

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 30 January 1956		2. LOCATION Lake Washington Area Seattle, Washington		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 31/0330Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian		☒ Was Astronomical Sirius ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION unknown		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE south	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round object. Color of bluish white, amber orange and red. Inversion in area. Object at 110° azimuth moving south and rising to 120° azimuth (verbal report indicates object 1st sighted in SW moving to south).				11. COMMENTS Radiosonde released at 0230Z from Sand Point (see other Seattle report this date). Object has been viewed on each night for four following nights. Witness considers object as star. Star Sirius in approximate position.	

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COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER:

1. In the opinion of the investigating officer this sighting was undoubtedly caused by the star SIRIUS for the following reasons:

- The position of the star SIRIUS as plotted by the University of Washington Observatory correlates very closely with SOURCE'S estimated elevation and bearing.
- During the period of this observation, this area has had unusually clear nights. This condition in an area accustomed to nightly overcasts, at this time of year, would tend to attract undue attention to particularly bright stars.
- The fact that SOURCE observed object on succeeding nights in approximately the same position on each occasion indicates very strongly that sighting was astronomical.
- Both sources stated that they now believe the object to be a particularly bright star.

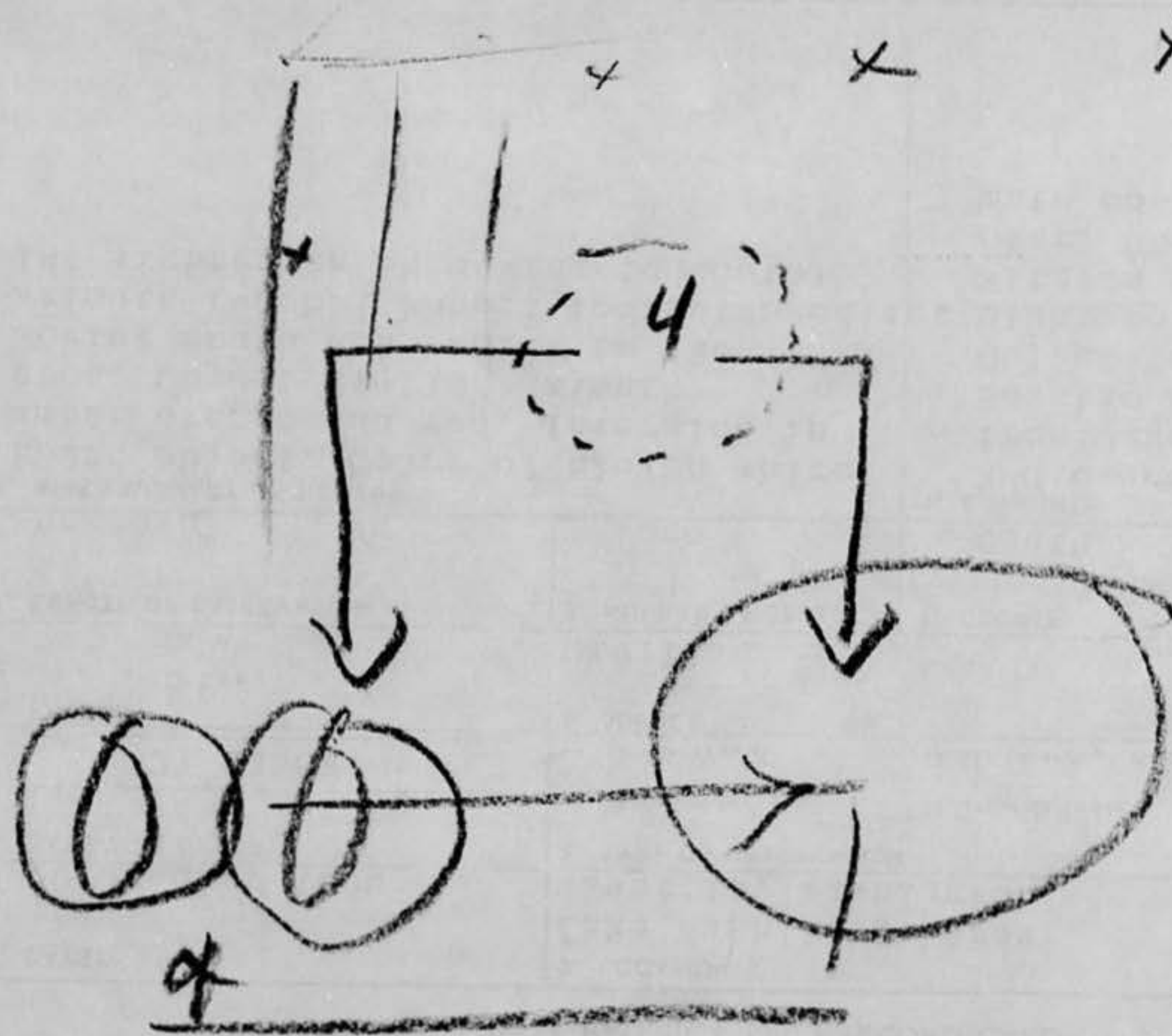
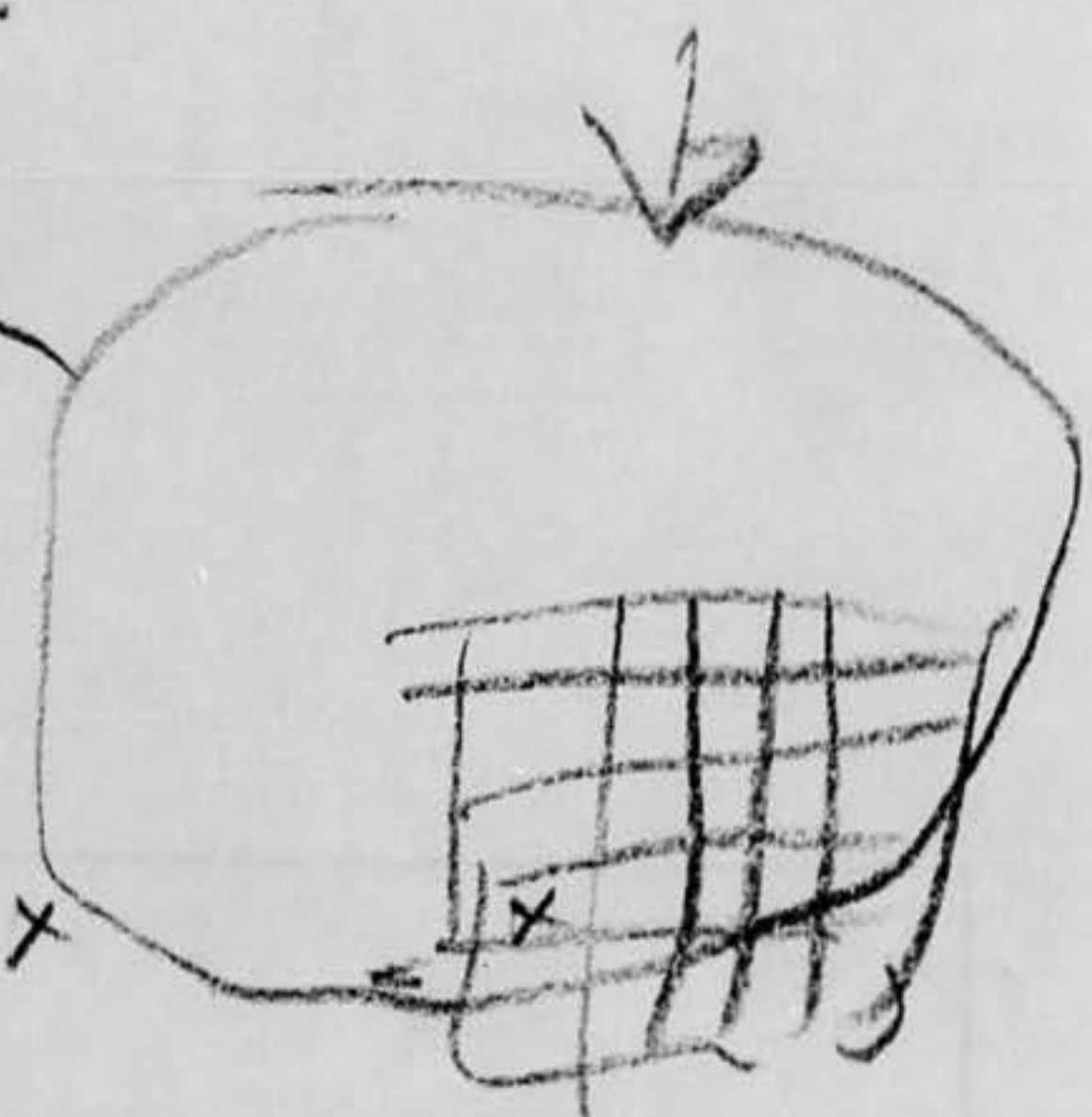
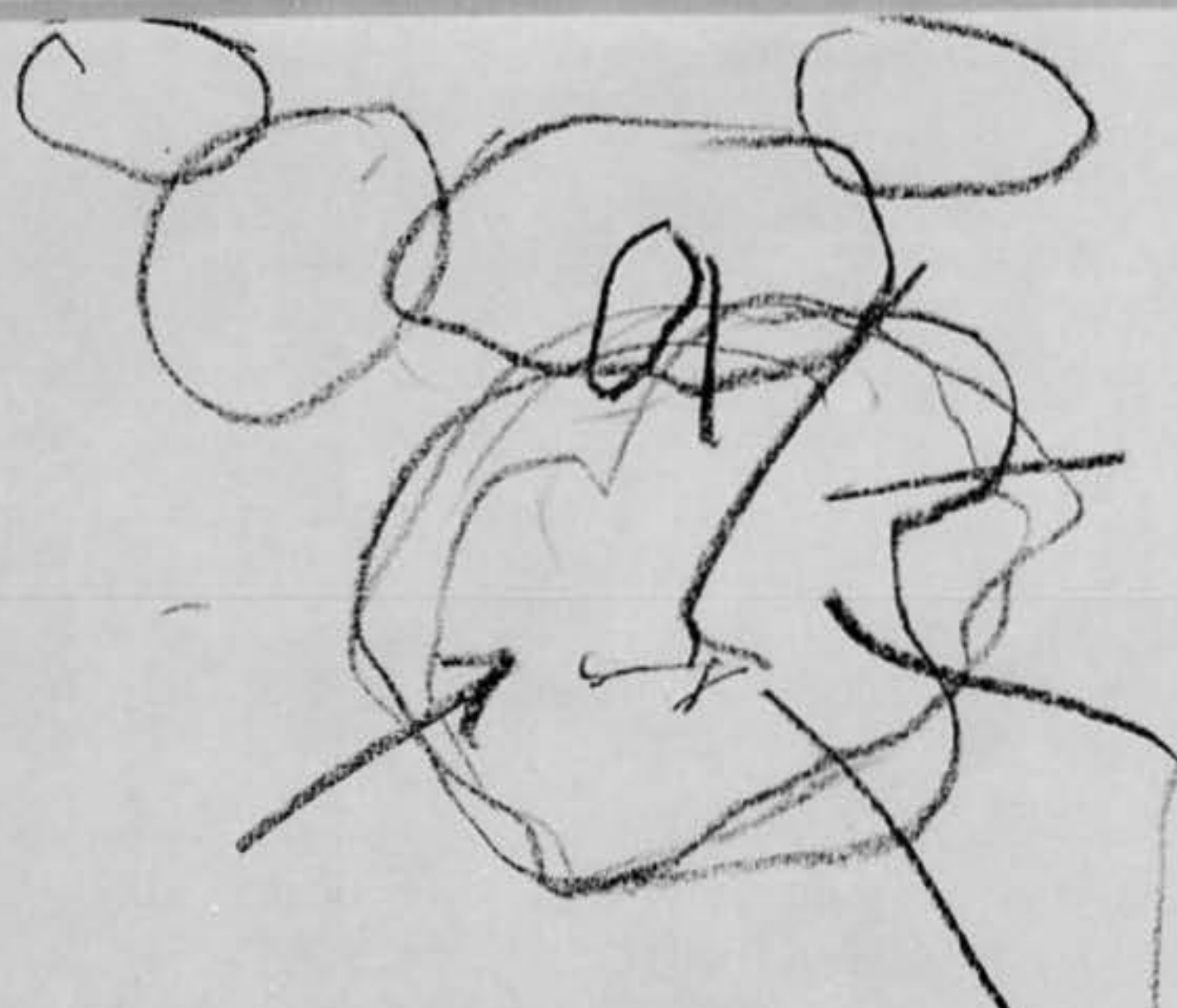
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1/Lt, USAF.
Officer in Charge

COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

Concur with the opinion of the Preparing Officer that this sighting was caused by the star SIRIUS.

Jim



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FORWARDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH 200-2, PARAGRAPH 7. QMA. ROUND B. W
TIMES END OF PENCIL ERASER C. BLUISH WHITE, AMBER ORANGE AND RED
D. ONE E. NONE F. NONE G. NONE H. NONE I. NONE 2.A. NOTICED LIGHT
WHEN LOOKING AT STARS B. WP DEGREES C. SAME D. SLOWLY RISING AND
MOVING SOUTH E. STILL OBSERVED. BEARING FROM SIGHTING 100 DEGREES
FIRST, THEN 120 DEGREES F. STILL SIGHTED AT 0730Z 31 JAN 56 EMA.
VISUAL B. NONE C. TR B 1 G W KW F86D'S) REPORTED NEGATIVE SIGHTING
OF ANY OBJECT R.A. PEEPZ - PERTZ' 31 JAN 1956 B. NIGHT CLEAR 5. NC
4547 LAKE WASHINGTON AREA 6. [REDACTED] AGE 13, GLADSTONE [REDACTED], SEATTLE,

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WASHINGTON. BOYSCOUT, ENTIRE TROOP AND AND BUILDING CUSTODIAN SAW OBJECT
B. NONE 7.A. NIGHT - CLEAR B. SURFACE 10,000 EWP DEGREES 25 KNOTS
OOLC. NONE D. QT MILES E. NONE 8. POSSIBLE TEMPERTURE INVERSION SEA-TAC
AREA. ALSO A HELICOPTER UP IN AREA WOULD ACCOUNT FOR VARIED LIGHTS.
S. NONE 10 TR B 1 G W DIVERTED FROM TRAINING FLIGHT TO INVESTIGATE
LAKE WASHINGTON AREA. NEGATIVE SIGHTING OF ANY OBJECT. ABORT AT 2050PST.
RELEASED AND RETURNED FOR GCI TRAINING FLIGHT AT 2103PST. 11. NO IFR
FLIGHT PLANS 12. 25TH ADIV WEATHER OFFICER STATED A GOOD POSSIBILITY OF
A TEMPERATURE INVERSION. HE ALSO STATED THAT WHILE OUTSIDE, HE OBSERVED
A HELICOPTER PRACTICING LANDINGS AT TACOMA AND QUITE POSSIBLY COULD
HAVE BEEN OBJECT SIGHTED. PROBABLY INVERSION CAUSED REFLECTION OF
GROUND OBJECT TO OBSERVER 13. AF FORM 112 WILL NOT BE SUBMITTED B.
NONE C. AMIS, SEA ARTC, WEATHER SECTION TACOME TOWER D. 1/LT C. J.

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SUBJECT UFOB		
AREA REPORTED ON SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	FROM (Agency) Flt 1-A, 4602d AISS	
DATE OF REPORT 3 Feb 1956	DATE OF INFORMATION 30 Jan 1956	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer) LELAND R. KIRK 1/Lt, USAF	SOURCE [REDACTED]	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) Tel call Hq 2 Feb 56, TT 143 635 AC&W Sq 011655Z FEB 56, AFR 200-2, ADC Reg 200-7, 200-2		
SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.) Sq Guide		

I. CONTENTS:

PART ONE: Description of sighting by Mr. [REDACTED]

PART TWO: Description of sighting by Mr. [REDACTED]

PART THREE: Supplementary investigative efforts

PART FOUR: Comments of preparing officer

II. SUMMARY: The UFOB was originally observed by SOURCES during the evening of 30 Jan 1956, from the home of [REDACTED] in Seattle, Washington GEORGE DKNC 4035. The object first appeared in the southeast and slowly moved to a position due south. The information in this report was obtained from personal and telephone interviews.

III. INVESTIGATOR: 1/Lt LELAND R. KIRK 21810A

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I. SOURCE: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED] str Seattle, Washington
Age: 13
Occupation: Student
Education: Junior High School student
Qualifications: None

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE was interviewed via telephone, however, he seemed sincere and gave answers in a clear and precise manner. In view of SOURCE'S age and lack of technical background information is considered to be only fairly reliable.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING:

1. SOURCE stated that he first observed reported object at 31/0230Z Jan 56, from his home in Seattle, Washington GEOREF DKNIC 4035. It was completely dark and the sky was clear. SOURCE stated object was round in shape and about the size of a pencil eraser held at arms length. Object was bright and appeared to flicker like a star and appeared to change colors including white, amber, blue and green. When first observed, SOURCE stated object was southeast of his position or approximately 160° at an elevation of 15°. Object slowly moved to 180° and elevation increased to 20° by 31/0730Z Jan 56. SOURCE stated that object had been visible in approximately the same position each night since original sighting and he now believes it to be a star.

COL. JOHN M. WHITE JR.
11/07/56

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- I. SOURCE: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED] str NE, Seattle, Washington
Age: 33
Occupation: Brick Mason
Education: Unk
Qualifications: None
- II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE was interviewed via telephone and gave answers in a clear and sincere manner. It is felt the information is probably reliable.
- III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING:

1. SOURCE stated he observed object while visiting at the home of [REDACTED]. The object was observed for about 5 minutes and was still visible when SOURCE departed. The weather was clear and it was completely dark, with many stars in view at time of observation. SOURCE stated the object was brighter than any stars that were visible and changed colors from a predominant light blue to dark blue, purple and red. SOURCE stated the object was round with the edges appearing similar to a bright star that twinkles. Size of the object was estimated as being slightly larger than the head of a pin held at arms length. SOURCE was looking ESE at an estimated bearing of 165° and elevation of 35 - 40° when he first observed object. There was no apparent movement of object during observation. SOURCE stated he believed the object to be a particularly bright star.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

1. Dr Jacobson of the University of Washington Observatory was contacted and plotted the position of known bright stars and planets which might correlate with the information received in the UFOB report. Dr Jacobson reported that the star SIRIUS was visible and very bright during the period of this UFOB observation. The position and elevation of SIRIUS from observers position and time of observation was as follows: 31/0330Z Jan 56, 16° elevation, 139° bearing, 31/0630Z Jan 56, 26° elevation, 180° bearing and 31/0730Z Jan 56, 24° elevation, 200° bearing. Dr Jacobson stated that SIRIUS is the brightest visible fixed star with a magnitude of minus 1.6. This star is predominantly bluish white with variations.

2. The Seattle Filter Center was contacted and indicated they had received the original UFOB report from a Boy Scout in Seattle Wash. at 31/0340Z Jan 56. The observer was William K. Bond, 2217 E. 170th Seattle, Washington, Gladstone 6849. The scout troop reported taking compass bearings and stated the object was 120° from their position at an elevation of approximately 20°. This information was passed to the controller on duty with the 635th AC & W Sq, McChord AFB, Wash.

3. The Fleet Weather office at Sand Point Naval Air Station was queried concerning balloon releases and reported the following: A large RAWINDSONDE Balloon was launched from that station GEOREF DKNC 4541 at 31/0231Z Jan 56. This balloon had an ascent rate of approximately 1000 feet per minute and expanded to a diameter of 20-25 feet at maximum altitude. A train of equipment was attached to the balloon including weather instruments, parachute and one small light. From the launching place this balloon moved due south and at 31/0330Z Jan 56 was at an altitude of 58,596 feet at a position 42 miles due south of Sand Point Naval Air Station. The balloon burst at 31/0350 Jan 56 at an altitude of 88,921 feet. Balloons of this type are released from this station daily on schedule.

4. McChord AFB weather office reported generally clear skies during time of sighting. Winds were 010°/37 knots at 10,000 feet, 020°/44 knots at 18,000, 030°/63 knots at 23,000, 010°/88 knots at 30,000 and 350°/78 knots at 34,000 feet. There were three separate temperature inversions in the area. These inversions covered the following levels: 740 Milibars - 730 Milibars, 300 Milibars to 250 Milibars, 228 Milibars - 213 Milibars.

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5. 1/Lt C.J. Gundelfinger (GCI Controller at McChord AFB) received the original report from Seattle Filter Center at approximately 31/0330Z Jan 56. Lt Gundelfinger checked with Seattle ATC who informed him that there were no IFR flight plans in the area. There were no indications on the GCI radar scope. At 31/0455 Z Lt Gundelfinger diverted two (2) F-86 D aircraft, which were on a training flight, to the Lake Washington bridge area. The F-86 D pilots circled the area for several minutes and reported negative sighting to the GCI controller. Lt Gundelfinger stated that in his opinion the observers reporting the sighting were watching a star.

6. 1/Lt Richard G. Thomas, Flt leader and 2/Lt John Underwood, 318 Ftr Sq, call sign Trumpet Baker 1 & 2, took off at approximately 31/0450Z Jan 56 and were diverted at 0455Z by Mercury (GCI) to Lake Washington area in vicinity of floating bridge GEOREF DKNC 4535. At 8000 feet they circled the area for approximately 6 minutes and the only thing sighted was a patch of thin haze off the east side of Lake Washington at 5000 - 6000 feet. The weather was clear in the entire area except for light haze. It was moderately dark and the moon was not up. Stars were visible and bright. GCI reported no unusual sightings to pilots and no contact was made on airborne radar. Only one aircraft was observed taking off from Sea-Tac on a south course as the F-86 Ds were leaving the area. There was no turbulence. Lt Thomas stated that shortly before taking off another pilot pointed out a particularly bright star in the Southeast.

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