PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE / TIME GROUP 3 Apr 52 04/0055Z	2. LOCATION Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (1 witness)
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Pass. AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS SEE CASE FILE
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE NE-W	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	NOTE. There is an aerial advertizing sign and cemetery opposite to the Pittsburgh area. (See attached description of this phase). It seems quite poss that this plane was the stimulus for this sighting. Page 2 ATIC
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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

20. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One) Yes (No) but at moved about not approached-me and not very fast until left me

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? in the 2 or 3 ft. high

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 Rural residential section if any around

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

24.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

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

24.2 How fast were you moving? 5 to 10 miles per hour.

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

(Circle One) (Yes) No

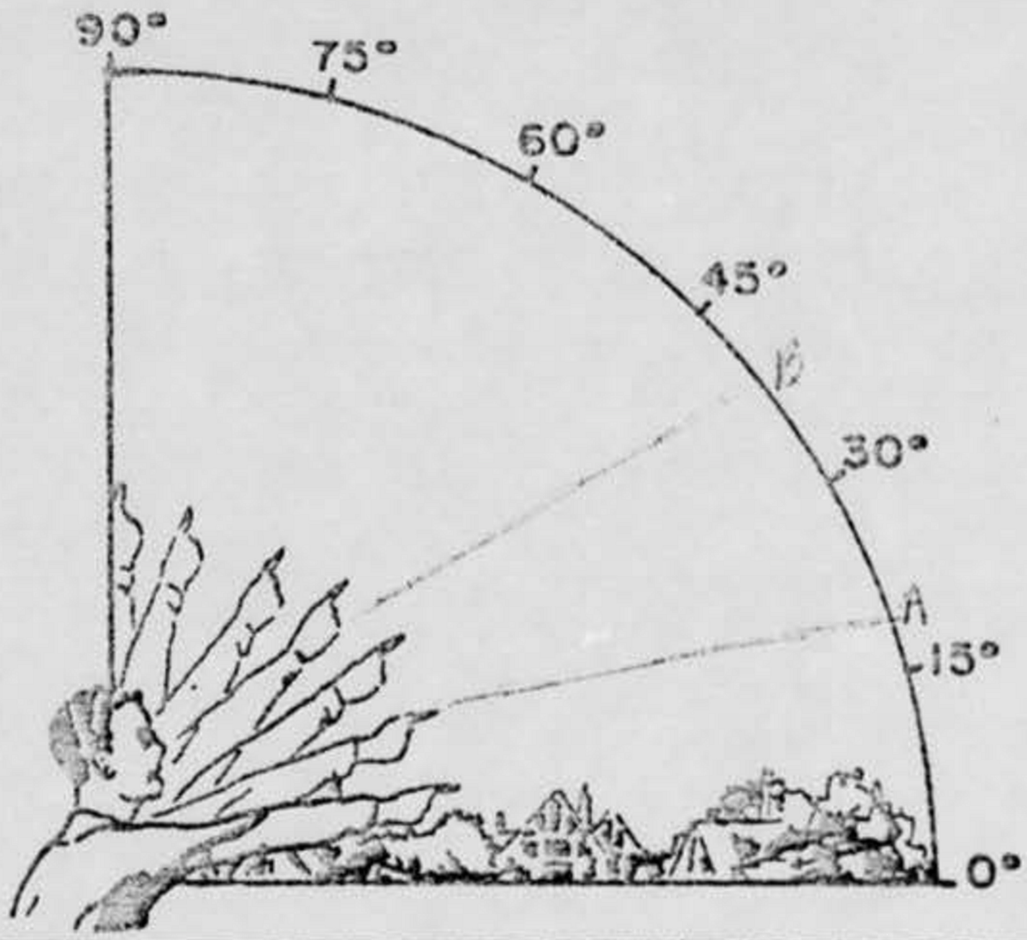
25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

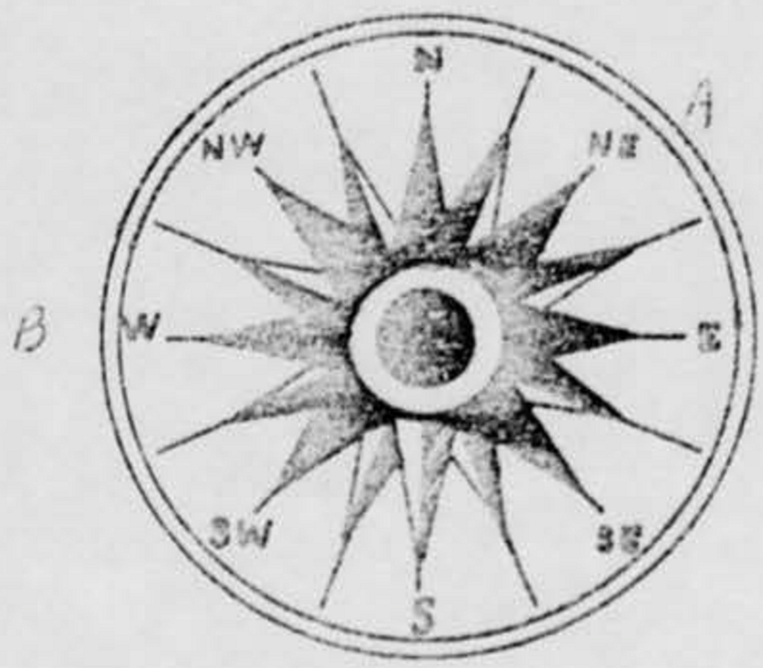
a. Eyeglasses	(Yes)	No	e. Binoculars	Yes	No
b. Sun glasses	Yes	No	f. Telescope	Yes	No
c. Windshield	Yes	No	g. Theodolite	Yes	No
d. Window glass	(Yes)	No	h. Other _____		

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.

There is no object I've ever seen similar to the object I saw. Or could even compare it to.

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.

I didn't see it leaving path A. My nearness to my house. When I reached the next street, it was heading directly to me coming from straight east. I, at that time was traveling north and when I stopped the car about 200 ft away, it was hovering right to the left of my driver's window. It was less than a minute to me to reach the other street, yet it was the whole block and it traveled miles.

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:

Just as I reached my destination I looked, got out and could still see the vehicle in the distance. Another woman approached and asked me what that thing was. I said I didn't know & we both stood & watched it until it was just about out of sight going west.

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [redacted] First Name [redacted] Middle Name

ADDRESS [redacted] Pittsburgh 15239 Pa
City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted] AGE 35 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?

Monday 3rd April 1967
Day Month Year

WTAE TV - (They had several calls) + Pgh. Airport, Air Force in Connecticut, th
+ that morning

34. Date you completed this questionnaire: 1st 6 Jul 1967
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.

In question 27 - From the first time I saw it to the last, I saw it three times, three times. The second time it was coming from direct east. I was looking North, and I didn't look any higher than the rooftops. It was easily between an entity. But with lights on both sides. Other than that I saw, almost in direct line with my eyes I feel I could draw the street a couple of hundred feet to turn around in a driveway to come home & tell my husband when I thought I better make sure it's not going faster than I think it was, when I stepped the curb in the middle of the street, looked to the right again first, then to the front, North, then out into West. I didn't see it so I leaned closer to the driver's window and it was right above me in front more to the left a little, but not moving. When it was on the East, then the second time, coming directly to me, the only lights were red. However, as it reached above me, there were not only red but white & pale yellow. It was hard to say definitely. It was not round, but more of a rectangular shape with the width being only a few feet smaller than the length. It appeared to be about 30 to 40 feet larger in size. It looked like, as it came directly at me from East, a craft in a craft, the upper craft being a few feet smaller than the lower craft and rather flat. It became as it neared me I could still see a small part of the top as I had the full bottom in view. The upper craft had openings, possibly windows of a sort that were like a rectangular design. But the bottom of the craft as I saw clothed. I stared at it

it was approximately 5 to 10 seconds when I realized it was Peterbilt and where was my lane. I was driving it. Then I became frightened. By now I was approaching it. Then I became frightened. By now that I was shocked when I looked out realized it was but also fascinated, I imagine. Then I put my foot on the gas and hurriedly left. After traveling a few hundred feet, turning a bend also, I was able to look and see it a good distance away from me. It had to have a tremendous speed to cover that distance in seconds it then looked like it cut its speed down & adjusted to travel a rather slowly. I arrived at my destination a few minutes later and was still able to see it on the distance. There is a mark where, on the rest of my car, on the drivers side that I noticed this evening after; actually my husband noticed it, I didn't check to look on the rest of the car. He tried to scrape it off & after getting so much off with a knife, the paint started to come with it. It's about the size of a half-dollar. It was black and what he scraped off was like a black plastic or soft rubber. The car was out in the weather but the rain we've had didn't wash it away. He did as I say, scrape it, and whether there is any more black there, I don't know but the spot is still there. There is another woman who witnessed it and left with me but as I didn't know at the time she would appear & my seeing her name, I got in touch with her today. Her name is [redacted], Mandeville, address: [redacted] 70439.) Upon my return I was met by my mother, she left, about 9:30 P.M. as when I left the house which the lights, going westward, that looked like a chevrolet -

2 Apr 67

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

REPLY TO ATTN OF TDET/UFO

3 April 1967

SUBJECT UFO Observation , 2 April 1967

TO [redacted]
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15239

Reference your unidentified observation. The information which we have received is not sufficient for a scientific evaluation. Request you complete the attached FTD Form 164 and return it in the envelope provided. Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

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

1 Atch
FTD Form 164 w/envelope

MEMO FOR THE RECORD:

Observer saw an aluminum colored object with bright red lights. The object was not moving except when the witness would travel in the car. The object looked as if it was only about 500-700 feet above the car. It looked like there was a craft on top of another craft. There was no sound at all during the observation. The witnesses name is as follows:

[redacted]
Pittsburg, 39, Pa.

SEND
164

William B. Weitzel: President. Philosophy Instructor, University of Pittsburgh, Bradford Campus. Three years physics training at MIT; MA in Philosophy. NICAP staff member during summer of 1966. Published account of Portage County (April 17, 1966) UFO/police "chase"; has given UFO talks.

[redacted]: Ophtalmic Technician with Drs. Linn, Linn Sr., and Shaffer. Former MP with U. S. Marine Corps. Made pictures of burned retina of UFO witness, who suffered eye damage. One of three Institute people who are ready to handle on-going UFO sightings reported to answering service (telephone number 391-2766).

FLYING SAUCER FROM MARS DISCOVERED

An on-the-spot Institute investigation recently verified the existence of a "Flying Saucer From Mars," which has accounted for many UFO sightings in the Pittsburgh area. The object is a Citabria Champion advertising plane flown by Fred Eiler, Culmerville Airport, and bears the above quoted inscription with the qualification "Pa." in small letters after "Mars." Mr. Eiler owns AAA Sky Adds, Inc.

The wingspan of the Citabria ("airbatic" spelled backwards) is 36-1/2 feet. It usually flies at an altitude of about 1,000 feet, around 70 mph, and can stay aloft over five hours. Mounted below the wings is a framework of wires to which are soldered 7 rows of 36 CM51 bulbs, the size of a flashlight bulb. A heavy tape with holes punched in it to spell out a message, funs through a machine inside the plane which makes the bulbs light up in a certain sequence, to make the message move across the lights. An air siren mounted below the plane is sometimes used to attract attention.

In a strong headwind, at an airspeed of 30 mph, the Citabria can appear to be standing still. Seen on edge, its lights, moving from one side to another, can give the appearance of a flattish object with a row of lights around the rim. The engine of the plane is inaudible at a distance from which the moving lights can be easily seen; thus, many people report seeing a silent, disc-shaped object with a rotating rim covered by equally-spaced lights. When the plane is flying directly toward or away from the observer, especially in a misty atmosphere, its appearance can be quite eerie. It can, as several reports have stated, definitely "not resemble any conventional aircraft"!

The RESEARCHER
V. 1
NO. 2
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observer stated
"Red lights - There were lights
the entire ship about
6 FT. apart

[redacted]

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TDPTR Lt Col Smith

Request surface wind direction and velocity for
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 3April 1967, 2000 hours,
EST.

TDPT (UFO) Lt Marano 23 Apr 68

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNICAL APPLICATIONS CENTER (MAC)
BLDG 159 NAVY YARD ANNEX, WASHINGTON, DC 20333

REPLY TO ATTN OF: ETAC/EAD (#5992D/SSgt Dunham) 7 May 68

SUBJECT: Request for Weather Data

TO: FTD (TDPTR-4)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

1. Surface wind data required to complete the evaluation of a reported UFO sighting at Pittsburgh, Pa., on 3 April 1967 at 2000L hours, was not available. However, as a possible aid to your evaluation, the surface wind at 1900L hours on 3 April 1967 was 310 degrees at 14 knots.

2. Data sources were the ETAC surface history files.

FOR THE COMMANDER

John T. McCabe

JOHN T. McCABE, Colonel, USAF
Chief, Environmental Applications Div.

The puzzling thing about the entire case is how Mr. [redacted] came into possession of the rather remarkable color polaroid photographs. What were the circumstances under which the photographs were taken, and how were they contrived? Somebody went to a fair amount of trouble, but why? I questioned both the sheriff and asked the reporters to find out also, whether Mr. [redacted] was ever known to have bought photographic supplies in the local stores, and whether he knew anything about photography himself. The reply to this as far as could be determined, was negative. If one had the time, this would make a very interesting, but not terribly significant detective story. I would suggest it as a psychology master's degree thesis!

It should be pointed out that the [redacted] sighting was by no means the only case reported in that area. There followed quite a spate of reports, apparently all through the year, and even as late as November 3, 1967, when a [redacted], made a typical close encounter, luminous body sighting. "It was big enough to drive a car in", [redacted] said, "it was shaped like a cigar - one end was round."

I believe there is a moral to be drawn from the Wellington case. Had the Altus Air Force Base reacted promptly and done a good investigation on this case, very early in the game, and in particular, had found out how Mr. [redacted] had come into possession of said pictures, a lot of later trouble could have been saved. We still don't know how the pictures came into being.

21. 2 April 1967, Shively, Kentucky.

The evaluation "possible aircraft" seems okay. The sighting fits a pattern of the unusual, but we do not know how much the young boys "read into" what might have been a perfectly ordinary sighting. They are familiar with UFO literature and could have given a highly preferential interpretation to their sighting. The sighting was of short duration and the telescopic sighting was 20 seconds or less, hardly enough time to make a cold appraisal at a time of high excitement. Proper investigation at the local level could have easily determined how much of this was interpretation and how much was fact.

22. 3 April 1967, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The evaluation "aircraft" on this is ludicrous, if any credence whatever is given to the sanity and reliability of the observer. If it was an aircraft, then it created in the mind of the observer an entire fantasy, because as the observer stated, "there is no object I've ever seen similar to this object I saw. Or could even compare to it."

Statement, included at Blue Book, to the effect that the "object was not moving except when the witness would travel in the car", is absolutely incorrect, if the witness is to be believed at all. Witness stated that the object suddenly sped up and rushed away and "when it was approaching me it had only vibrant red light that was visible". With respect to the light, witness stated, "there is nothing I know of, or that I've ever seen with red lights that were as vibrant or as brilliant".

Finally, witness became frightened because object appeared so close directly over her car, and yet said there was no sound at all. Unless one is willing to call this an absolute hallucination, and that there was no physical outfit present whatever, the evaluation "aircraft" simply won't hold up.

This case is sufficiently interesting for me to interview the witnesses, as there were two rather than one as stated. They were independent and talked about it only after each had seen it separately.

I will make this personal investigation and report later.

23. 3 April 1967, Roseville, Michigan.

I would agree with the evaluation of possible birds, but I suppose to be fair we should also add, possible unidentified (data insufficient, no followup). The card indicates one object, and the report, however, clearly indicates that 10 to 12 lights were observed flying in V formation. This actually strengthens the "possible birds" evaluation.

24. 4 April 1967, Wheeling, W. Virginia.

This is not in my files.

25. 5 April 1967, Westminister, Colorado

Since the 164 was not returned the evaluation "insufficient data", I suppose, is entirely correct, but the case itself is interesting in that there were 15 witnesses. Here is one case the Condon Committee should have looked into, since it was right at their back door. They should have looked into it particularly since there were 15 witnesses. AIso the object was visible for 15 minutes, and it was observed through a telescope. Even at this late date this might be worth a call. As a matter of fact, when I am in Boulder this July I will look into it myself, but for the statistics, the evaluation "insufficient data" certainly holds.

3 Apr 67

Pittsburg, Pennsylvania

A/C (POSSIBLE)

[redacted]

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?

Monday 3rd April 1967
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 7 Hour 55 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?

[redacted]
Nearest Postal Address

Pittsburg, Pa.
City or Town

Pennsylvania
State or County

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

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

5.1 How was time in sight determined? I was driving [illegible] and I noticed at one [illegible] I looked at the [illegible] I noticed it was 7:55

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes ____ No ✓

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY	NIGHT
a. Bright	a. Bright
b. Cloudy	b. Cloudy

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One): a. In front of you
b. In back of you
c. To your right
d. To your left
e. Overhead
f. Don't remember

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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 at first
e. Don't remember

* There was a haze in the atmosphere to me.

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:

There is nothing I know of that I've ever seen with as bright as that and as vibrant or brilliant.

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? it seemed to pulsate	(Yes)	No	Don't know
h. Disappear and reappear? not while it was in sight; I mean to the naked eye.	Yes	(No)	Don't know

* When it was first seen by me it had only a diffuse red light that

14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? It appeared to be about two hundred feet away and quite a few miles away. I could at first see two lights on my car making the lights. But I couldn't seem to make up my mind whether it was something it must have been a minute or two before I looked out and not over the right street behind our house. Still at high speed.

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: It was out of my sight for possibly a minute. All I noticed the first time I saw it again I was straight above me. It passed directly over my car.

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: Not the way it appeared and as far as it was flying. At first there were no clouds anyway.

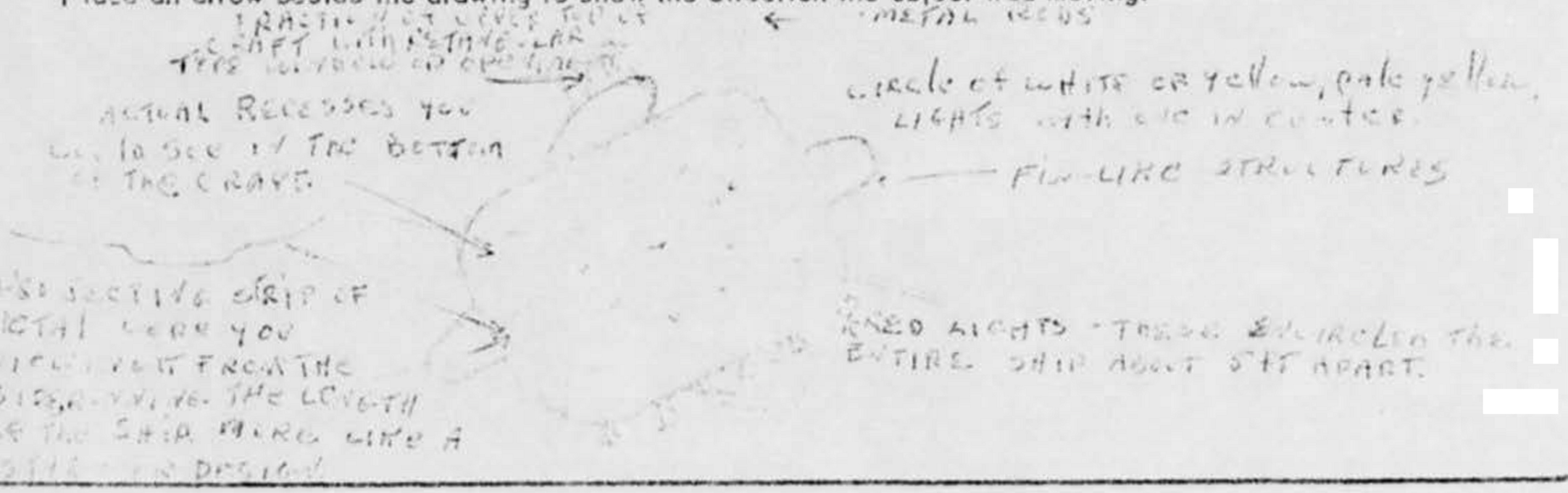
17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

a. Sound None at all

b. Color polished aluminum appearance

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?

About an inch or so. The craft was as long as it seemed wide to me. It blocked out all objects to the left side of my vision.

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.