fall River, Massachusetts 673-8416	19	High School (2 years)	Bristol Knitting Mills Machine Operator
1	Mary Louise Mooney 28 Brayton Avenue, Fall River, Massachusetts 678-6826	19	High School	Switchboard Operator and Office Clerk
1	Ernest Nunes 24 New Hampshire Avenue, Somerset, Massachusetts 678-0196	17		Pine Sportwear Presser
2	Bernice H. Baer Danforth Street, Rehoboth, Massachusetts 252-3954		High School 2 yr/nursing School	Housewife
2	Gardner C. Borden (& wife) Rocky Hill Road, Rehoboth, Massachusetts 252-3313		College BS/BA 1st Lt. USA	Starkweather & Shepley, Inc. Office Manager - Insurance
2	Ellen W. Rose (& friend *) Bay State Road, Rehoboth, Massachusetts 252-6631		1 yr/College	Burnett Ford, Inc. Secretary
3 **	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Moitoza Holmes Street, Rehoboth, Massachusetts 252-4869			Postmaster (Mr.) Rehoboth, Massachusetts

GROUP # 1

GROUP # 2

GROUP # 3

DATE: 30 March 1966

30 March 1966

30 March 1966

TIME: 8:20 PM EST

8:15 or 8:30 PM EST

About 10:00 PM EST

PLACE: Cedar Street,
Rehoboth, Mass.

Rt. 118, 2 mi S Rt. 44
Rehoboth, Mass.

Holmes Street,
Rehoboth, Mass.

SIGHTING BACKGROUND:

News of the sighting reached the Chairman via press service teletype message # DB1144AES3/31. I contacted Subcommittee member Ernest C. Reid to investigate. The following report was submitted to me by Investigator Reid along with signed data sheets from most of the witnesses:

This agent arrived at the Rehoboth Massachusetts State Police barracks on 4-2-66 at 4:15 PM and was told that the trooper who had taken the report was not on duty this day. When I asked to see the report that was made, I was shown the teletype that was sent to the State Police Headquarters in Boston. I took a photostat of this report with permission of the trooper on duty. The original report was taken by Trooper Joseph M. Procaccini on 3-30-66 at about 8:40 PM.

The four young people were sent to the State Police by police in Swansea who told them that they were not interested in taking a report on UFOs.

I then proceeded to Rehoboth Police Headquarters and contrary to earlier press and Air Force statements found that additional sightings of a UFO on 3-30-66 were reported and recorded in the Rehoboth Police log. These additional sightings were made about 8:15 PM and the description of the UFO matches those given by the four young people. An investigation by this agent revealed that the four young people and four older persons who also saw the UFO did not know each other nor did they know of each others' reports at this time.

This agent visited two of the persons who reported their sightings to the Rehoboth police and because of a time problem was unable to get a written report. However, these people did take report forms and promised to send them to me as soon as possible. (Ref: Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Borden, Group 2). They stated that they were on their way home from a church choir practice with some friends (Ref: Group 2) when they saw the UFO. Arrival time at the Borden residence was 5:00 PM.

At 6:00 PM I interviewed the four young people. (Ref: Group 1) They appeared to be very relaxed and answered the NICAP question forms before talking among themselves. There seemed to be some minor disagreements as will be noted on the question forms. All but Mary Mooney said that they had been contacted by telephone by USAF Investigators who talked to them each about five minutes but did not make any appointment to see them.

I made a radiological survey throughout the area where the four young people thought the "flying object" landed. There was no unusual reading recorded and there was no disturbance of the ground or trees except for a few freshly broken branches. There was no evidence indicating that an object had landed in this area.

" An interesting and perhaps significant fact uncovered by this agent was that there is a large concentration of High Tension electrical power coming into a sub-station in the area of the UFO sighting.

Submitted by,

Ernest C. Reid

Investigator: NICAP MASS SUBCOM

After receiving the above report and completed signed NICAP UFO data questionnaires the Chairman contacted Marilyn Greene (Ref: Group 2) and Mr. Joseph Moitoza by telephone (Ref: Group 3) and interviewed them. A summary of the combined sighting accounts is given below based upon my analysis of the data submitted to me by Investigator Reid.

SIGHTING ACCOUNTS

Group # 1

Group 1 were driving West on Cedar Street, Rehoboth at approximately 8:20 PM when Miss Letourneau called the group's attention to 2 very bright pulsating amber-colored lights seemingly revolving in a horizontal position around an unseen object. They were moving very slowly from North to South. The lights maintained the same relationship to each other indicating that they were attached to an object but the object could not be seen behind the brightness of the lights. The low-flying lights passed over the road ahead of them at an undetermined distance seemingly just clearing telephone poles. It then stopped and hovered for several minutes just off the road. Then it began moving in a slow descent Southeastward toward a wooded area. Just before it reached the top of a clump of trees about 1/2 - 1 mile away from the observers, the lights moved slowly from a horizontal to a vertical position, brightened, then dimmed and went out completely. It gave Group 1 the impression that the object landed behind the trees. Assuming that the unseen object was at least as wide as the distance between the lights, its apparent size was compared to the size of a "grapefruit" held at arm's length. Total sighting time was an estimated 5 - 10 minutes. The object was viewed through the car windows. No one noticed stars, moon or known aircraft in the sky. Group 1 immediately drove to the Swansea Police Department to report the UFO. They were directed to the State Police Barracks where they gave a complete report to the Trooper on duty. He, in turn, sent out another Trooper to investigate but nothing was seen. Trooper Joseph Procaccini stated that the youngsters appeared to be "very level-headed" and said that he believes they did spot some type of object. He did not think the incident was a hoax because of the youth's sincerity and their efforts in contacting the Swansea Police and then returning to notify the State Police.

A USAF Investigator questioned all of Group 1 via telephone with the exception of Miss Mooney. USAF Captain Paul McManus, Otis AFB PIO told the press that a group of USAF Intelligence specialists would investigate the sighting. It is significant that the UFO was reported in the vicinity of electrical high power lines which were just behind the witnesses.

Many UFO sightings being received have occurred in the vicinity of power lines and power stations.

Group # 2

Group 2 were returning from choir practice and driving South along Route #118 in Rehoboth between 8:00 - 8:30 PM. They were on the way to Warren, Rhode Island. As they rounded a bend in the road they sighted a group of very bright lights hovering almost over the road just ahead of them. Their altitude was estimated to be about 500 feet and when first sighted seemed to be about 1000 yards from their car. As they began to close at 35-40 mph within 500 - 600 yards of the object, it suddenly, moving at a rapid speed, instantly, from a complete standstill and moved Southwestward disappearing behind trees.

All witnesses described the UFO as two very large brightly glowing red-orange lights with a faint smaller red light just below them and in the middle. Mrs. Rose who had the best vantage point said she distinctly saw a very dim metallic reflection between the lights which outlined an oval or circular object. The lights seemed to be near the bottom of the object. Mr. Borden stated that the two large lights were about 3 road widths apart or about 60-100 feet apart if his estimation of distance was correct. The lights were not pulsating or revolving and always maintained the same relative position to each other. As the object sped away, it was low enough to show tree tops in front of it which were about 800 yards away. Assuming that the object was at least as wide as the distance between the 2 lights, its apparent size was compared to the size of a large melon held at arm's length by Mrs. Baer and to that of an orange by Mr. Borden and Mrs. Rose. The brightness of the larger 2 lights was compared to very bright headlights (but larger in size) at the same distance. Mrs. Baer and Mrs. Greene said that they were brighter than a TV tower light would be at the same distance. They were so bright that they gave a blurred effect. Total viewing time was 2 - 3 minutes. The object was viewed through car windows and windshield. The area was very dark with no stars or moon noticed. No sound was heard from inside the car. Mr. Borden reported the incident to the Chief of Police, Rehoboth, Oscar A.B. Bergman.

Group # 3

Mr. Joseph Moitoza, Postmaster of Rehoboth, was watching TV about 10:00 pm. He is not very certain of the exact time. His wife called him to the window to see bright red flashing lights in the sky. He ran outside and saw 2 bright round red lights pulsating. He thought he saw a fainter steady red light located below and in the middle of the 2 larger lights. He thought he glimpsed another just above these 2 and in the middle also but was not sure. He emphasized that the 2 larger lights were extremely bright, big and round in shape. He compared them to an automobile headlights brightness from a block away. Although the lights were too bright to see what was carrying them, he stated that they maintained the same relative position to each other indicating that they were part of an unseen object. The 2 large pulsating red lights were in a horizontal plane. Assuming that the width of the object was at least the distance between the 2 lights, he estimated that the object itself would be the apparent size of a quarter at arm's length. (I told him that a dime held at arm's length would move then cover the disc of the

full moon and he stated that it would have been much larger than the disc of the full moon.)

He estimated that the UFO was about 1/4 mile away when he saw it from his backyard AND STATED THAT IT MADE A STRANGE WHISTLING OR HUMMING SOUND. The object was moving on a North to South course and then swung around in a broad arc into the Southwest disappearing behind a hill 1 1/4 miles away. Total observing time was about 3 minutes. He assured me that he was familiar with airplanes and helicopters and that this object was neither. Mr. Moitsozo told me that he did not report his sighting to anyone officially but happened to mention it at the post office in defense of the jokes that were going around about the four teenagers who saw a "flying saucer". Apparently, someone reported his statement to the press and his sighting became publicized.

EVALUATION:

It is quite apparent that all three groups of witnesses sighted the same or similar object within a radius of several miles. Each group was entirely independent of and unknown to each other. The description of the UFO is substantially the same. The characteristic bright pulsating red lights, oval configuration, ability to hover and dart away from a standstill and the humming or whistling sound are all genuine characteristics of the true UFO. This particular sighting is very similar to the Exeter, N.H. UFO sighting of 9-3-65 which involved a dark elliptical-shaped object with pulsating bright red lights reported in the vicinity of high power lines.

I know of no natural phenomena that would account for this sighting. The unusual characteristics coupled with the absence of conventional aircraft identification lights rule out aircraft. My evaluation is that the object sighted definitely falls into the category of an unknown object. An attempt will be made to obtain further information on this sighting including a detailed map and plotting of the object's flight path against times and places. Such information will be included in a future addendum to this report.

NICAP INVESTIGATOR
Ernest C. Reid
7 Peck Avenue,
Wayland, Massachusetts

Respectfully submitted,
Raymond E. Fowler
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Chairman: NICAP MASS SUBCOM

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1. Name Guy S. Ansell
Address 833 County St.
SOMERSET, MASS.
Telephone OS 2-8429
Place of Employment US Recoral (Monopart)
Occupation Return Department
Education High School
Special Training none
Military Service none
2. Date of Observation 3/30/66
Time AM 8:30M Time Zone EST
3. Locality of Observation Rehobeth
4. How long did you see the object? Hours 10-12 minutes Seconds
5. Please describe weather conditions and the type of sky; i.e., bright daylight, nighttime dusk, etc.
6. Position of the Sun or Moon in relation to the object and to you. None that I notice
7. If seen at night, twilight, or dawn, were the stars or moon visible? No stars at that I notice
8. Were there more than one object? no If so, please tell how many, and draw a sketch of what you saw, indicating direction of movement, if any.
9. Please describe the object(s) in detail. For instance, did it (they) appear solid, or only as a source of light; was it revolving, etc? Please use additional sheets of paper, if necessary. We saw two organic lights that were
when the lights were in a horizontal position then it started to move
10. Was the object(s) brighter than the background of the sky? it was the sky just the
in the
11. If so, compare the brightness with the Sun, Moon, headlights, etc.
12. Did the object(s) — (Please elaborate, if you can give details.)
a. Appear to stand still at any time? yes
b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? no
c. Break up into parts or explode? no
d. Give off smoke? no
e. Leave any visible trail? no
f. Drop anything? no
g. Change brightness? no
h. Change shape? 3 unlinked ell
i. Change color?
13. Did the object(s) at any time pass in front of, or behind of, anything? If so, please elaborate giving distance, size, etc, if possible.
when it was landing it passed a tree (nearer to land)
14. Was there any wind? If so, please give direction and speed.
15. Did you observe the object(s) through an optical instrument or other aid, windshield, windowpane, storm window, screening, etc? What? windshield through a small window
16. Did the object(s) have any sound? no What kind? How loud?
17. Please tell if the object(s) was (were) —
a. Fuzzy or blurred. lights bright and they were
b. Like a bright star. revolving
c. Sharply outlined.

18. Was the object —

- a. Self-luminous?
- b. Dull finish?
- c. Reflecting?
- ☒ d. Transparent?

19. Did the object(s) rise or fall while in motion? *I wouldn't tell*

20. Tell the apparent size of the object(s) when compared with the following held at arm's length: *couldn't tell*

- | | | |
|------------|------------------|---------------|
| a. Pinhead | d. Nickel | g. Orange |
| b. Pea | e. Half dollar | h. Grapefruit |
| c. Dime | f. Silver dollar | i. Larger |

Or, if easier, give apparent size in inches on a ruler held at arm's length.

21. How did you happen to notice the object(s)? *we were going along when one of us spotted it.*

22. What were you and what were you doing at the time? *the object was driving around -*

23. How did the object(s) disappear from view? *it descended*

24. Compare the speed of the object(s) with a piston or jet aircraft at the same apparent altitude. *much slower*

25. Were there any conventional aircraft in the location at the time or immediately afterwards? If so, please elaborate. *Not*

26. Please estimate the distance of the object(s). *no estimate*

27. What was the elevation of the object(s) in the sky? Please mark on this hemisphere sketch:



28. Names and addresses of other witnesses, if any. *Emile Russo, Marge. Murray*

29. Please draw a map of the locality of the observation showing North; your position; the direction from which the object(s) appeared and disappeared from view; the direction of its course over the area; roads, towns, villages, railroads, and other landmarks within a mile.



30. Is there an airport, military, governmental, or research installation in the area? *Fall River Air Port.*

31. Have you seen other objects of an unidentified nature? If so, please describe these observations, using a separate sheet of paper. *no*

32. Please enclose photographs, motion pictures, news clippings, notes of radio or television programs (include time, station and date, if possible) regarding this or similar observations, or any other background material. We will return the material to you. *Interviewed WJAR - Brian Murray. WPRO TV + Radio Herald News*

33. Were you interrogated by Air Force investigators? By any other federal, state, county, or local officials? If so, please state the name and rank or title of the agent, his office, and details as to where and when the questioning took place. *Interviewed by phone - Air Force investigator*

Were you asked or told not to reveal or discuss the incident? If so, were any reasons or official orders mentioned? Please elaborate carefully. *no*

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You may use my name. ☒

Please keep my name confidential. ☐

35. Date of filling out this report: *April 2, 1968*

Signature: *Ray L. Ansell*

3 and: Very slowly then the lights turn
vertical. then started ~~down~~ descending toward
the ground. As the lights started to descend about
to reach the three trees the lights started
to descend.

High Voice like Behind us.

Guy Arnold

April 2 - 1866

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1. Name *Jacqueline T. Letourneau* Place of Employment *Bristol Knitting Mills*
Address *831 Globe St.* Occupation *Machine operator*
Trail River, Mass. Education *3 yrs of high school*
Special Training
Military Service
Telephone *059-8416*
2. Date of Observation *March 30, 1966* Time *AM 8:30PM* Time Zone *EST*
3. Locality of Observation *Litchfield, Mass.*
4. How long did you see the object? Hours *15* Minutes *Seconds*
5. Please describe weather conditions and the type of sky; i.e., bright daylight, nighttime, dusk, etc.
6. Position of the Sun or Moon in relation to the object and to you.
7. If seen at night, twilight, or dawn, were the stars or moon visible? *I didn't really see any stars*
8. Were there more than one object? *no* If so, please tell how many, and draw a sketch of what you saw, indicating direction of movement, if any.
9. Please describe the object(s) in detail. For instance, did it (they) appear solid, or only as a source of light; was it revolving, etc? Please use additional sheets of paper, if necessary. *yes, the lights were revolving*
10. Was the object(s) brighter than the background of the sky? *yes*
11. If so, compare the brightness with the Sun, Moon, headlights, etc. *they were as bright as headlights*
(Please elaborate, if you can give details.)
12. Did the object(s) —
a. Appear to stand still at any time? *yes*
b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? *no*
c. Break up into parts or explode? *no*
d. Give off smoke? *no*
e. Leave any visible trail? *no*
f. Drop anything? *no*
g. Change brightness? *got a little brighter when started to fade*
h. Change shape? *no*
i. Change color? *no*
13. Did the object(s) at any time pass in front of, or behind of, anything? If so, please elaborate giving distance, size, etc, if possible.
14. Was there any wind? *very little* If so, please give direction and speed.
15. Did you observe the object(s) through an optical instrument or other aid, windshield, windowpane, storm window, screening, etc? What? *windshield*
16. Did the object(s) have any sound? *no* What kind? How loud?
17. Please tell if the object(s) was (were) —
a. Fuzzy or blurred.
b. Like a bright star.
c. Sharply outlined.

18. Was the object —

- a. Self-luminous?
- b. Dull finish?
- c. Reflecting?
- d. Transparent?

19. Did the object(s) rise or fall while in motion? *very bright fall (slowly)*

20. Tell the apparent size of the object(s) when compared with the following held at arm's length:

- | | | |
|------------|------------------|---|
| a. Pinhead | d. Nickel | g. Orange |
| b. Pea | e. Half dollar | h. Grapefruit - <i>from far the lights were</i> |
| c. Dime | f. Silver dollar | i. Larger <i>grapefruit size, maybe</i> |
- larger.*

Or, if easier, give apparent size in inches on a ruler held at arm's length.

21. How did you happen to notice the object(s)? *I looked out the window and spotted 2 bright*

22. Where were you and what were you doing at the time? *amber lights revolving and there was nothing*

23. How did the object(s) disappear from view? *just blending along Cedar St. into blackback, Mass.*

24. Compare the speed of the object(s) with a piston or jet aircraft at the same apparent altitude. *It descended slowly with a clump of trees about 1/2 mile away from the car.*

25. Were there any conventional aircraft in the location at the time or immediately afterwards? If so, please elaborate.

26. Please estimate the distance of the object(s).

27. What was the elevation of the object(s) in the sky? Please mark on this hemisphere sketch:

28. Names and addresses of other witnesses, if any. *Margaret Mooney*

29. Please draw a map of the locality of the observation showing North; your position; the direction from which the object(s) appeared and disappeared from view; the direction of its course over the area; roads, towns, villages, railroads, and other landmarks within a mile.

30. Is there an airport, military, governmental, or research installation in the area? *no*

31. Have you seen other objects of an unidentified nature? If so, please describe these observations, using a separate sheet of paper. *no*

32. Please enclose photographs, motion pictures, news clippings, notes of radio or television programs (include time, station and date, if possible) regarding this or similar observations, or any other background material. We will return the material to you.

33. Were you interrogated by Air Force investigators? By any other federal, state, county, or local officials? If so, please state the name and rank or title of the agent, his office, and details as to where and when the questioning took place.

Interviewed by Air Force official from Ohio A.F.B.
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You may use my name. ☒ Please keep my name confidential. ☐

35. Date of filling out this report: *April 2, 1966* Signature: *Jacqueline J. L. Turner*

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1. Name MARY LOUISE MOONEY Place of Employment MASON'S FURNITURE
Address 28 BRAYTON AVENUE Occupation SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR +
FALL RIVER, MASS OFFICE CLERK
Education GRADUATE OF HIGH SCHOOL
Special Training
Military Service
2. Date of Observation MARCH 30, 1966 Time X AM 8:20 PM Time Zone EST
3. Locality of Observation CLARK ST. REHOBOTH
4. How long did you see the object? Hours Minutes Seconds
10 MINUTES
5. Please describe weather conditions and the type of sky; i.e., bright daylight, nighttime, dusk, etc.
6. Position of the Sun or Moon in relation to the object and to you. NONE
7. If seen at night, twilight, or dawn, were the stars or moon visible? NO
8. Were there more than one object? NO If so, please tell how many, and draw a sketch of what you saw, indicating direction of movement, if any.
9. Please describe the object(s) in detail. For instance, did it (they) appear solid, or only as a source of light; was it revolving, etc? Please use additional sheets of paper, if necessary. BLINKING LIGHTS, ALTERNATING
MOVING VERY SLOWLY, LIGHTS
THEN FADED AND WENT FROM
A HORIZONTAL POSITION TO A
VERTICAL POSITION
(Please elaborate, if you can give details.)
10. Was the object(s) brighter than the background of the sky? YES
11. If so, compare the brightness with the Sun, Moon, headlights, etc.
12. Did the object(s) —
a. Appear to stand still at any time? YES
b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? NO
c. Break up into parts or explode? NO
d. Give off smoke? NO
e. Leave any visible trail? NO
f. Drop anything? NO
g. Change brightness? YES
h. Change shape? YES
i. Change color? NO
13. Did the object(s) at any time pass in front of, or behind of, anything? If so, please elaborate giving distance, size, etc, if possible.
Behind trees (etc)
14. Was there any wind? NO If so, please give direction and speed.
15. Did you observe the object(s) through an optical instrument or other aid, windshield, windowpane, storm window, screening, etc? WINDOW PANE
16. Did the object(s) have any sound? NO What kind? How loud?
17. Please tell if the object(s) was (were) —
a. Fuzzy or blurred. NONE
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- d. Transparent?

19. Did the object(s) rise or fall while in motion?

20. Tell the apparent size of the object(s) when compared with the following held at arm's length:

- | | | |
|------------|------------------|---------------|
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| b. Penny | e. Half dollar | h. Grapefruit |
| c. Dime | f. Silver dollar | i. Larger |

Or, if easier, give apparent size in inches on a ruler held at arm's length.

21. How did you happen to notice the object(s)? *BECAUSE OF THE BLINKING LIGHTS*

22. Where were you and what were you doing at the time?

23. How did the object(s) disappear from view? *IT WAS IN A CAR TAKING A RIDE*

24. Compare the speed of the object(s) with a piston or jet aircraft at the same apparent altitude. *DESCENDED*

25. Were there any conventional aircraft in the location at the time or immediately afterwards? If so, please elaborate.

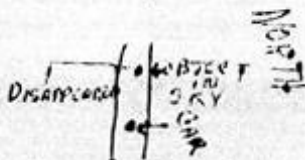
26. Please estimate the distance of the object(s). *NO*

27. What was the elevation of the object(s) in the sky? Please mark on this hemisphere sketch:

28. Names and addresses of other witnesses, if any. *HIGHER THAN A TELEPHONE POLE*

29. Please draw a map of the locality of the observation showing North; your position; the direction from which the object(s) appeared and disappeared from view; the direction of its course over the area; roads, towns, villages, railroads, and other landmarks within a mile. *JEANNE LE TOURNAI, ERNEST HANSEN, GUY HERRILL*

RE HQ BOTH



30. Is there an airport, military, governmental, or research installation in the area?

31. Have you seen other objects of an unidentified nature? If so, please describe these observations, using a separate sheet of paper. *IF YOU KNOW*

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You may use my name. (X)

Please keep my name confidential. ()

35. Date of filling out this report:

April 4, 1966

Signature:

Mary Louise M. M. M.

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1. Name *Eric & Nicole* Place of Employment *Pine Spontaneous*
Address *24 New Hampshire Ave* Occupation *Pinner*
SOMERSET, MASS Education
Telephone *0580186* Special Training
Military Service
2. Date of Observation Time AM PM *5-13* Time Zone
3. Locality of Observation
4. How long did you see the object? Hours Minutes *5-16* Seconds
5. Please describe weather conditions and the type of sky; i.e., bright daylight, nighttime, dusk, etc.
6. Position of the Sun or Moon in relation to the object and to you. *no*
7. If seen at night, twilight, or dawn, were the stars or moon visible? *yes*
8. Were there more than one object? *yes* If so, please tell how many, and draw a sketch of what you saw, indicating direction of movement, if any. *see*
9. Please describe the object(s) in detail. For instance, did it (they) appear solid, or only as a source of light; was it revolving, etc? Please use additional sheets of paper, if necessary. *it was a light it was revolving*
10. Was the object(s) brighter than the background of the sky? *yes*
11. If so, compare the brightness with the Sun, Moon, headlights, etc.
12. Did the object(s) — (Please elaborate, if you can give details.)
a. Appear to stand still at any time? *✓*
b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?
c. Break up into parts or explode?
d. Give off smoke?
e. Leave any visible trail?
f. Drop anything?
g. Change brightness?
h. Change shape? *✓*
i. Change color?
13. Did the object(s) at any time pass in front of, or behind of, anything? If so, please elaborate giving distance, also, etc, if possible.
14. Was there any wind? *yes* If so, please give direction and speed.
15. Did you observe the object(s) through an optical instrument or other aid, windshield, winduppers, storm windows, screening, etc? What?
16. Did the object(s) have any sound? *no* What kind? How loud?
17. Please tell if the object(s) was (were) — *lighter*
a. Fuzzy or blurred.
b. Like a bright star. *✓*
c. Sharply outlined.

18. Was the object —

- a. Self-luminous?
- b. Dull finish? ☒
- c. Reflecting?
- d. Transparent?

19. Did the object(s) rise or fall while in motion? *yes*

20. Tell the apparent size of the object(s) when compared with the following held at arm's length:

- | | | |
|------------|------------------|---|
| a. Pinhead | d. Nickel | g. Orange |
| b. Pea | e. Half dollar | h. Grapefruit ☒ |
| c. Dime | f. Silver dollar | i. Larger |

Or, if easier, give apparent size in inches on a ruler held at arm's length. *1 foot at spread*

21. How did you happen to notice the object(s)? *we saw the light in the sky*

22. Where were you and what were you doing at the time? *we were in daylight we were driving a*

23. How did the object(s) disappear from view? *it came down*

24. Compare the speed of the object(s) with a piston or jet aircraft at the same apparent altitude.

25. Were there any conventional aircraft in the location at the time or immediately afterwards? If so, please elaborate. *no*

26. Please estimate the distance of the object(s).

27. What was the elevation of the object(s) in the sky? Please mark on this hemisphere sketch: *up to 100 ft high*

28. Names and addresses of other witnesses, if any. *Sgt. Mary Buckley*

29. Please draw a map of the locality of the observation showing North; your position; the direction from which the object(s) appeared and disappeared from view; the direction of its course over the area; roads, towns, villages, railroads, and other landmarks within a mile. *it was over the road*

30. Is there an airport, military, governmental, or research installation in the area? *no*

31. Have you seen other objects of an unidentified nature? If so, please describe these observations, using a separate sheet of paper.

32. Please enclose photographs, motion pictures, news clippings, notes of radio or television programs (include time, station and date, if possible) regarding this or similar observations, or any other background material. We will return the material to you. *yes*

33. Were you interrogated by Air Force investigators? By any other federal, state, county, or local officials? If so, please state the name and rank or title of the agent, his office, and details as to where and when the questioning took place. *no*

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35. Date of filling out this report: *April 2, 1966*

Signature: *Ernest Nunez*

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1. Name BERNICE H. BAERZ Place of Employment HOUSEWIFE
Address DANFORTH ST. Occupation
REHOBOTH, MASS. Education HIGH SCHOOL plus one year nurses
Telephone 252-8954 Special Training
Military Service Training.
2. Date of Observation WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 1966 Time BETWEEN 8:15 PM Time Zone EASTERN STANDARD
3. Locality of Observation RTE 118. MOUNTAIN ST. REHOBOTH
4. How long did you see the object? Hours 2 Minutes Seconds
5. Please describe weather conditions and the type of sky; i.e., bright daylight, nighttime, dusk, etc.
NIGHT TIME, CLEAR AND COLD
6. Position of the Sun or Moon in relation to the object and to you.
DID NOT SEE MOON
7. If seen at night, twilight, or dawn, were the stars or moon visible?
8. Were there more than one object? NO If so, please tell how many, and draw a sketch of what you saw, indicating direction of movement, if any.
9. Please describe the object(s) in detail. For instance, did it (they) appear solid, or only as a source of light; was it revolving, etc? Please use additional sheets of paper, if necessary. ALL I SAW WERE TWO LARGES, ROUND, RED-ORANGE LIGHTS
10. Was the object(s) brighter than the background of the sky?
YES
11. If so, compare the brightness with the Sun, Moon, headlights, etc. THEY WERE BRIGHTER THAN AN OUTDOOR TV. TOWER LIGHT.
12. Did the object(s) — (Please elaborate, if you can give details.)
a. Appear to stand still at any time? THESE LIGHTS SEEMED TO
b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? REMAIN STATIONARY FOR
c. Break up into parts or explode?
d. Give off smoke? PERHAPS A MINUTE THEN MOVED
e. Leave any visible trail? SWIFTLY SIDWAYS TO THE RIGHT
f. Drop anything? AND THEN DISAPPEARED FROM
g. Change brightness? OUR VIEW.
h. Change shape?
i. Change color?
13. Did the object(s) at any time pass in front of, or behind of, anything? If so, please elaborate giving distance, size, etc, if possible.
NO
14. Was there any wind? If so, please give direction and speed.
WE WERE INSIDE AN AUTOMOBILE AT THE TIME.
15. Did you observe the object(s) through an optical instrument or other aid, windshield, windowpane, storm window, screening, etc?
WHAT? WINDSHIELD
16. Did the object(s) have any sound? What kind? How loud?
DON'T KNOW
17. Please tell if the object(s) was (were) —
a. Fuzzy or blurred. THESE LIGHTS WERE BLURRED
b. Like a bright star. IN OUTLINE AND VERY BRIGHT
c. Sharply outlined.

18. Was the object —

- a. Self-luminous?
- b. Dull finish?
- c. Reflecting?
- d. Transparent?

I DID NOT SEE ANY DISC OR OUTLINE OF ONE.

19. Did the object(s) rise or fall while in motion? REMAINED AT SAME ELEVATION

20. Tell the apparent size of the object(s) when compared with the following held at arm's length:

- a. Pinhead
- b. Pea
- c. Dime

- d. Nickel
- e. Half dollar
- f. Silver dollar

- g. Orange
- h. Grapefruit
- i. Larger

A LARGE
MELON

Or, if easier, give apparent size in inches on a ruler held at arm's length.

21. How did you happen to notice the object(s)? DRIVING ALONG THEY WERE

22. Where were you and what were you doing at the time? VERY OBVIOUS

IN A CAR ON THE WAY TO WARREN, RI.

23. How did the object(s) disappear from view? WE PROBABLY LOST OBJECT AS WE WENT DOWNHILL AND

24. Compare the speed of the object(s) with a piston or jet aircraft at the same apparent altitude. TREES OBSCURED

25. Were there any conventional aircraft in the location at the time or immediately afterwards? If so, please elaborate.

26. Please estimate the distance of the object(s).

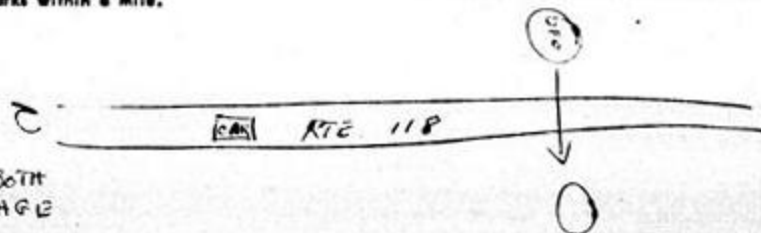
27. What was the elevation of the object(s) in the sky? Please mark on this hemisphere sketch:



28. Names and addresses of other witnesses, if any.

29. Please draw a map of the locality of the observation showing North; your position; the direction from which the object(s) appeared and disappeared from view; the direction of its course over the area; roads, towns, villages, railroads, and other landmarks within a mile.

REHOBOTH
VILLAGE



30. Is there an airport, military, governmental, or research installation in the area? NIKE BASE

31. Have you seen other objects of an unidentified nature? If so, please describe these observations, using a separate sheet of paper.

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You may use my name. (✓)

Please keep my name confidential. ()

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April 2, 1966

Signature: Bernie H. Baur

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1. Name GARDNER C. BORDEN Place of Employment STARK WEATHER & SHEPARD, INC.
PROVIDENCE, RI
Address ROCKY HILL RD. Occupation OFFICE MGR - INSURANCE AGENCY
REHOBOTH, MASS. Education BS IN BA - DESSON UNIVERSITY
Special Training ADVANCED INSURANCE - BRYANT COLLEGE
Military Service 3 YR 9 MM. 1947. U.S. ARMY - TRANSPORTATION CORPS
Telephone BL 2 3313
2. Date of Observation 30 MAR 1966 Time AM 8:30 (PM) Time Zone EST.
3. Locality of Observation REHOBOTH, MASS. RT 118 2 MILES SOUTH OF RT 118 JCT. RT 44
4. How long did you see the object? Hours 2-3 Minutes Minutes Seconds Seconds
5. Please describe weather conditions and the type of sky; i.e., bright daylight, nighttime, dusk, etc. NIGHT
6. Position of the Sun or Moon in relation to the object and to you. NOT VISIBLE
7. If seen at night, twilight, or dawn, were the stars or moon visible? NO - VERY DARK NIGHT.
8. Were there more than one object? NO If so, please tell how many, and draw a sketch of what you saw, indicating direction of movement, if any.
9. Please describe the object(s) in detail. For instance, did it (they) appear solid, or only as a source of light; was it revolving, etc? Please use additional sheets of paper, if necessary. TWO LARGE BRIGHTLY GLOWING RED-ORANGE LIGHTS WITH A MORE DULC SMALLER LIGHT BEHIND IN THE MIDDLE. - ESTIMATED WAS NOT REVOLVING. THE LIGHTS WERE ABOUT THREE TIMES THE WIDTH OF THE ROAD APART - ABOUT 100 FEET.
10. Was the object(s) brighter than the background of the sky? BRIGHT LIGHTS - YES
11. If so, compare the brightness with the Sun, Moon, headlights, etc. CAR HEADLIGHTS. IF BY ESTIMATE - DISTANCE WAS CORRECT.
12. Did the object(s) — (Please elaborate, if you can give details.)
 - a. Appear to stand still at any time? — YES WHEN FIRST SEEN
 - b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? — YES AS WE APPROACHED AT APPX 35-40 MPH
 - c. Break up into parts or explode? — NO
 - d. Give off smoke? — NO
 - e. Leave any visible trail? — NO
 - f. Drop anything? — NO
 - g. Change brightness? — NO
 - h. Change shape? — NO
 - i. Change color? — NO
13. Did the object(s) at any time pass in front of, or behind of, anything? If so, please elaborate giving distance, size, etc, if possible. ITS OBJECT SHED AWAY IT WAS A CAR HIDDEN IN SHED TREE TOP IN FRONT ABOUT 200 YD AWAY
14. Was there any wind? YES If so, please give direction and speed. —
15. Did you observe the object(s) through an optical instrument or other aid, windshield, windowpane, storm window, screening, etc? YES What? CAR WINDSHIELD
16. Did the object(s) have any sound? NOT KNOWN What kind? CAR WINDLUS CASE How loud? —
17. Please tell if the object(s) was (were) —
 - a. Fuzzy or blurred. NO OBJECT SEEN
 - b. Like a bright star. LIGHTS WERE (B)
 - c. Sharply outlined. —

18. Was the object —

- a. Self-luminous? *APPEARED TO SHINE LIGHT LARGE, BRIGHT FIREFLY GLOW*
b. Dull finish?
c. Reflecting?
d. Translucent?

19. Did the object(s) rise or fall while in motion? *NO*

20. Tell the apparent size of the object(s) when compared with the following held at arm's length:

- | | | |
|------------|------------------|---------------|
| a. Pinhead | d. Nickel | g. Orange |
| b. Pea | e. Half dollar | h. Grapefruit |
| c. Dime | f. Silver dollar | i. Lemon |

Or, if easier, give apparent size in inches on a ruler held at arm's length.

21. How did you happen to notice the object(s)? *ROUNDED A CURVE IN THE ROAD OBJECT WAS ALMOST OVER THE ROAD - STRAIGHT AHEAD*

22. Where were you and what were you doing at the time?
DRIVING THE CAR

23. How did the object(s) disappear from view?

RAPIDLY SPED AWAY FROM ME - SAME DIRECTION AND AT GREAT SPEED - LOW LEVEL

24. Compare the speed of the object(s) with a piston or jet aircraft at the same apparent altitude.

UNHIRE JET - FROM STOP TO GETAWAY

25. Were there any conventional aircraft in the location at the time or immediately afterwards? If so, please elaborate.

NO - PARNIE WAS SEEN ABOUT 20 MIN. EARLIER GOING TOWARD BOSTON (SEE ABOVE)

26. Please estimate the distance of the object(s).

MM SEC - 1000 VDS.

27. What was the elevation of the object(s) in the sky?

Please mark on this hemisphere sketch:

28. Names and addresses of other witnesses, if any.
(ALL WITNESSES)
ELEANOR REBE, 6147 STATE RD; DENNIS BAKER, DANIELIN ST;
MARION GRAYNE, 614 DANIELIN WAY; AND WIFE RICHARD B. GARDEN

29. Please draw a map of the locality of the observation showing North; your position; the direction from which the object(s) appeared and disappeared from view; the direction of its course over the area; roads, towns, villages, railroads, and other landmarks within a mile.



20. Is there an airport, military, governmental, or research installation in the area?

DEMOLISHED NINE BASE - NOTHING EXCEPT HOUSES.

31. Have you seen other objects of an unidentified nature? If so, please describe these observations, using a separate sheet of paper.

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APRIL 4, 1966

Signature:

Signature: Frederic C. Bond

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1. Name Ellen W. Rose

Place of Employment Burns H. Ford, Inc.

Address

Occupation

Bay State Road
Rehoboth, Mass

Secretary
1 year college

Telephone 252-6631

Education

Special Training

Military Service

2. Date of Observation March 30, 1964

Time 1:30 AM

PM

Time Zone

3. Locality of Observation 1118 - Mountain St.

Approx.

E.S.T.

4. How long did you see the object?

Hours

Minutes

Seconds

3 minutes

5. Please describe weather conditions and the type of sky: i.e., bright daylight, nighttime, dusk, etc.

nighttime - clear night

6. Position of the Sun or Moon in relation to the object and to you.

7. If seen at night, twilight, or dawn, were the stars or moon visible?

Did not see moon
Did not notice

8. Were there more than one object? No. If so, please tell how many, and draw a sketch of what you saw, indicating direction of movement, if any.

9. Please describe the object(s) in detail. For instance, did it (they) appear solid, or only as a source of light; was it revolving, etc? Please use additional sheets of paper, if necessary. A source of three orange-red lights,
with a very dim no-tell reflection between. Oval or circular.

10. Was the object(s) brighter than the background of the sky? Yes

11. If so, compare the brightness with the Sun, Moon, headlights, etc. Very bright headlights - large sized

12. Did the object(s) —

(Please elaborate, if you can give details.)

- a. Appear to stand still at any time? yes
- b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? yes
- c. Break up into parts or explode? no
- d. Give off smoke? no
- e. Leave any visible trail? no
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Car side window pane

16. Did the object(s) have any sound?

What kind?

How loud?

17. Please tell if the object(s) was (were) — Not audibly

- a. Fuzzy or blurred.
- b. Like a bright star.
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18. Was the object —

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Or, if easier, give apparent size in inches on a ruler held at arm's length.

21. How did you happen to notice the object(s)?

Just looking out window of car.

22. Where were you and what were you doing at the time?

Driving south on Madison Street - Rt. 118 - going to Warren.

23. How did the object(s) disappear from view?

Moved away in fronting us quite high - west to East

24. Compare the speed of the object(s) with a piston or jet aircraft at the same apparent altitude.

25. Were there any conventional aircraft in the location at the time or immediately afterwards? If so, please elaborate.

Someone said they saw an airplane before we noticed this. I did not.

26. Please estimate the distance of the object(s).

27. What was the elevation of the object(s) in the sky? Please mark on this hemisphere sketch:



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N ——— Madison Street ——— S.

Object appeared in the west.

30. Is there an airport, military, governmental, or research installation in the area?

Yes. N. W. Site

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No

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No - see 4/12/66, 4/13/66, Police Officer Boringham

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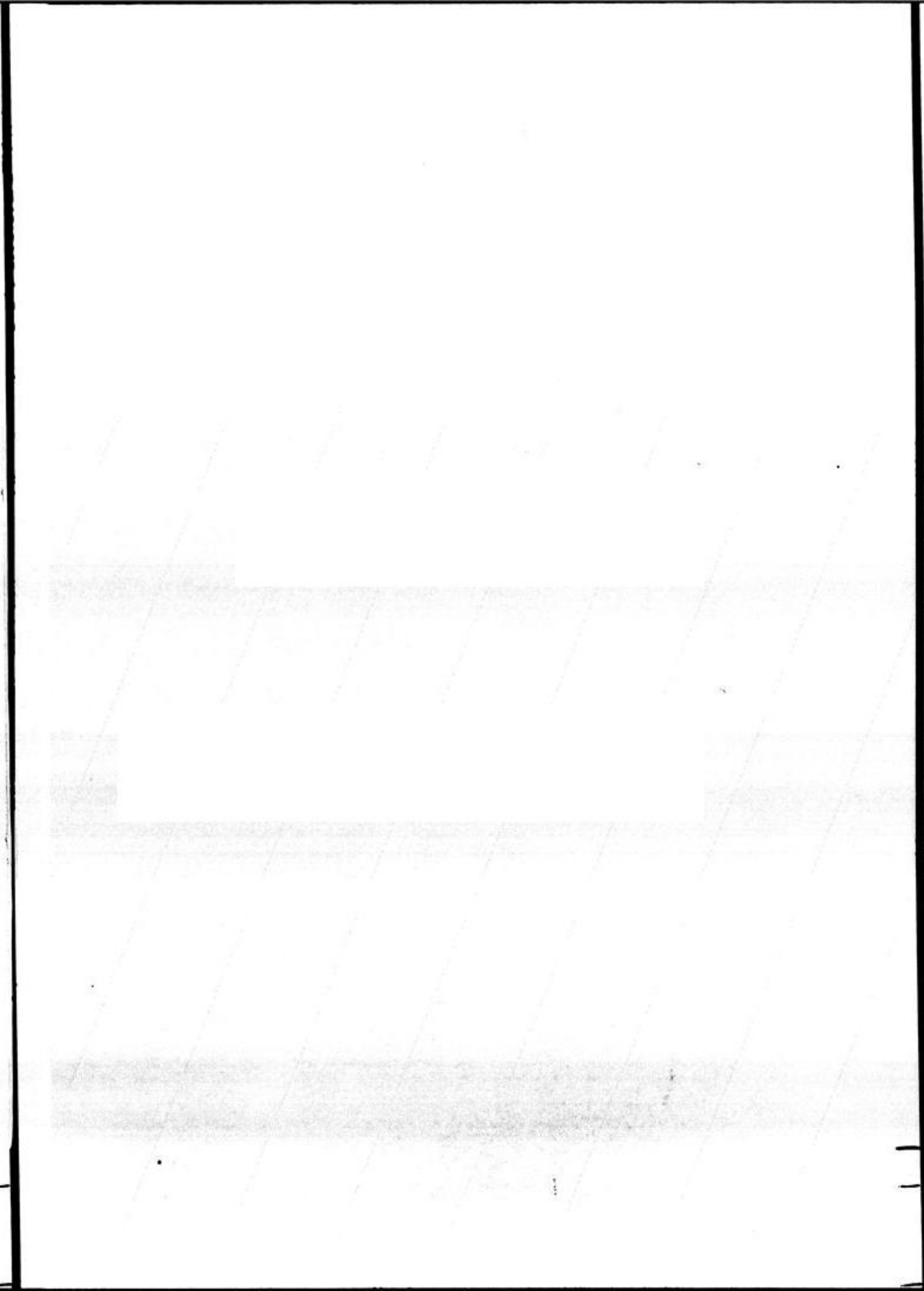
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35. Date of filling out this report:

April 3, 1966

Signature:

L/len W. Rine



PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP	LOCATION
17 April 66 17/1000Z	Ravenna, Mantua, Ohio
2. SOURCE	10. CONCLUSION
Civilian	1. PHOTO: (PROCESSING DEFECTS)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	2. SATELLITE
One Reported	3. Astro (VENUS)
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
SEE CASE FILE	SEE CASE FILE
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION	
Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE	
West to East, Hovered	
8. PHOTOS	
☒ Yes	
☐ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE	
☐ Yes	
☒ No	

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

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V66-14

SUBJECT: UFO (Mantua, Ohio)

ANALYST: Major Quintanilla PI: Lt Benson DATE: 22 Apr 66

- Both "images" fall into the same frame area.
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LLB

RLC

L&B RSC

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PTD (TDEW)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433
25 April 1966

Chief Gerald Bachert
Mantua Police Department
Mantua, Ohio 44855

Dear Chief Bachert,

The most probable cause of the object which you were trying to photograph was the planet Venus and this was the reason that you were unable to photograph it with your camera. In order to photograph Venus, you would have had to photograph it with a time exposure. This cannot be done with the type of camera you were using.

Thank you for your cooperation and your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,


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

Please send Mantua Police Dept
check for \$1.31 % a Made out
to Chief Gerald Buchert. 44255

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
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RAVENNA, OHIO

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May 2, 1966

Congressman William Stanton
11th Congressional District
New House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Bill,

When I recently served in Washington as the Congressman from the 11th District, I was often amazed at the number and variety of letters I would receive from certain of my constituents complaining about the action or inaction of various federal officials or employees.

However, as a result of recent events here in Portage County, I believe I now better understand why citizens write their Congressman when upset with certain federal personnel.

I am writing to complain about the attitude and actions of representatives of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Field in reference to reports of U F O sightings in Portage County. On April 17th at about 1:00 A. M. two deputies of the Portage County Sheriff's office, Dale Spaur and Wilbur Neff, and the Chief of Police of Mantua, Gerald Buchert, reported that they observed an object in the air over Portage County and the two deputies stated that they chased this object some 85 miles before they were forced to give up their pursuit.

Deputies Spaur and Neff said that they had a good look at the object and at times it was within 100 feet of them. Chief Buchert took a picture of what he saw from a greater distance.

Several police officers along the 85 mile route taken by the Portage County officers confirm their report.

It is my understanding that units of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Field are charged by the United States Air Force with the responsibility to investigate reports of Unidentified Flying Objects in this area.

It is my further understanding that their investigation of these sightings has merely consisted of telephone conversations with several of the eye witnesses and an examination of the photographs taken by Chief Buchert.

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Their conclusion that the object sighted was the planet Venus is so ridiculous that the United States Air Force has suffered a great loss of prestige in this community.

However, what bothers me most, as a private citizen and as a former U S Congressman, is that representatives of the United States Air Force charged with the responsibility of investigating U F O reports, have never personally seen to this county to interview the three eye witnesses to this happening. My conclusion is now far away and I am sure there are personnel available to conduct a thorough investigation.

I personally know the three officers involved. They are men of integrity and I feel it is grossly unfair to them for the Air Force to reach any conclusion in this matter until it has conducted a real and complete investigation.

As the Congressman from this District I sincerely urge you to insist that the Air Force immediately send investigators to Portage County to make such an on the spot investigation and to re-evaluate it's findings after such a visit.

Sincerely yours,


Robert E. Cook

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ENGINEERING SUPPORT WORK REQUEST

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ENGINEERING ANALYSIS

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PHOTO ANALYSIS

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MACHINE COMPUTATION

PPT NUMBER: A6010301

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: Request photo analysis as to what unidentified object is.
A rapid Analysis is needed due to widespread publicity.

MANTUA -

REFERENCE MATERIAL: One film strip. Request material be returned upon completion of analysis.

REQUESTED BY Maj H Quintanilla, Jr SYMBOL TNEW/1120 PHONE 70916/876678

I CERTIFY THAT THIS WORK IS AUTHORIZED BY ME AND THAT IT HAS THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY AND DEADLINE WITHIN MY DIVISION.

PRIORITY	22 Apr 66 DEADLINE DATE	SIGNATURE OF APPROVING DIVISION CHIEF	DATE
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ENGINEERING SUPPORT MONITOR _____ ASSISTANT _____

FINAL WORK TO BE IN FORM OF:

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ENGINEERING NOTE

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COMPUTATION

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PI REPORT

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PROGRAM

WORK REQUEST APPROVED BY: _____ DEADLINE DATE _____

PRIORITY NUMBER

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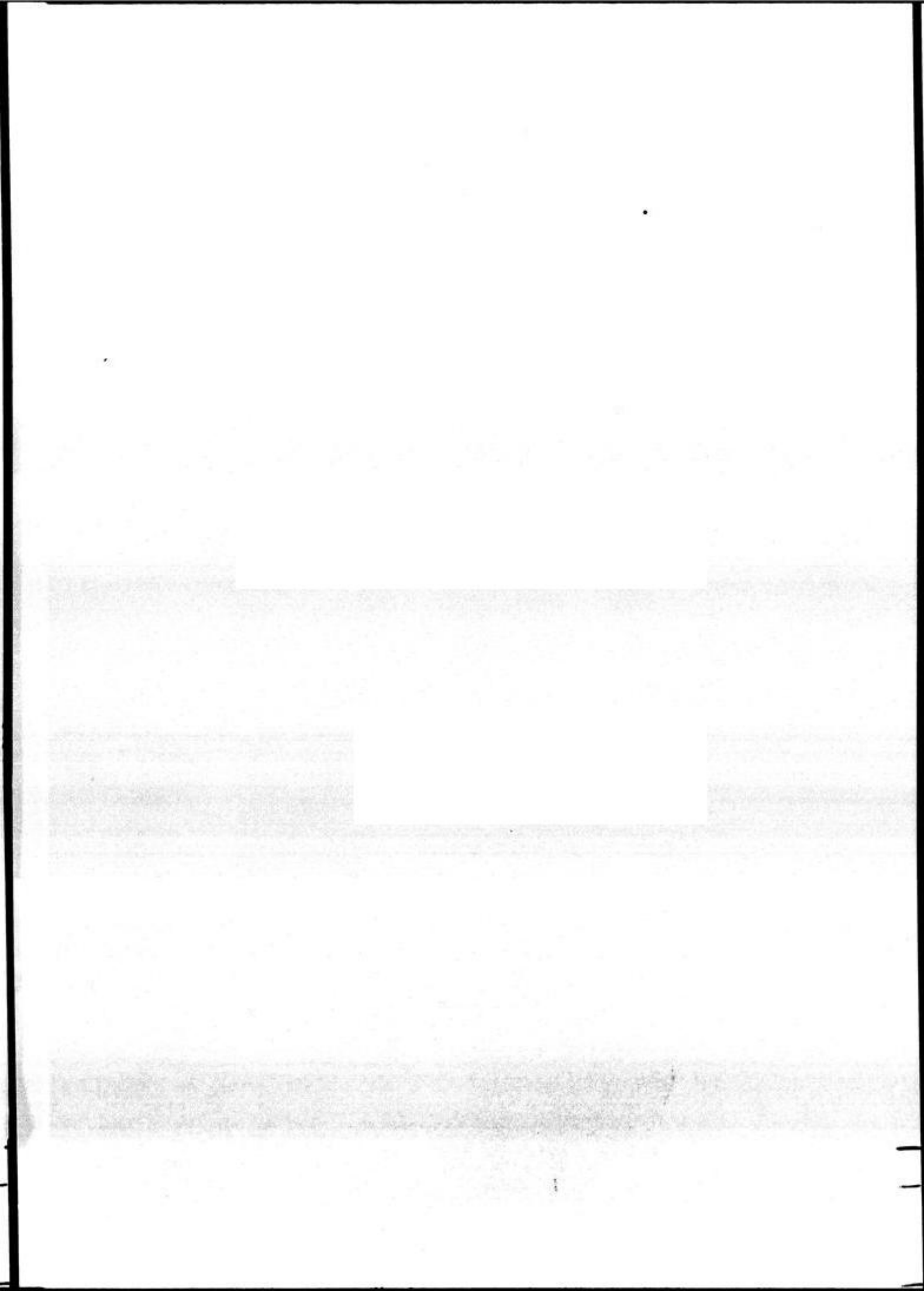
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WORK ORDER NUMBER



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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 911TH TROOP CARRIER GROUP, MEDIUM (RESERVE) (CONAC)
GREATER PITTSBURGH AIRPORT, PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA 15231

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: CSS-I

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting 17 Apr 66

18 APR 1966

TO: Foreign Technical Division
AFSC, Wright-Patterson AFB Ohio 45433

1. A report of a UFO was received from Mr. Dale F. Spaur, Badge #15, Portage County Sheriff's Office, Ravenna, Ohio., 17 Apr 66. Sighting between 0300 and 0600 hours. "First sighted in Ravenna, Ohio along Routes 224 - 44, followed object to Conway, Pa., for about 80 miles. Object seemed to be taking off from ground, oblong shaped, with antenna projecting from it. There were no colored lights only a very bright silvery radiance. Object flying about 500 feet over vehicle. It would show down in speed and then go very fast. The glow from object was so bright it blinded driver of vehicle. Object was flying due east. This was witnessed by people along the route between Ravenna, Ohio and Conway, Pa. There were three (3) men from sheriff's office and two (2) patrol cars that followed object along this route."

2. After the report was received a call was made to the Airport Tower at Greater Pittsburg Airport. Nothing had been picked up on radar at the airport. The Air National Guard, also located at Greater Pittsburgh Airport had been called but not by this organization. F-102's were not scrambled to follow the UFO.

3. Mr. Tom Schley, Beaver County Times, called 0815 hours 18 Apr 66 requesting info on UFO. He mentioned that a photo of the UFO had been taken. Local news media publicized the fact that a photo of the UFO had also been taken but was not being released by the sheriff's office but would be turned over to the Federal Government. Rochester Police and Conway Police were contacted by this office 18 Apr 66. No information concerning UFO was received. Any connection with sighting of UFO was denied.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Eugene F. Rehner
EUGENE F. REHNER
Information Officer

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Newsclippings

U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION

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1. When did you see the object? <u>Sunday</u> <u>April</u> <u>1966</u> Day Month Year <u>April 17</u>		2. Time of day. <u>5</u> <u>30</u> Hour Minutes (Circle One): <u>A.M.</u> or P.M.	
3. Time Zone. (Circle One): <u>a. Eastern</u> b. Central c. Mountain d. Pacific e. Other _____ (Circle One): a. Daylight Saving b. Standard			
4. Where were you when you saw the object? <u>1459 Jackson Rd.</u> <u>Vandalia, Ohio</u> <u>Montgomery</u> Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or County			
5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration) _____ <u>30</u> <u>4</u> Hours Minutes Seconds a. <u>Certain</u> c. Not very sure b. Fairly certain d. Just a guess 5.1 How was time in sight determined? <u>guessed</u> 5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes <u>X</u> No _____			
6. What was the condition of the sky? <u>Early morn at 5:30 A.M. and clear sky.</u> 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 d. To your left <u>The sun hadn't made its appearance as yet on this day.</u> b. In back of you e. Overhead c. To your right f. Don't remember			

8 IF you saw the object at NIGHT, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS (Circle One):

- a. None
- b. A few
- c. Many
- d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON (Circle One):

- a. Bright moonlight
- b. Dull moonlight
- c. No moonlight - pitch dark
- d. Don't remember

9. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

CLOUDS (Circle One):

- a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds

WEATHER (Circle One):

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

10. The object appeared: (Circle One).

- a. Solid
- b. Transparent
- c. Vapor
- d. As a light
- e. Don't remember

11. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? (Circle One).

- a. Brighter
- b. Dimmer
- c. About the same
- d. Don't know

11.1 Compare brightness to some common object:

12. The edges of the object were

- (Circle One):
- a. Fuzzy or blurred
 - b. Like a bright star
 - c. Sharply outlined
 - d. Don't remember

e. Other _____

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 |

14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how?

1. yes
2. I watched it till it faded out of sight.

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 There was no sound.
- b. Color Bright as a star.

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.

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 _____

23. Were you (Circle One)

- a. In the business section of a city?
- b. In the residential section of a city?
- ☒ c. In open countryside?
- d. Near an airfield?
- e. Flying over a city?
- f. Flying over open country?
- g. Other _____

24. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

24.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

- | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | c. East | e. South | g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

24.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

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

(Circle One) Yes ☐ No ☐

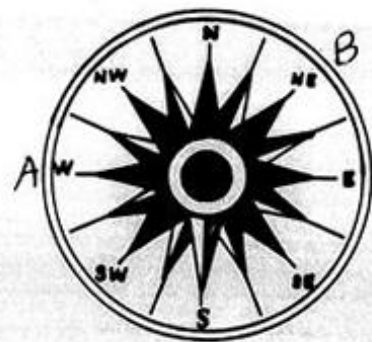
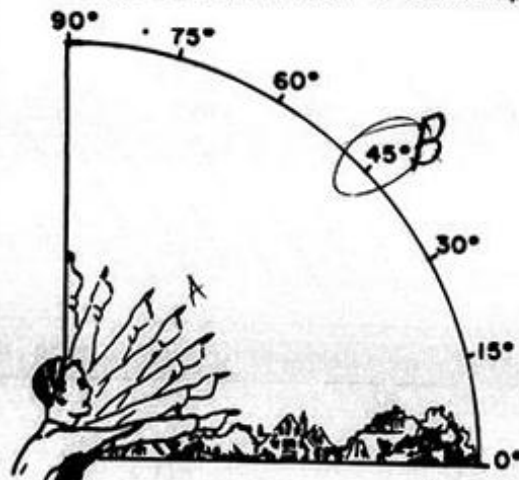
25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

- | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|----|----------------|-----|----|
| a. Eyeglasses | Yes | No | e. Binoculars | Yes | No |
| b. Sun glasses | Yes | No | f. Telescope | Yes | No |
| c. Windshield | Yes | No | g. Theodolite | Yes | No |
| d. Window glass | Yes | No | h. Other _____ | | |

26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

I saw this bright star like object in the west (direction) moving swiftly in a North-easterly (direction). The fact that it was moving so swiftly, this is what drew my attention.

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 where you *first* saw the object. Place a "B" on the compass where you *last* saw the object.



28. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.

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

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

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:

32. Please give the following information about yourself.

NAME OAKS Mary J.
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS 1459 Jackson Rd. - Vandalia Ohio
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER 898-4589 AGE 44 SEX F

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

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

17

Day

April

Month

1966

Year

1st. To my Husband
2. W L W D-TV Station
3. Wright-Patterson AFB

34. Date you completed this questionnaire.

23

Day

April

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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.

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1. When did you see the object?

17 April 1966
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 05 04
Hour Minutes

(Circle One). (A.M.) or P.M.

3. Time Zone:

(Circle One): a. Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other

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

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

Nearest Postal Address

City or Town

State or County

Martins Ohio (Portage County)

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

— 10 —
Hours Minutes Seconds

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined?

Guess

5.2 Was object in sight continuously?

Yes ☒ No ☐

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY
a. Bright
b. Cloudy

NIGHT ☒
a. Bright
b. Cloudy

Cloudless

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One): a. In front of you
b. In back of you
c. To your right

d. To your left
e. Overhead
f. Don't remember

8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

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- a. None
- b. A few
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9. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

CLOUDS (Circle One):

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- 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

Very Bright White

11. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? (Circle One):

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- d. Don't know

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No Stars

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 - d. Don't remember

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Wp & down L & R

14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how?

Don't know (turned back to go on)

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: _____

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Very little

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, provisions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

Sphere (still)

plate (moving)



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Still

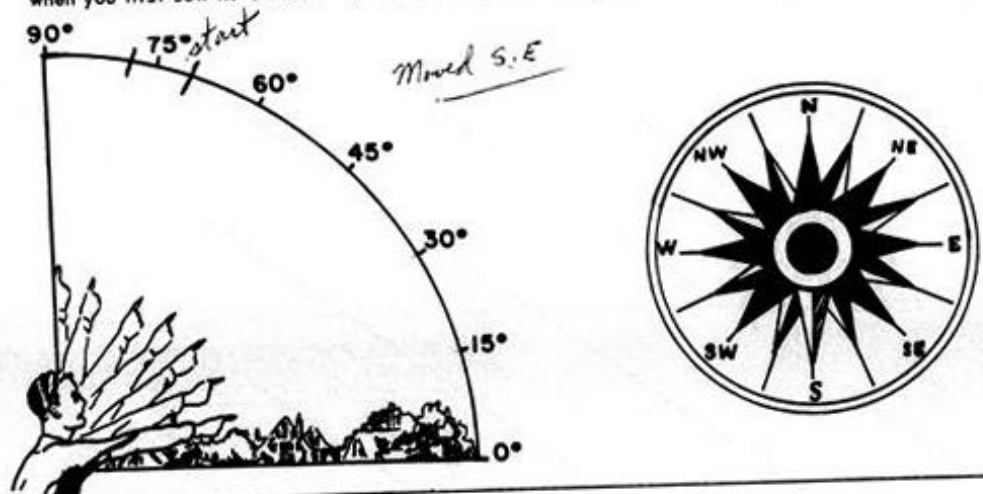
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Yes

No

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Yes

No

31.2 Please list their names and addresses:

G.F.

4487 Orchard St
Mantua
Box 265

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME	<u>Buchert</u>	<u>Joan</u>	<u>Irene</u>
	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
ADDRESS	<u>4487 Orchard</u>	<u>Mantua</u>	<u>Ohio</u>
	Street	City	Zone State
TELEPHONE NUMBER	<u>274 2077</u>	AGE	SEX <u>M</u>

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

Chief of Police
Has picture of "object"

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

Keyhole's Outfit?

17 April 66
Day Month Year

34. Date you completed this questionnaire

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4. Where were you when you saw the object? <u>St At 224</u> <u>Atwater</u> <u>Butte County</u> Nearest Postal Address City or Town State & County			
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- b. Dimmer
- c. About the same
- d. Don't know

11.1 Compare brightness to some common object:

12. The edges of the object were:

- (Circle One):
- a. Fuzzy or blurred
 - b. Like a bright star
 - ☒ c. Sharply outlined
 - d. Don't remember

e. Other _____

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 |

14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? *no*

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: *a hill while we were on route 51 about 1/2 to 1 mile east of Rochester Pa*

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 *a small humming sound*

b. Color *Bright white or Silver maybe even blue*

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?

to hold a match stick at arms length it would of covered the whole match & your hand or fist also

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.



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? 103 miles per hour ground speed

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? 150' to 200'

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 in the car

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? 103 miles per hour.

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

(Circle One)

☒ Yes

No

25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

a. Eyeglasses

Yes

No

e. Binoculars

Yes

No

b. Sun glasses

Yes

No

f. Telescope

Yes

No

☒ c. Windshield

Yes

No

g. Theodolite

Yes

No

d. Window glass

Yes

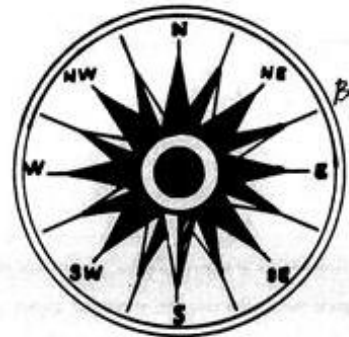
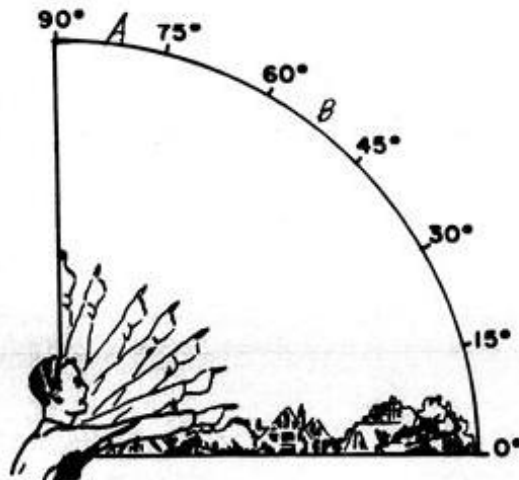
No

h. Other

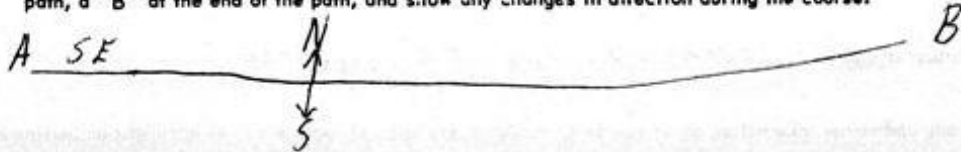
26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

I never seen any thing like it before

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



28. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.



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

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

no

31. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object? (Circle One)

☒ Yes

No

31.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too? (Circle One)

☒ Yes

No

31.2 Please list their names and addresses:

D. F. Spaur Sheriff's office

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME *Neff* *Wilber* *Louis*
Last Name First Name Middle Name
 ADDRESS *8693 St Rt 14* *Shuttsboro* *Ohio*
Street City Zone State
 TELEPHONE NUMBER *626 4507* AGE *26* SEX *M*

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

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

16 *April* *66*
Day Month Year

Sgt Shoemfelt

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

10 May 66
Day Month 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.

The vehicle or? substance it was
could maneuver up/down sideways or straight
ahead. It also could hover in one spot
or it seemed like could. Depends on the angle
in which you were looking at it.

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?

17 April 66
Day Month Year2. Time of day: 5:04
Hour Minute

(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?

St. Ber. 224
Nearest Postal AddressArwata
City or TownPortage
State or Country

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

1 Hour 35 Minutes 2 Seconds

(a. Certain)

(b. Fairly certain)

(c. Not very sure)

(d. Just a guess)

5.1 How was time in sight determined? IF CAME AGAIN OVER OUR CAR & STOPPED.

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes X No

6. What was the condition of the sky?

(a. Bright)

(b. Cloudy)

(c. Night)

(d. Cloudy)

7. If you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One): a. In front of you

b. In BACK of you

c. To your right

d. To your left

e. Overhead

f. Don't remember

8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS (Circle One):

- a. None
- b. A few
- c. Many
- d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON (Circle One):

- a. Bright moonlight
- ☒ b. Dull moonlight
- c. No moonlight - pitch dark
- d. Don't remember

9. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

CLOUDS (Circle One):

- ☒ a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds

WEATHER (Circle One):

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

10. The object appeared: (Circle One):

- ☒ a. Solid
- b. Transparent
- c. Vapor
- ☒ d. As a light
- e. Don't remember

11. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? (Circle One):

- ☒ a. Brighter
- b. Dimmer
- c. About the same
- d. Don't know

11.1 Compare brightness to some common object:

A Northern Star.

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 |

14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? *NO*

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:

yes about 20-25 minutes going into Bagchiter pass it Stopped and waited for us.

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 *Just a humming sound.*

b. Color *Blue white + silver?*

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?

This object was 35 to 50 feet across and about 15-20 feet high

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.



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? 103 Ground Speed,

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? No more than 150'

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 And in the Car.

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? 103' miles per hour.

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

(Circle One) Yes No in Country Pa.

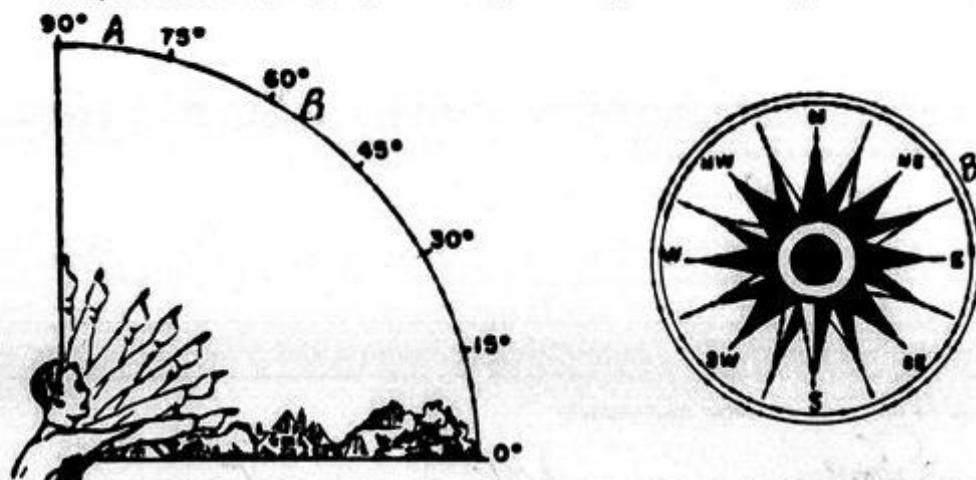
25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

- | | | | | | |
|----------------------|------------|----|----------------|-----|----|
| a. Eyeglasses | Yes | No | e. Binoculars | Yes | No |
| b. Sun glasses | Yes | No | f. Telescope | Yes | No |
| <u>c. Windshield</u> | <u>Yes</u> | No | g. Theodolite | Yes | No |
| d. Window glass | Yes | No | h. Other _____ | | |

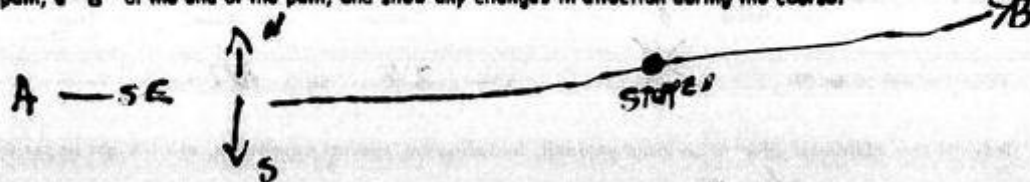
26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

I've never seen any thing like this in my life.

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



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Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

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

No

31. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object? (Circle One)

☒ Yes

No

31.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too? (Circle One)

☒ Yes

No

31.2 Please list their names and addresses:

W. L. NEFF SHERIFF'S OFFICE

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME *Spahr* *Dale* *F.*
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS *3022 Douglas* *Ravenna* *Ohio*
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER *X* AGE *34* SEX *M.*

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

None.

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

16 *April* *66* *Sgt. Schaewfelt,*
Day Month Year

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

10

Day

May

Month

66

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.

THIS VEHICLE? was able to move up & down or to the right or left. Could stop & start any time. there was only one thing sticking out and I thought it to be a radio antenna. and it seemed to be Silver. The Light would get brighter as it went higher.

Memo for the Record:

19 Apr 66

Subj: Radar Report for 17 Apr 66, 0530 - 0615

Conversation with Oakdale, Pennsylvania, 662d Radar Sq (SAGE),
Allegheny County, area code 412, 276-5800. ^{11:11} Lt Parkett in charge.
There was nothing on radar on 17 April 1966 between 0530 and 0615.
NEGATIVE.

CONVERSATION WITH COLONEL HENDRICKS, YOUNGSTOWN RESERVE 18 Apr 66.

We have been erroneously quoted by the AP, also have been falsely quoted. Have had no contact with the news media. In the initial release of a plane being too fast or too slow, nothing. I have attempted this morning to find out who in the organization may have had contact. Could find no one. News media had called last night and were informed that they had no information. Spoke with the writer of the Cleveland Plain Dealer (Bloomfield) who claims the Air Force planes were too fast. He doesn't know where the info came from. They are quering the AP wires. Youngstown did not have any aircraft airborne. Major asked him if there were any other units close. Air Force information flight in Cleveland. Gave him Sara's number in Washington to call so she could inform the Colonel up there and so she could squelch the news that they had a/c aloft, when actually they did not.

UFO REPORT RECEIVED OVER TELEPHONE FROM GREATER PITTSBURGH, AIRPORT, 18 Apr 66

Sheriff Spaur, Ravenna, Ohio, spotted object 0300-0600, 17 Apr 66. First sighted in Ravenna along Route 224 and 44, followed object to Conway for about 80 miles. Object seemed to take off from ground, oblong, shaped with antenna projecting from it. There were no colored lights only a very bright silvery radiance, object flying 500 feet over vehicle. It would slow down and speed up and then go very fast. The glow was so bright it blinded the driver of the vehicle. Object going due East. Witnessed by people from Ravenna and Conway. Three more from Sheriff's office. Two cars followed object along this route. Dep Sheriff Dale F. Spaur, was observer. Pittsburgh didn't send up any aircraft. Have flying box cars 119, is all they have. Air National Guard was contacted to scramble their 102's but they didn't since nothing showed up on radar. The 102's were not scrambled. They belong to the Air National Guard. The release on the sighting was broke from the Sheriff's office at East Palestine, Ohio and Conway, Pa. He has tried to contact the police at Conway and Rochester, Pa. They refuse to give the AF any information. Pittsburgh did not release anything to the press. To his knowledge the Air National Guard did not release any information. The responsibility is the Air Force's so they take it. Air National Guard Number is area code 412 264-3380, Colonel Philippe. Pittsburg will call us if they have more info (Eugene Reher)

WIND DATA for the Northeastern Ohio Area 17 April 1966

<u>ALTITUDE</u>	<u>DIRECTION</u>	<u>SPEED</u>
2,000	120	15
5,000	LV	10
8,000	280	12
10,000	290	12
14,000	330	10
20,000	330	25
25,000	320	45
30,000	320	45
35,000	310	50
40,000	300	45
50,000	290	30

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Congressman Stanton Miss Kasrobi 202-225-5306

D.C.

17 April Sighting North-Eastern Ohio

Detailed phone testimony from Chief of Police Gerald F. Buchert Mantua
Written statement from Gerald Buchert.....quite complete.

Photographs from Buchert:

Bkgn density 1.25 image 1.06 processing defects...old fogged film
poorly handled in developing.

Deputy Sheriff Dale Spaur Ravenna

Testimony complete satellite sighting/ saw Venus

8 other phone calls

Radar report 662 Radar Sq. negative.

Both Buchert and Spaur gave excellent testimony over phone.

I doubt much more can be gained by personal interview..

*Indicated Traffic looks
in 1st and 2nd car.*

Calls of 18 Apr 66 on Northeastern Ohio & Pennsylvania Sighting of 17 Apr 66.

Associated Press, Columbus, Ohio (0815) We have not received a report from Northeastern Ohio as yet, therefore, we could make no comment.

Joe Collier, Maine - 3- 1111, Cleveland Press - Informed us that two deputies Sheriffs, from Portage County also observed object. Deputy Sheriff W. L. Neff of Ravenna, Ohio area code 216. Followed object to Pittsburg. Also said Buchert is holding a picture subject to request by Air Force that it not be shown. Major explained that all were interested in is the original negative and he can do whatever he wants to do with them. Understood that the Air Force at Youngstown Reserve at Vienna sent up planes.

Koch
Mr Tom/Geek, WHIO News - I have no information on the sighting as yet. I have a call into Mr Neff and one to Mr Buchard. Wanted to know if anyone from W-P be coming into Portage County. As of right now I don't no until I get some detailed information. Phones 253-7101 Main Number ~~WHIO~~ for WHIO, private number of newsroom 253-2716, area code 216. Tom Koch

Don Oliver, NBC News - Have no information as yet.

WKLN News - No information as yet. We had not been able to get in contact with the witnesses as yet.

CALLS OF 19 APRIL 1966

Record Courier, Ravenna, Ohio, Carol Clap. Do not plan to send anyone to the area. We will examine the film after its received. We have received information from Spaur on the telephone. Its impossible to recreate the scene.

JACK JONES, DAYTON DAILY NEWS. Gave him same info as above

WHIO NEWS AKRON - same info as above.

PHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH BILL POWERS AT NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY,
18 APRIL 1966.

Bill Powers made some phone calls. Called Portage County. Spaur & Neff were in conference. On state route 14 noticed a lighted object going down behind woods. While they were out of squad car. Stopped over the car. Bright enough, it was like daylight. Called the home radio base in Ravenna. Asked them what to do. Told him to keep calm and keep it under observation. When it took down highway they followed. He didn't get any pictures. Followed it, in radio contact with home base. They clocked it for 10 miles, they were driving 83-84 mph. Got near East Palestine, contacted a man in Police, Wayne Houston. It very high speeds. Lost it going across river and finally stopped at Conway. On route 14, almost all the way, into the rear of Elacrips. Went until Conway. Another Police car and somebody was watching the object. He turned around and went back home. Houston heard the radio contacts going on and was listening, getting within 10 miles established contact. He didn't see until they were five miles away. It was traveling down going SE. He got his car and joined it and described. "Top traveling sideways". Very bright with no special lights. No markings, no turning,. As they went into Rochester, thought they saw an antenna. Powers thought we should send someone down to get the right directions. Thought one critical point was when Houston first saw the object. Saw it come over the trees, only five miles. /There is some confusion getting near dawn. By getting over Pennsylvania. They probably started out with a real object, they actually lost it and then saw Venus. All they would see was tiny bright light in sky. None

REPORT BY TELEPHONE CONVERSATION 18 Apr 66

POLICEMAN GERALD BUCHERT, MANTUA OHIO AREA CODE 215, phone 274-2251

He had called Lt Weisinger, FID Duty Officer on 17 Apr 66. I have several prints and negative. The Lt said not to release them. Major explained that he was free to release them or do whatever he wished to do with them. He said the Lt didn't exactly say not to release them but said to hold onto them. Major explained to him that we would like to have the negatives so that we could blow them up. Said he would send them registered mail and asked that we send him a letter stating that we got them. Major explained that he was the officer in charge of the project. Buchert said he wasn't too sure how he should go about reporting his observation. Had a Leica lens, with fixed lens at 1A. No speed, 127 Black and White, thought it was Ansco film. Observed object for 15-20 minutes. It was stopped, didn't appear to be moving, when it did move then went up and down and went back to its same position, left to the right, like it was tilting, went on, on state route 64. The pictures were taken in front of my farm. Major explained that he could do whatever he wanted to do with the film as far as releasing goes, he could even sell them. Buchert said he would feel kind of silly. He would send them to us registered mail along with \$1 his police report. Said it wasn't a star, plane or balloon looks like two saucers in prints. One object. Major told him we would send him an official report.

REPORT BY TELEPHONE CONVERSATION 15 APRIL 1966

SHERIFF SPURR, SAVANNA OHIO.

0506 when I got back from my cruiser. I was checking an abandoned vehicle on 224, very bright light, first attracted. Came from West in an eastern direction passed over us to the North side of the highway. I believe there was a partial moon due East of us. There was one other object like a star, right of the moon on South of moon at 3 o'clock. The only shape was the roundness of it, imperfect circle, egg shaped, almost like oblong but not real oblong. So bright that we couldn't look directly at it. It came out of a deep wooded area. Came from the West towards us. We just disregarded it at first. Just a routine patrol. Partner he also observed it. He was to the right of the car. Thought someone might come walking out of the woods. Waited to make sure no one was walking behind us. Very low on the horizon. Another car was watching it from two roads above it. It was not more than 150 feet over the one area. Didn't have a red light. No wind. When it came over us it lighted the whole area. The ground was lighted by this object. Like looking at an welder, blue-white light. The only sound heard was a humming sound like a power transformer, no thrust like from a jet. No sudden surge of power. It went to the north side of the road. Angled slightly bottom came across 224 on the south side of road, started going East. Slow movement. We ran back and had a camera. Kept under surveillance till it could be possibly photographed. Those were our instructions after we had called in. The Mantua Police had photographed the object. We have a copy from Mantua. Major Quintanilla explained

Memo for the Record

Monday, 18 April 66, Aiman Elmer placed a call to Sulpher Grove to find out the general wind directions in the eastern ohio area. Winds were westerly from the surface up. They launced a weather balloon at 0030 and it would not have been the cause of the sighting.

The wind data (Surface up to 50,000 feet) was obtained from Major Smith.

On 18 April 66 the following ~~XXXXXX~~ agency's were called to find out if a ballon was in the area at the time of the sighting.

National Center For Atmospheric Research (NCAR)
Boulder, Colorado
Dr. Alvin Morris (AC 303) 443-1960 ext. 502

Negative

Balloon Control Center
Holloman AFB, New Mexico
Robert Slaven Autovon 553-1360
Negative Suggested 4th Weather Group at Goodfellow

4th Weather Group
Goodfellow AFB, San Angelo, Texas
Autovon 733-1640
Negative

Office of Naval Research (ONR)
Henry Demboski Direct 86-64723
Negative - No launches of balloons at Churchill, Canada.

Weather Bureau, Akron, Ohio
216/896-1311

Negative - They dont launch balloons.

Youngstown, Ohio launches a balloon every 6 hours
Columbus, Ohio also launches a balloon every 6 hours
They would not be the cause of the sighting.
No other known balloon launches in the area.

Memo for the Record

Call made to Holloman AFB, New Mexico (29 Apr 66) Autovon 553-1360 ext. 4421.

Airman Elmer stated that he had heard that a balloon came down near Washington Court House, Ohio on the 19th. Heard that it was ~~x~~ classified in nature and that they had been launching these balloons for the past month. ~~WXX~~ Wanted to know if it was at all possible that one of these balloons were in the area on 17 April. The balloon that came down on the 19th was confirmed and was one of theirs but it was not in the area on the 17th. They launched one on the 14th but it was down on the 17th.

The following agencies were called by airman Elmer to find out if one of the satellites Echo I,II ; Pegasus I,II,III. would be visible in the area at the time of the sighting on 17 April 66.

Smithsonian Astrophysics Laboratory
Boston, Mass.

Mr. James Cornell -- Public Information
AC 617 Un4-47910 ext. 463

They only track and plot the Echo satellites and only for east coast ~~xxxxxx~~ cities. Did not think an Echo satellite would have been visible in Ohio at the time of the sighting.

Marshall Space Flight Center
Huntsville, Alabama

Mr. Edward Buckdie AC 205 876-0210

~~XX~~

Used to track the Pegasus satellites but they don't keep track of them anymore.

Goddard Space Flight Center.

Mr Mike Harloff Washington DC 134-5566

Definitely not ECHOI or ECHOII they were over the southern hemisphere at the time of the sighting. Don't track the Pegasus satellites.

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NORTHEASTERN, OHIO

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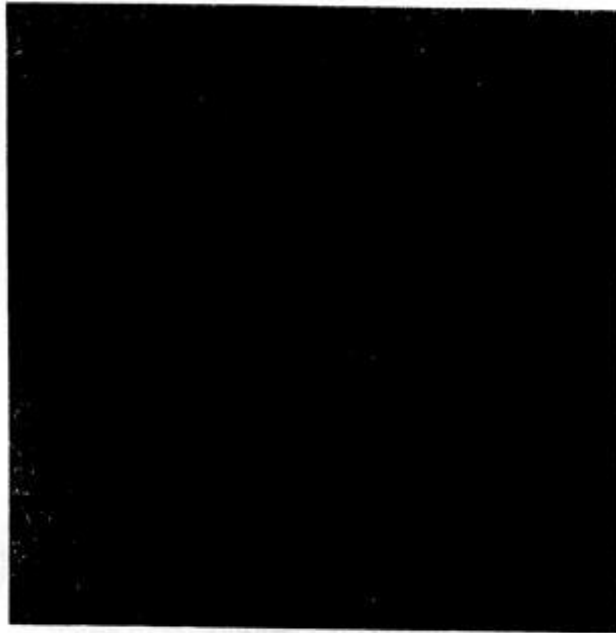
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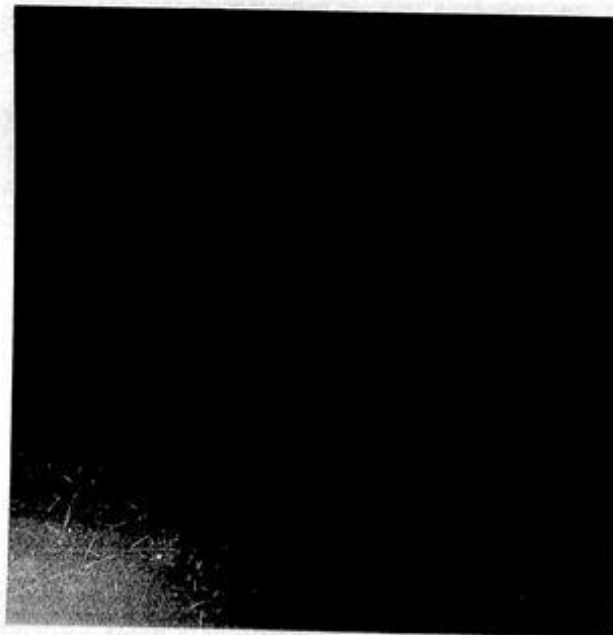
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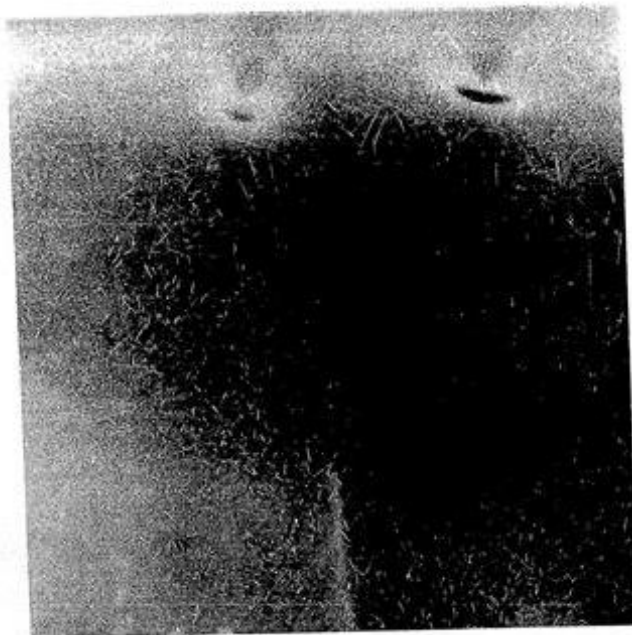


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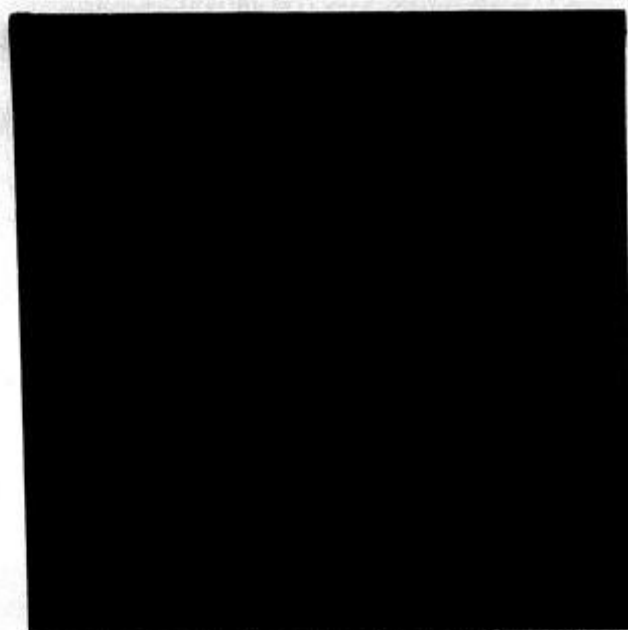
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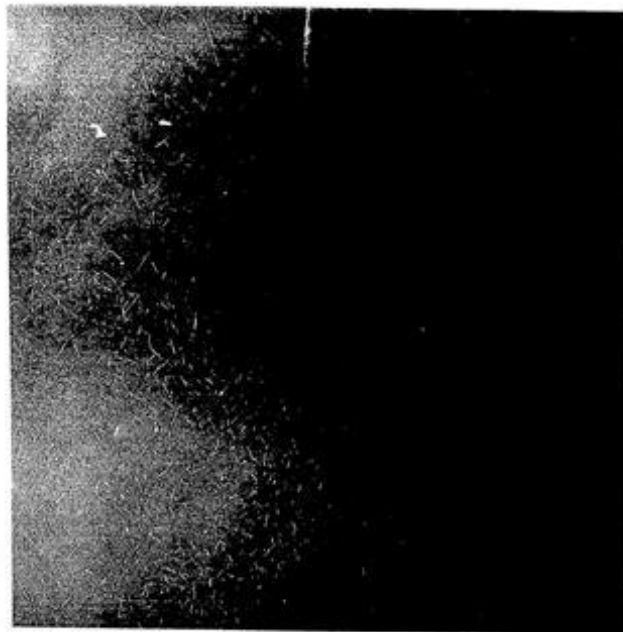
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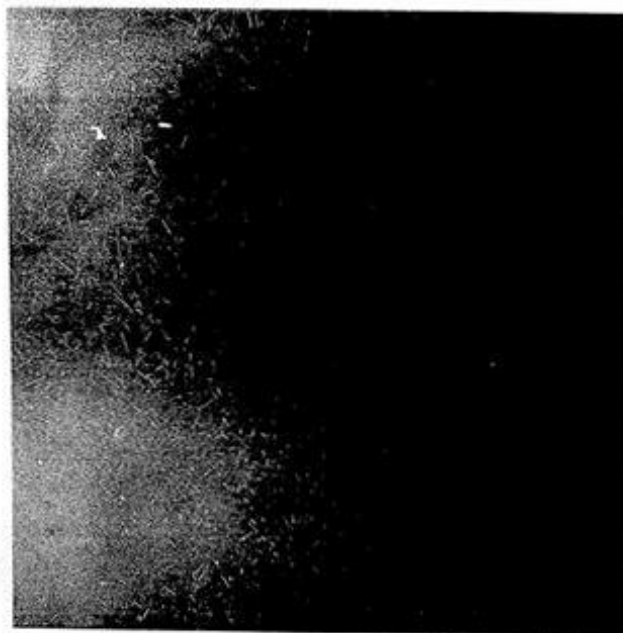
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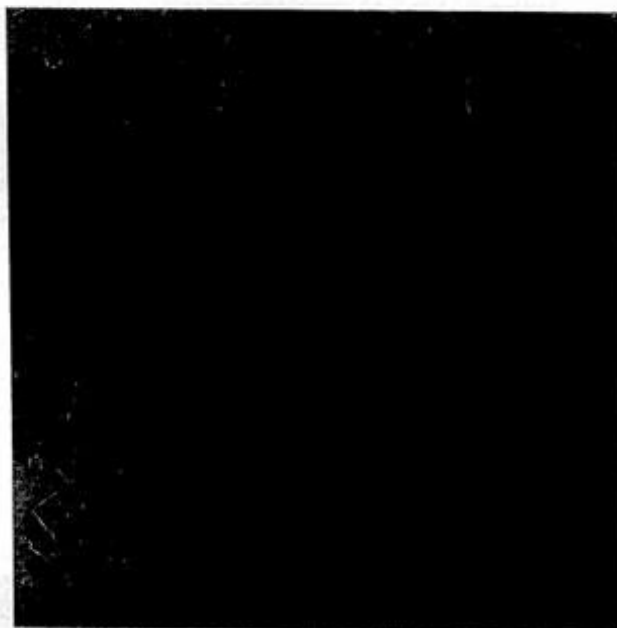
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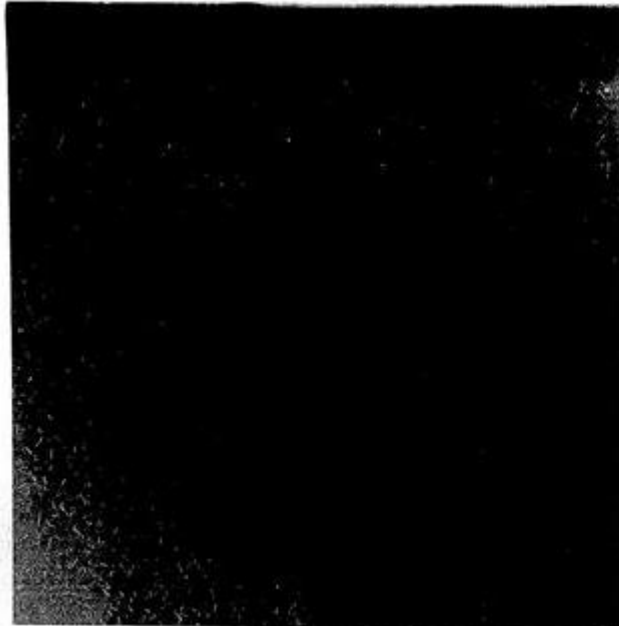
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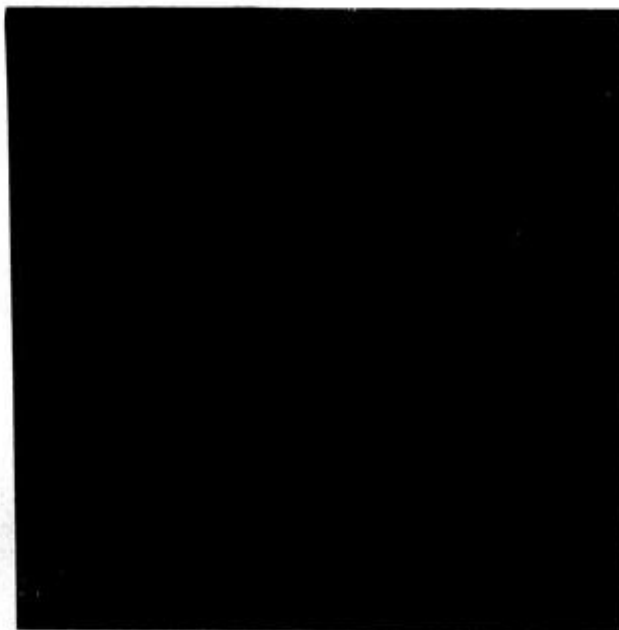
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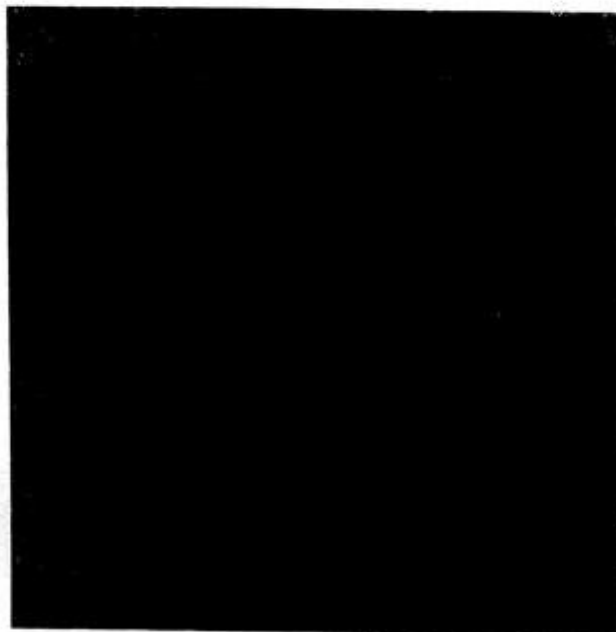
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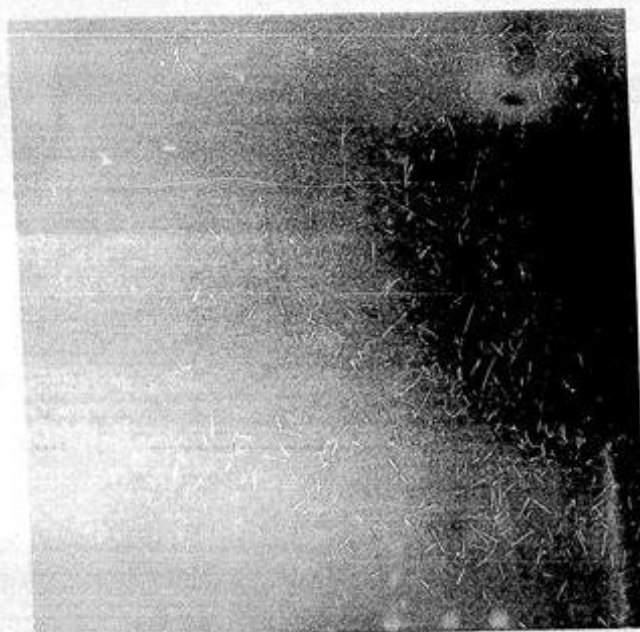
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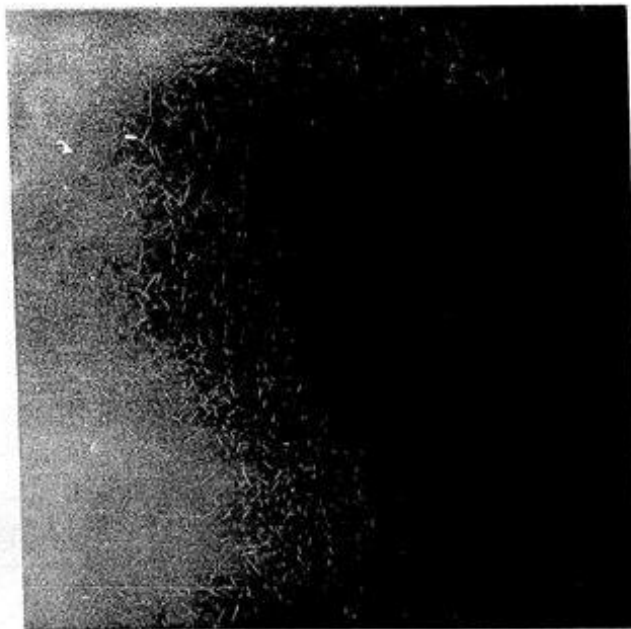
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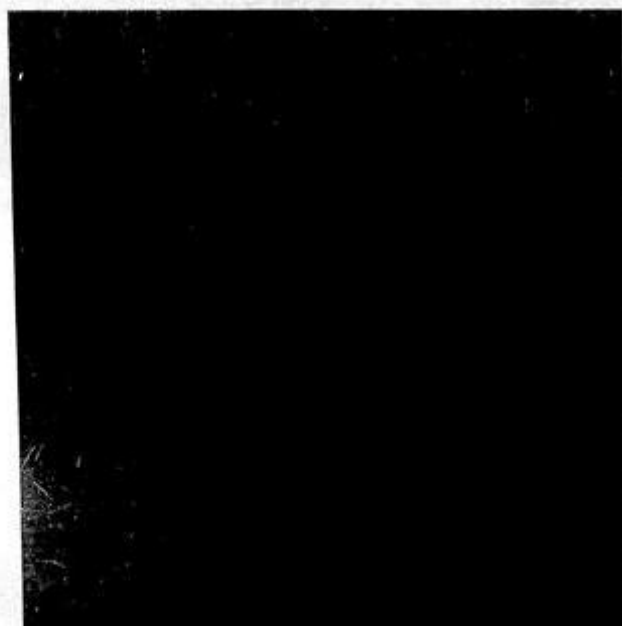
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UFO Near Reading

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lebo said the object emitted no sounds but changed colors from bright yellow to red and blue. Lebo said he called his three sons to the window and they watched the object through a small telescope. They said it rose slowly until it was high in the sky and appeared like a morning star before it vanished in the sunrise.

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DARK OBJECT SAID TO BE PICTURE OF UFO NEAR RAVENNA
Mantua Police Chief Took Shot While Following Object—UPI

POLICE CHIEF SAW IT

This Saucer Had Large Red Light

BENTON HARBOR, Mich., Apr. 20—(UPI)—Police Chief Merle McCarroll said Monday he and his wife watched a silent flying object with a "large red dome light" from their home Saturday night.

His report followed that of other Benton Harbor residents who said they saw a strange flying object during the week end.

"WE WERE LOOKING out the front window and my wife asked, 'look at that large airplane and how low it is,'" McCarroll said. "I looked and I said, 'that's not an airplane.'"

"Then we went out the front door where we could get a better view. It was floating along but there was no noise, no sound at all.

"It was very, low, probably 100-150 feet off the ground. It disappeared behind the buildings and trees and we couldn't see it any longer.

"IT DEFINITELY wasn't an airplane. It did have a large red dome light on it that was blinking, and other lights around it. We couldn't determine just exactly the shape of it."

Two girls at Lake Michigan beach, a Benton Harbor suburb, reported a similar sighting Saturday night.

Rome Daily Sentinel - 18 Apr 66

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6800) FLYING OBJECT

WASHINGTON, APRIL 22 (AP)-THE AIR FORCE SAID TODAY A OBJECT IN THE SKY WHICH AN OHIO DEPUTY SHERIFF SAID HE CHASED AT HIGH SPEED ON THE GROUND PROBABLY WAS THE PLANET VENUS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE AIR FORCE SAID THAT A TWIN OBJECT REPORTEDLY PHOTOGRAPHED BY ANOTHER LAW OFFICER IN OHIO ON THE SAME DAY PROBABLY APPEARED ON FILM AS TWO IMAGES BECAUSE OF "PROCESSING DEFECTS" IN DEVELOPING THE PICTURES.

LAST SUNDAY, DEPUTY SHERIFF DALE F. SPAUR OF RAVENNA, OHIO, REPORTED THAT HE AND HIS PARTNER CHASED AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT FOR AN HOUR AND A HALF.

SPAUR SAID THAT FROM THE GROUND THE OBJECT LOOKED LIKE THE HEAD OF A FLASHLIGHT, THAT ITS LINES WERE VERY DISTINCT, AND THAT "SOMEBODY HAD CONTROL OVER IT."

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BUCHERT SAID THE AIR FORCE TOLD HIM NOT TO RELEASE THE PICTURE, BUT THE AIR FORCE DENIED THIS.

COMMENTING ON BUCHERT'S CLAIM, THE AIR FORCE SAID THAT: "PHOTOANALYSIS OF THE NEGATIVE...INDICATES THAT THE 'VERY BRIGHT LIGHT' WHICH HE TRIED TO PHOTOGRAPH DOES NOT APPEAR AS AN IMAGE.

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HUNDREDS OF PERSONS IN BOTH OHIO AND PENNSYLVANIA REPORTED SEEING A "BRILLIANT AND SHINY" OBJECT IN THE SKY EARLY SUNDAY MORNING.

THE AIR FORCE DID NOT COMMENT ON THIS.

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Utica Observer-Dispatch - 18 Apr 66

Flying Saucer Chased By Law for 86 Miles

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Spokesman for Project Bluebook, the Air Force UFO headquarters at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, said the base's officer of the day made the request to Buchert. The spokesman also said no picture or report had reached the Bluebook office yet.

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OBJECT DISAPPEARS NEAR CONWAY

UFO Chased Into County

By TOM SCHLEY
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An 86-mile high-speed chase after an unidentified flying object (UFO) ended in Conway Sunday morning nearly an hour after it began in Ohio.

Conway Patrolman Frank Panzanella said he saw what prompted two sheriff's deputies and a policeman from Ohio to drive at speeds, 80 to 105 miles per hour in pursuit of the "flying saucer."

The two deputies, from Portage County, Ohio, Dale Spaur and W. L. Neff, began the chase shortly after 5 a.m. on Ohio Route 224 near Atwater, south of Akron and southeast of Ravenna, the Portage County seat.

At about the same time, Police Chief Gerald Buchert of Mansua, Ohio, snapped a photo of the object from some distance while he and his wife stood in their front yard about 10 miles north of Ravenna.

Spaur and Neff, on instructions, pursued the brightly lighted object down Ohio Route 14. They were joined at East Palestine by Patrolman Wayne Huston of that city in another police cruiser.

The two cars sped on into Pennsylvania, down Route 31 to Rochester and then on Route 65 to Conway. At Conway they spotted Panzanella in his parked cruiser at a service station. They stopped there since Spaur

was running low on gas. He also had burned a new set of tires, bald from the high speed chase.

The three Ohio men asked Panzanella if he had seen the object and he pointed it out to them. He had seen it a few minutes earlier from the top of 11th Street hill but hadn't thought much about it at that time.

Panzanella told the TIMES (Please Turn to Page 4, Col. 3)

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that when he first saw the brightly lighted object, he thought it was a reflection from the rising sun off an airplane. He came off the hill and spotted the object again just before the Ohio men arrived. He called a Rochester radio Pittsburgh Airport contacted, and the four men waited for about 20 minutes as the object rose "straight up" until it was fairly high.

Spaur and Fawcett both said they had heard that the Air Force had sent jets up after the object. There were reports that jet trainers from Pittsburgh were sent up but the object, traveling about 100 miles per hour, was moving too slowly for them to stay with it.

A Federal Aviation Agency official at Greater Pittsburgh Airport said the object wasn't spotted on radar nor were there any planes in the area where the object was sighted at that time.

The four men viewing from Conway said a plane that apparently took off from the airport passed right through the area below the unidentified object they were watching.

Air Force personnel at the airport would make no statement about the sighting other than to say that officials at Wright Field, Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, had been notified. Officials of the Air Force Investigations of UFO's are based from Wright Field.

SPARK, 33, a former Air Force gunner, told the TIMES Sunday that he and Huff were checking an abandoned car when they spotted a strange light through the trees. He said the object came over the levee along the highway and directly over their parked car, about 100 feet above them.

He said the bottom of the object was very brightly lighted and the light from the bottom gave the appearance of a cone shape. It dipped on the area around the car the daylight and they could not look down when it was shining on them, he said.

Spaur said the object had no apparent effect on him, Huff or on the car. It was about 10 feet in air last night and about 18 to 24 feet high, he said.

Spaur said he became frightened and he and Huff ran for the car. He reported the sighting to police headquarters in Ravenna and was told to keep the object under surveillance as long as possible.

Thus the chase begins.

MEANSFIELD, Chief Borcherdt is Mantua had monitored a report to Portage County Sheriff's Office in Akron about a strange light that had been spotted.

Borcherdt was in Main Street in Mantua when he first spotted the object overhead. He said it looked like two saucers with their rims placed together and the bottoms facing out.

So, said it was very brilliant and a bright white or silver with no coloring of any kind. He reported it to the Portage sheriff's office and said Spaur reported it shortly after that.

Borcherdt was home and asleep when the wife to chase but the object, it had moved off to some distance and Borcherdt used an expensive camera from the police department to shoot three pictures of the object. He told the TIMES that only one of the three exposures turned out.

He planned not to release the picture to anyone until after he conferred with government officials.

An enlargement of the photograph definitely shows one object which Borcherdt said was the same and a dark one shaped object surrounded by a ring of light to the right of the main.

THE ONLY name Spaur heard that might have come from the object was when it was first spotted. He said he heard a faint, steady humming noise, familiar to an electrical transformer.

He said thought through the chase was to remain as calm as possible and do everything he could to verify the sighting and get a description of it.

He said this included keeping it in sight as the sun rose so as to have used it in both darkness and daylight.

Spaur said the object didn't make any attempt to get away and it followed the main highway almost as "if I knew it."

Deputy Robert Spaur, the radio operator at Ravenna, said the object was reported by at least six or seven other police departments in Ohio.

He said the TIMES he was in radio contact with Spaur and he first spotted the object near Mantua when Spaur was still about five miles away.

He said he looked down and saw the object was about 100 to 150 feet in the air and remained directly ahead of them.

Spaur said that both vehicles checked the speed of the object at 100 miles per hour. Spaur had his headquarters telephone, Pennsylvania State Police at Chagrin Falls, about the chase, but none of the state police cars were close to it at the time.

He said that they lost sight of the object near the entrance to Ravenna East Park where trucks stopped at the water light turned them to show up.

They continued through Park, and just after passing the P.A. Railroad underpass in Ravenna, they again spotted the object in the direction of Rochester. At Rochester it was directly ahead of them again.

Spaur said the object, as it seemed to wait for them to get through the bridge at Rochester and back onto the road beyond, it continued in the regular speed.

Spaur said the object definitely was controlled because it could change speed, and gain or lose altitude. "When it wants to go up, it doesn't stay around," he said. "When it wants to go down, it doesn't stay around."

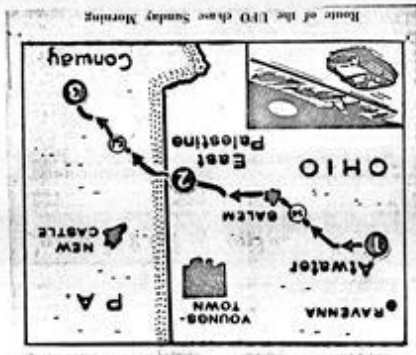
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Air Force personnel were expected in Ravenna today to investigate the sighting and to look at Borcherdt's photograph.



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He's Sure Negative's Positive Chief Saw the Saucer And Got the Picture

By ROBERT FROVIE
Post-Gazette Staff Writer

While hundreds of Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio residents gawked at this area's first flying saucer early Sunday morning, Police Chief Gerald Buchert of Mantua, Ohio, did something beautifully simple.

He took a picture.

When the picture was developed, there it was.

"Well," said Mrs. Buchert to the Post-Gazette yesterday, "it looked like a... saucer."

One feels a little silly saying things like that in the day-time, with the sun shining.

But it was different at 5 a. m. Sunday when Chief Buchert dragged her out of bed and they watched the bright object maneuver its way across the sky.

While they were watching, (Cont'd on Page 19, Column 1)

Saw Saucer, Got a Shot

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worth 10 thousand words, and anyone who tries to put together a rational description of the saucer from the eyewitness reports had better believe it.

►Patrolman Muehlen: "It looked like a partially melted ice-cream cone — a wedge-shaped affair with the pointy part down... What looked like an antenna was sticking out on one side of it..."

►Chief Buchert: "It looked like two table saucers put together."

►Mrs. Buchert: "It was a round, bright, white object, and when it tilted or turned it had a ring around the middle of it."

►Sergeant Deputy Spaur: "It looked like the head of a flashlight, about 40 feet wide and 18 feet high."

►Sergeant Deputy Neff: "It was a very bright, cone-shaped object, some 35 to 45 feet across the top and about 24 feet high."

Chief Buchert was the man with the picture, but he had some initial trouble with the Air Force. He called Project Bluebook, the Air Force UFO headquarters at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, and a spokesman told him he could release the picture if he wished but they'd rather he didn't.

Taking the hint, Chief Buchert kept it to himself over Sunday.

Yesterday morning an Air Force spokesman from Washington called Buchert and told him to go ahead and release the picture if he hadn't already done so.

The saucer's strange behavior had apparently frightened one of the pursuers, Deputy Spaur. "We were close, closer than I ever want to be again," he said.

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Near Rochester, Beaver County, the pursuing policemen "got tangled up in a mess of bridges," according to Spaur's account. "But when I came out from under the bridge it came down and waited for us, just as though it knew these cars were following it."

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So there you have it, sports fans: nothing on the Federal Aviation Agency's radar screens, but a definite image on Buchert's picture. No planes in the area at the time, but—rumor has it—an F-105 II satellite high above at the right time and place. Tune in tomorrow, same bat-time, same bat-channel.

Explanation Of UFO Rejected

The Air Force's explanation of the sighting of an unidentified flying object April 17 in Ohio and Beaver County isn't being accepted by one of the men who saw the UFO. Sheriff's Deputy Dale Spaur of Portage County, Ohio.

In a report issued over the weekend, the Air Force said

"The probable cause of the sighting by Sheriff Dale F. Spaur, of Ravenna, Ohio, was the passage of a satellite. As it approached the southeast portion of the sky, it disappeared, and Sheriff Spaur focused his eyes on the planet Venus.

"Venus was rising in the southeast and was brighter than any star in the sky. It is believed that Sheriff Spaur saw the planet Venus."

SPAUR isn't buying that explanation. He said Saturday "I don't know how much of an investigation they made, but evidently it wasn't a very lengthy one and it didn't involve me."

He said he had two brief phone conversations with Maj. Hector Quintanilla, head of "Project Blue Book," the Air Force official UFO investigation project. They lasted about two and a half and one and a half minutes, he said.

"First of all, I don't think there is a satellite that can go this low and I don't think we have one this large or that it can stop or go or maneuver any time. I'm definitely sure I wasn't chasing Venus racing wildly over the countryside."

Spaur and his partner W. L. "Barney" Neff chased the object, which Spaur described as about 35 to 40 feet across with a very bright, white glow. He said that the chase started after the object hovered directly over their heads about 150 feet in the air south of Ravenna.

They were joined in the chase at East Palestine by Patrolman Wayne Huston, who also reported seeing the object. The chase ended at Conway, where they found Patrolman Frank Panzanella along Route 65. The four said they watched the object for about 20 minutes in Conway.

Spaur said he wouldn't have risked his life, his partner's or any innocent person's if he hadn't thought it was important.

"I don't agree that it's a satellite and I also don't agree that it's Venus. I know what I saw and I believe it and I'll never change my mind."

William Weitzel, Pittsburgh, about the sighting. He now is in Beaver County to continue his investigation.

Weitzel spent a considerable amount of time in the county last August on an investigation of the sighting by James Lucet, Brighton Township.

ship, after the youth's picture of a UFO and story appeared in the TIMES.

He has sent a summary of his investigation in Ohio and explained the sighting to the Times, bringing attention to the official concern for its importance.

At the bottom of the April 17 editorial column, commenting on the fact that flying saucer descriptions have remained virtually unchanged for 20 years, you said, "Apparently the visitors from outer space can't afford model changes." Has it never occurred to you that any society capable of interplanetary travel might build a vehicle that would last a long time?

The status value of a new model and built in obsolete-ence are strictly American characteristics.

MRS. JOY COUSMINER
Gibsonia

UFO Almost Makes It to Pittsburgh

'Saucer' Flies From Ohio to Pa.

An unidentified flying object (Flying Saucer to you, Charlie) shaped like an ice-cream cone almost made it to Pittsburgh yesterday, but apparently got headed off at the pass by some overzealous Ohio policemen.

A "very bright, cone-shaped object, some 35 to 45 feet across the top and about 24 feet high," was first spotted south of Akron, Ohio, by Portage County Sheriff's Deputy W. L. Nell, who gave the above description, about 5 a. m.

He added that the object, which seemed to be able to navigate by itself, gave off a faint humming noise.

This greatly interested Deputy Nell, who reportedly believes in flying saucers, and he took up the chase southward toward Pennsylvania along U.S. Route 422 and 14 at speeds ranging from 80 to 100 miles an hour.

Near East Palestine, Ohio, he was joined by an East Palestine deputy police officer, Wayne Huston, also on patrol, and the two of them followed the object across the state line into Pennsylvania.

Near Conway, Beaver County, they lost it. But hundreds of other people had sighted the object by this time and calls were coming to police switchboards as

well as to an Air Force Reserve unit near Youngstown and to the Federal Aviation Agency at Greater Pittsburgh Airport.

Photos were up in 34 frames almost immediately from the Youngstown base, but complained that the object—speed of which was estimated at just over 100 miles an hour—was moving too slowly for them to keep up with it. Or down.

Clever saucer, playing our own technology off against us . . . ! At Greater Pittsburgh Airport nothing showed up on the radar screen. A Federal Aviation Agency official there stated later in the morning that there weren't any airplanes, either in the area where the saucer was sighted—at least not at 9 o'clock in the morning.

That was a point for saucer fans. Conway police said they neither heard nor saw any UFO and weren't about to speak of it, and wished in general that newsmen would stop bothering them.

With the coming of full daylight, apparently, the saucer faded—or flew—or teleported away, leaving us earthlings to sort the whole thing out.

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 6 Jan 53 06/0700-1130Z	2. LOCATION Dallas, Texas Area
3. SOURCE Multiple	10. CONCLUSION ASTRONOMICAL (VENUS/JUPITER) Sighting attributed to Venus/Jupiter
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION varied	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Multiple reports from Dallas area. One report of witness chasing object in car. Could not close. Arrowhead shape, multi colors. This case refers to those objs reported as stationary and not the sightings from Love Field of an arrow-head shaped body moving through 90 degrees arc. See additional case file same date.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Stationary	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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Dallas, Texas	117th AC&W Squadron, Duncanville, Texas	
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WARD L. McCOMBS, Captain, USAF		
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SUMMARY (Brief summary of report. One paragraph in text and one paragraph in synopsis. List inclusions at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)		
On 6 January 1953, between the hours of 0130Z and 1130Z, a mysterious light was seen in the sky northeast of Dallas, Texas. In many instances reports conflicted with each other. One report would give the heading of the object as south while another would give the heading in a different direction. The altitude of the object also varied in the many reports. Once the area became aware of something unusual in the air, reports came in more frequently. The object was first sighted at Paris, Texas, and was last seen by spotters at Dallas, Texas. Whether or not there is any tangible explanation to these sightings, it is not known; however it is believed that we may have identified some of the sightings through our local investigation, which we hope will assist in the current investigations being undertaken by the Air Force in solving the many "Flying Saucer" reports. <i>Ward L. McCombs</i> WARD L. McCOMBS Captain USAF Operations Officer		
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The original two items have been retained by this unit and have been placed in our intelligence files.

After compiling all of the above information an extensive investigation was undertaken by intelligence personnel of this unit. The following paragraphs are the findings of this investigation.

An attempt was made to identify the object. Calls to the surrounding airfields revealed that no flight plans placed any aircraft in the area in question. A check with the Naval Office at Chance-Vought Aircraft Corporation located at Grand Prairie, Texas was made. Commander Ryan, RSN, attached to the Naval Office said Chance-Vought had no aircraft airborne at the time of the sighting. He also stated that they had received no information of the sighting. Their first knowledge of the object was obtained from local radio broadcasts.

We then proceeded to contact the Dallas Police Department to check on the information they received from the numerous calls to their dispatcher. It was learned that GSA at Love Field had spotted the object and numerous Police Officers circling around the Dallas area had called in on the object. One Police Officer, W. B. Russell, sighted the object at his home and saw the object disappear at 1130Z.

It is not believed that the object sighted by Officer Russell is the same as the object in question, as the time delay in the sightings were considerably. Officer Russell most likely saw one of the bright morning stars which, if one looks at long enough, will appear to change colors.

We proceeded next to contact the two local newspapers to see what information they had on the unusual object. Mr. Russell of the Dallas Times-Herald was very cooperative and gave us additional information which we had not as yet received. In as much as his information was from the notes he had for his article we will give the text of his article which can be read in analyzing this sighting.

THE DAILY TIMES HERALD, DALLAS JAN. 6, 1959

VIEW 'THING' SIGHTED HERE

A bright, colorful object hung in the skies north and northeast of Dallas several hours early Tuesday.

Sources of watchers saw the object. But many doubted it was "a plane, a planet or a star."

Watchers at the Civil Aeronautics Administration control tower at Love Field, a weather bureau observer and police and fire station dispatchers reported seeing the "elongated" or "barrel shaped" object which gave off brilliant "orange, red, green and black-white colors".

W. F. Patebush, traffic controller at the Love Field tower, sighted a "light in the sky" at 1:25 a.m. An off-duty policeman said he saw the object disappear at 5:30 a.m.

"It shot right straight up in going out of sight," said W. B. Russell, the off-duty officer who sighted the object at his home, 1614 Lakeland.

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Mr. Patebush said he was looking due north out of the control tower when he first sighted the light.

"APPEARED TO CHANGE COURSE."

"I watched it travel as it seemed to approach west by northwest. It appeared to change its course of flight toward Love Field."

Through a pair of 7x50-power binoculars Mr. Patebush said the object appeared to have "delta-type" wings (except look like modern jet planes) and "that it seemed to hover east and northeast of the field."

He estimated its closest approach at about 50 miles away and 2,000 feet high.

The Love Field tower also reported a relay message from Oklahoma saying flight of the object had been picked up there on radar at a speed estimated in excess of 600 miles an hour.

A report in Dallas that a jet plane was trying to chase the object here about 5 a.m. was unconfirmed. Military officials denied any jets were in the air. The Love Field tower, however, had reports from airline pilots telling of sighting the object.

"TOO FANTASTIC."

W. B. Harris, fire department radio dispatcher, said he and other firemen viewed the object after receiving a call from the Love Field tower.

"I wish I'd never seen it," Mr. Harris said. "It's too fantastic, and now there'll be a lot of talk. I just wish I'd never seen it."

Looking out an east window at City Hall about 3:30 a.m., Sen. J. C. Hughes said the object appeared to be floating a little above the nearby Western Union Bldg.

It began to rise as he watched, "changing colors like a diamond," Mr. Hughes said.

R. C. Wise, meteorologist at the Dallas weather station, said he watched the object through a six-power telescope.

"It looked elongated, as if it was vertical - standing on end - and it had a definite impression of dimension. At first it changed color rapidly, from white to blue and then red and green. Later it maintained white with a red spot on the undercarriage."

BELIEVES IN SAUCERS.

"I believe in flying saucers," Mr. Wise asserted. "Maybe this was a mother ship for smaller saucers traveling in its orbit."

Wyle Moore, another tower controller at Love Field, estimated the object at 30,000 feet when he first saw it "and within 30 minutes I'd estimated it had gone up to 80,000 feet."

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He said a number of pilots gathered in the tower to watch the spectacle. Mr. Moore said he'd been a pilot for 27 years, worked in the tower for 14 years, and "I should know a plane or a star by now. 'his wasn't either." Military Officers at Dallas Naval Air Station, Hensley Field and the Duncanville radar station said the object was not seen by any personnel at these stations. The Perrin Air Force Base at Harman, however, reported sighting an "un-identifiable" object. Police Dispatcher L. F. Parsons said he had several calls on the mystery object about 2 a.m. and that a number of cruising police cars also began calling in. Dispatcher Parsons and several policemen climbed to the roof of City Hall. "It looked like a big star, but it seemed to change colors," he declared. "MUST BE IDENTIFIED" Through a 40-power telescope the object appeared "as an arrow" in shape to Linwood Martin, 730 W. Charleston. "It had swept back wings with a red glow toward the front, the wings blue and the center white. It moved forward and then backward and seemed to be going higher all the time." Mr. Martin said the colors were "the most beautiful I've ever seen." First report on the mystery object came to Love Field at 7:30 p.m. from a man at Paris, Tex. The Paris man got into his car and chased the object, which he believed was traveling at an altitude of 3,500 feet, to Cooper, Tex. Commenting on the possibility that what the watchers saw might have been a planet, E. M. Brewer, president of the Texas Astronomers Society, said only two planets, Jupiter and Venus, were at all bright this time of the year. "MUST BE IDENTIFIED" Venus, he said, sets at 9 p.m. and Jupiter about midnight. Mr. Brewer believed skilled observers, such as many who reported seeing the object, could not possibly have mistaken the planet Jupiter for anything else. Cair. E. M. Greenback, public information officer at Dallas Naval Air Station, said no reports of a sighting were made by the control tower watch there. He said no aircraft was sent up. Nor was there any report from watch standers at Hensley Field on a sighting. Major Hugh T. Arthur at the Duncanville radar station said equipment there was down for maintenance at the time of the sighting. Station observers there, however, did not see the object. After reading the above article we called Mr. Warren F. Feshbach to verify the statements printed in the Herald's article. He said that they were erroneous in many respects. The following is Mr. Feshbach's statement of his observations.		

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"I first saw the light at 0305 GMT north of the tower. The only object visible at this time was red. I didn't pay any attention to it, thinking it might be an airplane. Looking back again I noticed the light had moved south-southeast to a point east-southeast of the tower. It appeared to turn towards the tower. What led me to believe this was that the light seemed to get brighter. I asked Mr. Wyle V. Moore, who was on duty with me, to look at the light. At this time the light hovered for about ten minutes. I estimated the light to be 50 miles away at about 2500 feet. It is hard to tell the distance, so therefore my estimate could be wrong. After hovering awhile the light moved through a 25° arc in about twenty minutes going up but still moving south." When asked to describe the object and to give an approximate size, Mr. Feshbach said: "I cannot give the size of the object. At first sight, without the use of binoculars, the object looked like a star. However, as soon as I used the binoculars I noticed that the object had a definite shape. As shown in the sketch I drew the object had many colors. Because of the protruding nose and swept back wings, I thought it might have been a B-47 or possibly some kind of delta-wing plane. The outer edges of the object were very well defined, whereas, the trailing edge with the colors changing from red to orange seemed to be a jet stream. I hope that the information can help you and I have tried to give an accurate description of the object as possible." Mr. Feshbach's description is the best we were able to get of all the sources of information. A study of the weather conditions at the time of the sighting revealed the sky conditions were clear with a 15 mile visibility, temperature - 25.0° Dew Point - 45.0, and humidity - 66%. As to the winds aloft, we were able to obtain the readings for 0001Z. They were: 2000 ft - 200 at 13, 10,000 ft - 270 at 15, 20,000 ft - 300 at 24, 30,000 ft - 270 at 30, 40,000 ft - 180, 50,000 ft - 280 at 31. This is the information acquired by the investigation conducted by intelligence personnel of this squadron.		

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Request you keep ATIC informed by wire of continuing investigation concerning unidentified flying object seen in your area at 060700Z Jan 59. Also desire to know if any photographs were taken of object or if there were any unusual radar returns during the period. Please furnish info copy to Hq USAF, Attn: AFOIN-2A2 of all data sent to ATIC.

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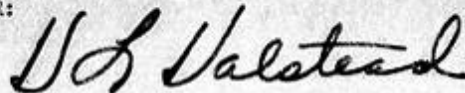
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Elongated Object Hangs in Dallas Sky

DALLAS, Jan. 6 (AP)—A brilliantly colored object, described by some observers as having swept-back wings, hung in the sky northeast of Dallas for several hours early today, then vanished.

Watchers at the Civil Aeronautics Administration control tower at Dallas' Love Field, a weather bureau observer and police and fire dispatchers reported seeing the "elongated" object and said it gave off brilliant "orange, red, green and bluish-white colors."

Washington Post
7 Jan 53

FROM NAME OR TITLE <i>D. M. Wolf</i>	DATE <i>12 Jan 53</i>
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION <i>ATIX</i>	TELEPHONE <i>5-5246</i>

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1. DATE - TIME GROUP 6 Jan 53 6/0705Z	2. LOCATION Oklahoma City, Okla.
3. SOURCE Multiple	10. CONCLUSION AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Confused	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Arrowhead shaped object with a center resembling a donut which changed colors from orange to red. Center of "donut" was a bright white color. Object covered 90° arc in 3 min. Object hovered once, made a slight curve, then disappeared by blending with the stars.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual Ground-Radar	
7. COURSE Varied	COMMENTS: Seen from 2 points in Dallas area for periods ranging over 2 hrs. An object also picked up by Oklahoma City radar traveling 600 mph. Radar and visual of object moving through arc was possible a/c. Other object astro (Star/Planet).
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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REF: 1-37 PD FLYDEPT PAR ONE OBJ THOUGHT TO BE ACFT PD CLOSER

OBSERVATION RESEMBLED ARROWHEAD IN SHAPE OF A DELTA WING DESIGN PD COLORS

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BLUISH GREEN PD WINGS WERE BRIGHT WHITE PD TAIL SEC APPEARED FUZZY DIFF-USED WAS ORANGE CHANGING TO RED AND BLUE AND WAS NOT AS BRIGHT AS REST OF

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- 2) Two or possible random sightings ...

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In regard to sighting of unidentified aerial object reported by your station 6 Jan 53 (FLYCOMBET HFOT 1-37), request you include any information on possible radar detection and photos in Air Force Form 112.

ATIC also requests you forward this form as soon as your investigation is completed in compliance with AFL 800-5.

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COUNTRY	United States	REPORT NO.	15	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT				
SUBJECT Report of Information on Unidentified Flying Objects				
AREA REPORTED ON N/A		FROM (Agency) Intelligence Officer, 2596th AFPTC Hensley, Fla.		
DATE OF REPORT 16 Jan 1953		DATE OF INFORMATION		EVALUATION N/A
PREPARED BY (Name) NORTH M. SPEED, Major, USAF, Intelligence Off.		SOURCE N/A		
REFERENCES (General number, direction, previous report, etc., as applicable) PROJECT BLUEBOOK				

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclusions at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part 11.)

In compliance with letter, Headquarters, USAF, AFON-C/CC-2, Subject: (Unclassified) Report of Information on Unidentified Flying Objects, 19 December 1951, the following information as reported to this headquarters by Mr. M.F. Fechenback, 3038 Storey Lane, Dallas Texas, and Mr. Wyle V. Moore, 316 S. Montross, Dallas, Texas, is forwarded.

This report follows FlyObRep HFOT 1-37, 6 Jan 1952, dispatched in multiple address to: Director of Intelligence, Headquarters United States Air Force, Washington 25, D.C., Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, ATTN: ATIAA-2c, and Commanding General, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado,

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REPORT NUMBER	REPORT DATE	PAGE	OF	PAGES
Intelligence Off, 25904th AFHQTC Samuel, W., Grand Rapids, Tex	15	1	1	1

1. Description: Object was delta-winged in shape with large round opening in the center which changed color from orange to red. The nose section was bluish-green; wings were brilliant white; tail section was fusay and changed color from orange to red to blue. The tail section was not as bright as the rest of the object. The wing-tips and nose would make an equilateral triangle, and the tail section extended to the rear of the triangle. No trail or exhaust or system of propulsion was noted. The speed of the object was noted as follows: the object covered ninety (90) degrees in three minutes, about fifty (50) miles north of the city of Dallas. Its speed in miles per hour could be given. There was no sound reported. Maneuvers consisted mostly of straight and level flight. In one instance it hovered, made a slight curve, then went practically straight up and disappeared by blending in with stars.

2. Time sighted: 0105, 0106, 0125, and 0200, 6 Jan 1953. *0100 CST
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3. Number of Observers: The object was sighted from the ground by visual means.

4. Location of Observer: N Long 96 Degrees 50 Minutes, N Lat. 32 Degrees 50 Minutes. The object appeared to be approximately fifty (50) miles north of above location at 2000 to 2500 feet altitude, then moved to DNE position and appeared to be heading in SSE direction.

5. Identifying Information on Observers: Mr. W.F. Fehrenbach, Aircraft Traffic Controller at Love Field, Dallas, Texas has had ten (10) years experience in tower and traffic control. Mr. Kyle V. Moore, Airport Traffic Controller at Love Field, Dallas, Texas, has 14 years tower and traffic control and 27 years flying experience.

6. Weather: OSE-220/46/5515/018

7. Other Activity or Conditions: None reported.

8. Existence of any Physical Evidence: None.

9. Interception or Identification Action Taken: All radar in area was notified. Oklahoma City Municipal Airport reported radar contact with object in the vicinity reported on and gave estimated speed of over 600 miles per hour.

10. Location of Air Traffic: One (1), three (3) miles NE of Love Field, Dallas, Texas, at 700 feet altitude reported no observation. *600 mph*

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Major, USAF
Intelligence Officer

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PROJECT 10072 RECORD CARD

I. DATE 9 October 1951	II. LOCATION Terre Haute, Indiana	III. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Yes Ballon ☐ Probably Ballon ☐ Possibly Ballon ☐ Yes Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Yes Unmanned ☐ Probably Unmanned ☐ Possibly Unmanned ☐ Other (Indefinite) ☐ Significant Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
IV. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1342 GMT 09/1042Z	V. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air Visual ☐ Air-Radar ☐ Air-Radar Radar	
VI. PROXIMITY ☐ Yes ☐ No	VII. SOURCE Civilian	
VIII. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15 Seconds	IX. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	X. COURSE SE
XI. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round silver object without fins or protrusions observed in flight from overhead to disappearance over the horizon. Flight straight. Total observation 15 seconds, consecutive. Rise of 500 ft at arm's length. No sound. Witness considered "hard headed".		XII. COMMENTS Possible a/s sighting, however, the duration of 15 seconds for flight from 1000 ft to point over the horizon in 15 seconds is not consistent with this analysis and the case is carried as unidentified.

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Appendix V

THRU DATE: 10-10-51 - 9 October 1951

I. DISCUSSION OF THE INCIDENT

On 9 October 1951 at 1342 GMT, a GAA Chief Aircraft Communicator observed a silver object pass directly overhead while he was at Hulman Municipal Airport, five miles east of Terre Haute, Indiana. The object was judged to be approximately the same size as a 50 cent piece held at arm's length. The object passed overhead at a very high rate of speed going in a southeasterly direction, passing from directly overhead to the horizon in about 15 seconds. There was no sound or vapor trails. The shape and general form of the object could be seen as the object passed over the horizon and out of sight.

(For related incident, see Appendix VI.)

II. WEATHER

Clear, bright sun, no clouds or haze.

III. STATUS OF INVESTIGATION

Further investigation revealed no additional information.

IV. COMMENTS

None.

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On 9 October 1991, at 11:00 AM, a CAA Chief Aircraft Controller observed a silver object pass directly overhead while he was at Wilson Municipal Airport, five miles east of Fort Wayne, Indiana. The object was judged to be approximately the same size as a 50 foot plane held at arm's length. The object passed overhead at a very high rate of speed going in a southeasterly direction, passing from directly overhead to the horizon in about 15 seconds. There was no sound or vapor trails. The shape and general form of the object could be seen as the object came over the horizon and out of sight.

(For related incident, see Appendix II.)

Weather

Clear, bright sun, no clouds or haze.

Status of Investigation

Further details on the incident will be obtained but it is doubtful if any further information will indicate the possible identity of the object.

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DEPUTY FOR INTELLIGENCE/ FOR YOUR INFO A UNITED PRESS NEWS

RELEASE APPEARING IN THE 10 OCT NEWSPAPERS REPT MR. ROY HESBORN CAA
A CAA EMPLOYEE CAA AT HOLMAN MUNICIPAL AFBY CHA-TERRE HAUTE CAA IND.

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RELEASE STATES THAT MR. HESBORN CAA "A HARD-HEADED CAA OFFICIAL" JOINED
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FROM: Director of Intelligence Headquarters, USAF AFHQ: Task Capabilities Branch Col Willis Washington 25, D. C.	
Cite DIT 20447. Request immediate field investigation of Wallman Municipal Airport, Terre Haute, Indiana, incident of 9 Oct 51. Request any information that could be submitted as a flash intelligence report, followed by Para 112 in accordance with ASCI Letter 85.	
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Director of Intelligence, HQ USAF,
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AFHQ-ATIA-10-1-1: For AFHQ-2/25, Col Willis. The following message is quoted
 for your information from HQ USAF, Stewart AFB, Newburgh, N.Y. to CG, HQ, W-2
 AFB, Cite DIT 20447, "For your information a United Press news release appearing
 in the 10 Oct newspaper reported Mr. Ray Messore, a CIA employee, at Wallman
 Municipal Airport, Terre Haute, Ind., saw a 'large metallic object speeding across
 the field' on 9 Oct. Release states that Mr. Messore, 'a hardheaded CIA
 official' joined the ranks of those who now believe in flying saucers. No
 further information available at this time. Do you desire any investigative
 action by this Command?"

Refer info copy of our teletype to HQ USAF, dtd 11 October 1951, for our
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ATIA-20-15-2. Eastern AFB has informed the Air Technical Intelligence Center that
O.S.I. is investigating unidentified aerial object sighted over Holman Municipal
Airport, Terre Haute, Ind., on 9 October 1954. Please advise when results of in-
vestigation will be available to this Center. Ref: AFOS-1 letter No. 85, dated
23 October 1950. In reply refer to Project Orange.

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The Inspector General USAF
High District Office of Special
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Chamble Air Force Base, Illinois

25 October 1951

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

120 1-11-100

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT

Unidentified Aerial Object Sighted Over
Hulman Municipal Airport, Terre Haute,
Indiana, 9 October 1951

TO:

Director,
Office of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D.C.

1. **SOURCE:** Chief Aircraft Communicator, CAA, Hulman
Municipal Airport, Terre Haute, Indiana, reported to the Office
of Special Investigations agent that on 9 October 1951 at 1342
hours he observed an unknown unidentified aerial object directly
overhead at Hulman Municipal Airport. The object was approximately
the size of a half-dollar coin held at arm's length and was fly-
ing in a westerly direction. The day was clear and informant's
vision was unobstructed. Exact time and altitude of the object
unknown. Informant advised that a pilot, one Charles Warren,
sighted a similar object on the same date at approximately 1345
hours just east of Paris, Illinois at approximately 5,000 feet.
Object was last seen travelling in a northeasterly direction, south
of the Atomic Energy Plant at Argonne, Indiana.

2. **DETAILS:** Mr. Claude W. Sommer, 1833 North Eighth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana, Chief Aircraft Communicator, Civil Aero-
nautics Authority, Hulman Municipal Airport, Terre Haute, Indiana,
was interviewed on 12 October 1951 by Special Agent Robert W. Harris,
and stated that he had observed an unknown unidentified aerial object
at 1342 hours, Tuesday, 9 October 1951. The object was sighted
directly overhead at Hulman Municipal Airport which is
located approximately five (5) miles east of Terre Haute, Indiana,
on Indiana State Road No. 42. According to Mr. Sommer the object
was approximately the size of a one-half dollar held at arm's length;
was silver in color and flew in a westerly direction. Mr. Sommer
stated that the object pursued a straight path of flight; that he

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observed no vapor trails; heard no noise and observed no protruding fins or other protrusions on this aerial object. Mr. Sonner stated he observed the object pass from directly over his head to the horizon in approximately fifteen seconds which he considered to be a conservative estimate of time. The day was clear, a bright sun, no clouds or haze, vision was not obstructed by trees or other foliage or buildings and the object traveled over flat terrain; shape and general form of object could still be observed at the time it disappeared over the horizon. Mr. Sonner stated that he could not estimate the object's size or altitude. According to Mr. Sonner, if this object was 200 feet high, it would have been traveling approximately 2,800 miles per hour and that the speed in miles per hour would increase in proportion to the object's height. Mr. Sonner further stated that either this object or another was sighted by Charles Warren, South Seventh Street, Terre Haute, Indiana, at approximately 1345 hours, Tuesday, 9 October 1951. Just east of Paris, Illinois, Warren was flying a private plane at an altitude of 5,000 feet from Greencastle, Indiana, to Paris, Illinois, and sighted this silver object just east of Paris, Illinois at 5,000 feet. The object appeared to be stationary at 5,000 feet, inasmuch as it did not increase or diminish in size with the approach of the plane. The object then reversed its direction and was last seen traveling in a northeasterly direction south of the Atomic Energy Plant at Newport, Indiana.

3. ACTION: Commanding General, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, notified by two (2) information copies of this report.

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Lt Col, USAF
District Commander

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT					
Unidentified Aerial Object C-118D-1					
Hulman Municipal Airport, Terre Haute, Ind.		Mr. HATP, Stewart AFB, Indianapolis, Ind.		Date of Report	
30 November 1951		9 October 1951		Date of Observation	
Major J. L. Hulman		11th District CBI, Chabote AFB, Illinois		Name of Observer	
ABC Letter 200-1, and 12th District CBI Report 1-11-100, 25 Oct 51					
SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Object, 9 October 1951, at Hulman Municipal Airport, Terre Haute, Indiana. (See also report of 11th District CBI, Chabote AFB, Illinois, 25 Oct 51, and 12th District CBI Report 1-11-100, 25 Oct 51)					
1. On 9 October at Hulman Municipal Airport, Terre Haute, Indiana, Chief Aerial's Communicator, Capt. Claude W. Sonner observed an unidentified aerial object directly overhead at 1345 GMT for approximately 15 seconds. 2. A second sighting reported approximately 30 miles distant three (3) minutes later indicates the "object" may have been Jet Aerial's observed when the reflection on the gun may have distorted the aircraft in the eyes of the observer.					
APPROVED:					
 GEORGE F. SALINGER Lt Colonel, USAF Director of Intelligence					
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2 cys - CG, AIC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, Attn: NCIS 1 cy - CG, AIC, WPA AFB, Colorado Springs, Colo., Attn: Deputy for Intelligence					

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1. An uncharacteristic unidentified aerial object was observed by Claude W. Sumner, Chief Aircraft Communicator, CMA, Moline Municipal Airport, Terre Haute, Indiana. Observation was made on 9 October 1951 at 1345 GMT for approximately 5 seconds.

2. The following descriptions were obtained in an interview with Mr. Sumner and GMI agent, 174th Military Office CGL, Champaign AFB, Illinois: Single object was found and the size of a half dollar piece held at a distance of some length, silver colored with no vapor or exhaust trail and no sound. Propulsion system unknown, speed estimated up to 2500 MPH.

3. Object was sighted visually from the ground and observed to travel a straight path in a north-easterly direction. Electronic surveillance device (TFS-15 located at Knoxville, Ind) was used but no sighting was reported.

4. Weather: TFRD with bright sun; winds at Champaign AFB on 9 October; surface 270° at 3 knots; 1000 feet to 10,000 feet average direction 315° at 2 knots average. No physical evidence available. No interrogations made.

5. Mr. Sumner stated Charles Warren, a pilot, sighted a similar object on the same date at 1345 GMT just east of Paris, Illinois, at 1000 feet. Object was last seen travelling in a north-easterly direction south of atomic energy plant at Westport, Indiana.

6. Although accurate measurement of the distance between sighting number one by Mr. Sumner and sighting number two by Mr. Warren is not possible from the information furnished, it appears as though the object could not have been travelling more than 600 MPH (30 miles from Moline Airport to Westport) if the two sightings were of the same object.

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Appendix VIII

2304 1411, 1417A - 2 October 1951

On 9 October 1961, 4:15 PM, a GAA Chief Aircraft Commander observed a silver object directly overhead while he was at Wilson Municipal Airport, five miles east of Terre Haute, Indiana. The object was judged to be approximately the same size as a 20 cent piece held at arm's length. The object passed overhead at a very high rate of speed going in a southerly direction, passing from directly overhead to the horizon in about 15 seconds. There was no sound or vapor trails. The object and removal form of the object could be seen as the object passed over the horizon and out of sight.

(For related incident, see Appendix II.)

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Notes of Interest Also

Further details on the incident will be obtained but it is doubtful if any further information will indicate the possible identity of the subject.

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Appendix V

THIRD PARTY, INJUNA - 9 October 1961

I. DISCUSSION OF THE INCIDENT

On 9 October 1961 at 1312 GMT, a GAA Chief Aircraft Commander observed a silver object pass directly overhead while he was at Thirun Municipal Airport, five miles east of Ferro House, Indiana. The object was judged to be approximately the same size as a 50 cent piece held at arm's length. The object passed overhead at a very high rate of speed going in a southeasterly direction, heading from directly overhead to the horizon in about 15 seconds. There was no sound or vapor trails. The shape and general form of the object could be seen as the object passed over the horizon and out of sight.

(For related incident, see Appendix VII.)

II. WEATHER

Clear, bright sun, no clouds or haze.

III. EXTENT OF INVESTIGATION

Further investigation revealed no additional information.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

None.

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1. DATE 11 Oct 1951	2. LOCATION Minneapolis, Minnesota		3. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Not Believed ☐ Probably Believed ☐ Possibly Believed
4. DATE-TIME GROUP Lead 0630 GWT 11/1300	5. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Visual ☐ Sound-Heard ☐ Sound-Visual ☐ Sound-Heard ☐ Sound-Visual		6. Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
7. PURPOSE ☐ Yes ☐ No	8. SOURCE Civilian	9. CAUSE Unidentified	10. Was Aeronautical ☐ Probably Aeronautical ☐ Possibly Aeronautical
11. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 minutes	12. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Multiple (3)	13. CAUSE Unidentified	14. Identification Data for Endorsement Unknown
15. BRIEF SUMMARY OF OBSERVATION Observed from 1/C at 10,000 ft. Brightly glowing object. Moving from E to W at high speed. At high altitude. Moved at speed of 5 degree per second. Halo with dark undersurface and slowed down and began climb in a large circle, with pattern like leaf falling. GWT this for couple minutes, Watch for 5 min. A number of these objects observed from ground.		16. COMMENTS USED 10/11/51. When observers contacted airport, tried to track with theodolite but couldn't because objects moving too fast. Also observed again two hours later. No vapor trails. Smoke gray color. No reflection from object.	

ATTC FORM 100 (REV 10 SEP 50)

ITEM 11 AWC /RESTRICTED/
FROM LT J. SUPPLEY ATIAA-2C
TO COL WILLIS AFOSM-1/TC

SECURITY INFORMATION
REFERENCE: CAAF ITEM NO 6, TT-281, 2
NOVEMBER 1951. SOURCES OF THIS REPORT WERE
CHECKED AND ARE EXPERIENCED OBSERVERS
WITH HIGH ALTITUDE RESEARCH BALLOON
PROJECT. ATTC IS INVESTIGATING FURTHER.

END ITEM 11 AWC /RESTRICTED/

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15 Nov 51
AND ITEM 11
ATIAA-2C/SUPPLEY

INFORMATION

CSAF ITEN 6/00CL/

FM AFOW-V/TC WILLIS

THIS INFORMATION WAS REPORTED THROUGH A PERSONAL LETTER BY MR ZUCKERT AND REQUEST COMMENT OR EVALUATION. TIME: 0630, 11 OCT 51. DICK REILLY AND I WERE FLYING AT 10,000 FT. OBSERVING THE GRAB BAG BALLOON WHEN I SAW A BRIGHTLY GLOWING OBJECT TO THE S.E. OF U. OF M. AIRPORT. AT THAT TIME WE WERE A FEW MILES NORTH OF MINNEAPOLIS AND HEADING EAST. I POINTED IT OUT TO DICK AND WE BOTH MADE THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS:

"THE OBJECT WAS MOVING FROM EAST TO WEST AT A HIGH RATE AND VERY HIGH. WE TRIED KEEPING THE SHIP ON A CONSTANT COURSE AND USING REINFORCING MEMBER OF THE WINDSHIELD AS A POINT. THE OBJECT MOVED PAST THIS MEMBER AT ABOUT 50 DEGREES PER SECOND.

"THIS OBJECT WAS PECULIAR IN THAT IT HAD WHAT CAN BE DESCRIBED AS A HALO AROUND IT WITH A DARK UNDERSURFACE. IT CROSSED RAPIDLY AND THEN SLOWED DOWN AND STARTED TO CLIMB IN LAZY CIRCLES SLOWLY. THE PATTERN IT MADE WAS LIKE A FALLING OAK LEAF INVERTED. IT WENT THROUGH THESE CYRATIONS FOR A COUPLE MINUTES AND THEN WITH A VERY RAPID ACCELERATION DISAPPEARED TO THE EAST. THIS OBJECT, DICK AND I WATCHED FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES.

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ACTION

"I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DESCRIBE ITS SIZE, BECAUSE AT THE TIME I DIDN'T HAVE THE BALLOON IN SIGHT FOR A COMPARISON.

"SHORTLY AFTER THIS WE SAW ANOTHER ONE, BUT THIS ONE DIDN'T HANG AROUND. IT APPROACHED FROM THE WEST AND DISAPPEARED TO THE EAST, NEITHER ONE LEAVING ANY TRACE OF VAPOR TRAIL.

"WHEN I SAW THE SECOND ONE I CALLED OUR TRACING STATION AT THE U.O.F. AIRPORT AND THE OBSERVERS THERE ON THE THEODOLITE MANAGED TO GET GLIMPSES OF A NUMBER OF THEM, BUT COULDN'T KEEP THE THEODOLITE GOING FAST ENOUGH TO KEEP THEM IN THE FIELD OF THEIR INSTRUMENTS. BOTH DOUG SMITH AND DICK DORIAN CAUGHT GLIMPSES OF THESE OBJECTS IN THE THEODOLITE AFTER I NOTIFIED THEM OF THEIR PRESENCE BY RADIO."

END CSAF ITEN 6/00CL/

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TO: 309th Fighter Interceptor Wing
Wald Chabadala Field
Minneapolis, Minnesota
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VIA: 2/1, By USAF, Washington 25, D. C.
SECRET

For Wing Intelligence Officer. In reference to AOC letter 200-1, it is requested that AF Form 112 be completed on the incident in your area on 11 October 1951. The pilots of the General Mills high altitude balloon project, Mr. Gustert and Dick Kelly, sighted an unconventional aircraft southeast of University of Minnesota Airport. Object was also observed from the ground with a binocular by a Mr. Doug Smith and Dick Dorian. Please advise by wire when this can be expected.

In reply cite ATIAA-Grudge.

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vicinity of Minneapolis, Minnesota	11 Oct 1959	Classification
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Geoffrey F. Eason, USAF	Unidentified	
References (Control number, direction, previous report, etc. as applicable)		
Summary (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-paragraph paragraph. List inferences at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 110-1 Part 1.)		
This report was completed as requested by TSM from CD ATIC Wright-Patterson AB, Ohio, dated 16 Nov 1959, ref. AF 110-158 by interviewing personnel of the balloon Project Sect of the Aeronautical Research Laboratories, Caseville, Ohio, and several witnesses who made the observation. The men mentioned in the report are all research engineers working on a classified combined AF-Wright project and three of the men mentioned are also pilots. Mr. Kallusowski, the narrator, was formerly in the USAF as a fighter pilot during WW II, Captain, G-13550 with the 49th FG in the Pacific area. Mr. Kallusowski also performed duty as an instructor pilot during his wartime service. Considering the excellent technical background of the men interviewed, their knowledge of aerodynamics and the fact that there were four men to confirm the reported sighting, the undersigned feels that this is a very reliable report for this type of observation.		
<i>[Signature]</i> Major, USAF Intelligence Officer		
133 Fighter Identification Group Not known Field St. Paul, Minn.		
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1. Mr. G. E. Eason	10-1	1	of	3	Pages
The narrator, Mr. Kallusowski, reported a sighting which took place approximately 10 miles north of Minneapolis, Minnesota, on 11 October 1959. The object was observed by four witnesses who were working on a classified project at the time. The object was observed at an altitude of approximately 10,000 feet and was moving in a northerly direction. The object was observed for a period of approximately 10 minutes and was observed by four witnesses who were working on a classified project at the time.					
1. Mr. G. E. Eason J. J. Kallusowski Flying Major Observation					
Three witnesses to the sighting were interviewed on 11 October 1959. The witnesses were J. J. Kallusowski and Jack Kallusowski. The witnesses were interviewed by the undersigned and their statements were taken.					
We had just spotted our trajectory flight and were approaching from the north at an altitude of 10,000 ft. We started a climb towards the balloon as a course of 230°. At 10,000 ft. I noticed a strange object crossing the skies from east to west, a great deal higher and behind our balloon. I estimated that our balloon was at approximately 20,000 ft. at the time.					
Using our balloon for comparison, this object appeared to be about the size of the balloon. We were climbing and about 6 miles N.E. of the balloon. The object had a peculiar glow to it, crossing behind and above our balloon from east to west very rapidly, first coming in at a slight climb, leveling off for about a minute and slowing down, then into a sharp left and climb at an angle of 30 to 60° into the sky with a terrific acceleration, and disappeared.					
Jack Kallusowski and I observed this object for approximately two minutes and it crossed through an arc of approximately 10-20°. We saw no vapor trail and from our experience I know that this object was not a balloon, jet, conventional aircraft, or celestial star.					
J. Eason Capt G. E. Eason					
Confirmation of the above sighting is not possible as Mr. Kallusowski is presently at Minneapolis, Minn. on a research project for General Mills.					
2. Mr. G. E. Eason J. J. Kallusowski SIGHTING OF A STRANGE OBJECT					
Time: 10:00, 11 October 1959					
High Kelly and I were flying at 10,000 ft. observing the prob. balloon when I saw a brightly glowing object to the N.W. of E. of airport. At					

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD - 11 October 1971

The only information available on this incident is a letter quoted below.

On 10 Oct 71, Dick and I were flying at 15,000 ft., observing the prob. hot balloon when I saw a brightly glowing object to the S.W. of Ft. Rucker. At that time we were a few miles north of Hanceville and heading east. I pointed it out to Dick and we both made the following observations:

The object was moving from east to west at a high rate on a very high, but fairly level, altitude on a constant course and being reinforced by a number of the whitefield as a point. The object was west this point at about 50 degrees per second.

This object was peculiar in that it had what can be described as a halo around it with a dark undersurface. It crossed rapidly and then slowed down and started to climb in long circles slowly. The pattern it made was like a falling oak leaf inverted. It went through these gyrations for a couple minutes and then with a very rapid acceleration disappeared to the east. This object, Dick and I watched for approximately five minutes.

I don't know how to describe its size, because at the time I didn't have the balloon in sight for a comparison.

Shortly after this we saw another one, but this one didn't hang around. It approached from the west and disappeared to the east, neither one leaving any trace of vapor trail.

When I saw the second one I called our tracking station at the Ft. Rucker and the observers there on the theodolite started to get rid of a number of them, but couldn't keep the theodolite going fast enough to keep them in the field of their instruments. Both Doug Smith and Dick Levine caught glimpses of these objects in the theodolite after I notified them of their presence by radio.

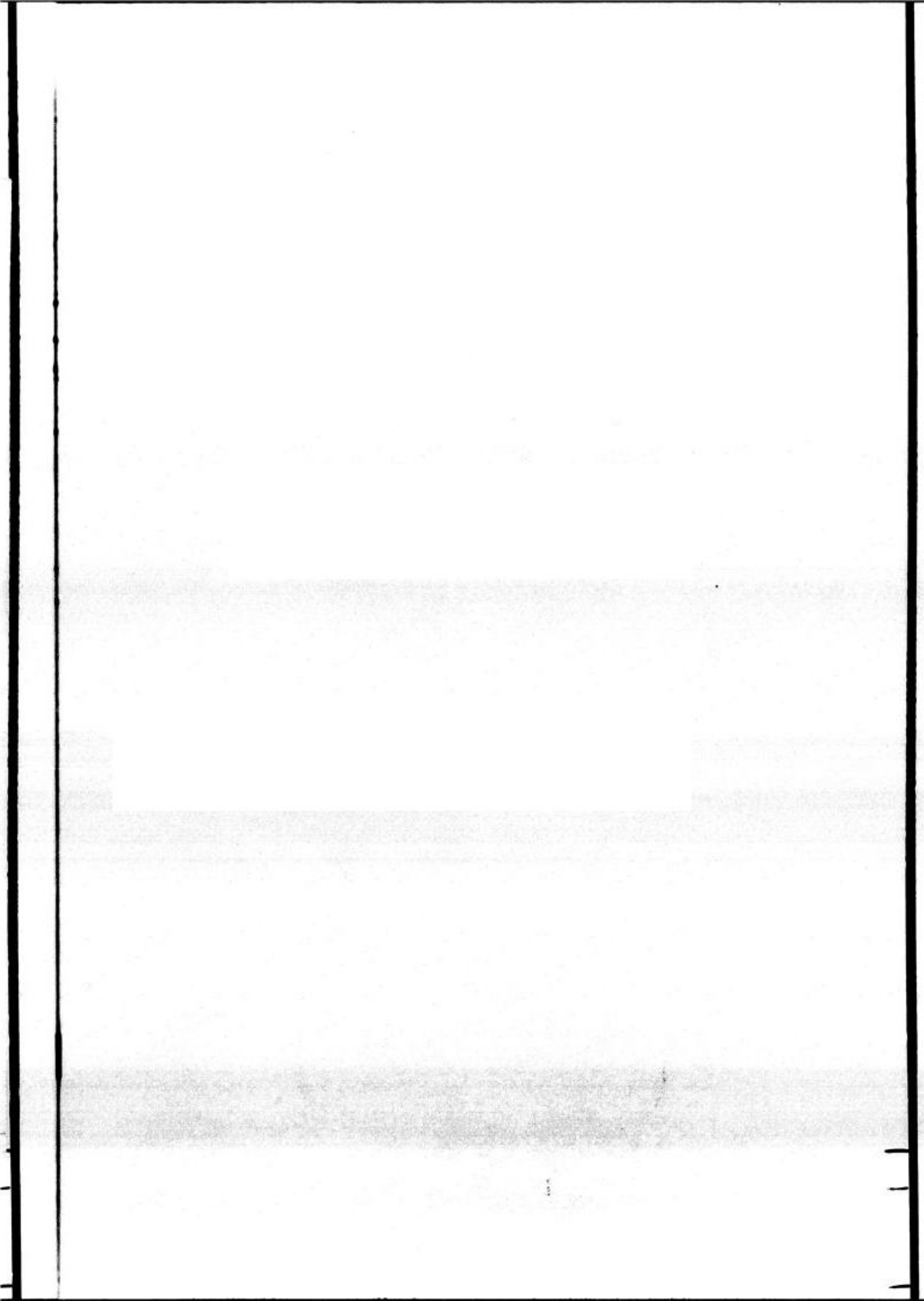
Status of Investigation

Further details of the incident have been requested. The sources have been investigated and are known to be experienced high altitude balloon observers with General Mills balloon projects.

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MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. - 11 October 1951

I. DISCUSSION OF INCIDENT

The only information available on this incident is a letter quoted below:

"TIME: 0630, 11 Oct 51. Dick Reilly and I were flying at 10,000 ft. observing the great bag balloon when I saw a brightly glowing object to the SE of University of Minnesota Airport. At that time we were a few miles north of Minneapolis and heading east. I pointed it out to Dick and we both made the following observation:

"The object was moving from east to west at a high rate and very high. We tried keeping the ship on a constant course and using reinforcing member of the windshield as a point. The object moved past this member at about 50 degrees per second.

"This object was peculiar in that it had what can be described as a halo around it with a dark undersurface. It crossed rapidly and then slowed down and started to climb in lazy circles slowly. The pattern it made was like a falling oak leaf inverted. It went through these gyrations for a couple minutes and then with a very rapid acceleration disappeared to the east. This object, Dick and I watched for approximately five minutes.

"I don't know how to describe its size, because at the time I didn't have the balloon in sight for a comparison.

"Shortly after this we saw another one, but this one didn't hang around. It approached from the west and disappeared to the east, neither one leaving any trace of vapor trail.

"When I saw the second one I called our tracing station at the U. of M. Airport and the observers there on the theodolite managed to get glimpses of a number of them, but couldn't keep the theodolite going fast enough to keep them in the field of their instruments. Both Doug Smith and Dick Worian caught glimpses of these objects in the theodolite after I notified them of their presence by radio."

II. WEATHER

Unknown, but evidently clear.

III. STATUS OF INVESTIGATION

Further investigation produced no additional information as to the identity of the object. The theodolite operator was interrogated and stated that he could only observe "a brief blur for about two seconds". During his brief observation, the object appeared to be a smoky gray cigar shaped object. It left no vapor trail and gave off no reflection.

All observers were positive of the following facts:

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- A. The object, though vaguely defined and blurred, retained a definite shape.
- B. No vapor trails, exhaust flashes, or jet propulsion were observed.
- C. The object definitely seemed to be controlled. The sources are all experienced engineers with General Mills Balloon Projects and have been observing all types of balloons for several years.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

No conclusions can be made. It is significant however, that the sources can be graded as very reliable and that they observed an object with which they were entirely unfamiliar.

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EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 3

DATE: 10 Oct 51

TIME (Local): 1010

LOCATION: Minneapolis, Minn.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: 2 Min.

SOUND: None

SPEED: High

ALTITUDE: High

HEADING: SE

SOURCE: Balloon Obs.

ACTION OR COMMENTS: Further investigation of both of these incidents has lead to no conclusions. The investigation is closed. (See Status Report No. II for details).

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Round, silver object seen by pilots tracking a balloon.

EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 3

DATE: 11 Oct 51

TIME (Local): 0630

LOCATION: Minneapolis, Minn.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: Several Minutes

SOUND: None

SPEED: High

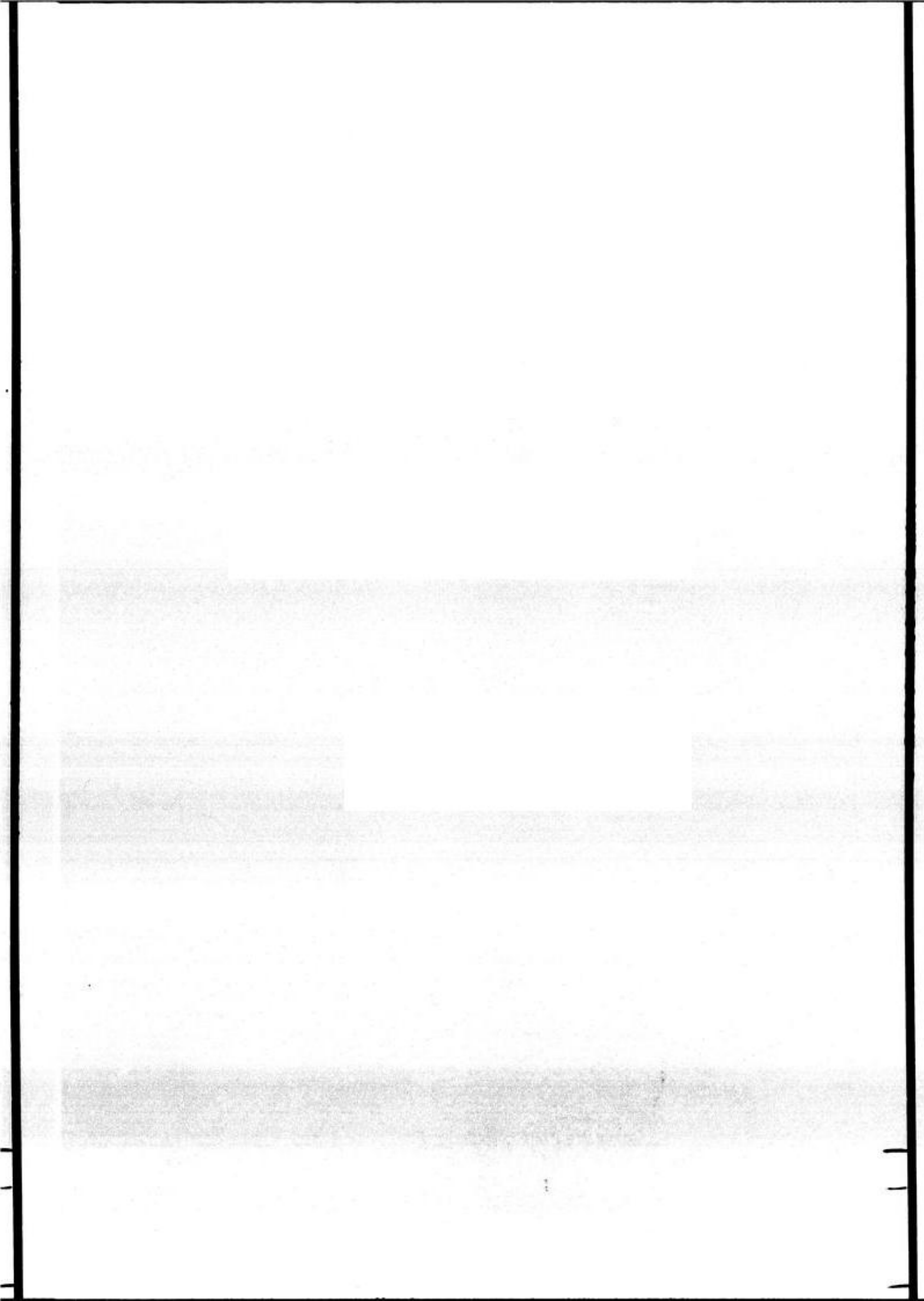
ALTITUDE: High

HEADING: Unknown

SOURCE: Balloon Obs.

ACTION OR COMMENTS: See Status Report No. II for details.

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Round, silver object seen by pilots tracking balloon and by ground observer team.



PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 23 September 1951	2. LOCATION LONG BEACH California, California		13. 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
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 0755PDST GMT	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE F-86 Pilots		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Reported	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Shape was round. Color was silver. It is believed the pilots saw a radiosonde balloon. SEE CASE FILE		11. COMMENTS Evaluated as a balloon.	

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WADD-100 - 11 October 1977

On 23 September 1977 at 10:00 P.M., an unknown object was sighted over Long Beach, California. The object was reported to be over Long Beach, California. At an altitude of 10,000 ft. the F-86's reported the object to be within 100 ft. of an estimated altitude of between 10,000 ft. and 15,000 ft. The object appeared to be a small, dark, fighter type aircraft.

Weather

Unavailable at this time.

Status of Investigation

Radiosonde balloons were released from San Diego, Long Beach and Santa Maria, California at approximately 0700 PST. All of these weather stations were checked by OSI personnel and although the balloons were released all weather station personnel stated that it would be very doubtful if their balloons would have traveled the course that the object traveled.

All of the major aircraft factories and installations conducting experimental flight tests were contacted. No experimental aircraft airborne at the time of the sighting.

Additional information has been requested as to additional details of the incident such as times and locations during the attempted interception by the F-86's and other possible balloon launchings.

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Status Report # 2

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MARCH AIR FORCE BASE - 23 September 1961

I. DISCUSSION OF INCIDENT

The first report of this incident, which appeared in Status Report No. 1, proved to be incomplete and misleading. Further investigation has corrected the discrepancies and the following account of the incident is considered to be accurate.

*was this daylight time?
Other letters indicate standard time.*

At approximately 0700 PDST, two F-86 aircraft were scrambled from George Air Force Base, California, on a routine mission. The flight was vectored to 118° 40' - 33° 50'N by GCI. (See inclosed overlay.) The flight orbited the position and took up a heading toward Long Beach Radio. At approximately 0755 PDST the flight reported to GCI that they observed an unidentified object high at 12 o'clock. The flight was 30 seconds out of Long Beach Radio at this time. The object appeared to be in a left orbit at about 50,000 ft. The object could not be picked up by the ground radar, however, visual contact was maintained. The object continued a left orbit and passed over the two aircraft. Attempts were made by the F-86's to identify the object but they were unsuccessful due to the altitude of the object and a fuel shortage. At approximately 0810 or 0815 the flight was released by the ground controller and they returned to George Air Force Base. The object appeared to be an aircraft with 45° swept wings and bright silver in color. When last seen the object was in a left orbit, or circling to the left. The pilot's opinion was that it was a swept wing type aircraft.

At approximately 0800 PDST four additional F-86 aircraft were scrambled from George AFB to relieve the two above mentioned F-86's. The four aircraft split into two, two-ship elements, denoted as Flight 2-A and 2-B on the inclosed overlay. Flight 2-A was vectored to a position at 117° 30'W and 30° 20'N. They arrived at this position at approximately 0810 and sighted the object high at 12 o'clock at what appeared to be over Hueco AFB. A steady climb was made to 43,000 ft. and the object was found to be near March AFB. The object appeared to be in a controlled orbit to the right and left at 50,000 to 55,000 ft. The two aircraft stayed in the area for 10-15 minutes before breaking off the intercept due to a fuel shortage and landed at 0845 PDST. The object appeared to be a swept wing aircraft.

The second element of the group, noted as Flight 2-B on the overlay, observed the object soon after take-off. The object appeared to be going south. The flight made a series of climbing turns under the object as they climbed to 43,500 ft. The object was in a wide right turn. At approximately 0905 PDST the aircraft broke off the attempted intercept and returned to their base. This flight reported that the object appeared to be round and silver.

No more intercepts were attempted. At no time was the object observed on the radar screen nor was it reported to be observed visually from the ground. The F-86's, however, were continually tracked by radar.

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The F-86's were unable to climb to the estimated altitude of the object due to the fact that they were carrying external fuel tanks and elected not to jettison them.

II. STATUS OF INVESTIGATION

At 0700 PDST a radiosonde balloon was released from the Long Beach Municipal Airport. This balloon was lost at 0743 PDST, eight miles from the airport on a bearing of 95° true, due to a malfunction of the tracking equipment. (See point A on overlay.) At this time the balloon would have been at approximately 40,000 ft. The winds above 40,000 ft. are unknown but it is logical to assume that at this altitude they will be relatively constant in direction. Assuming a relative constant direction of 270° and an average velocity of 30 knots above 40,000 ft. (the wind at 40,000 ft. was 280° at 21 knots) the possible flight path of the balloon can be plotted on the overlay.

The original sighting by Flight 1 could very possibly have been the balloon as their heading was toward Long Beach Airport. The altitude of the F-86's at the time of the sighting is unknown but was probably below 40,000 ft. At 0755, the time of the original sighting, the balloon would be at 50,000 to 55,000 ft. and approximately ten miles directly ahead of the two aircraft. The apparent orbiting of the balloon cannot be explained. The balloon would make a gradual turn due to wind shifts but these are so gradual that it is doubtful if the movement would be apparent from an aircraft as fast as an F-86.

Referring to the ground track of Flight 2-A, if a 30 knot wind at 270° is assumed, at 0810, the approximate time the F-86's sighted the object from a 355° TC, the balloon would be at B on the overlay. The balloon would probably be at an altitude of 60,000 ft. and nearly straight ahead of the aircraft. Due to the size of the balloon, the distance could have been misjudged and the balloon could have appeared to be near Maroc. Once again the orbiting of the object cannot be explained.

The attempted intercept by Flight 2-B cannot be explained. If the ground track given by the leader of Flight 2-B is correct it is very doubtful that the flight was observing a balloon. The time that they sighted the object is not known but if it is assumed that they flew beneath the object for 30 minutes, it is highly doubtful that a wind shift of nearly 360° could occur above 60,000 ft. to give the illusion of a turn.

The possibility of this object being an experimental aircraft from some southern California aircraft plant, naval airfield, or from Edwards Air Force Base was checked with negative results. No other balloons were released in the vicinity.

III. CONCLUSIONS

With the information available, it cannot be concluded that the object was definitely the radiosonde balloon released from Long Beach Municipal Airport. However, since the balloon was near the flight path of two of the F-86 elements, and assuming that the orbiting of the object was an illusion due to the relative motion between the balloon and the aircraft, it can be concluded that the unidentified object was very possibly a radiosonde balloon.

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The third attempted intercept, the one in which the object was followed in a wide turn, cannot be explained.

It is not believed that further interrogation would produce any additional significant details due to the fact that some of the personnel involved have been transferred overseas and due to the time since the incident.

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— Path of aircraft (reported)
- - - Path of balloon

○ George AFB

○ Hueco

118° 30' 35° 00'

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Flight 2-B

March AFB

117° 00' 34° 00'

Prevailing Wind at
40,000'

Scale (nautical miles)
0 10 20 30

Long Beach A.P.
Long Beach Radio

Flight I
118° 40'N
33° 50'N

Flight 2-A
117° 30'N
33° 20'N

Overlay of FC-219

TD-5/Lt Col Friend

Request for UFO Information (Danz Sodeman)

17 MAY 1952

Hq USAF
SAFOI-3b (Major Hart)
Wash 25 DC

1. The attached letter from Mr. Danz Sodeman requests information regarding 14 sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena.

2. The following information regarding the sightings referenced in Mr. Sodeman's letter is provided to assist you in preparing an answer to him. The order of the information corresponds to that contained in the attachment.

3. The Laredo AFB, Texas, sighting which occurred on 4 December 1952 was evaluated as an aircraft sighting.

4. At 1446 on 22 July 1952 the weather observer of the local airport at Uvalde, Texas, sighted an object which he described as being large and round, but displaying no aerodynamic features. The object was reported to be silver in color and estimated as 50 feet in diameter and to be at an altitude of 20,000 feet. The observer estimated the objects speed as in excess of 1000 mph. The object traveled from east at approximately 40° elevation to the southwest. The movement was described as gyrating and the object was in sight for 45 seconds. The object seemed to be climbing and disappeared behind a large cumulus cloud. The observer was not aware of any sound. This case is classed as unidentified in the FPD files. However, it should be noted that an object at 20,000 feet which spans an angle of approximately 90° in 45 seconds would have a speed of approximately 530 knots. If the object were at 3000 feet or closer to the cloud base, it would have a speed of only 80 knots. The available information is not sufficient to allow a confident solution to this case, but it is highly probable that the misidentification of a conventional object was the cause for this sighting.

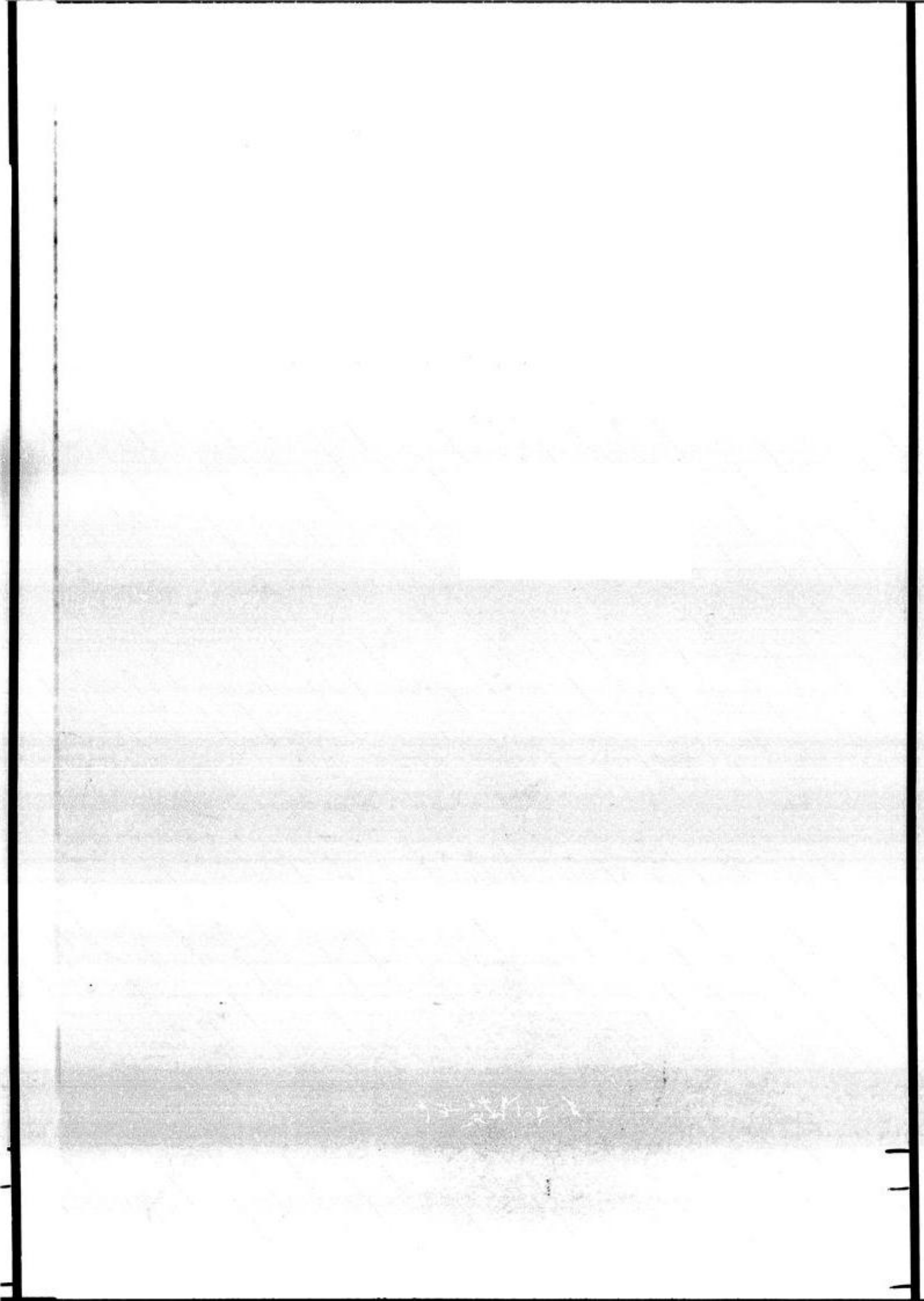
5. On 23 September 1951 two flights of P-86's were scrambled from March AFB, California, to intercept an unidentified flying object. Contact was successful and the object identified as a raucous balloon.

6. On 3 August 1952 at 1615 PDT two objects were observed with binoculars from Hamilton AFB, California. The objects were observed for 1 hour and 15 minutes and were described as circular or globular in shape and silver in color. They were estimated to be 60-100 feet in diameter and possessing speeds of 400-450 mph. The objects were estimated to be at 12,000 and 16,000 feet. The object at 16,000 feet was reported to have dived at the lower object and maneuvered much the same as a fighter during a dog fight. During

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Yours truly,
Braz Sodeman
9th Hall, Street
Saginaw, Michigan

P.S. Sure I would also like to know if I could have the form's last one must sign after he has seen an "Unidentified Flying Object's". Thank you.



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Appendix IV

MARCH AIR FORCE BASE - 23 September 1962

I. DISCUSSION OF INCIDENT

The first report of this incident, which appeared in Status Report No. 1, proved to be incomplete and misleading. Further investigation has corrected the discrepancies and the following account of the incident is considered to be accurate.

At approximately 0700 PST, two F-86 aircraft were scrambled from George Air Force Base, California, on a routine mission. The flight was vectored to 115° 40'N - 33° 50'W by GCI. (See inclosed overlay.) The flight orbited the position and took up a heading toward Long Beach Radio. At approximately 0755 PST the flight reported to GCI that they observed an unidentified object high at 1 o'clock. The flight was 30 seconds out of Long Beach Radio at this time. The object appeared to be in a left orbit at about 50,000 ft. The object could not be picked up by the ground radar, however, visual contact was maintained. The object continued a left orbit and passed over the two aircraft. Attempts were made by the F-86's to identify the object but they were unsuccessful due to the altitude of the object and a fuel shortage. At approximately 0810 or 0815 the flight was released by the ground controller and they returned to George Air Force Base. The object appeared to be an aircraft with 45° swept wings and bright silver in color. When last seen the object was in a left orbit, or circling to the left. The pilot's opinion was that it was a swept wing type aircraft.

At approximately 0800 PST four additional F-86 aircraft were scrambled from George AFB to relieve the two above mentioned F-86's. The four aircraft split into two, two-ship elements, denoted as Flight 2-A and 2-B on the inclosed overlay. Flight 2-A was vectored to a position at 117° 30'N and 30° 30'W. They arrived at this position at approximately 0810 and sighted the object high at 1 o'clock at what appeared to be over March AFB. A steady climb was made to 43,000 ft. and the object was found to be near March AFB. The object appeared to be in a controlled orbit to the right and left at 50,000 to 55,000 ft. The two aircraft stayed in the area for 10-15 minutes before breaking off the intercept due to a fuel shortage and landed at 0845 PST. The object appeared to be a swept wing aircraft.

The second element of the group, noted as Flight 2-B on the overlay, observed the object soon after take-off. The object appeared to be going south. The flight made a series of climbing turns under the object as they climbed to 47,500 ft. The object was in a wide right turn. At approximately 0905 PST the aircraft broke off the attempted intercept and returned to their base. This flight reported that the object appeared to be round and silver.

No more intercepts were attempted. At no time was the object observed on the radar screen nor was it reported to be observed visually from the ground. The F-86's, however, were continually tracked by radar.

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The F-36's were unable to climb to the estimated altitude of the object due to the fact that they were carrying external fuel tanks and electrics not to jettison them.

II. STATUS OF INVESTIGATION

At 0700 PST a radiosonde balloon was released from the Long Beach Municipal Airport. This balloon was lost at 0747 PST, eight miles from the airport on a bearing of 95° true, due to a malfunction of the tracking equipment. (See point A on overlay.) At this time the balloon would have been at approximately 40,000 ft. The winds above 40,000 ft. are unknown but it is logical to assume that at this altitude they will be relatively constant in direction. Assuming a relative constant direction of 270° and an average velocity of 30 knots above 40,000 ft. (the wind at 40,000 ft. was 280° at 1 knots) the possible flight path of the balloon can be plotted on the overlay.

The original sighting by Flight 1 could very possibly have been the balloon as their heading was toward Long Beach Airport. The altitude of the F-36's at the time of the sighting is unknown but was probably below 40,000 ft. At 0751, the time of the original sighting, the balloon would be at 50,000 to 55,000 ft. and approximately ten miles directly ahead of the two aircraft. The apparent orbiting of the balloon cannot be explained. The balloon would make a gradual turn due to wind shifts but these are so gradual that it is doubtful if the movement would be apparent from an aircraft as fast as an F-36.

Referring to the ground track of Flight 2-A, if a 30 knot wind at 270° is assumed, at 0810, the approximate time the F-36's sighted the object from a 3550 TC, the balloon would be at B on the overlay. The balloon would probably be at an altitude of 60,000 ft. and nearly straight ahead of the aircraft. Due to the size of the balloon, the distance could have been misjudged and the balloon could have appeared to be near three. Once again the orbiting of the object cannot be explained.

The attempted intercept by Flight 2-B cannot be explained. If the ground track given by the leader of Flight 2-B is correct it is very doubtful that the flight was observing a balloon. The time that they sighted the object is not known but if it is assumed that they flew beneath the object for 30 minutes, it is highly doubtful that a wind shift of nearly 360° could occur above 60,000 ft. to give the illusion of a turn.

The possibility of this object being an experimental aircraft from some southern California aircraft plant, naval airfield, or from Edwards Air Force Base was checked with negative results. No other balloons were released in the vicinity.

III. CONCLUSIONS

With the information available, it cannot be concluded that the object was definitely the radiosonde balloon released from Long Beach Municipal Airport. However, since the balloon was near the flight path of two of the F-36 elements, and assuming that the orbiting of the object was an illusion due to the relative motion between the balloon and the aircraft, it can be concluded that the unidentified object was very possibly a radiosonde balloon.

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The third attempted intercept, the one in which the object was followed in a wide turn, cannot be explained.

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Path of aircraft (reported)

Path of balloon

George AFB

117° 00' 34° 00'

March AFB

Prevailing Wind at 40,000'

Scale (nautical miles)

118° 30' 35° 00'

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Flight 2-B

Long Beach A.F. Long Beach Radio

Flight I

118° 40' 33° 50'

Overlay of FC-219

117° 30'W 33° 20'N Flight A-A

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Appendix VII

MARCH APR - 23 September 1961

On 23 September 1961 at 0210 PST, an unidentified object was sighted over Long Beach, California. Four F-86 aircraft were scrambled and the object was sighted by them over Burbank, California. On attaining an altitude of 43,000 ft. the F-86's reported the object to be orbiting March APR at an estimated altitude of between 50,000 ft. and 55,000 ft. The object appeared to be a swept wing, fighter type aircraft.

Weather

Unavailable at this time.

Status of Investigation

Radiosonde balloons were released from San Diego, Long Beach and Santa Maria, California at approximately 0700 PST. All of these weather stations were checked by OSI personnel and although the balloons were released all weather station personnel stated that it would be very doubtful if their balloons would have traveled the course that the object traveled.

All of the major aircraft factories and installations conducting experimental flight tests were contacted. No experimental aircraft airborne at the time of the sighting.

Additional information has been requested as to additional details of the incident such as times and locations during the attempted interception by the F-86's and other possible balloon launchings.

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COUNTRY USA	REPORT NO. 1	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT High Flying Unidentified Object		
AREA REPORTED ON Long Beach, Muroc, and March Air Force Base, California	FROM (Agency) CG 27th Air Division (Def), Norton AFB, Calif.	
DATE OF REPORT 5 October 1951	DATE OF INFORMATION 23 September 1951	EVALUATION F-6
PREPARED BY (Officer) Lt. William F. WHITE, Intelligence		
REFERENCES (Control number, director, previous report, etc., as applicable) ADC Letter 200-1, dated 11 April 1951 and TWX from CG 27th Air Div (Def)-Norton AFB-Calif. dated 25 September 1951		
SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-paragraph. List inclusions at lower left. Do not exceed 100 words.) 0710 PST At 1610Z, 23 September 1951, an object was sighted and reported over Long Beach, California, at 50,000 feet. Four (4) F-86 were dispatched to investigate and sighted object over Muroc, California. Attaining an altitude of 43,000 feet, F-86 sighted object to be in a constant orbit in the vicinity of March Air Force Base, California, at an altitude between 50,000 feet and 55,000 feet. Object appeared to be a swept-wing, fighter-type aircraft. Santa Maria, San Diego and Long Beach are regularly scheduled to release weather balloons which can easily rise to 50,000 feet, may have a kite attached that can give off reflection, and can expand greatly if they are 350 gram balloons. 0100 - 0400 - 1200 - 1900 0700 - 1300		
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Statement by JAMES H. HARVEY, Captain, USAF, dated 23 September 1951 (SECRET)		
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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency) CG 27th Air Division (Def), Norton AFB, California	REPORT NO. 1	PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES
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The inclosed report was received by Captain J. R. STEELE, Chief Controller, ADCG, from Major LEO MELZER, Operations Officer, 750th AC&W Squadron. The report was read back and verified by Major MELZER.

Major MELZER checked Edwards AFB Flight Dispatcher and Control Tower Operator concerning aircraft from Edwards AFB in flight. No jet or conventional aircraft had taken off from Edwards AFB. The Operations Officer confirmed that no experimental aircraft to his knowledge were scheduled for flight. Edwards AFB Flight Dispatcher checked Nellis AFB, Inyokern, and George AFB Operations and reported that no flight had been airborne at the time that would approximate descriptions given.

Major MANUSSI, CO of the 750th AC&W Squadron, asked General BOYD, CG of Edwards AFB, whether he knew of any flight to which General BOYD replied in the negative. General BOYD suggested that North American Company at Los Angeles International Airport be checked. Major MELZER checked Bell Aircraft, N.A.C.A., Douglas, North American and Northrup, but only an MP at Northrup answered any of these calls and reported that there had been no activity all morning. Bell has been experimenting with X-1 and X-5; N.A.C.A. with the XF-92; Douglas with the D 558; and Northrup with the X-3.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, DAYTON, OHIO

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21

20 November 1951

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unidentified Object
Over Long Beach, California
on 23 September 1951
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commanding Officer
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: ATI

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1. Attached hereto for your information are two copies of the report of investigation by Special Agent FRED T. RAGSDALE, 18th OSI District, file 24-129, dated 30 October 1951, subject as above.
2. No further investigative action is contemplated in this case, and the files of the Office of Special Investigations are considered closed in instant case.
3. Attention is invited to paragraph 7, AFR 205-1, dated 14 March 1949, which prohibits the disclosure of classified information to unauthorized personnel.

1 Incl (in dup)
R/I, DO #18, dtd 30 Oct 51

Reagan A. Scurlock
REAGAN A. SCURLOCK
Lt Colonel, USAF
Acting District Commander

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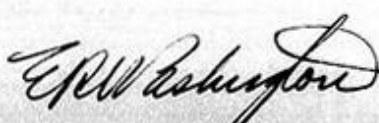
HQ 27TH AIR DIVISION (DEFENSE) Norton Air Force Base, San Bernardino, California
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TO: CO ATIC Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio

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FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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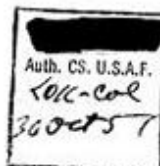
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10th DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
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18D 24-129

30 October 1951

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unidentified Object
Over Long Beach, California,
On 23 September 1951.
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commanding General
Headquarters, 27th Air Division (Defense)
Morton Air Force Base
San Bernardino, California

1. Reference is made to your letter of 22 October 1951, entitled "High Flying Unidentified Object", your file number 27ADDI 360.1, requesting this District Office to conduct an investigation concerning the sighting of an unidentified object over Long Beach, California, on 23 September 1951.

2. Attached is the original and one copy of a report prepared by Special Agent FRED T. RAGSDALE, which sets forth the results of our investigation pertaining to this matter.

3. This District Office anticipates conducting no further investigation on this case unless so requested by your Headquarters.

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Rpt of S/A FRED T. RAGSDALE,
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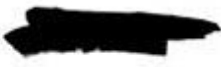
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Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		UNCLASSIFIED 2-129	DATE 30 October 1951 <i>10 Oct 51</i>
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		PERIOD 25, 26, 30 October 1951	
		OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #18, Maywood, California	
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REFERENCE TWX to Hqs OSI, dated 26 October 1951			
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DETAILS:

1. The investigation of this matter was predicated upon a letter from the Commanding General, Headquarters, 27th Air Division, Norton AFB, San Bernardino, California, dated 22 October 1951, requesting this District Office to make an investigation concerning the sighting of an unidentified object over Long Beach, California, on 23 September 1951.

2. At the time this matter was referred to this office, the 27th Air Division furnished an Intelligence Report which sets forth the following information.

"At 1610Z, 23 September 1951, an object was sighted and reported over Long Beach, California, at 50,000 feet. Four (4) F-86 were dispatched to investigate and sighted object over Muroc, California. Attaining an altitude of 43,000 feet, F-86 sighted object to be in a constant orbit in the vicinity of March Air Force Base, California, at an altitude between 50,000 feet and 55,000 feet. Object appeared to be a swept-wing, fighter-type aircraft.

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"s/t

JAMES H. HARVEY
Captain USAF

"CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

/s/ Ethel F. Hoffman
ETHEL F. HOFFMAN
Major, USAF "

3. The Air Defense Command suggested the possibility that this object was an experimental aircraft which was being test flown for one of the aircraft manufacturing concerns located in this area.

4. From the information set forth above, it will be noted that this object was first sighted over Long Beach. The F-86's, after being dispatched to investigate, sighted the object over Muroc, California, which is some 100 miles due North of Long Beach. Captain HARVEY, the flight leader, said that when the F-86's attained an altitude of 43,000 feet, the object was sighted in the vicinity of March AFB. The March AFB is some

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125 miles South and East of Muroc. Therefore, after being first sighted, the object appeared to travel due North for some 100 miles and then South-east for approximately 125 miles.

5. Special Agent ARTHUR J. MAIKOSKI made inquiry at the following aircraft companies in an effort to determine if they were test flying any experimental aircraft on 23 September 1951.

Northrop Aircraft Company
Hawthorne, California

North American Aviation, Inc.
Inglewood, California

Douglas Aircraft Company, Inc.
El Segundo, California

Lockheed Aircraft Company
Burbank, California

Hughes Aircraft Company
Culver City, California

It was found that none of these companies was test flying experimental aircraft on the date this object was seen. The above companies are under contract to build aircraft for both the U. S. Air Forces and U. S. Navy.

6. Special Agent THOMAS J. McARDLE made inquiry at the Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corporation, San Diego, California, and they advised that, although they were presently working on experimental aircraft, they did not have a flight scheduled for 23 September 1951.

7. Colonel C. E. JACKSON, Air Force Engineering Field Office, 5504 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, advised that he knew of no experimental aircraft which was being test flown on the date this object was seen. He stated that practically all USAF experimental aircraft are test flown at Edwards AFB, Muroc, California. In this respect, it will be noted that the 27th Air Division made inquiry at Edwards AFB and they reported that no experimental aircraft was scheduled for flight on 23 September 1951.

8. Special Agent MEDFORD M. LEAKE interviewed Major KENNETH T. BROOKS, Detachment Commander, Weather Division, Long Beach AFB, Long Beach, California. He claimed that a weather balloon is released by his station approximately every six hours. He said that his records show that one was released between the hours of 0645 and 0745 on the morning of 23 September 1951 and that due to mechanical difficulties, contact with the balloon was lost at 42,900 feet. The rate of ascent of this balloon was 1000 feet per minute and was traveling in a general North Easterly and

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later Westerly direction.

9. Lt. OLIVER A. WAGGONER, Forecaster at the Long Beach Weather Station, advised that, in his opinion, the balloon could not have been more than eight miles from point of release at Long Beach at the time his office lost contact with it.

10. Major BROOKS said that this balloon at 43,000 feet would be about 20 feet in diameter and the size and shape would be determined by the wind currents and the wind speed. Twenty feet below the balloon on a cord is attached a red paper parachute which is connected to a radio transmitter encased in a small white glossy cardboard box approximately 1' x 8".

11. Special Agent HENRY O. CHAPPELL interviewed Mr. P. R. NELSON, General Services Meteorologist, Hancock Field, Santa Maria, California, and he advised that his station released two weather balloons on 23 September 1951. One was released at 0300Z hours (1900 hours Pacific Standard Time, 22 September 1951), and one was released at 1505Z hours (0705 Pacific Standard Time, 23 September 1951). The one which was released on 22 September 1951 attained an altitude of 78,000 feet and was contacted for 68 minutes by radio. The one which was released on 23 September 1951 remained in the air 74 minutes and attained an altitude of 100,000 feet. He said that the course of the balloons would depend upon the wind velocity and that the average winds from Santa Maria are traveling in a Southeast-erly direction. He stated that it was doubtful that one of the balloons which was released at Santa Maria, which is some 175 miles North and West of Long Beach, could have traveled from Santa Maria South to Long Beach then North to Santa Maria, and then South and East to March AFB. A description of the balloon at an altitude of some 50,000 feet was the same as that furnished by Major BROOKS.

12. Special Agent THOMAS McARDLE was advised by Lt. Commander D. C. WEST, Weather Station Officer, Naval Air Station, San Diego, California, that his station released a balloon at approximately 0700 hours PST on 23 September 1951. He claimed that the balloon attained an altitude of some 60,000 feet before it burst. San Diego is approximately 150 miles South of Long Beach.

13. All of the above weather officers stated that there was a possibility that the object sighted was one of the balloons which had been released, however each stated that it was doubtful because of the course which the sighted object reportedly traveled.

14. This matter was coordinated with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Los Angeles, The Office of Naval Intelligence in Los Angeles, and San Diego, and the Counter Intelligence Corps, Fort MacArthur, California. None of these agencies had received any information relative to this matter.

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IN REPLY REFER TO:
AFOIN-ATIAA-2c

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] High Flying Unidentified Object

28 NOV 1951

TO: Commanding General
27th Air Division (Def)
Attention: Director of Intelligence
Norton Air Force Base
San Bernardino, California

1. Reference is made to AF Form 112, #1, dated 5 Oct 1951, subject: "High Flying Unidentified Object", in which the incident of an unidentified object sighted over March Air Force Base on 23 Sept 1951 is reported.

2. The possibility of this object being a weather balloon released from San Diego, Long Beach, or Santa Maria or that it was an experimental aircraft has been investigated. It is highly doubtful if the object was a balloon, and it was not an experimental aircraft. Consequently, further investigation of the incident is warranted.

3. It is requested that the following information be obtained as soon as possible and forwarded to Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Attn: ATIAA-2c, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

a. From what location was the original sighting of the object made? The report states that it was sighted over Long Beach. How was it located, visually or by radar?

b. From what base did the F-86's take off? What was the time of take-off?

c. The report states that the object was first sighted by the F-86's over Muroc. What was the time and location of the F-86's at the time of this sighting? How did they determine the object was over Muroc?

d. The report states that when the F-86's reached an altitude of 43,000 ft. the object was over March Air Force Base. Did the F-86's have the object in sight during its run from Muroc to March Air Force

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Base or did they lose it and sight it again over March Air Force Base? What was the time when the object was sighted over March AFB?

e. Were any types of balloons launched from either Norton AFB or March AFB several hours prior to the time of the sighting of the object over March AFB?

4. In addition to the above specific points, it is requested that the F-86 pilots be reinterrogated and a detailed statement of their attempted interception be submitted. It would be very helpful to include with these a Sectional Chart with the flight path of the F-86's and times of significant occurrences marked.

5. It is realized that due to the time that has elapsed since the incident it may be difficult to get data but it is requested that every effort be made to obtain information that is as accurate as possible.

6. The Air Technical Intelligence Center wishes to express its appreciation for the cooperation received by your Command and the Office of Special Investigations in regard to this incident.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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NORTON AIR FORCE BASE

SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA

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In Reply Refer To:
27ADDI-360.1

DEC 21 1951

SUBJECT: (Restricted) High Flying Unidentified Object

TO: Commanding General
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

1. Reference is made to your letter AFOIN-ATIAA-2c dated 28 November 1951. In compliance with your request, the following information is submitted in answer to the questions contained in paragraph (3) of your letter.

a. Original sighting of object was made visually at 0715 PST from position over Santa Monica Bay as indicated on attached map overlay.

b. Element making original sighting took off from George Air Force Base at 0700 PST.

c. Reports that object was directly over Muroc and March Air Force Base were apparently in error, resulting from the difficulty of making a land fix at high altitude. (Based on later interrogation of pilots by DI of First Fighter-Interceptor Wing, when reports indicated both sightings at the same time.)

d. Paragraph 1 c above applies.

e. Norton Air Force Base and March Air Force Base were queried as to the launching of any type balloon, or any other object that might have had the appearance of the object in question, from those bases. Norton Air Force Base replied in the negative; March Air Force Base has not replied to date, and their reply will be forwarded to your headquarters immediately upon receipt. However, the orbit of the object, as compared with the prevailing winds indicated, seems to preclude the possibility of the object being a free balloon.

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2. Attached are statements of reinterrogation of those pilots still available for questioning, and Sectional Chart indicating significant occurrences, as submitted by the 94th Fighter-Interceptor Wing. (A correction of Captain Reichman's statement was later made verbally to the DI of the Wing: The nature of the scramble was an Air Defense mission, not to intercept an unidentified object as originally stated.)

3. Also attached is a statement by the Commanding Officer of the 669th AC&W Squadron, which indicates that the object was never picked up by radar.

4. It is believed that this data presents as accurate a report as can be obtained. However, if further investigation is desired, this headquarters will make every effort to obtain additional information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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HEADQUARTERS 27th AIR DIVISION (DEFENSE)

MORTON AIR FORCE BASE
SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA

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In Reply Refer To:
27ADDI-360.1

SUBJECT: (Restricted) High Flying Unidentified Object

TO: Commanding Officer (Kill Deck)
669th AC&W Squadron
Fort MacArthur
San Pedro, California

1. This headquarters has received a request for further investigation of the unidentified object sighted on 23 September 1951, and reported upon by 2nd Lt. Lorimer W. Hay-Chapman of your command.

2. It is requested that the following information be forwarded as soon as possible:

- a. Original sighting: how received, time and position.
- b. Time and position of later sightings, indicating whether visual or by radar.
- c. Detailed report of action taken, including scramble order.
- d. If feasible, a Sectional Chart showing flight paths and times of significant occurrences.

3. A detailed report of the Interceptor action is also being requested through the 1st Fighter-Interceptor Wing. By correlating the two reports, it is hoped a complete history of the incident may be obtained.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL HUTCHINSON:

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Hq 27th AD (DEF) 360.1 Subject: High Flying Unidentified Object

669th ADCW Sqn 360.1 (7 Dec 51) 1st Ind

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669th AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND WARNING SQUADRON, Fort MacArthur, California

TO: Commanding General, 27th Air Division (DEF), Norton Air Force Base,
San Bernardino, California

1. In reference to Par. 2a basic letter the following is submitted.

a. Original sighting: received by VHF from Swanee Brown leader at 0755 PDST. The object was over San Pedro, California.

b. Time and position of later sightings: Swanee Brown leader last saw the object near March Air Force Base, California. All sightings were visual, the object was not picked up by radar.

c. Swanee Brown flight was on an Air Defense mission when the object was sighted. Swanee Brown was unable to intercept the object because of its high altitude and speed. The ADCW Controller was notified of the incident and our attempt to intercept the craft.

d. It is not possible for this Headquarters to show the flight path of the object. It was under surveillance by the pilot for approximately fifteen (15) minutes. The flight path was erratic but in an easterly direction.

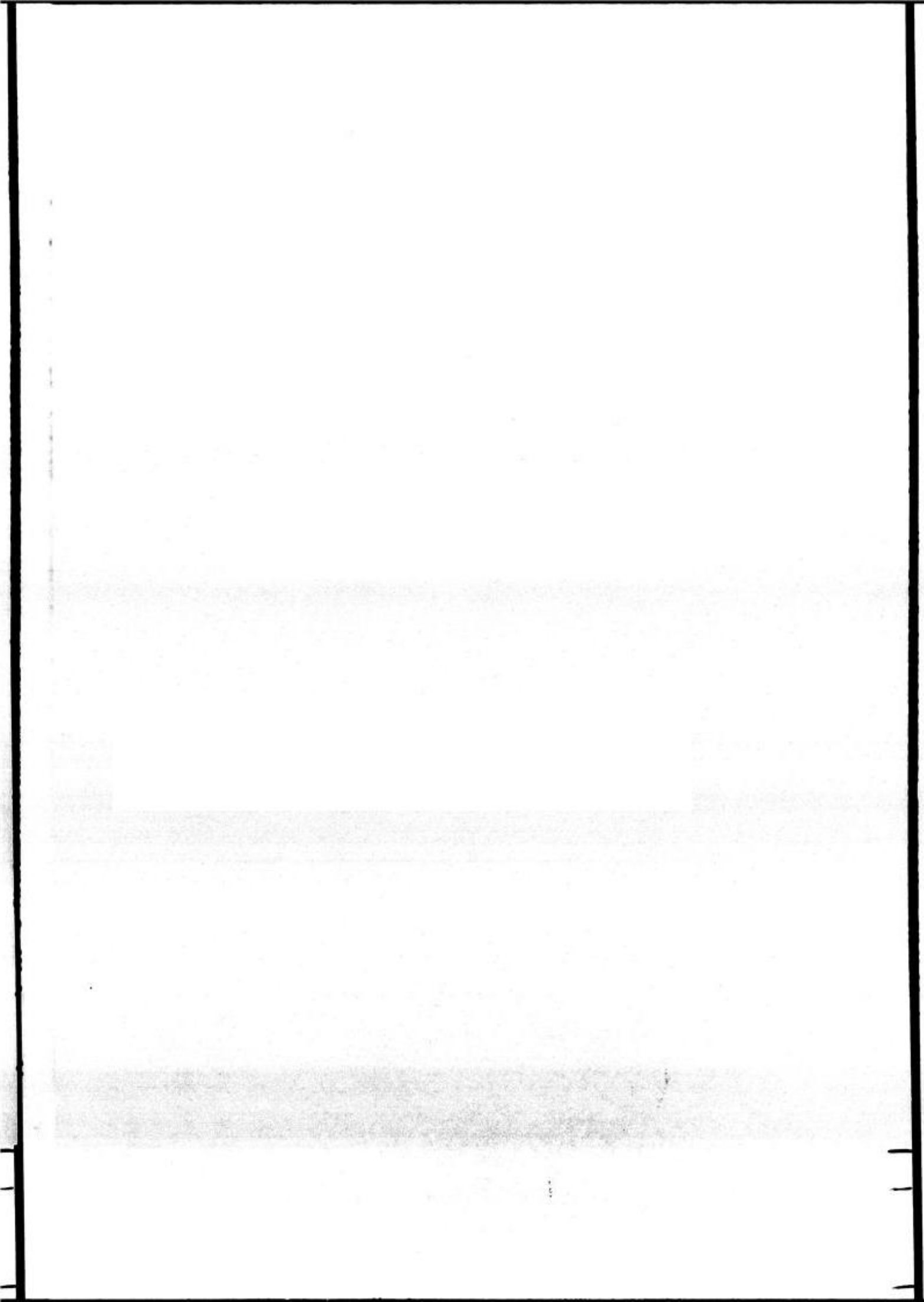
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HEADQUARTERS
94TH FIGHTER-INTERCEPTOR WING UNCLASSIFIED
George Air Force Base, California

11 December 1951

SUBJECT: Investigation of high flying Unidentified Object.

TO : Commanding General
1st Fighter-Interceptor Wing
Norton Air Force Base,
San Bernardino, California

1. Reference letter 27 ADD1-360.1. The attached reports are submitted herewith.

a. Statement of pilots making observation

b. Map

c. Overlays

d. Weather Rept. Winds Aloft...extract Records

2. Pilots were interrogated by Major Charles F. Casey, 23 Sept 51 C.F.C. Intelligence Officer of the 1st Fighter-Interceptor Wing.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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A. Statements by:

Capt. James H. Harvey
Capt. Harold E. Guthrie
Capt. Omer J. Reichman

Harold E. Guthrie
HAROLD E. GUTHRIE
Captain USAF
Intelligence Officer

B. Map

C. Overlays

D. Weather Rept. Winds Aloft. Extract records 23 Sept 51 C.F.C.

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1. On 23 September 1951 at approximately 0810 ST a bogie was sighted about 50,000 feet over Long Beach. I, Captain James H. Harvey and my flight of four were dispatched by Kill Deer to investigate this bogie. When we sighted this bogie he appeared to be over Muroc. When we reached an altitude of 43,000 feet this object was in the vicinity of Mafch Air Force Base.

From 43,000 feet this bogie appeared to be between 50,000 and 55,000 feet and also appeared to be a swept-wing, fighter-type aircraft. He was also noted to be in a constant orbit.

2. Q. When you were Vectored by the Long Beach area, were you able to Fix your position?
- A. Yes, at approximately 117° 30 W- 33° 20 N.
- Q. Did you see this object?
- A. Yes.
- Q. What position was it, in relation to you?
- A. 12° and very high.
- Q. What was your heading at that time?
- A. 340° Compass Heading.
- Q. Did you alert the rest of your flight?
- A. Yes, I did.
- Q. By what method?
- A. Radio.
- Q. Were you on the same comm. channel as Kill Deer?
- A. Yes.

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Statement Cont'd. (Harvey)

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Q. Did your flight Roger your information?

A. Yes they did.

Q. Were you sure Kill Deer read you also?

A. Right, because Kill Deer knew of object.

Q. Did you question Kill Deer if they could read object on the scope?

A. I did not, but Captain Reichman did.

Q. Were you over Muroc at any time?

A. Negative.

Q. Did you attempt to intercept object?

A. Yes I did with my three companions.

Q. What happened. Were you able to intercept?

A. No—because we had external tanks, and 43,000 feet was the highest we could get. Plus fuel shortages. If we had dropped our tanks, I believe we could have attained higher altitude.

Q. Did you ask permission to drop tanks?

A. No.

Q. Did Control instruct you to do so?

A. No.

Q. Did you lose sight of object at any time?

A. No.

Q. How long did you remain in area with object?

A. I don't know exactly, but at least 10 to 15 minutes. Not being able to climb higher, we broke off the intercept, because of the fuel shortage, and returned to Base.

Q. Did Kill Deer release you, or what comm did you have with Control?

A. Yes, when informed of our position.

Q. Did Kill Deer inform you a new interception was in progress?

A. No.

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Statement Cont'd. (Harvey)

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Q. Were you at any time over or near March Base?

A. Yes, within 10 miles, altitude 43,000ft.

Q. Did you see this object then?

A. Yes, it appeared, from angle we were at, to be directly over March AF. Base.

Q. Any noticeable maneuvers?

A. No, just an orbit----varied between left and right.

Q. Would you say it was a controlled orbit?

A. Yes, it appeared so; the turn was held in, i.e., controlled.

Q. Did you hear March Tower talk at any time?

A. No. I was on a different frequency.

Q. Can you describe the object?

A. It appeared to be a swept back wing, bright silver color. In size prospect, it would fit within the radii of a gun sight. ?

Q. What altitude do you estimate object was at?

A. 50-55,000 feet.

Q. Your altitude at this time was 43,000 feet.

A. Yes, it was.

Q. That would indicate approximately 12,000 feet difference between you and the object?

A. Yes.

Q. What was the weather and visibility?

A. Clear and unlimited.

Q. In your own opinion Captain, what do you deduce it (the object) could have been?

A. It could have been a free balloon.

Q. Did you discuss this object with your co-pilots.

A. Yes. We were not quite definite, but it was an unidentified object.

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Statement Cont'd (Harvey)

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Q. What time did you land?

A. At about 0845.

James H. Harvey
JAMES H. HARVEY
Captain USAF

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STATEMENT

11 December 1951

*Stalin
Korea*

1. Captain Omer J. Reichman states: On the morning of ~~23~~ 23 September, 1951, I was one of an element of two that Scrambled at approximately 0700 hours. [The nature of this scramble was to intercept unidentified object.] We were Vectored over Long Beach Bay, arriving there at 0715 at approximately 30,000 feet. I was ^{in a} port orbit over position (118° 40 W—33° 50 N). I took up a Vector to Long Beach range at approximately 80° heading. At a period 30 seconds from Long Beach Range, I saw this object at 12 °/c high above me. It appeared to be in a left orbit of an undetermined speed, at above 50,000 feet altitude. It continued on a left orbit and passed directly over me, port to starboard. It appeared to have swept back wings of 45° and a very bright silver coloring—like sun reflecting on water. The prospection of the object seemed very far away.

2. Did the pilot of your element also see this object?

A. Yes. (Name: Jack G. Rico't, ^{LT} ~~Captain~~.) *Now Tdy MAXWELL Fld.*

Q. Did you attract his attention to the object?

A. Yes, I did.

Q. Did you satisfy yourself he saw and recognized object pointed out?

A. Yes, I did.

Q. How did you accomplish this?

A. Over the radio, V.H.F.

Q. Is that on the same channel as Kill Deer?

A. Yes. I called this information into them. They ^{logged} ~~logged~~ but they did not have object on the radar scope.

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"A" (REICHMAN)

Statement Cont'd. (Leitchman)

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Q. Could they, or was Kill Deer tracking you?

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. You are quite certain Kill Deer Rogered you, but it could not Roger object?

A. Right. At the time I called in my position.

Q. What was your position at the time?

A. 30 seconds from Long Beach, heading 80 degrees. Probably mag

Q. Did you notice any maneuvers from this object?

A. No. It continued in a left orbit.

Q. Were you in vicinity of Muroc at any time?

A. I passed within 20 miles going out and returning. I did not see object there.

Q. Did you try to intercept it?

A. No. The shortage of fuel and altitude of the object prevented me from doing so.

Q. Are you positive Kill Deer was aware of object, and also of your fuel shortage?

A. Yes, they were, because they had Vectored the next flight into the vicinity and released us.

Q. In your own opinion, what do you think the object could have been?

A. I am of the opinion it was an A/C of some sort, being in a state of burn.

Q. Have you discussed this object with others who also saw it, and if so, how.

A. Yes, because of curiosity and attempting to resolve it. I also reported it on landing. Capt Harvey made a written report.

Q. Did you lose sight of the object.

A. No. I left because of fuel shortage, and object was still in a port orbit, altitude approx. 50,000 ft.

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Statement Cont'd. (Reichman) [REDACTED]

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Q. What time approximately did you break off?

A. About 0810 to 0815.- Heading directly to base at a 33° heading.

John J. Reichman
JOHN J. REICHMAN
Captain USAF

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STATEMENT

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11 December 1951

1. Captain Harold E. Guthrie States: On the 23rd of September I was piloting an F-86E A/C in a flight of four. I took off from George Air Force Base at 0800, 23 September, 1951 for a scramble interception of an unidentified Bogie over the Los Angeles area. At approximately 0810 I sighted an unidentified object over San Antonio PEAK California, (117degrees 40' W-34 degrees, 20'N). It appeared to be at 40,000 feet altitude, moving South. This object appeared to be travelling at a slow speed. It was oval shaped with a silverish color, like aluminum. It had a level flight but orbiting right. The flight attempted to intercept; however, at 43,800 feet altitude we broke off because of low fuel. Object sighted was still above us.
2. Q. What action did you take with AC6W when you observed fuel low and had to break interception ?
- A. Kill Deer was contacted and informed of our low fuel level. Our flight was released for Pancake.
- Q. Did Kill Deer acknowledge your message ?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Did you hear any further alerts being directed by Kill Deer ?
- A. No.
- Q. What time was this ?
- A. Approximately 0925.
- Q. Did you see any other military A/C in the vicinity ?
- A. None.
- Q. Were you in Radio Communication with any other military A/C in the vicinity ?
- A. No.
- Q. Who else, in your particular flight, observed this object ?
- A. Captain Harvey, Major Buchanan (transferred to Korea), and Captain Coberly (also now in Korea).
- Q. What was the nature of your discussion airborne, when the object was sighted ?
- A. We discussed its altitude, speed, and direction of flight.

"A" (GUTHRIE)

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Statement Cont'd. *(Guthrie)*

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A. Cont'd. Kildare asked us to identify, and we found that impossible to do.

Q. Why couldn't you?

A. Object was too high and we were suffering from a fuel shortage.

Q. Direction. Had this object maintained a Southerly direction during your attempt to intercept it?

A. It had maintained "Orbit to *Right*."

Q. Your position at 0925 was where and what altitude?

A. In the vicinity of SAN ANTONIO PEAK, Alt: 43,500ft.

Q. Do you know if there were any other Interceptors air borne on or about the L.A. area, when you were on Intercept Scramble?

A. Yes. Two others from George A.F.B.

Q. Separate flights?

A. Yes, a separate flight.

Q. Do you know if they were aware of the proximity of this object?

A. No. However, they had sighted it at Long Beach and they had sighted it before us.

Q. Can you give ~~me~~ the sequences of Vectors if any given you by ACM or any other such agencies?

A. There were no Vectors given by Kildare because object was not reflected in the radar scope.

Q. Do you know if your flight was observed Kildare scope?

A. I don't know. But I presume they did.

Q. Have you ever requested a Fix from them?

A. Yes, and they have given us a position Fix.

Q. What do you think your object sighted could have been, bearing and its behaviour?

A. It is my opinion it was a free weather balloon, influenced by upper air currents.

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Harold E. Guthrie
HAROLD E. GUTHRIE
Captain USAF
Intelligence Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
1ST FIGHTER-INTERCEPTOR WING
NORTON AIR FORCE BASE, CALIF.

SUBJECT: WEATHER REPORT.

Winds Aloft — 23 Sept 51

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The following information was extracted from record files maintained by Base Weather Station, Norton AF Base, San Bernardino, California. Major Harman USAF, Weather Squadron Commanding Officer.

WINDS ALOFT. 23 Sept 51- 1500Z- 0700 hrs Pacific Time

200 M.B. = 40,200 ft. Los Angeles Area

Long Beach— Wind from due West 270 degrees at 20 knots.

Phoenix— " " " " 270 " " 35 " .

Las Vegas— " " " " 280 " " 20 " .

Indicating these winds were constant from West to East

(Note) a. This is at variance with Guthrie who reported object orbiting to right.(item free balloon).

b. Reichman reported "object" orbiting left would be more correct.(item free balloon)

c. Harvey's report—object over M.A.F.B. could not, or at least eliminates (item free balloon)

WINDS ALOFT—12 hours later, ie. 0300Z 24th or 1900 Pac Time 23 Sept 51.

Winds change to N.W. with no appreciable increase in velocity, except Tucson..winds up to 45 knots.

TEMPERATURES—aloft were MINUS 55 degrees generally in both cases.

Chas. F. Casey
CHAS. F. CASEY
Major USAF
Intelligence Officer
1st. Ftr-Intcp. Wing.

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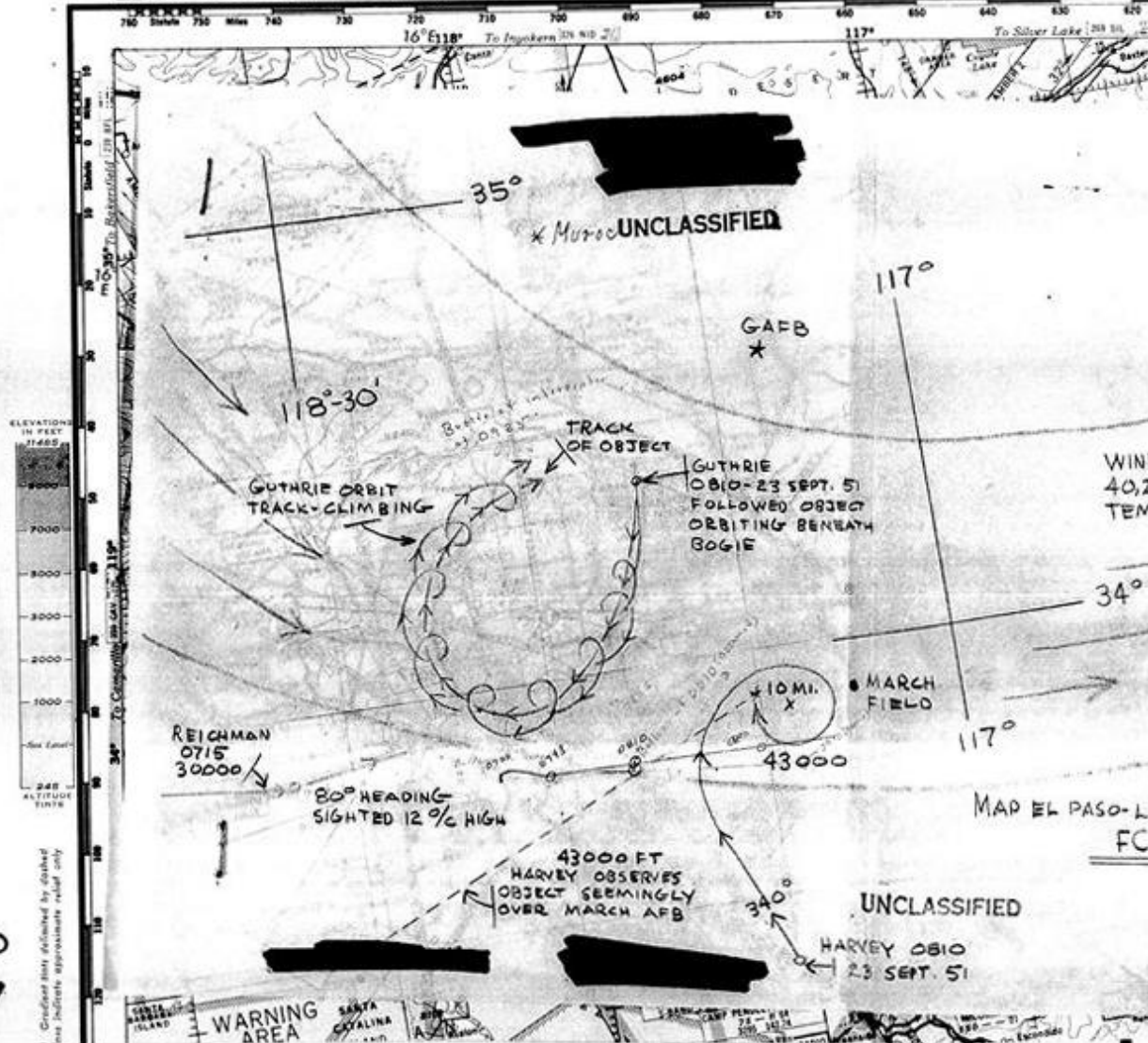
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Miles



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WINDS ALOFT
40,200 FT.
TEMP. -55°

4°

LOS ANGELES
FC 219.



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ROUTING

JOINT MESSAGEFORM

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER NO.

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FROM (Originator)

SPACE ABOVE FOR COMMUNICATIONS CENTER ONLY

CO, ATIC

TO: ~~Communications Officer~~
 Air Force Weather Squadron
 Long Beach Municipal Airport
 Long Beach, California
RADNOTE

INFO: C/I, Hq USAF, Washington 25, D. C.
RADNOTE

DATE-TIME GROUP 301345Z Nov 51		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
PRECEDENCE FOR:	ACTION Routine	INFORMATION
☐ BOOK MESSAGE	☒ ORIGINAL MESSAGE	
☒ MULTIPLE ADDRESS	CRYPTOPRECAUTION ☐ YES ☒ NO	
REFERS TO MESSAGE:		
IDENTIFICATION	CLASSIFICATION	

ATIAA-11-4E. This Center has been informed that your station launched a weather balloon between 0645 and 0746 PST on 23 Sept 1951, and that it was lost at 42,900 feet. It is requested that more exact details be forwarded by mail as soon as possible for use in high priority classified project. Information needed is:

- Exact time of launch.
- Ground track of balloon until it was lost.
- Time and location when balloon was lost.
- Winds aloft.
- Rate of ascent.
- Type of balloon.

In reply refer to Project Grudge.

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DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required)

Lt E. J. Ruppelt/vs

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

SYMBOL

ATIAA-33

TELEPHONE

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OFFICIAL TITLE

KENNETH T. FINCH, Capt, USAF
Asst Air Adjutant GeneralDD FORM 173
1 OCT 49REPLACES NME FORM 173, 1 MAY 48,
WHICH MAY BE USED.

16-54023-2 U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

ATIAA-11-4E File

DETACHMENT 10-6
10TH WEATHER SQUADRON
LONG BEACH MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
LONG BEACH CALIFORNIA

4 December 1951

SUBJECT: Flight of Weather Balloon (Project Grudge)

TO: Commanding Officer
ATIC Wright Patterson AFB
Ohio

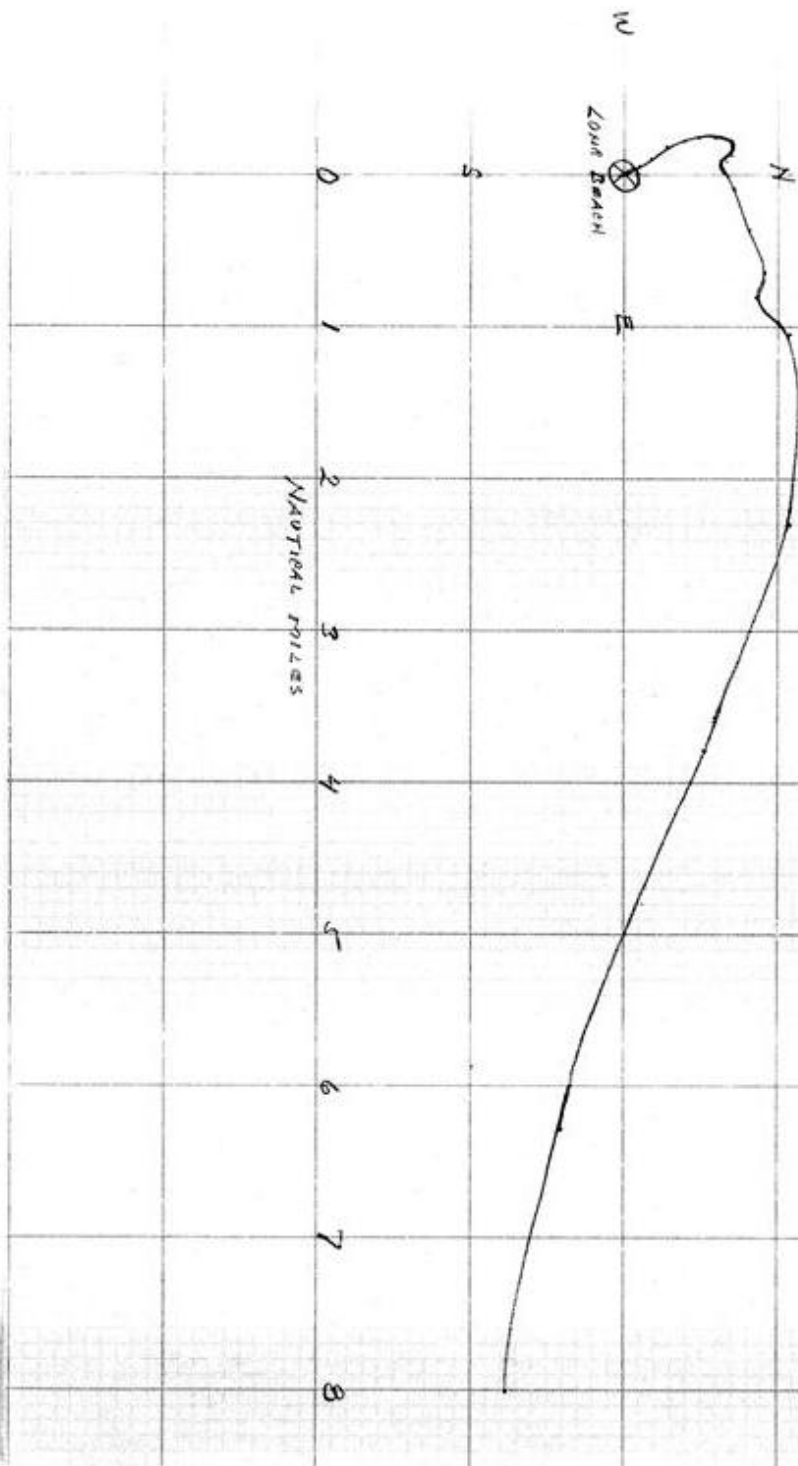
1. Reference your TWX 30 November 1951, The following information is submitted:

- a. Launching time 0700P.
- b. Ground track of balloon is shown in enclosed graph.
- c. Balloon lost at 0743P, eight (8) miles east of this station, bearing ninety-five (95) degrees.
- d. Winds Aloft:

<u>Height</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>knots</u>
SFC	160 deg	02
1000	140	04
2000	140	05
3000	140	07
4000	160	07
5000	170	05
6000	180	06
7000	200	07
8000	270	04
9000	310	03
10000	320	03
12000	240	05
14000	250	09
16000	250	09
18000	290	05
20000	230	10
25000	270	15
30000	290	19
35000	290	32
40000	280	21

- e. Rate of ascent was 1000 feet per minute.
- f. Type of balloon used was ML-391.

Kenneth T. Brooks
KENNETH T. BROOKS
Major, USAF
Detachment Comm.



Santa Maria Winds - 23 September 1951 - 1000 EST (0700 PST)

Surface	Calm
1,000'	100° - 2K
2,000'	130° - 2K
2,500'	200° - 3K
4,000'	340° - 6K
4,500'	340° - 7K
6,000'	340° - 7K
7,000'	340° - 7K
8,000'	330° - 4K
8,500	240° - 2K
10,000'	190° - 8K
12,000'	220° - 14K
14,000'	220° - 13K
16,000	230° - 6K
18,000	240° - 6K
20,000	230° - 6K
25,000	270° - 10K
30,000	270° - 5K
35,000	270° - 7K

Long Beach Winds - 23 September 1951 - 1000 EST

Surface	80° - 10K
1,000'	90° - 10K
4,000'	190° - 14K
4,500'	190° - 15K
6,000'	200° - 24K
6,500'	190° - 31K
8,000'	180° - 33K
8,500'	180° - 33K
10,000'	190° - 34K
12,000'	210° - 34K
14,000'	250° - 33K
16,000'	280° - 34K
18,000'	270° - 42K
20,000'	270° - 48K

Chanute Winds - 23 September 1951 - 1600 EST (1500 CST)

Surface	270° - 3K
1,000'	270° - 4K
2,000'	300° - 8K
2,500'	330° - 5K
4,000'	350° - 7K
4,500'	100° - 8K
6,000'	360° - 7K
6,500'	360° - 7K
8,000'	360° -11K
8,500'	360° -15K
10,000'	360° -17K
12,000'	360° -20K
14,000'	360° -22K
16,000'	360° -27K
18,000'	360° -34K
20,000'	360° -36K
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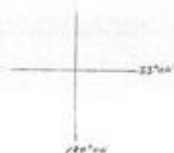
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March RFB

Long Beach
Object Subject of 0810
Rue F-02's Scenario

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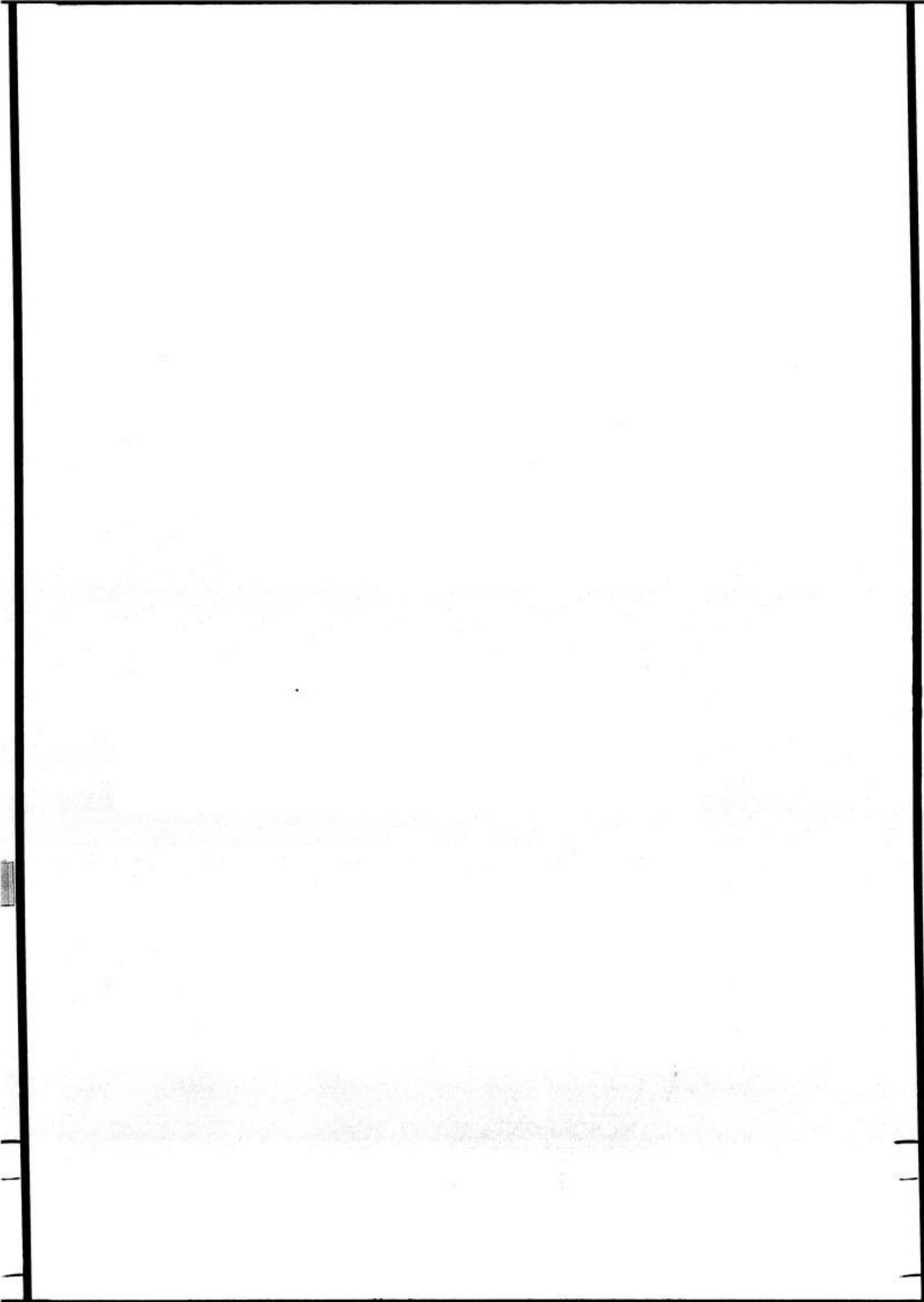


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C-1 [REDACTED] ROUTINE

1-ATT - ACTION INFO
2-ATT
3-
4-MCAGXMR1

TO CG AMC WPAFB DAYTON OHIO

CITE 27 ADDI 1318.

Info to AT1

IN COMPLIANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF ADC LETTER 200-1, DTD 11 APRIL 1951, THE FOLG INFO ON UNCONVENTIONAL UNIDENTIFIED HIGH ALTITUDE ACFT IS REPORTED. AT 1610Z, 23 SEP 1951, AN OBJECT WAS SIGHTED AND REPORTED OVER L BEACH CALIF, AT 50,000 FT. 4 F-86 WERE DISPATCHED TO INVESTIGATE AND SIGHTED OBJECT OVER NUROC CALIF. ATTAINING AN ALTITUDE OF 43,000 FT, F-86 SIGHTED OBJECT TO BE IN A CONSTANT ORBIT IN THE VICINITY OF MARCH AIR FORCE BASE AT AN ALTITUDE BETWEEN 50,000 AND 55,000 FT. OBJECT APPEARED TO BE A SWEEP-WING, FIGHTER-TYPE ACFT. WRITTEN REPT TO FOL IN ACCORDANCE WITH PAR 5A (2) OF ABOVE CITED ADC LETTER

ACTION COPY

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Col Willis called and left the following message:

"We have a cable from Maywood Calif., No. 85128, concerning a sighting at Oakland, Calif. on 23 September 1951." You are to be at the teleconference this afternoon between ATIC and Capabilities Branch with enough information concerning this sighting on 23 September 1951. If possible, have the evaluation of it.



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CO, ATIC

211730Z Oct 51

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Commanding Officer
Horton Air Force Base
San Bernardino, California

R A D N O T E

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81800Z Oct 51

AFOIN-ATIAA-10-15E. Please advise when information can be made available to this Center, in regard to our previous teletype 81800Z Oct 51, citing 27 ADDI 1318. In reply cite AFOIN-ATIAA-2 GRUDOS.

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Lt. H. Metscher/pog

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MURRAY S. STURGIS, Captain, USAF
Air Adjutant General

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CO, ATIC

81800Z Oct 51

Priority

Commanding Officer
Norton Air Force Base
San Bernardino, California

Cite 27 ADDI 1318 [REDACTED]

Request you contact OSI District Office Number 18 at Maywood, California, for complete field investigation to compliment information in cited teletype. It is desired that OSI, in addition to their ordinary procedure, check the possibility of experimental aircraft originating from any of the California airframe manufacturers. We have eliminated experimental aircraft from Muroc AFB. In reply cite ATIAA-2 GRUDGE.

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Lt. Jerry W. Cummings

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MURRAH S. STURGIS, Captain, USAF
Air Adjutant General

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CO, ATIC

171600Z Oct 51

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Commanding Officer
Norton Air Force Base
San Bernardino, California

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AFOIN-ATIAA-10-10. Reference your teletype 16/2143Z Oct 51 JWPMT. Teletype
Number 17, Cite 27 ADDI 1318, **classified Confidential**.

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MURRAH. S. STURGIS, Captain, USAF
Air Adjutant General

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FROM: DO 13TH OSI MAYWOOD CALIF

TO : CSAF WASH DC ATTN OSI

NR : 18D OSI

26 Oct 51

This dist in receipt of req from CG 27 Air Div Norton AFB San Bernardino Calif requesting investigation concerning the sighting of an object over Long Beach Calif on 23 Sept 51. Req made by letter received this office 25 Oct 51. At 0810 hours 23 Sept 51 an object was sighted over Long Beach at 50,000 ft. 4 F-86's were dispatched and sighted object over Murcoo Calif. Attaining an altitude of 43,000 ft, F86's sighted object to be in constant orbit in vicinity of March AFB Calif at an altitude between 50-55,000 ft. Object appeared to be swept wing fighter type aircraft. Air Defense Command has requested we check possibility of experimental acft originating from airframe manufacturers this area. They also suggested possibility of this object being a weather balloon which are released by 3 weather stations this area periodically. This district handling this inquiry on priority basis and we are contacting acft manufacturing concerns in Southern Calif to determine if object could have been experimental acft. Also checking possibility that object could have been weather balloon. This office would appreciate receiving advice your Hqs as to any policy which may have been established on the handling of matters such as this, other than the established policy concerning the handling of unconventional acft type cases.

ACTION: CSI

INFO: CIG, CDS OIN

CAF IN: 85128

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(27 Oct 51)

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FM CG 27TH ADIV DIF NORTON AFB CALIF
TO CO ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB DAYTON OHIO
27ADDI 1973 PD

REF YOUR MSG AFOIN-ATIAA-14-15E CMA 18 DIST OSI ADVISE THAT CASE
BEING HANDLED ON PP BS PD RPT W/B SUBMD THRU THIS HQ O/A 30 OCT 51
PD END

27/1822Z OCT 3PX

St. Ruppelt
ATIC
Col. Wilks here mnd.

ITEM 8 AMC [REDACTED]

ATTN COL WILLIS

ATIC HAS NO INFO ON SIGHTING AT OAKLAND CALIFORNIA ON 23 SEPT 1951. ONLY REPORT WE HAVE IS SIGHTING OVER MARCH AFB ON 23 SEPT. IN THIS INSTANCE F-86 ATTEMPTED TO INTERCEPT CLIMBED TO 43,000 FEET BUT OBJECT WAS AT AN ESTIMATED 50 TO 55,000 FEET. APPEARED TO BE SWEEP WING TYPE FIGHTER.

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END ITEM 8 MAC [REDACTED]

TT-272
31 Oct 51
AMC ITEM 8
ATIAA/RUPPELT

INFORMATION

ITEM 9 AMC [REDACTED]

FROM LT RUPPELT
TO ATTN COL WILLIS

REF: CSAF ITEM 13

ATIC IS CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION. EDWARDS AFB CONTACTED AND NO EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT WERE IN THE AREA. WEATHER BALLOONS ARE LAUNCHED AT 0700 PST BUT IS IS DOUBTFUL THAT THE BALLOON WOULD RISE TO 50,000 FEET IN 10 MINUTES. AS TIME OF SIGHTING WAS 0710 PST. THE TYPE OF BALLOON LAUNCHED RISES AT ABOUT 1,000 FEET PER MINUTE. ANY OTHER INFO DESIRED. ATIC IS STILL INVESTIGATING - 18TH DISTRICT OSI ADVISES THAT FULL REPORT WILL BE FORWARDED ABOUT 30 OCT 1951.

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END ITEM 9 AMC [REDACTED]

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31 Oct 51
AMC ITEM 9
ATIAA/RUPPELT

INFORMATION

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ITEM 10 AMC [REDACTED]

REF CSAF ITEM 4

IN REGARD TO POLICY, ATIC UNDERSTOOD THE POLICY WAS FOR ATIC TO CONTACT OSI DISTRICTS DIRECT AND REQUEST FURTHER INFORMATION ON SIGHTINGS. ATIC DOES NOT CONTACT OSI ON ALL SIGHTINGS, ONLY THOSE THAT APPEAR TO BE IMPORTANT. WE REALIZE OSI HAS OTHER DUTIES. THEY HAVE BEEN VERY COOPERATIVE AND HELPFUL IN THE PAST

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END ITEM 10 AMC [REDACTED]

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31 Oct 51
AMC ITEM 10
ATIAA/RUPPELT

INFORMATION

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CSAF ITEM 13A [REDACTED]

REFERENCE ATIC ITEM 8 THIS TT.

THESE SIGHTINGS APPEAR TO BE THE SAME. UNCLASSIFIED

WHAT IS YOUR EVALUATION? YOU WILL NOTE THAT
COMPLETE CABLE FROM OSI WAS FORWARDED EARLIER
IN THIS TT, WHICH IS VERY SIMILAR TO ATIC
REFERENCED ITEM.

END CSAF ITEM 13A [REDACTED]

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31 Oct 51

CSAF ITEM 13

ATIAA/RUPPELT

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TO CG ATIC WRIGHT PAT AFB OHIO

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DI 0515 REF LTR AFOIN-ATIAA-2C

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No Ballroom located from March AFB

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3. Central Files

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ATTN: RUPPELT FM AFOIN-V/TC WILLIS

TT-272
31 Oct 51
CSAF ITEM 4
ATIAA/RUPPELT

THE FOLLOWING IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION
AND ACTION:

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"FROM DO 18TH OSI MAYWOOD CALIF. THIS
DIST IN RECEIPT OF REQ FROM CG 27 AIR DIV NORTON
AFB SAN BERNARDINO CALIFORNIA REQUESTING IN-
VESTIGATION CONCERNING THE SIGHTING OF AN
OBJECT OVER LONG BEACH CALIF ON 23 SEPT 51.
REQ MADE BY LETTER RECEIVED THIS OFFICE 25 OCT
51. AT 0810 HOURS 23 SEPT 51 AN OBJECT
WAS SIGHTED OVER LONG BEACH AT 50,000 FT.
4 F-86'S WERE DISPATCHED AND SIGHTED OBJECT
OVER MUROC CALIF. ATTAINING AN ALTITUDE OF
43,000 FT, F86'S SIGHTED OBJECT TO BE IN
CONSTANT ORBIT IN VICINITY OF MARCH AFB CALIF
AT AN ALTITUDE BETWEEN 50-55,000 FT. OBJECT
APPEARED TO BE SWEEP WING FIGHTER TYPE AIRCRAFT.
AIR DEFENSE COMMAND HAS REQUESTED WE CHECK
POSSIBILITY OF EXPERIMENTAL ACFT ORIGINATING
FROM AIRFRAME MANUFACTURERS THIS AREA. THEY ALSO
SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY OF THIS OBJECT BEING
A WEATHER BALLOON WHICH ARE RELEASED BY 3
WEATHER STATIONS THIS AREA PERIODICALLY.
THIS DISTRICT HANDLING THIS INQUIRY ON

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PRIORITY BASIS AND WE ARE CONTACTING ACFT MANU-
FACTURING CONCERNS IN SOUTHERN CALIF TO DETERMINE
IF OBJECT COULD HAVE BEEN EXPERIMENTAL ACFT.
ALSO CHECKING POSSIBILITY THAT OBJECT COULD
HAVE BEEN WEATHER BALLOON. THIS OFFICE WOULD
APPRECIATE RECEIVING ADVISE YOUR HQS AS TO ANY
POLICY WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED ON THE
HANDLING OF MATTERS SUCH AS THIS, OTHER
THAN THE ESTABLISHED POLICY CONCERNING THE
HANDLING OF UNCONVENTIONAL ACFT TYPE CASES."

END CSAF ITEM 4/ [REDACTED]

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PAYMENT NOT REQUIRED. SEE CRYPTO-CENTER
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TO CO ATIC WPAF, DAYTON, OHIO

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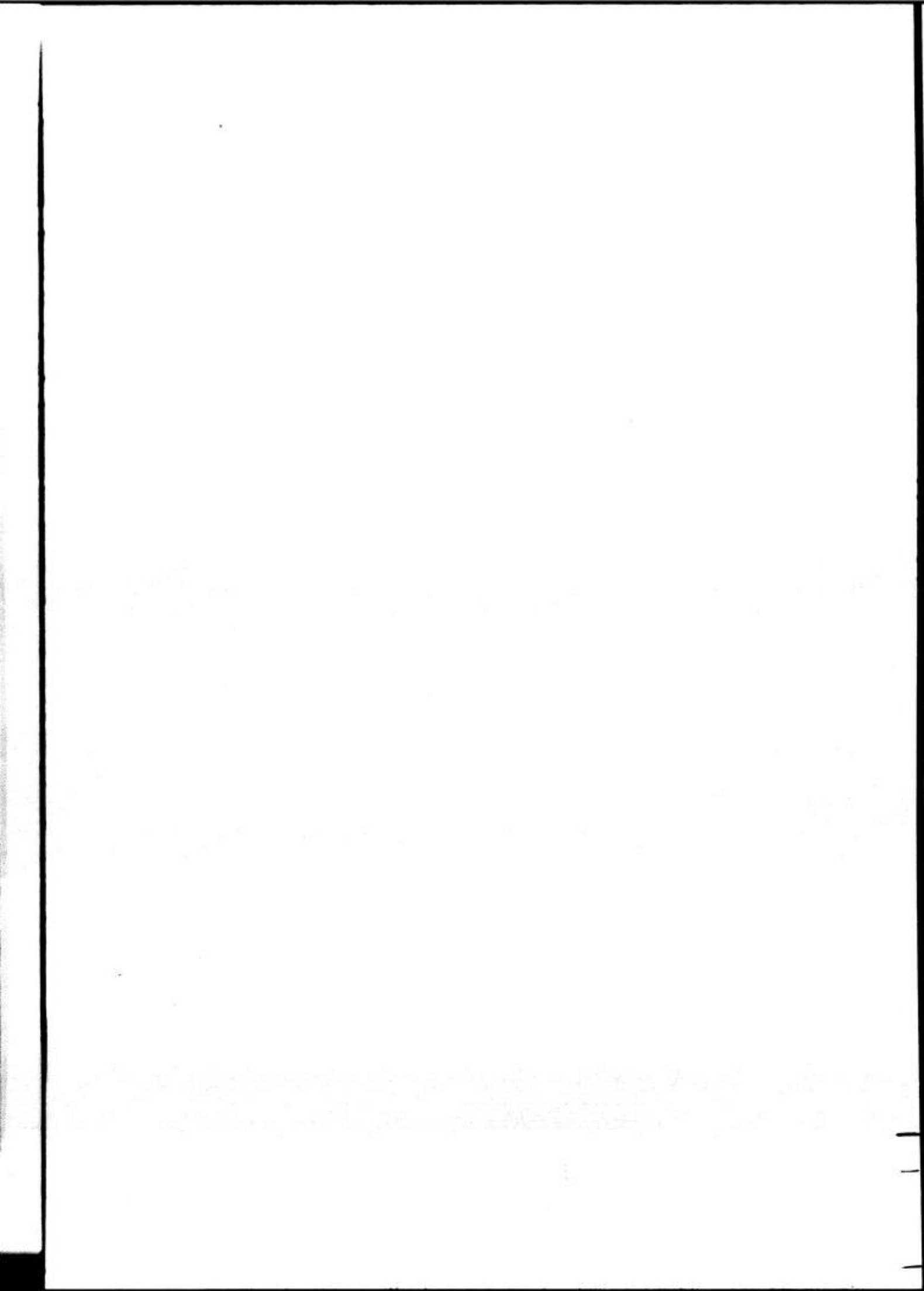
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24, November 1951
J. Edgar Hoover

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 24 November 1951	2. LOCATION Michigan		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>24/2325Z</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Military & Civilian		☒ Was Astronomical METEOR ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE S of W	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING SEE CASE FILE.			11. COMMENTS METEOR OBSERVATION.

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Appendix VIII

SOUTHERN MICHIGAN - 24 November 1951

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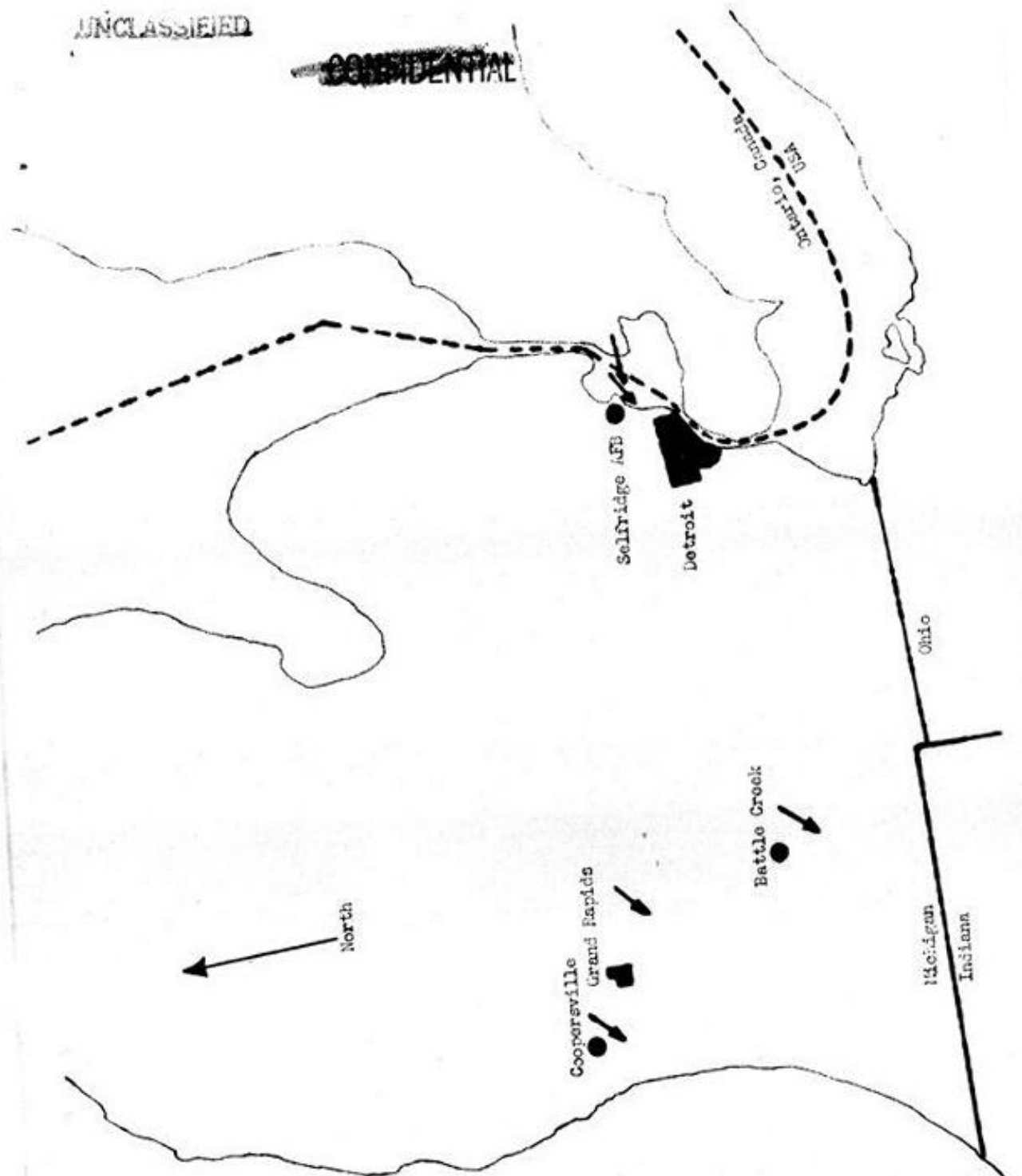
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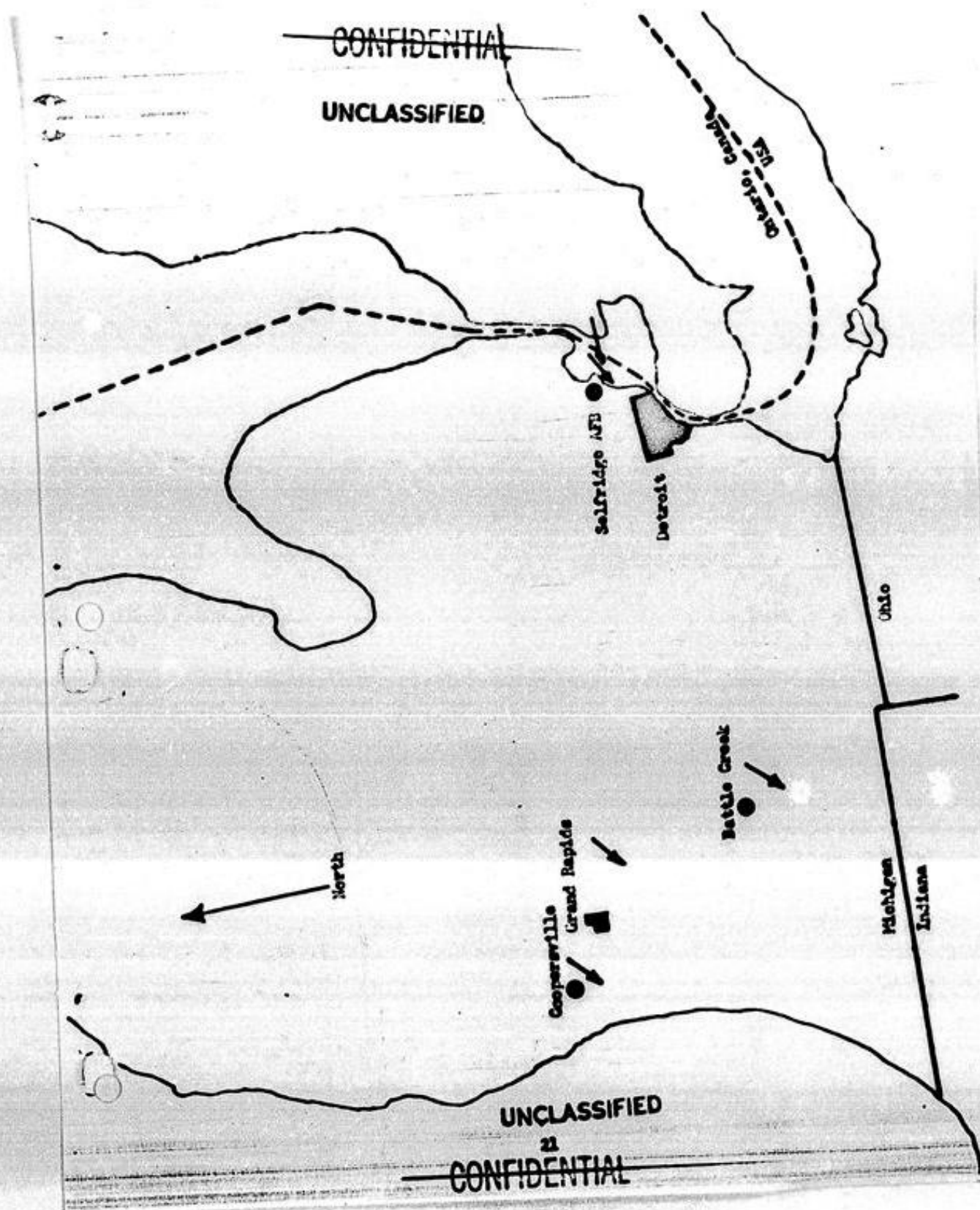
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FM EASTERN AIR DEFENSE FORCE

TO AWC UPAGE DAYTON OHIO [ATTE MCIS]

AIR DEFENSE COMD SMT AFD COLO SPRINGS COLO ADC ATTN INTEL

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COMPLIANCE WITH ABC LET 200-1 FOLLOWING UNIDENTIFIED AIRBOURNE OBJECT
SIGHTED AS FOLLOWS: BY 2 AMN AT SELFRIDGE AFB AT 242320Z, A LARGE OBLONG
OBJECT, BRIGHT WHITE LIGHT, REAL EXTREME END. NO NOISE. MOVING TO WEST
AT RAPID SPEED. BY PILOT CAPITOL AIRLINE FLIGHT NUMBER 94 AT 1900 FT.
SAME DESCRIBED OBJECT OVER COOPERSVILLE, MICH COURSE TO SOUTHWEST.
ESTIMATED SPEED 1000 MPH, ALT 500 TO 1000, TIME 242334Z. BY TOWER OPR
AT KENT COUNTY APRT AT GRAND RAPIDS, MICH SAME DESCRIPTION OBJECT MOVING
TO SOUTH WEST AT LOW ALTITUDE AT RAPID SPEED. WEATHER AT SELFRIDGE CAVU
TEMPERATURE 26 DEGREES, AT GRAND RAPIDS CAVU 23 DEGREES. NO INTCO ACTION
. EQUIPED AF FORM 112 EMPLOYING WILL BE SUBMITTED BY ADIV 30

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INFO EASTERN AIR DEFENSE FORCE STEWART AFB NY ATTN DIR OF MINTEL

FOLG REPT OF UNUSUAL FLYING OBJECT SUBMITTED IAW WITH ACPL 238-1.
PARA: 6 OBSRS REPT SIGHTING AN UNUSUAL FLYING OBJECT FR 4 DIFFERENT
PNTS IN LOWER MICHIGAN, OBSRS, PNTS OF OBSERVATION AND TIMES OF
OBSERVATIONS: 2 AMN ON SELFRIDGE AFB AT 242320Z, 1 AMN 1 MILE EAST
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FLT OVER COOPERSVILLE, MICH AT 242335Z, INTERROGATION OF ALL OBSRS
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IN ALL CASES OBJECT APPEARED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUADRANT ON A WESTERLY
OR SOUTH WESTERLY COURSE PARALLEL TO THE GRD AT SPEED ESTS VARYING

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FR 600 MPH TO 1,000 MPH, OBJECT WAS DESCRIBED AS FOOTBALL SHAPED,
ROUND, AND BULLET SHAPED, COLR: BLUISH WHITE, WHITE AND BLUISH
ORANGE, ALTITUDE WAS ESTD FR 800 FT TO 4,000 FT, 2 OBSRS REPTD AN
ORANGE THIL OR EXHAUST, VISIBILITY AT ALL PNTS DESCRIBED AS UNLIMITED,
OBJECT VANISHED IN SOUTH OR SOUTH WEST SKY WITHOUT CHANGE OF COURSE,
OBSERVATIONS LASTED FR 2 TO 6 SECONDS, NO NOISE WAS HEARD, NO JET ACFT
KNOWN TO BE OPNL IN AREA AT TIME, CHECK INDICATES NO KNOWN EXPERIMENTAL
BALLONS WERE IN AREA, MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY OBSERVATORY REPTS NO AURORA
BOREALIS VISIBLE OR METEOROTIC ACTIVITY OBSRMH, NO ELECTRONIC OBSERVATIONS
WERE NOTED BY RADAR STAS IN RANGE, DATA ON OBSRS AS FOLLS: CPL ARTHUR R
CHAPMAN, PFC MELVIN R MERDELL, 660 AC AND W SQ, SELFRIDGE AFB, PVT
JAMES YOUNG, ENGRG SECT, WRIGHT PATTERSON AFO, MR EUGENE SMITH AND MR
WALTER SYRYLO TOWEAD OPRES KENT COUNTY AIRPORT, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH,
MR HARRY SCHRADER, CAL FLT CHICAGO, ILL, PHONE NR GLENVIEW 43526
MR SCHRADER REPTS HAVING SEEN SECOND UNUSUAL OBJECT ON FLT 26 NOV 51
NEAR MILWAUKEE, DETAILS NOT AVAIL THIS TIME, FULL REPT OF THIS
OCCURANCE AND AF FORM 112 REPT WILL FOL

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Received by telephone call from Col Eriksen, AFOIN, 1700 hours, 26 Nov.

RECEIVED AT COMMAND POST

24 NOVEMBER 2320Z

24TH NOVEMBER AT SELFRIDGE AIR FORCE BASE TWO MEN REPORTED SIGHTING A LARGE OBLONG BRIGHTLY LIGHTED OBJECT MOVING AT RAPID RATE OF SPEED WITH NO NOISE. CAPITAL AIR LINE PILOT WHO IS A SENIOR CAPTAIN ON AIR LINE SIGHTED SIMILAR OBJECT OVER COOPERVILLE, MICHIGAN. ALTITUDE ESTIMATED 1,000 to 1,500 FEET. ESTIMATED SPEED 1,000 MILES PER HOUR. ALTITUDE OF CAPITAL AIR LINE AIRCRAFT 1,900 FEET. AT 2330Z, TOWER OPERATOR AT KENT CITY AIRPORT, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH, REPORTED SIMILAR OBJECT. CAA DETACHMENT AT BATTLE CREEK RECEIVED A REPORT FROM PVT JAMES YOUNG FROM WPAFB WHO REPORTED SEEING IN VICINITY BATTLE CREEK MICH AT 0221Z CIGAR SHAPED OBJECT WITH FAINT GLOW AT TAIL MOVING FROM NORTH TO SOUTH AT ESTIMATED ALTITUDE 4,000 FEET. SELFRIDGE RADAR AT 2320Z CEASED OPERATION AND ANTENNA MOVING OPPOSITE DIRECTION. ADC CHECKED VARIOUS STATIONS AND NO FLIGHT PLAN REPORTED THAT CAN CORRESPOND. WEATHER CALM AT TIME OF SIGHTING. THE COMMAND POST DUTY OFFICER QUERIED COL ROMIG, COMMAND MILITARY MAN IN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, AND HE HAD NO INFORMATION TO OFFER.

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11/27/51*

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receive from Command Post at 2220Z.

22 November at 2320Z, 23 November at Selfridge Air Force Base two men

Ref extms reported sighting large oblong brightly lighted object moving at rapid rate of speed with no noise. One minute later flight 94, Capitol Airlines pilot, who is a Senior Captain on airlines, sighted similar object over Coopersville, Michigan. Altitude estimated 1,000 to 1,500 feet, estimated speed ~~xx~~ 1,000 miles per hour. Altitude of Capitol Airlines aircraft, 1,900 feet.

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2334Z →

300-1000

3000 SW.

Native →

At 2330Z, tower operator at Kent City Airport, Grand Rapids, Michigan, reported similar object. CAA detachment at Battle Creek received a report from Pvt. James Young from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base who reported seeing in vicinity Battle Creek, Michigan, ~~object~~ a cigar shaped large object with faint glow at tail moving from North to South at estimated altitude of 4,000 feet. Selfridge radar at 2320Z ceased operation and the antenna revolved in opposite direction. ADC checked various stations and no flight plan reported that could correspond. Weather cava at time of sightings. The Command Post duty officer queried Col Romig, guided missiles man in Research and Development and he had no information to offer.

Info transmitted to ATIC - Col Quinn
at 1710 - 26 Nov 51 - Early Evaluation
requested - 99 ticks

Flt. of 86's at that time.
from Selfridge

No intercept attempted

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TO JEDEN/CG ADC ATTN INT ENT AFB COLO SPRINGS COLO

JEDWP/CG AMC ATTN MCIS WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB DAYTON OHIO

INT 33913. IN COMPLIANCE WITH ADCL 200-1 FOLG SUBMITTED. PVT

JAMES YOUNGS, PATTERSON AFB, ENGINEERING SECTION, WHILE IN

VICINITY OF BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN, SIGHTED A LONG, WHITE, CIGAR
SHAPED OBJECT WITH RED TRAIL MOVING NORTH TO SOUTH. ESTIMATED

ALT 4000 FT. ESTIMATED SPEED OVER 400 MPH. TIME 250221Z. NO

ADDITIONAL REPORTS RECEIVED. T REQUIRED AF FORM 112 AMPLIFYING
WILL BE SUBMITTED BY AIR DIVISION 30.

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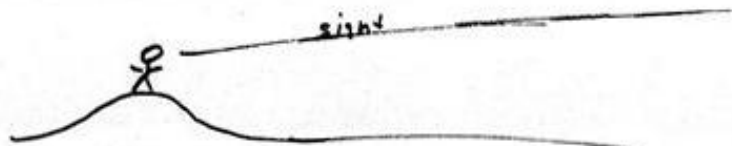
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INCIDENT NO. _____

1. Date of Observation: 24 Nov 51 Date of Interview: 3 Dec 51
2. Exact Time (local) 6:25 23.25.2
3. Place of Observation: one mile east of Battle Creek, Michigan
4. Position of Observer: Ground
5. What attracted attention to object: glowing object
6. Number of objects: One
7. Apparent size: fighter plane
8. Color of object: Nose had a white glow, rest of object white but not as bright as nose.
9. Shape: matchstick
10. Altitude: 4,000 ft
11. Direction from observer: East
12. Distance from observer: approximately 40 miles
13. Direction of flight of object(s): South or South southeast
14. Time of sight: 6 seconds
15. Speed: over 400 mph
16. Sound and odor: none
17. Trail: white
18. Luminosity: white glow at nose
19. Projections: none
20. Maneuvers: none
21. Manner of disappearance: as if light was turned off
22. Additional information concerning object:

The observer stated that the object disappeared from sight when it was in line of sight with the beacon light at Brooks Field, which is approximately 10 miles from the point of observation. He could ~~not~~ give no definite estimate as to the object's size, speed or altitude.



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Interrogation of Capital Airlines Pilot
24 November 1951 Incident

Mr. Larry Shroeder, 301 Lincoln Street, Glenview, Illinois, Phone Glenview 43526, was interrogated by Lt E. J. Ruppelt on Sunday, 9 November 1951.

Mr. Shroeder was Captain on Capital Airlines Flight #94 on 24 November 1951. His co-pilot was Burlingame (first name unknown). The flight was en-route to Grand Rapids, Michigan, from Muskegon, Michigan.

At approximately 1835 EST (2325 Z) both pilots of the DC-3 noticed an object appear in the NE and cross their course to the SW. The object seemed to be at their altitude, which was 1900 ft., and appeared to be between them and Grand Rapids, Michigan. They were over Coopersville, Michigan, at the time of sighting.

The object appeared to be 12 inches in diameter, round, "dullish blue" light source with no tail, or trail, and was comparatively bright. The trajectory was flat, if it arched it was so little that it could not be detected. The object was viewed for 4 - 5 seconds until it disappeared in the distance. The source could not judge the horizontal angle the object passed through. Its appearance was noted due to its brightness. It was not noticed approaching from a great distance, but was noticed disappearing. The speed was judged to be "terrific", it was estimated at 1000 mph, but this was only a rough guess.

On landing at Grand Rapids, the pilot heard that the tower operators had also seen the object. He was interrogated over the phone by Air Defense people from Selfridge. He also heard that the tower had intercepted a message from a "net", (he could not give any more details on what net) saying that a radar site, whose location was classified, had picked up an unidentified return 20 miles east of the station and he assumed that this was what they were asking him about over the phone. (Comments: This radar pick-up has never been heard of before and will be checked.)

Mr. Shroeder noted that while he and the co-pilot judged the object to have passed west of Grand Rapids, tower operators in Grand Rapids stated that it had been east of their location.

He noted that the night was very clear except for the usual slight haze, always found near Grand Rapids.

COMMENT: All during the conversation, it was apparent that Mr. Shroeder did not believe this was a meteor. He mentioned the possibility of an AF guided missile. It is apparent that if this is a meteor, it has no characteristics of a normal meteor. He stated that he had seen all kinds of meteors and had never seen anything like this before.

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Lt.Col. Hundt/ro/55 94
Artn 2: Nov 51

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

PROBLEM

1. To advise the Director of Intelligence regarding sightings of an unusual flying object (s) at various points in Michigan on 24 Nov 51.

FACTS AND DISCUSSION

2. Hq USAF Command Post received a notification on 24 Nov 51, that two men at Selfridge AFB had sighted, at 2320Z to 2325Z, a large oblong and brilliantly lighted object moving at a rapid rate of speed with no apparent audible sound. Object was reported as having a red exhaust.

3. At 2334Z, a senior captain pilot on Capital Airline flight 94 sighted a similar object over Coopersville, Michigan. The airliner was traveling at an altitude of 1900 feet at the time of sighting. The object's altitude was estimated to be between 500 and 1000 feet, speed estimated as 1000 miles per hour, and proceeding in a southwesterly direction.

4. At 2330Z, the tower operator at Kent City Airport, Grand Rapids, Michigan, reported sighting a similar object. No additional information was available from this source.

5. The CAA detachment at Battle Creek also received a report, with no time indicated, from a Private James Young of Wright-Patterson AFB, who reported seeing, in the vicinity of Battle Creek, Michigan, a cigar shaped large object with a faint tail glow moving from a north to south direction at an estimated altitude of four thousand feet, speed estimated to be over 400 miles per hour.

6. For an unexplained reason, Selfridge AFB radar ceased operation at 2320Z on 24 Nov 51.

7. Upon further checking with Hq USAF Command Post and with ADC on 27 Nov 51, it was learned that a flight of F-86's (number unknown) operating from Selfridge AFB was in the air in the vicinity of Coopersville, Michigan, at the time of the Capital Airline's sighting mentioned in paragraph 3 above.

8. This entire incident has been brought to the attention of ATIC and an early report of evaluation has been requested from them.

9. Subject matter will not be included in the Daily Staff Digest.

CONCLUSIONS

10. None. For information only.

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ACTION RECOMMENDED

- 11. None. For information only.

COORDINATION

Col. John G Eriksen - AFOIN-V/TC - Ext. 52466
CAPT L L Black, USN - AFOIN-V - Ext. 55909
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CSAF ITEM 1 (SECRET)

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TO DUNN FROM AFOIN-V/TC ERIKSEN

REF UNUSUAL FLYING OBJECT IN MICHIGAN 24

NOV 51. REQUEST YOUR EVALUATION AND ANY
COMMENTS SOONEST.

END CSAF ITEM 1 (SECRET)

27 Nov 51
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ATIAA/RUPPELT

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FROM LT E J RUPPELT ATIAA-20
TO COL WILLIS AFOIN-V/TC

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27 NOV 51, CSAF ITEM NR 1.
INVESTIGATIONS SHOW THAT THE UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT
SEEN OVER SOUTHERN MICHIGAN ON 24 NOV 51
WAS PROBABLY A VERY LARGE METEOR OR FIRE
BALL. INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING TO FURTHER
SUBSTANTIATE THIS CONCLUSION.

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AMC ITEM 7 /CONFIDENTIAL/

FROM LT E J RUPPELT,
TO AFOIN-V/TC ATIN, COL. ERIKSEN

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REFERENCED IN 27 NOV 1951-
CSAF ITEM 1. A FINAL EVALUATION WILL BE
MADE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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TO: Commanding Officer
30th Air Division
Selfridge AFB, Michigan
RADNOTE

INFO: Eastern Air Defense Force
Stewart AFB, New York
Attn: Director of Intelligence
RADNOTE

Newspapers have requested information on an incident that supposedly took place in Michigan within the last six weeks. Details furnished by newspaper were, quote, F-86 attempted unsuccessfully to intercept a saucer shaped object and/or object shaped like B-36 fuselage, but object, which was below the altitude of the F-86, was too fast, unquote. Do you have any information on such an incident? This Center has none. Immediate reply requested.

In reply cite Project Grudge.

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Lt E. J. Ruppelt/vs

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KENNETH T. FINCH, Capt, USAF
Asst Air Adjutant General

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1125th FIELD ACTIVITIES GROUP
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
Dayton, Ohio

IN REPLY REFER TO:
AFON-ATIAA-2c

XXXXXX Newspaper
Blank, Michigan

Dear Sirs:

It has been brought to the attention of the Air Force that several persons in southern Michigan reported sighting a meteor-like object on 24 November 1951 about 6:30 p.m.

The Air Force is interested in obtaining information in an attempt to plot the course of this object, if it was a single object, or determine if it was some phenomena similar to a meteorite shower. In order to assemble the information needed, your cooperation is requested by advising us as to whether or not any person in your area reported observing such an incident on the above mentioned date. If the object or objects were reported, approximately how many reports were received and did they follow a general pattern?

It is further requested that this inquiry be treated in a confidential manner until all facts are obtained and analyzed.

The Air Force would be very grateful for any information you could provide that would assist in this investigation.

FRANK L. DUNN
Colonel, USAF
Commanding

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COUNTRY USA	REPORT NO. IR-62-51E	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT Information on Unconventional Aircraft		
AREA REPORTED ON Lower Michigan	FROM (Agency) 30th Air Division (Defense) Selfridge AFB, Michigan	
DATE OF REPORT 4 December 1951	DATE OF INFORMATION 24 November 1951	EXTENSION F-3
PREPARED BY (Officer) 1st Lt. Robert K. Hall		SOURCE Individuals as listed below
REFERENCES (Control number, direction, previous report, etc., as applicable) Confidential TRX this Hq., INT 9772 29/1430Z (EADF Ref. only); ADC Ltr. 200-1		
SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-paragraph paragraph. List inclusions at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 118-Part II.)		
Six observers at five different points in the lower Michigan area report the sighting of an unusual flying object between 24/2320Z and 24/2325Z. The object in all cases was observed in the South-east quadrant travelling at speeds as fast or faster than a jet aircraft in flight parallel to the earth in a southwesterly, west south westerly or westerly course. Altitude estimates of the object are not conclusive in any case but indicate object was below 2,000 feet in opinion of most observers. The object was described variously as round, football shaped, egg shaped and bullet shaped. Its color was variously described as extremely bright white, white, grayish white, and brilliant bluish white. Two observers report sighting an orange or red exhaust like light toward the rear of the object. Weather at all points of observation was described as clear. Check of radar stations in area indicates no record of electronic observation of object. No known military aircraft were active over the area concerned. No meteoric nor aurora activity was observed. Observers: Pfc. Melvin E. Mordell, 660th AC&W Squadron, Selfridge AFB, Michigan. Cpl. Arthur R. Chapman, 660th AC&W Squadron, Selfridge AFB, Michigan. Pvt. James Youngs, Engineering Section, Patterson AFB, Ohio, Ph. Kenmore 7111 Ext. 55180. Mr. Eugene Smith, Grand Rapids, Michigan, Ph. 3-0255, Home Ph. 73-9937. Mr. Walter Syrylo, Grand Rapids, Michigan Ph. 3-0255. Mr. Larry Schroeder, Capitol Air Lines, Chicago, Illinois, Ph. Glenview 4-3526. Mr. Thomas Hatfield, Capitol Air Lines, Chicago, Illinois.		
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Following are the individual impressions of observers of an unusual flying object at the points and times indicated:

Selfridge AFB, Michigan, at approximately 24/2300Z

Pfc. Melvin E. Harrell, accompanied by Cpl. Arthur L. Chapman (both are also assigned to the 100th AGF Squadron, Selfridge AB Base) was about to enter a car at the rear of the Selfridge HCO Club when he noticed a white object in the "southeast" sky traveling in a swift, southeasterly direction parallel to the ground at a speed "much faster than a jet." Although he observed the object for only 2 to 3 seconds, he believes it was egg-shaped and definitely had a bright red tail or exhaust toward the rear portion but not behind the object itself. Harrell was unable to accurately estimate the object's proximity, but believes that it was within 2 or 3 miles and was between 500 and 1000 feet above the ground. The object disappeared behind trees and buildings directly south of his and never reappeared. Harrell could make no estimate of the object's dimensions and heard no sound whatsoever. He states the weather was clear. Pfc. Harrell has been in the Air Force for four years and has, on several occasions, observed jet aircraft at night. He believes this object was not a jet aircraft. Capt. John Knight, Harrell's supervisor, states he believes Harrell to be a more reliable person. A copy of Harrell's sketch of the object follows:



Selfridge AFB, Michigan, at approximately 24/2300Z

Cpl. Arthur L. Chapman, accompanied by Pfc. Melvin E. Harrell, was about to enter a car at the rear of the Selfridge HCO Club when Harrell called his attention to what Chapman described as a grayish white object in the southeasterly sky traveling in a westerly direction. The object seemed to sweep slightly toward the ground although, generally, it followed a parallel flight over the ground at a speed "faster than a jet aircraft." Chapman observed the object for 2 to 3 seconds and described it as "like an oval-shaped football" and had a "very obvious" reddish orange glow on the aft end. Harrell believes the object's proximity to be about one mile and below 1000 feet over the surface. He estimated its overall length to be about 10 feet. The object disappeared "behind some operations building" directly to the south of his and never reappeared. He stated the weather was clear. Cpl. Chapman has been in the Air Force two years and has, on occasion, observed jets, weather balloons, and beacon light beams on low clouds at night. He believes this object did not resemble any of the foregoing. Capt. John Knight, Chapman's supervisor, states that Chapman is a conscientious, reliable type. The interviewing officer concurs in this impression of Chapman. Following is a copy of Chapman's sketch of the object:



Selfridge weather sequence of 24/2300Z follows:

WR 010 24/21/21/011 = Selfridge AF Base

Selfridge weather sequence of 24/2300Z follows:

Pfc. James Tredge (assigned to the Engineering Section, Patterson AF Base) while waiting one mile due east of Battle Creek, observed a white object in the

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southeast sky traveling in a southeasterly direction parallel with the earth at a speed "much faster than a jet." Young believes the object was 10 to 20 miles away and he estimates its altitude at 4000 feet. He observed the object for 2 to 3 seconds before it "vanished in the sky or over the horizon." He heard no sound and believes there was a slightly visible vapor trail evident for an instant. He describes its shape as slender and blunt-nosed "like a needle." He estimates its length to be 2 or 3 times that of its width, but could make no estimate of its size. Young stated that the nose of the object was much brighter white than the body section. He describes the visibility as unlimited. Pvt. Young has been stationed at Patterson AFB since early in 1951 and has observed jet aircraft of several types in flight. Pvt. Young was interviewed over long distance telephone, but expressed the interview officer as well oriented and sincere. Further sequence at Battle Creek, Michigan of 24/2300Z follows:

24/010 24/24/24/24/24 = Battle Creek

East County Airport, Grand Rapids, Michigan, at 24/2300Z

Mr. Eugene Smith and Mr. Walter Stryke, tower operators at East County Airport observed from the tower, a white object at a bearing of approximately 130 degrees traveling in a southeasterly direction on a course parallel to the ground. Mr. Smith could not estimate the object's proximity, but stated the object was 2 to 3 degrees above the horizon, and vaguely round, oval-shaped, and traveled at least as fast as a jet. The object "vanished" at a point on a bearing of about 140 degrees from point of observation and left no trail or visible exhaust. Mr. Smith observed the object for an estimated 4 to 5 seconds. Mr. Smith stated that he was unable to use field glasses because of the short duration of the observation, and could not estimate its size. Mr. Smith has been a radio tower operator since 1943 and has been on duty at East County Airport for four years. (Mr. Stryke was not interviewed). Further sequence of Grand Rapids of 24/2300Z follows:

WR 010 24/21/21/011 = Grand Rapids

Superiorville, Michigan, at 24/2300Z

Mr. Larry Schroeder, Captain Airland, Captain of Flight 24 from Buchanan to Grand Rapids, Michigan, observed at approximately 1200 hours from his brilliant, bluish white light, round in shape, and traveling at an "extremely high speed." Mr. Schroeder would make no further estimate of the object's speed, proximity, or size. The object was believed to be at about the same altitude as the 2300 which Mr. Schroeder piloted, and traveled on a course parallel to the ground in a southeasterly direction. He observed the object for "possibly 5 seconds" before it vanished at a direction. He observed the object in his cockpit windshield because it passed from one flat glass pane across the apex of the T-shaped instrument, and disappeared while being viewed through the other flat glass pane on his right. Mr. Schroeder heard no sound and observed no exhaust or trail. He stated that the weather was clear. He doesn't recall ever having observed a jet aircraft at night. He is a pilot of considerable experience having been flying with Capital Airlines since he piloted a Bell in the 97th Air Force at the end of World War II. During the war he piloted a Bell in the 97th Air Force at the end of World War II. He was cooperative throughout the interview which was conducted during the interval between arrival and departure of his Capital Airlines plane at Willow Run Airport. He expressed the interviewing officer as a sincere,

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While person, Mr. Schneider's cockpit was not interrogated although he also did observe the object. Weather sequence at Grand Rapids, Michigan, of 24/0000 follows: 000 000 24/0000/000 - Grand Rapids <u>Municipal Airport, Chicago, Illinois, at 24/0000</u> Mr. Thomas Hatfield, Captain Airline's pilot, was returning to his home several miles north of the airport when he noticed a white orange colored object or light approaching the airport from the east. The object was estimated to be about 2000 feet over the ground and moving in a southeasterly direction at a speed "faster than a jet." Mr. Hatfield was unable to observe the object carefully as he was at that moment turning a corner in his automobile. He could make no estimate of the size or shape of the object, but believes the orange color resembled exhaust flames. His first impression was that it was a very fast moving aircraft with landing lights on, however, the simultaneous appearance of an airplane with landing lights on appeared as much slower and slower that is discarded this opinion. Mr. Hatfield was unable to observe the disappearance of the object because of the necessity in giving attention to his driving. Mr. Hatfield made it clear that he is not certain as to the accuracy of the stated time of 24/0000 since he does not remember whether or not his watch was set for eastern or central time. He believed, however, the stated time is more probably correct. Weather sequence at Chicago, 24/0000 follows: 001 000 24/0000/000 <u>General:</u> Check of 104th Air Division radar stations having radar coverage of the area, indicates no record of electronic observation of the object. Check with Military Flight Service indicates no known jet aircraft activity in the area involved. Three F-4 aircraft out of O'Hare Field, Chicago, were under Air Defense Direction Center control from 24/0000 to 24/0000 in the Chicago area and were alerted to watch for an unusual flying object, but gave a negative report upon landing at 24/0000. Check with Air Force installation at Minneapolis, Minnesota, indicates General Foods Corporation there released only one experimental balloon on 24 November which landed at 24/0000. Check with Michigan University Observatory at Ann Arbor, Michigan, indicates no sensors were observed during the period in question nor was source phenomena visible although the northern sky was reported as bright.	

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		COMMENT NO.	2
		1. Report/peg	51261/20431/P 10
1. Reference is made to a Project Orange incident in southern Michigan on 24 November 1951 at which time an airline pilot, tower operators, and several airmen sighted an unidentified object in widely separated locations. 2. In an attempt to obtain a more complete coverage of other possible sightings, it is proposed that the inclosed letter be sent to approximately twelve (12) newspapers in southern Michigan. 3. Since this entails corresponding with newspapers about a subject that could possibly cause some inquiry from the newspapers, it is requested that sending of the letters and the content of the letters be occurred upon. 4. The PIO of AMC will also be requested to concur on this proposal.			
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FORM FOR TELECONFERENCE

DATE: 27 December 1951

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FROM: Lt E. J. Ruppelt, ATIAA-2c
(Name & Symbol)

TO: Col Willis, AFON-V/TC
(Name & Symbol)

MESSAGE:

Reference TI-291, 27 Nov 51, USAF Item #1. Investigations show that the unidentified object seen over southern Michigan on 24 Nov 51 was probably a very large meteor or fire ball. Investigation is continuing to further substantiate this conclusion.

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Yuma City, Arizona

4 February 1953

I. Description of Incident

At 1350 MST a meteorological aid for the U.S. Weather Bureau was searching for a lost weather balloon with the aid of a theodolite when he sighted a solid white, oblong object at a direction of 157.2° and elevation of 53.3° . The size of the object consisted of one minute of arc.

The object appeared to be ascending straight up, then levelled off and at this point was joined by a second object of exactly the same description. The second object left the field of the theodolite twice but returned each time to join the original. They both disappeared simultaneously at an angle of 204.1° at an elevation of 29.1° . At 204.1° the sky was covered by cirrus clouds at approximately 25,000 ft.

The objects remained in vision for five minutes. The observer stated that the objects rose more rapidly than any balloon he has ever seen and furthermore moved against the prevailing westerly winds. There appeared to be no glimmer or reflection from the sun from the objects.

II. Discussion of Incident

From the observers obvious experience in tracking balloons, it is concluded that these objects could not have been balloons especially since they were seen to move against the wind. There were aircraft in the area but the observer states he was aware of them and could not have confused them with the unknown objects. Because of the maneuvers and the time of day, astronomical activity must be ruled out. ATIC has not been able to find an answer to this sighting.

III. Conclusion

Unknown.

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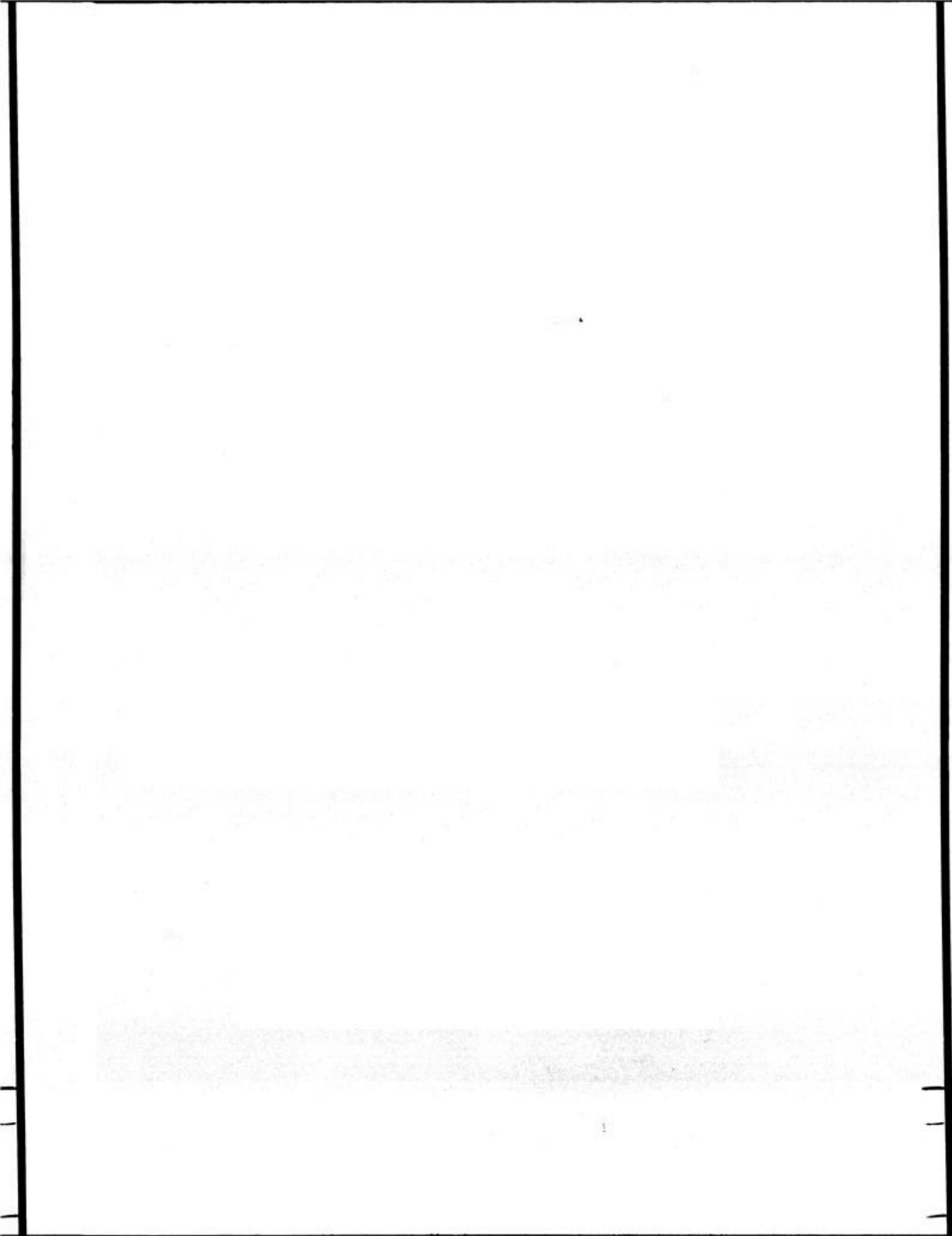
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1. DATE - TIME GROUP 4 Feb 53 4/2050Z	2. LOCATION Yuma City, Ariz.
3. SOURCE Weather Bureau Pers.	10. CONCLUSION UNIDENTIFIED Unidentified
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Two	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 Min.	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS A civilian weather observer while using a theodolite to find his lost balloon sighted two solid white oblong objs. Source states that objs moved too fast to be balloons. There were jet a/c in the vicinity.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual (Theodolite)	
7. COURSE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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1) 2 SOLID, PURE WHITE, ELIPTICAL OBJ SIGHTED. OBJ NO 2 CROSSED OVER AND ABOVE OBJ NO 1 SEVERAL TIMES. THEY TVL IN FORMATION, OBJ NO 2 LOW AND BEHIND. SMALL SOLID WHITE OBJ APPEARED TO BE COVERED WITH A THIN WHITE MIST AROUND EDGES.

(2) TIME OF SIGHTING 13:50 MST REMAINING IN VISION UNTIL 13:55 MST.

(3) OBJS SIGHTED THROUGH THEODOLITE CAA WEA STA.

(4) OBSR S SIDE OF TERMINAL BLDG, YUMA COUNTY APRT. ELEVATION 199 FT, LAT 32 DEGREES 40 MIN N, LONG 114 DEGREES 36 MIN W. OBJ SIGHTED AT

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157.2 DEGREES DISAPPEARED AT 204.1 DEGREES. ELEVATION: SIGHTED AT 53.3 DEGREES DISAPPEARED AT 29.1 DEGREES.

(5) NO WITNESS - STANLEY H. BROWN (OBSR) IS MET AID 10 YEARS EXPERIENCE PVT PLT.

(6) WEA - CLEAR SKY - CIRRUS CLOUDS AT APPROX 25000 FT IN DIR OBJ LOST. SW.

(7) NONE

(8) NONE

(9) CALLED 4750TH ABG (WPNS TNG) THEN REPT TO SCTY CON, LOS ANGELES AIR TRAFFIC CON.

(10) JET ACFT IN VICINITY, OBSR WAS AWARE OF THEM.

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COUNTRY USA	REPORT NO. 1-53	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT Unidentified flying objects		
AREA REPORTED ON Yuma, Arizona	FROM (Agency) 4750th AGO, Yuma County Airport, Ariz.	
DATE OF REPORT 6 February 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 5 February 1953	EVALUATION Fairly reliable
PREPARED BY (Signature) Captain Gaylord G. Duren	SOURCE Personal interview	
REFERENCES (Cite number, direction, previous report, etc., as applicable) APL 200-5, 29 April 1952		
SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. One paragraph in final one-paragraph paragraph. List inclusions at lower left. Sign last of report on AF Form 112-Part 12.) On 4 February 1953, Mr. Stanley H. Brown, 403 22nd Avenue, Yuma, Arizona, a meteorological aid for U. S. Weather Bureau was searching for a lost weather balloon with the aid of a theodolite. At 1950 HRT he sighted a solid white, oblong object at a direction of 157.2° and elevation of 53.3°. The object was a solid white oblong in shape and appeared to be covered by a small thin, white mist. The size of the object was 1 minute of arc. It appeared as ascending straight up then leveled out in a long sweep at an elevation of 53.3°. Some 20 seconds later this object was joined by a second object, exactly the same as the first in size, color and shape. Object No 2 appeared from the left below and crossed No 1 to a position above. It then crossed No 1 again to a position below. This was done several times. In doing so, No 2 left the field of theodolite twice but re-entered and remained behind and slightly below object No 1. The changes in direction of object No 2 were smooth sweeping turns. As the objects moved rapidly across the horizon, they remained the same relative size. They both disappeared simultaneously at an angle of 204.1° at an elevation of 29.1°. At 204.1° the sky was covered by cirrus clouds at approximately 25000 ft. The clouds obscured the objects and they were immediately lost from sight. At the time of original sighting there was a clear sky background. The objects were lost momentarily when they passed near the sun. They reappeared on the edge of the sun. The objects remained in vision for approximately 5 minutes. Coordinates of the theodolite are lat. 32° 40 minutes N and long. 114° 36 minutes W. Mr. Brown was looking for his lost weather balloon with the aid of the theodolite at a 6000 foot level when the objects were first sighted. He did not find his balloon. He was standing at an elevation of 199 feet on the south side of the Yuma County Airport terminal building. Mr. Brown states that the objects moved much more rapidly than any balloon he has ever sighted in his 10 years experience as meteorological aid. The objects moved against the winds aloft which were from the west. Surface wind was from the north at 5 K. Mr. Brown feels strongly that he actually saw a solid object other than any known aircraft. There was no glimmer or reflection from the sun. There are no other witnesses. Mr. Brown called the 4750th Air Base Group at Yuma County Airport and then reported it to Security Control at Los Angeles Air Traffic Control. Mr. Brown was aware that there were aircraft in the area but they were not in the immediate area of vision. NOTE: THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE ESPIONAGE ACT, 50 U.S.C. 31 AND 32, AS AMENDED. ITS TRANSMISSION OR THE REVELATION OF ITS CONTENTS IN ANY MANNER TO AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. IT MAY NOT BE REPRODUCED IN WHOLE OR IN PART, BY OTHER THAN UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AGENCIES, EXCEPT BY PERMISSION OF THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, USAF.		
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In reply refer to
AFOM-ATIAE-5

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Sighting

TO: Commanding Officer
Yuma County Municipal Airport
ATIN: 4750th Air Base Op
Yuma, Arizona

1. In reference to an Unidentified Flying Object sighting by Mr. Stanley H. Brown, 5 Feb 53 at 1350MST, the Air Technical Intelligence Center requests that you ask Mr. Brown to complete the enclosed United States Air Force Technical Information Sheet and forward it to this Center.

2. Please advise Mr. Brown that such information is greatly appreciated by the Air Technical Intelligence Center in its analysis of sightings such as his. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL

1 Incl
a/sROBERT C. BROWN
Major, USAF
Air Adj. Gen.unc MC
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HEADQUARTERS
4750TH AIR BASE GROUP, WEAPONS TRAINING
YUMA COUNTY AIRPORT
Yuma, Arizona

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YUMA C.ITY, ARIZONA*

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27 February 1953

SUBJECT: USAF Technical Information Sheet

TO: Commanding General
Wright Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

ATTN: Air Technical Intelligence Center

In reference to your letter of 17 February 1953, APOIN-ATIAE-5, we have inclosed herewith the completed USAF Technical Information Sheet as requested.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl.
USAF Tech Info Sheet

William A. Ham
WILLIAM A. HAM
Captain, USAF
Adjutant



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U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

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, and will be regarded as confidential material. 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?

4 FEB. 1953
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: (1350) 1 50 M.S.T.
Hour Minutes(Circle One): A.M. or (P.M.)

3. Time zone:

(Circle One): a. Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other _____

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

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

403 22ND AVE. YUMA ARIZONA
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks: SIGHTED OBJECTS AT YUMA COUNTY AIRPORT

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

— 5 —
Hours Minutes Seconds

5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.

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

6. What was the condition of the sky?

(Circle One): a. Bright daylight d. Just a trace of daylight
b. Dull daylight e. No trace of daylight
c. Bright twilight f. Don't remember

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One): a. In front of you d. To your left
b. In back of you e. Overhead
c. To your right f. Don't remember

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8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, 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. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky?

(Circle One):

a. Yes

b. No

c. Don't remember

10. IF it was BRIGHTER THAN the sky background, was the brightness like that of an automobile headlight?:

(Circle One) a. A mile or more away (a distant car)?

b. Several blocks away?

c. A block away?

d. Several yards away?

e. Other OBJECTS WERE DULL WHITE

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- | | | | |
|---|-----|-----------|------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| d. Give off smoke? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| f. Change shape? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |

12. Did the object move behind something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes No Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

it moved behind: LOWER EDGE OF SUN, THEN AS IT TRAVELED WEST WENT INTO CIRRUS CLOUD

13. Did the object move in front of something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes No Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

it moved in front of: OBJECTS POSSIBLE MOVED IN FRONT OR BEHIND CIRRUS CLOUD, I COULDN'T TELL WHICH

14. Did the object appear: (Circle One):

a. Solid?

b. Transparent?

c. Don't Know.

15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

- | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|----|---------------|------------|----|
| a. Eyeglasses | Yes | No | e. Binoculars | Yes | No |
| b. Sun glasses | Yes | No | f. Telescope | Yes | No |
| c. Windshield | Yes | No | g. Theodolite | <u>Yes</u> | No |
| d. Window glass | Yes | No | h. Other | | |

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

a. Sound NO SOUND

b. Color SOLID DULL WHITE COLOR, NO REFLECTION.

17. 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.

I SAW TWO OBJECTS THE SAME SIZE, ALMOST ROUND, A SOLID DULL PURE WHITE COLOR, A THIN WHITE MIST EDGED EACH OBJECT.



18. 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 _____

19. 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 that they were traveling.

ONE OBJECT FOLLOWED A WESTWARD COURSE FAIRLY STRAIGHT AS THE SECOND OBJECT SWOOPED ACROSS OR NEAR IT'S PATH 3 TO 4 TIMES.

20. 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.



A' FIRST OBJECT
A'' SECOND OBJECT

21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.
feet. ONE MINUTE OF ARC IN SIZE OF THEODOLITE FIELD.

22. How large did the object or objects appear as compared with one of the following objects held in the hand and at about arm's length?

(Circle One):

- a. Head of a pin
b. Pea
c. Dime
d. Nickel
e. Quarter
f. Half dollar

- g. Silver dollar
h. Baseball
i. Grapefruit
j. Basketball
k. Other _____

- 22.1 (Circle One of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22.)

- a. Certain
b. Fairly certain

- c. Not very sure
d. Uncertain

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? OBSCURED BY CIRRUS CLOUD.

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could construct the object that you saw. Of what type material would you make it? How large would it be, and what shape would it have? 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.

THE OBJECT COULD HAVE BEEN ANY METAL OR PLASTIC
PAINTED WHITE. NOT KNOWING THE DISTANCE AWAY THE
OBJECT COULD HAVE BEEN HUGE OR POSSIBLY A FEW
FEET IN DIAMETER. IT LOOKED LIKE A BILLIARD
BALL, WHITE AND SLIGHTLY OBLONG WITH A THIN
WHITE MIST EDGING IT.

25. 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 _____

26. 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 _____

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

I WAS FOLLOWING A BALLOON WITH A THEODOLITE,
LOOKED AWAY A FEW SECONDS, THE BALLOON WAS NO LONGER
IN THEODOLITE FIELD, AND IN MOVING SCOPE OF THEODOLITE
A LITTLE SIGHTED OBJECT.

28. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

28.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

- a. North
- b. Northeast
- c. East
- d. Southeast
- e. South South East
- f. Southwest
- g. West
- h. Northwest

28.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

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

(Circle One) Yes No

29. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object? (Circle One) 157° FROM MY POSITION
AT 53° ELEVATION.

- a. North
- b. Northeast
- c. East
- d. Southeast
- e. South South East
- f. Southwest
- g. West
- h. Northwest

30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the object? (Circle One) EXACTLY 204.1°
FROM MY POSITION, 29.1° ELEVATION.

- a. North
- b. Northeast
- c. East
- d. Southeast
- e. South South West
- f. Southwest
- g. West
- h. Northwest

31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

31.1 When it first appeared:

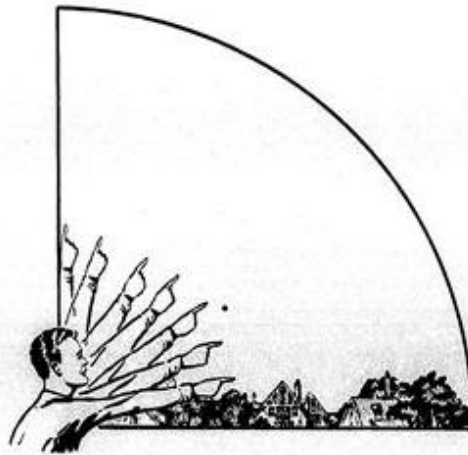
- a. From true North 157° AZIMUTH, 53° ELEVATION degrees.
- b. From horizon _____ degrees.

31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 204.1° AZIMUTH, 29.1° ELEVATION degrees.
- b. From horizon _____ degrees.

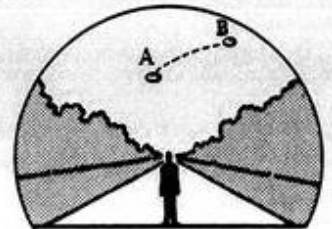
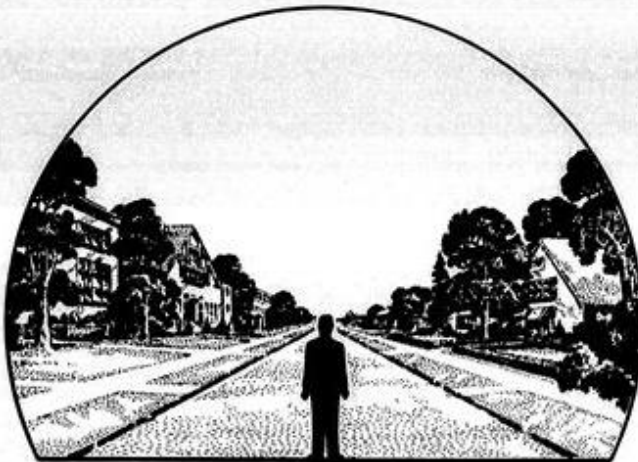
32. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *last* saw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

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33. In the following larger 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. Refer to smaller sketch as an example of how to complete the larger sketch.

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34. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

34.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

- a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds
- e. Don't remember

34.2 WIND (Circle One)

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

34.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

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

34.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

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

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

4
Day

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Month

1953
Year

SHORTLY AFTER SIGHTING OBJECTS

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

(Circle One) Yes No

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

(Circle One) Yes No

36.2 Please list their names and addresses:

37. Was this the first time that you had seen an object or objects like this?

(Circle One) Yes No

37.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?

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

I AM CERTAIN OF WHAT I SAW. THE OBJECTS WERE EITHER
PILOTED OR REMOTE CONTROLLED.

39. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object? (ENTIRE SIGHTING IN THEODOLITE)

(Circle One) Yes ☒ No NOT KNOWING THE DISTANCE AWAY.

HOWEVER THEY MOVED VERY FAST THROUGH THE SKY
IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? _____ m.p.h.
MUCH FASTER THAN ANY BALLOON I HAVE FOLLOWED.

40. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One) Yes ☒ No THEY SEEMED HIGH IN THE SKY.

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? _____ feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME BROWN STANLEY HERBERT
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS 403 22ND AVE. YUMA - ARIZ.
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER 3-5729

What is your present job? METEOROLOGICAL AID, U.S. WEATHER BUREAU

Age 27 Sex MALE

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school GRADUATE e. e. Technical school _____
b. High school GRADUATE (Type) _____
c. College 1 YEAR f. Other special training PRIVATE PILOT
d. Post graduate NONE LICENSE

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

25 FEB. 1953
Day Month Year

U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET
(SUMMARY DATA)

In order that your information may be filed and coded as accurately as possible, please use the following space to write out a short description of the event that you observed. You may repeat information that you have already given in the questionnaire, and add any further comments, statements, or sketches that you believe are important. Try to present the details of the observation in the order in which they occurred. Additional pages of the same size paper may be attached if they are needed.

NAME STANLEY HERBERT BROWN
(Please Print)

(Do Not Write in This Space)

SIGNATURE Stanley Herbert Brown

CODE:

DATE February 25, 1953

COPY ATTACHED TO THIS PAPER

February 6, 1953

Stanley H. Brown
Yuma, County Airport
Yuma, Arizona

"Sighting of flying objects"

The location Yuma County Airport, February 4, 1953, time 1350 M.S.T. I was using a theodolite to follow a pilot balloon, which was at 6,000 feet Mean Sea Level. I took my eyes away from the eye piece for a few seconds, returned my eye to the eye piece, and the balloon was out of the field. The readings were 53 degrees elevation, and direction from me 157 degrees, time 1350 M.S.T. I then saw one object going upward, and curving to the West. I had a clear sky background, and although it moved through the field rapidly was able to see it clearly, and follow the flight. About 20 seconds after sighting the first object a second object came into the field, and swooped upward and across the path of the first object. The first object flew toward the West, while the second object swooped across or near the path of the first object three to four times, going out of the field about two times for a moment. The two objects passed near the lower portion of the sun, and were traveling westward, the second object below and behind the first object, when a Cirrus cloud came into the theodolite field, I lost sight of the two objects. The exact position at that time, elevation angle 29.1 degrees and direction from the instrument 204.1 degrees. The time 1355 M.S.T., after having followed the two objects through the 32 power theodolite for a period of 5 minutes with a clear sky background.

The objects were both the same size, as nearly as I can figure one minute of arc in size. The objects were almost round, a solid, dull, pure white color, with a thin white mist completely edging each object.

I am a Meteorological Aid employed with the United States Weather Bureau, having followed balloons through a theodolite for the past ten years. I also hold a private pilots license, and having flown in military and civilian aircraft frequently in the past ten years.

I am absolutely certain of what I have seen through the theodolite as described in the foregoing paragraphs.

Signed

Stanley H. Brown
Stanley H. Brown
Yuma County Airport
Yuma, Arizona

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 4 Feb 53	2. LOCATION Yuma City, Ariz. ✓		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
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 4/1350 MST GMT 4/2050Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION (Theodolite) ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Weather Bureau Person		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 min.	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 2	9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING A civilian weather observer while using a theodolite to find his lost balloon sighted two solid white oblong objects. Source states that objects moved too fast to be balloons. There were a/c in the vicinity.		11. COMMENTS	

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 30 Dec 52	2. LOCATION HOKKAIDO ISLAND, JAPAN	3. CONCLUSIONS ☒ Was Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☒ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
4. DATE TIME GROUP Local 30/1948I GMT 30/1000Z	5. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground Visual ☐ Ground Radar ☒ Air Visual ☐ Air Intercept Radar	
6. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	7. SOURCE AF Pilot	
8. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 7 min	9. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	10. COURSE W
11. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object described by observer as set of rotating lights, counter clockwise, varying red, white & green. Object appeared to have two beam like legs on top and one on bottom side. Source, who is pilot of F-84G a/c, observed the object at 27,000' altitude then climbed to 37,000' which was same altitude of object. When observer attempted interception, object pulled away & disappeared after approximately 30 seconds. Source is a reliable combat pilot who is an AF colonel.		12. COMMENT 1. The tone of this report is very similar to the Presque Isle (Nov) & N.Y. (Dec) sightings of the planet Jupiter. Although this object is not Jupiter, it is felt that the F-84 pilot did see a bright astronomical body, possibly the planet Jupiter

Northern Honshu, 29 Dec 52, ATIC Document 110519

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The following is a report of an aerial sighting on an unidentified flying object near Misawa, Japan at 1939I, 29 Dec 52. The object was a brilliant light that changed in color from red to white and was seen by 2 crew members of a B-26 for approximately 5 to 7 minutes. The light appeared to be moving at a speed equivalent to that of the aircraft at approximately 40-70 nautical miles SW of the a/c. Object seemed to be descending slowly and moving to the west, finally disappearing in clouds.

Concurrent sightings from other US aircraft in the area of an unidentified light are as follows: 2 F-84's, 1 F-84 flying over Misawa AB, and 1 C-47. There was an unidentified radar track that disappeared at 1857I 12 miles east of Misawa AB.

Comments of the 20th Weather Sq: Suggest some interesting planet and weather factors which well might explain a phenomena of this type. The planet Venus is at a maximum magnitude at this time of year, appearing white and very bright. The planet Mars is predominantly red. Both planets assume approx the same relative position late in December, from a great distance can very well appear to move in a circular motion due to the refraction effect of atmospheric conditions near the horizon.

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8 Nov 63

Mrs Lyle G Boyd
24 Edward Street
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs Boyd,

We have received your letter of 4 Nov 63 with the proposed changes for the new edition of The World of Flying Saucers.

In going over the cases we also noted one minor error in dates. The June 20, 1959 sighting over the Pacific Ocean should be June 18, 1959.

I have reviewed the "Rotating Lights of Japan" case again. It seems that there were four sightings from aircraft (IR-3-52, IR-4-52, IR-5-52 and IR177-52). All air observations were toward the West and the object/objects were undoubtedly Venus or Mars as indicated in your letter. However, IR-1-53, which is carried as part of this sighting contained ground observations from five observers. These witnesses reported 3/4 objects to the East, Southeast, Northwest and South of Chitose AFB. It is believed that the principal culprit in this case is Jupiter. Undoubtedly you will be able to determine what the other objects were. I am attaching copies of this case for your convenience. Perhaps the report/reports that you have did not include the ground observations.

Sincerely,

- 5 Atchs
1. ATIC Report, IR-1-53
2. ATIC Report, IR-3-52
3. ATIC Report, IR-4-52
4. ATIC Report, IR-5-52
5. ATIC Report, IR-177-52

DAVID MOODY
TEgt, USAF
Aerial Phenomena Branch

cc: Mrs Helen Gaiser

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24 Edward St.
Belmont 78, Mass.
Nov. 4, 1963

TSgt David Moody, USAF
Aerial Phenomena Branch
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

Dear Sgt. Moody:

Thank you very much for your promptness in sending the material for corrections in The World of Flying Saucers. The list of corrections has now gone off to Doubleday, and I enclose a copy for your files.

We have tried to take care of all your comments; in some cases we would have preferred to give an expanded account, but of course were limited to the original amount of page space. In the "Rotating Lights of Japan" case, however, we merely made an addition, not a change. You stated that your files give the planet Jupiter as the explanation here. But it still seems to us that Jupiter cannot have been involved. For Dec. 29, 1952, at Honshu, we found Venus to be about 3 degrees above the horizon at an azimuth of about 248 degrees at 7:48 p.m. local time, with a magnitude of nearly -4. This seems to fit all the circumstances of the sighting. Mars was nearby, and was also a possibility. But according to our plot, Jupiter would have been in the east, nowhere near the region where the UFO was reported. When you have time some time, would you please re-check this, and let us know what you conclude?

The six-months summary and the collection of interesting recent cases arrived from Washington, and we shall much enjoy looking through them.

Please tell Captain Quintanilla that we hope to meet him some day. And remember us to Col. Friend when you write him.

With many thanks for all your help,

Sincerely yours,

Lyle G. Boyd
(Mrs.) Lyle G. Boyd

cc: DHMenzel

CASE #16

JUPITER

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29 Dec 52

Hokkaido Island, Japan

A single flying object of unknown actual size was observed on 2 occasions; first sighting was at 1948 hours and lasted until 1950 hours (local time), second sighting commenced at 2000 hours and was terminated at 2005 hours (local time). At initial sighting observer was certain it was larger in body than any of the stars or other heavenly bodies. Since the pilot making the observation was flying an F-84-G a/c at time, he was unable to note whether the object was accompanied by any sound. Its means of propulsion was likewise unknown. First impression of description offered by observer was that this object appeared to be a cluster of lights rotating slowly in a counter-clockwise direction or from E to W. The object was unusual in its color effects. Its body whose shape can only be assumed to be circular gave off three, red-white-green. These are the colors that gave the rotating effect when sighted. This rotation was constant during both observations (totaling 12 minutes). The shifting of the 3 colors during their cycle of rotation was similar to the change in colors often seen in popular makes of juke-boxes. As these colors rotated in the body of the object, at times the entire body was 1 solid color, either white, red or green, but in the process of completing a revolution the body was frequently fractionally red, white or white-green plus the other possible combinations of the 3 colors. Beyond the prominence of the colors common to the body, (possibly the center of the body) the most prominent item of description appeared to be the 3 beams of light that worked from the body outward in straight shafts of white light. The 3 beams never changed their relative positions, and actually were located at about 11 o'clock, 5 o'clock and 7 o'clock. These white beams did not shift around as searchlights would, but maintained their constant position on the object. Very much like 2 legs on the lower portion, with 1 remaining leg displaced on the top of the object to a point approximately 11 o'clock. It is possible that the two lower legs could have been a bit high on the bottom side of the body, say at the 4:30

and 7:30 clock positions. The observer recalls that the upper beam located just off the center appeared to be exactly opposite the lower right beam and established a one-way balance for effect. The object at no time executed any violent maneuvers, except for an almost gradual change of direction during the 2 observations. The observer attempted to estimate the speed of ~~mm~~ revolution of the 3 color series in the body, and ~~ix~~ it is loosely estimated at 4 to 8 seconds. There was no ~~mm~~ exhaust noticed during either observation.

The observer's position at the time of initial sighting was 40 deg 57 min 15 sec N 141 deg 23 min 15 sec E. He was flying a mag heading of 010 deg at an altitude of 27,000'. At this sighting the object was higher than the observer at 9 o'clock position which was almost due west from him, traveling on a parallel course due north. He lost sight of the object at approximately 41 deg 32 min N - 140 deg 30 min E some 7 minutes after seeing it.

The source caught sight of the object for the second time just 5 minutes after losing sight of it. This was at 2000 hrs I time and the source was still at 35,000' altitude, but heading SE on magnetic heading of 160 deg. During this second sighting, the object was still at the same altitude level as the F-84 pilot, but it appeared approximately 30 deg off to the right of the F-84's nose - distance still unknown. The general area of these sighting was extreme northern portion of Island of Honshu, Japan.

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The pilot reporting these sightings is a colonel possessing long experience in World War II and the Korean theater. Source has held responsible command assignments for some time and presently commands a Fighter Escort Wing operating under the ~~US~~ Japan Air Defense Force. The accuracy of source's statements was consistent despite repetitive interrogation, his sequence of times, locations and descriptions did not vary at any time. Source is stable and thoroughly reliable.

The area in which the sightings were made had the following weather conditions at 1730 hrs item (~~230~~ local time). 10/10s overcast, from 6 to 10,000' - brilliant moonlight and visibility of minimum 40 miles; temperature at 35,000' was -56 deg, pressure 210 millibars. Winds aloft reported by Misawa Weather Station were as follows: 27,000' from 280 deg at 90 knots/35,000' from 280 deg, at knots, and at 38,000' from 280 deg at 200 knots.

The pilot of this a/c was originally put on his guard to be watchful for something unusual, ^{by} virtue of hearing a radio-telephone transmission from an a/c calling a radar station on the ground.

The foresight of the source exhibited when he extinguished all the lights on his a/c, coupled with his persistency in being accurate in reviewing the details of his sighting result in a graphic description of an "object" naturally falling into the family of "unconventional flying object". The source's experience and past actions demand attention to this sequence of sightings. This pilot was thoroughly versed in the limitations of flying machines; his attempt to garner all the pertinent information concerning this unknown item was definitely genuine. His ability to reconstruct all the factors common to these sightings was excellent and well organized.

ATIC Comment:

The tone of this report is very ~~far~~ similar to previous sightings of the planet Jupiter. Although this object is not Jupiter, it is felt that the F-84 pilot did see a bright astronomical body, and possibly the planet.

This is a great possibility that this pilot saw Jupiter
Conclusion - probably astronomical

CASE NO. 17

29 ~~March~~ ^{Dec} 1952

Misawa AFB, Japan

At 1120 hours 29 ~~March~~ ^{Dec} 1952 an unidentified object was observed approximately 20 miles north of Misawa AFB. This sighting was made by an AF pilot flying a T-6 a/c. This T-6 was traveling at 6,000' altitude on a heading of 0 degrees at 130 knots. At the time of sighting, 2 F-84 a/c were making practice runs on the T-6. The object was first noticed by the pilot of the T-6 a/c when it pulled abreast of him and reflected the sunlight. The object that had reflected the sunlight was a small shiny disc-shaped object. The object then appeared to make a pass at the F-84 at an estimated 40-50 MPH in excess of the F-84's airspeed. It closed rapidly and just before flying into his fuselage, it decelerated to his airspeed almost instantaneously. In doing so, it flipped on its edge at approximately a 90 degree bank. It then fluttered within 20' of his fuselage for 2 or 3 seconds, and pulled away around his starboard wing where it was caught in the slipstream behind the aircraft and flipped once. Then it passed him; crossed in front of him and pulled away abruptly, appearing to accelerate and shot out of sight in a steep almost verticle climb. The pilot of the F-84 didn't observe the object.

Comment

No further information has been forthcoming. No explanation for this sighting can be proposed other than the possible reflection and refraction of light through the canopy of the observer's aircraft.

Conclusion

Unsolved

21 Jan 1953

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INTELLIGENCE REPORTS PLACED THE SIGHTING CLOSE TO RUSSIAN TONY IN THE KURILE ISLANDS AND SAKHALIN. IT WAS ADDED: "THERE ARE TOO MANY INDICATIONS OF THE PRESENCE OF SOMETHING WHICH BE CONSIDERED AN OBSERVATION OF NOTHING." AND THEY DISCOUNTED THE POSSIBILITY THE SIGHTED OBJECTS WERE MERE REFLECTIONS OF LIGHT."

COL. CURTIS P. LOE, COMMAND OF THE NORTHERN DIVISION OF THE JAPAN AIR DEFENSE FORCE, SAID THE FLYING CLUSTERS WERE SEEN BY FIGHTER PILOTS AND GROUND PERSONNEL AND WERE TRACKED ON RADAR. HE RELEASED OFFICIAL INTELLIGENCE REPORTS ON THE SIGHTING TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

THE REPORTS WERE SIMILAR TO THOSE DESCRIBING "FLYING SAUCERS" IN THE U.S. ONE SAID THE LIGHTS APPEARED TO HANG MOTIONLESS AT 11,000 FEET AND AT OTHER TIMES DISAPPEARED WITH BLINDING SPEED.

COL. DONALD J. M. BLAKESLEE, WORLD WAR II ACE AND COMMANDER OF AN ESCORT FIGHTER WING, TOOK DETAILED OBSERVATIONS ON ONE ROTATING CLUSTER AND TRIED IN VAIN TO INTERCEPT IT IN A JET.

SIGHTINGS WERE MADE BY MANY PERSONS AT MANY POINTS OVER NORTHERN JAPAN DEC. 29. ON JAN. 9 A ROTATING CLUSTER WAS SPOTTED BY TWO FIGHTER PILOTS AND WAS TRACKED ON RADAR.

THE REPORT WAS SIGNED BY LT. COL. RUSSELL POWELL, INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, U.S. AIR FORCE.

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Picked Up on Radar Screen

WASH D.C. POST 22 JAN 53

U. S. Jet Pilots Chase Light Clusters Flying At Blinding Speed Over Northern Japan

UNITED STATES AIR BASE, Northern Japan (Thursday), Jan. 22 (AP)—Strange clusters of red, white and green lights flying at blinding speed have been chased twice by United States jet pilots over northern Japan, the Air Force said Wednesday.

The hurtling, rotating clusters were seen the nights of December 29 and January 9 over northern Honshu, the main island of Japan. The Japanese government recently complained of flights over Hokkaido Island just north of Honshu by Russian fighter planes from Kurile and Sakhalin Island bases.

"Frequency of related sightings attest to some unconventional flying object active in this general area," said an Air Force intelligence report on the De-

cember 29 spotting, indicating the mysterious lights had been seen many times before.

"There are too many indications of the presence of something for the source's remarks to be considered an observation of nothing." The report was signed by Lieut. Col. Russell, Intelligence officer.

(At Washington, the Air Force said it had received a preliminary report on the sightings.)

Col. Donald J. M. Blakeslee in his F-84 Thunderjet chased the lights the night of December 29, at 35,000 feet. They headed west and out of sight. In that direction lies Russian Siberia.

He observed the lights for approximately seven minutes, and as he set his course of pursuit, he noted that the object ob-

viously was increasing in size," the report said. Blakeslee extinguished all the lights of his aircraft "to make certain he was not getting some reflection from his canopy surface."

After losing the lights, Blakeslee turned southeast and "after five minutes he noted the object again at 35,000 feet, level with him and flying what appeared a parallel course."

After more than 4 minutes observation, the lights headed west and disappeared, the report said.

Authorities at this air base were especially impressed by the radar pickup by another plane on January 9. They said the radar actually locked on the object, heading the plane toward it as though it were drawn by a magnet.

IR 3-52 29/1940Z 250° { RIVKIND F-94 } VENUS
{ SALLCE F-94 }

IR 5-52 29/1939Z 250° { ASHLEY B-26 } VENUS
{ WOOD B-26 }

CASE 16 29/1948 (LOCAL) - 2NN 270° Col in AT (F-84G) VENUS
7 29/2000 (LOCAL) 5MIN 190°

IR 1-53 29/1850 I EAST AT 60° ELEV JUPITER

name 29/1905 I SE OF BASE AT 30° ELEV

Signings 29/2000 I NW OF BASE (NO ELEV GIVEN)

DURATION 30 MIN TO 1 HR 40 MIN

— 29/1850 I CALLAWAY OBJECT TO EAST 15 MIN

29/1905 I " 22 " TO SE AT 30°

29/2000 I " 30 " TO NW LOW 30 MIN

31/0320 I " OBSERVED STAR.

29/1950 I SEALE OBS IN ESE

29/1930 I PCPASBL OBS DIRECTION NOT GIVEN

29/2015 I GILA 30° ELEV STATIONARY

29/1930-2005 I SIMMONS OBJECTS IN E, SE & S.

~~CASE 17 29/1120 T/G AC LOT ASSOCIATED~~

IR 4-52 29/1915-1944-195T AZ 250° F-94 VENUS

1842Z 29/1915 I 250° AZ OBS IN WEST GULF AIR 1

29/1913 I OBVIOUS PLANET IN WEST KADDY "

IR 17-52 same as CASE 16 & #7.

**U. S. Pilot Says He
Saw Strange 'Disk'
Make Pass at Jet**

A UNITED STATES AIR BASE IN NORTHERN JAPAN, Wednesday, Jan. 28—(AP)—A United States pilot saw at close range a mysterious flying disc make a pass at a Thunderjet over central Japan, then speed away, the air force reported Tuesday.

The hitherto secret report from intelligence files said the disc was seen at 5,000 feet on a bright, cloudless day, just before noon last March 29 by Lieut. David C. Brigham of Rockford, Ill.

Brigham said the disc was about eight inches in diameter and that it closed to within 20 feet of the Thunderjet before shooting up out of sight.

(In Washington, a spokesman at air force headquarters said the technical intelligence officer of the Air Materiel Command at Wright-Patterson base, Dayton, O., which usually gets reports on flying saucers, had received none of this incident.)

It was indicated the probably will be no reaction here in the Far East for such a report. The report was the second in a series of reports on flying saucers over Japanese territory. The first was made in December 1947 by a "roving reporter" who was white and was reported to have been shot down by Japanese fighters Dec. 29 by the Japanese air force.

The report was based on reports from the Japanese air force. Brigham was flying a Thunderjet plane. The disc was seen up behind the Thunderjet. The Thunderjet pilot hit the disc.

Cleveland Plain Dealer
28 Jan 53

About 7:30 p.m. December 29, 1952, an Air Force radar base in northern Japan received a call from a B-28 crew: "We've just sighted a UFO. It looks like a cluster of lights—red, white and green."

Moments later, the radar men picked up the UFO. Because of the B-28's low speed, no interception could be made. At 7:45, an F-94 pilot radioed in, reporting the same type of device. The call was overheard by Col. Curtis Low, commander of a fighter-escort wing in Japan. (As he was mentioned in a news dispatch which briefly described the incident, I am using his right name.) He was flying his F-84 jet fighter at 27,000 feet. Three minutes later, he sighted the strange machine. He called ground control and was asked to try an interception.

As he climbed, Colonel Low switched off his lights. The object's lights did not change—proof that it was no canopy reflection. Keeping his own lights off to avoid detection, Low climbed to 35,000 feet. When he got closer, he saw that the saucer's lights were revolving in a counterclockwise direction—a steady rotation between 8 and 12 times a minute.

It Vanished in 30 Seconds

Low could see three fixed shafts of white light shining outward. Apparently, one part of the machine was rotating, but the change of colors was puzzling. At times, the saucer was one solid color—white, green or red. In between, the wing commander saw brief combinations—red-white, red-green and green-white. But the three white beams remained constant.

Colonel Low opened his F-84 to full power. Racing in at over 500 miles an hour, he tried to close the gap. Apparently, his unlighted plane was not seen for a second or two. Then the saucer increased its speed. It disappeared in 30 seconds.

Five minutes later, circling at 35,000 feet, Low saw the machine again. This time, as a test, he left his lights on when he tried to close in. Immediately turning west, the strange craft speeded up, so swiftly it vanished in five seconds.

Eleven nights later, another machine with similar rotating lights was sighted over Japan and tracked by radar. With the permission of intelligence, Low mentioned both cases to war correspondents, withholding the details I have just given.

"Don't dismiss these as the reports of a few imaginative nopes," he warned the reporters. "These were corroborated sightings by trained pilots and radar operators."

(The ATIC summary of this incident stressed the stability and reliability of the colonel and his persistence in seeking accurate details of the light he saw. Its comment was: "The tone of this report is very similar to previous sightings of the planet Jupiter. There is a great possibility this pilot saw Jupiter." The official conclusion on the case was: "Probably astronomical."—Ed.)

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Air Force Reveals Pilot's Story Flying Disk Buzzed Japan F-84

By The Associated Press

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It was the second disclosure in recent days of mysterious objects zooming through the skies over Japan, near Russian-held territory. On Jan. 21, the Air Force made public intelligence reports of "rotating clusters of red, white and green lights," sighted Dec. 29 by American airmen.

The Air Force issued the two reports without comment.

Lt. Brigham was flying a reconnaissance plane when a Thunderjet pulled alongside. The incident occurred soon afterward. Lt. Brigham estimated that he watched the disk for about ten seconds from a distance of thirty to fifty feet at the closest point. The Thunderjet pilot, who was not identified, did not see the disk.

Lt. Brigham described the disk as "about eight inches in diameter, very thin, round, and as shiny as polished chromium, had no appar-

ent projectors and left no exhaust trails or vapor trails."

He said there were no markings on the disk but there was a "ripple in the metal skin." He estimated it was flying at about 200 miles an hour.

Lt. Brigham's report to Intelligence said the disk made a pass on the Thunderjet, closing from slightly above him.

"It closed rapidly, and just before flying into his fuselage it decelerated to his air speed almost instantaneously," he reported. "In doing so it flipped up on its edge at approximately a 90-degree bank. Then it fluttered within twenty feet of his fuselage for perhaps two or three seconds, pulled away and around his starboard wing, appearing to flip over at it hit the slipstream behind his wing tip fuel tank."

"Then it passed him, crossed in front of him and pulled up abruptly, appearing to accelerate and shot out of sight in a steep, almost vertical climb."

Sightings of the light clusters were made at several points over northern Japan on Dec. 29. On Jan. 9 a rotating cluster was tracked by radar from two F-94 jet interceptors. The radar actually "locked" on the cluster and steered the jets toward it.

(In Washington, a spokesman at Air Force headquarters said the technical intelligence officer of the Air Materiel Command at Wright-Patterson Base, Ohio, which usually gets reports on flying saucers, had received none of this incident. It was indicated there probably would not be a request sent to the Far East for such a report.)

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DEC. 29, 1952 NORTHERN JAPAN (KEYHOF-1953 P 190) 6 WITNESSES00
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on this heading, he noted the object again at 35,000 ft level with him still flying what appeared to be a parallel course to himself. It was at approximately 30 degrees to the right of his aircraft's nose section. This time after a bit more than four minutes of observation, (all his navigation lights were on again) the source again tried to set up an interception course by swinging to the right. At this time the object pulled away for the west and disappeared in about five seconds time. It is repeated at this time, that the only tangible point of coincidence noticeable was the short period of time the object required to disappear the second time when the F-84 set up an interception course with all "nav" lights burning - just five seconds. In the first instance, with lights extinguished, he did manage to close considerably, but not knowing the true size of the object, he had no way of knowing just how much of the gap had been successfully closed before the object increased its speed appreciably and disappeared in 30 seconds. Source then returned to the area of his home station, Misawa Air Base and concluded his flight.			
10. <u>AIR TRAFFIC IN THE AREA:</u> The pilot of this F-84, was originally out on his guard to be watchful of something unusual, by virtue of hearing a radio-telephone transmission from an aircraft calling a radar station on the ground. The R/T call sign used by this aircraft was "Gander", later check revealed that "Gander" call signs are utilized by an F-94 All Weather unit in this area. At that time the F-94 was reporting his position as being approximately 35 miles south-east of Chitose Air Base, (Hokkaido Island, Japan) the exact contents of his transmission are not recalled, but he did report sighting a "rotating cluster" of lights. This transmission was heard at 1945 hrs Ikon. The pilot of the F-84 saw the object for the first time some three minutes later. Local intelligence agencies were checking the particulars of the F-94's sightings and it is assumed their findings will be forwarded shortly. Unevaluated reports from neighboring intelligence agencies added the fact that this "rotating cluster" of lights had been seen earlier in the evening by a B-26 aircraft flying in the general area of Misawa Air Base. In addition, similar reports were heard from personnel on duty in the Chitose Air Base Control Tower the same evening.			
<u>COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER:</u> 1. The foresight of the source exhibited when he extinguished all the lights on his aircraft, coupled with his persistency in being accurate in re-viewing the details of his sightings result in a graphic description of an "object" naturally falling into the family of "unconventional flying objects". It must be added, however, that source's experience and past actions demand attention to the sequence of sightings. This pilot is thoroughly versed in the limited flying machines; his attempt to corner all the pertinent information concerning this unknown item was definitely genuine. His ability to reconstruct all the factors common to these sightings was excellent and well organized. The frequency of related sightings of an unevaluated nature further attest to some unconventional flying object active in the general area during the early evening hours of 29 December 1952.			
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COMMENTS OF APPROVED OFFICERS:

1. The source showed great presence of mind in the investigation of this unidentified object. There was a difference of 25 seconds in the time it took the object to pull away when the source made his two passes at the object, lights "out" and lights "out" suggesting closer proximity prior to observation by the object, assuming it existed. The fact that there was a full moon, excellent visibility, a clear night, and an overcast furnished several excellent ingredients for distortion and reflections or refractions in the cockpit. It is a fact that different types of aircraft produce different refractions or refractions of the same object. The reported "cluster of rotating lights" was observed and reported by the source flying an F-86 and by a pilot of an F-86 as well as a B-26. This would tend to lend credence to the observation. The disappearance of the object to the west is considered significant. On the first sighting the source of pursuit was flown breaking right. Were the phenomenon a reflection of the moon off the windshield, it would have disappeared in the opposite direction on the second pass. There are too many indications of the presence of something for the source's remarks to be considered an observation of nothing.

/s/ Russell Powell
/s/ RUSSELL POWELL
Lt Col., USAF
Intelligence Officer

D/I JAFM COMMENTS:

1. This is a copy of the original report which evidently was forwarded directly to Strategic Air Command.
2. Reference IS-1-53, 39th Air Division, dated 1 January 1955.
IS-3-52, 6016th A.B. Wg, dated 30 December 1954.
IS-4-52, 6016th A.B. Wg, dated 30 December 1954.
IS-5-52, 6016th A.B. Wg, dated 30 December 1954.
3. Ice clouds are common in the Northern area of Japan where there sightings were made. The clear night, bright moon, and stars indicate possible light refraction through such ice clouds.
4. The following extract from IS-1-53, 39th Air Division, Incld 1 indicates the possible refractive effects when viewing bright stars through binoculars (which at that time become fogged from temperature changes):

From statement by A/SC Callaway: "On Dec 31, 1954, I was ascending the sky with binoculars. I noticed a star which seemed to change colors, red, white and green as I passed over it with binoculars. Upon experimenting, I found that by moving the binoculars up and down and sideways, I could make the star spin vertically and horizontally and change colors. When I held the binoculars still, the star was stationary and white in color."

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5. In all cases except the reported ground sightings, the object was reported as being to the West of the different observers which were in different locations. This indicates either a far-distant terrestrial object, or some celestial object, (or a combination of celestial light refracted by distant atmospheric conditions).

6. D/I JAFM advances the following comment which could provide a possible explanation for this particular sighting:

"The planet VENUS is at maximum altitude at this time of year, appearing white and very bright. The planet MARS is predominantly red. Both planets assume approximately the same relative position late in December, and from a great distance could well appear to 'move' in a circular motion due to the refraction effect of the atmosphere near the horizon."

"At 30 North Latitude on the night of December 29, 1952, VENUS at 1900/I was located at 2nd altitude at 30 above the horizon. Between 1900/I and 2100/I this planet moved from 2nd to 3rd, at 30 elevation, to a 250° azimuth position at 30 elevation. This would explain any heliocentric dip into the horizon."

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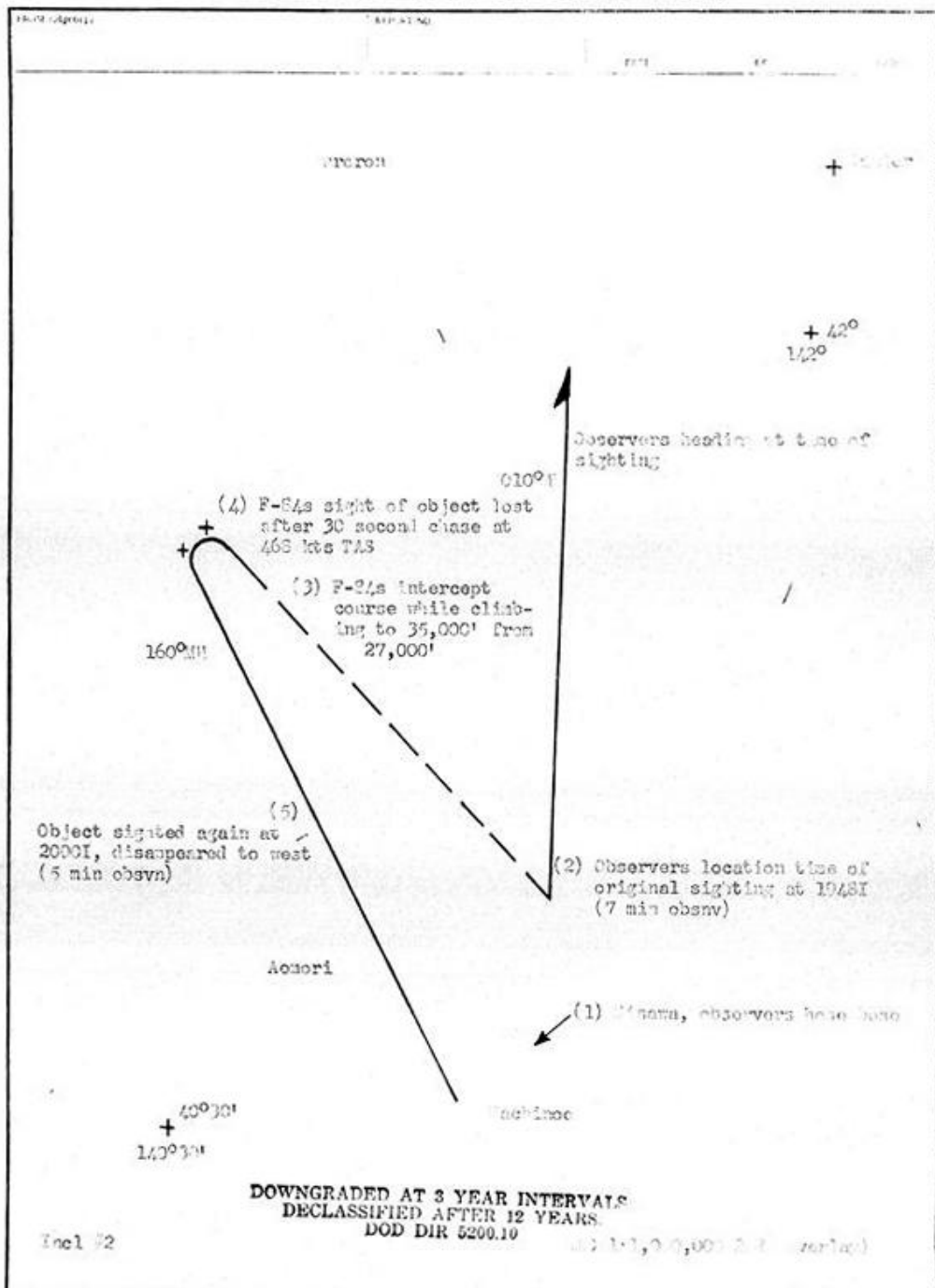
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White beam steady Red-White-Green, alternating in counter-clockwise direction in body of object. White beam steady White beam steady DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS DOD DIR 5200.10 Incl #1 Description of object sighted over Northern Morshu, 29 December 1952				

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The source caught sight of the object for the second time just five minutes after losing sight of it. This was at 2000 hrs local, and the source was still at 35,000 ft altitude, but heading 3/8 on mag heading of 150 degrees. During this second sighting, the object was still at the same altitude level as the F-4 pilot, but it appeared approximately 30 degrees off to the right of the F-4's nose - distance still unknown. The general area of these sightings was the extreme northern portion of the Island of Okinawa, Japan.

- IDENTIFIED INFORMATION** - The pilot reporting these sightings is a Colonel, possessing long experience in World War II and the Korean theater. Source has held responsible command assignments for some time, and presently commands a Fighter Escort Wing operating under the Japan Air Defense Force. The accuracy of source's statements was substantiated despite repetitive interrogation, his sequence of times, locations and descriptions did not vary at any time. Source is stable and thoroughly reliable.
- WEATHER AND VISUAL SIGHTING CONDITIONS** - The area in which the sightings were made had the following weather conditions at 1730 hrs local: 10/10s overcast, from 9,000 to 10,000 ft - brilliant moonlight and visibility of minimum 40 miles; temperature at 35,000 ft was -36 degrees, pressure 210 millibars. Winds aloft reported by Japanese weather station were as follows: 27,000 ft from 280 degrees, at 90 knots; 35,000 ft from 280 degrees, at 70 knots, and at 30,000 ft from 280 degrees, at 200 knots.
- UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES FOR SIGHTINGS** - There were no activities of a "net" nature, or any condition which could account for these sightings.
- PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OF SIGHTINGS** - These sightings placed on the strength of the narrative factors as corroborated by the source. There is no physical evidence of the object due to its disappearance on both occasions.
- INTERPRETATION INFORMATION** - The source, upon sighting this object, called local VEC station on radio telephone, (VHF) and reported what he was observing, GCI instructed this pilot to intercept or identify object which he proceeded to attempt to accomplish. Since initially, he was at 27,000 ft altitude, he climbed to 35,000 ft and levelled off when he saw he was level with the object. During this climb he was heading in a northwesterly direction. For approximately 3 of the 7 minutes of observation, the source was riding 2 miles short of the path of the F-4's (GCI), as he set up a gradual curve to the east to set upon a pursuit curve that would close the gap between himself and the object he noted that the object obviously was increasing in size. This closing of the distance continued for about one minute, then the object seemed to increase its "going away" speed and vanished in 30 seconds. At the time of the disappearance, the source had managed to close to a point whereby the object was at eleven o'clock to him - just short of a true stern chase. During the time the pilot was climbing and undertaking a curve toward the object, he exhibited good presence of mind by extinguishing all the lights on his aircraft, i.e., wing tip lights, fuselage lights as well as fluorescent lights within the cockpit. Source admitted he readily decided on this course of action to make certain that he was not getting any reflection from his canopy surface. When all lights were out, he noticed no change in the appearance or brilliance of the object and its other scenes. At the time of losing sight of the object due to its obvious increase in speed, both source and the object were headed due west. Source then took a mag heading of 150 degrees and flew in a south-westerly direction. After five minutes of flight while on this heading, he noted the object again at 35,000 ft level with him and flying what appeared to be a parallel course to himself. It

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- AIR TRAFFIC IN THE AREA** - The pilot of this F-4, was originally put on his guard to be watchful of something unusual, by virtue of hearing a radio-telephone transmission from an aircraft calling a radio station on the ground. The "V" call sign used by this aircraft was "Gander", later check revealed that "Gander" call signs are utilized by an F-4 All Weather unit in this area. At that time the F-4 was reporting his position as being approximately 35 miles south-west of Okiwara Air Base, (Machida Island, Japan) the exact contents of his transmission are not recalled, but he did report sighting a "floating cluster" of lights. This transmission was heard at 1845 hrs local. The pilot of the F-4 saw the object for the first time some three minutes later. Local intelligence agencies were checking the particulars of the F-4's sightings and it is assumed their findings will be forwarded shortly. Unsubstantiated reports from neighboring intelligence agencies added the fact that this "floating cluster" of lights had been seen earlier in the evening by a B-26 aircraft flying in the general area of Okinawa Air Base. In addition, similar reports were heard from personnel on duty in the Okinawa Air Base Control Tower the same evening.

COMMENTS OF Preparing Officer:

- The forecast of the source exhibited when he extinguished all the lights on his aircraft, coupled with his persistency in being accurate in reviewing the details of his sightings result in a graphic description of an "object" naturally falling into the family of "unconventional flying objects". It must be added, however, that source's experience and past actions demand attention to this sequence of sightings. This pilot is thoroughly versed in the limitations of flying machines; his attempt to garner all the pertinent information concerning this unknown item was definitely genuine. His ability to reconstruct all the factors common to these sightings was excellent and well organized. The frequency of related sightings of an unexplained nature further attest to some unconventional flying object active in this general area during the early evening hours of 29 December 1952.

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COMMENTS of Approving Officers:

1. The source showed great presence of mind in the investigation of this unidentified object. There was a difference of 25 seconds in the time it took the object to pull away when the source made his two passes at the object, lights "out" and lights "on". Significantly the longer time was taken on the first pass, lights "out" suggesting closer proximity prior to observation by the object, assuming it existed. The fact that there was a full moon, excellent visibility, a clear night, and an unobscured furnished several excellent ingredients for distortion and reflections or refractions in the cockpit. It is a fact that different types of aircraft canopies produce different reflections or refractions of the same object. The reported "cluster of rotating lights" was observed and reported by the source flying on F-4s and by a pilot of an F-5 as well as a B-57. This would tend to lend credence to the observation. The disappearance of the object to the west is considered significant. On the first sighting the curve of pursuit was from breaking left, on the second pass it was from breaking right. Were the phenomenon a reflection of the moon off the windshield, it would have disappeared in the opposite direction on the second pass. There are too many indications of the presence of something for the source's remarks to be considered an observation of nothing.

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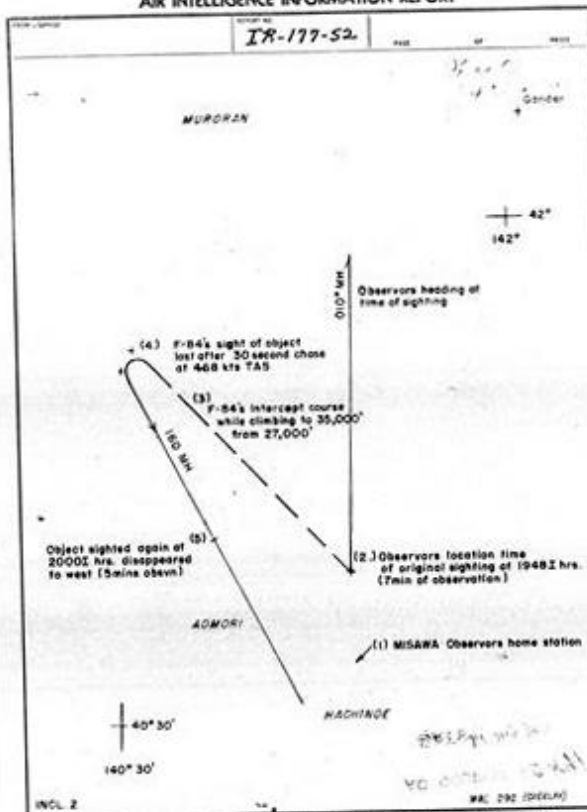
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1. **Description of Object:** Object was a brilliant light that appeared to change in color. Color appeared to change in a constant, regular pattern, taking approximately 5 seconds to complete a cycle from red to white to red again. The oscillation of one color by another was a gradual one, moving in a clockwise manner from top to bottom. Object showed both red and white during transition period. The light did not appear to vary its position during the 15 minute observation period, nor did it twinkle as a star does. Object was believed to have been on ground or very low on the horizon, but cloud layers prevented determination of altitude or range. Crew ended observation when restored to another target by GCI.

2. **Time of Sighting:** At 19401 for about 15 minutes.

3. **Range of Observation:** Visual, without optical aids from a F-4 aircraft at 20,000 feet at a speed of approximately 230 knots. Airborne radar unable to make contact.

4. **Location of Observation:** At time of sighting, aircraft was orbiting over L208 27N. Object was on a bearing of 250° at a substantial, but undetermined distance from the aircraft. Observers were the pilot and radar observer of an F-4 aircraft.

5. **Identification Information on Observers:** Observers were a Senior Pilot, Captain, who is a combat veteran with 11 years rated experience and a 2nd Lt. Radar Observer with 10 months rated experience. Since both observers are members of a transient unit it is impossible to judge their reliability.

6. **Weather:** Clear to broken with tops at approximately 8,000 feet. Moon was full and visibility was unlimited over clouds. Winds 55-65 knots from 280° at 20,000 feet.

7. **Other Activity Which Might Explain Sighting:** There are numerous marine lights along the Sonoma and Sinaloa coast adjacent to the Fangua Strait, one of which is a group consisting white and red sector lights at L208 01N.

8. **Physical Evidence:** Negative.

9. **Interpretation:** Aircraft was under control of GCI on another mission so it did not attempt interception.

10. **Air Traffic:** Other traffic in the general area included.

a. One F-4 flying in Chitose area. Reported position at 19441 was 25 miles southeast of Chitose heading to Misawa. This aircraft also reported unusual light.

b. One F-4 flying Misawa Air Base area. This aircraft also reported seeing unusual light.

c. An unidentified radar track faded at 19571 12 miles east of Chitose.

d. One B-26 reported sighting of unusual light at 19581 while at L208 32N.

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D/F Japan Air Defense Force Comments

Reference DA-3-52 and DA-3-52, 60160 Air Base Wing.

First Division, this headquarters, advises of no unusual aerial activity in vicinity of sighting area which might tie in with this object sighting.

21st Bomber Squadron suggests some interpretation of planet and weather factors which might well explain a phenomena incident to this sighting.

The planet VENUS is at maximum magnitude at this time of year, appearing white and very bright. The planet MARS is predominantly red. Both planets assume approximately the same relative position late in evening, and from a great distance could very well appear to "move" in a circular motion due to the refraction effect of atmospheric conditions near the horizon.

At 30° North latitude on the night of 2 December 1952, VENUS at 19001 was located in an azimuth position of 240° at 30° above the horizon. Between 19001 and 20001 this planet moved from 240° to 30° to a 260° azimuth position at 30° above the horizon. This movement could explain the noticeable dip into the horizon.

This phenomena could provide a possible explanation for this type of sighting.

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On 29 December 1952, I was the pilot of a night-scrubbed F-34, orbiting IJOW 2726 in a visual port orbit when both my radar observer and myself saw a brilliant light which was apparently below the altitude of 20,000' where we were flying. The light was unusual, both because of its intensity and because it was constantly and regularly changing color from red to white. Therefore I rolled out of my orbit and placed the light in line with my nose, taking a magnetic reading from my slave gyro compass of 265°. Upon further observation, I decided that the light was not moving or if it was, the distance was so great that there was no apparent movement. From 19401 until about 19551, when Gastepo gave me a vector of 90°, I observed the light and saw no break in the position or pattern of the light collection. It was definitely not a flashing light, but rather one which had a rhythmic change of color from red to white to red, from top to bottom, the cycle of which took perhaps 5 seconds, but I didn't think to time it. The light was either large enough or close enough that it didn't appear to twinkle as a star does. The color change not only took place in a transition from top to bottom, but appeared also to rotate in a clockwise direction. There were no other lights at all in the vicinity of the reported light. In my opinion the light was either on the ground or so far away it appeared to be on the ground.

Edward D. Salice
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Captain, USAF
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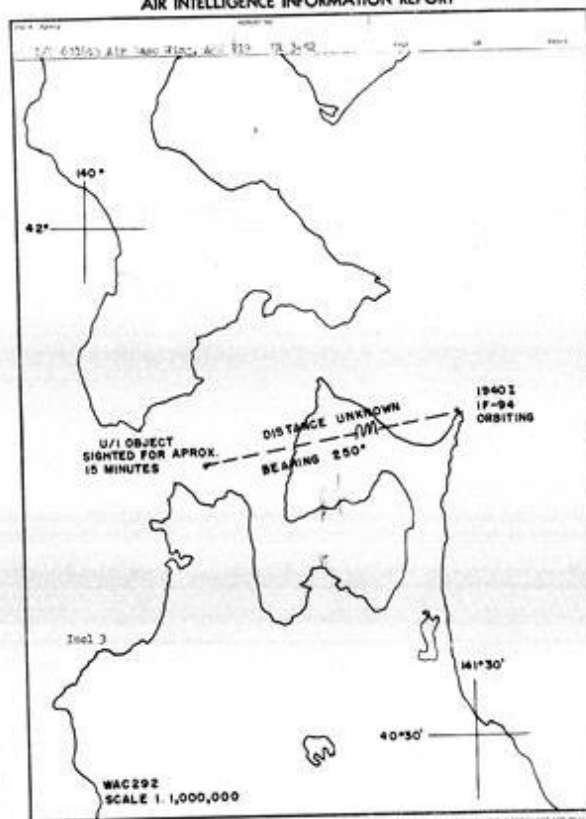
we were making a tight orbit over Columbia (IJOW 2726) at 20,000' emitting a target when we noticed a bright light at 19401. The light seemed to be a ground beacon, but we were unable to ascertain an altitude of it due to a cloud layer below us. When first noticed it was thought to be a star or planet, but the change of color was too definite. The light remained at what appeared to be a constant position. The color change was from red to white and back to red. The change was very regular, and seemed to be half red and half white at the same time. After we decided it was not a planet, I requested the pilot take a heading on it. He rolled out of our port orbit, pointing the nose of the aircraft directly at the light. The magnetic heading was 265°. The light remained in view until we broke out of our orbit point to intercept a stranger coming from Louisville (IJOW 2940). When we left the orbit our heading was 090° and the time was 19551.

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L/O, 6016th Air Base Wing, APO 929

30 December 1953

29 December 1953

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2nd Lt. Donald L. Smart, USAF
King Intelligence Officer

1st Lt. Vartan A. Gulian, USAF
2nd Lt. Bedford G. Kaddy Jr., USAF

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~~A.B.N. 200-5, 29 Apr 58~~ ~~60164 A.B.N., dtd 30 Dec 57, Reporting number 1224 F.R.N.~~

Following is a report of an aerial sighting of an unidentified flying object near Misawa, Japan at 1951, 29 December 1952. The object was a brilliant light that changed in color from red to white to light green and was seen by 2 crew members of an F-94 for about 40 minutes.

ABSTRACT

Donald L. Ewart
DONALD L. EWART
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Wing Intelligence Officer

1. Statement of Lt. Culian
2. Statement of Lt. Kaddy
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1. **Description of Object:** Object was a light stellar to a brilliant planet except that it apparently changed in color from red to white to light green and then reversed this sequence. The color change followed a continuous regular pattern with each color appearing for approximately 2 seconds, followed by a one second transition period in which the colors appeared to blend before the next color appeared. The red and white lights were quite intense, but the green was less pronounced. Object appeared to be above the horizon at an approximate level with the observing aircraft which was at 20,000 feet. Although the color of the lights apparently changed, the position of the object did not appear to vary during the 40 minute observation period. Observers were unable to estimate size or range of object. Aircraft lost sight of object at approximately 180000Z when object appeared to sink into clouds at undetermined range.

2. **Time of Sighting:** Initial sighting took place at approximately 1915Z but aircraft was another mission and only noticed object intermittently until 1940Z. From 1940Z, until visual contact was lost at 1955Z, observers focused full attention on object.

3. **Manner of Observation:** Visual without optical aid from a F-4W aircraft at 20,000 feet at a speed of 200 knots. Airborne radar unable to make contact.

4. **Location of Observer:** At the beginning of the sighting, aircraft was at approximately 180000Z. Object first sighted on western horizon at some distance from aircraft but crew was too intent upon assigned mission to pay particular attention to object. Object sighted intermittently in same approximate position while aircraft flew search pattern in 18 and 50 areas. After discontinuing search at 1940Z, aircraft was approximately 25 miles SE and on a bearing of 150° from Okinawa heading to Kaseue. The object on a bearing of 250°, was observed by both pilot and radar observer of F-4W.

5. **Identification Information on Observer:** Observers were a 1st Lt. pilot with 10 months rated experience as a pilot and 7 years experience as a Radar Observer Navigator, and a 2nd Lt. Radar Observer with 7 months rated experience. Since both observers are members of a transient unit their reliability cannot be adequately determined.

6. **Weather:** Clear to scattered with a few broken clouds north of the Tugurua Straits. Tops at approximately 7,000 feet. There was a full moon and visibility was unlimited above clouds. Winds were 55 to 65 knots from 200°.

7. **Other Activity Which Might Explain Sighting:** There are numerous marine lights along the Honshu and Hokkaido coast adjacent to the Tugurua Strait one of which is a group consisting white and red sector light at 180000Z.

8. **Visual Distance:** None.

9. **Interception:** Aircraft was low on fuel at completion of search mission and unable to attempt interception.

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10. **Air Traffic:** Traffic in the general area included:

- One F-4W aircraft orbiting area 180000Z. Crew reported sighting unusual light from this position at 1900Z.
- One F-4W aircraft flying Kaseue Air Base area. This aircraft also reported sighting unusual light.
- There was an unidentified radar track that disappeared at 1857Z, 12 miles East of Okinawa.
- One B-26 reported sighting of unusual light at 1857Z while at 180000Z.

b. Japan Air Defense Force Comments

Reference IN 3-52 and IN 5-52, 6016th Air Base Wing.

Harold Hilsdon, this headquarters, advised of no unusual aerial activity in vicinity of sighting area which might tie in with this object sighting.

20th Weather Squadron suggest some interest in planet and weather factors which might well explain a phenomenon incident to this sighting.

The planet VENUS is at maximum magnitude at this time of year, appearing white and very bright. The planet MARS is predominantly red. Both planets assume approximately the same relative position late in December, and from a great distance could very well appear to "move" in a circular motion due to the refraction effect of atmospheric conditions near the horizon.

At 30° North lat. due on the night of 7 December 1952, VENUS at 1900Z was located in a southerly position of 240° at 30° above the horizon. Between 1900Z and 2100Z this planet moved from 240° at 30° to a 260° at 40° position at 30° above the horizon. This movement could well explain the noticeable slip into the horizon.

This phenomenon could provide a possible explanation for this type of sighting.

Chas. H. Hilsdon
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Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Intelligence

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1/0 6010th Air Base Wing, APO 919

DA-4-52

STATEMENT

I was the pilot on the F-44, and 2nd Lt. Bedford O. Kaddy was my radar observer on a scramble from Kadena Air Base, Japan, at 16421 on 29 December 1952. We were vectored to the Chitose Air Base area after an unidentified ground radar track. When we arrived in the Chitose Air Base area the ground radar track had faded and we were requested to contact Chitose tower concerning their aircraft traffic. Chitose tower reported no aircraft traffic, but were obtaining visual observations on two unidentified objects which were described as flashing horizontal red and vertical green. These objects were estimated southeast, and west, of Chitose Air Base at a range of 50 miles and altitude of 5000' to 10,000'. We were requested by GCI to institute a search for these objects at 19531, and we did so in a rectangular search pattern from altitudes of 20,000' to 12,000'. We made no observations in the designated area, but did notice a very bright object in the west, slightly above the horizon, that resembled a planet. This object had a definite color shading, varying from a reddish color to a white color to a greenish color in a regular sequence. The main reason my attention was attracted to this object, which I had considered to be a planet, was its similarity to the objects reported in the east and southeast by Chitose tower.

I again contacted Chitose tower requesting further information on their sightings, but the tower again gave the same report, definitely placing their sightings in the east and southeast. I continued my search for these primary objects, without visual or radar contact, until 19441 when I reached my minimum fuel. At that time, because of the marked resemblance of the object in the west to the object of my search, I took a bearing on the object and reported it to GCI. I was approximately 25 miles from Chitose Air Base at that time (19441) on a magnetic bearing of 230° to the base, and the magnetic bearing to the object was 250°. I was unable to estimate the range, except that it was beyond the 15 nautical mile range of our airborne radar equipment, but the object appeared level with my altitude of 20,000', slightly above the horizon. At this time there was a definite changing of colors, from reddish to white to greenish, the individual colors lasting about 2 seconds, and the transition between colors lasting about one second. I at that time proceeded to Kadena Air Base on a magnetic bearing of 215° at 20,000', and observed the object in its same relative position until 19551. At that time I spent approximately 15 seconds checking my cockpit. When I checked for the object again, at that time, it was not in sight and I was unable to reestablish visual contact with it. I landed at Kadena Air Base at 20001.

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DA-4-52

STATEMENT

I was the Radar Observer on the F-44 which sighted unusual lights 29 December 1952. After contacting Chitose tower at 19331 we searched the area east and southeast of Chitose for reported flashing red horizontal and green vertical lights. We found nothing in this area either visually or by radar. During this entire search we had noticed what appeared to be an obvious planet in the west. We were compelled to return to Kadena due to lack of fuel at approximately 19441. At this time we noticed this light in the west and thought possibly it might have been what the Chitose tower saw as it was a flashing red and white and green light planet-like appearance except for the color. It was a bright light changing red to white to pale green at about our same altitude which was at that time 20,000'. We reported this to GCI and took magnetic bearings with our aircraft. We determined we were 25 miles from Chitose on a magnetic bearing of 330° and this object was at a magnetic bearing of 250° from us. We observed this light for 11 minutes and there was no apparent change in its azimuth and elevation. We had previously told GCI we were unable to investigate due to low fuel. At 19551 the lights appeared to fade below the clouds and that was our last contact with it. We could not estimate any distance except that it was more than 15 miles from us as our radar would have picked it up had it been closer. It appeared to be a planet but the changing of colors and the Chitose tower's report of unusual lights prompted us to make a more than casual observation of this light.

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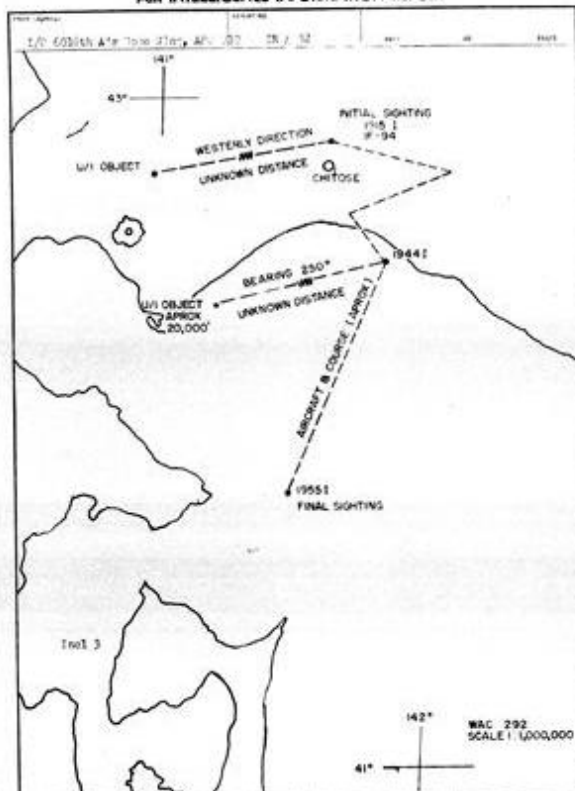
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2nd Lt. Donald L. Keart, USAF (Name of Observer) Wing Intelligence Officer	Major Edward A. Kinsley, USAF Major Andrew J. Wood, USAF (Name of Pilot)	10-35, 10th Air Division, 14th AF, 3 January 1953, 10-3-521-6016th A. B. W. dtd 30 December 1952 (Reference Number)	
Following is a report of an aerial sighting of an unidentified flying object near Kansas, Japan at 1952, 29 December 1952. The object was a brilliant light of indeterminate shape and size and was seen by 2 crew members of a B-66 for approximately 15 to 20 minutes.			

APPENDIX

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1. Statement of Major Ashley
2. Statement of Major Wood
3. Sketch

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1. Description of Object: Object was a brilliant light that underwent a continuing change in color from red to white to red. During transition period from one color to another, one observer saw quick flashes of yellow, blue and green light. The white and red phases were particularly intense. The light appeared to be moving at a speed equivalent to that of the aircraft at approximately 40 - 70 nautical miles SE of aircraft. Object seemed to be descending slowly and moving to west, finally disappearing in clouds. No means of propulsion, exhaust trails, or aerodynamic features observed. 2. Time of Sighting: Approximately 1939Z for five to seven minutes. 3. Manner of Observation: Visual without optical aid from a B-26 aircraft at 10,000 feet at a speed of approximately 200 knots. 4. Location of Observer: At the beginning of the sighting, aircraft was at approximately 120N 121E. Object was on an approximate bearing of 250NM and appeared to be at 10,000 feet altitude. Object seemed to be over the Tanguro Straits. Both observers were in the cockpit of the B-26 which was flying a heading of 190NM. 5. Identifying Information on Observer: Observers were two pilots, both Majors and each with over 10 years flying experience. No navigator was along on the flight and only a sketch log was kept. Most of the bearings, times and positions are therefore approximations. 6. Weather: Clear to broken with tops at approximately 8,000 feet. Bright moonlight and visibility unlimited above clouds. Winds approximately 55 knots from 280°. 7. Other Activity Which Might Explain Sighting: There are numerous lights (marine) along the Housha and Hokkaido coasts adjacent to the Tanguro Straits, one of which is a group consisting white and red sector light at 120N 121E. 8. Physical Evidence: None. 9. Interception: Flying ABX mission, so no attempt made to intercept. 10. Air Traffic: Other traffic in the general area included: (1) One F-4 aircraft which also reported an unusual light. Aircraft was flying in Chitose area and at 1944Z was approximately 25 miles SE Chitose heading toward Misawa. (2) One F-4 aircraft orbiting area 120N 122E. Crew reported unusual lights sighted from this position at 1900Z. (3) One F-4 aircraft flying Misawa Air Base area. This aircraft also reported sighting unusual light. (4) There was an unidentified radar track that disappeared at 1857Z 12 miles east of Chitose.			

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FROM: I/O 6016th Air Base Wing, APO 919	TO: 3	OF: 3	DATE: 1966
D/T Japan Air Defense Force Comments: Reference IR 3-52 and IR 4-52, 6016th Air Base Wing. Naval Liaison, this headquarters, advises of no unusual naval activity in vicinity of sighting area which might tie in with this object sighting. 20th Weather Squadron suggest some interesting planet and weather factors which might well explain a phenomena incident to this sighting. The planet VENUS is at maximum magnitude at this time of year, appearing white and very bright. The planet MARS is predominantly red. Both planets assume approximately the same relative position late in December, and from a great distance could very well appear to "move" in a circular action due to the refraction effect of atmospheric conditions near the horizon. At 30° North Latitude on the night of 29 December 1952, VENUS at 1900Z was located in an azimuth position of 240° at 30° above the horizon. Between 1900Z and 2100Z this planet moved from 240° at 30° to a 260° azimuth position at 5° above the horizon. This movement could explain the noticeable dip into the horizon. This phenomena could provide a possible explanation for this type of sighting. <i>Chit H. H. H. H.</i> CHIT H. H. H. H. Colonel, USAF Deputy for Intelligence			

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1/0 50164h Air Base King, APO 919

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STATEMENT

I was pilot of B-26 call sign Pioneer "F" the night of 29 December 1952. Inbound to Misawa on a simulated bombing mission at 10,000 Ft. I saw a brilliant white light just above my altitude approximately 40 miles away SOW to the right of my course (190° E). At the time we were just south of the coast of Hokkaido between Chitose and Misawa. The light was large and brilliant, changing color from white to deep red, and appeared to be moving west. We observed the light for approximately 7 minutes before it disappeared, seeming to drop into the clouds.

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STATEMENT

At approximately 1900 on the night of 29 December 1952, I was flying on a heading of 190° enroute back to Misawa from Hokkaido. My altitude was 10,000 feet. I was flying in the complete seat of a B-26 with Major Ashley as pilot. We were approximately 44 nautical miles from Shiroya-machi, Gunma, when we spotted an object approximately 30-70 miles east of us at about our same altitude moving at what looked to be a parallel course to our B-26. It, the object, had a bright red light showing and all of a sudden switched to a white light. This alternating took place several times before the object disappeared. We intercepted a call on the radio from an F-4 flying in the vicinity of the object but do not know whether the pilot intercepted the object or not. Nothing was distinguishable about the object except the lights. We witnessed the object for about 5 minutes before it disappeared. Weather at the time was broken to solid overcast at 8,000 feet but visibility was unlimited at 10,000 feet, our assigned altitude. We completed our tracking mission and participated in one interception problem before landing at 2245. The incident was reported to the interrogator upon landing.

Andrew J. Wood
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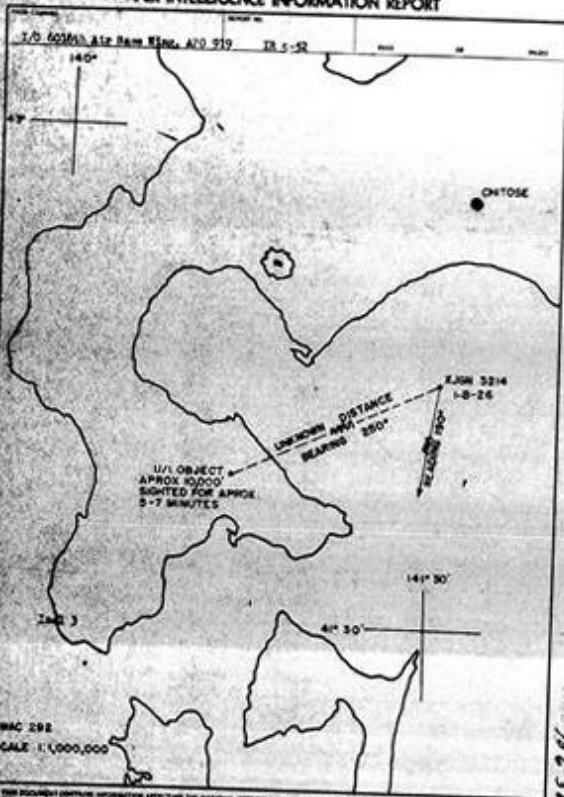
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BY: 24 Lt Harold S. Heather, USAF
SUBJECT: 1/24 Holloway, Lt. Seal, A/1st Japajel, A/24 911a, Lt. Simmons - USAF
APR 200-5, 29 APR 52, 18's 3-52, 4-52, 5-52, Rept of 2 Jan 53 by 27th Flw-Bee 14

Following is a report of aerial sightings of unidentified flying objects near Chinese Air Force Base, Japan, at 19301, 29 December 1952. The objects were circular, ferris wheel disc type with rotational red, green and white lights. Objects were observed for varying times, ranging from 30 minutes to 3 hours. There were five different witnesses of these unidentified objects.

APPROVED:

Hugh E. McCall

HUGH E. MCCALL
Major, USAF
Director of Intelligence

D/1 Japan Air Defense Force Command:

Reference 18-1-53, 39th Air Division (Defense).

Initial interpretation of 18-1-53 suggests that attached series of ground sightings might possibly be the result of a refraction effect of atmospheric conditions on the light from heavenly bodies.

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CHITTAM H. MORRIS
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Intelligence

1. Statement of A/24 Holloway
2. Statement of Lt. Seal
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3. **Means of Observation:** Initial sighting was visual and night glasses and binoculars were utilized for further study.

4. **Location of Observer:** Chitose Air Force Base Operations Tower. Coordinates: 35° 40' N/139° 40' E.

5. **Identifying Information on Observer:** No information is known concerning the background of the observer that would indicate their reliability or knowledge.

6. **Weather:** 3,000 scattered; 8,000 scattered; ground visibility was six miles with fog to the northwest. From Operations Tower visibility reported unlimited.

7. **Other Activity which might Explain Sighting:** None.

8. **Physical Evidence:** None.

9. **Interpretation:** No interpretation.

10. **Air Traffic:** There were no aircraft in the air from Chitose Air Base at the time of sighting, although as F-4s was in general area on ALE mission.

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STATEMENT

I was on duty in the control tower, Chitose Air Base, 25 December 1953, at 1900L hours. Upon receiving a call from W-1, I scanned the sky to the southwest and west for an object approaching Chitose at a fast speed thought to be a jet type aircraft. While doing this I noticed an object directly west of Chitose which changed colors; red, white and green. It appeared to be rotating horizontally, and would also rotate vertically. It would rotate in a vertical manner, and then tilt to the left to a horizontal position, as then after awhile rise back up to vertical position. When I first saw the object it was dim, then became bright, and then turned dim once more. This was over a period of about three hours. The object was in an angle of approximately 60 degrees above the horizon from the tower. I could not determine the distance. It did not appear to move.

About fifteen minutes after seeing the first object, I noticed a second object of the same type southwest of the station on an angle of approximately 30 degrees above the horizon. I estimated the distance to be fifty miles. The same applies to this object as did to the first.

At 2000L hours, I observed a third object of the same type southwest of the station at a low altitude. It was not bright, but appeared to be close. Because of clouds I was only able to observe this object for about thirty minutes. The same applies to this object as to the first and second objects.

The weather conditions were as follows: 3,000 scattered; 8,000 scattered. The ground visibility was six miles with fog to the northwest. From the tower the visibility was unlimited, and the sky almost clear. There were no clouds or atmospheric conditions in the area which I observed the objects.

I carried on a conversation with the pilot of the F-4s, whose call sign was Dealer 42. The gist of the conversation was as follows: I explained to him what we (the other tower operator on duty and myself) had seen. He stated "Anger" and that is all.

The One-Fox set in the tower was tuned into Able channel, and the following reports were heard: One F-4s reported that he had an object parallel to him, and three miles west of him, and that it changed colors, red and green. One reported that he had an object 500 feet above him.

Shortly after 2000L hours, I observed a white flash going toward the ground. It was east of the control tower, and appeared to be very near.

On December 31, 1953, at 0300L hours, I was scanning the sky with binoculars. I noticed a star which seemed to change colors; red, white, and green as I passed over it with the binoculars. Upon experiencing it I found that by moving the binoculars up and down, and sideways, I could make the star tilt vertically and, horizontally, and change colors; red, white and green. When I held the binoculars still the star was stationary, and white in color. I do not believe this was the same object or objects which I observed on 25 December 1953. I could only get this effect from two stars, one was southwest on an angle of approximately 50 degrees above the horizon, and the other was southwest on an angle of approximately 30 degrees above the horizon.

Text #1

OWEN L. GALLAGHER AF 14309855
AF/AF, TRAP
661000 Air Base Operations

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TO: 79th Air Division, APO 919	DATE: 12-1-53	FROM: [REDACTED]	REF: [REDACTED]
STATEMENT			
I went up to the tower and listened to the conversation between the F-96 pilot and the control tower. The pilot said that he saw an object over the lake. About two minutes later the tower called in for his altitude. He replied 30,000 feet. A few seconds later he said that he was 500 feet above the object. The object had bright red and green lights flashing. Approximately thirty seconds later, the pilot stated that the object was about three miles off of his wing tip. Several minutes later the pilot said the object was getting smaller and going to the north. I do not know the name of the pilots. This occurred at approximately 1930 hours, 29 December 1953. I observed an object, through night glasses, which appeared as a planet. (Yuma) It looked like a star with a red and green flicker. It did not move in a vertical or lateral path. This is not the same object that the F-96 was chasing. I did not see the object that the F-96 was chasing. The weather conditions were clear and visibility unrestricted. There were no clouds in the air. The object that I observed appeared to be in the east-south-east. I am not sure whether the object appeared to be a ferris wheel or whether the object appeared to rotate. LANCE C. SMITH AG-2221731 1st Lt., USAF 6018th Air Base Squadron 1st Lt #2			

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

TO: 79th Air Division, APO 919	DATE: 12-1-53	FROM: [REDACTED]	REF: [REDACTED]
STATEMENT			
The following is my own eye witness account of an unidentified object seen in the sky above Chino Auxiliary Air Base on the night of 29 December 1953. At 1930 on the 29th of Dec 1953, I was on duty at Base Operations, per forming my usual duties. The "net" line from Nisene ADCO rang and the I.D. was there wanted to know if we had any aircraft southeast of our station. I.D. was tracking an unidentified target southeast of the station, approximately 30 miles from our base heading directly to the west. I informed him that no aircraft existed to my knowledge, but I would check tower. I called A/Ja Callaway, the tower operator on duty, and asked him if they had any aircraft working. He said, "No". I informed ADCO of this. ADCO asked if tower would keep an eye open for an aircraft. A few minutes later Callaway called and told me he was seeing a very strange sight. He requested that the A.D. and myself come to the tower and look at it. The A.D., Lt. Simmons, and I went to the tower and using binoculars, we looked at this object. On quick look it was a star, but using the glasses and getting a steady view of it, we saw it was flashing red and green. I studied it for a full minute. My impression was that it resembled a ferris wheel with a red seat and a green seat. The object was rotating vertically at this time. As my second look a few minutes later the object seemed to slip on a 45° angle with the high side pointing north. It continued in this manner for the rest of the time I viewed it. At one time I personally thought it moved down, a sort of dropping movement, but I may have been wrong for no one else saw this movement. The night was clear with a visibility of at least 10 miles. The temperature was about 30° (Fahrenheit). A small wind was noticeable. Nisene ADCO was on the "net" line during the whole time and was given a running account of the whole thing. I have no idea of the altitude or distance of this object from this base. WILLIAM S. POPAJUL AF 14774083 A/1st, USAF 6018th Air Base Squadron 1st Lt #3			

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1. DATE - TIME GROUP 02/0346Z 1 Feb 53 2/0120E	3. LOCATION Terre Haute, Ind.
2. SOURCE AF Pilot	10. CONCLUSION <i>Light</i> A. Light (JUPITER) mag 4.5
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Jupiter at 15° elev, 275° azimuth.
3. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Recorded	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Sawing lights which changed colors from red to blue to green were observed from 1-3 a/c. Objects descended and disappeared. Type lights were sighted by same a/c 100 miles south of St. Louis.
4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Air-Visual	
7. COURSE Descending	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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1. DATE - TIME GROUP 1 Feb 53 3/0930	3. LOCATION Terre Haute, Ind.
2. SOURCE AF Pilot	10. CONCLUSION <i>1. Left 2. Jovian (JUPITER) say 4'</i>
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Jupiter at 15° elev, 275° azimuth.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Reported	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Moving lights which changed colors from red to blue to green were observed from T-33 a/c. Objects descended and disappeared. More lights were sighted by same a/c 100 miles south of St. Louis.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Air-Visual	
7. COURSE <i>Descending</i>	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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FIED FLYING OBJECT OF OBJECTS REPRESENTED BY MOVING LIGHTS PD
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USUALLY FROM AIM CMA SPEED OF AIRCRAFT 300 KNOTS INDICATES CMA
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APPROXIMATELY 5 - 10 MILES WEST OF TERRE HAUTE CMA IND ON READING OF
275 DEGREE WHEN LIGHTS WERE SIGHTED APPROX 40 MILES AWAY AT 12
O'CLOCK PD LATER SIMILAR LIGHTS SIGHTED WITH SAME AIR CRAFT WAS 100
MILES SOUTH OF ST LOUIS CMA NO PD LIGHTS AT THIS TIME WERE MOVING

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DOC CHANNEL AND HEARD AIRCRAFT CALLING THREE HAUTE RADIO PD AIRCRAFT
WAS IDENTIFIED LATER AS T-33 CMA AT 1104 FROM THAX FIELD CMA MADISON
CMA WISC PD (6) WEATHER AT TIME OF SECOND SIGHTING CLD 300 DEGREE
CMA C - 100 CMA SCATTERED (7) NO RADAR CONTACT AT ANY TIME WITH AIR-
CRAFT OR OBJECT SIGHTED PD (8) UNKNOWN (9) UNKNOWN (10) UNKNOWN PD END
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Terre Haute, Indiana

1 February 1953

I. Description of Incident

A military aircraft on a 270° heading 10 miles west of Terre Haute sighted a close group of moving lights changing color from red to blue, to green to yellow. The pilot estimated their altitude to range between 20,000 ft. to 15,000 ft. flying in a manner similar to conventional aircraft. Searchlights from the St. Louis area seemed to be following the unidentified lights. The time of sighting was about 2130 EST.

II. Discussion of Incident

ATTC made a check on local aircraft and found that there were many commercial and military flights in and out of St. Louis at the approximate time of sighting. It is possible that searchlights from St. Louis picked up one of these aircraft. The observing aircraft was 100 miles away from St. Louis which probably accounts for the changing color of lights.

III. Conclusion

Possibly aircraft.

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3. SOURCE AF Pilot	10. CONCLUSION <i>1. Left</i> 2. Astro (JUPITER) <i>my L!</i>
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Jupiter at 15° elev, 275° azimuth.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Reported	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Moving lights which changed colors from red to blue to green were observed from T-33 a/c. Objects descended and disappeared. More lights were sighted by same a/c 100 miles south of St. Louis.
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7. COURSE Descending	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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AROUND SEA COASTS (5) NO LIGHT ON THIS CMA (6) NO LIGHT
DOO CHANEN ARE HEARD AIRCRAFT CALLING THREE BAULT CMA AIRCRAFT
WAS IDENTIFIED LATER AS T-33 CMA AT 1100Z FROM TMAX HILL CMA 10150
CMA 1150Z (6) WEATHER AT TIME OF SECOND SIGHTING CLEAR BUT DUSTY
CMA 11 - 100 CMA SCATTERED (7) NO RADAR CONTACT AT ANY TIME WITH AIR-
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III. Conclusion

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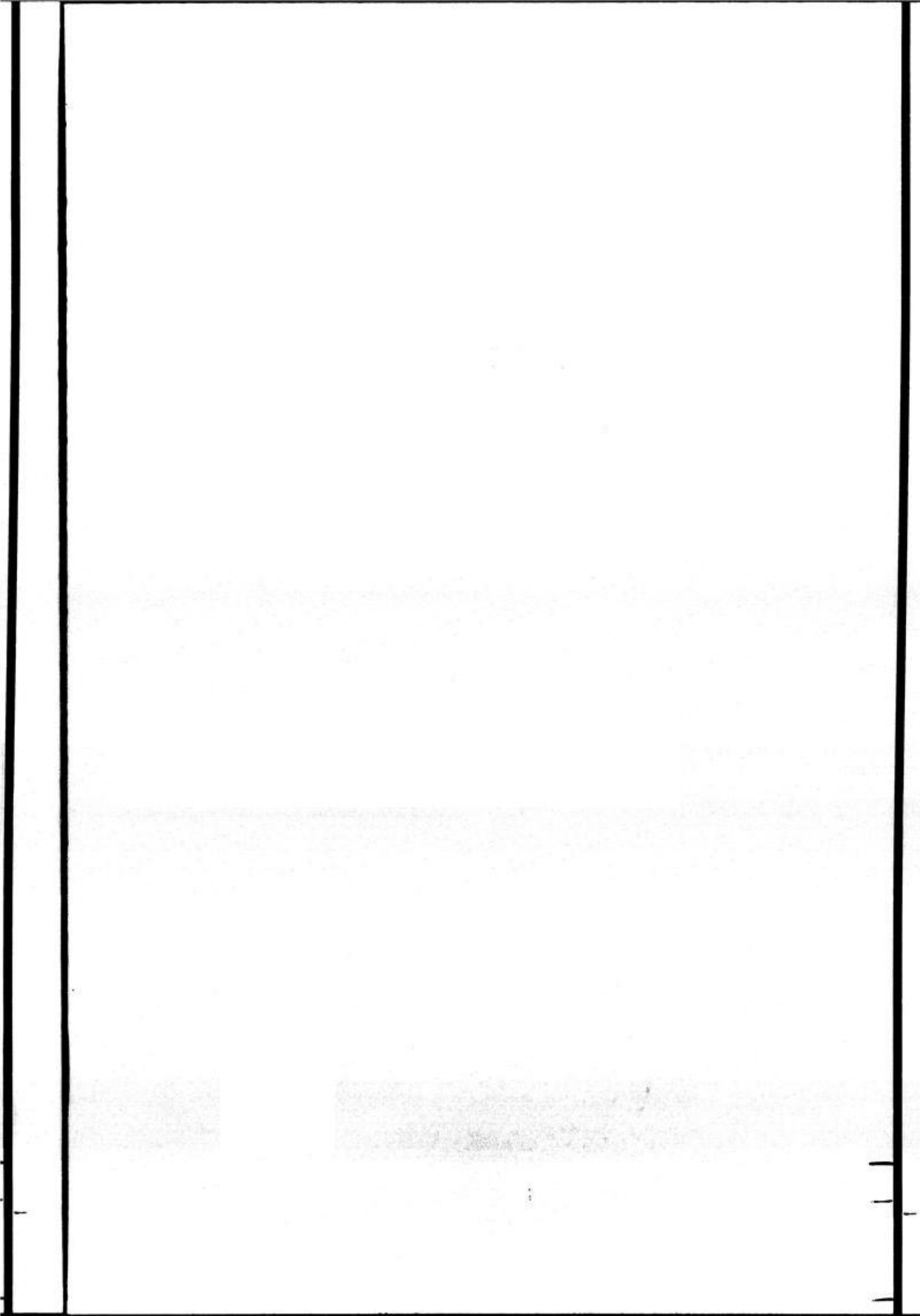
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6 Feb 1953 Rosalia, Washington
Air Visual BALLOON

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 6 Feb 53 6/0913Z	2. LOCATION Rosalia, Washington (20 Min S. Spokane)
3. SOURCE AF Pilot	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3-5 Min.	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Air-Visual	Round white light traveled at an est speed of 150-200 knots at approx 7000' alt. Maneuvers consisted of circling several times, flashing on & off, noticeable increase in speed, and disappearing in a S direction. Object was observed by pilot of B-36 a/c.
7. COURSE SE	COMMENTS: 1. Weather balloon probably in the area of sighting from Griger Field Weather Bureau. See incident folder for explanation.
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	2. Weather records show balloon released from Geiger Field not Fairchild at 0900Z. Was lost in the clouds after rising to 3,000'. Could have very easily caused the sighting.
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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Serial Report 10

I. Description of Incident

A B-36 aircraft was in flight in the vicinity of Spokane, Washington, when one round white omnidirectional light was sighted at 0913Z time. The light was at an altitude of approximately 7,000 ft. on a southeast course circling and rising as it proceeded. It was visually observed for a period of three to five minutes. The B-36 made 180° descending turn toward the light which was estimated to be moving at a speed of 150 to 200 knots. The aircraft was inbound to Spokane 15 miles out and located over Rosalia, Washington.

II. Discussion of Incident

ATIC determined that a scheduled piball balloon released at 0900Z from the U.S. Weather Bureau Station at Fairchild AFB was in the immediate area of sighting. The sighting was from Rosalia which is 12.5 nautical miles S.E. of Fairchild AFB and to place a balloon in the area of the sighting winds would have to be out of the N.E. Winds aloft at 7,000 to 10,000 ft. were from 270° to 280° at 50 knots per hour. Therefore, by computation, it would take approximately 15 minutes for the balloon to be carried to Rosalia by the existing winds. Since the unidentified object was sighted 13 minutes after the balloon launch time, and the description (climbing, orbiting, balloons carry white running lights) closely parallels the maneuvers of a balloon, ATIC concludes that the object probably was the piball weather balloon. All local air fields were checked by McChord AFB and no aircraft were in the area at the time of observation other than the B-36.

III. Conclusion

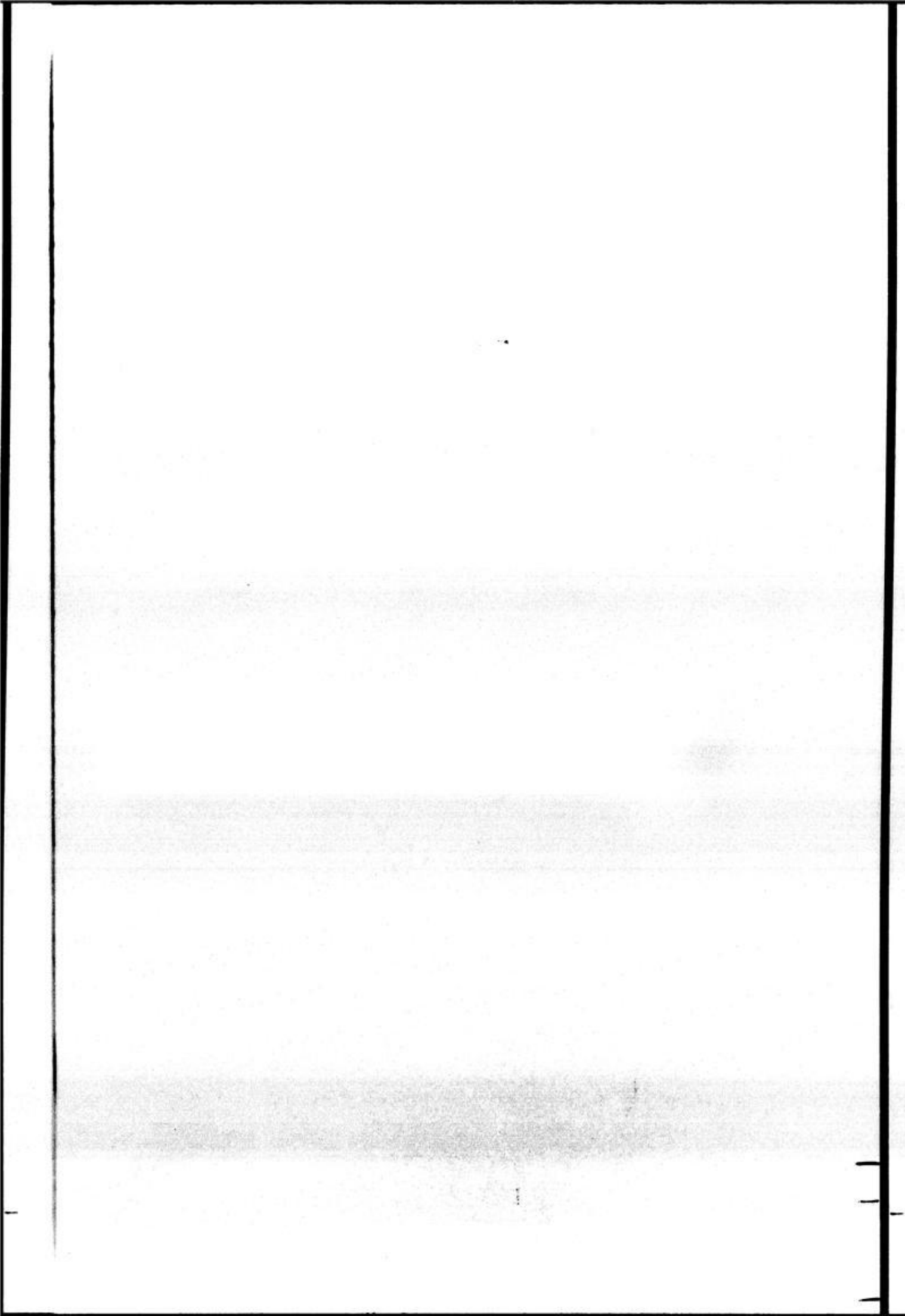
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FSC 06-B-2. FLYOBRPT

- A. One round light; size unk; white; aerodynamic features unk, no exhaust trail, no observed propulsion system; speed 150 to 200 knots; no sound was heard; flew south bound under AF 2708 B-36 at aprx 7000 ft, circled several times turned south heading 182 degrees Magnetic. Light commenced flashing 1 to 2 second intervals with noticeable increase of speed and disappeared on southerly heading.
- B. Obj sighted 0134PST, 6 Feb 53, for aprx 3 to 5 minutes.

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- C. Manner of obs was visual from the air by a B-36, speed 150 to 200 knots at 7000 ft, visual obs only.
- D. Obj sighted at 47 degrees 20 minutes North, 115 degrees 30 minutes West, vicinity of Rosalia, Wash. AF 2708, B-36 inbound on south course of Spokane Range, 10 to 15 miles from sta descending fr 10,000 ft to 7000 ft, sighted obj approaching fr the North, dir of flt AF 2807 001 degrees magnetic. Dir of flt of obj aprx 182 degrees magnetic, altitude of obj aprx 7000 ft.
- E. Major Leo J Moffatt, AO 758603, 327th Bomb Sqd, Fairchild AFB, Spokane, Wash. Obs considered reliable.
- F. Weather: Fairchild AFB, Wash. measured 1200 ft broken, 9000 overcast, visibility 15 miles. Light drizzle, winds aloft 270 degrees, 50 knots, 10000 ft.
- G. No known conditions would account for sighting.
- H. Photographs: None
- I. Pilot of AF 2708 made 180 degree descending toward obj after turning toward light, the light started circling then headed south commencing to blink.

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J. A check with all agencies in this area indicates no other acft should have been in that vicinity.

K. Pilot of AF 2708 contacted at Fairchild AFB Operations.

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Unidentified Flying Object Sighted Near Spokane, Washington

State of Washington, USA

Flight Service, MATS, 3800 Newark
Street, N. W., Washington 25, D. C.

12 February 1953

6 February 1953

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Frank M. Allen, Lt Colonel, USAF

Major Leo J. Moffatt, A0758603

Teletype FLYOBRPT 061800Z February by McChord Flight Service Center

B-36 number AF 2708 was in flight in the vicinity of Spokane, Washington, 6 February 1953, when one round white light was sighted, approaching AF 2708 from the North. The light was at an altitude of approximately 7,000 feet, on a south bound course, when it passed AF 2708, AF 2708 made a descending 180° turn toward the light, which was moving at about 150 to 200 knots. The light circled several times, then turned to a course of approximately 182° magnetic, began to flash at one to two second intervals, its speed increased noticeably, and it disappeared on a Southerly course.

The light was sighted at 0134PST, by Major Leo J. Moffatt, A0758603, 327th Bombardment Squadron, Fairchild Air Force Base, Spokane, Washington, from aboard AF 2708, and was visually observed for approximately three to five minutes. AF 2708 was inbound, approximately 10 to 15 miles out on the South leg of the Spokane radio range (inbound course 1° magnetic), at the time of the sighting, descending from 10,000 to 7,000 feet. During sighting aircraft turned to proceed toward Rosalia, Washington (47°20'N, 117°30'W).

Weather report for Fairchild Air Force Base at time of sighting: Ceiling measured 1,200 feet, overcast above at 9,000 feet, visibility 15 miles, light drizzle, and wind at 10,000 feet above the surface from 270° at 50 knots.

Check of all area agencies revealed no aircraft which should have been in the area. No known conditions would account for the sighting.

Wind can't change 180° within 3,000
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The following teletype report was received from McChord Flight Service Center, McChord Air Force Base, Tacoma, Washington:

FSC 06-B-2. FLYOBRPT ATTN: ATIAA-2C at Wright-Patterson AFB, ATTN: Intelligence Division at Washington D. C.

A. One round light: size unknown: white: aerodynamic features unknown, no exhaust trail, no observed propulsion system: speed 150 to 200 knots: no sound was heard: flew south bound under AF 2708 B-36 at approximately 7,000 feet, circled several times, turned south heading 182° magnetic. Light commenced flashing 1 to 2 second intervals with noticeable increase of speed and disappeared on southerly heading.

B. Object sighted 0134PST, 6 February 1953, for approximately 3 to 5 minutes.

C. Manner of observation was visual from the air by a B-36, speed 150 to 200 knots at 7,000 feet, visual observation only.

D. Object sighted at 47° 20 minutes north, 115° 30 minutes west, vicinity of Rosalia, Washington. AF 2708, B-36 inbound on south course of Spokane Range, 10 to 15 miles from station descending from 10,000 feet to 7,000 feet, sighted object approaching from the north, direction of flight AF 2807 00° magnetic. Direction of flight of object approximately 182° magnetic, altitude of object approximately 7,000 feet.

E. Major Leo J. Moffatt, A0758603, 327th Bombardment Squadron, Fairchild Air Force Base, Spokane, Washington. Observation considered reliable.

F. Weather: Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington measured 1,200 feet broken, 9,000 overcast, visibility 15 miles. Light drizzle, winds aloft 270°, 50 knots, 10,000 feet.

G. No known conditions would account for sighting.

H. Photographs: None.

I. Pilot of AF 2708 made 180° descending toward object after turning toward light, the light started circling then headed south commencing to blink.

J. A check with all agencies in this area indicates no other aircraft should have been in that vicinity.

K. Pilot of AF 2708 contacted at Fairchild Air Force Base Operations.

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Comments of Preparing Officer:

1. Sighting position of $47^{\circ}21'N$, $115^{\circ}30'W$ indicated by paragraph D of the teletype message is apparently in error, as this position is approximately 90 statute miles from position indicated by South leg of Spokane radio range and Rosalia, Washington. This position has been resolved to $47^{\circ}21'N$, $117^{\circ}30'W$.
2. Crew position of Major Moffatt, and/or position in AF 2708 at time of sighting, was not indicated.
3. Direction, number, and size of circles by the light, and whether at constant altitude, was not indicated.
4. No variation in intensity of the light, between approach and departure, or during circling, was reported. This indicates that the light was horizontally omnidirectional, instead of focussed like a landing light or jet exhaust glow. It is also noted that although AF 2708 was apparently constantly descending during the sighting, no change in light intensity was caused by this descent. This could indicate vertical omnidirectional light qualities.
5. Manner of disappearance of the light was not reported (whether extinguished, or diminished by distance) but message indicates that it faded due to distance.
6. The area in which sighting occurred is in an Air Defense Identification Zone, and any aircraft or flying objects should have been under radar surveillance. Positive statement that radar sites had not observed the incident is not included.
7. Although teletype message indicates that no propulsion system was observed, the correlation between flashing of the light and its increase in speed could indicate action of a propulsive system.

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Weather Balloons and Saucers

In the early years of the saucer era balloons accounted for some 25 percent of the unidentified flying objects reported to ATIC. The pattern of these sightings is unmistakable, and the identity of balloon and UFO is often certain—as certain as any evidence can be. Nevertheless many such identifications are resolutely rejected by the saucer enthusiasts. It would be pointless to discuss all the UFO reports of this class, but we can summarize a few of the most famous. Major Keyhoe, a leading proponent of the interplanetary hypothesis, describes such a sighting:

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"On February 6, near Rosalia, Washington, a saucer had circled a B-36 bomber. During this maneuver the pilot saw a white light blink at two-second intervals. Before he had time to blink his own light in answer, the machine swiftly turned south and disappeared." [5, p. 240]

No evidence exists that the light was either a "saucer" or a "machine", a great deal of evidence exists that it was a balloon. Investigators from ATIC determined the following facts.

At 1:13 A.M. on February 6, 1953, the pilot of a B-36 plane bound for Spokane, Washington, was near Rosalia when he sighted a round white light below him, circling and rising at a speed estimated at 150 to 200 knots as it proceeded on a southeast course. The B-36 made an 18-degree descending turn toward the light, which was in view for a period of three to five minutes, but the pilot could not identify it.

At 1 A.M., thirteen minutes before the sighting, the United States Weather Bureau station at Fairchild Air Force Base had released a pilot balloon. Winds aloft at altitudes of 7000 to 10,000 feet were from the northwest with a speed of about fifty knots. Computations showed that the existing winds would have carried the balloon to the southeast, and it would have been over Rosalia, which is 12.5 nautical miles southeast of Fairchild Air Force Base, in about fifteen minutes. The plane sighted the unknown near Rosalia thirteen minutes after the launching. The balloon carried white running lights which accounted for the "blinking" described, and the circling climb of the UFO is typical of a balloon's course. Thus all the evidence supports ATIC's conclusion that the UFO was a weather balloon. [2]

6 February 1953 - Rosalia, Washington B-36 Sighting Analysis:

Piball balloon released at 0900Z from U.S. weather bureau station at ~~Fairchild AFB~~. Track of balloon ESE.
Geary Field

Sighting was from over Rosalia 12.5 nautical miles SE of Fairchild. Wind at 10,000' was from approximately 270° to 280° blowing SE at 50 knots per hour.

$$\frac{60 \text{ minutes}}{50 \text{ nautical miles}} = \frac{X \text{ min}}{12.5 \text{ N.M.}} = 15$$

or the balloon would have covered the 12.5 nautical miles in 15 minutes.

Geary Field.
Which means that the piball released at ~~Fairchild AFB~~ would have taken approximately 15 minutes to drift to the area of sighting; since the unknown object was sighted at 0913Z and by taking into account the winds aloft, it can be deduced that the object sighted by the B-36 and the piball balloon are probably the same object.

The time difference of 2 minutes can be ignored in that intangible factors such as different wind speeds at various altitudes ~~could~~ *cause the difference.*

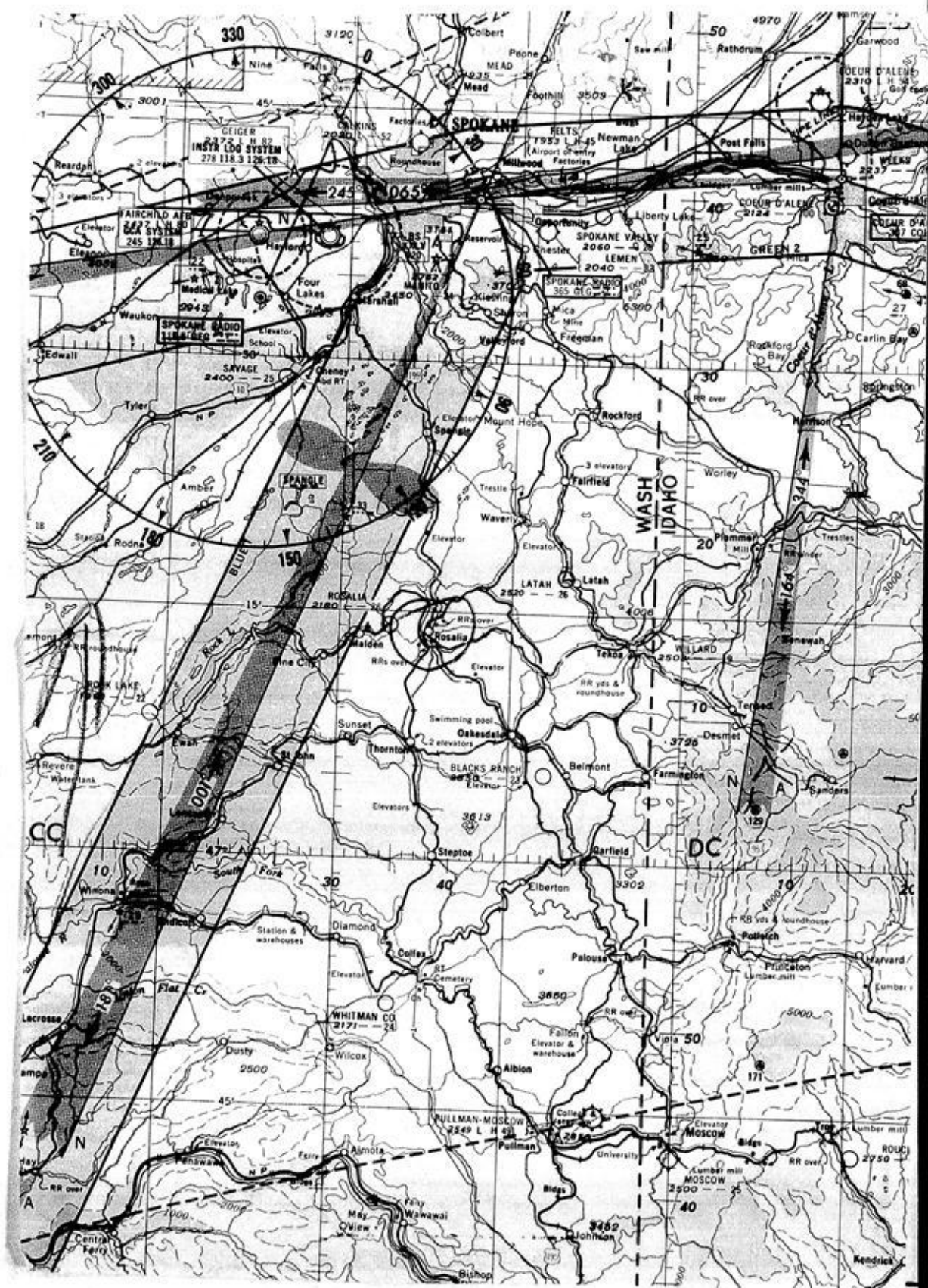
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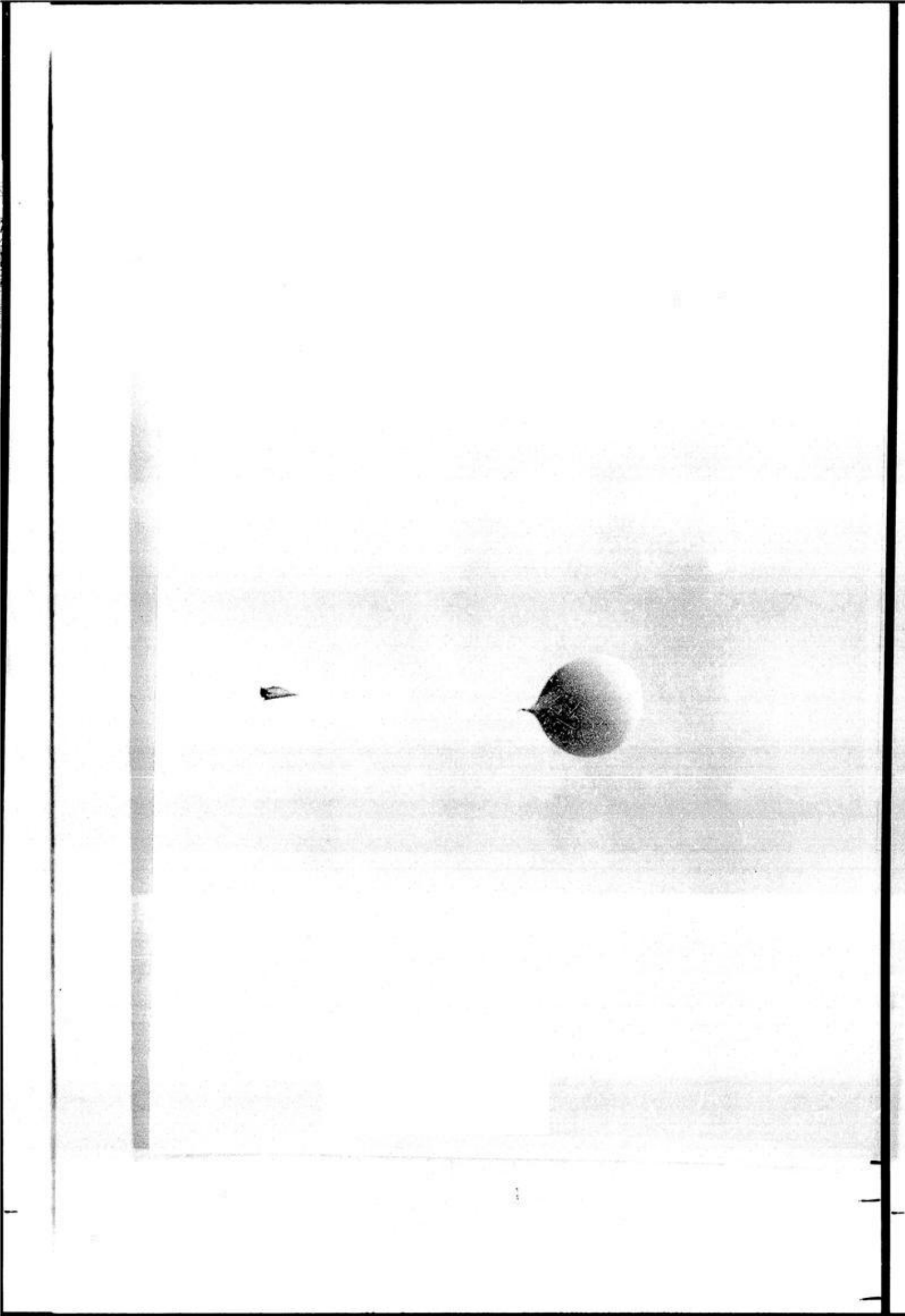
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Ascension rate of a 30 gram standard 30 inch diameter pibal is 500 to 600 ft per minute,

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{thus } 550 \text{ ft} \\ 15 \text{ minutes} \\ \hline 8250 \\ 550 \\ \hline 8250 \text{ ft} \end{array}$$

the pibal would be at the approximate level (11,000 ft) of the B-36 at 0913Z.





PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 6 Feb 53 6/0110Z	2. LOCATION THUK, ATOLL (PACIFIC)
3. SOURCE MILITARY	10. CONCLUSION POSSIBLE AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS ONE	Comments: Obj was size of C-47, C-47 was in area, landing at 0235Z
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION NOT REPORTED	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Bullet shaped shiny obj traveled approx 150 mph at an est alt of 400-500', obj was observed by OIC of Weather Bureau.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION GROUND VISUAL	
7. COURSE NE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☐ No	

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AT 0110Z BULLET SHAPED IN APPEARANCE MOVING NE ESTD 150 MPH HEIGHT
ESTD 4 TO 500 FEET DISTANCE ESTD 3 TO 4 MILES AWAY. OBJECT APPEARED
TO BE SLIGHTLY LARGER THAN C47 AIRPLANE WITH NO NOTICEABLE WINGS OR
TAIL SECTION. VERY SHINY IN APPEARANCE AS FROM HIGHLY POLISHED METAL.
OBSERVED BY QIC OF WEATHER BUREAU TRUK. NORRIS"

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Guam (Truk Island)

6 February 1953

I. Description of Incident

At 1110 local time an Air Force officer in charge of the Weather Bureau Station on Truk sighted an unidentified bullet-shaped shiny object traveling an estimated 150 mph at an approximate altitude of 400 to 500 ft. three to four miles away. The object appeared to be "slightly larger than a C-47 aircraft" with no noticeable wings or tail section and gave a shiny appearance as if of highly polished metal.

II. Discussion of Incident

A check with Guam flight service indicates that a C-47 was in the area at the time of sighting. The day was clear with a bright sun capable of distorting the normal features of a C-47.

III. Conclusion

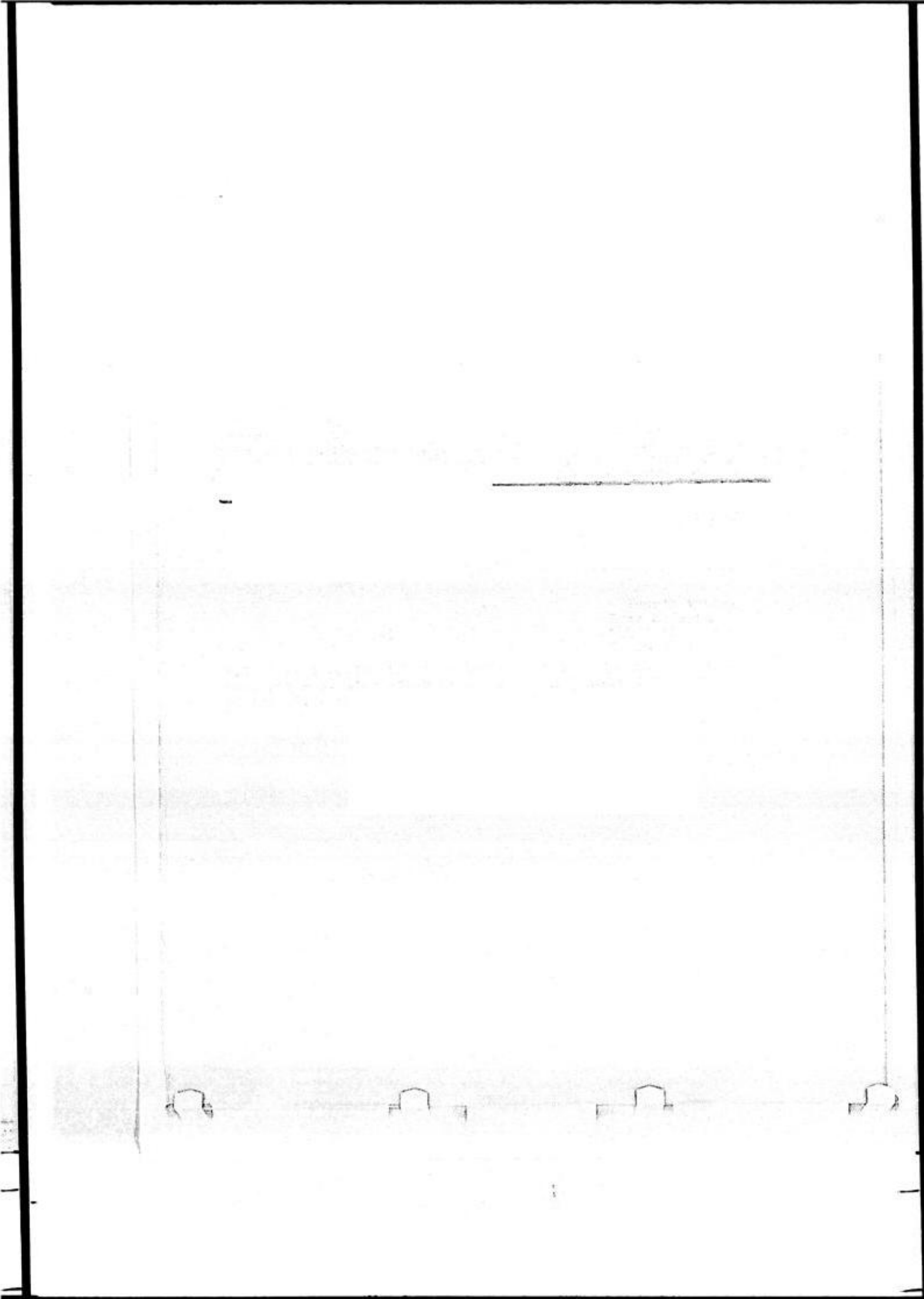
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7. At 10:15 AM, on 10 July 1952, a pilot reported a bright object in the sky. This object was described as being about the size of a basketball and was seen for a short period of time, usually about 10 seconds, traveling at high speeds in horizontal flights without maneuvers. These lights appeared in varying numbers. These lights are unlike anything, but it is probable that they were mirages.

8. There is no case in the FTD files from any AC & W site in Michigan during the month of July 1952.

9. At Goose Bay, Labrador, on 15 December 1952, pilots of a F-33 and a F-94-B attempted, without success, to close on a bright object. The object was identified as an astronomical body.

10. There is no case in the FTD files from northern Michigan on 24 November 1951.

11. There were three cases from Japan on 29 December 1952:

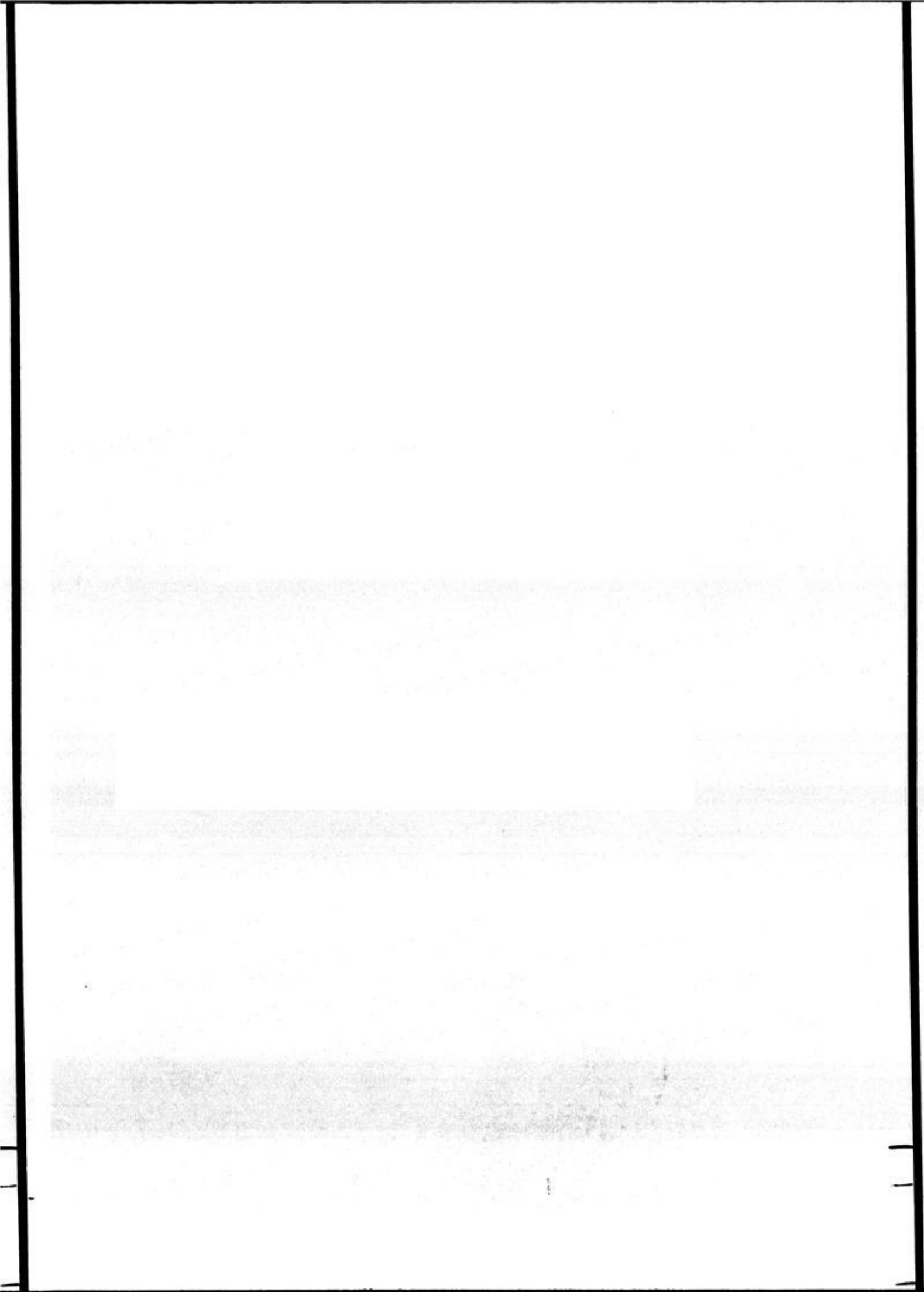
- a. At Chitose at 1000-2000 hours a pilot attempted to close on a target.
- b. At Mauna a pilot reported a UFO which was determined to have been due to the misidentification of an astronomical body.
- c. At 1948-2005 there was an aerial observation of an unidentified flying object which was determined to be Venus.

12. There is no case in the FTD files from Japan on 19 April 1952.

13. On 26 September 1952 in the Azores members of an aircrew observed two lights for over an hour. These lights fluctuated in color and brightness. They were about 20° apart in azimuth and maintained their relationship to each other throughout the sighting. This case is carried as unidentified, but it is still a possibility that it was due to the misidentification of an astronomical body.

14. UFO reported from New York and identified as a C-47.

15. There is no case in the FTD files from Japan on 7 February 1953.



PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 7 Feb 53 7/1230Z	2. LOCATION HOKKAIDO, JAPAN
3. SOURCE 5 AF personnel	10. CONCLUSION VISUAL:: ASTRONOMICAL (STAR) <u>REGULUS</u> RADAR: OTHER (WX)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	Comments: Radar target appeared on the screen as being at 85° 165 nautical miles. It was regarded as being interference.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 35 mins	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Unidentified obj with bright light which changed colors from red to green to white was observed at estimated 15° above the horizon on a bearing of 91. Two of the observers reprtd the obj to be moving. During the visual observation, a blip appeared on the radar set for a short length of time.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Gd Vis <u>GROUND RADAR</u> Air Vis	1. The weather at the time of the sighting was clear. 2. Due to the position, maneuvers, and intensity, it is believed that the visual obj was probably a star. Deneb at 15 deg elev 080 ° az. <u>REGULUS 25° ELEV 100° AZ</u>
7. COURSE East	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☐ No	

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At approximately 2130, 7 February, Site 26 personnel got a visual sighting on a very bright object which was airborne in an easterly direction from our position. I was called upon to aid in the identification of the object.

Upon reaching operations I learned that the radar had picked up an object about 165 miles away in the general direction of the object but the target painted on a single sweep only and never reappeared although we searched in that sector for several minutes.

While the operators searched, I took binoculars up to the top of the GWS-5 tower and scanned the sky to the East and also took many close looks at the bright object itself. While here I directed that the GWS-5 antenna be sighted in on the object so that a true bearing could be received. This true bearing was 091 degrees with a tolerance of plus, minus 2 degrees. The object seemed to be about 15 degrees above the horizon but this is only a rough estimate since I had no tools to work with.

When first seen by me the object was rapidly changing colors. Sometimes red, sometimes green, sometimes both colors at the same time. Later, its color changed to white with intermittent red and green flashes. A short time later it changed to white and remained white. These color changes were visible to the naked eye but were especially well defined when viewed through the 7 by 50 power binoculars.

Being a single light it gave us no chance to determine range, and relative motion could not be agreed upon among those of us who saw it. Some claimed the object was whirling; some said actionless; others said it appeared to be in orbit. It is my own personal belief that the object did not move with respect to the stars in its vicinity.

1/2 S. D. BURNETT, 1st Lt
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Controller

On the 8th of February at 2230 hours, I viewed a peculiar object which looked very much like a star. The only thing which made it seem unusual to me was that a 90 (degree) sector of light beamed from the right side of the bottom rather than from all sides. The other men saw it changing color but being slightly far sighted, did not see any change in color.

/s/ Y. F. Deynel, S/Sgt
/s/ Y. F. Deynel, S/Sgt
Radar Deynel

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On a lot of about 1932 between 2230 and 23 hours, I was on the scope and saw a small object rise up about 100 feet about 1/2 degree N of the meridian and did not wait long enough to get a reading on it, after seeing another first GPS (degrees) to 1st (degrees) occurred the air air interference.

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Under Director

The object which I saw in the sky appeared more or less as an optical illusion, although its appearance seemed to be changing colors. It also seemed to be moving about in an orbit. The light coming from it seemed to come from side

7. 5. 1973, 4/

Unknown object was sighted at 091 Degrees from this station Feb 7 13 at approximately 2330 - object was changing color from red to green to white. Only movement was gaining altitude. Unable to get range or altitude. It was visible for approximately 35 minutes.

1/a/ S. H. Nichols, A/2/
1/b/ S. H. NICHOLS, A/2/
Radar Operator

The following is an extract from the Controllers Log, Hawaii Air Defense Control Center for 7 February 1953.

2320 Site #36 (Lt Barrett) informed the Controller that he has a visual sighting of an object. It was changing colors rapidly from red, to green, to white in circles. There was a definite movement, and was four times brighter than the weaker star. This object was 90 degrees from site #36 approximately 2500 to 3500 ft above the ground, and 30 degrees to 40 degrees from the horizon. Notified ADGC (Major Grain), and Col Solo (OPO).

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FRANÇOIS S. DOZ
Major, USAF
Intelligence Officer

The time element involved in collecting and preparing statements from site personnel has delayed this report considerably, and makes further verification impractical unless deemed necessary, however, it appears that the time stated by Lt Burnett is in error and should read 2330 rather than 2130. An error is also present in the statement by 5/21st Regional in stating the date as 6 February.

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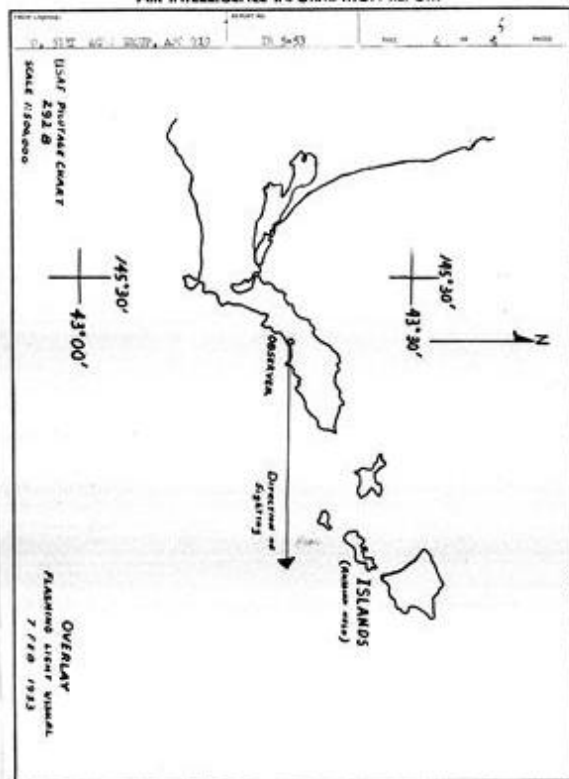
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TO: 511TH AGWC GROUP, APO 919

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1 The time of the incident corresponds with the time when pilot weather balloons are launched by all weather stations (approximately 2100 hours local time).

2 In this area the visibility is excellent on clear nights. The description of the object, together with the time element, strongly indicates a lighted weather balloon, probably launched from one of the Soviet stations located in the islands off Hainan.

George D. Hastings
GEORGE D. HASTINGS
Colonel, USAF
Director of Requirements
Deputy for Intelligence

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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 13 May 52	2. LOCATION Greenville, S. Carolina	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Ballon ☐ Probably Ballon ☐ Possibly Ballon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other: <u>POSS. GLOBE</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local: <u>0033</u> GMT: <u>190033</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PRODS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE <u>3 AIRBORNE GASTROSCOPES</u>	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 4	9. COURSE
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Glowing brownish orange color. Oval shape. Straight and level. No definite conclusions. Similar sightings have been made of ducks.		11. COMMENTS Objects were in tight diamond formation. Seemed to oscillate slightly. One source seemed to indicate he thought they were geese. Size of half-dollar at arm's length.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
6TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, ROBINS FIELD, GEORGIA

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

28 MAY 1952

FILE NO: 24-0

SUBJECT: UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT SIGHTED IN GREENVILLE,
SOUTH CAROLINA AREA - 13 MAY 1952
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

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I. SYNOPSIS: 1st Lt ARTHUR S. PALMER, 375th Troop Carrier Wing Intelligence Officer, Donaldson AFB, South Carolina, received information from the Officer of the Day, 13 May 1952, that unidentified objects had been sighted by members of a group of amateur astronomers at approximately 2233 hours, EST, 13 May 1952.

II. DETAILS: (1) Mr. JAMES RICHARDSON, 2A Boyce Avenue, Greenville, South Carolina, was interviewed by Lt. PALMER and made the following written statement:

"On the night of May 13, 1952, at approximately 2233 EST, a group of amateur astronomers of whom I was one gathered on the Campus of Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina, for an evening of observing. As we were preparing to leave, I noticed four (4) objects, modified cylinder or obloid in shape, flying at an unknown altitude on a heading of about 300 degrees. These objects were brownish orange in color and rather dull glowing in appearance.

"These objects were in a diamond formation, almost directly overhead, going on a straight course, oscillating slightly, first one side would tip up then the other. They were in sight for about five (5) seconds."

(2) Mr. C. T. WYCHE, University Ridge Apartments, Greenville, South Carolina, was interviewed by Lt. PALMER and made the following written statement:

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File 24-0, subj: "Unconventional Aircraft Sighted in Greenville, S. C.
Area - 13 May 1962

"On the night of May 13, 1962, at approximately 2233 EST., a group of amateur astronomers of which I was one, were preparing to return home after an evening of observing from the Furman Campus located in Greenville, South Carolina. At this time, James Richardson, one of the group, called our attention to what I would say were four objects, each the shape of the goose without neck or tail. They were a luminous brown or orange color, possibly translucent and flying in a diamond formation. Distance between each object was about five (5) times the width of each object.

"They were flying about ten (10) to fifteen (15) degrees from directly overhead, on a level course heading about 330 degrees. Altitude I would say was below 1000 feet if they were about the size of geese. They were visible for about ten (10) seconds."

"Their flight was oscillating in nature, first five (5) degrees up on one side and at the same time down on the other."

(3) Mr. H. B. MOONEY, 112 Atwood, Greenville, South Carolina, was interviewed by Lt. PALMER and made the following written statement:

"On the night of May 13, 1962, at approximately 2233 EST, a group of amateur astronomers, of which I was one, gathered on the campus of Furman University located in Greenville, South Carolina. We were getting ready to call it an evening when James Richardson, one of the group, called our attention to four (4) obloid, self-illuminated, brownish yellow objects traveling in a diamond formation. These objects were in sight for about three (3) seconds traveling on a level course slightly arced to the left on a heading of about 300 degrees.

"I was unable to estimate the altitude or speed of these objects. They traveled directly overhead, making no sound, and rather webbling in flight. Motion was similar to heavy winged birds in flight. It was a clear, quiet night, excellent for astronomy. There was a slight ground haze over the city, however, this did not extend to the Furman campus where it was perfectly clear.

"By way of further description, I would say the objects were similar to the 'Lubbock Lights' as reported in Life magazine. Approximate size would be that of a half dollar held at arms length and slightly turned."

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File 24-O, subj: "Unconventional Aircraft Sighted in Greenville, S. C.
Area - 13 May 1952

III. ACTION: No action is contemplated at present by 6th
District OSI (IG) in reference to this matter. Lt. PALMER has advised that
Air Intelligence Information Report, Form 112, Part I, concerning this
incident was forwarded Headquarters USAF on 16 May 1952.


LEO H. JOHNSON
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: CG, AMC
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
ATTN: MCIS



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COUNTRY United States	REPORT NO 1	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT Sighting of unidentified flying objects		
AREA REPORTED ON Greenville, South Carolina	FROM (Agency) 375th T. C. Wing Intelligence	
DATE OF REPORT 16 May 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 14 May 1952	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer) Arthur S. Palmer		SOURCE Local Citizens
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) None		

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclusions at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)

Inclosed are four (4) statements from local citizens concerning an unusual sighting made in Greenville, South Carolina, on 13 May 1952 at 22:33 EST.

The sightings were not made by military personnel, but by a group of Greenville people. Two of these, Mr. C. T. Wyche, a local attorney, and Mr. H. B. Mooney, are responsible adult citizens, and James Richardson, a level-headed Senior High School student. These reports give a concise summary of the incident.

Mr. Mooney has also furnished a more complete statement in addition to the original certified to by the Wing Intelligence Officer.

As far as is known, this constitutes the first local sighting of this nature by any creditable sources.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, Mr C. T. Wyche, make the following statement concerning an unusual sighting, which is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

On the night of May 13, 1952, at approximately 2233 EST, a group of amateur astronomers of which I was one were preparing to return home after an evening of observing from the Furman Campus located in Greenville, South Carolina. At this time, James Richardson, one of the group, called our attention to what I would say were four objects, each the shape of a goose without neck or tail. They were a luminous brown or orange color, possibly translucent and flying in a diamond formation. Distance between each object was about five (5) times the width of each object.

They were flying about ten (10) to fifteen (15) degrees from directly overhead, on a level course heading about 330 degrees. Altitude I would say was below 1000 feet. They were visible for about ten (10) seconds.

Their flight was oscillating in nature, first five (5) degrees up on one side and at the same time down on the other.

WITNESS:

Arthur S. Palmer

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1st Lt, USAF

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C. T. Wyche
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University Ridge Apts
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, James Richardson, make the following statement concerning an unusual sighting which is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

On the night of May 13, 1962, at approximately 2235 EST, a group of amateur astronomers of whom I was one gathered on the Campus of Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina, for an evening of observing. As we were preparing to leave, I noticed four (4) objects, modified cylinder or obloid in shape, flying at an unknown altitude on a heading of about 300 degrees. These objects were brownish orange in color and rather dull glowing in appearance.

These objects were in a diamond formation, almost directly overhead, going on a straight course, oscillating slightly, first one side would tip up then the other. They were in sight for about five (5) seconds

WITNESS:

Arthur S. Palmer

ARTHUR S. PALMER
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A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

James Richardson

JAMES RICHARDSON
2A Boyce Avenue
Greenville, S. C.

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July

On May 13, 1952 I was one of a group of five individuals attending a meeting of an Astronomy Club at Furman University. We were on the Campus between Main and the Science Building with all the ground lights extinguished observing certain constellations, including that of Murgu, Vega, Bootes and Rigelus. We had completed our study of splitting certain double stars and were amusing ourselves by slinging the telescope through the coma berneices and observing the rings of Saturn. We found the atmosphere to be unusually clear of atmospheric haze and clouds and commented on the clearness of Saturn and the rings. It was the first time in several weeks that we had been able to separate the rings from the planet.

At approximately 10:39 P. M. one of the group, Jimmy Richardson, called our attention to something that was passing through the zenith.

This turned out to be four obloid objects, self-illuminated of the color of reddish-yellow or reddish-brown, most closely resembling iron that had just reached a red heat. These objects were traveling in a rough diamond formation, one in advance, two sides by side, and one in the rear rather closely grouped. The formation did not resemble anything seen, such as military aircraft as there was a great deal of deviation. The objects appeared to wobble and being obloid, appeared to be advancing sideways. The size was approximately that of a half-dollar, quarter turned, held at arms length from one's eye. It was not possible to estimate height or speed. From the time they were first observed, at overhead until they passed out of sight, behind some trees approximately 30 feet high and approximately 150 to 200 feet away from our point of observation was roughly three seconds. They disappeared in a north-westerly direction a degree or two north of the constellation of Rigelus. There was no trail, sparks or any other illumination other than the glow of the objects themselves. Conditions were such that it appeared physically impossible for the objects to have been illuminated from ground lights or other sources.

While there was a great deal of haze and reflected light from the city of Greenville, our position on the Furman University Campus was such as to eliminate this completely from consideration as the objects, in passing overhead and out of sight, did not come within a quarter of a circle of going over that part of town where reflected glow was visible. In other words, they traversed a completely dark and absolutely clear portion of the sky.

In addition to myself, those who individually viewed these objects were Tom Wyche, Jimmy Richardson, Harry Higgins and Cothran.

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All of us observed them carefully, and when they had disappeared, checked our observation with each other.

While others are in disagreement between us as to what they saw, but as to what the objects consisted of, I am firmly of the opinion that it was not a group of birds, was not reflected light from the ground, was not a group of jets, because there was absolutely no sound heard at any time. I do not hazard a guess as to what they were, where they were going or where they came from, but I am convinced that I saw something that I had never seen before.

J. W. Blum
May 18, 1962

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13 May 1952

Greenville, South Carolina

Description of Incident

On the night of 13 May 1952 at 2233 EST, four amateur astronomers observed a diamond formation of four oval-shaped objects. The objects were observed visually from the ground. The objects were sighted nearly overhead and disappeared at an angle of about 12° in three seconds. They were described as being reddish-yellow or reddish-brown in color. They were relative in size to a half dollar, quarter turned, at arm's length. The objects appeared to wobble in their flight and being oval-shaped appeared to be flying sideways.

The night was extremely clear. The sources stated that there was haze and ground illumination near the city, but that they were on the Furman University campus and that there were no ground lights near nor haze.

Two → One observer was inclined to believe these were geese.

Comments

The description of this incident is very similar to others from drive-in theaters and one from Fargo, North Dakota, on 25 April 1952, that were ducks. In this case, however, there were no ground lights in the area to reflect from a bird. This is borne out by the fact that these people had set up their telescopes in a dark area, which is essential for good astronomical observing.

It is not known how much light a bird will reflect, but it seems logical that a relatively bright ground source of light would be needed.

As was stated, one source was sure they were geese but the other three were just as sure they were not.

The possibility of aircraft is nil since they passed directly overhead with no sound.

Conclusion

Unknown

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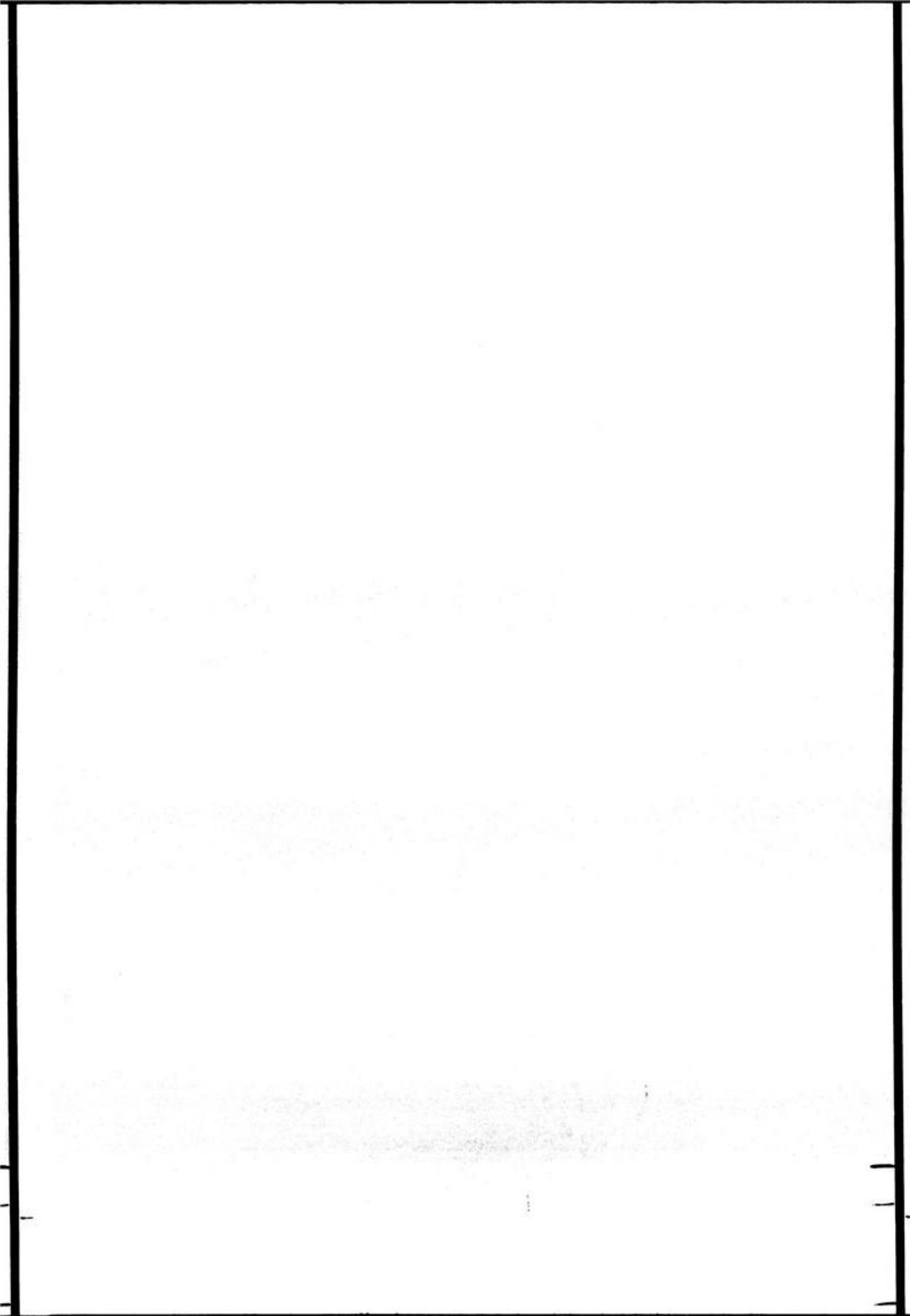
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MAY 13, 1952 GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA (KEYHOE-1953 P 148) 4 WITNESSES00
FOUR ASTROMERS REPORTED SEEING FOUR SAUCER-SHAPED OBJECTS FLYING IN A 01
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SILENTLY OVERHEAD, WOBBLING SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE THEY WENT OUT OF SIGHT. ALL 03
FOUR OBJECTS, THE ASTROMERS AGREED, HAD AN OVAL SHAPE, LIKE THAT OF A DISC 04
FLYING ON ITS SIDE. 05



On the night of December 4, 1953, a bright, round Air Force pilot landed at Laredo, Texas. Since actual names are deleted in clearing intelligence reports, I call him Lt. Earl Fagle. Twelve miles from the field, Fagle told air-base officers, a blue-lighted object had almost crashed into his fighter. It had been no accident. The strange device had raced head-on at his lighted F-51. At the last instant, it had flipped to one side, streaking by at terrific speed. Radio chatter, Fagle watched it flash up in a vertical climb. After a moment, the object righted, circling back as if for another pass. Fagle hastily switched off his lights, aimed

down in a steep spiral. The unknown machine dived to 2,000 feet. Apparently missing Fagle's plane in the dark, it circled toward Laredo air base, then swiftly turned away. Again climbing straight upward, the machine disappeared in the night.

Three years before, many Air Force officers would have scoffed at Fagle's report. He was not ridiculed now. For two hours, intelligence officers grilled him on every detail. Did the UFO (unidentified flying object) seem to be piloted or under remote control? What was its size and shape? Its speed compared with a jet? Did the blue light blink or pulsate? On the Air Technical Intelligence Center to identify UFO types. Then secret reports were put on the wires for the ATIC at Dayton, Ohio, and intelligence headquarters in Washington, D. C.

The intelligence report of the Laredo encounter was cleared for me by Albert M. Chapp, the Air Force civilian expert on UFOs. Two years before, as acting press chief at Dayton, Chapp had learned most of the flying-saucer story from Project Bluebook. When he transferred to the Pentagon, he had become the Air Force press specialist on flying saucers.

(The Air Technical Intelligence Center summary of the Laredo incident was seen by a Los Angeles researcher in September after Major

Robert's book was in print. It followed the Kerbin routine he had stated but commented: "ATIC believes that it was an aircraft and that the maneuvers were exaggerated." The official conclusion on the case was: "Possible aircraft."

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1. DATE 25 DEC 53	2. LOCATION LAREDO, TEXAS	3. CONCLUSION ✓ 1. Was Surface 2. Was Airborne 3. Was Aerially 4. Was Aerially 5. Was Aerially 6. Was Aerially 7. Was Aerially 8. Was Aerially 9. Was Aerially 10. Was Aerially 11. Was Aerially 12. Was Aerially 13. Was Aerially 14. Was Aerially 15. Was Aerially 16. Was Aerially 17. Was Aerially 18. Was Aerially 19. Was Aerially 20. Was Aerially 21. Was Aerially 22. Was Aerially 23. Was Aerially 24. Was Aerially 25. Was Aerially 26. Was Aerially 27. Was Aerially 28. Was Aerially 29. Was Aerially 30. Was Aerially 31. Was Aerially 32. Was Aerially 33. Was Aerially 34. Was Aerially 35. Was Aerially 36. Was Aerially 37. Was Aerially 38. Was Aerially 39. Was Aerially 40. Was Aerially 41. Was Aerially 42. Was Aerially 43. Was Aerially 44. Was Aerially 45. Was Aerially 46. Was Aerially 47. Was Aerially 48. Was Aerially 49. Was Aerially 50. Was Aerially 51. Was Aerially 52. Was Aerially 53. Was Aerially 54. Was Aerially 55. Was Aerially 56. Was Aerially 57. Was Aerially 58. Was Aerially 59. Was Aerially 60. Was Aerially 61. Was Aerially 62. Was Aerially 63. Was Aerially 64. Was Aerially 65. Was Aerially 66. Was Aerially 67. Was Aerially 68. Was Aerially 69. Was Aerially 70. Was Aerially 71. Was Aerially 72. Was Aerially 73. Was Aerially 74. Was Aerially 75. Was Aerially 76. Was Aerially 77. Was Aerially 78. Was Aerially 79. Was Aerially 80. Was Aerially 81. Was Aerially 82. Was Aerially 83. Was Aerially 84. Was Aerially 85. Was Aerially 86. Was Aerially 87. Was Aerially 88. Was Aerially 89. Was Aerially 90. Was Aerially 91. Was Aerially 92. Was Aerially 93. Was Aerially 94. Was Aerially 95. Was Aerially 96. Was Aerially 97. Was Aerially 98. Was Aerially 99. Was Aerially 100. Was Aerially	
4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION a. Visual b. Radar c. Other	5. NUMBER OF OBSERVERS 1	6. OTHER DATA FOR EVALUATION None	
7. SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Unidentified object traveled at high rate of speed climbing rapidly while in a southerly direction. Object was visible at 10,000 feet. Object made a sudden pass at observer's plane missing a left wing about 50 yards. Object had a bluish light which flickered on and off.			
8. COMMENTS 1. Observer was unable to give a brief description of the object.			

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Lackland Air Force Base, Texas

5 December 1952

I. Description of Incident

While orbiting over Lackland AFB a T-28 type aircraft sighted an unusual blue light of about half the intensity of the normal glow emitted by a T-33 position light. The time of sighting was approximately 2048 CST under clear weather conditions with the wind at 6,000 feet from 15 degrees at 25 knots. The object's maneuvers consisted of a counter-clockwise orbit over the air base, an apparent pass on the T-28 and finally an irregular rapid ascent and disappearance to the south. The pilot of the observing aircraft attempted an interception but overshot. The object was not sighted after 2056 CST.

II. Discussion of Incident

Student flying in jet type aircraft was in progress at the time of sighting. The observing pilot saw these aircraft and could not have confused them with the unidentified object. A scheduled balloon launch from Lackland AFB was set for approximately 2100 CST, very close to the time of sighting. In addition, the orbiting climb of the object as well as its general southerly heading (which ties in with the winds aloft) indicate that the unknown was probably a balloon. Project Blue Book has had many reports in the past of known balloons apparently intercepting investigating aircraft.

III. Conclusion

Probably a balloon.

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UFO Sighting (Laredo, Texas, 4 Dec 52)

26 APR 1961

Dr. Donald H. Menzel, Director
Harvard College Observatory
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Menzel:

We have reviewed the case referred to in your letter of 12 April 1961, and which Major Hyman refers to as the "Fogel" case, and determined that certain errors were probably introduced in transcribing this case during your visit to AFEC.

On the night of 4 December 1952 Lt. Robert G. Arnold was flying local in the area of Laredo AFB, Texas. Lt. Arnold was delayed in landing due to local training in T-33's (jet trainers). Lt. Arnold was in a T-38 type aircraft and orbited 2 miles SE of the base at 6000 feet while awaiting landing clearance. While orbiting, Lt. Arnold sighted an object which was SW of the base at an 8 o'clock position to his aircraft. The UFO was at an altitude of approximately 1500 to 2000 feet and headed generally SE. Lt. Arnold kept his aircraft in a steep turn to the left in order to keep the object in sight. Shortly after first being sighted the object rose to Lt. Arnold's altitude of 6000 feet and began a wide sweeping counter-clockwise orbit of the base. While in its orbit at a position approximately 3 miles north of the field, the object descended to approximately 1500-2000 feet and continued to orbit, until it reached a position in the approximate center of the Laredo business district.

Upon reaching the Laredo business district the object made a rapid ascent to 15,000 feet; at this time Lt. Arnold was directly over the ramp of the airbase and the object was 6 to 8 miles SW of this position. The object then turned eastward, descended immediately to 6000 feet again and continued eastward until it was approximately 6 miles SE of the base where it appeared to stop, hover, then appeared to be going straight away from or toward Lt. Arnold's aircraft. Arnold added full power and proceeded directly SE toward the object. Approximately 2 seconds after this action was initiated, the object appeared to close head-on at a terrific rate. At approximately 100 yards in front of Arnold's aircraft the object seemed to waver slightly in a vertical plane as if determining on which side of Arnold's aircraft to pass. The object passed very close off the left wing within a distance of 50 yards and Lt. Arnold noted a blurred reddish-blue mass of undetermined size and shape which was no larger than his aircraft.

The object was upon him so fast that Arnold was unable to take any evasive action. Immediately after the object passed, Lt. Arnold turned sharply to his left in order to keep the object in sight. The object rapidly made an ascent to approximately 15,000 feet and circled to the left, then began to descend as if positioning itself for another pass. Lt. Arnold became frightened, turned off his running lights and began a circling descent to the left while keeping the object in sight. Lt. Arnold leveled off at 1500 feet and at this time the object seemed to level off from its descent toward Arnold's aircraft, turned sharply to the right to a southerly heading and made another rather flitting ascent into the atmosphere until out of sight.

The total duration of the sighting was seven minutes and the head-on pass occurred at exactly 2033. The speed of the object was estimated at more than 300 mph and the size of the glow emitted by the object was estimated at 1/2 the size of the glow from a T-33 position light.

The aircraft piloted by Lt. Arnold was definitely a T-33 and not an F-51 as given by Major Elysee. The T-33 is a conventional training aircraft which has a speed of approximately 180 knots, while the F-51 is a World War II fighter aircraft with a top speed of approximately 370 knots and a normal cruise of approximately 235 knots. The T-33 jet trainer has a speed of approximately 480 knots.

The city of Laredo is 5 statute miles SW of the air base on an azimuth of 200°. Traffic pattern altitude at Laredo AFB is 1515 feet which is 1000 feet above the terrain. Lt. Arnold did not specify the type of altitude used, but the usual practice is to use "indicated altitude," which is what the pilot reads on the altimeter.

Sincerely

[Signature]
WILLIAM S. WILSON 26 APR 61
Colonel, USAF
Supervisory Science and Technology

COORDINATION: AFCEH-42

[Signature] DATE 26 April '61
Maj Robert J. Friend

HARVARD COLLEGE OBSERVATORY
CAMBRIDGE 38, MASSACHUSETTS

April 12, 1961

Major Robert J. Friend
Air Technical Intelligence Center
United States Air Force
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Major Friend:

Mrs. Boyd and I are making an analysis of the 4 December 1952 sighting at Laredo, Texas, which Keyhoe calls the "Fogle" case. I enclose herewith a transcript of the record, which seems to have some ambiguities. I need your advice and hope that you can get some additional information for us.

First of all what is a T-28 type aircraft and what is its maximum speed?

know whether
The first paragraph is badly garbled. One does not know whether "which" refers to the sighted object or to the observer. And the observer is not clear as to his own bearing. I gather, however, that the pilot, at approximately 8 o'clock, was approximately two miles southeast of the base at an altitude of 6,000 feet. Since he observed the object at approximately 8 o'clock, I assume that he must have been flying roughly toward the base, since, if he were flying exactly northwest, the object in the southwest would have been at 9 o'clock, I judge that he was flying on a bearing roughly northwest by north. For your information, the planet Venus was approximately in this direction, relatively low on the horizon, which I interpret is consistent with his expression "low to his position." I assume that the reporting pilot was in the traffic pattern, perhaps preparing to land (?). Information about what this normal traffic pattern is (counter-clockwise?) might help. He saw the object in the southeast, which meant that it was apparently not moving very much with reference to his own plane. In order to do it better he makes a left turn and he still sees the object apparently in the same direction, from which he concludes that it is still flying away from him. By this I judge it was getting ^{apparently} somewhat fainter. Remember this is the direction of the planet Venus!

I find the next sentence "the object continued on a southeast course until approximately six miles southeast of his position which was approximately where he had originally sighted the object" very ambiguous.

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I suppose that it means the following. That the object was in the southeast and remains so at an estimated six miles from the original position where he had sighted the object. But there is the ambiguity that from the observer's new position, he might have thought that the object had moved approximately to the position that the observer had been when he first sighted the object. But this seems to be inconsistent with the southeast course and hence I accept the first interpretation.

Now as the pilot "steepens his turn", by which I assume that he is now heading on a bearing roughly west and, perhaps increasing his altitude somewhat, though not appreciably since he mentions that the object rose to the pilot's altitude. From the fact that he was now swinging around and heading toward the west and the object had not changed its position, he concluded that the object was bearing slightly towards the south, starting its "counter-clockwise orbit of the base".

The next sentence is badly garbled. "Descended to approximately 15000 feet to 1500 feet to 200 feet again and continued its orbit to the left around the city of Laredo, Texas". Since he had stated that the object had reached the pilot's altitude of 6,000 feet, I think the first 15000 feet was an error and he corrected it to 1500 feet. I think that 200 feet makes no sense at all and probably a cipher was omitted. What the pilot intended to say was that when he was at a position three miles north of the airfield, the object appeared to descend from a 6,000 feet to an altitude from 1500 to 2,000 feet. It then continued its orbit to the left around the city of Laredo until it reached approximately the center of the business district.

At this point I'll have a rough check in my reasoning. The pilot is north of the airfield. He looks to the southwest and sees the city of Laredo in the southwest. Where is the city with reference to the airfield? I should judge that it may be west southwest or southwest by west from the airfield.

There is, however, another possibility that I must cover. The star Achernar was in the southeast and, as the pilot swung around moving into the southeast position going on a southeast course, he may have thought that Achernar was the original object. However, he still refers to the star as being southwest of his position directly over the airfield and heading south. The report of hovering or going straight away or coming straight toward the pilot's aircraft is characteristic of the sighting and here I think he was still seeing Venus. The report in the next paragraph of proceeding eastward until it appears southeast of the plane does not accord with my original belief that what he was observing was Venus. But perhaps

Major R. J. Friend

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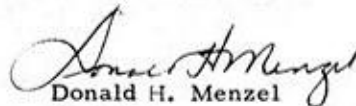
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he switched from Venus to Achernar somewhere along the line. We are checking these possibilities at the present time. However, I wonder if the pilot did not make a mistake in saying southeast twice. I am wondering if it was not southwest. The reason I raise the point is the statement about turning eastward is inconsistent with the statement that the object seemed to be hovering or going straight away or coming straight toward the pilot's aircraft. The direction of Laredo is critical here. If Laredo is in the south or southeast, then the pilot would have switched Achernar at an earlier moment. The rest of the description fits extremely well with the observations of a star.

If, in addition to my specific questions, you could contact Lieutenant "Fogle", to unravel some of these obscurities if any still remain, I would be grateful.

Thanking you, I am

Cordially yours,


Donald H. Menzel
Director

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CC: Col. Lawrence J. Tacker
Lyle Boyd

P.S. The Fogle story scarcely agrees with what Keyhoe gives in "Flying Saucers From Outer Space", Pages 3 and 17. Keyhoe calls a plane an F-51. The report a T-28. Are these the same?

DHM

CASE #1

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On the night of 4 Dec 52 an Air Force pilot was flying locally in a T-28 type a/c. It was at this time he noticed a rapidly moving bluish light at approximate traffic altitude (1500' to 2000'). It was approximately 8 o'clock low to his position, which was about 2 miles SE of the base at 6000' directly SW of the base traveling on a SE course. The pilot considered the object to be a 4th jet a/c outside the traffic pattern until he noticed the absence of position, passing, and fuselage lights. The pilot steepened his turn to the left to keep the object in sight. The object continued on a SE course until approximately 6 miles SE of his position which was approximately where he had originally sighted the object. At this time the object rose immediately to the pilot's altitude of 6000' and began a wide sweeping counter clockwise orbit of the base. The terrific speed of the object still led the pilot to think it was a jet aircraft until he realized from previous jet experience that the speed should have been considerably dissipated after such a maneuver. At a position approximately 3 miles N of the air field in the object's orbit, it immediately descended to approximately 15,000' to 1500 to 200' again and continued its orbit to the left around the city of Laredo, Texas, until it reached approximately the center of the business district, at which time the object made a very rapid flitting ascent due S to approximate 15,000'. The rate of climb was terrific. At this point, the object was approximately 6 to 8 miles SW of the pilot's position (which was directly over the ramp on a S heading). The object then turned Eastward and immediately descended to the pilot's altitude of 6,000' again and proceeded Eastward until approximately 6 miles SE of the base again and it seemed to stop as if it were hovering, going straight away or coming straight toward the pilot's aircraft. At this time the pilot added full power and proceeded directly SE toward the object. The pilot's intentions were merely curiosity. Approximate 2 seconds after this action was taken by the pilot, the object appeared to close at a terrific rate in a

CASE # 1 (contd)

head-on approach. At approximately 100 yards in front of the pilot's a/c the object seemed to waver slightly in a vertical plane as if determining on which side of his aircraft to pass. The object passed very closely off the left wing of the w/c within 50 yards distance and the pilot noted a blurred reddish-blueish haze of undetermined size and shape but definitely no larger than his a/c. This action happened so rapidly that the pilot was unable to take any evasive action. Immediately after the object passed, the pilot broke sharply to the left in order to keep the object in sight. The object rapidly made a flitting ascent again to approximately 15,000' and circled to the left and began to descent as if positioning itself for another pass on the pilot's a/c. At this point, out of sheer fright, the pilot turned off all his running lights and spiraled steeply to the left, keeping the object in sight and leveled off at 1500'. At this time the object seemed to level off from its circling descent towards the pilot's a/c, turned sharply to the right on a S heading and made another rapid flitting ascent into the atmosphere until out of sight. The object was observed by the pilot for approximate 7 minutes and the exact time of the head-on-pass was 2053. The object has been referred to as an "object" because it was ^{identifiable} identified not only by the small, flickering blueish light by which the observer was able to track its flight path, the size of the light was described by the observer as approximate 1/2 the size of the glow emitted by normal position light on a T-33 type aircraft. Its speed was estimated to be in excess of 500 MPH and its maneuvers, which consisted mainly of rapid flitting ascents and descents, were unusually outstanding, because they were certainly not conventional. The observer parked his a/c on the Laredo AB ramp at exactly 2105 and shortly thereafter reported the incident to the proper authority.

ATIC COMMENT: ATIC believes that it was an a/c and that the maneuvers were exaggerated.

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LAREDO, TEXAS
4 DECEMBER, 1952

On the night of 4 December, 1952, ^{an} Air Force pilot was flying locally in a T-28 type aircraft. At this time he noticed a rapidly moving ~~bluish~~ bluish light at approximately traffic altitude (1500 to 2000 feet), at approximately 8 o'clock, low to his position, which was about two miles southeast of the base at 6,000 feet, directly southwest of the base, travelling on a southeast course. The pilot considered the object to be a fourth jet aircraft outside the traffic pattern until he noticed the absence of position, passing, and fuselage lights. The pilot steepened his turn to the left to keep the object in sight. The object continued on a southeast course until approximately 6 miles southeast of his position which was approximately where he had originally sighted the object. At ^{time} ~~this point~~ the object rose immediately to the pilot's altitude of 6,000 degrees (feet??) and began a wide sweeping counter-clockwise orbit of the base. The terrific speed of the object still led the pilot to think it was a jet aircraft until he realized from previous jet experience that the speed should have been considerably dissipated after such a manoeuver. At a position approximately 3 miles north of the airfield in the object's orbit, it immediately descended to approximately 15,000 feet to 1,500 feet ^{DHM:} to 200 feet again (it doesn't seem to make sense) and continued its orbit to the left around the city of Laredo, Texas, until it reached approximately the center of the business district, at which time the object made a very rapid and (flitting?) ascent due south to approximately 15,000 feet. The rate of climb was terrific. At this point, the object was approximately 6 to 8

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southwest of the pilot's position (which was directly over the ^{ramp} ~~imp~~x on an S heading). The object then turned eastward and immediately descended to the pilot's altitude of 6,000 feet again and proceeded eastward until approximately 6 miles southeast of the base again and it seemed to stop as if it were hovering, or going straight away or coming straight toward the pilot's aircraft. At this time the pilot added full power and proceeded directly southeast towards the object. The pilot's intentions were merely curiosity. Approximately 2 seconds after this action was taken by the pilot, the object appeared to close at a terrific rate in a head-on approach. At approximately 100 yards in front of the pilot's aircraft the object seemed to waver slightly in a vertical plane as if determining on which side of his aircraft to pass. The object passed very closely off the left wing of the aircraft within 50 yards distance and the pilot noticed a blurred reddish-bluish haze of undetermined size and shape but definitely no larger than his aircraft. This action happened so rapidly that the pilot was unable to take any evasive action. Immediately after the object passed, the pilot broke sharply to the left in order to keep the object in sight. The object rapidly made a flitting (?) ascent again to approximately 15,000 feet and circled to the left and began to descend as if positioning itself for another pass on the pilot's aircraft. At this point, out of sheer fright, the pilot turned off all his running lights and spiralled steeply to the left, keeping the object in sight and levelled off at 1500 feet. At this time the object seemed to level off from its circling descent towards the pilot's aircraft, turned sharply to the right

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on a south heading, and made another rapid flitting ascent into the atmosphere until out of sight. The object was observed by the pilot for approximately 7 minutes and the exact time of the head-on pass was 2053. The object has been referred to as an "object" because it was identifiable only by the small flickering bluish light by which the observer was able to track its flight path. The size of the light was described by the observer as approximately half the size of the glow emitted by a normal position light on a F-85 type aircraft. (DHM: that assumes that he knows how far away it was.) Its speed was estimated to be in excess of 500 miles per hour and its maneuvers, which consisted mainly of rapid flitting ascents and descents, were unusually outstanding, because they were certainly not conventional. The observer "parked" his aircraft on the Laredo AirBase ramp at exactly 2105 and shortly thereafter reported the incident to the proper authority.

AFIC comment: AFIC believes that it was an aircraft but the maneuvers were exaggerated. (I personally think that this would have an explanation similar to my Alaska incident. Look for a bright star on the horizon.)

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TO: Lt Col Farrow

Request for UFO Information (Date Unknown)

Re: 100-
S 101-3b (Major Hart)
Area 15 DC

1. The attached letter from Mr. Dan Sedeman requests information regarding 14 sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena.
2. The following information regarding the sightings referenced in Mr. Sedeman's letter is provided to assist you in preparing an answer to him. The order of the information corresponds to that contained in the attachment.
3. The Laredo AFB, Texas, sighting which occurred on 4 December 1952 was evaluated as an aircraft sighting.
4. At 1046 on 22 July 1952 the weather observer of the local airport at Uvalde, Texas, sighted an object which he described as being large and round, but displaying no aerodynamic features. The object was reported to be silver in color and estimated as 50 feet in diameter. It to be at an altitude of 20,000 feet. The observer estimated the object's speed as in excess of 1000 mph. The object traveled from east at approximately 40° elevation to the southwest. The movement was described as gyrating and the object was in sight for 45 seconds. The object seemed to be climbing and disappeared behind a large cumulus cloud. The observer was not aware of any sound. This case is classed as unidentified in the FTD files. However, it should be noted that an object at 20,000 feet which spans an angle of approximately 90° in 45 seconds would have a speed of approximately 530 knots. If the object were at 3000 feet or closer to the cloud base, it would have a speed of only 80 knots. The available information is not sufficient to allow a confident solution to this case, but it is highly probable that the misidentification of a conventional object was the cause for this sighting.
5. On 23 September 1951 two flights of F-86's were scrambled from March AFB, California, to intercept an unidentified flying object. Contact was successful and the object destroyed.
6. On 3 August 1952 at 1615 F-86's were observed with illuminated wings from H. Milton AFB, California. The object was observed for 1 hour and 15 minutes and was described as circular or pie like in shape and silver in color. They were estimated to be 60-100 feet in diameter and passed at speeds of 400-450 mph. The objects were estimated to be at 12,000 and 16,000 feet. The object at 16,000 feet was reported to have dived at the lower object and maneuvered much the same as a fighter during a dog fight. During



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3. OBSR WAS MADE FROM A T-28 TYPE ACFT TVL IN A COUNTER CLOCKWISE ORBIT AROUND LAFB AT AN ALT OF 6000 FT AND AN A/S OF 180 KNOTS. THE OBJ WAS SIGHTED WITH THE NAKED EYE.

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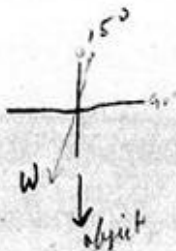
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6. THE SKY COND WAS CLEAR AND THE WINDS AT THE OBSR LEVEL WERE FROM 15 DEGREES AT 25 KNOTS.

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FROM: AFOIN-ATIAA-12-4-E Reference your message 303M dated 052130Z Dec 52 FLYOBRPT. Request following data be incorporated in AF Form 112 that is required by APL 200-5. If AF Forms 112 are unavailable, the report may be put in letter form. 1. Sketch of track of L-25 and apparent track of the reported light. Show position of light and aircraft at intervals. 2. Exact time of launch, general path, type, and lighting of any civilian or military weather balloons launched in the area. A balloon ^{is} scheduled to be launched at 2100 CST. 3. Did balloon observers note any aircraft near their balloon? 4. Did tower or other aircraft in the pattern see the light? COORDINATION: ATIAA _____ ATIA _____ DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required) CAPT E.J. RUPPELT/vs SYMBOL ATIAA-5 TELEPHONE 65365 SECURITY [REDACTED] RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE [REDACTED] OFFICIAL TITLE MAJOR, USAF PAGE 1 OF 1 PAGES					

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United States		ATRC IA-PP-8A	
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT: FLIGHT		FROM: 1st Lt Robert O. Arnold	
DATE: 13 December 1952		DATE: 4 December 1952	
BY: John J. Wilford, Major, USAF		1st Lt Robert O. Arnold	
AFI 200-5, 29 April 1952			
On 4 December 1952 the United States Department of Commerce Weather Bureau, located on Laredo Air Force Base, released a lighted weather balloon at 2053 hours, Central Standard Time. Surface wind and low altitude winds were from the southwest at low velocity. Weather observers did not observe aircraft in the vicinity of balloon. Neither tower nor other aircraft observed light.			
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FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:			
1. Sketch of object's flight path DOWNGRADED AT 5 YEAR INTERVAL: DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS DDO SUE SOWIE UNCLASSIFIED			

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1. On the night of 4 December 1952, 1st Lt Robert O. Arnold was flying locally in a T-28 type aircraft for the purpose of completing AFM 60-2 requirements. After flying in the local area for approximately two hours, 1st Arnold returned to the airfield to enter traffic and land. Student training in T-28 jet aircraft was in progress and the landing period was in session. 1st Arnold received this information from the tower and therefore remained aloft until the landing period was over so that he might enter normal traffic and land. 2. While waiting for permission from the tower to land, 1st Arnold circled the field in a counter clockwise manner and observed the jet aircraft in the pattern and the landing from an altitude of 6000'. After approximately 15 minutes of holding aloft, 1st Arnold ascertained there were only three jet aircraft remaining in traffic. A surveillance of the immediate area around the field to see if any other aircraft remained aloft was made by 1st Arnold to determine how much longer he would be required to hold before landing. It was at this time he noticed a rapidly moving bluish light at approximately traffic altitude (1500' to 2000'). It was approximately 3 o'clock low to his position, which was about two miles northeast of the base at 6000', and the light appeared to be over the heights residential area, directly southwest of the base, and traveling on a southeasterly course. 1st Arnold considered the object to be a fourth jet aircraft still outside the traffic pattern until he noticed the absence of position, passing, and fuselage lights. 3. At this point, 1st Arnold steepened his turn to the left to keep the object in sight. The object continued on a southeasterly course until approximately six miles southwest of 1st Arnold's position, which was approximately where he had originally sighted the object. At this time the object rose immediately to 1st Arnold's altitude of 6000' and began a wide sweeping counter clockwise orbit of the air base. The terrific speed of the object still led 1st Arnold to think it was a jet aircraft until he realized from previous jet experience that the speed should have been considerably dissipated after such a maneuver. At a position approximately three miles north of the airfield in the object's orbit it immediately descended to approximately 1500 to 2000' again and continued its orbit to the left around the city of Laredo, Texas, until it reached approximately the center of the business district, at which time the object made a very rapid flitting ascent due south to approximately 15,000'. The rate of climb was terrific. At this point, the object was approximately 6 to 8 miles southwest of 1st Arnold's position (which was directly over the ramp on a southerly heading). The object then turned southerly and immediately descended to 1st Arnold's altitude of 6000' again and proceeded outward until approximately 5 miles southwest of the base again and it seemed to stop as if it were hovering, going straight away or coming straight toward 1st Arnold's aircraft. At this time, 1st Arnold added full power and declined the pitch of his aircraft to proceed directly southward toward the object. 1st Arnold's intentions were surely surmised. Approximately two seconds after this action was taken by 1st Arnold, the object appeared to close at a terrific rate in a head on approach. At approximately 100 yards in front of 1st Arnold's aircraft, the object seemed to waver slightly in a vertical plane as if determining on which side of his aircraft to pass. The object passed very closely off the left wing of 1st Arnold's aircraft within a distance of 50 yards and 1st Arnold noted a blurred reddish-bluish haze of undetermined size and shape, but definitely no larger than his aircraft. This action happened so rapidly that 1st Arnold was unable to take any evasive action. Immediately after the object passed, 1st Arnold broke sharply to the left in order to keep the object in sight. The object rapidly made a flitting ascent again to approximately 15000' and circled to the left and began to descend as if positioning itself for another pass on 1st Arnold's aircraft. At this point, out of sheer fright, 1st Arnold turned off all his running lights and spiraled steeply to the left, leaving the object in sight, and leveled off at 1500'. At this time the object seemed to level off from its spiraling descent toward 1st Arnold's aircraft, turn sharply to the right on a southerly heading and made another rapid flitting ascent into the atmosphere until out of sight.			
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4. The object was observed by Lt Arnold for approximately seven minutes and the exact time of the head on pass was 2053. The object has been referred to as an object because it was identifiable only by the small, flickering bluish light by which the observer was able to track its flight path. The size of the light was described by the observer as approximately 1/2 the size of the glow emitted by a normal position light on a T-28 type aircraft. Its speed was estimated to be in excess of 500 MPH, and its maneuvers, which consisted mainly of rapid flitting ascents and descents, were unusually outstanding because they were certainly not conventional.

5. The observer parked his aircraft on the Laredo Air Force Base ramp at exactly 2105 and shortly thereafter reported the incident to the proper authority.

6. Sketch of observer's flight path and the object's flight path is attached.

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Goose AFB, Labrador

15 December 1952

I. Description of Incident

Visual contact was made by two aircraft, a T-33 and an F-94, of an unidentified aerial object after being vectored to the target by GCA. The object had no definite shape, was bright red and white and was seen from 2315Z to 2340Z. Airborne visual contact was established as soon as the F-94 entered the intercept area. No engine or jet exhaust was visible. The F-94 chased the object at an indicated airspeed of 375 knots but could not overtake it.

Weather was clear with visibility of 30 miles, winds at 14,000 ft. (altitude of the observing aircraft) was from 270° at 25 knots. The F-94 was on a heading of 270° while on its intercept run.

II. Discussion of Incident

Two C-54's from Goose AFB were in the area at the approximate time of sighting. One of these aircraft was observed by the F-94, the other was not. However, the unidentified object could not be the unobserved C-54 due to the speed factor. The F-94, at 375 knots, could have overtaken a C-54. There may have been a balloon launch at 2100Z from Goose Air Weather Service but here again there is a conflict because the object was sighted at 2315Z, two hours after launch. An astronomical explanation does not ring true since it is improbable that stars and meteors can be recorded by ground radar or airborne radar. Therefore, a plausible explanation for this sighting seems to be impossible.

III. Conclusion

Unknown.

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TO TWO FOUR ZERO ZERO ZERO FEET PD OBJECT OF NO DEFINITE
SHAPE COMMA COLOR BRIGHT RED AND WHITE PD NO JET OR ROCKET EXHAUST
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a. When viewed from the ground, the object appeared as a bright, circular, glowing disk, about 1/2 inch in diameter, and was seen to move in a northerly direction. The object was seen to move in a northerly direction in view of the report of the observer.

7. At 10:10 AM, on 10/10/52, two separate observations of a bright, circular, glowing disk, about 1/2 inch in diameter, were reported. The object was seen to move in a northerly direction in view of the report of the observer. Following this report were several other reports of a bright, circular, glowing disk, about 1/2 inch in diameter, which were observed for short periods of time, usually for 10 seconds, and then disappeared. The object was seen to move in a northerly direction in view of the report of the observer, but it is possible that they were sightings.

8. There is no case in the FID files from any AC & W site in Michigan during the month of July 1952.

9. At Goose Bay, Labrador, on 15 December 1952, pilots of a B-33 and a P-94-B attempted, without success, to close on a bright object. The object was identified as an astronomical body.

10. There is no case in the FID files from northern Michigan on 24 November 1951.

11. There were three cases from Japan on 29 December 1952:

- a. At Chitose at 1530-2000 hours a pilot attempted to close on Jupiter.
- b. At Misawa a pilot reported a UFO which was determined to have been due to the misidentification of an astronomical body.
- c. At 1940-2005 there was an aerial observation of an unidentified flying object which was determined to be Venus.

12. There is no case in the FID files from Japan on 19 April 1952.

13. On 26 September 1952 in the Goose Bay area of an aircrew observed two lights for over an hour. There is a sketch of the lights and their positions. They were about 20° above the horizon and their positions relative to each other changed. The object was seen to move in a northerly direction in view of the report of the observer, but it is possible that they were sightings.

14. UFO reported from FID, 10/11/52, was identified as a C-47.

15. There is no case in the FID files from Japan on 7 February 1953.

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TO ATIAA-5 RUPPELT FR AFOIN-2A2 FOURNET
FOLG MSG CM 1185 DTD 26 NOV 52 FR CO 59TH
FTR INTCP SQ GOOSE BAY AB LABRADOR
FOR YOUR INFO:

"CIRVIS CONFIRM, UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT
SIGHTED GOOSE BAY AREA AT 252156Z BY F-94B
AIRCREW. OBJECT SIGHTED OVER GOOSE AIRBASE
AND TRACED 40 MILES ON 180 DEGREE COURSE.
ALTITUDE 1500 TO 12000 FT, SPEED 250 TO 425
KNOTS INDICATED. NO DEFINITE SHAPE, COLOR
BRIGHT ORANGE AND RED. NO GCI CONTACT,
AIRBORNE RADAR INOPERATIVE. OBJECT MAINTAINED
SAME DISTANCE FROM F-94B DESPITE FRIENDLY
VIOLENT AERIAL MANEUVERING. NO ATTACK PASSES
MADE BY UNKNOWN OBJECT. NO JET OR ROCKET
EXHAUST NOTED. WEATHER CAVU, WIND 315
DEGREES/15 TO 20 KNOTS. OTHER AIRCRAFT IN
AREA WERE AS FOLLOWS: C-125, C-47, DC-3,
CANADIAN NORTHSTAR. PILOT REPORTS SIGHTING
THESE AIRCRAFT. PILOT NAME JOHNSON, EDWIN T.,
AIRCRAFT NO. 438. DETAILED REPORT FOLLOWS."
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TO ATIAA-5 RUPPELT FR AFOIN-2A2 FOURNET
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FTR INTCP SQ GOOSE BAY AB LABRADOR
FOR YOUR INFO:

"CIRVIS CONFIRM, UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT
SIGHTED GOOSE BAY AREA AT 252156Z BY F-94B
AIRCRAFT. OBJECT SIGHTED OVER GOOSE AIRBASE
AND TRACED 40 MILES ON 180 DEGREE COURSE.
ALTITUDE 1500 TO 12000 FT, SPEED 250 TO 425
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NEOIN 17856 FOR ATIAA-2C UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT VISUALLY SIGHTED

GOOSE BAY AREA 5325N/6010W 260230Z BY F94B PILOT IN FLIGHT OBJECT

SIGHTED HAD NO DEFINITE SHAPE COLOR BRIGHT ORANGE AND RED

ESTIMATED SPEED 250 TO 425 KNOTS ALTITUDE 1500 TO 2000 FEET

WEATHER CAVU WIND 315 DEGREES 15 TO 20 KNOTS INTERCEPTION BY F94B

ATTEMPTED BUT OBJECT AMINTAIED SAME DISTANCE FROM F94B OTHER

AIRCRAFT IN AREA C-124 C-47 DC-3 AND CANADIAN NORTHSTAR

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18-65-52	
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT	
Unidentified Flying Object (FLIGHT)	
From: Goose Bay, Labrador	To: Dir/Int, NSAC
Date: 8 December 1952	Date: 26 November 1952
By: NATHAN J. MURPHY, Captain, USAF	CC, Goose AB, Labrador
1. An unidentified flying object was sighted on 26 November 1952 at 2150Z by an F-40B pilot of the 59th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron, Goose Air Base, Labrador. 2. Information of interest to the Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTC: ATIAA-Ad, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio.	
APPROVED: <i>Jack W. Roberts</i> MAJ W. ROBERTS Lt. Colonel, USAF Director of Intelligence <i>Re evaluation by 11-11-56 on 11-11-56</i> <i>Light plane</i>	
ALL NSAC Bases CANADIAN ATTC	CC, 6th AD CC, ADC CC, RCAF

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COMMENTS of Preparing Offices: 1. Intercept was attempted by F-40B aircraft but object maintained same relative distance. At this time of the year, "Northern Lights" and other phenomena peculiar to the Arctic and Sub-Arctic are prevalent which seems to substantiate the reason why the friendly aircraft could not close any distance with the object despite violent maneuvering. 2. Weather conditions encompassing the sighting period was CAVI; wind from NW 115° at 15 to 20 knots. 3. There was no activity, meteorological or otherwise, which might account for the sighting. 4. Other aircraft in the area during the sighting period were C-119, DC-3, and Canadian Northstar. Pilot of the F-40B stated he observed and identified the above aircraft at one time or another. 5. Pilot is an experienced combat pilot with 1800 hours total time, of which 650 hours is jet time.	
<i>Nathan J. Murphy</i> NATHAN J. MURPHY Captain, USAF Chief, Surveillance Division	

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE OHIO



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: TD-Ela/Mr. Bryant/clh/74201
SUBJECT: Evaluation of Case 15, 6 Dec 52

4 Oct 62

TO: TD-E (Lt. Col. Friend)

1. It is not possible to definitely state the cause of the blips on the scope.
2. However, three possible causes for the phenomena reported are discussed below:
 - a. Beacon returns, triggered by another radar,
 - b. Returns from variations in the atmosphere,
 - c. Ducting.
3. Although the report says the blips did not have the relative positions which a beacon return would give, the sketch submitted does appear to have the configuration which might be expected of a beacon. If a beacon was being triggered by a radar other than the one about which this report was made, it could easily provide returns which would jump around on the scope as described. If the plane's transmitter power was very low, it is possible that it would not be strong enough to trigger the beacon. This could explain the fact that the coastline was not seen on the radar, although the gas flames from the oil refineries were seen. I would expect the radar normally to see further than the eye.
4. If the transmitted power was normal, blips could have been caused by variations in the atmosphere. These frequently cause blips which move across the scope with speeds varying from very slow to thousands of miles per hour.
5. If ducting were present - and over water, this condition is not unusual - the targets could have been reflections from objects many times the radar's normal range distant from the set. These targets may act rationally at times, and at times not, and may be from stationary objects on the ground.

6. I don't believe the blue-white light came from the same source as the blips. As Major Sheffield's report says, "Visual sightings are indecisive and of little confirmatory value." I agree. Perhaps in the excitement of following the unusual targets on the scope, personnel read something unusual into an incident which they normally would have recognized, or have dismissed as of no consequence.

Vincent D. Bryant

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Defensive Electronics Branch
TD-E1a

Intensive investigations of UFOs yields more reports which they characterize as glaucous green that sparkle over the horizon. The reports are being the same reports, both as good as all before the actual facts and the interpretations of the witnesses are completely consistent. A published version of an early UFO case provides a typical example.

Three letters dated on December 8, 1948, a 3-day bomber had over-circled three times over the Gulf of Mexico. Approaching at fantastic speed the strange, glowing machines were marked by radar at 1000 mph. Armed observers, watching from the ship's windows, saw several of the aerial craft flash by, only blue-white streaks in the sky.

Strangely a great machine had shown up on the horizon's three interferences. Concerning on the large machine ship, the last group of reports was partly taken aboard. Initially the witnesses could figure in accordance. Before it went off the pages, its speed was computed at more than 1000 mph. (See also, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095, 2096, 2097, 2098, 2099, 2100, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2109, 2110, 2111, 2112, 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CASE #15 (contd)

to rear under our wing. Contact was broken off at 0535 after a group of the blips merged into a $\frac{1}{2}$ inch curved arc about 30 miles from our a/c at 320 deg and proceeded across the scope and off it at a computed speed of over 9000 mph. At all times during the contact the a/c was level and stable, the weather was clear, not a cloud in the sky and visibility was excellent. There was a full moon giving excellent water reflection. The a/c was flying long range cruise at the time. Radar checked the blips at all scan tilt angles full up and down and didn't lose the blips until the scanning antenna was pointed down. One group of blips after the scope was calibrated were noted, after moving from 330 deg to 150 deg across the scope, to arc about and swing in behind us at approximately 30 miles and maintain speed and distance for approximately 10 seconds and then disappear.

ATIC Comment:

All possibilities were checked for known aerial phenomena with negative results.

Conclusion:

Unknown



PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 6 Dec 52	2. LOCATION 22°N 122°W Off Coast of LA	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other RADAR ANAL ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 6/232508Z GMT 7/052558	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground Visual ☐ Ground Radar ☐ Air Visual ☒ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PROBOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE At a/c crew	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Bluish white flashes of light seen. Radar scope of a/c detected 25 targets in period of 10 min. Object were est to be 25 miles from a/c at 18,000' moving on approx 120° heading moving very fast in a straight line. No interception was attempted by a/c.		11. COMMENTS See RADAR ANALYSIS

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DECEMBER 6, 1952

6 December, 1952. On the return leg from Florida to Galveston Texas ~~from~~ training mission, natural gas burning from oil refineries on the Louisiana coast were noted. To check student navigator's celestial (?), the pilot requested the student radar to turn on the scope, which had been off from 30 miles west of Tampa, and see if he could pick up the coast there on the 100-mile range. After the set was on for a sufficient time to warm up, I was given permission to turn up the brilliance on the auxiliary scope, and both student radar and I checked for coastline returns and found none. At this time the set had not been calibrated. My attention was then attracted from the scope for a period of time. At 0525 central standard time on 6 December 1952, radar called for my attention to this scope and I first noted small bright blips, returns, approximately 4, with no specific grouping such as the radar beacon transmits. Azimuth stabilization was on. As the sweep rotated one revolution, the blips moved southeast across the scope more than one range marker. Radar stated that at that time he had 50-mile range on; indicating a movement of 12-14 miles. With each successive revolution, the blips continued southeast to a point 15-20 miles from the ship at a bearing of 70 degrees and then put off the scope. At 150 degrees radar gave the instructor flight engineer the time and distance, which was computed as over 3,000 miles per hour. These groupings of blips occurred for about 5 minutes and speeds were recomputed. During this period, student navigator and instructor radio-viewed the auxiliary scope and confirmed my observations. This time I called for radar to calibrate his set to eliminate any possibility of malfunction. He did this

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speedily and when he scanned the scope once more the blips reappeared, moving southeast across the scope. I called off two separate blips, track and position in relation to the sixth A/C by the clock system over interphone of the ship and as they passed at 3 o'clock the instructor engineer ^{clock?} saw a blue-bright white flame go from front to rear of the wing. Contact was broken off at 0835 after a group of four blips merged into a 1/2-inch curved arc about 30 miles from our ship at 180 degrees and proceeded across the scopes and off it at a computed speed of over 9,000 miles per hour. At all times during the contact the aircraft was level and stable, the weather was clear, calm and in the sky, and visibility was excellent. There was a light moon giving excellent water reflection. The aircraft was flying long-cruise at the time. Radar checked the blips at all times, full angles, full up and down, and ship's lamp search was kept on the scanning antenna was pointed during the group of blips. After the scope was calibrated over scope, after having been set to 180 degrees across the scope, the arc about 30 miles from our ship at approximately 180 degrees and continued to move across the scope for approximately 10 seconds and then disappeared. All possibilities were checked for known aircraft movements with negative results. Conclusion: Unknown. The results of the preceding report include the following statement: "The sightings were definite and of such duration as to preclude any doubt as to the part of the aircraft. Sources are certain that sightings were of a high speed aircraft. Visual sightings are impossible to determine the true heading of the aircraft. The heading of the unidentified object was 180 degrees. (Check this one also for accuracy.)" The heading was insufficient

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evidence but comments that the Geminids meteor shower was near the period. These can be traced on radar scopes. Check this anyway for mirages of bright stars.)

July 29, 1957

AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
DAYTON, OHIO

Dear Captain Wallace W. Elwood

Received your letter of May 9, 1957 containing a news release dated October 25, 1955 concerning information on UFO's. I certainly was glad to receive it. All the time I have left from my college studies I spend gathering UFO material. From my study of many sightings I would like a few questions answered concerning some of the reported unknowns observed. The following questions are just a few that I would like answered concerning what the Air Force's conclusions are on these sightings.

1. What was the object chased by Captain Thomas F. Mantell Jr. and his two wingmen Lt. A. W. Clements and Lt. B. A. Hammond over Kentucky on January 7, 1948 that ended in Capt. Mantell's death?
2. What was the Air Force's explanation of the "Montana Movie" taken on August 15, 1950 by Nick Mariana?
3. What was the Air Force's explanation of the "Tremonton Movie" taken on July 2, 1952 by Warrent Officer Delbert C. Newhouse?
4. What were the objects that flew over Washington D. C., during the month of July 1952?
5. What is the Air Force's explanation of the seven objects observed by Captain James Howard and eleven crew members and the 51 passengers aboard their British Overseas Airways Corp., Stratocruiser, The Centaurus on June 30, 1954 near Goose Bay, Labrador?
6. Why did the objects vanish into the larger ship when sabre-jets approached to investigate the strange escort?
7. What was the little object that soared through the down town streets of East New Haven, Connecticut and pierced a metal billboard and vanished into the sky on August 19, 1953?
8. What are the "Green Fireballs" so often observed in the western portion of the United States?

9. A small disc 12" to 14" hit the roof of a home a short distance from my house the name and address of the party is given below. I know the sighting was reported to the Air Force.

Mr. & Mrs. Eugene G. Wright
2526 Hibbitts Drive
Donelson, Tennessee
Phone 44-6-3641

What is the conclusion of the origin of the little disc shaped object?

10. Is there any evidence by the objects flight maneuvers, formations, patterns, persistency, that indicates that they are machines constructed and controlled by beings from beyond the earth? ✓
11. Is there no evidence that points to intelligence, technology, and natural laws, that have not yet been achieved by our men of science? ✓
12. Can it be excepted that UFO's are not crafts constructed and controlled by beings from another world? ✓
13. Is there a possibility that these unknown flying objects come from another world? Maybe I should say Worlds? ✓
14. Is there any evidence that proves that UFO's are not coming from beyond the earth? ✓
15. Is there any evidence that proves they do come from another world? ✓
16. If we are being watched by another world, does the Air Force feel that the American people would panic if all facts were released? ✓
17. Are any facts concerning UFO's being withheld from the public at the present time? ✓
18. On December 6, 1952, a B-29 bomber encountered three saucer formation over the Gulf of Mexico. Approaching at fantastic speed, the strange, glowing machines were tracked by radar at 5240 mph. Amazed crewmen, watched from blister windows, saw several of the weird craft flash by, only blue-white streaks in the sky. After this a giant machine had shown up on the bomber's three radarscopes. Coverging on this huge mother ship, the last group of saucers was swiftly taken aboard. Instantly the enormous craft began to accelerate. Before it went off the scopes, its speed was computed at more than 9000 mph.

When the B-29 landed, its radar equipment was found to be in perfect condition. Detailed statements by the pilot,

L radar officer, and crew members confirmed every astonishing detail. What does the Air Force believe these craft were? What were they doing? Where were they from? At the speed at which they were computed to be traveling could they possibly be from the earth?

19. Have any fragments, crashed saucers, or anyother item that could be connected with UFO's been found? ✓
20. Have unknown objects been observed over any of our test areas in the west? (rocket test sights)
21. Have any Air Force jets disappeared, while chasing UFO's?
22. Have any of the so-called "contact" stories been proven to be true? ✓
23. Is there any proof that when "Mars" comes close to the earth as it did in 56 UFO sightings increase in number? ✓
24. Has any hostile action been taken toward any UFO? ✓
25. Has any hostile action been taken by UFO's against any of our planes? ✓

I have a few sightings that I am sure never reached the Air Force if you want me to send them to you I will be glad to do so. If any further news releases are available please send them to me. Would it be possible to borrow any of the UFO films that you might have on hand? Also inform me if the "Project 'Blue Book'" Report Nr. 14 is available.

I certainly hope my questions can be answered, till I hear from you I remain:

Yours very sincerely

George M. Giffe Jr.
George M. Giffe Jr.

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(Amended, J.M.)

SAFOI-3d ; Tacker/mbb/72291

4 December 1959

Dear Mr. Cameron:

This is to acknowledge your letter of 11 September 1959 requesting specific information in regard to a UFO sighting of 6 December 1952. For your information, I am inclosing the memorandum report of the Air Technical Intelligence Center on this particular sighting. I hope it answers your questions.

I regret the delay in answering your letter and hope you can use this information for some future paper on this subject. Somewhere along the line your request became side-tracked and the answer was, therefore, much delayed.

Sincerely,

Inclosure

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Major, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. W. M. Cameron, Chairman
Observers Group
Ottawa Centre, R.A.S.C.
94 St. Ambrose Street
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Ottawa 2, Canada

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A.F.,

94 St. Ambrose St.,
Eastview,
Ottawa 2, Canada.

September 11th, 1959.

Department of Defense,
Office of Public Information,
Washington 25, D.C.
U.S.A.

Gentlemen:

I am committed to give a paper on unidentified flying objects at the November meeting of the Ottawa Centre of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada. I understand that this meeting will be open to the general public.

I have read a number of "flying saucer" books as a preliminary survey and find an interesting report recorded by Kehoe on pages 161 to 165 of his "Flying Saucers from Outer Space". I would be most grateful if you could furnish me with a copy of this report, dated December 6th, 1952 and having to do with U.F.O.'s buzzing a B-29 bomber.

I am particularly interested in the following details of the main radar display on the aircraft:

- (1) range scale used for this observation - that is distance in miles from center to edge of P.P.I. screen at the time of observation.
- (2) distance (in miles) and bearing relative to ships' head of the large echo, presumed by Kehoe to be "Mother Ship", at the point where the small echoes made contact with it.
- (3) size in inches (on the PPI) of the large echo as in (2) above.
- (4) diameter of P.P.I. screen in inches.

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Department of Defense,
Washington 25, D.C.

September 11th, 1959.

- (5) distance (in miles) and bearing relative to ship's head of large echo when last sighted leaving the edge of the P.P.I.
- (6) time interval in seconds between occurrence of (2) and (5) above.

Says Saucers Not Visitors From Space

Unidentified flying objects are NOT visitors from other planets.

This conclusion, based on extensive scientific research and 17 years of radar experience, was reached last night by W. M. Cameron, assistant head of the Navigational Aids Section at the National Research Council.

Addressing a meeting of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada at the Dominion Observatory, Mr. Cameron, who is chairman of the Society's Observer Corps, said that the assumption that "flying saucers" are space-snips leads to absurd conclusions.

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In one of the few cases where enough facts were available to permit further research, the captain of a B-29 bomber reported a radar sighting which, when interpreted, indicated a spaceship 10 miles long, weighing nine thousand million tons and requiring ten million times the total world output of electricity to achieve its speed.

Just Mirages

The only explanation, according to Mr. Cameron, which fits the characteristics of extreme speed, high acceleration, changing colors and changing shapes reported by most observers of flying objects: they are a mirage.

But, he warned, the next time you see a flying saucer, you may be sure of only one thing: "It was just another unidentified flying object."

Yours sincerely,



W. M. Cameron, Chairman,
Observers Group,
Ottawa Centre, R.A.S.C.

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Replaces DA AGO Form 895, 1 Apr 48, and AFHQ Form 12, 10 Nov 47, which may be used.

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DEGREES 4 MIN WEST OVER GULF OF MEXICO: HEADING OF A/C 315 DEGREES

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NORTHWEST. ITEM FIVE: IDENTIFYING INFO OF BOSVRS: SIGNED BY SIX MEMBERS OF CREW, 2 VISUAL, 5 BY RADAR: 1ST LT NORMAN KARAS, VO: 1ST LT WM NAUAMAN, JR, 1ST NAV: S/SGT R. C. PLACELL, ATT: S/SGT WM J. DEHOUSE, GUNNER: 2ND LT ROBERT J ECKERT, NV: S/SGT W. D. SHOEGREN, EO., ALMOST ALL HAVE LONG TERMS OF SERVICE AND MUCH EXPERIENCE AND FLYING TIME. ITEM SIX: NO WIND, CLEAR, DRY, CAVU. ITEM SEVEN: NO KNOWN MET OR OTHER CONDS WOULD ACCOUNT FOR RPT. ITEM EIGHT: NO FRAGMENTS OR PHOTOS EXIST. ITEM NINE: NO INTCP OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION TAKEN BY THIS NQS. ITEM TEN: LOCATION OF TRAF IN AREA UNDERTERMINED.

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TO: OO RANDOLPH AF BASE RANDOLPH FIELD TEXAS

INFO:

FROM: AFCEM-ATIAA-19-6-E

Reference your Flycrlpt dated 6 Dec 52 describing a sighting of unknown aerial object over the Gulf of Mexico. Request you forward a AF Form 112 on the incident, including the information contained in the following questions: 1) Were the visually observed flashes synchronized with the radar returns? In this connection, include a sketch of the radar returns themselves. 2) What was the azimuth of the object from the observing aircraft? Was the object seen below or above the aircraft? 3) What was the altitude of the aircraft at the time of sighting? 4) What type of aircraft was involved? From what base and was intercept action taken? 5) Were there other aircraft in the area at the time of sighting? 6) Restate the exact location of the observing aircraft. Complete information regarding the above questions will help Project Blue Book's analysis of reported sighting and your cooperation would be appreciated. In reply cite Project Blue Book.

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FROM (Agency) 3510 FLY TNG WG (MB) HAFB, TEX	REPORT NO. ATRC 12-14-52	PAGE 1 OF 1 PAGES
- Report did not reach Intelligence agencies until 9 December 1952. At this time Lt. R. Reed of Group Intelligence interrogated the crew members who made the sightings. - Interrogation revealed the objects to be arc shaped and about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in length on radar scope and visually as blue-white flashes of light with no discernable shape. - No aerodynamic features were noted in the visual sightings. Visual sightings were of split-second duration and only the light was observed. During these visual sightings the light appeared to be of a steady brilliance without any flicking upon disappearance. Speed of object was computed by flight engineer at 2240 MPH on basis of information obtained by V.O. Object was at approx. an altitude of 18,000 feet on a heading of 120°. No changes in heading, speed or altitude were noted. Visual sighting was made from right waist blister. Radar sightings were made over a period of 10 minutes. A total of 251.0 were sighted during this time. Sightings were made on both the main and aux. scope by V.O. Navigator and Instructor Navigator. Object appeared to move 5 miles with each sweep rotation of scope. Sweep rotation is of 2½ seconds duration. - Sighting was at 2325 CST, 6 December 1952. - Observation made by radar on both main and aux. scopes and visually from right waist blister of B-49 cruising at 204 K at approximate altitude of 20,000 ft. A/c was at coordinates 28°10'N - 92°04'W on a true heading 315°. - A/c personnel who reported sightings have several hundred hours flying time at their various positions. All are positive in their sightings and rule out any possible radar malfunction as cause of sightings. - Weather was CAVU. No wind. Temperature 10° C. It is not known whether there was any activity or condition, meteorological or otherwise, which would account for the sighting. - There is no physical evidence of sighting. - No attempt was made to retrace A/c track or otherwise intercept object. - No other aircraft were observed in area at time of sighting. COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER: - Radar sightings were definite and of such duration as to preclude any error on part of operator. Sources are certain that sightings not due to radar malfunction. Visual sightings are indecisive and of little confirmatory value. <i>James R. Sheffield</i> JAMES R. SHEPHERD MAJOR USAF ACTG. Wing Operations Officer		

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COUNTRY USA		REPORT NO. AFIC 52-18-62	CLASSIFICATION
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SUBJECT FLYING			
DATE OF REPORT 20 December 1952		DATE OF INFORMATION 6 December 1952	CLASSIFICATION S-3
BY Lt. S. L. Reed, Asst. Op Int Officer		FROM Crew Members of B-29	
TITLE This headquarters, # 519 & FLIGHTS and KFL 200-5			
SUMMARY: (Leave blank for use of report. Use appropriate to first unclassified paragraph. Do not include in final report. Do not include in AF Form 112-PART I.)			
1. In reference to teletype, this headquarters, 62325 December 1952, number 519 & FLIGHTS and KFL 200-5, dated 29 April 1952, a report is submitted on the sighting of unidentified aerial object or objects. 2. Total of 25 radar sightings made on unidentified object or objects by a B-29 operating at 20,000 on heading of 315 degrees at altitude approximately 20,000; coordinate at time of sightings 28 degrees 10 minutes North - 92 degrees 4 minutes West. Confirmed by two visual sightings. Object appeared as an arc or series of arcs on radar scope. Visually they appeared as blue-white flashes of light. 3. This is the first reported sighting of unidentified objects in this area by personnel from this Station.			
APPROVED: <i>James R. Sutcliffe</i> JAMES R. SUTCLIFFE Major, USAF Acting Operations Officer			
3. MAP 1. SKETCH 2. CERTIFICATE			
Info is furnished direct to Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Agency, AFIC, ATIA-26, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. 91265			

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True heading of A/C 315°

True heading of unidentified object 120°

A/C position at sighting

Visual sighting

Overlay for WORLD AERONAUTICAL CHART GALVESTON BAY (66)

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Appearance of objects on Radar Scope
Sweep Range - 50000.

on 1st Sweep 1/2 out from Scope Center
on 2nd Sweep 1/2 out from Scope Center
1 Sweep Rotation = 2 1/4 Sec.

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FROM: 3550 FLY TWO RD (RD) RAFO, TEX.	REPORT NO: AFRL IR 16-54	DATE: 1 JUN 48
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I, W/lt Purcell, S. E. AF 18010647, do certify that:

At approximately 11:25 O.C.T. an announcement was made over the interphone, to the effect that unusual objects were appearing on the radar scope.

At the time of this announcement I was relieving the student aircraft performance technician at that position.

The radar operator clocked the objects (about four or five were clocked) and called the time to me; and I computed the air speed of the objects to average 5140 statute miles per hour.

Twice during the period-11:25 O.C.T. and 11:37 O.C.T., the radar operator reported the objects to be passing at "Three o'clock". Upon looking out the window, I saw a blue-white streak travel from the rear and disappear under the wing.

S. E. PURCELL
 W/lt USAF
 AF 18010647

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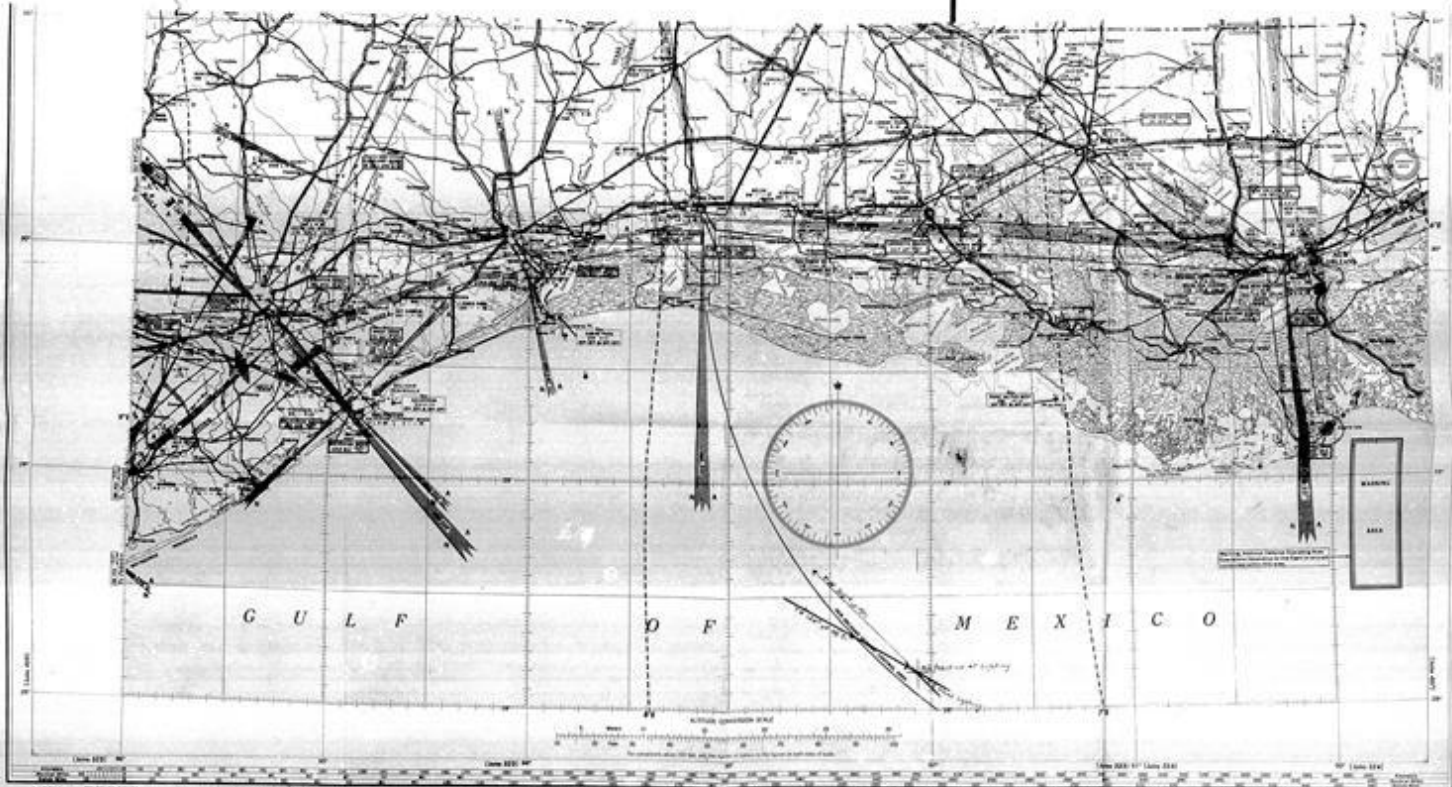
On the return leg from Florida to Galveston, Texas, Training mission #6, after altering to a track of 320° from a point SE of TP #6,2705-7900, natural gas burnings from oil refineries on the Louisiana coast were noted. To check the student Navigator's celestial, I requested the student radar to turn on the scope, which had been off from 30 miles west of Tampa, and see if he could pick up the coast there on the 100 mile range. After the set was on for a sufficient time to warm up, I was given permission to turn up the brilliance on the scope, and both student radar and I checked for coastline returns and found none. At this time the set had not been calibrated. My attention then was attracted from the scope for a period of time. At 0525 GST, ~~scope: 2810-7800~~ Radar called for my attention to the scope and I first noted small bright blips returns, approximately 4, with no specific grouping such as a radar beacon transmits, apparent on the scope at 330°. Azimuth Stabilization was on. As the sweep rotated one revolution, the blips moved SE across the scope more than one range marker. Radar stated at that time he had 50 mile range on; indicating a movement of 12-14 miles. With each successive revolution, the blips continued SE to a point 15-20 miles from the ship at a bearing of 70° and then out of the scope. At 190° Radar gave the Instructor Flight Engineer the time and distance which was computed as over 5000 MPH. These groupings of blips occurred for about 5 minutes and speeds were recomputed. During this period, student Navigator and Instructor Radio viewed the scope and confirmed my observations. At this time I called for Radar to calibrate his set to eliminate any possibility of malfunction. He did this speedily and when he scanned the scope once more the blips reappeared moving SE across the scope. I called off two separate blips track and position in relation to the aircraft by the clock system over interphone of the ship and as they passed at 10 o'clock, the Instructor Engineer visibly saw a blue-bright white flame go from front to rear under our wing. Contact was broken off at 0535 after a group of the blips merged into a 1/2 inch curved arc about 30 miles from our a/c at 320° and proceeded across the scope and off it at a computed speed of over 9000 MPH. At all times during the contact the a/c was level and stable, the weather was clear, not a cloud in the sky and visibility was excellent. There was a full moon giving excellent water reflection. Wind computed by a celestial 3 star fix shot 10 minutes to last contact was 27k/24 using TH 315, GS 186 and 204 TAS. The aircraft was flying long range cruise at the time. Radar checked the blips at all scan tilt angles full up and down and didn't lose the blips until the scanning antenna was pointed down. One group of blips after the scope was calibrated were noted, after moving from 330° to 190° across the scope, to arc about and swing in behind us at approximately 30 miles and maintain speed and distance for approximately 10 seconds and then disappear.


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PROJECT 1007'S WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE 6 Dec 1952	2. LOCATION Gulf of Mexico	3. TIME Local: 2325C Zebra: 0225C
4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND?	☐ Yes ☐ Naked Eye ☐ Binoculars ☐ Telescope ☐ Theodolite	
5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR?	☐ Yes ☐ Observed by Air Radar ☐ By One Set ☐ By Two Sets ☐ By Three Sets	
6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR?	☐ Yes ☐ A/C Observed Object ☐ Interception Attempted ☐ No Intercept Attempted	
7. WERE AIRCRAFT CHALLENGED TO INTERCEPT?	☐ Yes ☐ A/C Scrambled ☐ Visual Contact Made ☐ A/I Contact Made ☐ No Contact Made	
8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME?	☐ Yes ☐ Normal ☐ Violent	
9. IF OBJECT WAS A "LIGHT", WAS IT:	☐ Blinking ☐ Steady	
10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT:	☐ 1-15 Seconds ☐ 1-5 Minutes ☐ Over 10 Minutes	
11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address) C. B. Randolph AFB, Tex.		

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED No		
13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO MOVE DOWNWARD?	☐ Yes	☐ No
14. DID OBJECT HAVE A TAIL?	☐ Yes	☐ No
15. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE?	☐ Yes	☐ No
16. TIME OF SIGHTING RELATIVE TO SUNRISE OR SUNSET (Data From Air Almanac) ☐ Night ☐ Day ☐ Sunrise ☐ Sunset		

III. AIRCRAFT DATA

17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA?	☐ Yes ☐ One Aircraft ☐ More Than One Aircraft	
18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
19. WERE THERE INDICATIONS OF HIGH FREQUENCY NOISES?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
20. WAS THE OBJECT VIEWED ABOVE 1500 ELEVATION?	☐ Yes ☐ No	

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IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA? ☐ Yes ☒ No						
22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE: _____ Minutes						
23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:						
	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted?		Describe Lighting
				Yes	No	
a.						
b.						
c.						
d.						

(attach overlay)

V. EVALUATION

21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE: ☒ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Unreliable ☐ Extremely Doubtful ☐ Hoax	22. DETAILS OF REPORT: ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Insufficient to Evaluate
23. FINAL EVALUATION: ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other: _____ ☐ Insufficient Data For Evaluation ☒ Unknown	
24. COMMENTS: Further analysis awaiting additional info. Actually insufficient info.	

PROJECT 10073 WEATHER DATA SHEET

1. DATE OF OBSERVATION		2. TIME OF OBSERVATION		3. STATION OBSERVING	
4. WINDS ALOFT:					
ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)	ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)
0			25,000		
1,000			30,000		
2,000			35,000		
3,000			40,000		
4,000			45,000		
5,000			50,000		
6,000			55,000		
7,000			60,000		
8,000			65,000		
9,000			70,000		
10,000			75,000		
12,000			80,000		
14,000			85,000		
16,000			90,000		
18,000			95,000		
20,000			100,000		
5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED? (If yes, at what altitude? _____)			☐ Yes ☐ No		
6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA? (If yes, at what quadrant? _____)			☐ Yes ☐ No		
7. CLOUD COVER:				8. VISIBILITY WAS	
_____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet.				_____ MILES.	
9. COMMENTS:					
"No wind, clear, dry and CAVU"					

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 DECEMBER 1953. *****08
 AT 8:15 A.M., A B-29 BOMBER, PILOTTED BY CAPTAIN JOHN HARTER, WAS 190 MILES 01
 FROM GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI, ON THE GULF COAST, THE B-29, 02
 CRUISING IN BRIGHT MOONLIGHT AT 18,000 FEET, WAS RETURNING TO ITS BASE IN 03
 TEXAS. A MINUTE BEFORE, HARTER HAD CALLED THE RADAR OFFICER, LIEUTENANT 10
 COLEMAN, AND ASKED HIM TO TURN ON THE SET, SO HE COULD CHECK THE COASTLINE ON 06
 THE GULF COAST. COLEMAN HAD BEEN WATCHING THE MAIN RADARSCOPE TO SEE IF 07
 IF THE COAST SHOWED UP. SUDDENLY THE BLIP OF SOME UNKNOWN OBJECT APPEARED AT 08
 ONE EDGE OF THE SCREEN. WHEN THE SHEEP MADE ITS NEXT REVOLUTION, COLEMAN 09
 JUMPED. 10
 IN THAT BLIP HUNG THE UNKNOWN OBJECT HAD COME 13 MILES. 11
 THE B-29, FOR AN INSTANT IT SEEMED THEY WOULD MEET HEAD-ON, THEN COLEMAN SAW 12
 THE B-29'S WERE DIVERGING. HE SWITCHED UP HIS STOP-WATCH, YELLED FOR THE 13
 FLIGHT ENGINEER. 14
 BAILEY, HELP ME TRACK THIS THING. 15
 COLEMAN, HE HELPS FINDER. COLEMAN AND THE STAFF SERGEANT SWIFTLY COMPUTED THE 16
 UNKNOWN'S SPEED. 17
 IT WAS 8,240 MILES AN HOUR. 18
 THE TWO MEN GAZED AT EACH OTHER. THEN COLEMAN GRABBED HIS INTERCOM MIKE AND 19
 CALLED THE PILOT. 20
 CAPTAIN -- CHECK YOUR SCOPE. WE JUST CLOCKED AN UNKNOWN AT OVER 8,000. 21
 AS COLEMAN HURRIEDLY WENT TO WORK MASTER SERGEANT BAILEY BENT OVER THE 22
 SCOPE. 23
 THERE'S ANOTHER ONE -- TWO OF THEM. HE EXCLAIMED. 24
 A SECOND LATER LIEUTENANT CASSIDY, THE NAVIGATOR, CUT IN ON THE INTERCOM. 25
 BY THE TIME COLEMAN FINISHED RECALIBRATING THE BLIPS OF FOUR UFO'S WERE 26
 RACING ACROSS HIS SCREEN. ABNUTLY, HARTER'S CRISP VOICE CAME THROUGH THE 27
 INTERCOM. 28
 I'VE GOT FOUR UNKNOWN AT 12 O'CLOCK (READ AHEAD). WHAT DO YOU SHOW? 29
 AT THAT MOMENT ALL THREE SCOPES SAID COLEMAN. SLOW RECALIBRATED -- IT'S 30
 HALL UP IN THE COCKPIT. HARTER INCREASINGLY WATCHED THE SWIFT-MOVING BLIPS 31
 CROSS HIS GLASS. AS ONE APPROACHED ON THE RIGHT, HE CALLED OUT A HASTY ALERT. 32
 UNKNOWN AT 3 O'CLOCK. 33
 BACK IN THE B-29, BAILEY SPRANG TO THE RIGHT WAIST BLISTER AND BEGGED OUT 34
 INTO THE NIGHT. ASSIGNED. HE SAW A BRIGHT, SOFT GLOWING OBJECT IN THE 35
 THE BOMBER'S VIEW. 36
 THE STRANGE OBJECT HAD HARDLY DISAPPEARED WHEN ANOTHER GROUP OF BLIPS CAME 37
 ONTO ALL THREE SCOPES. LIKE THE OTHER OBJECTS, THE NEW GROUP WAS MAKING OVER 38
 8,000 MILES AN HOUR. TO MAKE IT WORSE, THE BLIPS WERE ALL COMING FROM THE 39
 THE SLIGHTEST CHANGE RIGHT PUT THE CREW IN INSTANT PERIL. AT THOSE TERRIFIC 40
 SPEEDS THEY WOULDN'T HAVE A PRAYER, AND EVERY MAN AROUND KNEW IT. 41
 SIX MINUTES AFTER THE FIRST SIGHTING, THERE WAS A SUDDEN LULL. AS THE 42
 SCOPES CLEARED, COLEMAN DREW A LONG BREATH. APPARENTLY THE NIGHTMARE WAS 43
 OVER. 44
 HUNTER RAISED. THE TENSE TENSION WERE SLOWLY BEGINNING TO RELAX WHEN A 45
 THIRD GROUP OF BLIPS APPEARED. COLEMAN AND BAILEY BOTH SAID THIS TIME, 46
 SWIFTLY CALLED OFF THE TIMES AND DISTANCES. BAILEY FIGURED THE SPEEDS, DRIMES 47
 NEEDED. 48
 "SAVE AS BEFORE," HE MUTTERED. 49
 THE RADAR OFFICER BENT OVER THE SCREEN. TWO OF THE UFO'S WERE HOCKETTING BY 50
 ON THE OTHER. 51
 UNKNOWN AT FOUR O'CLOCK. HE BAWLED INTO THE MIKE. 52
 STAFF SERGEANT FERRIS BEAT BAILEY TO THE WAIST BLISTER. OPEN-MOUTHED, HE 53
 WATCHED TWO OBJECTS STREAK BY -- HERE BLURS OF BLUE-WHITE LIGHT. 54
 UP IN THE COCKPIT, HARTER'S EYES WERE GLUED TO THE AUXILIARY SCOPE. FORTY 55
 MILES PER HOUR. FIVE OF THE OBJECTS WERE RACING BEHIND THE BOMBER, CUTTING ACROSS 56
 IT. 57
 SUDDENLY THE OBJECTS SWERVED, RACING STRAIGHT FOR THE B-29. HARTER FREEZE. 58
 AT THEIR TERRIFIC SPEED THEY WOULD CLOSE THE GAP IN THREE SECONDS. 59
 BUT BEFORE HE COULD MOVE THE CONTROLS, AN INCREDIBLE THING HAPPENED. 60
 ABUTLY THE OUBURNING UFO'S SLOWED TO THE BOMBER'S SPEED. FOR TEN SECONDS 61
 THEY WERE ALL TOGETHER. 62
 THEN, SWIFTLY PICKING UP SPEED, THE UNKNOWN OBJECTS INSLIDED OFF TO ONE SIDE. 63
 AT THE SAME MOMENT HARTER CAUGHT SIGHT OF A HUGE BLIP -- A HALF-INCH SPOT ON 64
 THE SCOPE. AWAY, HE SAW THE MOST FANTASTIC THING OF ALL. 65
 STILL MOVING AT OVER 8,000 MILES AN HOUR, THE SMALLER OBJECTS MERGED WITH 66
 THE LARGER OBJECT. INSTANTLY, THE HUGE BLIP BEGAN TO ACCELERATE, MOVING 67
 PAST THE B-29. COLEMAN AND BAILEY BOTH SAID THIS TIME, 68
 A FEW MOMENTS LATER, COLEMAN AND VOICE CAME THROUGH THE INTERCOM. 69
 CAPTAIN, DID YOU SEE THAT? 70
 YES -- I SAW IT. SAID HARTER. 71
 YES CLOSER IF SAID COLEMAN. 72
 I BELIEVE IT. ALL RIGHT. HARTER SAID GRINNY. THAT'S JUST WHAT I 73
 FIGURED. 74

Another strange sighting occurred over the Gulf of Mexico as a B-29 bomber was returning to its base in Texas. It was just before dawn on December 6, 1952, less than 48 hours after Lieutenant Fogie's near collision at Laredo, Texas.

Approaching the end of a night practice flight to Florida, the B-29 was cruising in bright moonlight at 18,000 feet. At 5:24 a.m., the big bomber, piloted by Capt. John Harter, was 190 miles from Galveston and about 100 miles south of the Louisiana coast. A minute before, Harter had called the radar officer, Lt. Sid Coleman, and asked him to turn on the set, so he could check the coastline on the auxiliary scope in the cockpit.

At 5:25, Coleman was watching the main radarscope. The blip of some unknown object appeared at one edge of the screen. When the sweep made its next revolution,

Coleman jumped. In that brief moment, the unknown craft had gone 10 miles!

Another blip leaped onto the scope as the oncoming object streaked toward the B-29. For an instant, it seemed that they would meet head-on. Then Coleman saw their paths were diverging. He yelled for the flight engineer: "Help me track this thing!"

Before the blips faded, Coleman and the staff sergeant swiftly computed the unknown's speed. It was 5,240 miles an hour.

"That's impossible," snapped Harter. "Recalibrate the set."

By the time Coleman finished recalibrating, the blips of four UFO's were racing across his screen. "They're on all three scopes," said Coleman. "I've recalibrated. It's no malfunction."

Master Sergeant Bailey leaped to the right waist blister and peered out into the night. He saw a blue-lit object streak from front to rear. Moving so fast it was only a blue-white blur, the saucer vanished under the bomber's wing. The strange machine had hardly disappeared when another group of blips came into all three scopes. Like the other machines, the new group was making over 5,000 miles an hour. To make it worse, they were all coming from almost dead ahead. Though their course still diverged enough to miss the bomber by miles, the slightest change might have put the crew in instant peril. At those terrific speeds, they wouldn't have a prayer, and every man aboard knew it.

Six minutes after the first sighting, there was a sudden lull. The tense airmen were beginning to relax when a third group of blips flashed onto the scopes. The radar officer bent over the screen. Two of the UFO's were rocketing by on the right. "Unknowns at four o'clock," he bawled.

Staff Sergeant Ferris beat Bailey to the blister. He watched two machines streak by, mere blurs of blue-white light. Up in the cockpit, Harter's eyes were glued to the auxiliary scope. Forty miles away, five of the saucers were racing behind the bomber. Suddenly, the saucers swerved, headed straight for the B-29. Before Harter could move the controls, an incredible thing happened. The onrushing UFO's slowed to the bomber's speed. For 10 seconds, they kept pace. Then, swiftly picking up speed, the unknown machines pulled off to one side. At the same moment, Harter caught sight of a

huge blip—a half-inch spot on the scope. Amazed, he saw the most fantastic thing of all.

Still moving at more than 5,000 miles an hour, the smaller craft merged with the large machine. Instantly, the huge blip began to accelerate. It flashed across Harter's scope and was gone.

The meaning of what they had seen was inescapable. The discs had been launched from a huge mother ship for some type of reconnaissance mission. After the B-29 was sighted, one group had been diverted for a brief observation. Then, flying at 5,000 mph, they had been taken back aboard the mother ship. It was almost unbelievable. But the radar set had been working perfectly, and the visual confirmation, as Bailey and Ferris saw the machines flash by, was final, absolute proof. Three separate times, saucers had been seen exactly where the three radarscopes showed them.

Checking Coastline Returns

The ATIC summary, written by the pilot, follows:

"On the return leg from Florida to Galveston, Texas, training mission, natural-gas burnings from oil refineries on the Louisiana coast were noted. To check student navigator's celestial, I requested the student radar to turn on the scope, which had been off from 30 miles W of Tampa, and see if he could pick up the coast there on the 100-mile range. After the set was on for a sufficient time to warm up, I was given permission to turn up the brilliance on the aux. scope, and both student and I checked for coastline returns and found none. At this time, the set had not been calibrated. My attention then was attracted from the scope for a period of time. At 0525 CST, radar called for my attention to the scope, and I first noted small bright blips returns, approximately 4, with no specific grouping such as a radar beacon transmits. Azimuth stabilization was on. As the sweep rotated one revolution, the blips moved SE across the scope, more than one range marker.

"Radar stated at that time he had 50-mile range on, indicating a movement of 12-14 miles. With each successive revolution, the blips continued SE to a point 15-20 miles from the ship at a bearing of 70 deg. and then out of the scope. At 150 deg., radar gave the instructor flight engineer the time and distance, which was computed as over 5,000 mph. These groupings of blips occurred for about 5 minutes and speeds were recomputed. During this period, student navigator and instructor radio viewed the aux. scope and confirmed my observations. At this time, I called for radar to calibrate his set to eliminate any possibility of malfunction. He did this speedily, and when he scanned the scope once more, the blips reappeared moving SE across the scope. I called off two separate blips track and position in relation to the aircraft by the clock system over interphone of the ship, and as they passed at 3 o'clock, the instructor engineer visibly saw a blue-bright white flame go from front to rear under our wing. Contact was broken off at 0535 after a group of the blips merged into a 1/2-inch curved arc about 30 miles from our aircraft at 320 deg. and proceeded across the scope and off it at a computed speed of over 9,000 mph. At all times during the contact, the aircraft was level and stable, the weather was clear, not a cloud in the sky, and visibility was excellent. There was a full moon, giving excellent water reflection. The aircraft was flying long-range cruise at the time. Radar checked the blips at all scan tilt angles full up and down and didn't lose the blips until the scanning antenna was pointed down. One group of blips after the scope was calibrated were noted, after moving from 330 deg. to 150 deg. across the scope, to arc about and swing in behind us at approximately 30 miles and maintain speed and distance for approximately 10 seconds and then disappear."

A Cluster of Lights

The ATIC comment was, "All possibilities were checked for known aerial phenomena. The conclusion was: 'Unknown.'"

Saucers Fly On

Despite the somewhat frantic efforts of a small but vocal faction of our respected Air Force to debunk them; despite the Air Force's Charlie McCarthys and their well-publicized efforts to explain them away as mock suns or mirages—the flying saucers stubbornly refuse to say goodbye!

On Oct. 3, 1958, at 3:20 a. m. a group of four round neon-like objects, in an open V formation, swooped down upon a fast freight train, and played tag with it for well over an hour, observed by all the train crewmen and residents in nearby towns from Illinois to Indiana.

No weird, lunar fringe contacts with Martians or Venusians; no mythical rides in mythical saucers. Just good, honest, man-in-the-street observation!

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1587 Union Street
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March 16, 1959

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Office of Public Information
Department of the Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Please refer to my letter of January 25, 1959.

On January 28 I received News Release NO. 63-59 of January 22, this year, concerning the Air Force UFO Study. This is not, of course, an answer to my letter, in which I requested specific information, repeated as follows for your convenience:

"I would greatly appreciate the acquisition of the basic details concerning these two cases that were considered 'unknown.' I realize that Air Force policy requires deleting the names of witnesses and certain data considered classified pertaining to radar and aircraft. However, such data as the date, location, number of objects, and size and shape of the objects, would be quite satisfactory.

"Various papers in Indiana carried an extremely interesting UFO observation made in the early morning hours of October 3, 1958, by the crewmen of Freight #91 of the Monon Railroad. They reported seeing four disc-shaped objects in central Indiana that played 'tag' with their train for over an hour. What was the Air Force conclusion for this case?"

I would appreciate having a definite answer to my questions.

I am sending copies of this letter to certain members of Congress, including Senator Lyndon Johnson, whose attention has already been called to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Herbert L. Taylor

Herbert S. Taylor

Dear Mr Taylor -
This is to acknowledge your letter of 16 March 1959
concerning unidentified flying objects, particularly an observation
on 23 Oct 1958 of 13 objects in the area of the Monon Railroad
near Ellettsville, Indiana. As you know, no
record of this sighting. *Sincerely,*
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Larry- We have had no report, either official or unofficial, of the incident in Indiana.

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the dispatchers office in Lafayette, urged the train crew to be especially watchful between three and four where the train radio signals are monitored, and Bunker Hill has o'clock in the morning.

UFOs SERIOUS BUSINESS

(Excerpt from statement issued by the Defense Department, December 24, 1959)

Unidentified flying objects - sometimes treated lightly by the press and referred to as "flying saucers" - must be rapidly and accurately identified as serious USAF business in the Zone of Interior. As AFR 200-2 points out, the Air Force concern with these sightings is threefold: First of all, is the object a threat to the defense of the U.S.? Secondly, does it contribute to technical or scientific knowledge? And then there's inherent USAF responsibility to explain to the American people through public information media what is going on in their skies. The phenomena or actual objects comprising UFO's will tend to increase, with the public more aware of goings on in space but still inclined to some apprehension. Technical and defense considerations will continue to exist in this area. What is required is that every UFO sighting be investigated and reported to the Air Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson AFB and that explanation to the public be realistic and knowledgeable.

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Cecil Bridge, fireman on No. 91, was one of train crew who watched UFO's. He is a former Air Force man with 450 hours of heavy bomber time and knows what planes look like. "We see planes every night, lots of them," Bridge insists. "These were not airplanes!"

UFO BUZZES TRAIN

The Crew of Monon No. 91 had stargaze company on their way to Indianapolis—four companionable, curious UFO's.

By Frank Edwards

WITNESSES IN Danville, Ill., saw the things to the east as swiftly moving lights. They paused occasionally to dart away in a different direction.

Witnesses near Kokomo saw them as elliptical lighted objects that streaked in from the north at treetop level, hovered for a few sec-

onds and then darted away, single file, to the west.

The train crew on Monon south-bound freight Number 91 saw the UFO's best of all. For them it was a night to remember.

As usual Number 91 was en route from Monon, in north central Indiana, to Indianapolis. A few

about have touched edges so they must have been somewhere around 40 feet across the bottom."

In answer to a question Bridge said, "We had flashlights in the engine and in the caboose. Up on the head end of the train—in the engine where I was—we blinked our flashlights at the things and we waved the lights. We thought we might get them to come in closer. They did come down over the train a few minutes later, as Robinson told you, but, of course, I can't say they did it because we flashed the lights at them. At any rate they didn't flash any lights back at us."

Robinson said, "In the caboose we had a five cell sealed beam flashlight that throws a pretty good beam a long ways. When the things came down and flew right up the tracks behind the caboose, I grabbed that sealed beam flashlight and shined it on them. As soon as the light hit them they jumped sideways out of the beam. When they got back over the tracks I did it again and they scattered. They acted like they didn't care for that light at all."

"From the time Bridge first called us on the radio until the last time we saw them near Kirklín (about 38 miles northwest of Indianapolis) it was about an hour and 10 minutes altogether. They hung around the back end of the train but after we shined the light

on them they didn't come in close any more. While we were switching at Frankfort they stayed away back up the tracks, just hovered there, until we moved on. Then they followed us again. When they finally went away at Kirklín they just zipped off to the northeast and kept on going and we didn't see them anymore."

It was an astounding experience the train crew of Monon Number 91 had undergone during that hectic hour and 10 minutes as the freight lumbered across the Hoosier prairie. And it was important, too, in the annals of such things, for its duration and because the objects gave evidence of intelligent control by dodging away from the flashlight beams.

The television interview with Cecil Bridge and Edward Robinson got on the newswires that same night.

On the following day they, along with the other members of the train crew, were notified by Monon officials to keep quiet if they saw any similar objects in the future. Bunker Hill Air Force base near Kokomo, about 30 miles east of the scene of this sighting, had asked the railroad to contact the base at once should such objects again appear. According to officials of the Monon at Lafayette, the Bunker Hill AF base has installed a special line to

moments after three in the morning of October 3, 1958, the adventure began. . . .

In the cab of the diesel locomotive were three men—Harry Eckman, the engineer, Cecil Bridge, the fireman, and Morris Ott, the head brakeman. Cecil Bridge, a former Air Force man with 450 hours of heavy bomber time, tells the story:

"It was about 20 minutes after three in the morning—Friday morning, October 3rd. We had just pulled past a little spot called Wasco. There's no town there—just a kind of crossroads. It was there we first noticed the four lights in the sky ahead of us. They were moving like stars but we realized they weren't stars because they were moving—we could see that.

"They were moving in a sort of open V formation. By that I mean that there was no light at the forward point of the flight, just the two 'wings' with two lights in each 'wing'—angled off at about 45 degrees from each other. I must have spotted them first. After I had watched them for about 15 seconds I called them to the attention of the other men in the cab with me. The engineer was Harry Eckman, and our head brakeman was Morris Ott. They watched the lights, too.

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"I am familiar with planes and with their operations, both as a flier and an observer. We all are—all of us on the train. We see planes every night, lots of them. These things were not planes!

"About that time the lights veered west. They crossed the tracks ahead of the train—about a half a mile ahead of us, we estimated. They were moving pretty slowly, too, at not more than about 50 miles an hour. Four big, white, soft lights.

"Just the three of us in the engine—Mr. Eckman, the engineer, Morris Ott and I saw the lights at this time. We were pulling 56 cars—that's a little more than half a mile of cars—and because of the angle at which these things were approaching and because they were so low right then, the boys in the caboose probably couldn't see them.

"After the lights crossed the tracks in front of us they stopped and came back. This time they were headed east. They shot off toward the east and were gone a few minutes—out of sight—but when they came back and we all saw them again I turned on the microphone. We have radio between the engine and the caboose. I turned on the microphone and called the boys in the caboose and told them what we were watching.

"The conductor was Ed Robinson and the flagman was Paul Sos-

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son, both of Indianapolis. I talked to Robinson and told him what we had seen. During the time we watched these things, from Wasco to Kirklint, we did a lot of talking on that radio. The dispatcher in Lafayette could hear us, of course, but he never cut in. The boys in the caboose got the best look at the things, especially when they came right down over the whole train."

(The train crew decided not to report their unusual experience to the Air Force in order to avoid being subjected to ridicule. But Bridge and Robinson felt that the incident deserved to be made known so they consented to be interviewed on Friday night, October 3, over an Indianapolis television station.)

During the course of that interview Conductor Robinson said:

"I was sitting in the cupola, looking forward over the train when Bridge called me on the radio. I had already noticed the four gobs of light but I couldn't make out what they were. They were half a mile ahead of the caboose—the whole length of the train. A little bit after he called me the things went away and we didn't see them for a few minutes . . . then all of a sudden they came back.

"This time they came down over the train, a little way in back of the engine. They were coming toward the caboose. That is, they were going north and the train was

headed directly south.

"I'd say they were only a couple of hundred feet above the train as they came toward the caboose. And they weren't moving very fast—maybe 30 or 40 miles an hour. It was hard to tell—a fellow just doesn't notice details like that under the circumstances.

"The freight train is pretty noisy, of course, but I didn't hear any other noise, like the roar an airplane would have made. I think they were silent, or nearly silent, at least.

"They flew over us one after the other—big, round white things that looked about the color of fluorescent lights, kind of fuzzy around the edges. They didn't glare and they didn't light up things as they went over. They just came back toward us, over the top of the cars, one after the other. Then they went on down the tracks maybe another half a mile and seemed to stop.

"Me and Sosbey went out on the back platform where we could see them better. But they were getting pretty far behind us. We could see their lights but I don't remember whether they were bunched up or not. They were just there, we know that. We could see them behind us, right over the tracks.

"Then they swung off away from the tracks and went fast—very fast—to the east. When they picked up speed their light got a lot brighter.

They got real bright and white—like stars, but a lot bigger and moving very fast."

Cecil Bridge, observing the same objects from the engine describes what he and the engineer and head brakeman saw:

"When these things shot back over to the east of us they lit up much brighter than they were before. They turned in line, going north or northeast and we noticed that they lit up in sequence—the front one first, then number two, three and four. They changed course and came back past the train. They were going in the opposite direction to us when they made this pass. I guess they were at least a mile or two east of us when they did it."

"They lit up twice like I told you: first number one would light up, then number two and so on. They did that twice as they went past us travelling in the opposite direction. We noticed, too, that their color changed. When the first lit up they were bright white but when they slowed down the color changed to a kind of yellow, then to orange when they went real slow—a kind of dirty orange."

Robinson agreed with this description. He added:

"We didn't see them from the back end of the train for several minutes after they went away to the east and turned. But the boys

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in the engine were still seeing them. I got back on the radio with Bridge and he was watching them right then. They must have circled the train and gone north of us, real low, because the next time we saw them they came rushing up the tracks right in back of us. They were coming a lot faster this time—a lot faster than they had come back over the train the first time."

"They were just above the tree-tops along the right of way, and they had changed their way of flying—their formation. This time they were sort of flying on edge. Two of them were on edge—the two in the middle. The two on the outside were tilted at an angle both in the same direction. The four of them flew like that up the tracks behind the train—a tilted one on the east, two of them straight up and down, then the one on the west tilted just like the one on the east."

"When they first came back over the train we could see that they were round things—circular shaped on the bottom. Then when they flew up the tracks in back of us we could see—me and Sosbey—that they were about 40 feet in diameter and maybe 10 feet thick. The two that were flying straight up and down were just about over the edges of the right of way and about 200 yards in back of the caboose. If they had been flying flat down instead of edgewise they would just

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Dear Mr. Taylor:

This is to acknowledge your letter of 16 March 1959 concerning unidentified flying objects, particularly an Indiana sighting of 3 October 1958.

The United States Air Force has no record of this sighting.

Sincerely,

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From: District Intelligence Officer
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To: Director of Naval Intelligence.
Subject: Flying Objects - Unidentified.
Reference: (a) ONI Evaluation Slip (opNav-32-MNI-139) #1-15047
dtd 6 July 1949, same subj.
Enclosure: (A) Clipping from Los Angeles Times 30 August 1949
"U. S. Officers Report Seeing Flying Disks".

1. In view of reference (a) comment that "Any additional
info would be helpful", Enclosure (A) may be of interest.

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Los Angeles Times

U. S. OFFICERS REPORT SEEING FLYING DISKS - By Marvin Miles

White Sands Proving Ground, N.M., Aug. 29 -

Flying saucers--or at least mysterious flying "objects"--have been sighted by service personnel at this vital center of America's upper air research.

I talked with three men, two senior officers and an enlisted technician, who reported seeing strange objects in the sky, one as recently as last Friday during preparation for a high-altitude missile flight.

In all fairness, it must be pointed out that other officers and engineers at White Sands scoff at the reports and put them down to imagination, weather balloons, dual images in high-powered optical equipment, or possibly distant planes reflecting sunlight.

Experienced Observers - Yet the men who gave these reports presumably are familiar with such possibilities and well acquainted with the appearance of balloons and planes and the quixotic results of staring at a fixed point in the sky for long moments.

One officer believes, sincerely, that the objects seen are space ships and declared that a ballistic formula applied to one observation through a photo theodolite showed the "ship" was 35 to 40 miles high--an "egg-shaped" craft of fantastic size and traveling at incredible speeds of three to four miles a second!

The observer in this case, he said, was tracking a balloon into the upper air when the object swept across the balloon's path and cavorted for some 10 seconds--taking turns up to 22 times the force of gravity--before it disappeared. It had no visible means of propulsion.

Technician's Report - The enlisted technician reported seeing an object at 3:35 p.m., last June 14, as he was tracking the course of a V-2 test rocket in a 20-power elevation telescope, an instrument that can follow a missile to altitudes of 100 miles or more.

"I don't know what it was, but I had never seen anything like it before," he told me. "It seemed to be metallic, but I couldn't tell its size, its speed or its altitude. It would be impossible unless you knew one of the three factors."

He added he had informed his superiors of the incident and was told the next morning he had seen a "disk".

Weather Balloon? - A check of one officer elicited the response: "It was probably a weather balloon," but he declared the enlisted technician is considered "a reliable

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Last Friday's object was seen by a senior officer shortly after 11 a.m. and reported to the unit commander. The observer was preparing for a missile firing and scanning the skies through binoculars.

"I don't know what it was, but it came out of the north in a shallow dive and turned west. No, I wouldn't guess at speed or size."

He hastened to explain he is a "skeptic".

Proof for Skeptic - "Isn't seeing such a thing the best proof for a skeptic", he was asked.

"I should say it was," he smiled. "But I just saw something and reported it."

In all, some five reports have been made in the last six months, one officer said, with only one last year.

On one occasion, he told me, three of four officers saw a flying object with the naked eye, and at another time two smaller objects were observed to "chase" a test rocket. These may have been dual images on the telescopes, he said, although they were seen from several widely separated stations.

These reports tend to take the "flying saucer" question out of the realm of housewives' stories and the tales of air transport pilots. Still they have actually proved nothing--merely added to the mystery.

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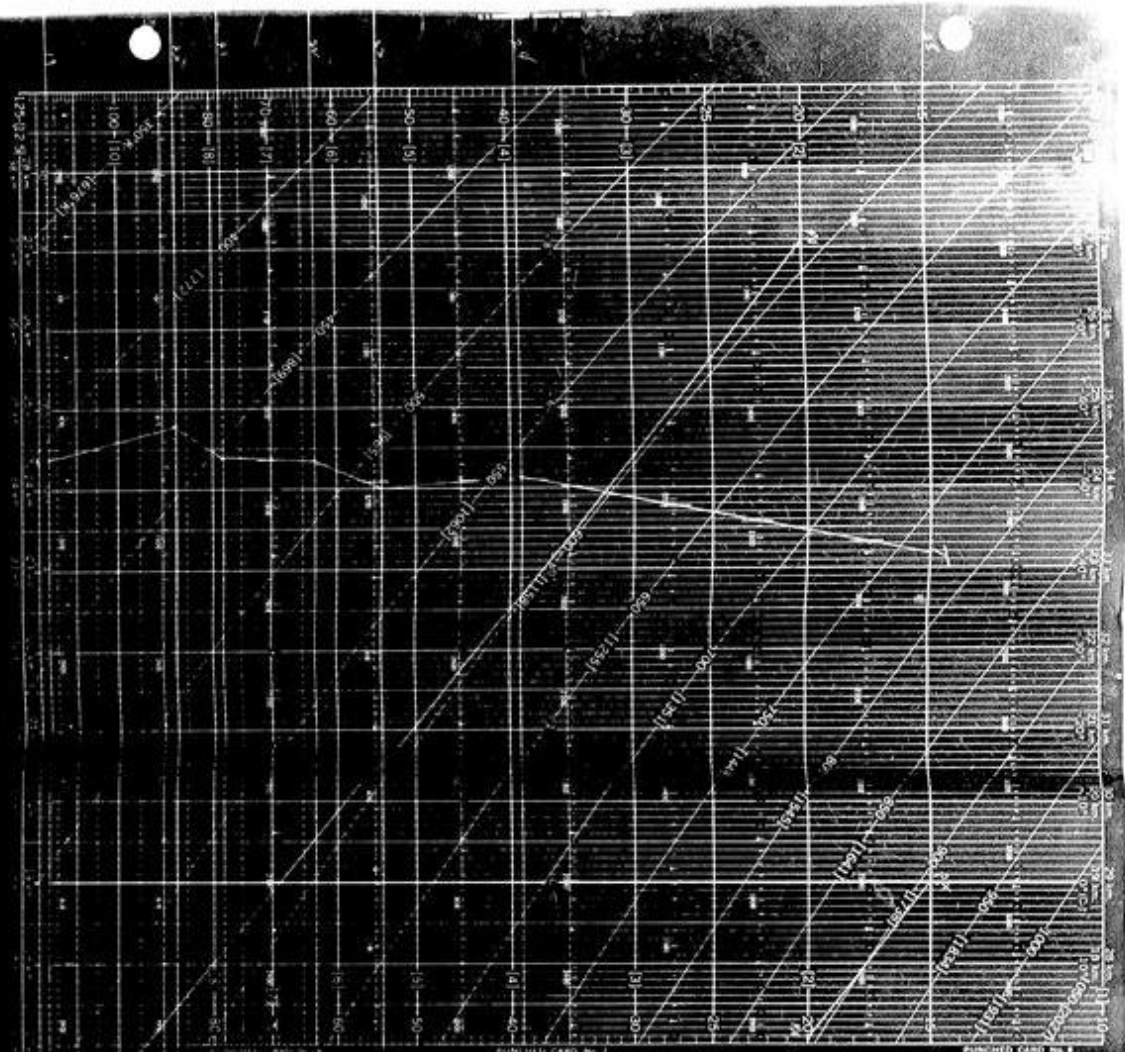
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SCIENTISTS WHO HAVE SEEN UFOs

Dr. H. Percy Wilkins, a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, and a top moon authority. (deceased - 1961)

Incident: June 11, 1954 - Dr. Wilkins was a passenger on a plane flying between Charleston, W. VA. & Atlanta, GA. They were flying at 8,000' when he saw two brilliant, oval-shaped objects hovering over two lofty cloud masses. He described them as sharp-edged with the color of burnished gold, at a distance estimated at 2 miles. A third UFO was seen in the shade of the cloud, and its color was gray. The two UFOs started moving against the wind, the third following in a wide arc. All three vanished into the thick cloud. Duration: 2 minutes. - Dr. Wilkins.

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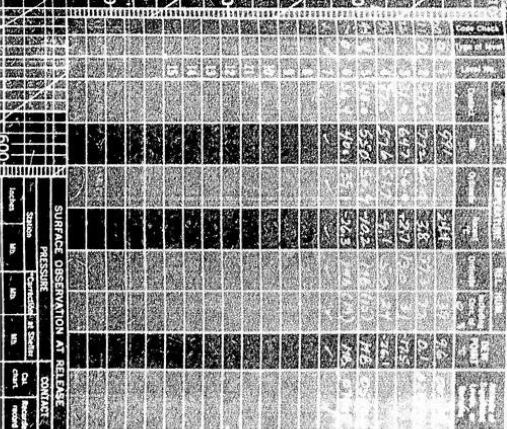
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4-5 July 1961

NORTHERN OHIO - 4 & 5 July 1961: At 10:15 p.m., on July Fourth, Ernie Stadvec, owner-operator of Stadvec Aviation, Inc., Akron, was flying between Akron and Cleveland with two passengers, when he saw a greenish object come from about one o'clock high on a collision course with his plane. It stopped, then went 330 degrees azimuth (NNW) and stopped again, before shooting straight up and disappearing.

The next night, about the same time, he again saw the greenish object. This time he said it came straight down, then went off to the north-northwest, not repeating the erratic movements of the night before.

Major Robert Friend, of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, said he believed that the pilot saw an "atmospheric refraction of the (first magnitude) star Capella." This theory seems unlikely.

The clipping we have (sent to us by a Cincinnati CUFOR member) doesn't say whether Stadvec was flying toward Cleveland or Akron, so we'll study it both ways. If he was going toward Cleveland, one o'clock would be just about due north. Therefore, we have a star coming down from a high elevation in the north, stopping, then moving toward the north-northwest, stopping again, then disappearing upward.

If he was going toward Akron, one o'clock would be due south, producing similarly unlikely antics for a first magnitude star to perform.

POSTSCRIPT: Just as we were about to close out this issue, we received a good deal of data about the July Fourth sighting (page 3). Among the items of interest a 17-year old girl in Westlake, Ohio reported seeing a red-orange object at 10:10 pm; An object was picked up on radar at the Cleveland Hopkins Airport tower at about the same time as Stadvec saw the greenish object.

The most important item was a statement given to the UFO Research Committee (which sent the data to us) by Mr. Stadvec in which he repudiated the Air Force theory that he saw a star.

"Why didn't this Air Force man (Maj. Friend) take the time to investigate further before making any statement at all?" He continued, "His supposition that (we) saw a refraction of the star Capella was strictly a grabbing for 'straws' deal."

"Over the years I have seen many falling stars and other phenomena associated with atmospheric conditions as well. What we saw was not an astronomical or meteorological phenomena. The object we saw dived at us on a collision course to the extent that I actually called out to my passengers that the object was going to ram us. After the object came at us it reversed course and climbed rapidly into a clear night sky."

Information from phone conversation with Mr JOHN GIEB of Cleveland-Hopkins Airport.

At about 1430 10, July, 1961 Mr John Gieb, Supervisor of Operations at Cleveland-Hopkins Airport was contacted at CL 2-1774 concerning an object sighted by Mr Ernie Stadvec. Mr Gieb stated that Mr Stadvec did not report the sighting to the airport. He further stated that he received a call from a newspaperman who first established to whom he was talking. He was then asked if he knew Mr. Stadvec and Mr Gieb replied in the affirmative. He stated that he knew Mr. Stadvec flew out of the airport. The newsman then asked if the tower had seen anything and Mr Gieb didn't know but offered to check. He called the tower and they reported that a light had flashed across the sky like a falling star. Mr Gieb passed this on to the newsman and was asked if anything had been picked up on Radar. He replied that he didn't know, adding that he doubted it. Mr Gieb flatly stated that he did not see anything, nor did he receive a report of anything. He further stated that he had talked to Mr Stadvec on the 7th or 8th of July and Mr Stadvec did not mention the sighting.

Weather Report from Pittsburg Weather Station AMhurst 4-0310

Lapse Rates 3 July 1900
Surface to 10,000 Normal
10,000 -1 deg C
10,500 ~~1~~ deg C
From 10,500 up Normal

4 July 1961
7,800 to 8,100 Warmed up from ~~3~~ deg C to ~~4~~ deg C
Other altitudes Normal

5 July, 1961 Normal all altitudes.

6 July 1961
7,800 to 8,100 Warmed up from ~~3~~ deg C to ~~4~~ deg C.

7 July 1961
Isothermal from 9,600 to 9,700. Inversion present at 16,800 to 17,000

Weather report from Cleveland by Weather Bureau.

3 July 2000 EST. 4,000 scattered, high scattered 15 mi Vis MB 122, 6852 DP, winds WNW 13 Kts altimeter 2989. Towering Cumulus to North.
2100 EST. 4,000 scattered, 15 mi Vis MB 132, 6555 DP, Winds NW 12 Kts Altimeter 992

4 July 1961 2000EST. High scattered, 15 mi Vis MB 180, 6050DP, Winds ENE 5kts Altimeter 005
2100 EST. High scattered, 15 mi Vis, MB 183, 5950DP, Winds ENE 5 kts. Altimeter 006.

5 July 1961 2000EST. 4,000 scattered, high scattered, Vis 10 mi, MB 186, 6654DP, Winds N at 8 kts, altimeter setting 007
2100EST, 4,000 sc, high scattered, 8 mi Vis, MB 196, 6354DP, Winds N at 6 Kts, Altimeter 009

Weather Information Continued from Cleveland.

6 July, 1961 2000EST 4,000 scattered high scattered, 12 mi Vis, MB 190,
6647DP, Winds WNW at 6 kts, alt 008.
2100EST. High scattered, 12 mi Vis, MB 193, 6647DP, Winds NE at 5 kts,
Altimeter 009.

7 July, 1961 2000EST 4,000 scattered, high scattered, 10 mi Vis, MB 173,
6152DP, Winds NNE at 11 Kts, alt 003.
2100 EST 4,000 scattered, high scattered, 10 mi Vis, MB 176, 6052DP,
Winds N at 11 Kts, Alt 3004

POPOVICH

Additional Notes: Thursday night shortly after 10PM Mr George ~~Popovich~~ and Mr Stadvec went up to look for the object at the advice of Major Friedl. They were informed as to the time and location that the object would appear. They went up at 1020 PM and reported no sighting. Mr Popovich was the passenger on the second flight that Mr Stadvec made. (Sighting on 5 July). Subsequent to the third flight (Thursday 10 July) no additional information was given to the press by these gentlemen. They reported that they had not observed the phenomena, however it seems logical that they would have made much ado had the Air Force been "wrong", especially in view of Mr. Popovich concern with the UFO Program.

PROBABLY CAPELLA -

ERNIE STADUEC REPUBLIC - 3-6241

PILOT - STADUEC AVIATION COMPANY

(MR STADUEC CHECKING FOR OBJECT
ON 7 JULY 1961).

4 JULY 1961

5000' ALT. N.W. HEADING 335°

HAZE --- 8000 10-12 MILES VIZ.

1 O'CLOCK HIGH.

2215

APPEARED TO COME TOWARD. AT HIGH SPEED.
GREEN WITH WHITE AROUND EDGE.

AIRCRAFT SPEED 80 MPH

5 JULY 1961

SAME EXPERIENCE.

4,500'

12 MILES S.E. CLEVELAND.

HAZE 7000

10-12 MILES VIZ.

CLEV - HOPKINS TOWER REPORTED AN
OBJECT TO NW.

OBJECT APPEARED TO COME TOWARD
AT HIGH SPEEDS THEN RECEDED AND
CLIMBED AWAY.

AIRCRAFT SPEED 100 MPH.

WITNESS INDICATED THAT HE HAD
SIMILAR EXPERIENCE DURING WAR WITH
FIRE BALL.

WHEN CLOSING OBJECT APPEARED TO
GROW LARGER.

OBJECT DISAPPEARED - LIKE A
LIGHT GOING OUT. -

MOVING TOWARD HORIZON (DOWN)
UNTIL IT DISAPPEARED -

SIZE. - LIKE A WING TIP LIGHT
AT ONE MILE, BUT GREATER INTENSITY.

COLOR BECAME A PALE GREEN
WITH DISTANCE.

DURATION - 4-5 SEC FIRST NIGHT
6 SEC SECOND NIGHT.

RICHARD SWAIN - STUDENT PILOT

CLOYE SKEGTON - PRIVATE PILOT.

HARLOW BOWERS - STUDENT PILOT

101 Long Lake Blvd.
Akron 19, Ohio
October 6, 1961

7 JUL 61
OHIO

Dear Major Coleman:

I wrote you three months ago in regard to the sighting of 7 July over the Akron area by pilot Ernie Stadvec and others. I received your letter, dated 18 July, stating that "This investigation...cannot be concluded until complete data is received- a period of at least three weeks from now."

Would you please send me the conclusion that ATIC has reached concerning this sighting.

Also, would you please send me the latest News Release, Fact Sheet, Air Force UFO Report. Thank you.

Yours truly,
Tom Keifer
Tom Keifer

*Atmospheric refraction of a star -
probably Alpha Auriga (Capella) -
#1111*

10 October 1961

Dear Mr. Keifer:

I have your letter of October 6th concerning the Akron sighting of July 7th.

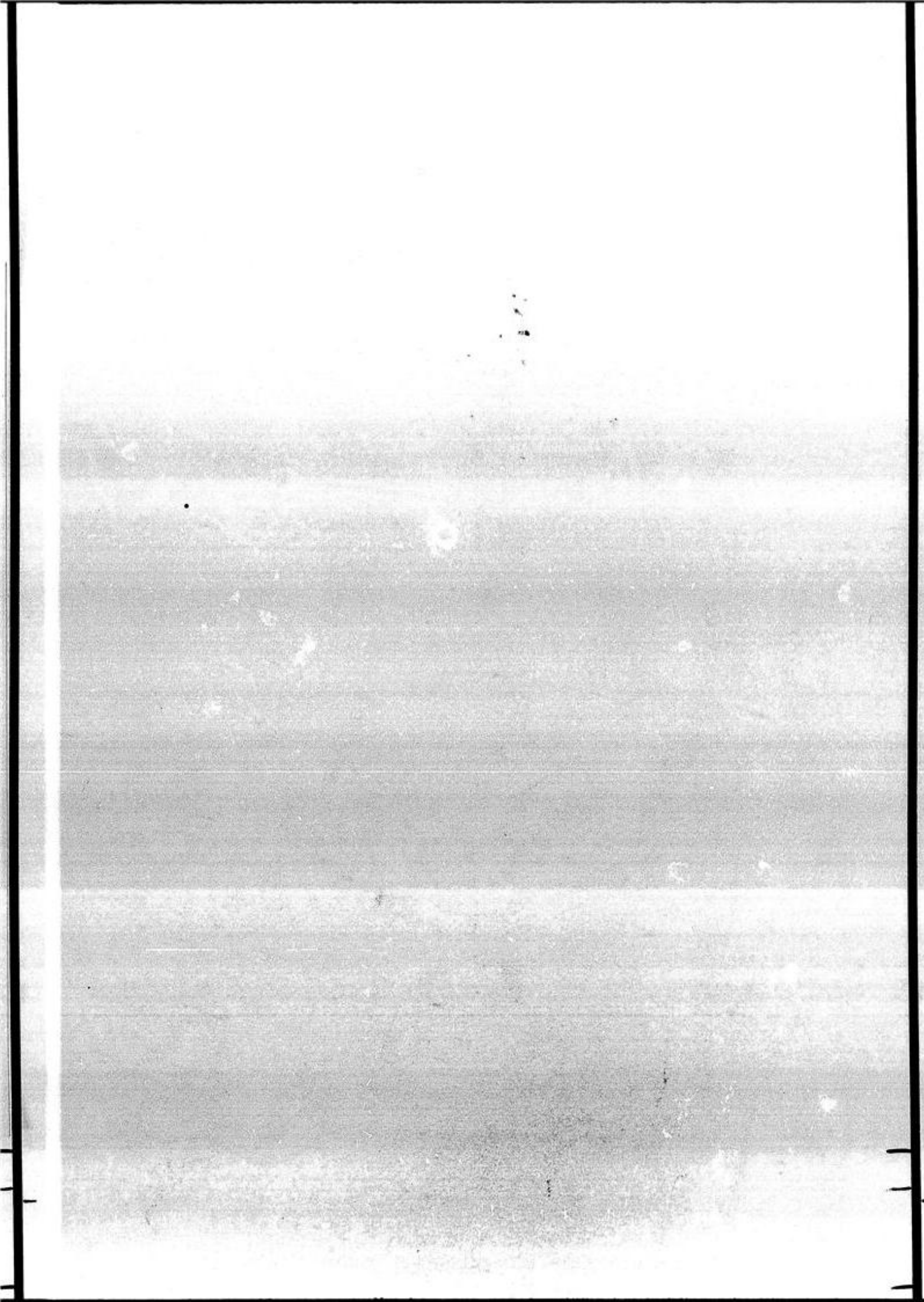
The conclusion on this case was that Mr. Stedec and others probably witnessed an atmospheric refraction of the star Alpha Auriga (Capella). About a month ago I was returning from St. Louis in a two seater jet at night, flying at 29,000 feet. In the rear seat I had a veteran pilot (jet) who has logged several thousand hours. The time of our flight coincided with the rise of Capella as we were passing over central Ohio. I asked this pilot to look at the object near the horizon (Capella) without telling him what it was, and to voice a description of it for the next few minutes. He was somewhat excited as we watched the various apparent changes in light and position (apparent perturbation) of the star. At about the time he was convinced it was a moving object (it appeared to come toward us -- would disappear and reappear) I told him what it was. On the ground later, we looked at the star, now much higher above the horizon. Alpha Auriga is often the culprit in astronomical sightings.

I hope this information is helpful. The latest fact sheet (Jan 61) is enclosed.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM T. COLEMAN, JR.
Major, USAF
UFO Project Officer
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. Tom Keifer
101 Long Lake Blvd.
Akron 19, Ohio



July 10, 1961
101 Long Lake Blvd.
Akron 19, Ohio

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2 June 1961

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AFSC Technical Officer
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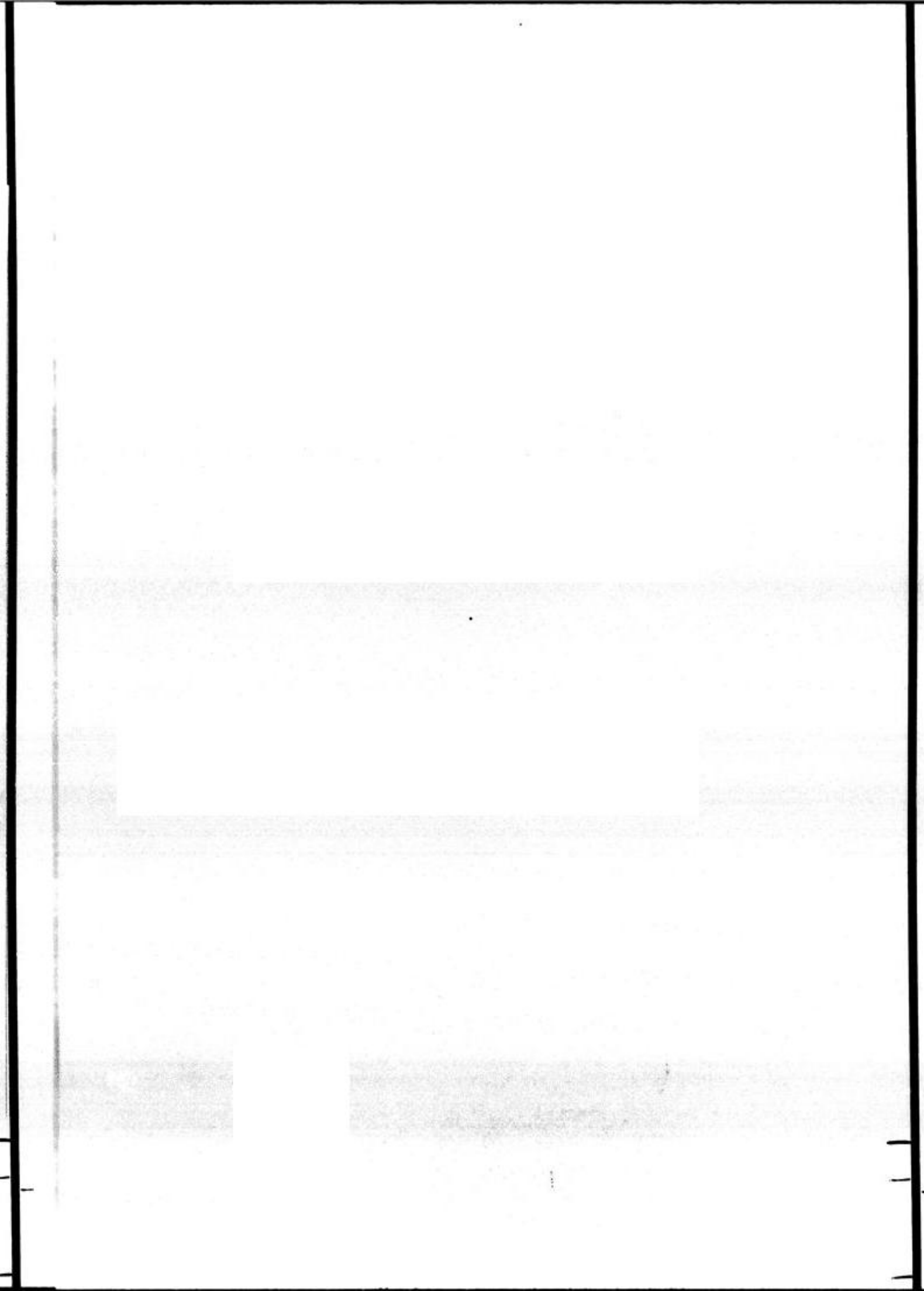
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Over City Two Nights

Akron Flier Sights
Mystery Object

A veteran Akron flyer has reported spotting an unidentified flying object on successive nights over Akron this week.

Ernie Stadvec, operator of Stadvec Aviation Inc. and a former World War II B-29 pilot, described "a brilliant green and white object" which he saw as he flew over North-

west Akron Tuesday and Wednesday nights. He said a flight Thursday night "to see if I could get another look at whatever it was" turned up nothing.

Sunday, July 16, 1961

Ernie Is
Sure
He Saw
'Object'

By HELEN WATERHOUSE

Ernie Stadvec, operator of Stadvec Aviation, Inc., declared vehemently he wasn't just "seeing stars" as some are trying to make out. But he also wishes he had never spotted that unidentified flying object the other night.

"I've had hundreds of calls since and they've taken a lot of time," Stadvec reports. "But the worst is the men down at the Wright Patterson Air Force base, as usual, tried to make us look ridiculous for reporting such a phenomena."

"Maj. Robert Fried, head of the U. S. Unidentified Flying Object Project at the Dayton field who called us three times that day decided it was the reflection or 'refractor' from the star 'Capella'."

"But five people, including myself, saw this object and even the Cleveland radar tower reported it on its radar screen. We all know it didn't behave like any falling star. It first came right at us as we were flying around making a radio broadcast—and we saw it climb. Whoever heard of a falling star climbing?"

HERE IS the way the sightings were described:

"Tuesday night, about 10:15, I was flying with two other Akron men at about 5,000 feet," said Stadvec. "At about one o'clock we spotted this brilliant green and white light suspended in the air off to our right."

"Suddenly whatever it was dived toward us and I thought it was going to hit us. But it stopped just as suddenly, made a 180-degree turn and climbed out of our vision into a haze layer."

Stadvec said he first thought it was a jet, but later decided it "couldn't have been."

THE NEXT night, flying about 4,500 feet, Stadvec said, he saw the same greenish light while he was heading toward Cleveland Hopkins Airport.

"This time the object began climbing and sped off," he said. "The Cleveland Control Tower reported it also had seen the light, but could offer no explanation what it was."

Stadvec said he had seen the same sort of greenish light while flying over Japan during World War II.

He said that the next night the same thing happened, only the greenish object did not perform erratically. He said it came straight down, stopped, went off to the northwest again. Stadvec reported he had two passengers aboard, who also spotted the object.

Akron Flier Tells of Strange
Bright Green Light in Air

Plain Dealer Bureau

AKRON, O.—Ernie Stadvec, owner of a small fleet of airplanes here, yesterday said he saw an unidentified flying object on Tuesday and Wednesday nights while on flights in the Akron-Cleveland area.

The former World War II bomber pilot, operator of Stadvec Aviation Inc., said that while he and two other Akron men were flying over northwest Akron they spotted a brilliant green and white light suspended on his right.

The light approached them, he said, and then broke off into a 180-degree turn into a haze layer.

Stadvec said he spotted a similar light Wednesday night while approaching Cleveland Hopkins Airport. The light began climbing and sped off, he said.

Object on Radar

An object that behaved like a falling star showed up at about the same time Wednesday on radar screens at the Cleveland Hopkins Airport tower, according to Operations Supervisor John M. Gieb.

He said the object flared up on the screen and faded out in a matter of minutes.

The Unidentified Flying Object report unit, 6172 Wilson Mills Road, Richmond Heights, had an unconfirmed report of an orange-red object sighted over Westlake at 10:10 p.m. Wednesday.

Fred H. Sylvanus of the UFO unit said the report was phoned in by a 17-year-old Westlake girl.

Stadvec said he was giving a flying weather report for Radio Station WAKR Tuesday night, flying at about 4,500 feet,

when a green light appeared from the northwest.

"At first I thought it was some kids shooting off high-powered rockets," he said.

"Then I thought it might be a winglight on a jet."

"It came at us at a terrific speed, then veered off at a 180-degree angle and disappeared into a haze layer."

"I called the control tower at Hopkins."

"It was diving at a 1 o'clock position and I was afraid of a collision."

"I knew it wasn't a winglight because the way it was coming at us would have put it on the wrong side and it became too large for a winglight."

"It flattened out at about 10,000 feet."

"I would say it came within three-quarters or a half-mile of us."

Two With Him

With him were Charles Richard Swain, an Akron truck driver, and Clyda Skelton, an employee of WAKR.

Skelton said he saw the object and his first impression was that it was fireworks.

"It appeared to get relatively close but because we couldn't see what its total size was, you can't tell," Skelton said. "Its rate of closure was extremely fast."

"It was a very brilliant green. I have no idea at all what it might have been."

"If it was a high-speed jet, it must have been extremely close. But if it was farther away, no jet I know of could have moved that fast."

Air Force Probes
'Saucer' Reports
From Near AkronA-8, Remington-Union
Sunday, July 9, 1961

(Cleveland Star View) Dayton, July 8.—The Air Force is checking out to sightings of unidentified flying objects (UFO) made by Ernie Stadvec, owner-operator of Stadvec Aviation Inc. at Akron.

Stadvec reported he sighted the first UFO at 10:15 p.m. on July 4 while flying at about 4,000 feet between Cleveland and Akron. He made the second sighting the following night about the same time.

Maj. Robert Fried of the foreign technologies division at Wright-Patterson Air Force base here, said he believed what Stadvec saw was "atmospheric refraction of the star Capella," a star of the first magnitude.

Stadvec reported he spotted a greenish object that came down from about 1 o'clock high on a collision course with his plane. He said it then stopped and went 330 degrees azimuth to the northwest and stopped again before shooting straight upward and disappearing.

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Unidentified Flying Objects Research Committee

P. O. Box 5242

AKRON 13, OHIO

SUNDAY JULY 9, 1961

THIS IS MY STATEMENT IN REPLY TO THE STATEMENT RELEASED BY MAJOR R. FRIEND OF THE UFO PROJECT AT WRIGHT-PATTERSON FIELD.

MY FIRST REACTION UPON HEARING THE STATEMENT MADE BY A MAN WITH A RATHER SKETCHY KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED WAS, "WHO ARE THEY TRYING TO KID?" WHY DIDN'T THIS AIR FORCE MAN TAKE THE TIME TO INVESTIGATE FURTHER BEFORE MAKING ANY STATEMENT AT ALL?

HIS SUPPOSITION THAT MYSELF AND TWO OTHER PILOTS ON THE FIRST NITE AND ONE OTHER ON THE SECOND NIGHT SAW A REFRACTION OF THE STAR CAPPELLA WAS STRICTLY A GRABBING FOR "STRAWS" DEAL.

I HAVE BEEN FLYING SINCE 1942 BOTH DAY AND NIGHT AND CURRENTLY OWN AND OPERATE A FLYING BUSINESS THAT REQUIRES US TO FLY DAY OR NIGHT IN ALL TYPES OF WEATHER.

OVER THE YEARS I HAVE SEEN MANY FALLING STARS AND OTHER PHENOMENA ASSOCIATED WITH ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS AS WELL. WHAT WE SAW WAS NOT AN ASTRO'OMICAL OR METEOROLOGICAL PHENOMENA. THE OBJECT WE SAW DIVED AT US ON A COLLISION COURSE TO THE EXTENT THAT I ACTUALLY CALLED OUT TO MY PASSENGERS THAT THE OBJECT WAS GOING TO RAM US. AFTER THE OBJECT CAME AT US IT REVERSED COURSE AND CLIMBED RAPIDLY INTO A CLEAR NIGHT SKY. THIS HAPPENED AGAIN THE NEXT NIGHT WHEN THE OBJECT FLASHED UP FROM IN FRONT OF US AND AGAIN CLIMBED INTO A CLEAR SKY. IN BOTH INSTANCES; THE OBJECT CLIMBED AT TREMENDOUS SPEEDS, LEVELLED OFF AND DISAPPEARED TO THE NORTHWEST

I WILL END MY STATEMENT TO WIT--THAT I HAVE NEVER SEEN A STAR CLIMB AND MANUEVER AND I DOUBT THAT ANYONE ELSE HAS EITHER. THE OBJECT WE SAW WAS NO STAR NOR WAS IT A REFRACTION.

Paul H. Anderson

6 SECONDS

OBSERVATION DURATION 4-5 SECONDS

TWO CLOSE SIGHTINGS BY OHIO PILOT: On July 4th and again on July 5th, the owner of a small fleet of airplanes in Akron, Ohio, saw a UFO while on flights in the Akron-Cleveland area. Ernie Stadvec, who is a former World War II bomber pilot, said that he was flying with two other Akron men over the northwest section of that city, when they spotted a brilliant green and white light suspended at the right of the plane. The object came toward his plane on a collision course, and then stopped, made a violent turn to the northwest, stopped again, and finally shot upward and disappeared. The next night Stadvec saw a similar object which began climbing and sped off.

An object that behaved like a falling star showed up at about the same time on July 5th on radar screens at the Cleveland Hopkins Airport tower, according to Operations Supervisor John M. Gieb. He said that the UFO flared up on the screen and faded out in a matter of seconds.

Stadvec stated that the object he saw on the night of the 4th came to within a half mile or so of his plane, and that it was moving much faster than a jet. Major Robert Friend, who is chief of the UFO investigation at Wright-Patterson Field in Dayton, said that he believes what Stadvec saw was "atmospheric refraction of the star Capella," a star of the first magnitude. However, in a statement to the U.F.O. Research Committee, a private cancer investigation group in Akron, Stadvec disagreed sharply with Major Friend's explanation of the sightings. Said Stadvec: "Friend's supposition that myself and two other pilots on the first night and one other on the second night saw a refraction of a star, was strictly a 'grabbing for straws' deal.....I have been flying since 1942.....and over the years I have seen many falling stars and other phenomena associated with atmospheric conditions. What we saw was not an astronomical or meteorological phenomenon. The object (on the first night) dived at us on a collision course to the extent that I actually called out to my passengers that the thing was going to ram us....I have never seen a star climb and maneuver and I doubt that anyone else has either...."

July 4, Amherst, O. Confirmation of greenish-glowing UFO which former AF bomber-pilot Ernest Stadvec reported diving at his plane.

EX-AF PILOT HITS UFO 'EXPLANATION'

Former AF bomber pilot Ernest Stadvec, now owner of an Akron flying service, has denounced the Air Force's hurried attempt to explain away his recent encounter with a UFO.

On the night of July 4, 1961, Stadvec was flying with two other pilots near Akron when a brilliantly glowing object dived at their plane.

"I thought it was going to rain us," Stadvec reported later. He said that the strange object stopped suddenly and climbed away at tremendous speed.

On the following night, Stadvec sighted a similar flying device while approaching Cleveland Hopkins Airport. When he called the airport tower he was told that they too were watching the unknown object, which was clearly visible because of its greenish glow. Tower operators had no explanation as to what it was.

Later, the airport Operations Supervisor, John N. Gieb, told the press that the object also had been tracked by airport radar operators. He said it flared up on the radarscope, then disappeared in a few minutes -- at the same time that Stadvec reported the UFO was streaking up out of sight.

The first public reports of the UFO sightings and tracking did not appear until the evening of July 7. Without even calling Stadvec or Cleveland Airport to check the facts, the AF rushed out an answer, releasing it through Major Robert Friend, chief of the AF UFO Project Blue Book, at Wright-Patterson AFB.

Avoiding any mention of the airport radar and visual confirmation, and the UFO's close approach as described by the other pilots, Major Friend said Stadvec evidently had been misled by the star Capella. Atmospheric refraction, he stated, probably caused the star's unusual appearance. The Project chief admitted he had no weather data to back up this explanation. Despite this, the Capella answer was immediately released by the AF for national publication.

Stadvec, a B-29 bomber pilot in World War II, bluntly labeled the AF answer as "grabbing for straws." He added: "I have been flying since 1942, and I operate a flying business that requires us to fly day and night in all types of weather. Over the years I have seen many falling stars and other atmospheric phenomena. The object we saw was no star or refraction."

The other pilots fully agreed with Stadvec. They confirmed that the UFO had dived at the plane while it was in level flight at 4,000 feet, that it had abruptly reversed course and climbed away at terrific speed. Summing up the facts in a statement relayed to several Congressmen and the UFO Subcommittee, Stadvec sharply criticized the answer given the press by the Project Blue Book chief.

"Why didn't he take the time to investigate before making any statement at all?" Stadvec demanded.

NICAP notes: Major Friend was obeying orders. It is now official AF policy to rush out an explanation for any UFO sighting which is reported by the press. The obvious purpose is to kill off press and public interest regardless of the facts and without checking reports -- even those by highly-trained, competent observers. More than once, in these hasty releases, the AF has avoided mention of confirmation by radar or by groups of skilled observers. Instead, it has given the impression that the UFO report was a simple mistake by a lone witness, as in the Stadvec case.

The Stadvec statement was secured by the Akron UFO Research Committee, which is working closely with NICAP. We are grateful for the Committee's cooperation.

THE DAYTON DAILY NEWS

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allowing the teacher to evaluate the student's progress
without testing him. Some electronic devices allow the stu-
dent to skip questions if his answers show sufficient knowl-
edge; they may also tell him if he takes too long in
answering.

No school system is making regular full use of this pro-
grammed instruction. But experiments are mushrooming. Here
in Dayton, Miami-Jacobs Junior College of Business offers six
machine courses. The University of Dayton uses an Air Force-
owned teaching machine in its psychological research.

EDUCATORS AGREE that teaching machines cannot truly
educate in the sense of stimulating creativity and of teaching
values and attitudes. Experiments have shown, however, that
the machines can be effective in allowing the student to pro-
gress rapidly through a subject.

The devices require active participation on the part of
the learner and provide prompt reinforcement of learning,
another advantage claimed by proponents.

In one experiment, students whizzed through a year's plane
geometry course in three months.

In another math course that usually took two months by
conventional methods, students learned the subject in from six
to 14 hours, working one hour each day.

A spelling course that normally took 34 weeks, took only
22 weeks when given to second and sixth graders on a teaching
machine.

9 JULY 1961 THE DAYTON DAILY NEWS

PROBABLY STARLIGHT

Greenish Object Reported In Akron, Checked by AF

Remember flying saucers? Well, the Foreign Technologies division of the Air Technical Intelligence center here is checking out two sightings of unidentified flying objects made last week by an Akron man.

Investigating officers think that what Ernie Stadvec, owner-operator of a flying service, saw was the refraction of a star. But they won't be sure until they get detailed weather data from Akron—probably by Wednesday.

STADVEC said he sighted the first UFO at 10:15 p.m. on July 4 while flying at about 4,000 feet between Cleveland and Akron. He made the second sighting the next night about the same time.

Maj. Robert Friend, of the Technologies division at Wright-Patterson Air Force base, said he thinks Stadvec saw the atmospheric refraction of the first magnitude star Capella.

"EVERYTHING in his report points to this," Friend said. "The direction, the hour and everything else."

Friend added that the description fits other reports of atmospheric refraction made in the past.

STADVEC said both times he spotted a greenish object that came down from about 1 o'clock high on a collision course with his plane. He added that it stopped, moved to the north-west and stopped again before

shooting straight upward and disappearing.

Stadvec, a World War II pilot, said he could not identify the object.

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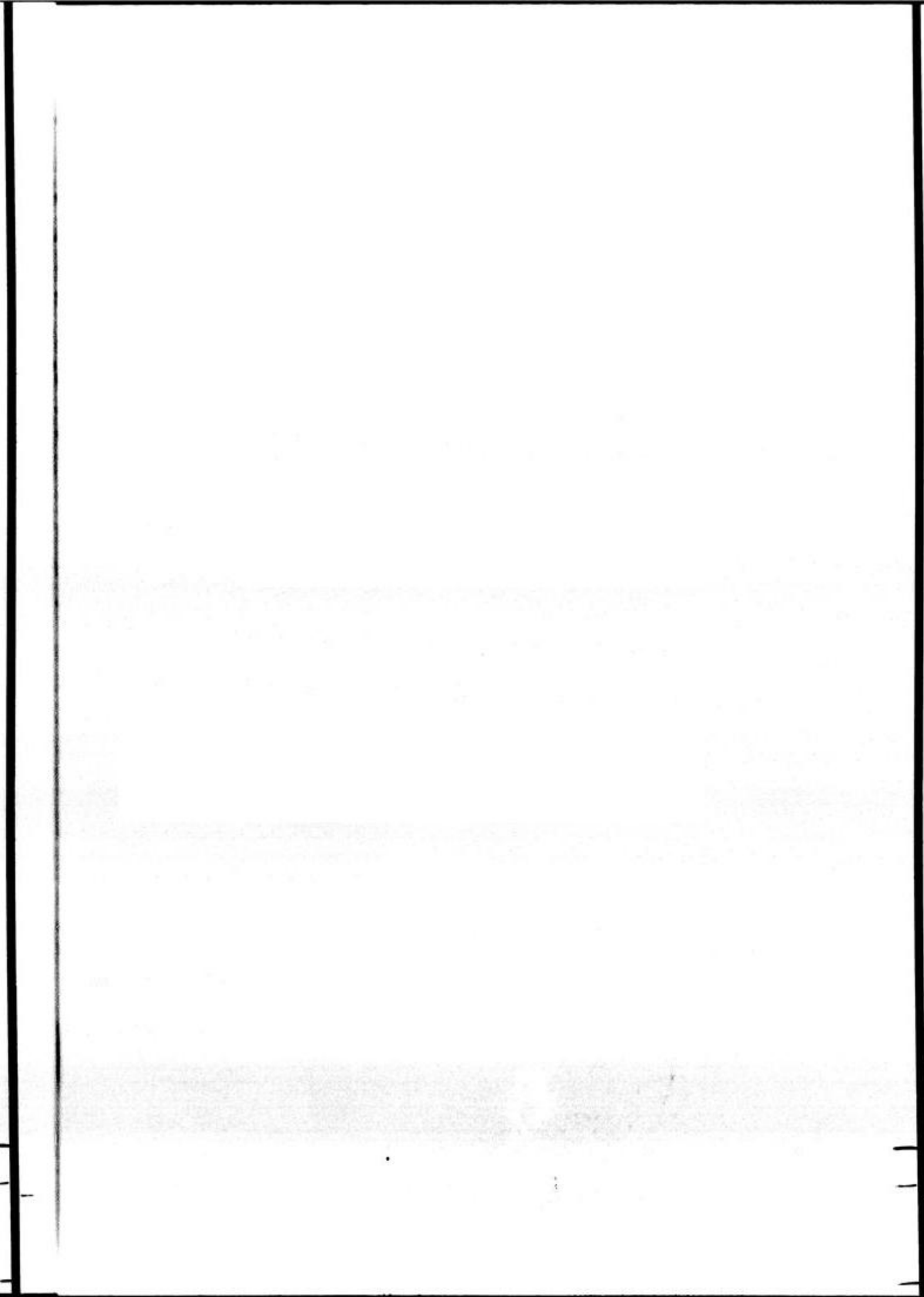
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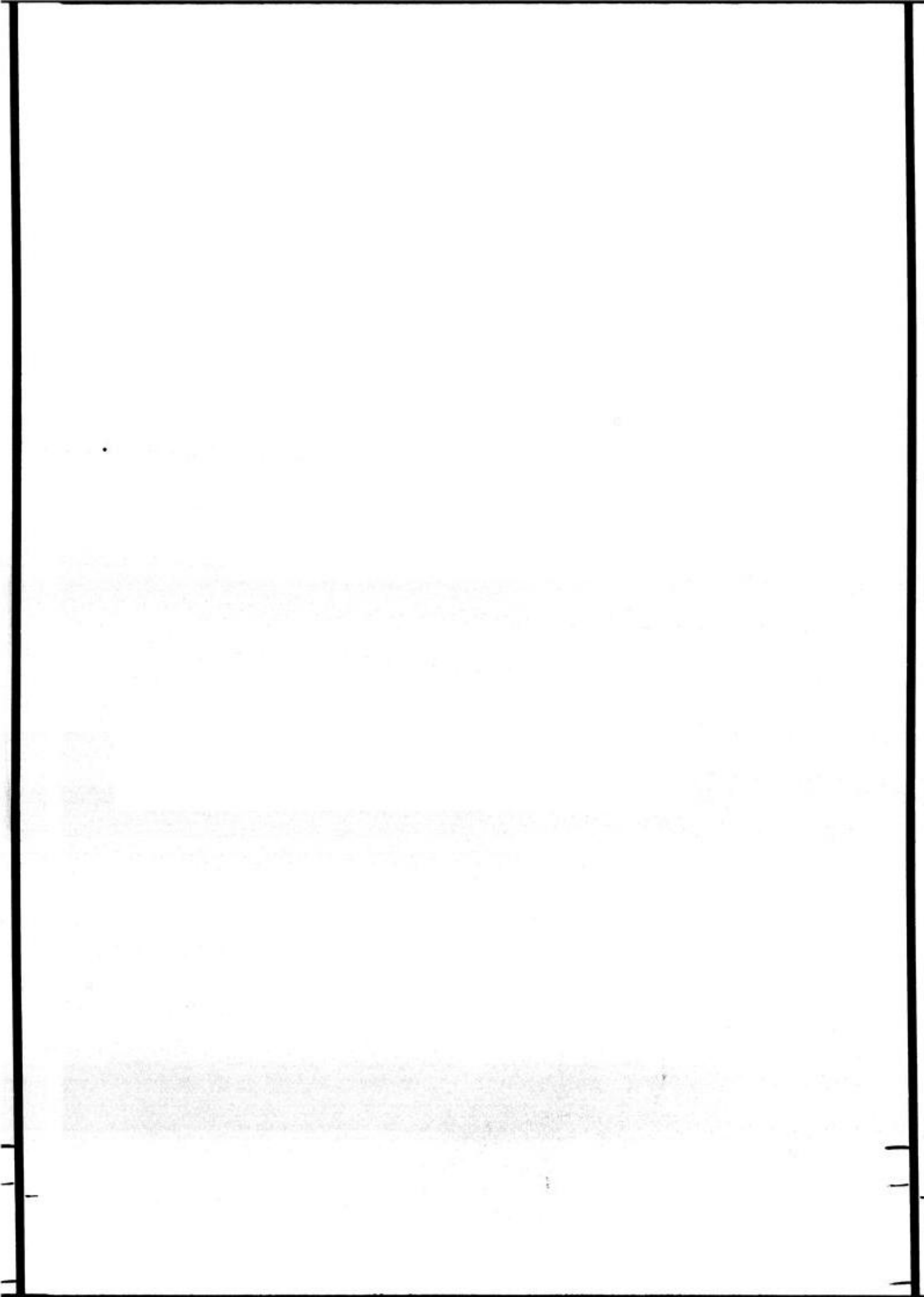
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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 4 Jul 61	2. LOCATION Cleveland, Ohio		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical <i>CAPELLA</i> ☒ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1015 PM 2215 GMT 050315Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE Varied	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Greenish objt that came down fm about 1 o'clock high on a collision course with plane. It stopped, moved to NW and stopped agin before shooting straight upward and disappearing.		11. COMMENTS Direction, time, etc., point toward identification of objt as Capella, a first magnitude star.	



COLATRUGLIO, Kenneth A.

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 18 Apr 62	2. LOCATION Nellis AFB, Nevada	12. CONCL ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 19/0335Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Military	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 32 Min.	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE NE
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Radar sighting. Blip. Speed of object varied. Initial observation at 060 no elevation. Disappearance at 105° az 10,000' altitude. Heading tentively NE, however disappeared instantly to S. Observed by search and height radars. No visual.		11. COMMENTS There is insufficient data in the report to form a valid conclusion. Speed, changes in course, and altitude not included. Appearance on both search and height finder confirms that some object was there. Track characteristics indicate possible balloon as the source.

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STAFF MESSAGE BRANCH

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INCOMING

AF IN : 58034 (19 Apr 62) N/sc

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ACTION: CIN-17

INFO : SAFS-3 (21)

SYB C 213

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INFO RJWZNJ/4520 CCRTNGWG NELL

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UNCLAS 8650AC0320. UFO. AFR 200-2 FORMAT

A. (1) RADAR BLIP

(2) UNKNOWN

(3) UNKNOWN

(4) ONE

(5) UNKNOWN

(6) SPEED VARIED NOTICEABLY

(7) NONE

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(8) NONE

(9) NONE

B. (1) REPORT FROM NELLIS AFB WEATHER STATION

(2) AZIMUTH 060 DEGREES NO ELEVATION

(3) AZIMUTH 105 DEGREES, ALTITUDE 10,800 FEET.

(4) NE HEADING APPROX 050 DEGREES

(5) INSTANTLY TO THE SOUTH

(6) THIRTY-TWO MINUTES

C. (1) GROUND ELECTRONIC, AN/FPS20 SEARCH, AN/FPS 26 HEIGHT

(2) NONE

(3) NO

D. (1) 0335Z, 19 APR 62

(2) NIGHT

E. 36 19'07''N 115 34'30''W

F. (1) NONE

(2) KENNETH A. COLATRUGLIO, A2C 865 RADAR SQ, OPERATIONS. RELIABLE.

G. NONE

H. NONE

I. NONE

J. UNKNOWN

K. DWIGHT S. RANNEY, CAPTAIN, USAF C& E OFFICER, 865 RADAR SQ.

BLIP SIGHTING WAS IN APPROX AREA OF WEATHER STATION REPORT. NO OTHER
AIRCRAFT OR BLIPS IN GENERAL VICINITY.

L. NEGATIVE. SCOPE CAMERA NOT OPERATING DUE TO TIME OF SIGHTING.

BT

TEL 635-8911

EXT 2257

REPLY TO

ATTN OF ADCIO-P

SUBJECT : Request for Information

HEADQUARTERS
AIR DEFENSE COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
ENT AIR FORCE BASE, COLORADO



7- SEP 1962

TO: Secretary of the Air Force (SAFOI-3C)
Wash 25 DC

In accordance with paragraph 8, AFR 200-2, Subject:
Unidentified Flying Objects, the attached correspondence
is forwarded for your action.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Kathleen M Berry
KATHLEEN M. BERRY
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Executive Officer
Directorate of Information

1 Atch
Ltr from Louis Trifon, dtd
31 Aug 62

Evaluated -
Insufficient ~~data~~ Data
Track characteristics - (11.2
High Altitude)

19 APR 0335 Z apt Dought
Reporting ~~Ramsey~~ 865 radar system

Plainsview, 1.2
August 31, 1962

Office of Public Information
Air Defense Command
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Dear Sir(s);

This letter is in reference to the
sighting of a brilliant object (UFO?) at or
near the Nevada test site on April 18, 1962.

Your spokesman, Lt. Col. Herbert Ralph,
said that jets had been scrambled to
intercept the object.

The official spokesman at Nellis AFB,
in reply to the meteor explanation, said: "There's
only one thing wrong with that - a meteor
cannot be tracked on radar and this thing was."

I would like the official AF answer
as to whether the object was a UFO. Furthermore,
I would like a confirmation as to whether or
not the object was destroyed with a nuclear
weapon. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Respectfully yours,
Louis Trifon

18 APR 1962

September 21, 1962

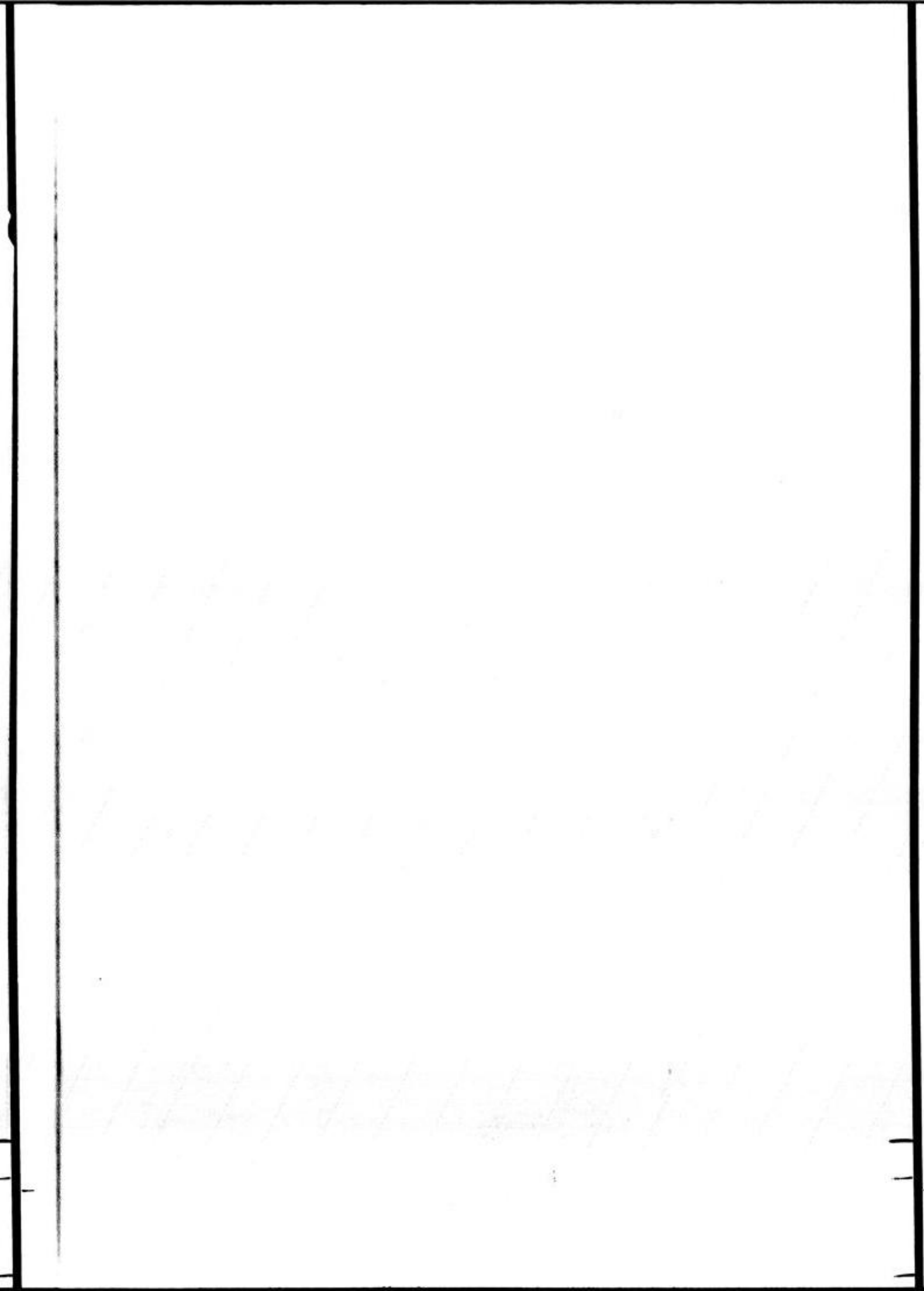
Dear Mr. Trifon:

The official records of the Air Force list the 18 April 1962 Nevada sighting to which you refer as "unidentified, insufficient data." There is an additional note to the effect that "the reported track is characteristic of that registered by a U-2 or a high balloon but there is insufficient data reported to fully support such an evaluation." The phenomena reported was not intercepted or fired upon.

Sincerely,

C. R. HART
Major, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. Louis Trifon
11 Glenwood Road
Plainview, New York



April 19, 1962 Utah

19 April 1962. Sunday. Utah

Crash, Boom Over Utah Fireball Lights Skies In Ten States

The huge "ball of fire" which flashed across the Western U. S. between 8:15 and 8:19 p.m. on 18 April 1962 was so brilliant that it triggered the photo-electric street lighting system in Eureka, Utah. The object was traveling from east to west. All street lights turned off in Eureka as the object passed over. Authorities thought the fireball crashed about 10 miles south of the small town. Residents saw a "blue flash" and heard a "rumbling" off in the distance immediately after the sighting.

Salt Lake City observers said the light of the "meteor" was as "bright as day." It was seen in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, New Mexico, Wyoming, Arizona, Nevada, Kansas and Utah. An FAA spokesman at Salt Lake City said the object vanished over southwestern Utah about 35 miles northeast of Delta. He also said aircraft and ground observers in the area confirmed the report.

Although not definitely established, a second glow seen by a tower spokesman at Peterson Field (Colorado Springs, Colo.) west of Pike's Peak, may have been connected with the sighting. The light was obstructed by the mountain.

Air Force officers from Hill AFB at Ogden, Utah, questioned sheepherders in the hills south of Eureka, Utah, who said the object, said Robinson of Eureka said it first looked like a "polliwog" with its tail on fire, going east to west in "sort of jerks." He said it suddenly exploded into a "sodium blue-white light brighter than day" and then continued on, looking like a vapor trail from a jet. He estimated it was 8 to 10 seconds before the sound became audible, sounding like cannons firing in the distance.

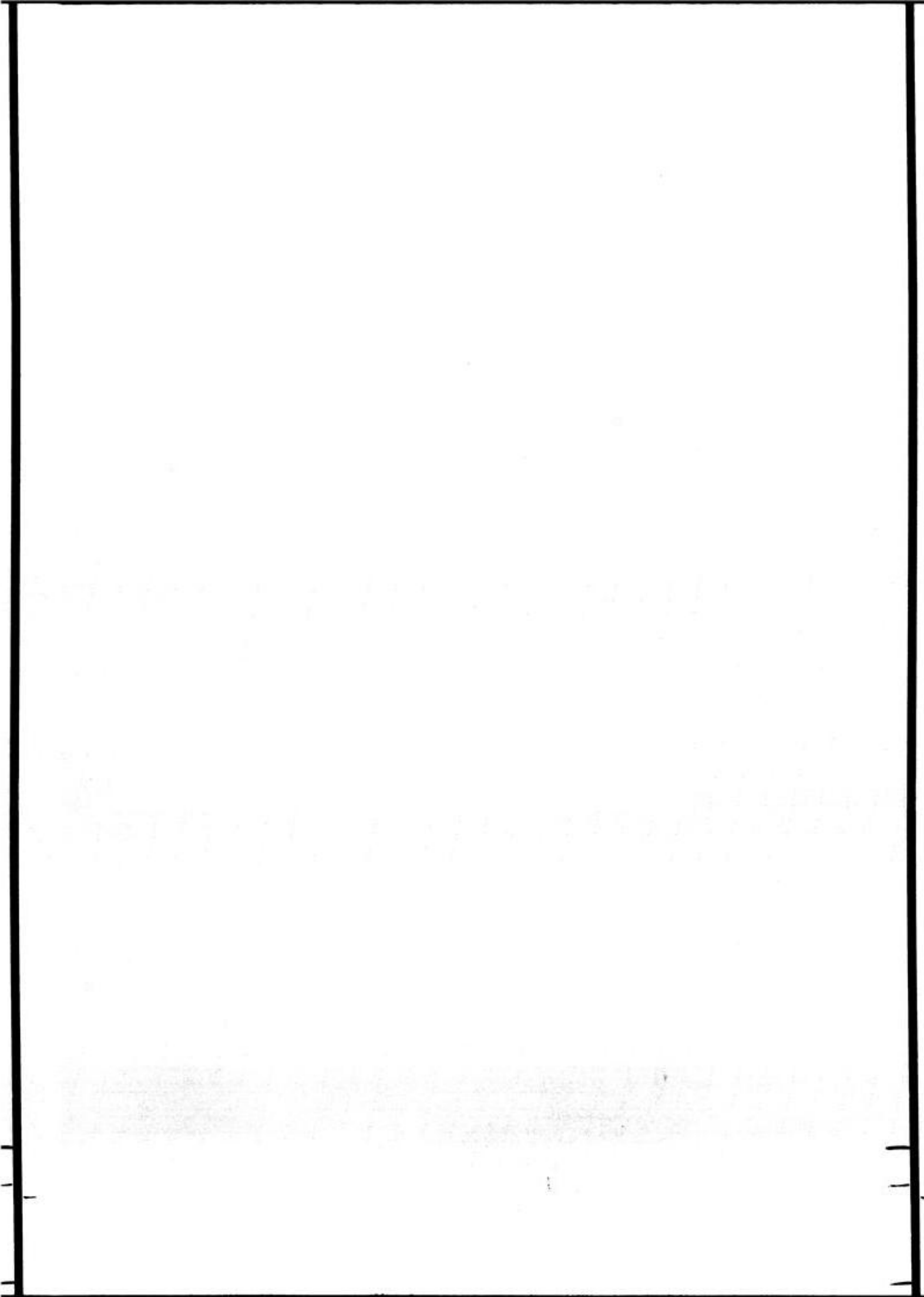
Most observers in Nevada declared the object was traveling west to east.

The thought occurs that this object was a perfect high-altitude flare—illuminating most of a two-state area to a point of daylight brightness. It so happens that the two states receiving most of the light were Utah and Nevada, both locations of U. S. Missile and nuclear test sites.

1962

A front page headline story from Las Vegas, dated April 19, tells of a "tremendous flaming sword" which flashed across Nevada skies. The same mysterious object, traveling on a horizontal course, was also seen in several other western states, and it was tracked on radar. According to a UPI report, the Air Force stated that the object landed near Eureka, Utah. A spokesman for the 28th Air Division at Stead Air Force Base in Reno admitted that the power in Eureka was knocked out by the impact. Earlier, jet fighters at Nellis Air Force Base had been scrambled as a result of the radar sightings..

On April 18, 1962 the Air Force Defense Command was puzzled by an aerial object that exploded and seemed to be a meteor, but had the unique distinction of being tracked by radar 70 miles northwest of Las Vegas, Nevada, as well as chased by jets, before it exploded in Nevada in a blinding flash. An Air Force Defense Command alert reported the object was tracked and traced over New York, Kansas, Utah, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Wyoming, Arizona and California, so that it's light covered almost as much area as that created by the big hydrogen space bomb test held later in the Pacific hundreds of miles high.



UFO SIGHTING, LYNN DYL, UTAH
19 April 1962

This is a recording concerning an unidentified flying object, taped on 19 April 1962 at 0800 hours at Lynndyl, Utah.

For the purpose of the recording, would you give your full name and address, Sir.

My name is Roy Nielson, Lynndyl, Utah.

And could I have your age and occupation, Sir.

I am a merchant here in Lynndyl. I run a grocery store and I have a service station and garage in connection with it. My age is sixty, 3rd of December, last.

With regard to the shape of the object you saw last evening, would you describe the shape, Sir.

The object, the way I see it, looked more of a boat (?) form, maybe a little wider than round; but it seemed to all be on fire.

Did it have any definite shape?

I thought at first it was maybe sort of like a basketball, about that size but I believe that it was smaller than that.

Then, with regard to the size, you would compare it to about the size of a basketball or smaller?

Or smaller.

How much smaller, the size of a baseball, or what?

Well, I believe it was a little larger than that, but due to the flame and that, I couldn't tell.

What was the color of the object?

It was a white heat; I believe a little blue in the white.

It looked like to me, I have seen burning metal, and that is what it looked like, more or less, burning metal. But it was so hot that it was just white heat.

And there was only the one object?

Just the one object.

Were there any discernible features?

Not that I could see.

Was there any tail or trail or vapor trail behind it such as you see on aircraft of this kind?

There was a long trail of flame and heat. I imagine that would be about 500 feet and approximately that or a little longer. It could have been longer than that. And after that went out, it seemed to burn out; or it was going so fast that the object that was causing the heat passed through and left the flame. Then it went out and it was a smoke trail.

What first called your attention to the object?

I was tending the water on the garden. I had a flashlight on and instead of needing the flashlight, it became daylight. It became just as light as day from the object coming through the air.

This lighted up the whole surrounding area?
It did, the whole valley.

When you observed the object, at what angle in the sky was it coming?

It was traveling northwest from where I was standing. I was standing west of it.

When you first observed the object, was it directly overhead?

No, it was a little to the south, coming from the south. It was right in the moon. The moon was bright last night.

When it was approaching from the south, at what angle were you looking at it?

Oh, I imagine it was just about a 45 degree angle, just about a square deal to it.

And as you watched this, it passed directly overhead?

It wasn't overhead. It was a little east of me and it passed going north, to the north from me. It was, I would say, 2-300 feet east of me when it went by.

Now, how high do you estimate the object was above you at this time?

From 3-500 feet.

Now, at the time of the disappearance, what would you judge the height of the elevation at that time?

I think it was around about 2-300 feet. I run east to get cleared of the house to see it and it had gone on into the north and had burnt out. It burnt out. By the time that I got out there it had burnt out.

You mentioned that it went into the Northwest. Would this be NNW, in other words, more north than west?

Yes,--yes.

How did the object disappear? Did it fade out gradually or did it disappear all at once?

It disappeared all at once. It was light and then it was dark. It just seemed to burn out.

And do you have any idea what time this was?

Quarter after eight, maybe twenty minutes after eight.

And at night time, what were the weather conditions? Was the sky clear?

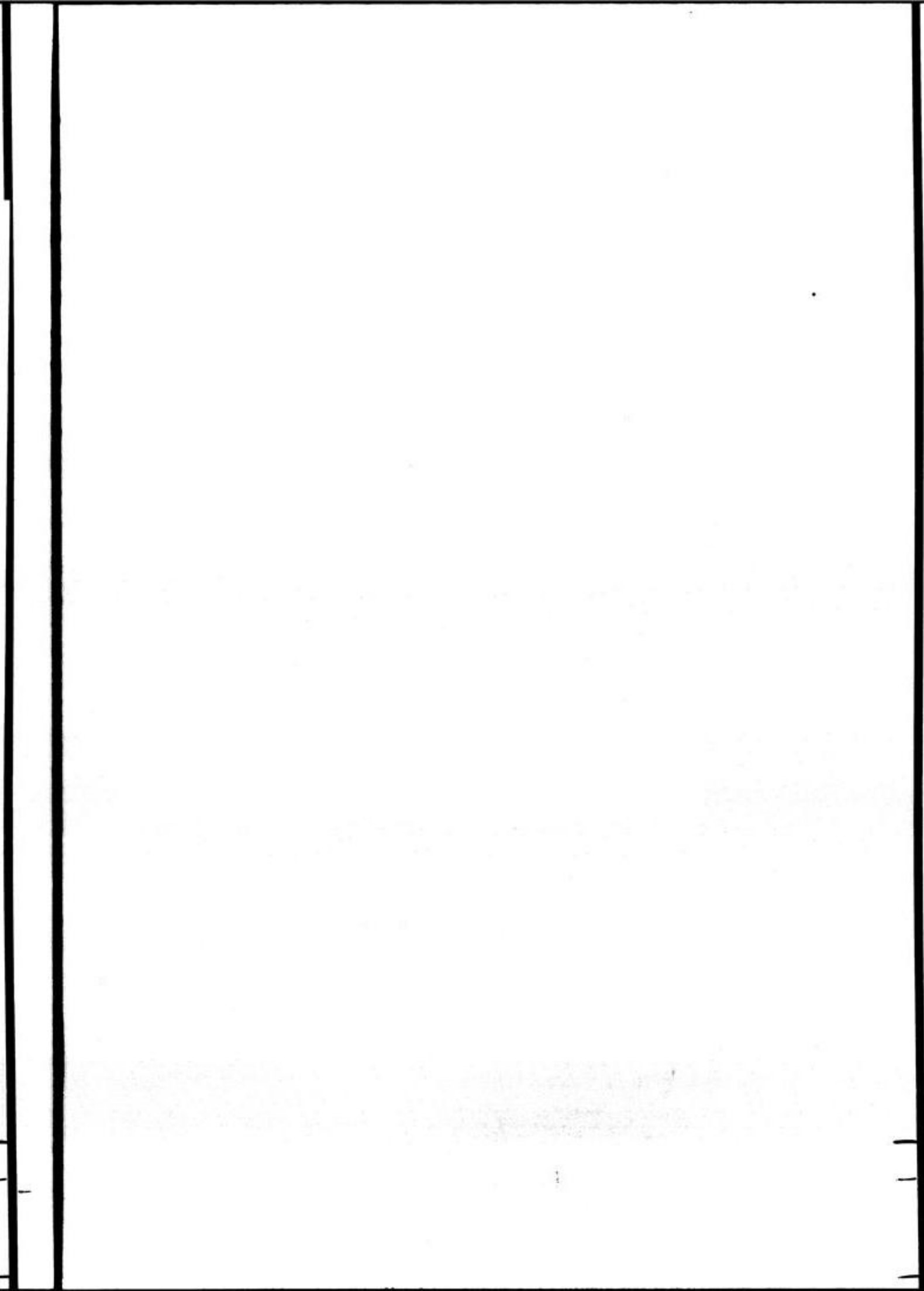
The sky was clear and the stars shined and the moon was out. Were there any clouds?

Very few, only a very light accumululus of clouds, very light, though.

And the location where you were in the yard, would you call this the center of town?

The north end of town.

I think that will be all the information we require for the report.



UFO SIGHTING LA VAN, UTAH
18 April 1962
18/0319Z

This investigation in accordance with AFR 200-2 taped at the Security and Law Enforcement Office, Hill AFB, Utah at 2320 hours on 19 April 1962 by Douglas M. Crouts, Chief Criminal Investigation Section, Security and Law Enforcement Division.

Captain Shields, for the purpose of this recording, would you give your name, rank, serial number and organization.

My name is Herman Gordon Shields, AL 2210541. I am a pilot with the 733 Troop Carrier Squadron, stationed here at Hill AFB.

With regard to this object, would you describe the shape of this object.

Do you mean after we saw the light, the object itself after the light...?

Describe the incident as far as the light and then the object.

I was flying a C-119 aircraft from the left seat. We were approximately two miles west of La Van, Utah flying at 8500 feet MSL. Our true air speed was a little less than 170 knots. We were making a right turn from a heading of about 068 degrees to 165 degrees. We were approximately 25 degrees at bank on the aircraft and we had turned for about 30 degrees to a heading of about 098 or 100 degrees, somewhere in there, when it began to get very bright in the cockpit. The illumination was from above. It built up slowly. My first impression while the intensity was low was that it was the landing lights of another aircraft. Of course, when the intensity increased this was ruled out automatically. The cockpit was illuminated from above. In the C-119 aircraft there is an instrument panel in the middle of the cockpit up above on the ceiling of the cockpit. The light source was coming from this area that was blanked out, in other words, straight behind this instrument panel because neither Lt Larson who was in the right seat nor I saw the source of the illumination. We continued in the turn. The light intensity increased until we could see objects as bright as day for a radius of five to ten miles from the aircraft. This would probably be a diameter of about twenty miles or so. Objects on the ground, on the hills around us, were clearly distinguishable. Colors were distinguishable. It was as bright as daylight. The intensity of the light diminished faster than it had increased. After the light had decreased in intensity we were still looking for the light source, and I noticed an object to my left between the wing and the lower part of the fuselage of the aircraft against the hills. By this time the light had decreased so that the hills were dark. It was night again. And this object which I saw was illuminated. It had a long slender appearance comparable to a cigarette in size-- that is, the diameter with respect to the length of the object. The fore part, or the lower part of the object, was a very bright intense white such as a magnesium fire. The second half, the aft section, was a clearly distinguishable yellowish color. I would say the object was just about divided in half, the fore part being intensely white, the aft section having a more yellow color to it.

There was only the one object?

One object was all I saw.

Were there any discernible features such as you find on manned aircraft--wing section, tail...?

Negative. I saw only a slender object. I don't know what the shape was. It was only a slender object.

Did there appear to be any tail, trail, or exhaust?

Negative. There was no exhaust, no trail following after it. It was clearly defined. I saw it for a period of maybe one to two seconds.

Was there any sound?

There was no sound to the best of our knowledge. The aircraft, of course, is noisy. We all had head sets on. But we heard no sound accompanying the glow.

Was there any shock wave?

We felt no shock wave. The air was smooth and calm and the aircraft remained such.

Were there any other pertinent or unusual features?

Not that I recall.

And the thing that first called you attention to the object itself was the intense light almost directly overhead?

That is affirmative.

Now, when you observed the object itself, could you give anything on the angle or elevation?

I can only give the elevation in terms of the aircraft attitude and that which I saw it. The object, when I first spotted it, was lower than the aircraft and it looked like it was at an angle approximately 10 to 20 degrees from the vertical or 70 to 80 degrees from the horizontal.

And what was the azimuth, the bearing, from the aircraft?

The bearing from the aircraft would be approximately 65 to 75 degrees from the nose of the aircraft. I believe the nose of the aircraft was then about 130 to 140 magnetic heading, somewhere in there.

And it was approximately the same angle, elevation, azimuth at the time it disappeared?

That is correct. At the time that it passed from my sight, either it disappeared or the aircraft got in the way of it. I don't know what happened to it.

Would you describe the flight path.

The flight path of the object was approximately, from the way our aircraft was turning--the light source was originally hidden from us and then when I saw it, it was off to the left of us. I would say the flight path of the object would be from the southwest to a northeast direction.

The object, then, disappeared on the same slant (??)

That is correct.

And in what manner did it disappear--suddenly, fading out, or...?

I don't know. To me it was just all of a sudden not there.

Now, I turned to check the aircraft as well as to watch it and I don't know what happened to it. Perhaps the rate of turn of the aircraft made it disappear from my sight. I don't know.

Were you in a position where you could watch the ground?

I could not watch the ground immediately under me because the aircraft was still in about a 25 degree bank. I could see the ground to the left of me. However, everything was black by then and I couldn't distinguish unless there were lights on the ground (?) by this time.

Then, there was no indication of an explosion or any more light when the object hit the ground?

No, I looked behind me and to the best of my knowledge, there was no such explosion or any indication that it did hit the ground, discernible to me.

You mentioned that at the time you saw this object that it must have been lower than the surrounding mountains.

Yes.

And that the object was between you and the mountains?

There was a moon and we could see the black shape of the mountains around us and the object was lower than the mountains to the E of our position.

From the time the illumination began until the time the object disappeared, could you estimate the time.

We estimated the time to be a minimum of 10 seconds. We did this because we had better than 90 degrees to turn and we had started to turn. We had turned approximately 30 degrees when it started to get light and during this time we turned a minimum of another 30 degrees. The aircraft was making close to a standard rate of turn, perhaps a little bit less or a little bit more, I don't know; but anyway, we turned about a minimum of 30 degrees during this time and at 3 degrees per second we estimate that it lasted about 10 seconds or longer.

With regard to the object itself, how long would that have been visible?

I saw the object for not more than two seconds, I think. This is very difficult to estimate the time, but I don't think that it was more than two seconds. It was moving rapidly, comparable to a shooting star.

Would you give the type and number of your aircraft?

We were flying a C-119 aircraft. Our tail numbers 538093 and our call sign for the night was "drunk 33." There were five persons aboard including myself.

And the altitude was 8500 feet?

That is affirmative.

And the heading prior to the turn and heading of the new course?

Approximately 068 degrees to a heading of 165 degrees.

And the speed was 170.

Yes.

And home station is Hill AFB?

That is affirmative.

In regard to the date of 18 April, the Zulu time would have been..?

0319 Zulu.

Local time...?

2019 hours

In regard to light conditions, it would have been night time?
It was night time. There is practically a full moon out tonight.
There were no clouds directly above us.

Is it possible to estimate ceiling visibility at night?

There was no ceiling above us. Visibility was very good. We could see 30 or 40 miles without any trouble. There were no obstructions to visibility at our flight level.

Now, at the time of the sighting, would you, again, describe your location with regard to ground objects.

We were approximately two miles West of La Van, Utah. There is a road running from La Van, west. It makes a 90 degree left turn to a southerly heading. We were just short of that bend when we made our turn. We rolled out, probably, right over the highway when we finally established on a heading of 165 degrees.

What is your age, Sir?

I will be 30 in July.

You are a regular in the Air Force?

Negative, I am a reservist.

How much regular and reservist time do you have?

I was commissioned in August 1954. I served three years on active duty and I have been flying with the reservists since 1958. I have about 2300 hours flying time.

And your civilian occupation?

I am an attorney at law.

You mentioned other crewmen. Would you give me their rank, name and also duty station.

Lt Larson was the navigator in the navigator's seat. Sgt Stenquist was the crew chief in the jump seat. Airman Jacobs was the student crew chief in the crew chief position. All are members of the 733 Troop Carrier Squadron stationed at Hill.

Did they all witness the object?

I was the only individual who saw the object itself. Of course everybody in the aircraft saw the intensity of the light.

I think that will be all for the purpose of the recording.
Thank you very much.

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TD-3/Lt Col Friend

UFO Sighting (Utah 19 April 1962)

2 August 1962

Hq USAF

SAFOI-3b (Major Hart)

Wash 25 DC

1. At 0319Z on 19 April 1962 an unidentified flying object, described by the witnesses as a very brilliant object, moving at tremendous speed, and creating explosive sounds, was observed in the western part of the United States. The object was reported to have impacted in Utah and the majority of the reports originated in that state. (Attachment #1)

2. AFR 800-2, 14 September 1959, the Air Force directive covering the unidentified flying objects program assigns the responsibility for investigating sightings to the nearest air force base. In compliance with par 4b of this document, personnel from Hill AFB, Utah investigated the 19 April 1962 incident. (Attachment #1)

3. On 15 July 1960 during a briefing on the USAF's Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Program, to members of the House Armed Services Committee, House Science and Astronautics Committee and CIA, Mr. Robert Smart of the House Armed Services Committee stated that due to the usually limited technical capability of the Air Force bases, FTD should conduct the investigation of those cases which give indication of having high intelligence and/or scientific potential, and also those which have an unusual amount of public interest. Mr. Smart has made several follow-ups on his recommendation and FTD has in every instance indicated compliance.

4. The note contained in par 4c of AFR 800-2, 14 September 1959, spells out a requirement for FTD to conduct additional investigation when it is determined that additional information is required to further or conclude its analysis of findings.

5. The number of reports generated by the 18 April 1962 sighting, and the fact that the Air Force investigation came to a negative conclusion regarding the UFO, they indicated it couldn't have been a meteor (Attachment #1), prompted further investigation by FTD. This case was investigated by Lt Col Robert J. Friend, FTD, and Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Air Force Consultant to the UFO program, on 7 May 1962. This investigation was completed in one full day and it was concluded that the object was a bolide. An attempt was made

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to locate the object but this effort failed due to the general nature of the data. Further study of this sighting indicates that the meteorite probably struck in the area of the Wasatch National Forest; however, the Air Force has made no further attempts to recover it.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Edmund M. Wynn

EDWARD M. WYNN
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Science
and Components

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

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SUBJECT (U) UFO

DATE OF INFO 15 - 19 April 1962

PLACE Hill AFB, Lynndyl and Bureau, Utah

DATE INFO 15 - 19 April 1962

EVALUATION Ref

SOURCE Sources below named.

Summary At 0910Z on 19 April 1962 a brilliant sid-ale illumination appeared over Hephth, Utah, visible in Idaho, California, Arizona and Kansas. One violet explosion and 20-30 sharp explosions followed illumination. AF pilot in area reported clearly defined white object falling toward ground after illumination. Resident of Lynndyl, Utah, stated a bright white object passed over his traveling northwest at 300-500 feet altitude, leaving bright white trail, turning to smoke trail after object passed. Observers at Jericho, Utah, (79 W5), 112 1143 stated object passed east of Jericho in north-west direction. Observer 3 miles south-west of Bureau, Utah (79 508 112 074) reported object passed over in northwest direction, alternately emitting gapping sound, resembling forward movement, and varying about three or four times, before flame at tail of object turned from bright yellow to blue. Observer stated object arced over and estimated that object landed in Utah Valley to vicinity of Northville Ranch (79 390, 112 053).

1. At 0910Z on 19 April 1962 a brilliant sid-ale illumination appeared over central Utah which was reported visible in Idaho, California, Arizona and as far east as Kansas. Observers reported a bright object generally described as a brilliant white ball fall toward the earth in that area.

2. At 0602Z on 19 April 1962 Captain Herman G. SHELDON AD 2210441 731ed Troop Carrier Squadron, a reserve AF pilot and civilian Attorney at Law was interviewed at Hill AFB, with a tape recording being made of the interview. The following information and answers received to questions is prefaced by the paragraph number of items of information requested in paragraph 15, AFM 200-2 dated 18 September 1959.

- 15a(1) Shape - A long cylindrical shape like a cigarette.
- 15a(2) Size - At the distance object appeared to be the size of a cigarette.
- 15a(3) Color - The forward or lower part of object was a bright intense white such as a magnesium fire. The after half was a clearly distinguishable yellow color.
- 15a(4) Number - One.
- 15a(5) Formation - None.
- 15a(6) Discernible features - None.
- 15a(7) Trail, Trail or Exhaust - None.
- 15a(8) Sound - None heard.
- 15a(9) Pertinent features - None observed.
- 15a(10) What called attention to object - The bright intense light directly above his aircraft.

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FROM Sec 2 Law Defense Div Hill AFB

PREPARED BY Douglas M. Crook

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15a(1) Angle elevation and azimuth - When object was first spotted it was lower than aircraft (3,500 feet), and between aircraft and mountains to east. Azimuth from aircraft approximately 65 to 75 degrees from nose of aircraft which was on approximately 130 degree magnetic heading.

15a(2) Angle elevation and azimuth at time of disappearance - Same as 15a(1) above.

15a(3) Flight path and maneuvers - Traveling toward the ground, 10 to 20 degrees from vertical or 70 to 80 degrees from horizontal. Flight path from south west to north east.

15a(4) How did object disappear - Object disappeared suddenly before striking the ground (rate of turn of aircraft might have made it disappear from view).

15a(5) How long was object visible - Object itself was visible for not more than two seconds. Time from beginning of illumination to disappearance of object was a minimum of ten seconds.

15a(6) Number of observation - None observed.

15a(7) Optical Aids - None.

15a(8) Airborne sighting - G-119 aircraft # 53-5093, altitude 8,500 feet. Turning right from heading of 60 degrees to heading of 165 degrees. Heading approximately 130 degrees at time of sighting. Speed of 170 knots. Aircraft based at Hill Air Force Base.

15a(9) Date time date group - 0910Z, 19 April 1962.

15a(10) Light conditions - Night.

15a(11) Location of observer - Above location of US Highway 50-6 with Utah Highway X, 79 329 112 120, 3 miles southeast of Bureau, Utah.

15f Information on observer - Herman G. SHELDON Captain AFM, 731ed Troop Carrier Sqdn, Hill AFB, Utah, civilian occupation, Attorney at Law, Age 36. Discontinued in August 1954 with three years active duty as pilot. Flying status with AFM since 1956. Has 1,500 hours flying time. Captain SHELDON appears to be a mature and stable person. His ready answers to questions asked indicated exceptional powers of observation and proficiency as a pilot.

15g(1) Weather and winds - SHELDON reported a full moon with no clouds above him and visibility of 30 to 40 miles. No obstructions to visibility.

3. Seven residents of Hephth, Utah (79 430, 112 104) were interviewed in an attempt to establish the location of the source of illumination as well as a description and direction of travel of the object. Each of the persons interviewed agreed that the illumination originated about directly over Hephth. Further that the object generally described as a yellowish white ball of fire traveled in a northerly direction over and away from Hephth, leaving a trail of dark grey smoke. That approximately three to five minutes after the object disappeared in the northwest, the sound of a strong explosion was heard. Also that after the strong explosion a series of 20 to 30 explosions were heard from the direction from which the object had appeared, most observers explaining the sound as like that of an anti-aircraft gun.

4. Three residents of Lemington, Utah (79 329, 112 174) were interviewed in an attempt to obtain a cross bearing on the direction of travel of the object. All three persons agreed that the object passed over to the east of Lemington at a heading of 20 to 35 degrees, leaving a trail of dark grey smoke. That after the object passed off on the above heading the bright object turned to a dull color and seemed to burn out. Due to the brightness of the illumination, residents stated they were unable to determine a shape or altitude of the object.

5. At 1430Z on 19 April 1962 Roy HELDON was interviewed at Lynndyl, Utah, with a tape recording being made of the interview. The following information was received concerning the objects.

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- 15a(1) Shape - A bulky form, a little wider than long.
- 15a(2) Size - At the distance about the size of a basketball.
- 15a(3) Color - A white color with a bluish tint. Like the color of burning metal at white heat.
- 15a(4) Number - One.
- 15a(5) Formation - None.
- 15a(6) Discernible features - None he could see.
- 15a(7) Trail, trail or exhaust - A long trail of flame approximately 500 feet long. After flame went by there was a trail of dark gray smoke.
- 15a(8) Sound - Object had a "whooshing" sound as it went over. After object went over, approximately 30 sharp explosions were heard in mid-air like dynamite explosions set off at close intervals.
- 15a(9) Pertinent features - None he could see.
- 15b(1) What called attention to object - Was tending water in garden when entire valley lighted up as bright as day. Looked up to locate source of illumination and saw object.
- 15b(2) Angle, elevation and azimuth - Passed overhead about 300 feet east of his location. Estimated object was 300 to 500 feet above him when it passed over going in a northeasterly direction.
- 15b(3) Angle, elevation or azimuth at time of disappearance - Appeared to be descending in a shallow glide on a north west heading at the time object seemed to burn out.
- 15b(4) Description of flight path - A flat trajectory from the south east to north west in a slightly descending glide. No maneuvers.
- 15b(5) How did object disappear - Seemed to burn out while going away into north-west.
- 15b(6) How long was object visible - Two to three seconds.
- 15c(1) Number of observation - Naked eye.
- 15c(2) Optical aids - None.
- 15c(3) Airborne sighting - N/A
- 15d(1) Date time date group - 0315Z to 0300Z on 19 April 1962.
- 15d(2) Light conditions - Night.
- 15e Location of observer - North end of Lynedyl Utah (39 31N 112 22 W 1/2)
- 15f Information on observer - Ray HILLMAN, age 60, Lynedyl Utah Storekeeper and Garage Operator. Neighbors have a high regard for the honesty and veracity of HILLMAN. Interview and comparison of estimates of distance indicate HILLMAN may be a poor judge of distance.
- 15g(1) Weather and winds - HILLMAN reported no winds with moon shining brightly and a few high scattered cumulus clouds.

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4. Four steppens and herders located at Jericho, Utah (39 45' 112 11a) were interviewed on 19 April 1962 with regard to the object. The four interviewees concurred that the object passed east of Jericho on a north-west heading. After their attention was attracted by the brilliant illumination, the persons observed the object and described it substantially as a bright white object which left a trail of dark gray smoke. Also that the object seemed to burn out or turn dark after passing over the immediate area. The descriptions of the 20 to 30 sharp explosions heard after the object passed over given by each of the men generally agreed, with the noise likened to that of anti-aircraft fire.
7. On 19 April 1962 Mr. BO HILMAN was interviewed at the Silver City Mine at Silver City, Utah, and the following information obtained:
- 15a(1) Shape - Round ball of fire.
- 15a(2) Size - About the size of a soccer ball.
- 15a(3) Color - White with a yellowish tint and a bright yellow jagged flame coming from the rear of the object.
- 15a(4) Number - One.
- 15a(5) Formation - None.
- 15a(6) Discernible features - None he could see.
- 15a(7) Trail, trail or exhaust - The object had a bright yellowish flame coming from the rear. After object passed overhead a dark gray smoke trail remained in the sky.
- 15a(8) Sound - Object emitted a gasping sound three or four times when it slowed down in flight and then speeded up again. After object had burned out, approximately 30 sharp explosions were heard in direction from which object came.
- 15a(9) Pertinent features - Yellow jagged flame at rear of object. After object had slowed up and surged ahead three or four times, the flame at the rear of object turned from yellow to blue, and jagged ends of trailing flame turned into a sharp pointed flame at the rear.
- 15b(1) What called attention to object - Bright illumination overhead caused him to look up and see object.
- 15b(2) Angle, elevation and azimuth - Object traveled northwest over mountain east of his location on a flat trajectory. Could not estimate altitude.
- 15b(3) Angle, elevation and azimuth at time of disappearance - Traveling north west with descending angle. Below top of mountain to west (3,000 feet).
- 15b(4) Flight path and maneuvers - As object passed over HILMAN, it slowed down in air, and after gasping sound was heard, the object surged ahead again. After this procedure was repeated three or four times, the object arched over and began descending to earth after which the object turned bluish color and then burned out or went dark. After object began to slow down it began to wobble or "fistball" in its path.
- 15b(5) How did object disappear - After beginning to arc over toward the ground, the object turned dark or burned out, still on a northwest heading.
- 15b(6) How long object visible - Two or three seconds.

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- 15e(1) Manner of observation - Naked eye.
- 15e(2) Optical aids - None.
- 15e(3) Airborne Sighting - N/A.
- 15e(4) Date time/date group - 03195 19 April 1962.
- 15e(5) Light conditions - Night.
- 15e Location of observer - 7,000 feet southeast of junction of US Highway 90-6 and Utah Highway 36 (39 33N 111 23W).
- 15f Information on observer - Mr. NORMAN, age 35-40, Bureau, Utah, Miner. NORMAN appears to be a mature and stable person. Law enforcement officers in that area advised that NORMAN was very reliable and trustworthy, and they placed a great deal of faith in his story concerning the object.
- 15g(1) Weather and winds - Observer reported practically no wind, with moon shining and only high clouds.
8. On 24 April 1962 a telephone call was received from Mr. W. C. JONES, 1805 Alvin Avenue, Salt Lake City, Utah. JONES was relaying information concerning a UFO observed by his mother, Mrs. George T. JONES, 1566 North State, Green, Utah. The following information was obtained:
- 15a(1) Shape - Shaped like a lantern cloth with a round ball in the center about the size of a large coconut.
- 15a(2) Size - The size of a lantern cloth.
- 15a(3) Color - Yellow with black corners - a bright red object the size of a coconut in the center.
- 15a(4) Number - One.
- 15a(5) Formation - None.
- 15a(6) Discernible features - As it was burning, the edges appeared to curl. Mrs. JONES states this was not like any meteorite or falling star she had seen and that she first thought it was an exploding aircraft.
- 15a(7) Tail, Trail or Exhaust - Object came down out of a shaft of smoke.
- 15a(8) Sound - None.
- 15a(9) Pertinent features - A bright red ball - the size of a large coconut in the center of the object.
- 15e(1) What called attention to object: The bright illumination overhead caused her to look up and see the object.
- 15e(2) Angle, elevation and azimuth - Object traveled straight down toward the ground. Elevation and azimuth not determined.
- 15e(3) Elevation and azimuth at time of disappearance - In dropline toward the ground elevation and azimuth not determined.
- 15e(4) Flight Path and Maneuvers - Dropped straight to the ground.

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- 15e(5) How did object disappear - Did not notice manner of disappearance.
- 15e(6) How long object visible - 2 - 3 seconds.
- 15e(1) Manner of observation - Naked eye.
- 15e(2) Optical Aids - None.
- 15e(3) Airborne Sighting - N/A.
- 15e(4) Date time/date group - 07121, 19 April 1962.
- 15e(5) Light conditions - Night.
- 15e Location of Observer - On Utah Highway 11, 1/3 of distance between Norwood and Mountain Green, Utah. (39 33N, 111 35W).
- 15f Information on observer - Mrs. George T. JONES 1566 North State, Green, Utah, age 70. Mr. JONES stated that his mother had remarkable eye sight and control of her faculties for a person of that age.
- 15g(1) Weather and winds - Not retitled.
9. Following is the balance of information forwarded in compliance with AFM 200-2 dated 14 September 1959:
- 15g(2) Weather and winds - The US Weather Bureau at the Salt Lake City Airport reported conditions at 0700 as 10 knot surface winds from 150 degrees - 5 knot wind at 170 degrees at 6,000 feet, 5 knot winds from 150 degrees at 10,000 feet, 15 knot winds from 250 degrees at 15,000 feet, and 10 knot wind from 250 degrees at 20,000 feet. No information available above 20,000 feet.
- 15g(3) Ceiling - Above 20,000 feet NCL.
- 15g(4) Visibility - 30 miles.
- 15g(5) Cloud cover - 6.
- 15g(6) Thunderstorms - None reported by weather bureau.
- 15g(7) Temperature Gradient - 70 degrees, dewpoint 36.
- 15h Unusual activity or condition - None.
- 15i Interception or identification - None attempted.
- 15j Air traffic and balloon releases - No air traffic in area to account for sighting and no reports of missing aircraft. Two balloon releases at 00012 and 12002 on 19 April 1962 would not account for sighting.
- 15k The preparing officer is Chief Criminal Investigator 20-9, Security and Law Enforcement Division, Hill Air Force Base, Utah. Preliminary analysis indicates that each of the observers interviewed were logical mature persons, and that each person was convinced that he had observed some tangible object, not identifiable as a balloon or conventional type aircraft. The theory that the object was a manned aircraft was abandoned due to the described shape and color and flaring tail of the object, plus the fact there are no reports of missing aircraft in this area. In unusual meteorological or astronomical conditions were present which would furnish an explanation for the sighting. No missile test firings are conducted in the immediate area other than static tests. The hypothesis that the object was a

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Falling object is questioned due to the statements of three observers describing the fall trajectory, plus the description of sounds emanating from the object and the aspect of the "white flash" and the final object falling to the ground. Due to the inaccessibility of the valley, ten miles wide by 15 miles long in which the object apparently came to earth, no further search for the object is contemplated. With the completion of this initial report, no explanation has been developed for the brilliant illumination of the area, the object itself, or the explosion in the wake of the object.

Douglas M. Crowder
 JAMES H. CROWDER, Chief
 Criminal Investigation Section
 See 2 Law Enforcement Div
Charles H. Smith
 CHARLES H. SMITH
 Major, USAF
 Chief, See 2 Law Enforcement Div

- 2 Attn:
 1. Tape recording of interview with
 Capt. Smith
 2. Tape recording of interview with
 SP Wilson

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1. A. NONE DISTINGUISHABLE
 B 1/2 PENCIL SIZE IN WIDTH ABOUT 3 INCHES IN LENGTH
 C. ORANGE
 D. NO DEFINITE OBJECT SIGHTED
 E. N/A
 F. APPEARED AS BRIGHT FLASH AND EXPLOSION
 G. N/A

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H. NONE

I. APPEARED AS EXPLOSION ON HORIZON WITH TRAILS OF FIRES EXTENDING
TO CLOUDS

2. A. A BRIGHT FLASH WHICH ILLUMINATED COCKPIT

B. 270 DEGREES BEARING FROM A/C ON HORIZON IN CLOUDS

C. SAME

D. NONE OBSERVED

E. BURN OUT

AOI F. 2 SECONDS

3. A. AIR VISUAL

B. NONE

C. F100C 54759 25,000 132 DEG HEADING, SPEED 85 M BUCKLEY ANGB

4. A. 19 APR. 62 0319Z

B. NGHT

5. 130 DEGREES RADIAL 60NM FROM CHEYENNE TACAN 104 DEG 00 MIN
00 SEC W 40 DEG 23 MIN 00 SEC N

6. A. N/ A

B. CRAVER E. E. 1LT, 120TH TFS PILOT COMPLETELY RELIABLE

7. A. 1-015 WINDS 310 DEG/25

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C. CLEAR AT BUCKLEY THIN CIRrus AT 28,000

D. 60 MILES

E. THIN SCATTERED CONDITION

F. NONE

8. NONE

9. NONE

10. NONE

11. CAMPBELL, L. P. II 2LT COLO-ANG I DID NOT OBSERVE THIS
SIGHTING AND COULD ONLY GUESS AS TO IT'S CAUSE OR SOURCE

12.

B NONE

13. THE PILOT WHO REPORTED THIS TO ME DID NOT IDENTIFY THIS AS AN
OBJECT, BUT MERELY A FLASH. HE SAID THE FLASH WAS OF SUCH
MAGNITUDE IT ILLUMINATED THE WESTERN SKY. THE COLOR WAS

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SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE SUN. HE THOUGHT IT TO BE AN
EXPLOSION AND SAW ONLY THE AFTER EFFECTS OF FIRE TRAILS IN
THE CLOUDS

19/0525Z TELE NBR 366-5363 EXT 270 CAMPBELL, LEWIS P. II
TELEPHONE 366-5363 EXT 251 DENVER

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20/2000Z APR RJWFKFK

Time: 2320 hours EST

Who: L/col H. C. SHOWERS

AF Command Post

What: telephone call

Col. Showers called to inform FTD of the following event reported to the war room at the Pentagon. These notes were relayed via a stenographer:

General Kuter (NOBAD) took off and was climbing through 10,000' when he saw a "meteor" come out of orbit at 0319 Z 19 APR. He described the object as cherry red, clear green, with a long white and red tail. He estimated object near Colorado Springs and AF academy. USAF indicated reports coming in from Idaho, Utah, Arizona, "OCD" 28th and 29th (??) regions. Navy aircraft, B52 crew, and DC-8 pilots all reported alike in shape, color, and general direction of travel ie south to north. An "Air Force Colonel" reported that object hit the western range but there was no noise. Denver center reported at 0332Z that after 10-15 minutes after the first report, the trail could still be seen. No radar pick up reported as yet. Visual sightings only.

Time: 1130 hours EST

Who: SGT Moody

I called SGT Moody and asked him to come over. After checking his records, he indicated the object was probably the decay of 1961 Lambda 1 SPADAT object II 700. He suggested I call the USAF CP back and offer that information. Also, I requested the CP to determine the duration of the sighting and check the direction of travel.

time: 0810 hours EST

Who: L/col JAMES R. HOWELL

AFLC CP

Col. Howell called to inform us of numerous reports to the FAA and AFLC on the above sighting. It was observed in Los Angeles, Cal.; Montana; Kansas; Utah. A Captain Shields of the 733 Troop Carrier Squadron ^{ODDEN, UTAH} reported to AFLC that the object appeared around 0300 Z and was extremely bright - like burning magnesium. He happened to be in a procedure turn and thus estimated the life to be 10 seconds. He further stated it was traveling from the southwest

to the north east.

Note: I checked mags all nite but nothing
appeared regarding this activity.

Howell A. Dennis
captain USAF

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SALT LAKE CITY, APRIL 18 (UPI)--A BRIGHT "FIREBALL" AND "FLASHES OF LIGHT" WERE SIGHTED IN THE SKY TONIGHT BY PERSONS THROUGHOUT THE WESTERN UNITED STATES. IT WAS BELIEVED TO BE A METEOR. SIGHTINGS WERE REPORTED AS FAR EAST AS GRIDLEY, KAN., AND IN NEVADA TO THE WEST, ACCORDING TO THE UTAH HIGHWAY PATROL. OTHER STATES WHERE REPORTS WERE MADE INCLUDED UTAH, IDAHO, MONTANA, NEW MEXICO, WYOMING AND ARIZONA.

IN THE CENTRAL UTAH AREA, RESIDENTS ALSO REPORTED HEARING RUMBLING SOUNDS AND EXPLOSIONS.

OBSERVERS IN NEPHI, UTAH--ABOUT 90 MILES SOUTH OF SALT LAKE CITY--SAID THE OBJECT APPEARED TO PASS DIRECTLY OVER THE CITY FROM EAST TO WEST.

IN SALT LAKE CITY, OBSERVERS AT THE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TOWER SAID THEY SAW THREE SEPARATE FLASHES OF LIGHT--THE LAST ONE "AS BRIGHT AS DAY."

THE SOUND HEARD IN NEPHI WAS DESCRIBED "LIKE A SONIC BOOM," WHILE RESIDENTS IN SPRINGVILLE--40 MILES TO THE NORTH--REPORTED SEPARATE EXPLOSIVE SOUNDS. IN NEARBY PROVO, THE SOUND WAS DESCRIBED AS A RUMBLING REVERBERATION WHICH FOLLOWED THE FLASHES BY BETWEEN 10 AND 12 MINUTES.

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH PROF. ROBERT KADENBACH SAID THE EXPLOSION COULD HAVE BEEN THE DISINTEGRATION OF A METEOR IN THE AIR. HE DESCRIBED SUCH EXPLOSIONS AS A COMMON PHENOMENON. HE SAID THE OTHER EXPLOSIONS COULD HAVE BEEN REVERBERATIONS OF THE FIRST.

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Reward Offered For Finding April 27 Meteor

By MRS. AGNES PETERSON
Deseret News Correspondent

EUREKA — A professor of astronomy from Northwestern University has offered a \$100 reward to anyone finding the meteorite believed to have crashed to earth south of Eureka after streaking through the western skies last April 26.

Prof. J. Allen Hynek conducted a search of the area himself Tuesday with two Air Force men and three Eureka residents, but found nothing.

"We covered a lot of ground and had no luck, but we intend to try again," the professor said. The search was centered in an area about 5 to 10 miles south, and west of Eureka, the professor said he felt the meteorite was probably somewhere in that area within 20 or 30 miles.

He said he believed that sheepherders or someone in the area will eventually find the rock from outer space, but he said, "To spur the search, I am offering \$100 reward to anyone who finds it, just to make things interesting."

The meteorite has no intrinsic value, he said, but was very valuable for scientific study.

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DUREKA, UTAH, APRIL 19 (UPI)—A FEERY METEORITE BURNED A TRAIL THROUGH WESTERN SKIES LAST 10:30 BEFORE EXPLODING NEAR WEST WITH A BALLISTIC THAT TURNED IT AS "BRIGHT AS DAY" 70 MILES AWAY. OBSERVERS FROM KANSAS TO CALIFORNIA SAW THE FIREBALL STREAK THROUGH THE ATMOSPHERE UNTIL IT EXPLODED ABOUT 20 MILES SOUTH OF THE SMALL CENTRAL UTAH COMMUNITY. THOSE WHO SAW THE BLAST WERE UNABLE TO DETERMINE IF PART OF THE FLASH CAME IN THE MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN OR IF IT ILLUMINATED BEYOND WITHIN THE AREA.

POLICE CHIEF JOSEPH BERNINI SAID THE EXPLOSION WAS "VERY CLOSE" TO THE COMMUNITY. RESIDENTS SAW A "BLUE FLASH", THEN HEARD THE EXPLOSION AND A "RUMBLING OFF IN THE DISTANCE."

THE FLASH WAS SO BRIGHT THAT DUREKA'S STREET LIGHTS AUTOMATICALLY WENT OFF AS THEIR PHOTO-ELECTRIC GUILLotine CELLS RECORDED "DAYLIGHT." IN SALT LAKE CITY, 70 MILES NORTH OF THE EXPLOSION SITE, THE BLAST TURNED IT AS "BRIGHT AS DAY" FOR BRIEF SECONDS.

MOST OBSERVERS REPORTED THE FLICK "FIREBALL" WAS TRAVELING FROM EAST TO WEST BEFORE ITS DESTRUCTION. IN NEVADA, HOWEVER, THEY SAID IT WAS TRAVELING IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION.

THE TOWER AT SALT LAKE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT SAID THERE WERE THREE SEPARATE FLASHES, APPARENTLY EXPLOSIONS, WITH THE FINAL ONE "LIGHTING UP THE SKY." OBSERVERS IN SOUTHERN UTAH REPORTED SEEING TRAILS OF SMOKE FOR SEVERAL MINUTES AFTER THE METEORITE FIRED.

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Fireball streaks brightly across night sky. Photo by [illegible] of [illegible] shows bright fireball streaking across night sky.

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2ND NIGHT LEAD FIREBALL (PREVIOUS KENO)

DUREKA, UTAH, APRIL 19 (UPI)—A BRILLIANT "FIREBALL" FLASHED THROUGH WESTERN SKIES TONIGHT AND APPARENTLY CRASHED IN MOUNTAINOUS COUNTRY SOUTH OF DUREKA, UTAH.

THE RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN SAID THEY SAW A "BLUE FLASH" ALL AROUND THE MOUNTAINS OFF IN THE DISTANCE. IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARD, POLICE CHIEF JOSEPH BERNINI SAID THE CRASH WAS "VERY CLOSE" TO THE COMMUNITY.

THE FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY AT DELTA, UTAH, SAID THE METEORITE EXPLODED ABOUT 30 MILES NORTHWEST OF THERE. A UTAH HIGHWAY PATROLMAN ESTIMATED IT CRASHED ABOUT 10 MILES WEST OF DELTA, UTAH. THESE SIGHTINGS WOULD PUT THE SITE OF THE EXPLOSION ROUGHLY 10 MILES SOUTH OF HERE.

BERNINI SAID THAT DUREKA'S STREET LIGHTS, WHICH ARE OPERATED BY PHOTO-ELECTRIC CELLS, WENT OFF BECAUSE THE FLASH WAS SO BRIGHT. BUT THEY IMMEDIATELY WENT ON AGAIN WHEN DARKNESS RETURNED, AND THERE WAS NO OTHER POWER FAILURE.

THE "FIREBALL" AND "FLASHES OF LIGHT" WERE REPORTED AS FAR WEST AS LAS VEGAS, NEV., AND AS FAR EAST AS GRIDLEY, KAN. MOST REPORTS INDICATED IT WAS TRAVELING FROM EAST TO WEST. THE EXCEPTIONS WERE SIGHTINGS IN NEVADA, WHERE OBSERVERS SAID IT WAS TRAVELING IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION.

IN SALT LAKE CITY THE "FIREBALL" WAS SEEN TRAVELING FROM EAST TO WEST. THE LIGHT OF THE METEORITE WHEN IT EXPLODED WAS DESCRIBED AS "BRIGHT AS DAY" IN SALT LAKE—70 MILES TO THE NORTH.

THE "FIREBALL" WAS REPORTED BY OBSERVERS IN IDAHO, MONTANA, OREGON, NEW MEXICO, WYOMING AND ARIZONA AS WELL AS NEVADA, KANSAS AND UTAH. NORTH AMERICAN AIR DEFENSE COMMAND HEADQUARTERS IN COLORADO SPRINGS SAID ONE REPORT OF A SIGHTING CAME FROM AS FAR AWAY AS NEW YORK. (INCLUDES PREVIOUS AP)

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UPI A20

NIGHT

1ST NIGHT LEAD FIREBALL (11:30) (PREVIOUS SALT LAKE CITY)

KENO, NEV., APRIL 18 (UPI)—A BRILLIANT "FIREBALL" FLASHED THROUGH WESTERN SKIES TONIGHT AND THE AIR FORCE REPORTED A METEORITE HAD LANDED NEAR DUREKA, UTAH.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE 28TH AIR DIVISION OF THE AIR FORCE AT STEAD AIR FORCE BASE IN KENO SAID THE POWER AT DUREKA, 40 MILES WEST OF PRIMO, UTAH, WAS KNOCKED OUT FROM THE IMPACT AND NONE OF THE METEORITE'S LANDING WAS HELD UP UNTIL POWER WAS RESTORED.

THE "FIREBALL" WAS DESCRIBED BY KENO RESIDENTS AS A VIVID, GREENISH LIGHT THAT FLASHED ACROSS THE SKIES AND THEN DISAPPEARED OVER THE MOUNTAINS TRAVELING FROM WEST TO EAST. WITNESSES SAID A FLASH OF WHITE LIGHT LIGHTED UP THE SKIES, PRESUMABLY WHEN THE OBJECT LANDED. SIGHTINGS WERE REPORTED IN LAS VEGAS, NEV., AND THE NORTH AMERICAN DEFENSE COMMAND SAID ONE REPORT CAME FROM AS FAR EAST AS NEW YORK.

THE UTAH HIGHWAY PATROL SAID THE PRESUMED METEORITE WAS SEEN IN UTAH, IDAHO, MONTANA, NEW MEXICO, WYOMING AND ARIZONA AS WELL AS NEVADA. (PICKUP 3RD PAGE IN THE CENTRAL)

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May 15, 1962

Dear Bob - Came across this old
stationery tonight - old memories!

The enclosed Polaroid shot
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right in your analysis of this
particular case. So, go to the
head of the class Bob - anytime
you want to teach astronomy
at Northwestern just let me
know!!

The stereo pictures I
took out west have come
back - good. You look fine
on the scooter. The next time
I see you - which I hope will
be here - I'll show them to
you in the stereo viewer.

I hope you and Bob Hart
can come there for a summit
meeting - I could get a ticket
for you in my name, I suppose.
Same difference - I come to
Dayton or you come here.

Any repercussions yet from
the public re the X-15 incident?
I'll be most interested.

Cheer,

Allen

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Professor J. Allen Hynek
Northwestern University
Evanston, Illinois

Dear Professor,

I received your letter and thanks for the check, I appreciate it.

We took a ride out to Vernon the other day and talked to Mr. Sharp again. He was just as positive of the angle he had seen the meteor as when you talked with him. We asked him about the distance he had seen it travel, as you requested, and he held his hands about two feet apart at arms length, if that will help you any.

My wife was able to get the item about the reward in three papers and she has clippings of two of them for you. I am enclosing a letter we received in response to the newspaper article. It will speak for itself. Could it be possible they seen a piece that had broken from the main meteor?

Sincerely

Pete

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Pete

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Reward Offered For Finding April 27 Meteor

By MRS. AGNES PETERSON
Deseret News Correspondent

EUREKA — A professor of astronomy from Northwestern University has offered a \$100 reward to anyone finding the meteorite believed to have crashed to earth south of Eureka after streaking through western skies last April 18.

Prof. J. Allen Hynek conducted a search of the area himself Tuesday with two Air Force men and three Eureka residents, but found nothing.

"We covered a lot of ground and had no luck, but we intend to try again," the professor said. The search was centered in an area about 5 to 10 miles south and west of Eureka. Prof. Hynek said he felt the meteorite was probably somewhere in that area within 20 or 30 miles.

He said he believed that sheepherders or someone in the area will eventually find the rock from outer space, but, he said, "To spur the search, I am offering \$100 reward to anyone who finds it, just to make things interesting."

The meteorite has no intrinsic value, he said, but was very valuable for scientific study.

Juab Northwestern University scientist, officers investigate Tintic area

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Professor J. Allen Hynek, chairman of the Astronomy Dept. at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., and two air force officers, one from Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, and another from Hill Field were in town last week, where they joined Gerald Peterson, Juab Co. Deputy Sheriff, Hi-Way Patrolman, Thomas Rynearson, and Bob Robinson, and the group made a tour of the area for an entire day. They are trying to get information on the elevation and the bearing at the time the meteorite burned out in this area, or as it was supposed to have. (Mr. Robinson was in West Tintic at the time the meteor blazed through the sky and had a "ring-side" seat so to speak.) Prof. Hynek is offering a

\$100 reward to the finder of the meteorite, as it will be very valuable for scientific information. Prof. Hynek stated that there are two distinctive types of meteorites, which will be quite different from the native rocks. One is an iron nickel meteorite, which is extremely heavy, the other a stony meteorite with nodules, with metallic imbedding.

Anyone having definite information regarding the meteor is asked to contact Mrs. Peterson in Eureka, and he will forward the finding to Prof. Hynek.

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Pete

25 May 1962

Deputy Sheriff Gerald Peterson
Bureka,
Utah

Dear Pete:

Thanks very much for your recent letter and for the newspaper clippings. I am especially happy to get the additional information from Mr. Sharp and of course I am very pleased over the newspaper coverage we got and I hope that it brings in some real responses.

It looks now as though my daughter and I will be driving west for a conference at Boulder, Colorado, after which we'd like to come by Bureka for a day or two and check up on a few more angles and positions. It would also give me a chance to find out whether anything more has been done by anyone else in trying to locate the fallen meteorite. If our plans materialize, we would be in Bureka about June 24 or 25. It would be a pleasure seeing you again and maybe you and I could drive around a bit and talk to a few more people.

The letter from the woman who was driving east to Salt Lake City is interesting and does indicate that it might have been possible for a portion of the meteorite to have broken off and landed near them. On the other hand, her report is so similar to that of Nielson's much farther south that I rather tend to think that these people were blinded by the bright light and completely underestimated the distance of the phenomenon.

Please give my best regards to Mrs. Peterson and to the others of our "search gang".

Cordially,

J. Allen Hynek
Director

JAH:jcm

Boise, Idaho
4855 Fenton St.
May 11, 1952.

Professor J. Allen Hynek
Northwest University of Utah.
Dear Professor Hynek.

I understand you are interested in the meteorite which fell in Utah on the night of April 18. My husband, 3 sons and I left Salt Lake City, Utah Wednesday evening April 18 at about 5³⁰ p.m. traveling east on highway 50. We traveled at 45 or 50 miles per hour and you can probably judge about where it fell from tracing our route. The meteorite came down right by the side of highway (not on drivers side) about 50 feet from road bed, about 100 miles out of Salt Lake City. It was quite low as my husband just looked out the pickup window (a son was driving) & didn't have to look up to see it pass by. If this will be of any help to you in locating it I sure hope so.

We were on a trip to Missouri at the time, after visiting our daughter and family in Salt Lake City, and have just returned to Boise, Idaho recently.

Sincerely

Mrs Pebble Cox

4855 Fenton St

Boise, Idaho.

25 May 1962

Mrs. Pebble Cox
4855 Fenton Street
Boise, Idaho

Dear Mrs. Cox:

Thank you for your letter of May 11. The information you have supplied me will be of help, I am sure, in eventually locating the meteorite.

Thank you again for your kindness.

Sincerely yours,

J. Allen Hynek
Director

JAH:jcm

REQUEST AND AUTHORIZATION FOR TEMPORARY DUTY TRAVEL OF MILITARY PERSONNEL (If more space is required, continue on reverse, identifying items by number.)			DATE 1 May 1962
I. REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION			
TO: Administrative Officer, Hq FTR			1. REQUEST TO BE AUTHORIZED AS INDICATED IN ITEMS 5 THROUGH 12.
FROM: (Requesting authority) Dep/Science & Components, Hq FTR(AFSC) USAF, WPAFB, Ohio			
2. TYPED NAME, GRADE AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL EDWARD H. WYNN, COLONEL, USAF Dep/Science & Components		3. SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL	4. PHONE NR. 69216
II. TEMPORARY DUTY TRAVEL ORDERS			
5. THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL(S) WILL PROCEED AS INDICATED. UPON COMPLETION WILL RETURN TO PROPER STATION:			
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9. SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF TOY Investigate sighting of UFO.		10. ITINERARY (Include VARIATIONS IN ITINERARY AUTHORIZED) FROM: Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio TO: Bureka, Utah RETURN TO: Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio	
11. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS CIVILIAN CLOTHING AUTHORIZED FOR THIS OFFICIAL MISSION.			
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13. AUTHORITY AFM 35-11, AFM 10-3		14. DATE 3 May 1962	15. SPECIAL ORDER NR. S-1094
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1. A. NONE DISTINGUISHABLE
- B. 1/2 PENCIL SIZE IN WIDTH ABOUT 3 INCHES IN LENGTH
- C. ORANGE
- D. NO DEFINITE OBJECT SIGHTED
- E. N/A
- F. APPEARED AS BRIGHT FLASH AND EXPLOSION
- G. N/A

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I. APPEARED AS EXPLOSION ON HORIZON WITH TRAILS OF FIRES EXTENDING
TO CLOUDS

2. A. A BRIGHT FLASH WHICH ILLUMINATED COCKPIT

B. 270 DEGREES BEARING FROM A/C ON HORIZON IN CLOUDS

C. SAME

D. NONE OBSERVED

E. BURN OUT

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3. A. AIR VISUAL

B. NONE

C. F100C 54759 25,000 132 DEG HEADING, SPEED 85 M BUCKLEY ANGB

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FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION
AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

TD-B/Lt Col Friend

UFO Sighting (Utah 19 April 1962)

2 August 1962

Hq USAF
SAFOI-3b (Major Hart)
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1. At 0319Z on 19 April 1962 and unidentified flying object, described by the witnesses as a very brilliant object, moving at tremendous speed, and creating explosive sounds, was observed in the western part of the United States. The object was reported to have impacted in Utah and the majority of the reports originated in that state. (Attachment #1)

2. AFR 200-2, 14 September 1959, the Air Force directive covering the unidentified flying objects program assigns the responsibility for investigating sightings to the nearest air force base. In compliance with par 4b of this document, personnel from Hill AFB, Utah investigated the 19 April 1962 incident. (Attachment #1)

3. On 15 July 1960 during a briefing on the USAF's Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Program, to members of the House Armed Services Committee, House Science and Astronautics Committee and CIA, Mr. Robert Smart of the House Armed Services Committee stated that due to the usually limited technical capability of the Air Force bases, FTD should conduct the investigation of those cases which give indication of having high intelligence and/or scientific potential, and also those which have an unusual amount of public interest. Mr. Smart has made several follow-ups on his recommendation and FTD has in every instance indicated compliance.

4. The note contained in par 4c of AFR 200-2, 14 September 1959, spells out a requirement for FTD to conduct additional investigation when it is determined that additional information is required to further or conclude its analysis of findings.

5. The number of reports generated by the 18 April 1962 sighting, and the fact that the Air Force investigation came to a negative conclusion regarding the UFO, they indicated it couldn't have been a meteor (Attachment #1), prompted further investigation by FTD. This case was investigated by Lt Col Robert J. Friend, FTD, and Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Air Force Consultant to the UFO program, on 7 May 1962. This investigation was completed in one full day and it was concluded that the object was a bolide. An attempt was made

to locate the object but this effort failed due to the general nature of the data. Further study of this sighting indicates that the meteorite probably struck in the area of the Wasatch National Forest; however, the Air Force has made no further attempts to recover it.

FOR THE COMMANDER

EDWARD H. WYNN
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Science
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EVALUATION 2nd

DATE & LAW INFORMED 17, 18, 19 April 1962

SOURCE (Source below named)

NAME Douglas H. Groves

At 0300G on 19 April 1962 a brilliant mid-air illumination appeared over Lodi, Utah, visible to Idaho, California, Arizona and Texas. One violent explosion and 20-30 sharp explosions followed illumination. AF pilot in area reported clearly defined white object falling toward ground after illumination. Resident of Lodi, Utah, stated a bright white object passed over his traveling north-west at 300-500 feet altitude, leaving bright white trail, turning to smoke trail after object passed. Observer at Juntura, Utah, (30 W, 111 N) stated object passed east of Juntura in north-west direction. Observer 3 miles south-west of Juntura, Utah (30 W, 111 N) reported object passed over in northwest direction, alternately emitting jagged smoke, retreating forward movement, and surging ahead three or four times, before flame at tail of object turned from bright yellow to blue. Observer stated object spread over and estimated that object landed in Juntura valley in vicinity of Juntura River (30 W, 111 N).

1. At 0300G on 19 April 1962 a brilliant mid-air illumination appeared over central Utah which was reported visible in Idaho, California, Arizona and as far east as Kansas. Observers reported a bright object generally described as a brilliant white ball falling toward the earth in that area.

2. At 0600G on 19 April 1962 Captain Herman G. SHELTON, AD 2245940, 73rd Troop Carrier Squadron, a reserve AF pilot and civilian attorney at law was interviewed at Hill AFB, Utah, with a tape recording being made of the interview. The following information and answers received to questions by the paragraph number of items of information requested in paragraph 15, AFM 200-2, dated 1 September 1959.

- 15a(1) Shape - A long cylindrical shape like a cigarette.
- 15a(2) Size - At the distance object appeared to be the size of a cigarette.
- 15a(3) Color - The forward or lower part of object was a bright intense white such as a magnesium fire. The after half was a clearly distinguishable yellow color.
- 15a(4) Number - One.
- 15a(5) Formation - None.
- 15a(6) Discrete features - None.
- 15a(7) Trail, Trail or Exhaust - None.
- 15a(8) Sound - None heard.
- 15a(9) Pertinent features - None observed.
- 15a(10) What called attention to object - The bright intense light directly above the aircraft.

INTERVIEW BY ORIGINATOR: FILE 3 yrs w/o dissemination. Copy recordings of statements of observers.

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15a(1) Shape, elevation and altitude - One object was first spotted 10 to 15 miles above Lodi (30 W, 111 N), and between aircraft and mountains to east. Height from aircraft approximately 65 to 70 degrees from nose of aircraft which was an approximately 130 degree magnetic heading.

15a(2) Shape, elevation and altitude at time of disappearance - Same as 15a(1) above.

15a(3) Flight path and maneuvers - Traveling toward the ground, 10 to 20 degrees from vertical or 70 to 80 degrees from horizontal. Flight path from north west to south east.

15a(4) How did object disappear - Object disappeared suddenly before striking the ground (note of time of aircraft sight was made 15 disappear from view).

15a(5) How long was object visible - Object itself was visible for not more than two seconds. Time from beginning of illumination to disappearance of object was a minimum of two seconds.

15a(6) Number of observation - Indefinite.

15a(7) Optical aids - None.

15a(8) Altitude - 6000 aircraft (30 W, 111 N), altitude 6,000 feet. Turning right from heading of 65 degrees to heading of 165 degrees. Heading approximately 130 degrees at time of sighting. Speed of 170 knots. Aircraft based at Hill Air Force Base.

15a(9) Date time data group - 0300G, 19 April 1962.

15a(10) Light conditions - Night.

15a(11) Location of observer - Above location of US Highway 50W with Utah Highway 30, (30 W, 111 N) 5 miles southeast of Juntura, Utah.

15a(12) Information on observer - Herman G. SHELTON, Captain AFM, 73rd Troop Carrier Squadron, Hill AFB, Utah, civilian occupation, Attorney at Law, Age 50. Commissioned in August 1950 with three years active duty in Korea. Flying status with AFM since 1950. The 1,200 hours flying time. Captain SHELTON appears to be a mature and stable person. His ready answers to questions about indicated exceptional powers of observation and proficiency as a pilot.

15a(13) Weather and winds - SHELTON reported a full moon with no clouds above them and visibility of 30 to 40 miles. No obstructions to visibility.

3. Seven residents of Lodi, Utah (30 W, 111 N) were interviewed in an attempt to establish the location of the source of illumination as well as a description and direction of travel of the object. Each of the persons interviewed agreed that the illumination originated almost directly over Lodi. Further that the object generally described as a yellowish white ball of fire traveled in a northwesterly direction over and away from Lodi, leaving a trail of dark gray smoke. That approximately three to five minutes after the object disappeared in the northwest, the sound of a strong explosion was heard. Also that after the strong explosion, a series of 20 to 30 explosions were heard from the direction from which the object had appeared. Most observers explained the sound as like that of an anti-aircraft gun.

4. Three residents of Lodi, Utah (30 W, 111 N) were interviewed in an attempt to obtain a more bearing on the direction of travel of the object. All three persons agreed that the object passed over to the east of Lodi on a heading of 70 to 80 degrees, leaving a trail of dark gray smoke. That after the object passed off to the above heading, the bright object turned to a dull color and seemed to burn out. Due to the brightness of the illumination, residents stated they were unable to determine a shape or altitude of the object.

5. At 1400G on 19 April 1962 Roy SHELTON was interviewed at Lodi, Utah, with a tape recording being made of the interview. The following information was received concerning the object:

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FROM: See & Law Reference
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- 15a(1) Shape - A bulky form, a little wider than long.
15a(2) Size - At the distance about the size of a basketball.
15a(3) Color - A white color with a bluish tint. Like the color of burning metal at white heat.
15a(4) Number - One.
15a(5) Formation - None.
15a(6) Discernible features - None he could see.
15a(7) Trail, trail or exhaust - A long trail of flame approximately 500 feet long. After flame went by there was a trail of dark gray smoke.
15a(8) Sound - Object had a "whooshing" sound as it went over. After object went over, approximately 30 sharp explosions were heard in mid-air like dynamite explosions set off at close intervals.
15a(9) Pertinent features - None he could see.
15b(1) What called attention to object - Was tending water in garden when entire valley lit up as bright as day. Looked up to locate source of illumination and saw object.
15b(2) Angle, elevation and azimuth - Passed overhead about 300 feet east of his location. Estimated object was 300 to 500 feet above him when it passed over going in a northeasterly direction.
15b(3) Angle, elevation or azimuth at time of disappearance - Appeared to be descending in a shallow glide on a north west heading at the time object seemed to burn out.
15b(4) Description of flight path - A flat trajectory from the south east to north west in a slightly descending glide. No maneuvers.
15b(5) How did object disappear - Seemed to burn out while going away into north-west.
15b(6) How long was object visible - Two to three seconds.
15b(1) Manner of observation - Naked eye.
15b(2) Optical aids - None.
15b(3) Airborne sighting - N/A
15b(4) Data time date group - 0335 to 0336 on 19 April 1962.
15b(5) Light conditions - Night.
15b(6) Location of observer - North end of Lynxyl, Utah (39 45N, 112 22 1/W).
15b(7) Information re observer - Ray NIELSON, Age 60, Lynxyl, Utah, Farmhouse and Garage Quarter. Neighbors have a high regard for the honesty and veracity of NIELSON. Interview and comparison of estimates of distances indicate NIELSON may be a poor judge of distance.
15b(8) Weather and winds - NIELSON reported no winds, with moon shining brightly and a few high scattered cumulus clouds.

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6. Four sheepmen and herders located at Jericho, Utah (39 45N, 112 11W) were interviewed on 19 April 1962 with regard to the object. The four interviewees concurred that the object passed east of Jericho on a north-west heading. After their attention was attracted by the brilliant illumination, the persons observed the object and described it substantially as a bright white object which left a trail of dark gray smoke. Also that the object seemed to burn out or turn dark after passing over the immediate area. The descriptions of the 20 to 30 sharp explosions heard after the object passed over given by each of the men generally agreed, with the noise likened to that of anti-aircraft fire.

7. On 19 April 1962 Mr. Bob HEDGECOCK was interviewed at the Silver City Mine at Silver City, Utah, and the following information obtained:

- 15a(1) Shape - Round ball of fire.
15a(2) Size - About the size of a soccer ball.
15a(3) Color - White with a yellowish tint and a bright yellow jagged flame coming from the rear of the object.
15a(4) Number - One.
15a(5) Formation - None.
15a(6) Discernible features - None he could see.
15a(7) Trail, trail or exhaust - The object had a bright yellowish flame coming from the rear. After object passed overhead, a dark gray smoke trail remained in the sky.
15a(8) Sound - Object emitted a gurgling sound three or four times when it slowed down in flight and then sped up again. After object had burned out, approximately 20 sharp explosions were heard in direction from which object came.
15a(9) Pertinent features - Yellow jagged flame at rear of object. After object had slowed up and wobbled about three or four times, the flame at the rear of object turned from yellow to blue, and jagged ends of trailing flame turned into a sharp pointed flame at the rear.
15b(1) What called attention to object - Bright illumination overhead caused him to look up and see object.
15b(2) Angle, elevation and azimuth - Object traveled northwest over mountain east of his location on a flat trajectory. Could not estimate altitude.
15b(3) Angle, elevation and azimuth at time of disappearance - Traveling north west with descending angle. Below top of mountain to west (3,000 feet).
15b(4) Flight path and maneuvers - As object passed over HEDGECOCK, it slowed down in air, and after gurgling sound was heard, the object started ahead again. After this procedure was repeated three or four times, the object slowed over and began descending to earth after which the object turned bluish color and then burned out or went dark. After object began to slow down it began to wobble or "fishtail" in its path.
15b(5) How did object disappear - After beginning to arc over toward the ground, the object turned dark or burned out, still on a northwest heading.
15b(6) How long object visible - Two or three seconds.

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- 15e(1) Number of observation - Naked eye.
15e(2) Optical aids - None.
15e(3) Airborne sighting - N/A.
15e(4) Date time-date group - 0900 10 April 1962.
15e(5) Light conditions - Night.
15e Location of observer - 2,000 feet southeast of Junction of US Highway 50 and Utah Highway 36 (39 30N, 111 20W).
15f Information on observer - Mr. ROBERTSON, age 35-40, Bureau, Utah, Sheriff. ROBERTSON appears to be a mature and stable person. Law enforcement officers in that area advised that ROBERTSON was very reliable and trustworthy, and they placed a great deal of faith in his story concerning the object.
15g(1) Weather and winds - Observer reported practically no wind, with moon visible and only high clouds.
8. On 29 April 1962 a telephone call was received from Mr. W. C. JONES, 1800 Albin Avenue, Salt Lake City, Utah. JONES was relaying information concerning a UFO observed by his mother, Mrs. George T. JONES, 1806 North State, Orem, Utah. The following information was obtained:
15g(2) Shape - Shaped like a lonesome cloth with a round ball in the center about the size of a large coconut.
15g(3) Size - The size of a lonesome cloth.
15g(4) Color - Yellow with black corners, a bright red object the size of a coconut in the center.
15g(5) Number - One.
15g(6) Formation - None.
15g(7) Discernible features - As it was burning, the edges appeared to curl. Mrs. JONES stated this was not like any meteorite or falling star she had seen and that she first thought it was an exploding aircraft.
15g(8) Fall, trail or exhaust - Object came down out of a shaft of smoke.
15g(9) Sound - None.
15g(10) Pertinent features - A bright red ball, the size of a large coconut in the center of the object.
15g(11) What called attention to object - The bright illumination overhead caused her to look up and see the object.
15g(12) Angle, elevation and azimuth - Object traveled straight down toward the ground. Elevation and azimuth not determined.
15g(13) Elevation and azimuth at time of disappearance - In dropping toward the ground elevation and azimuth not determined.
15g(14) Flight path and maneuvers - Dropped straight to the ground.

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- 15e(5) How did object disappear - Did not notice manner of disappearance.
15e(6) How long object visible - 2 - 3 seconds.
15e(7) Number of observation - Naked eye.
15e(8) Optical Aids - None.
15e(9) Airborne Sighting - N/A.
15e(10) Date time date group - 0900, 10 April 1962.
15e(11) Light conditions - Night.
15e Location of Observer - On Utah Highway 11, 1/3 of distance between Hermit and Panguitch, Utah, (39 30N, 111 35W).
15f Information on observer - Mrs. George T. JONES, 1806 North State, Orem, Utah, age 70. Mrs. JONES stated that she had reasonable eye sight and control of her faculties for a person of that age.
15g(1) Weather and winds - Not noticed.
9. Following is the balance of information forwarded in compliance with AFM 200-2 dated 15 September 1959:
15g(2) Weather and winds-The 20 weather bureau at the Salt Lake City Airport reported conditions at 0900 as 10 knot surface winds from 120 degrees, 5 knot wind at 170 degrees at 6,000 feet, 5 knot winds from 150 degrees at 10,000 feet, 15 knot winds from 200 degrees at 14,000 feet, and 10 knot wind from 200 degrees at 20,000 feet. No information available above 20,000 feet.
15g(3) Ceiling - Above 20,000 feet was.
15g(4) Visibility - 30 miles.
15g(5) Cloud cover - 6.
15g(6) Thunderstorms - None reported by weather bureau.
15g(7) Temperature gradient - 70 degrees, dewpoint 36.
15g(8) Unusual activity or condition - None.
15g(9) Interception or identification - None attempted.
15g(10) Air traffic and balloon releases - No air traffic in area to account for sighting and no reports of missing aircraft. Two balloons released at 0900 and 1000 on 10 April 1962 would not account for sighting.

15g The preparing officer is Chief Criminal Investigator, 10-74 Security and Law Enforcement Division, Salt Lake Force Base, Utah. Preliminary analysis indicates that each of the observers interviewed were logical, mature persons, and that each person was convinced that he had observed some tangible object, not identifiable as a balloon or conventional type aircraft. The theory that the object was a manned aircraft was abandoned due to the described shape and color and flaring tail of the object, plus the fact there are no reports of missing aircraft in this area, no unusual meteorological or astronomical conditions were present which would furnish an explanation for the sighting. No scientific test firings are conducted in the immediate area other than static tests. The hypotheses that the object was a

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Div, Hill AFB, UT

falling meteor is questioned due to the statements of three observers describing the flat trajectory, plus the description of sounds emanating from the object and the account of the "table cloth" and the final object falling to the ground. Due to the inaccessibility of the valley, ten miles wide by 15 miles long in which the object apparently came to earth, no further search for the object is contemplated. With the completion of this initial report, no explanation has been developed for the brilliant illumination of the area, the object itself, or the explosions in the wake of the object.

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1. Tape recording of interview with
Capt Shields
2. Tape recording of interview with
Mr Nielson

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August 6, 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY DIVISION, SAFLL
ATTN: MR. LAVECCHIA

SUBJECT: Proposed Reply to Mr. George C. Marbut

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Crash, Boom Over Utah Fireball Lights Skies In Ten States

The huge "ball of fire" which flashed across the Western U. S. between 8:15 and 8:19 p.m. on 18 April 1962 was so brilliant that it triggered the photo-electric street lighting system in Eureka, Utah. The object was traveling from east to west. All street lights turned off in Eureka as the object passed over. Authorities thought the fireball crashed about 10 miles south of the small town. Residents saw a "blue flash" and heard a "rumbling" off in the distance immediately after the sighting.

Salt Lake City observers said the light of the "meteor" was as "bright as day." It was seen in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, New Mexico, Wyoming, Arizona, Nevada, Kansas and Utah. An FAA spokesman at Salt Lake City said the object vanished over southwestern Utah about 35 miles northeast of Delta. He also said aircraft and ground observers in the area confirmed the report.

Although not definitely established, a light glow seen by a tower spokesman at Peterson Field (Colorado Springs, Colo.) west of Pike's Peak, may have been connected with the sighting. The light was obstructed by the mountain.

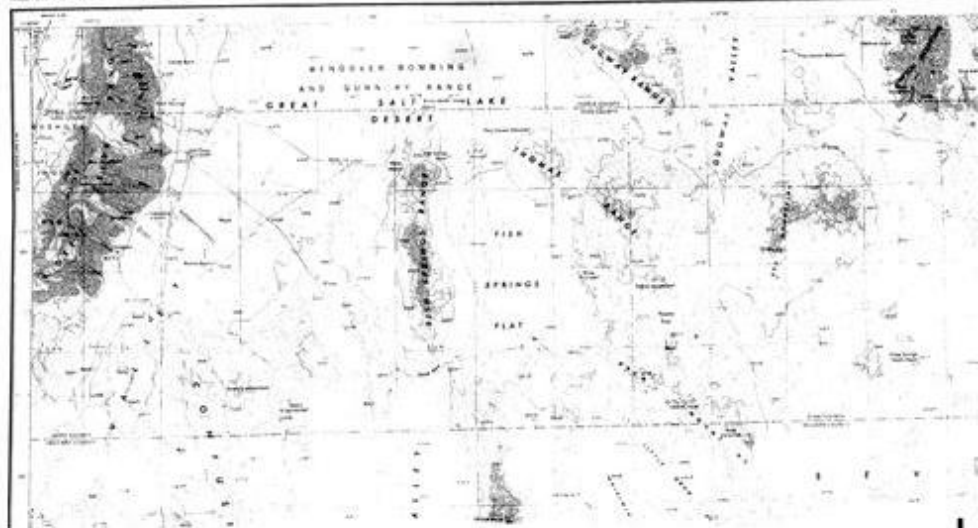
Air Force officers from Hill AFB at Ogden, Utah, questioned sheepherders in the hills south of Eureka, Utah, who saw the object. One Robinson of Eureka said it first looked like a "polliwog" with its tail on fire, going east to west in "sort of jerks." He said it suddenly exploded into a "sodium blue-white light brighter than day" and then continued on, looking like a vapor trail from a jet. He estimated it was 8 to 10 seconds before the sound became audible, sounding like cannons firing in the distance.

Most observers in Nevada declared the object was traveling west to east.

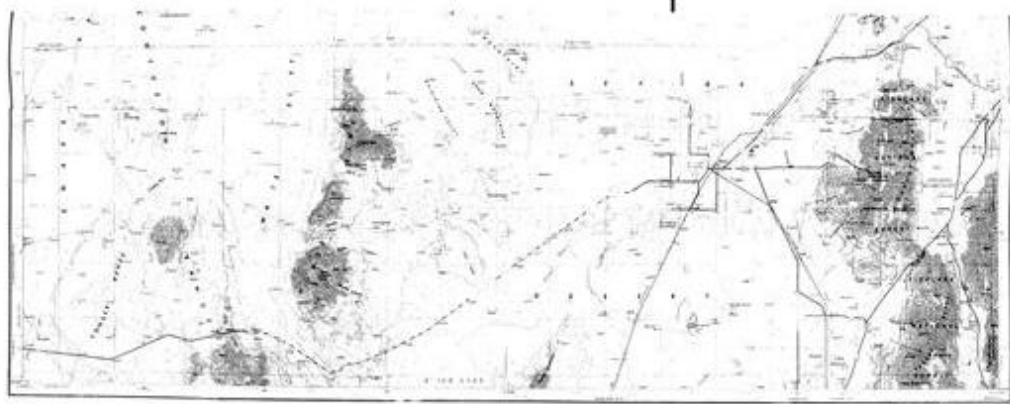
The thought occurs that this object was a perfect high-altitude flare—illuminating most of a two-state area to a point of daylight brightness. It so happens that the two states receiving most of the light were Utah and Nevada, both locations of U. S. Missile and nuclear test sites.

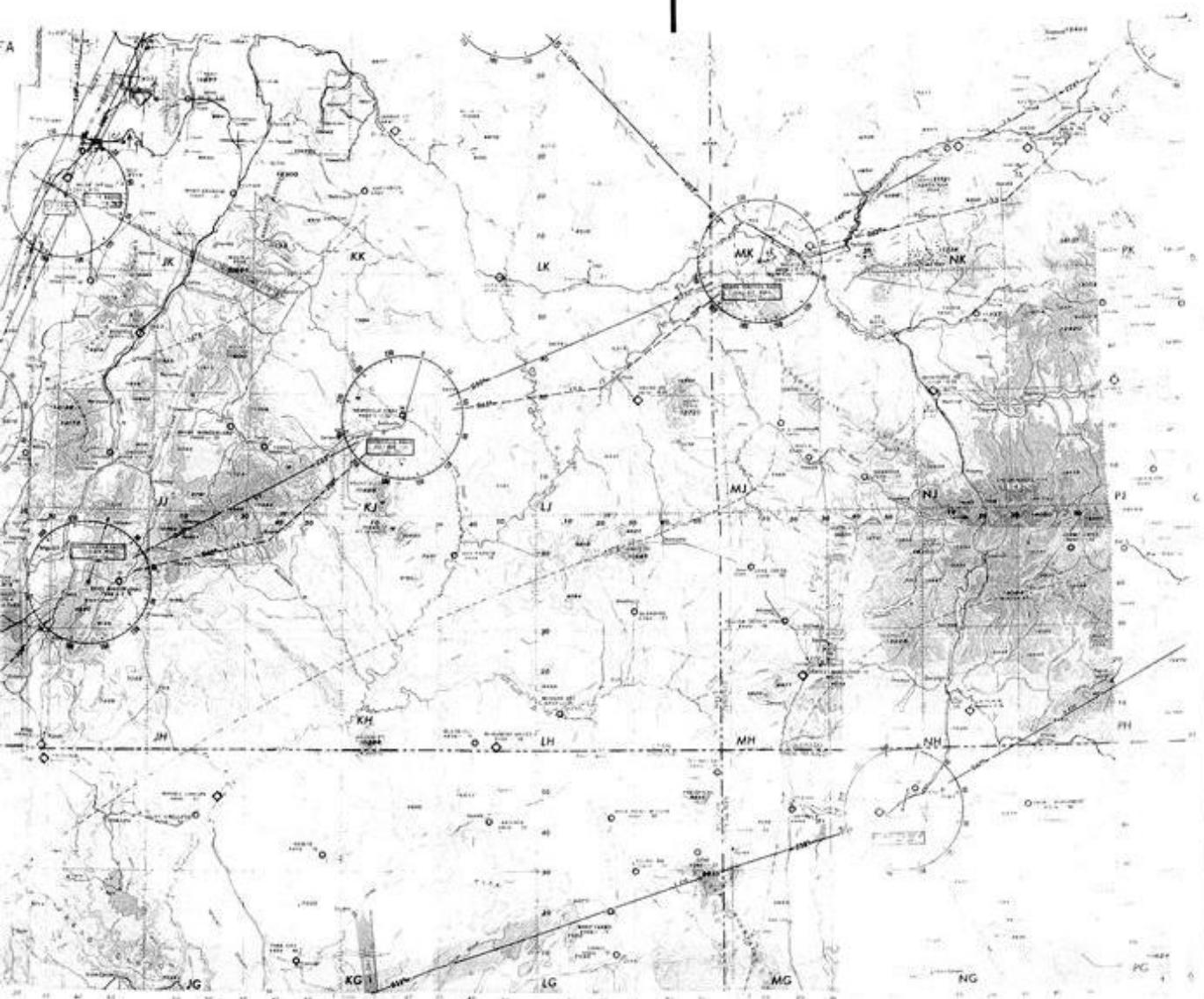
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1. DATE 19 April 62	2. LOCATION Eureka, Utah, Rocky Mountain area	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 19 00 / 0319Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No Tape Recordings Civilian & Military	6. SOURCE Civilian & Military	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION varied	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one exploding	9. COURSE Westerly
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Obj came in over Cuba & apparently landed in rough terrain West of Eureka Utah. Bright enough to trip photo electric cell which controlled city street lights.		11. COMMENTS Multiple rpts. Attempted recovery by Col Friend & Dr Hynek. See case file.

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Your continued interest in Air Force matters is appreciated.

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27 Jul - Ltr fr Rep to C/S.
30 Jul - Recd in LL/fwd.
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Sincerely,

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Honorable James H. Morrison
House of Representatives

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: TD-E/Lt Col Friend
SUBJECT: UFO Sighting (Utah 19 April 1962)

2 August 1962

TO: Hq USAF
SAFOI-3b (Major Hart)
Wash 25 DC

1. At 0319Z on 19 April 1962 an unidentified flying object, described by the witnesses as a very brilliant object, moving at tremendous speed, and creating explosive sounds, was observed in the western part of the United States. The object was reported to have impacted in Utah and the majority of the reports originated in that state. (Attachment #1)

2. AFR 200-2, 14 September 1959, the Air Force directive covering the unidentified flying objects program assigns the responsibility for investigating sightings to the nearest air force base. In compliance with par 4b of this document, personnel from Hill AFB, Utah investigated the 19 April 1962 incident. (Attachment #1)

3. On 15 July 1960 during a briefing on the USAF's Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Program to members of the House Armed Services Committee, House Science and Astronautics Committee and CIA, Mr. Robert Smart of the House Armed Services Committee stated that due to the usually limited technical capability of the Air Force bases, FTD should conduct the investigation of those cases which give indication of having high intelligence and/or scientific potential, and also those which have an unusual amount of public interest. Mr. Smart has made several follow-ups on his recommendation and FTD has in every instance indicated compliance.

4. The note contained in par 4c of AFR 200-2, 14 September 1959, spells out a requirement for FTD to conduct additional investigation when it is determined that additional information is required to further or conclude its analysis of findings.

5. The number of reports generated by the 18 April 1962 sighting, and the fact that the Air Force investigators came to a negative conclusion regarding the UFO, they indicated it couldn't have been a meteor (Attachment #1), prompted further investigation by FTD. This case was investigated by Lt Col Robert J. Friend, FTD, and Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Air Force Consultant to the UFO program, on 7 May 1962. This investigation was completed in one full day and it was concluded that the object was a bolide. An attempt was made

to locate the object but this effort failed due to the general nature of the data. Further study of this sighting indicates that the meteorite probably struck in the area of the Wasatch National Forest; however, the Air Force has made no further attempts to recover it.

FOR THE COMMANDER

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