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The time was about 4:00 P. M. and the sky was more or less covered with streaks or layers of clouds, with blue sky between so that one-way of the sun came through almost horizontally... I was walking in an NE direction, and having been an airplane spotter for a long time, I have formed the habit, quite naturally, of looking at the sky.

I happened to be looking at the West in the direction of my farm building, perhaps a half-mile distant and saw something which at first glance was about over my farm buildings. It was quite low... I thought at first it was a large airplane, not moving very swiftly and perhaps only a few hundred feet above the ground, let us say 300 ft. It did not seem more than that. It was moving horizontally in a direction parallel to my view. Then I noticed that it seemed to make NO noise, and then I could not see any wings or tail or fuselage generally. It seemed to be a large disc or lens-shaped object, and in comparison with the object below I estimated it to be perhaps 25 feet in diameter. I wanted to call to somebody else to "look", but I saw nobody within hearing distance, and I did not want to take my eyes from the object. It was moving like a wheel sliding sideways and not rotating. In perspective it presented an elliptical appearance such as any circular object would show viewed from an angle, the degree of ellipticity varying as it came up and passed me.

I must have seen it for 20 seconds or a little more. Then it got ahead of me and it presented the appearance of a circular disc, perhaps 5 or 6 feet across. The color was grey, and I think perhaps a little darker (Cont. on pg. 2 "Engineer")

("Engineer," Cont.) on the rim or edge, not much but enough to make the edge sharply defined. Suddenly it stopped and seemed to be going in a direction more or less at right angles to its first motion, but still in an upright direction. There was nothing in it to indicate whether it was rotating... This sudden stop interested me as an engineer, because any sudden retardation or deceleration required is so large an object the application of a very considerable force, and would a such shorter time and a very rapid turn than any airplane I had ever seen could be expected to make.

It then began to ascend in a direction of perhaps at right angles to its first direction and at an upward angle of perhaps 30 or 35 degrees from the horizontal, or the direction it moved when I first saw it, which was horizontal. There were some fleecy clouds above it, and it went on them and was lost to sight for perhaps a minute or so, to emerge into view again where the first layer of clouds. The clouds were higher, and the object was lost to view...

(signed) Thomas G. Cox

(Mr. Cox, who holds a B.S. degree from Yale, has done considerable experimental work in the field of electrical engineering. He is a member of A.S.T.M. and S.I.E. A copy of his report is available to the Editor.)

OBJECTS
BY FRANK BIRLING

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BULLETIN 20 11D
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 771. 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 such 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 to the right and then, 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 set there completely flabbergasted at this unerving exhibition. I thought of calling the passengers over the public address system, but the object was dead ahead of us and getting 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.

Dates 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, lacy 8's, square chandeliers, 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 Vic-count. 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other UNIDENTIFIED <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 31/1610Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Wave <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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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CONDR/USAF WHEELER AFB TX
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UNCLASS//ATFDO 97-0018) SUBJECT IS UFO. THE FOLLOWING REPORT
SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 7, AFR 203-2, DTD 12 AUG 1954
AND FEAF SUPPLEMENT 10TD 30 MARCH 1956. THIS MESSAGE IN 12 PARTS.
PART 1. A. ROUND. B. DING. C. WHITE. D. ONE. E. NO. F. N. G. NONE.
H. NOT DISCERNIBLE. I. BLINKING WHITE LIGHT (REMAINED CONSTANT FOR
APPROX FOUR (6) 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 OUTSIDE 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 NSL 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 20 MINUTES. PART 3.

A. AIR VISUAL. B. NONE. C. FA86D, 52-99 3, 26,000 FEET NSL, 242

DEGRESS, 200 KNOTS, ANDERSEN AFB. PART 4. A. 1620Z, 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: 20,000, - 120 DEGREES AT 35 KNOTS:

20,000 - NOT AVAILABLE. C. 0,000 FEET. D. 15 MILES. E. EVERCAST 20/10

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. WEIDENREICH, 2ND LT., USAF,

INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, 41ST FIGHTER INTERCEPTOR SQUADRON. COMMENTS:

SUBMITTED WITHOUT COMMENT. PART 12. NONE.

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02/07/57Z JAN RJEPMQ

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*In view of stated
reliability of observer, no comment
not to be made in absence of
copy of UNKNOWN
further info - which is
being requested
THANK.*

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(UNCLASSIFIED) FROM: AFOIN-424 <i>RJEDEN</i> 1-118-E					
UFO SIGHTING OVER GUAM ON NIGHT 31 DECEMBER 56 IS SUBJECT. REFERENCE TO MESSAGE A7FD 57-0018 COPY RECEIVED THIS CENTER ON 5 JANUARY 57. REQUEST IF FURTHER INFO RECEIVED YOUR HEADQUARTERS, OR STATUS OF THIS SIGHTING. PRESUME PREPARING OFFICER CONTACTED FOR FURTHER DETAILS, COMMENTS, AF 112, ETC. NO INDICATION GIVEN ON SUBJECT MESSAGE WHETHER RADAR FACILITIES CHECKED IF UNKNOWN AIRCRAFT IN VICINITY, PREPARING FIELD AND CONTROL STATION CHECK VISUAL. MANEUVERS STRONGLY INDICATE AIRCRAFT. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF GIVEN RELIABILITY OF OBSERVER, AND PRESUMED NO AIRCRAFT (AS AIR TRAFFIC OVER SMALL ISLAND IN PACIFIC IS EASILY OBSERVED), WILL CARRY AS "UNKNOWN" PENDING FURTHER INFO AND DEVELOPMENTS.					
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TO COMDR AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER WPAFB OHIO

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/UNCLAS/ AISOC 080 PD REFERENCE YOUR MESSAGE AFOIN 4E4 1-118 CMM

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 <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1300 GMT 04/1630Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE CIOVI	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 8 mins	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 008	9. COURSE
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Case compared to Chiles Whitted (Evaluated as meteor) by CIOVI. However the duration was rptd as over 5 mins & this rules out a meteor. Obj remained stationary for 8 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.C.V.I. a indicar que se trataba de un Objeto Volador Indentificado.

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 Chiles y como copiloto 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 VOLANTES INIDENTIFICADOS

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

REPUBLICA ORIENTAL DEL URUGUAY

FICHA DE OBSERVACION

Observación realizada por... Volter Sibero.....
Domicilio... Vladimir (Rivera)....Edad...30...Estado Civil...Soltero...
Profesión u ocupación...Seguro.....
Fecha de la observación...4 de mayo de 1954.....Hora...18.....
Lugar de la observación (Departamento, Localidad, P. raja, Calle, etc)
...Ducha de Arcejal, Tm. 3000, Dep. de Rivera.....
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Testigos...Si.....
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Domicilio de los testigos.....
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Se podía observar o precisar la existencia de un objeto o aparato
parentalmente sólido?...Si.....
De qué forma?...Esférico.....
Tamaño?...De 10 cm. aprox......
Tenía experiencia de ser metálico?...Si. Recuerdo una sola vez
Cree Ud. que tenía movimiento giratorio sobre sí mismo?...
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El movimiento giratorio se apreciaba en todo el aparato? Todo el
conjunto giraba?...
Que parte giraba?...
La visión u objeto se traspasaba?...Si.....
En qué dirección?...Hacia el Noroeste. 60 grados.....
La velocidad era uniforme?...Si..... se aceleraba?...No.....
..... se retardaba?...Si. en los últimos minutos del fenómeno.
La trayectoria era en línea recta?...La línea parte del trayecto......
Efectuó alguna maniobra?...Si.....
Puede describirse?...parte de la trayectoria. Dirección N-E y 200.
en una perpendicular a la tierra. sobre Avda. 2010. S. Dep. dirección
N-E.....
Se le observó movimiento de balances?...No.....
Qué altura llevaba?...500.....
Dejóse entera?...Si.....
De qué características?...Como un color blanco.....
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Había: A) Hubos?...No.....
De qué tipo?...
B) Viento?...No.....
En qué dirección soplaban?.....

O) ¿Luz? No
P) ¿Viento? No
R) ¿Humedad? No
S) ¿Temperatura? No

El fenómeno es un tipo de...
¿Por qué se llama así?
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Que temperatura tiene? No, grado...
Si fuera a ser de otro...
¿Qué es un tipo de...?

¿Cuál es el color? No...
¿Qué color es el color?

Puede producirse en otros...
¿Puede producirse en otros...?

¿Cómo se produce? No...
¿Cómo se produce? No...

¿Dónde se produce? No...
¿Dónde se produce? No...

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Y no fué así, la estela permaneció inalterable, pero como estaba muy lejos se la veía pequeña. Luego el objeto con su estela comenzó a moverse hacia el Norte. Ha de decir que se fué acercando 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 KODAK buena ampliación del negativo tal vez se vea al objeto, pues cuando hice la toma ya no se veía el objeto e incluso vista sólo la estela. El objeto siempre tuvo la estela, cuando estubo sobre mi cabeza, y hasta que se trasladó un poco lo ví en la punta de la estela, pero cuando estubo más lejos se fué esfumando y ya no fué posible verlo ..

Walter Hübner
Firma

CENTRO DE INVESTIGACION DE OBJETOS VOLADORES INIDENTIFICADOS

(C.I.V.I.)

REPUBLICA ORIENTAL DEL URUGUAY

FICHA DE OBSERVACION

Observación realizada por..... O'Brien Argacha
Domicilio..... Colonia R. Eius..... 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, Poblado, Calle, etc)
Dpto. Durazno. Colonia Roselli y Eius
Testigos..... Lila Bouchals - 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 sí 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 línea 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?.....
B) Viento?..... Si
En qué dirección soplaban?..... Nor-este a sur-oeste

- C) Lluvia? **No.**
 - D) Niebla? **No.**
 - E) Humedad? **No.**
 - F) Tiempo tormentoso? **No.**
- Hacia que lugar ocurre la tormenta? **No.**
- 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? **15 a 20 grados**

El fenómeno se detuvo en algún momento? **No.**

Cuál era su color? **Ni azul**

Cambiaba de color? **Cuando se alejó.**

Como cambiaba de color? **No.**

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Puede precisar la ubicación de los colores? **No.**

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Luminosidad general del fenómeno: a) muy brillante? **No.**

b) regular? **No.**

c) débil? **No.**

Destaca si el fenómeno se hallaba cerca de algún lugar importante (tal como aeropuerto, de, empuencia militar, industria, construcción vital, etc.) **No.**

..... **Se hay nada por acá de lo que se detalla.**

Notó Ud. que la temperatura ambiente aumentaba? **No.**

Hacía ruido? **No.** Puede describirlo? **No.**

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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? **No.**

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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.) **No.**

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Indique si antes de ocurrir el suceso o en el momento de éste, pudo apreciar alguna estado de intranquilidad o excitación nerviosa en criaturas o animales. **No.**

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Otras características que cree Ud. necesario destacar. **Diría que era un objeto que producía a su alrededor un fenómeno en la atmósfera que se parecía a un rayo.**

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Los otros testigos vieron lo mismo? **Si.**

En que discrepan? **No.**

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

Los otros testigos?... también

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

Concretamente cuál es su opinión con respecto a lo ocurrido... en forma de un posible ser perteneciente a nada de lo que hasta ahora nos hayan hecho saber los hombres de esta planeta.

En las líneas que siguen deseamos que Ud. relate el caso con sus detalles más interesantes.

Momento en que al tener lugar al estar alguna varilla en la inclinación del edificio... había y entonces con gran sorpresa notó un objeto alargado de forma cilíndrica, a más bien de cigarro, que se trasladaba a velocidad regular de sur-oeste a nor-oeste. Fue entonces, que se dio la alarma y yo con mi hijo, que habíamos quedado en la zona... Prácticamente ese objeto raro, vi uná con todo su cuerpo producido un efecto de reverberación tal como se que se observa en esas mediciones de verano al mirar al horizonte su velocidad era como la de un avión en picaje... se formó extraordinariamente rara. Se hacía ruido alibido por unos momentos parecían como petrificados ante la extraneidad y luego corrían a vivir a los testigos que aquí figuran los cuales también igual ocurrieron.

O'Brien Argueda
FIRMA DEL OBSERVADOR

Ced. de Identidad No.
RCA 359.-
Cred. Cívica No.

CENTRO DE INVESTIGACION DE OBJETOS VOLADORES INIDENTIFICADOS

A.C.I.O.V.I.I

REPÚBLICA ORIENTAL DEL URUGUAY

FICHA DE OBSERVACION

Observación realizada por Francisco Hugo Hendia,-
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, Paraje, Calle, etc)
Sarandí del XI (Florida) cerca de la estación Tobaré
Testigos Crestas Rocca y Martín Staberrigay
Domicilio de los testigos Idem.-
Se podía observar o precisar la existencia de un objeto o aparato
espontáneamente sólido? No.-
De qué forma? ---
Tamaño? ---
Tenía apariencia de ser metálico? No.-
Cree Ud. que tenía movimiento giratorio sobre sí mismo? ---
El movimiento giratorio se apreciaba en todo el aparato? Todo el
conjunto giraba? ---
Qué parte giraba? ---
La visión u objeto, se trasladaba? ---
En qué dirección? Sur-Oeste- a Nor-este.-
La velocidad era uniforme? Si.- se aceleraba? No.-
se retardaba? ---
La trayectoria era en línea recta? Si.-
Ejecutó alguna maniobra? No.-
Fue posible describirla? ---
Se le observó movimiento de balanceo? No.-
Qué altura llevaba? 5,000 pies.- (estimado)
Dejó estela? Si.-
De qué características? Estela corta, fina, caract. de humo
Había: A) Nubes? No.-
De qué tipo? ---
B) Viento? No.-
En qué dirección soplaban? ---

O) Lluvia? ... **PPP**
 D) Niebla? ... **No**
 E) Humedad? ... **No**
 F) Tiempo tormentoso? ... **No**
 ¿Acá que la ar octaba la tormenta? ... **No**
 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) For entre dos capas de nubes? ... **No**

¿Que temperatura había? ... **No se sabe**
 El fenómeno se detuvo en algún momento? ... **No**
 ¿Cuál era su color? ... **Amarillo (La escuela)**
 ¿Cambió de color? ... **No**
 ¿Como cambió de color? ... **No**
 ¿Puede precisar la ubicación de los colores? ... **No**
 Luminosidad general del fenómeno: a) muy brillante? ... **No**
 b) regular? ... **No**
 c) débil? ... **No**

Destaque si el fenómeno se hallaba cerca de algún lugar importante (tal como aeropuerto, de interés militar industrial, construcción vital, etc) ... **No**
 ... **Ampliaciones militares y aeronáuticas**

Notó Ud. que la temperatura ambiente aumentaba? ... **No**
 ¿Hacia ruido? ... **No** ... Puede describirlo? ... **No**

Oyé 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? ... **No**

Notó Ud. alguna alteración eléctrica (en su casa, auto, alumbrado público, etc) ... **No**

Indique si después de la observación Ud. experimentó algún trastorno físico (irritación de la piel o de cabello, quemaduras en la piel, trastornos digestivos, pérdida de conocimiento, etc) ... **No**

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 ... **No**

Otras características que crea Ud. necesario destacar ... **La escuela**
 ... **Ampliaciones de la escuela**

¿Los otros testigos vieron lo mismo? ... **No**
 ¿En que discrepan? ... **No**

En la primera vez que se va un individuo como tú ¿se asegura?

Si, y.

Les dice cuál es? Igual.

Entonces (si se refiere a) ¿uf en momentos de locura se podía decir o decirse al mundo no.

Y ahora se sabe desde que pasó que si a eso se llama de la familia.

Entonces, ¿qué tipo de cosas se llaman?

Comentarios: cada uno de los que son después a lo contrario?

Se llama por las cosas?

En las cosas que vienen después que se refiere al caso que son cosas que se parecen, lo más parecido que se puede hacer. En la vida comúnmente uno cree que en los casos se llaman como cosas que se llaman con los términos que se llaman en la vida. En la vida comúnmente uno cree que en los casos se llaman como cosas que se llaman con los términos que se llaman en la vida. En la vida comúnmente uno cree que en los casos se llaman como cosas que se llaman con los términos que se llaman en la vida.

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SIEMPRE LLENAR EN ESTE ORDEN

REP. MEXICANA
 ZONA DE ESTADOS

Cad. de Insectos de ...

Cad. Civiles de ...

Sun
4/21

Unidentified "spotted"
jet, here in the information
+ also at 1,112.

Size of object: 3000 ft.

Size of object: 1 ft. long

Shape: tube or disc.

Appearance: silver and long, pointed
at both ends.

Speed: est 100 mph

Altitude: est. 1000 ft.

Direction of travel: South-Southwest.

Maneuver: None. Straight line, you
know.

Color: Silver.

Sound: none.


Length of time observed: 10 sec.

Sky conditions: Cloudless blue sky.

Visibility: Perfect

Location of observation: 1000 ft. (road)
Northwest 1st.

(1000)

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TO: SAFFS-3, Attn: Maj. Tacker										DATE: 22 October 1958					
FROM: AFCIN-4E4										COMMENT NO. 1					
<small>Comments (Use reverse, if necessary)</small> <div style="text-align: right;">LH/T/Sgt Bolieu/aa/6-9216/Bl4g 828</div> <p>1. The two young boys are located directly under Airway Route Blue 4, which runs NW to SE. The object sighted was probably an aircraft flying towards Boston.</p> <p>2. The observers statements indicate they have very active imaginations. Their estimates of speed and altitude are out of the question. It takes accurate instruments to measure speeds and altitudes as reported by the observers. A large object, such as a B-36 at 35,000 feet, would look so small as to preclude seeing it, especially with the unaided eye.</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">  H. K. GILBERT Colonel, USAF AFCIN-4E </div> <p>1 Incl: 1. Ltr fm R. McComiskie, no date</p>															

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. ZADLER
Major, USAF
Executive Officer
Public Information Division
Office of Information Services

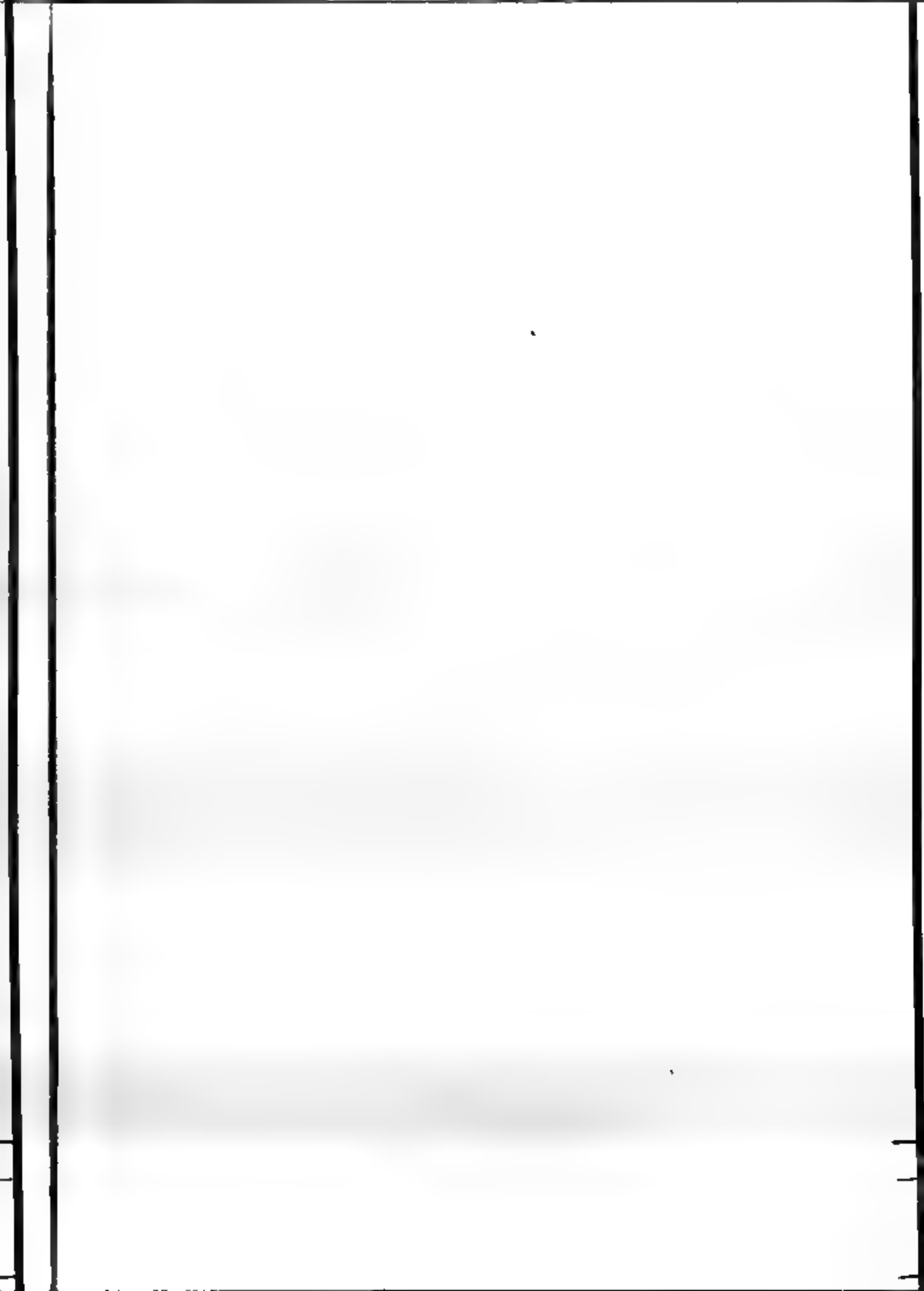
Mr. Peter Colcord
13 Broad Street
Groveland, Massachusetts

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, who lives at 1854 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 disturbances, 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-Examiner

Feb. 9-60

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 11:15 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.

Sky Light Witnesses Sought by Committee

Persons who may have witnessed an unusual bright light in the sky on the night of Feb. 9 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-pole 4-1530.

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 5 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 3 to 5 minutes. Friday night it continued its motion due east (after the 3 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 Confectionary, 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."

Anna 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 Rickards, instructor of IBM key punch, of 1646 North Curson Avenue, was viewing the moon through his telescope (Polarax, 1200 mm focal length, eyepiece 25 mm, 48 power eyepiece). Mr. Rickards 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. Richards 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 Carson 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."

Gene Root, 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. Root'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 gas 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, walter 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 (AP)—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

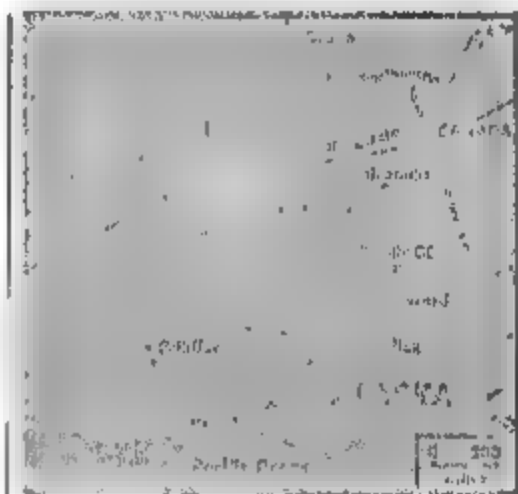
The object also produced a flash which was assumed to have been an explosion.

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 employe 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.—A Feb. 7, 1960 Air Lines plane "It was 7:30—A bright flash... a bright light... the flash the sky over for... more than... her... any... cop... of... states early today. The... light George Holgreen, or I had been seen by hundreds of ever seen persons in Montana, Idaho, Wyoming and Northern Utah. Capt. Belew said he did not see the actual flash... only the light from it. He said it was about 40 miles south of Salt Lake City in Southwestern Montana — possibly in the 11,000 ft. Bitter Root Valley. Some... at... station... Mont. claimed they... saw a noise... heard an explosion... "It was... the bright flash... it lit up everything... the State High... cockpit and the... had many... the entire sky outside... which described the... Capt. Richard Belew of Salt Lake City, pilot of a West... 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 9:28 p. m. from Vandenberg Air Force Base... 200 miles south on the coast but it was fired off... the...

A... the... Observatory... 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 some of their balloons had been carrying lights for some time--not even the Radio Sonde balloons which normally carry a tiny white light with flash-light 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. Irone, 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 1) 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 balloons 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 ascent 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. V. Murray
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Wind Direction and Velocity (knots)
Feb. 6, 1960 2101 PST

Hts.	Dir.	Sp.
1000	230	3
2	20	3
3	30	4
4	290	6
5	140	6
6	100	8
7	90	8
8	30	10
9		
10000	300	15
14000	350	17
20000	W	22
25000	W	23
30000	E	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.

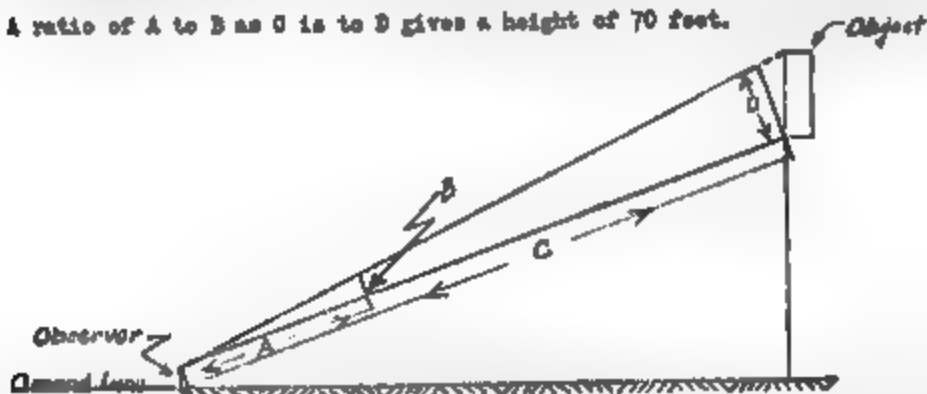


Diagram B

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	33
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	08
4	350	16
5	330	14
6	320	10
7	300	07
8	300	05
9	320	05
10000	290	03
12	280	13
14	280	11
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Weather Bureau Airport Station
 2501 Airport Avenue
 Santa Monica, California

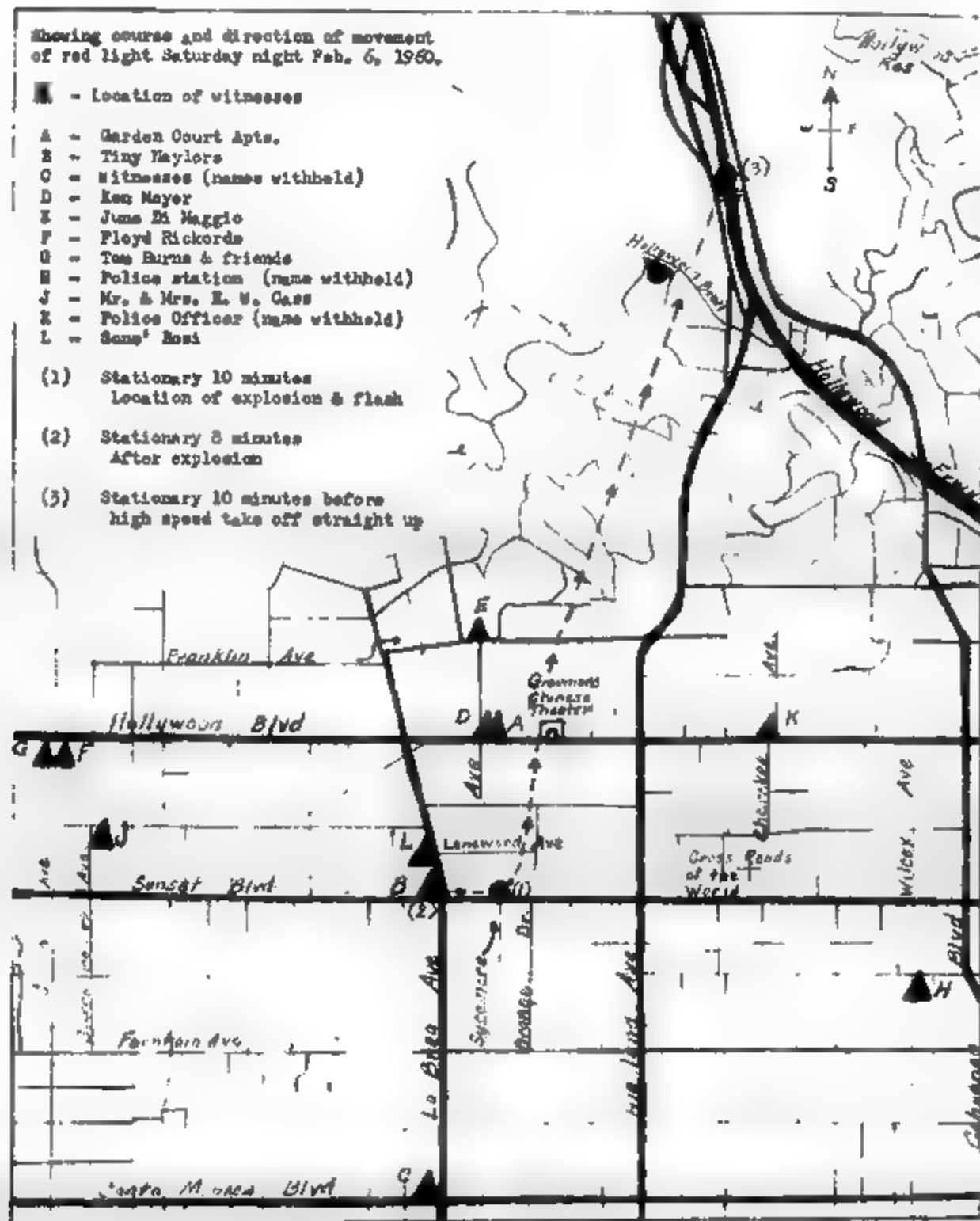
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 Supervising Met. Tech.

Showing courses 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 - James Di Maggio
- F - Floyd Rickards
- G - Tom Burns & friends
- H - Police station (name withheld)
- J - Mr. & Mrs. E. W. Cass
- K - Police Officer (name withheld)
- L - Sam's 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



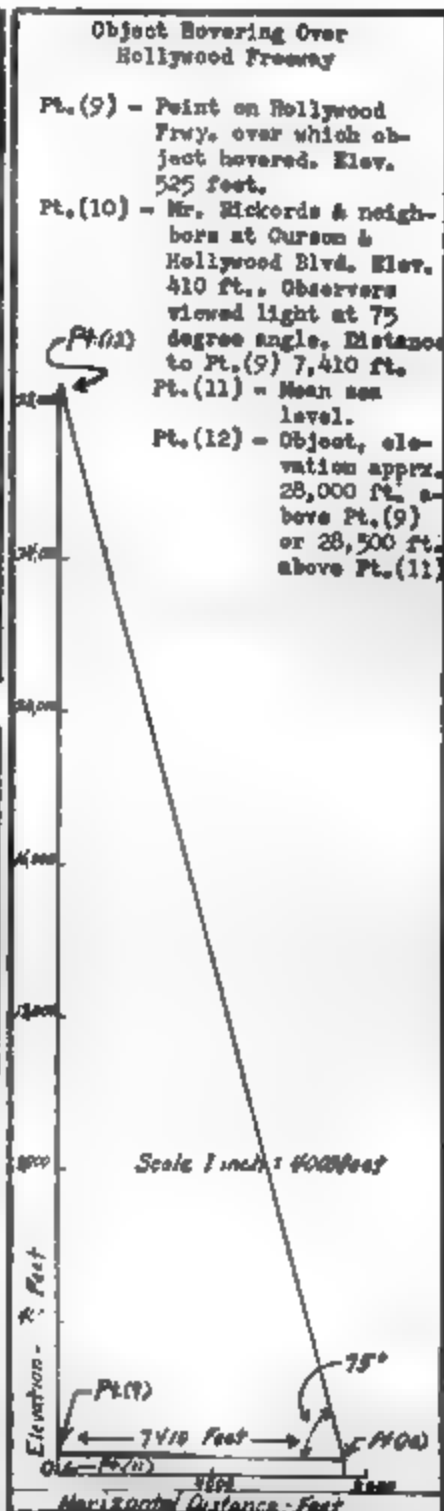
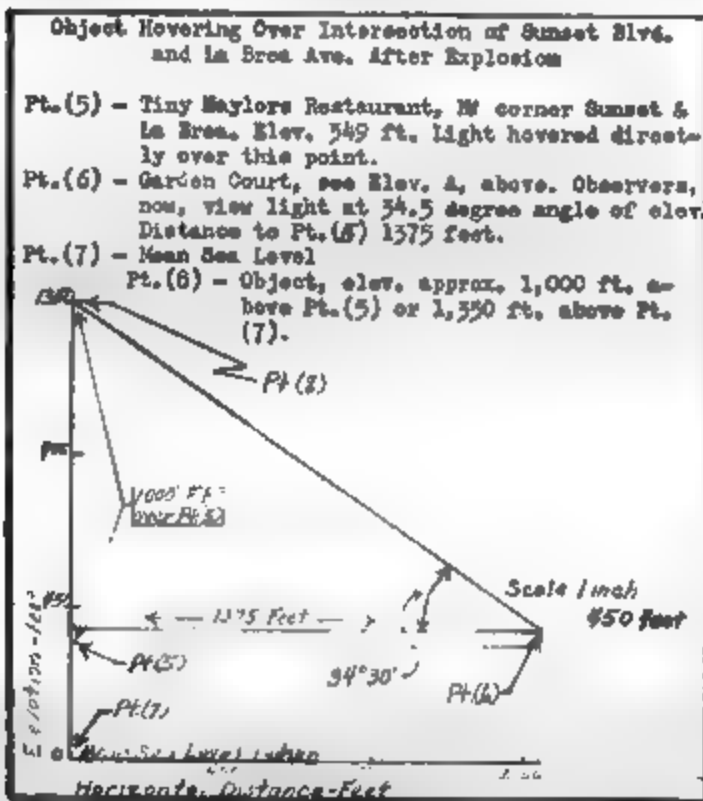
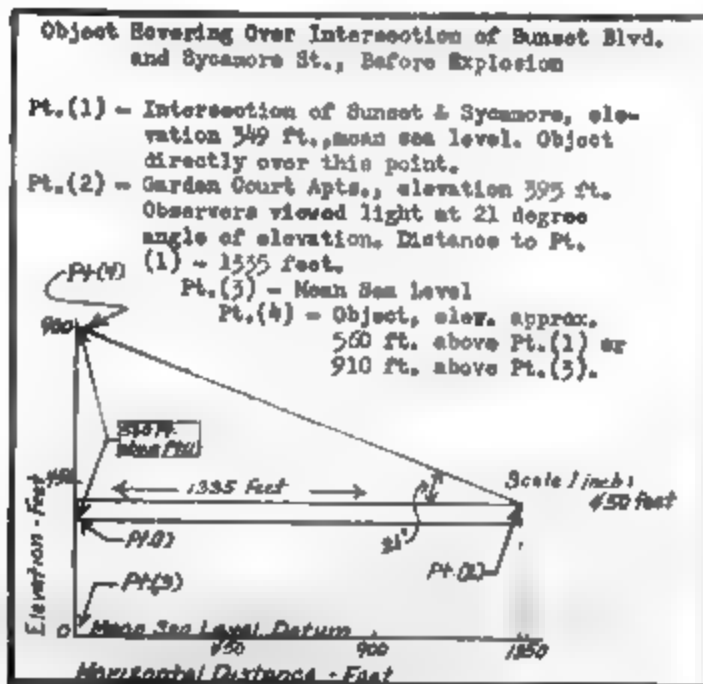
Supplement (page 17) Hollywood sighting report Feb. 5 & 6, 1960

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 173 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 G, map page 15) observed red light approximately 15 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, No. ywood 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 Maylars, 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 Oursen 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 2-1001

SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
LOS ANGELES OFFICE OF INFORMATION
6061 SUNSET BOULEVARD
HOLLYWOOD 28, CALIFORNIA



REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

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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 review 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 & Magazine 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. M. Epperson
3700 So. Harvard Blvd.
Los Angeles, California

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Los Angeles, California
May 14, 1960

Lawrence J. Tacker
Major, USAF
Executive Officer
Public Information Division
Office of Information Services
Department of the Air Force
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On two successive nights, February 5, 1960 and February 6, 1960 (between 11:15 PM and 12:15 PM, approximately) a brilliant red light was reported over Hollywood, California by many persons.

Will you please be kind enough to advise me if your office was notified of this occurrence, and if so, if there has been an investigation made by the Air Force.

If an investigation was made, will you please advise me what the results of the investigation were?

Thank you very much. With very best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely,

Mrs. I. E. Epperson

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5790 So. Harvard Blvd.
Los Angeles 18, California

Los Angeles, California
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PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 86th CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION

NICAP UFO Report

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

OF
HON. LEONARD C. WOLF

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 31, 1959

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, under leave to extend my remarks I submit as follows a report in the form of a letter to the Honorable Earl Warren, former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, that contains the following:

1. Several are added with additional information.

2. Single UFO's. Admiral Wilson requests that Congress inform the public as to the facts as understood by those that are pilots, radar operators and other technically trained members of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena.

Among them are Rear Adm. W. B. Morrison, Col. Joseph Bryan, US Air Force Reserve; Lt. Col. Joe M. Bishop, USAF; Lt. Col. Samuel Freeman, US Army Reserve, Aviation; Mr. J. B. Bradford, president, Aircraft Owners Pilot Association; Capt. R. B. McLaughlin, Navy aviation expert; Dr. Frank Rowland, physicist, National Aeronautics and Space Agency; Dr. Leslie Easton, space specialist, University of Southern California; former Air Force Maj. William D. Cook, with three officially reported UFO encounters while an Air Force pilot; Frank Holcomb, US pilot to doctor; Darling Observatory; Rear Adm. D. S. Fairley, former chief of the Navy missile program; Col. R. B. Emerson, U. S. Army Reserve, head of Stevens Testing Laboratories; Prof. Charles A. Munn, anthropologist, Indiana University; Capt. W. B. Roth, Post Administrator, Airways.

The "NICAP Report on Aerial Phenomena" with associated evidence on UFO's was first submitted confidentially to me and in several other instances of the past, including Senator Lyndon Johnson. In a reply to NICAP, July 6, 1958, Senator Johnson stated that he had ordered the staff of the Senate Government Investigations 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 of the report, it is of those submitted to the Senate. Certainly their other evaluations should be completely dissociated from the obvious frauds and deceptions about UFO's which unfortunately have been published. The NICAP report is stated to be the result of a 3-year investigation—its conclusions based only on verified radar and photographic evidence by trained, reputable observers.

On August 26, 1959, 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 technology during war. Several Air Force officials and experts already have reported other defense resources cannot UFO formations for possible study purposes. NICAP agrees with this view being by Gen. L. B. Chase, US Air Force, Chief of Staff.

"It is of some importance to realize that objects . . . the nature of phenomena in this world is only to avoid the danger of global war. It is possible to attempt to recognize the nature of these UFO's on the ground and the day by day by setting up the proper means of an inquiry and the best way to solve it."

While the danger may depend on the view of NICAP's report that the U.S.A. might avoid that danger, the UFO's are over 1000 devices which have slipped off the U.S. and other targets and could be used in various other ways. Some American aircraft carriers supply better use of UFO's to the extent of a survey.

We are sure you will agree it is important to see the risk of confusion and from defense forces confusion over UFO's. All defense personnel, not merely top-level groups, should be made that the UFO's are real and should be treated as dangerous items by their characteristics and appearance—both on the ground and in the air. This is not to effect today.

Among the American people should be informed by the correct facts that the UFO's should not be further confused.

Certainly every Member of Congress will agree that any such danger of confusion may even if slightly could be averted in every possible way. It is also important to prevent any unfounded fear that the UFO's are secret weapons 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 advisory, 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 Eisenhower and the other NICAP officials.

For those Members desiring to do so the previously mentioned confidential report can be obtained upon request of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, 1630 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, D.C.

The red object hovered over the intersection in Hollywood for a full ten minutes or more. It was seen by the identical intersection for a full 5 minutes or more.

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For the sake of all eyes, the police and other local officials were brought to the intersection and the object was observed in the cross.

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It is estimated that the object was moving at high speeds. They could set off a general war, as has been indicated by some other authority than General MacArthur, AWC coordinator of Allied Air Services. It is a record of living lasers and the Strait and history by Aime Michel.

I sincerely hope you will take time to read our report. If you desire to know more regarding the report of our committee, I would be happy to send you additional information. I might say that we are all level-headed persons with no occultist, spiritualist, or crackpot among us. I will say here that our Chairman is Dr. Leslie Kaeburn, who is director of the Electronics Laboratory of the University of Southern California, active now in space medicine research.

I should like to see you at some time in the near future in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Leslie Kaeburn
Director
University of Southern California

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Dear Congressman Lissac

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ATTENTION Mr. Wilson, Team A

SUBJECT: Draft of Reply to Congressman Lipscomb

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For my letter of 4 February, 1960, which is the basis for reply to Mrs. Ann Druffel's letter regarding unidentified flying objects

enclosed with Mrs. Druffel's letter was a report of an unidentified flying object, possibly 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

I would, however, like to check this further. We would also like to contact the National Investigations Committee on UFOs

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Please consider this an interim reply. Additional information will be furnished as it becomes available.

Attachments

Handwritten initials and numbers

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

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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 "serie" 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.

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On the night of Feb. 1 and 2, 1954, a round flying object, plainly visible because of its red glow, appeared at a low altitude over the woods, hills and streets of Los Angeles. On the second night, as groups 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.

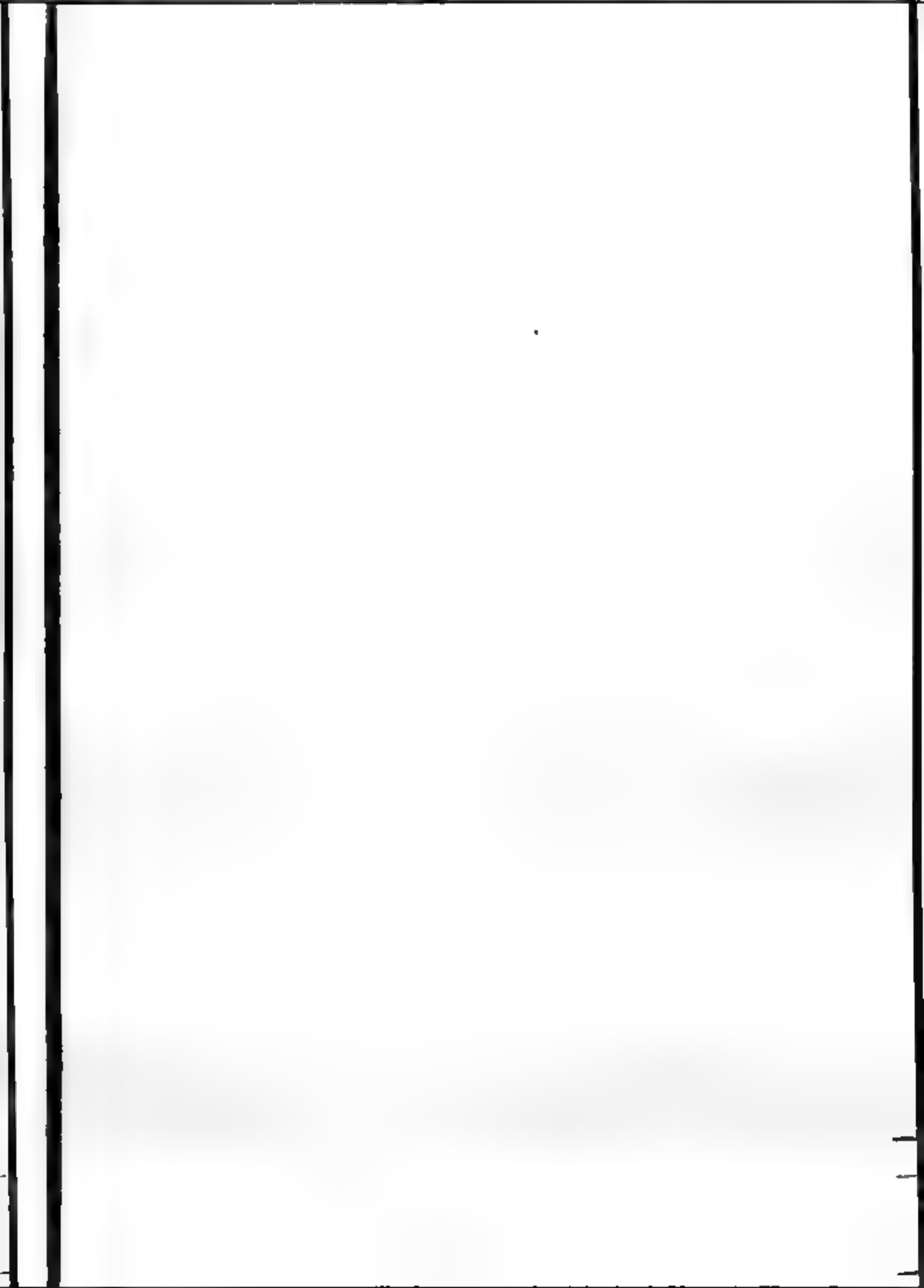
Though these two sightings were fully substantiated by police and other observers, the Air Force denied receiving any reports. During a four-month careful investigation by the Los Angeles NICAP Subcommittee (LANS), no conventional answer could be found.

The Subcommittee investigation was headed by its Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Isabel 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 three facts. The UFO showing a distinct round shape, appeared on both nights at about 11:15 p.m. Visible until after midnight, it loomed approximately the same source with times. Novel red hovering about 1000 feet above the observers described the object as a "red glow" or "red light" which was "brighter" than the usual red light of the usual red light. The object showed a higher altitude. This was confirmed by A.A. police officers Ray Lopez and Daniel Jaffe, who saw the flash of light and smoke after hearing the explosion.

Though most of the witnesses were amazed or excited, there was no panic. However, some were worried about possible red activity, 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 the, actually a sound & conventional answer because of constant debunking of UFOs is not known. It is more probable they kept silent at Air 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 of uncovering and documenting extra information which otherwise could be buried or forgotten. A report of this case will be added to the evidence sent to Congress.



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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 spacecraft; 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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sighting. However, if prompt and accurate information had been received, I am sure this matter would have been resolved to your satisfaction.

5. As you know, a large portion of the so-called UFO sightings are determined to be every day objects and it is the belief of the Air Force that if detailed information were readily available, all sightings could be explained satisfactorily.

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C. E. THOMSON
Lt. Colonel, USAF
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Dear Senator Engle:

This is in response to your inquiry of March 22, 1961, in behalf of Mrs. I. E. Epperson with regard to the Air Force handling of unidentified flying object (UFO) sightings and information.

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Letter to the Honorable Clair Engle (Continued)

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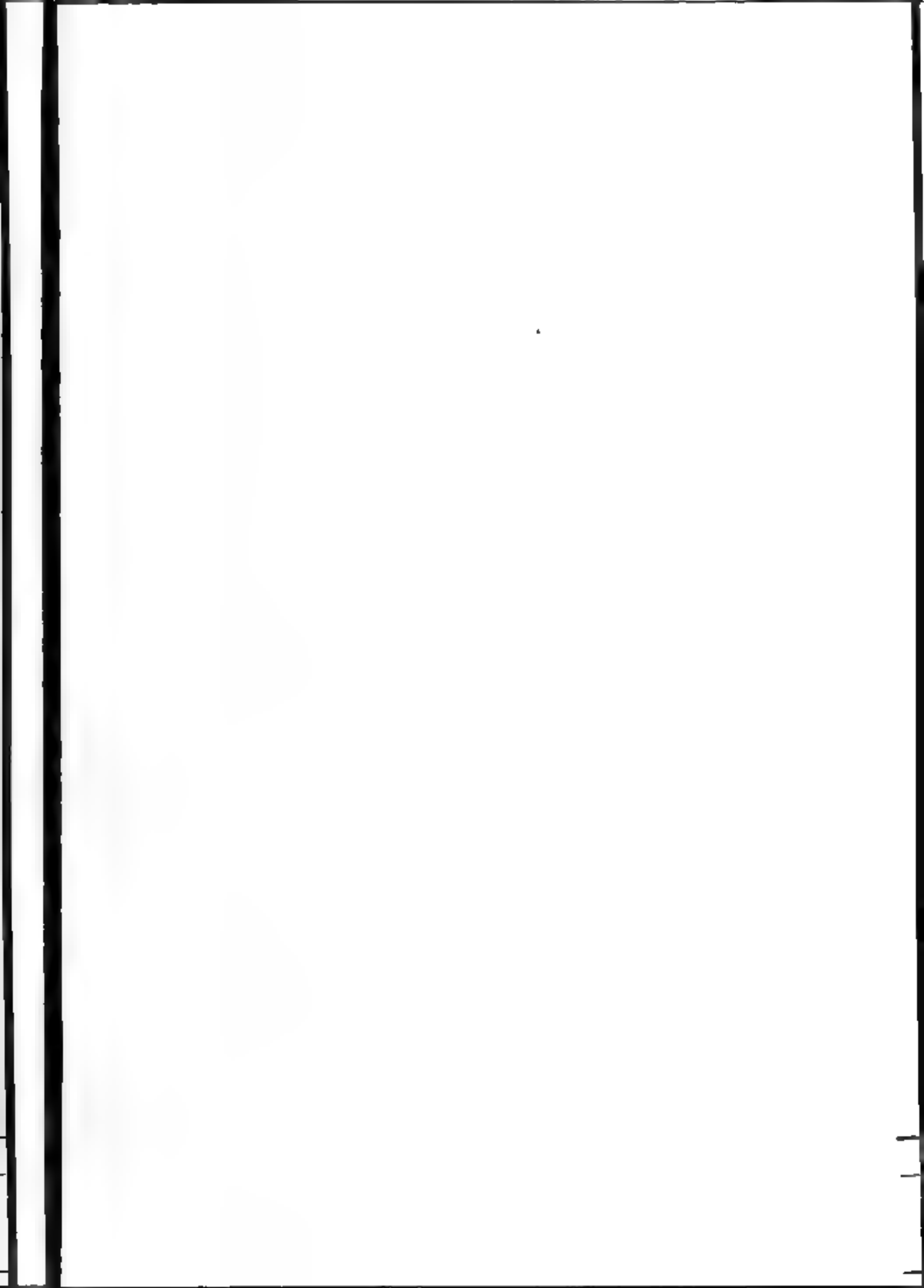
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United States Senate

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28 Mar: Rec'd LHM & En A. Case cons of RS fm Sen 28 Mar w/1std incl.
Fwded to SAFQI for info.

3 Apr: Rec'd memo fm SAFQI w/info for fal 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
Miss Del. CALIFORNIA

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

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Major General F. K. 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 F. Lipscomb
Member of Congress

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Enclosure

House of Representatives Office Building
Washington 25, D.C.

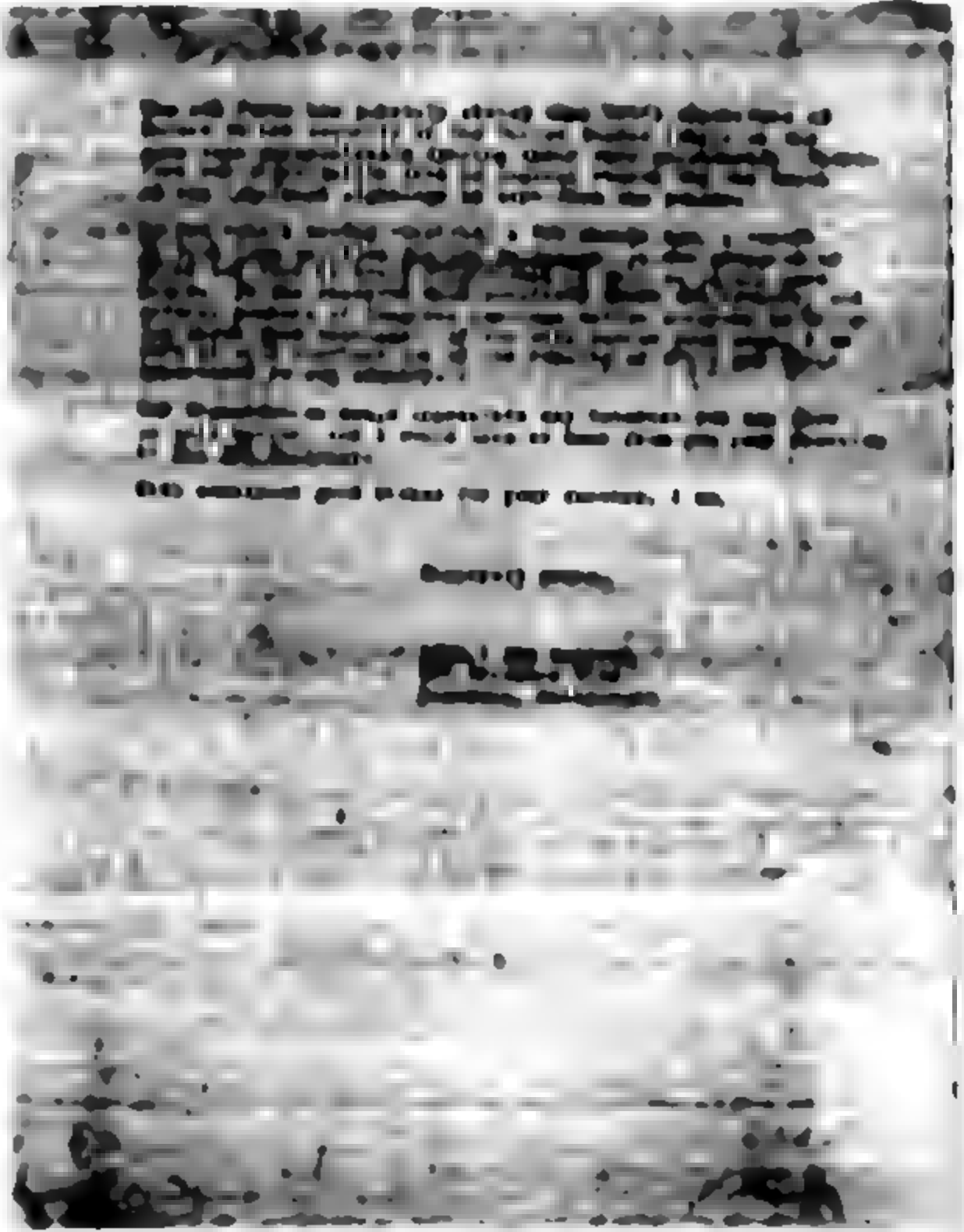
Dear Congressman Lipson:

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 so glad to feel that you can continue to be in the Capitol building.

As you may recall, we sent you a notice about which we are very interested during January, February, and March of this year. A check through your office will probably return to you as your attorney to gain information from the files of the Air Force regarding the identity of an unusual aerial object over California in February, 1955.

As you may recall, it was impossible to obtain any identification 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 write 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 so 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. So have no quarrel with them as such. What we object to is the unhesitant will of secrecy which the government is placing around this intriguing and important subject.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

9 March 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF, CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY DIVISION, SAFLI
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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conclusions.

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 spacecrafts, 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 unidentified sightings are a threat to the security of our country.

Yours truly, [redacted] Chief of Staff, [redacted] Department of Defense, [redacted] Investigating Committee on Aerial Phenomena, a private U.S. group, has for several years been writing Congress to conduct open hearings on this subject. The Air Force has no objection to such hearings and, in fact, welcomes every opportunity to provide Congress and the public with information on this subject. Department of Defense periodically releases information providing current status reports on JFO and JFO investigations.

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As you know, a large portion of the so-called UFO sightings are determined to be every day objects and it is the belief of the Air

Force that if detailed information were readily available, all sightings could be explained satisfactorily.

For your information, a copy of Air Force Regulation 200-2 is enclosed. This regulation provides details on the investigative procedures followed by the Air Force in its UFO program.

Attachment

SAFLL-1/Mr Wilson/cpa/57202/10 Mar 61
SAFLL 150058

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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Letter to Honorable Glenard P. Lipscomb (Continued)

Mrs. Druffel particularly mentioned the case of a red light which appeared mysteriously over Hollywood on February 5 and 6, 1960. It is interesting to note that although she contends the object was observed by large numbers of people, no report of it had been received prior to her correspondence. At this late date, we are unable to ascertain accurately the cause for this sighting. However, if prompt and accurate information had been received, I am sure this matter would have been resolved to your satisfaction.

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I hope this information will be helpful to you. If we can be of any further assistance, please let me know.

/R
4 Feb Bfr fm C/M to Gen Musgrave /w/incls Sincerely,
6 Feb Edcd L&L and Team A. Fwdcd SAFOI
Mar Memo fm SAFOI: Capt Mack
7 Mar Fnl ltr prep'd & fwdcd based on above memo

1. AFM 200-2
2. Inclosures 2. Ltr fm consti to C/M dtd 31 Jan 61.

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. M. Millenkotter, 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 some 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 Kaseburn, 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, SAsPL

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. COLMAN, JR.
Major, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

SAFILL-1/Mr. Wilson/prm/57201/13April
SAFILL 156401

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.

It is true that the Air Force has personnel stationed in the Los Angeles area. It is believed that had any of these personnel witnessed the sighting referred to by Mrs. Druffel and could not resolve what they had witnessed, an expeditious report would have been rendered as provided in Air Force Regulation 200-2.

With respect to Mrs. Druffel's comments pertaining to Congressional hearings on the subject of UFO's, various Members of Congress and several Congressional Committees have evidenced interest in the past in the UFO program, and have received informal briefings by ATIC personnel on the conduct of this program. The subject of open hearings has been discussed on many occasions with various Members of Congress, and the conclusion to date has been that an adequate program is being conducted by the Air Force and that hearings are not necessary. The Air Force stands ready to cooperate with the Congress at any time overriding considerations dictate a need for hearings in this matter. Detailed information must be readily available in the close proximity to the time of a UFO 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. However, where the information is received at such a late date, as was the case with the Los Angeles sighting, comprehensive analysis is not possible.

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Attn: Honorable Glenard P. Lipscomb (continues)

I hope the foregoing information will be useful. If we can do anything further to assist you in this matter, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Enclosure - Constl Ltr 23Mar61 w/incls

Honorable Glenard P. Lipscomb

House of Representatives

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4 Apr - Ltr fr C/M to Gen Muegrave w/incls

7 Apr - Recd LI & Team A

10 Apr - Fwd SAFOI for prep draft reply

12 Apr - Memo fr OI (Maj Coleman)

13 Apr - FL prep & fwd based on OI memo

No Case (Information Only)

28 February 1961 Massachusetts
Lakeville, ~~Mass.~~

On February 28, 1961 an elongated UFO, yellow with a dark red edge and surrounded by "black smoke" illuminated the ground for 5 minutes near a house at Lakeville, Massachusetts. It caused the failure of electric lights in the house, but when the UFO moved from the area the house lights came on again. On its second pass above the house an odor like 'fat burning' was detected.

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Low-Flying UFO Puts out Lights

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Adviser Walter N. Webb, astronomy lecturer at Charles Hayden Planetarium and Chairman of the Subcommittee, stated in the evaluation report:

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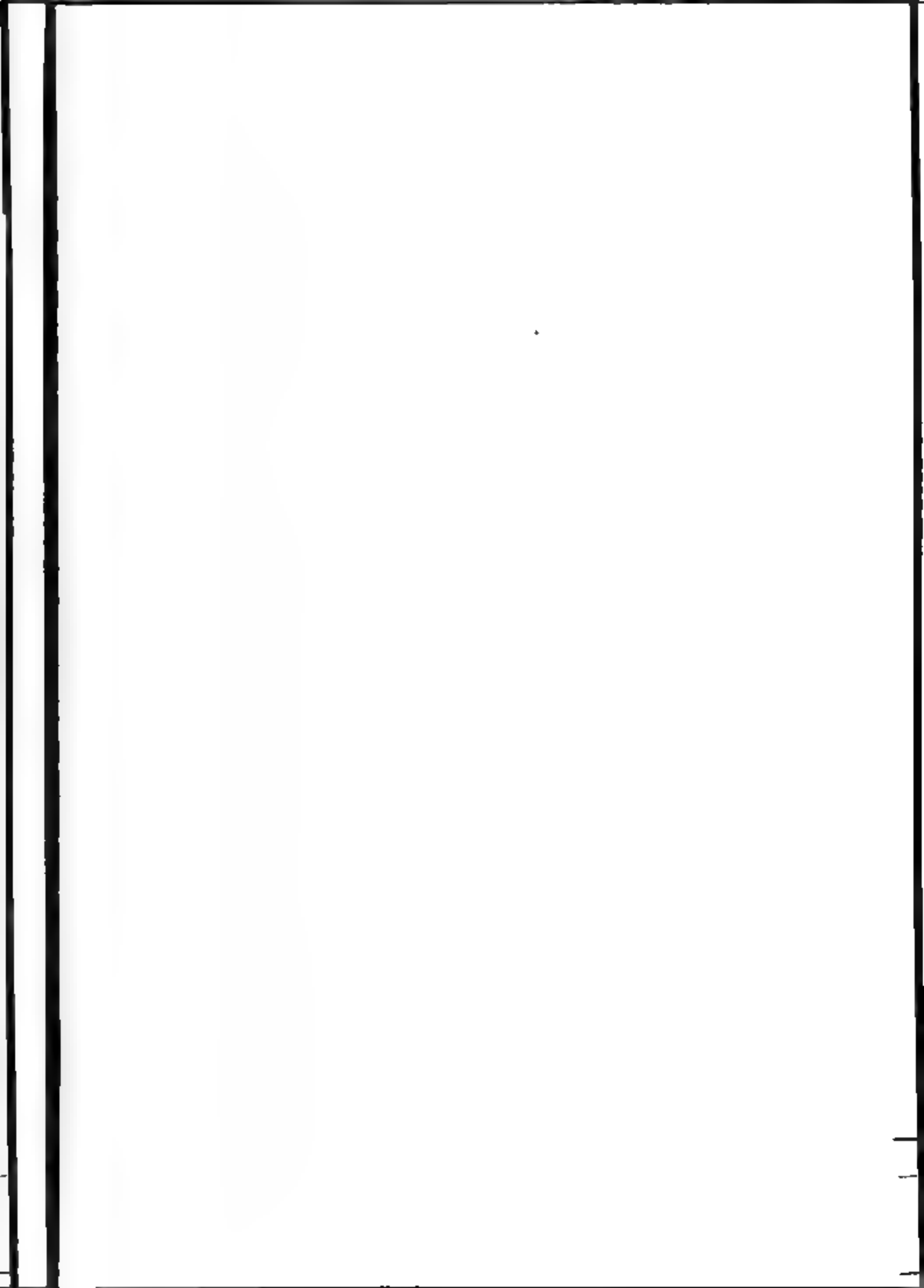
(Source: *Standard Times*, 28 Feb. 1961, p. 1. Sighting of E-M effects.)

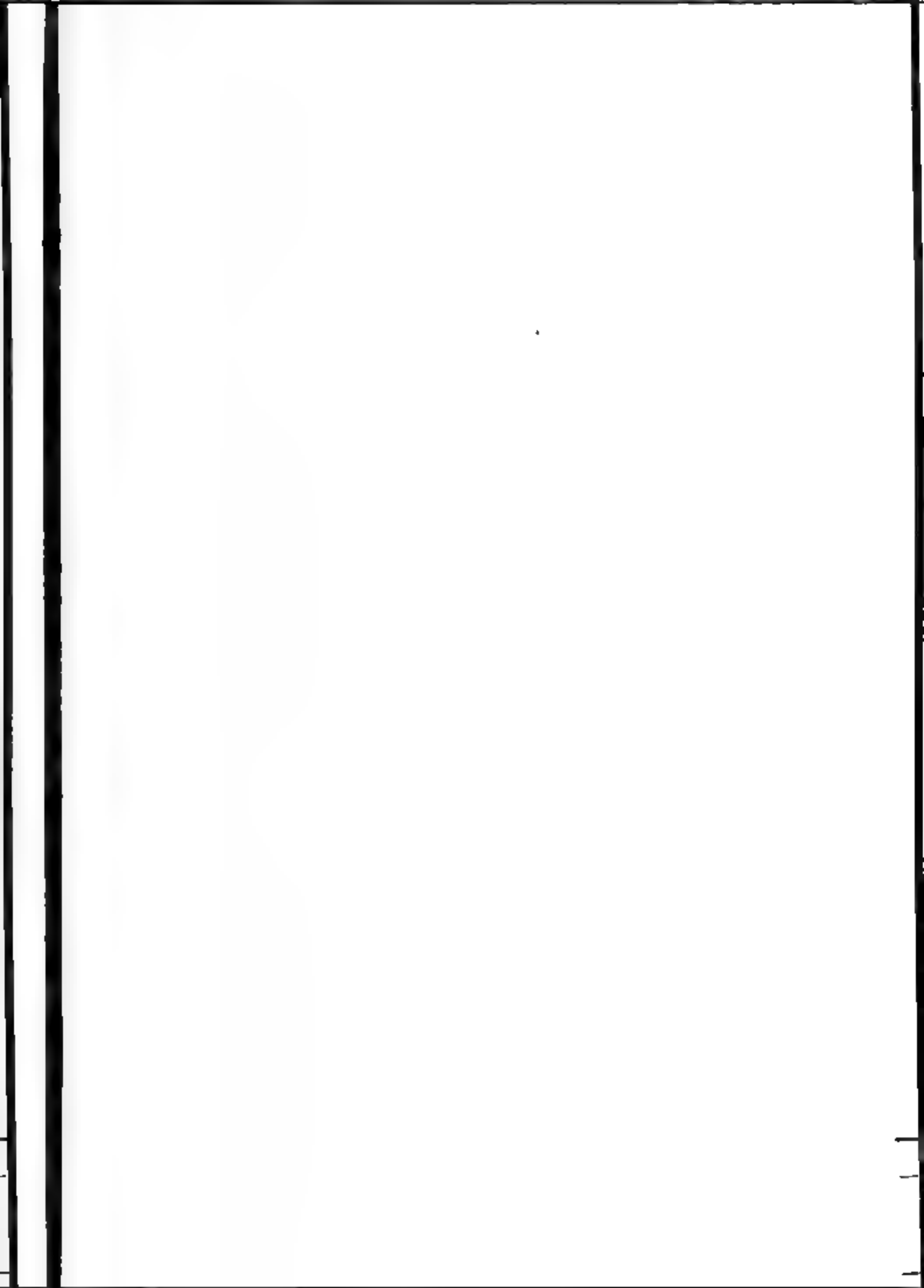
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Mr. & Mrs. Blackwood observed a second pass of the UFO a few minutes later after hurrying outdoors. The house-lights again faded out and the pair detected an odor similar to "fat burning" as the UFO passed overhead. Later the object was visible a third time at a greater distance.

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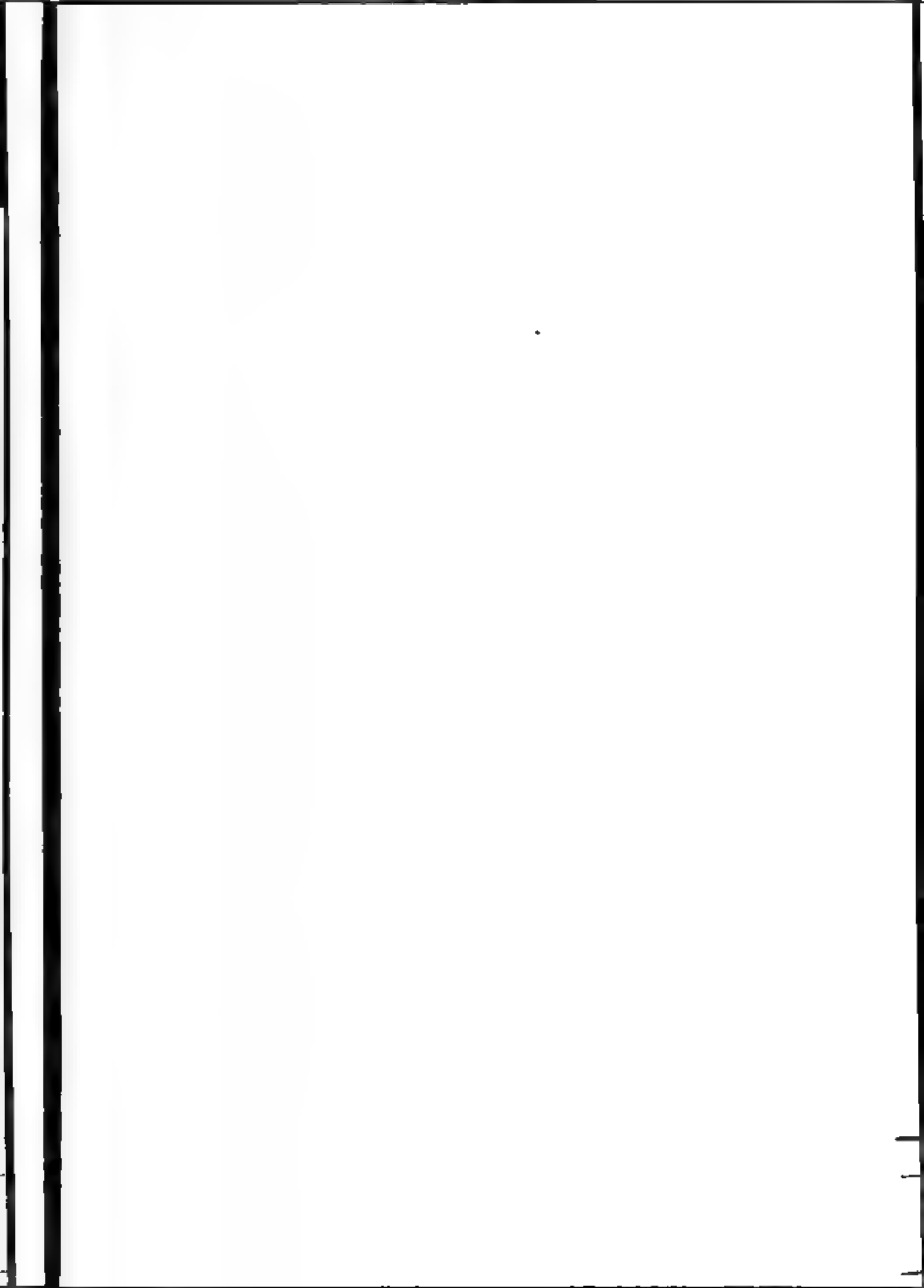
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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Alleged 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 Jan 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 (TREW), 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 from the Quincy, Massachusetts, Patriot Ledger, has baffled Dr. Gerald Hawkins, who is director of the Boston University Observatory and staff astronomer at the Harvard College Observatory. The picture was snapped on July 17th 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.

26 June 1963
Weymouth, Mass

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

UFO Photo Disputed Astronomer and P.T.

BOSTON The mystery of the unidentified flying objects has been further deepened by a report that a photograph of a "flying saucer" seen by a group of men in the sky over a field in Quincy, Mass., on July 24, 1963, is a noted astronomer and physicist.

Difficult To Explain
The photograph was taken by a group of men in Quincy, Mass., on July 24, 1963. It shows a bright, circular object in the sky, which some believe is a flying saucer. The object is described as being about the size of a dinner plate and having a bright, glowing center. It was seen for about 10 to 15 seconds before disappearing. The photograph is being shown to a group of astronomers and physicists in Boston, who are trying to explain it. One astronomer, Ger D. S. [unclear], said that the photograph is "very unlikely" to be a flying saucer. He said that the object is "very unlikely" to be a flying saucer. He said that the object is "very unlikely" to be a flying saucer. He said that the object is "very unlikely" to be a flying saucer.

State Board Head Voted Pay Raise She Don't Want

BOSTON The Massachusetts State Board of Education has given a 3 percent pay raise to its head, but she says she doesn't want it. The board voted to give the head of the board a 3 percent pay raise. She says she doesn't want it.

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

Mr. Darrell Dasso, Inc.
843 East Street
Athens, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

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

Here are my different ways in which the photograph could have been taken. 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. Most of all this can happen in the dark. 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. I am not sure who the person who took the picture did the development or not. There have been many similar unexplained 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 flash light 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. For 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 lifts 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. Carroll Pisonette

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July 4, 1966

I definitely discount the statement of Putnam concerning the rape 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 sifting of 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 on 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,

DBM/wc

Donald H. Aarsel
Director

cc: Richard Pothier

bcc: Col. Friend

Shows Flying Saucer UFO

AFSO 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 18th or 19th of June 1958.

Pothier was taking three photos of stars in order to record the tracks of comets from his back yard at Wollaston, Mass. His equipment consisted of a Japanese 35 mm camera on a tripod. He was using Kodachrome II film when the shooting commenced. He did not reach the exposure limit of 30 minutes after he opened the shutter when he returned to check it.

Two weeks later Pothier had the film developed by the shop he customarily patronized. Something about the slide's track from there a sharp pattern of light marks curved into the camera's view, focused in a time of great excitement. This 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 as the view plate clearly shows just where the light stopped and started. Having other slides in the camera at a different track, in both of the orange slides and other lights and tracks with the one which clearly are originally the product of one of the stars."

Pothier eventually showed the photo slide to Stephen Parnell, a mechanical engineer, A-764 number and President of the Providence UFO Group of Rhode Island. Parnell is a member in the Quincy Patriot-Ledger and also a three-time study of the slide that the lights appeared to be arranged in a single object which was changed in several minutes in the ground, and appeared to make 90 degree turns without turning head the same. The lights seemed to come from straight to white in other words changed their relative position. They were apparently constant in the same shape.

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with, he said.

"Except for a brilliant orange section, which remained in a central position, no matter which way the object stopped, turned or passed, the lights duly inter-illuminate," Parnell said.

Parnell pointed out that the direction of the object would be opposite to the film as it was just in a single picture of a star would show only headlights.

Obviously the lights were not caused by a surface of particles and the order of the light patterns in the film is a phenomenon. The focus of the camera was set at infinity, thus ruling out close-in objects such as fireflies, etc.

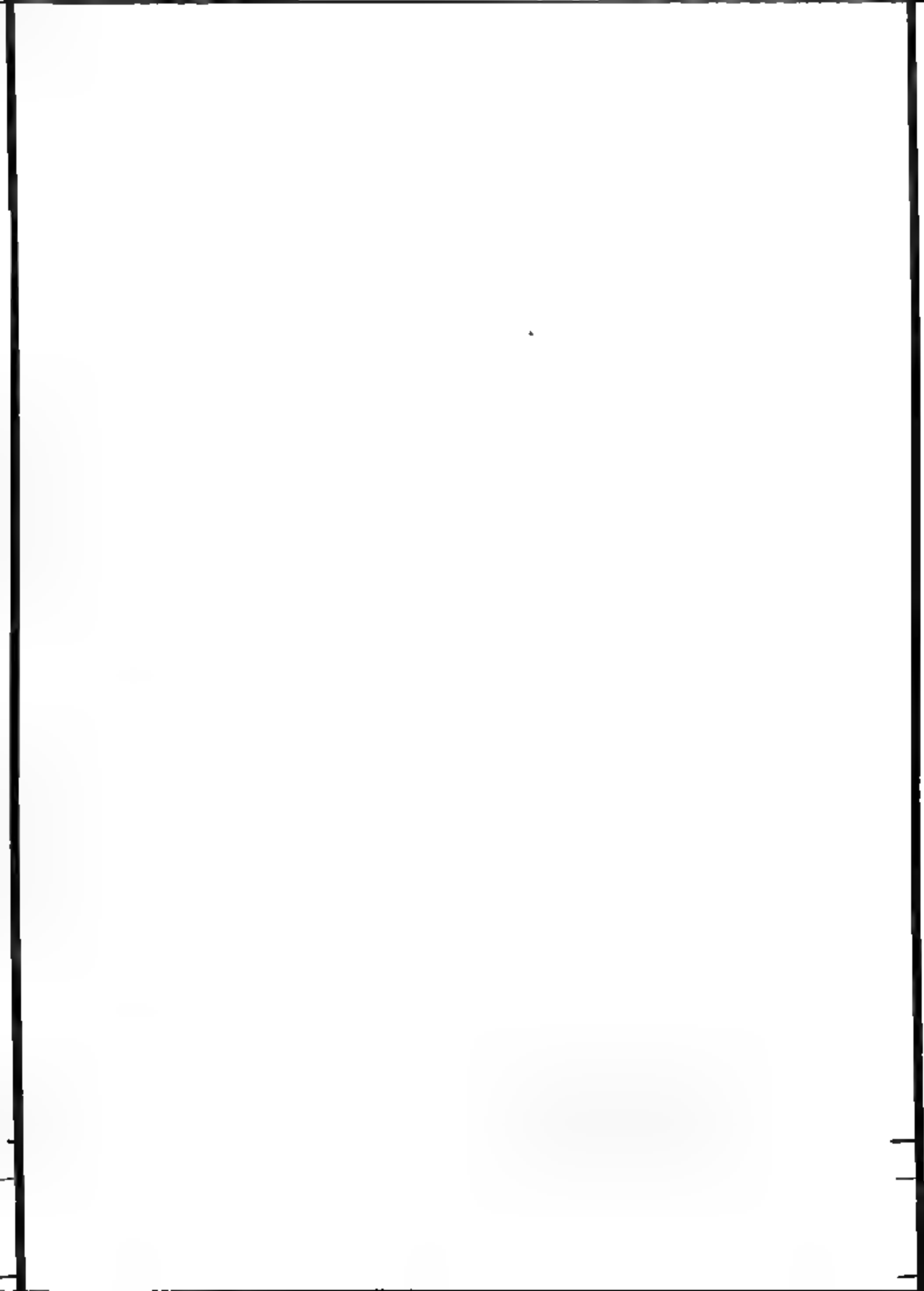
For anyone who doubts, Pothier also claims the details about his. It was a Roland Pender 35 mm. with an FL-28 mm. lens. The film was Kodachrome K-ASA 35-mm white light and not for 35-36.

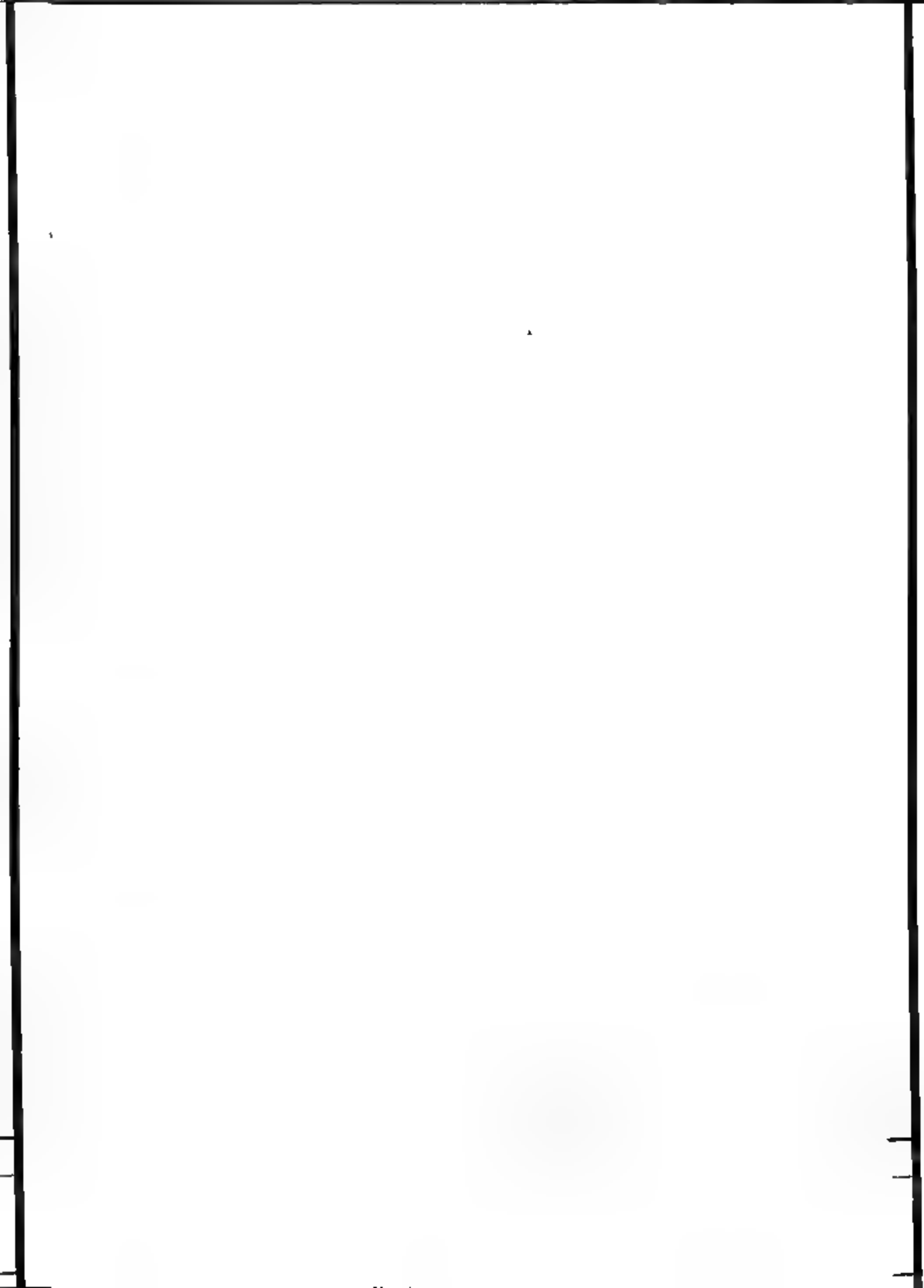
But not without tracks of the object which made the image on every slide showing that whatever it was it was either accelerating rapidly or decelerating into some range during its roll and entrance upon the scene. It is to be noted August 1, John V. Duff, AFSA's photo stated that this is a "There is no question but that this is a very strange set of lights. I have never previously noted one proceeding or flying through. I don't agree with the Harvard astronomer who said that if there was a star body behind the light it would obscure the star tracks. I have found my own experience that as objects passing in front of the stars for a short time will not show an effect on the tracks in all directions as long as it remains in the line of sight. I think the photo is worth studying in the Bulletin although we will probably never know just what it is. I have talked to the fellow (Pothier) a great length and believe his story to be true that he produced some very strange material. I happen to see one of the same material Parnell and will tell you the same story myself when I get a chance. He don't appear to be directly the photo."

After Pothier's story the Quincy Patriot-Ledger carried an account in its July 22 edition which was headlined "UFO Photo Shows Saucer Movement at 90°" and quoted Dr. Charles E. Hawkins Director of the Science Laboratory University of Rhode Island. "I could hardly say my photograph does show a flying saucer although I admit it is very difficult to capture the photograph." He also said "I think there was a small object in the sky it would change color of the star tracks. Some of the tracks in the picture were obscured. There were several stars on the film which are light blue colors. This is probably characteristic of stars and not a flying saucer which is showing through some sort of gas that the experienced pattern, similar to those found in such light reflections, does not agree at all with the experienced 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. Dr. Hoop has deftly and correctly disputed Hawkins' theory about the obscuration of star tracks, and most UFO experts agree among the slide tracks about the similarity between the stars and apparent movement of lights and the way, although about described above these exact characteristics.

It would seem the UFO's exhibited at least some sort of lightness after the way mentioned above by Dr. Hawkins. Mr. Pothier and others viewed or viewed of various UFO sightings in the film.





PROJECT NEW VISION

1. DATE 26 June 1963	2. LOCATION Weymouth, Massachusetts	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP 0100 GMT 26, 0600Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PROCS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION one minute	one	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
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.

Director of Intelligence Center,
Washington, D. C.
Attention: Major Carl A. Hart

cc: 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 of the area and general time.

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

I am a member of the "gad-flies", i.e. WIGAP, AIRO and I call 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 Cyhoo's book. WIGAP 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 Sylvan and am working in the Minuteman Program Office. We are developing advanced electronics systems for Minuteman as you know. I trust that the information I am sending will be of some help. My entire family are willing to answer any more questions I 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 what we are finding out about UFO's. I feel in the long run that an informed public is better over though many answers are not known. I trust the government is planning or has prepared a public indoctrination program for the employ in the future. My concern is that the USAF may not be able to handle 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
WFOB
WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB
DAYTON, OHIO

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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: NIGAP; APRO; MASS-R.I. TWO STATE UFO STUDY GRP)
TO: LIST

E. Gilberti	(1)
USAF - ATIC	(1)
NIGAP	(1)
UFGO	(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 Fes 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

1. The subject was observed on _____
at _____

2. The subject was observed on _____
at _____

3. The subject was observed on _____
at _____

4. The subject was observed on _____
at _____

5. The subject was observed on _____
at _____

5.1 The subject was observed on _____
at _____

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

6. The subject was observed on _____
at _____

- a. VERY DARK
- b. VERY LIGHT
- c. NOT DARK ENOUGH
- d. NOT BRIGHT ENOUGH
- e. NOT DARK ENOUGH
- f. NOT BRIGHT ENOUGH

7. The subject was observed on _____
at _____

- a. IN FRONT OF YOU
- b. IN BACK OF YOU
- c. TO YOUR LEFT
- d. TO YOUR RIGHT
- e. TO YOUR LEFT
- f. TO YOUR RIGHT

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1.
 (a) b. c.
 2.
 3.
 4.
 5.

- a. distant car?
- b.
- c.
- d.
- e.

10. OBJECT: (CIRCLE ONE FOR EACH ITEM.)

- a. NO DON'T ...
- b. YES DON'T ...
- c. YES DON'T ...
- d. YES DON'T ...
- e. YES DON'T ...
- f. YES DON'T ...
- g. YES DON'T ...

11. OBJECT MOVE DURING SOMETHING AT ANY TIME, SUCH AS
 (CIRCLE ONE): YES DON'T ...
 IF YOU ANSWERED YES, TELL WHAT IT MOVED DURING: _____

12. OBJECT MOVE IN PART OF SOMETHING AT ANY TIME, SUCH AS
 (CIRCLE ONE): YES DON'T ...
 IF YOU ANSWERED YES, TELL WHAT IT MOVED DURING: _____

... (unclear) ...

- a. ...
- b. ...
- c. ...
- d. ...

18. ... FOLLOWING KING ABOUT ... OBJECT.
- a. SOUND ...
 - b. COLOR ... NOT MARKS OF ...

19. ... ALL ... THE SHAPE OF THE OBJECT ... OBJECTS. ... BY DETAILS OF ... OBJECT ...



20. ... OF THE OBJECT ...
- a. ...
 - b. ...
 - c. ...
 - d. ...
 - e. ...

21. IF THERE WAS ... THAN ONE OBJECT, ...

Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were moving.

... INTERVIEW ... THE ... TRUCKER ...
 ... THE ... OF ...
 ... THE ... OF ...

21. IF POSSIBLE, TRY TO GUESS OR ESTIMATE WHAT THE REAL SIZE OF THE OBJECT IS IN ITS LARGEST DIMENSION 30 (Feet).
ABOUT 3' C OF 10 WHEEL, TRUCKER "B-K"

... DID THE OBJECT OR OBJECTS APPEAR AS COLLECTED IN THE ...
 ... FOLLOWING OBJECTS WOULD IN THE ...
 ...

- CIRCLE ONE):
- | | |
|-----------------|------------------|
| a. END OF A PIN | g. SILVER DOLLAR |
| b. ... | h. ... |
| c. ... | i. ... |
| d. ... | j. <u>BUCKLE</u> |
| e. ... | k. <u>...</u> |
| f. ... | |

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

a. <u>CERTAIN</u>	c. NOT VERY SURE
b. ...	d. UNCERTAIN

22. HOW DID THE OBJECT OR OBJECTS DISAPPEAR FROM VIEW? OUT OF VIEW AS WENT OUT OF ...

24. IF OTHER THAN YOU CAN GIVE US CLEAR PICTURE AS POSSIBLE OF ...
 ... YOU WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO ...
 ... YOU ...
 ... DESCRIBE ...
 ... THE SKY WOULD GIVE THE SAME APPEARANCE AS THE OBJECT WHICH YOU SAW.

I ...
 ...
 ...

25. WHAT WERE YOU DOING WHEN YOU SAW THE OBJECT? (CIRCLE ONE):

- a. I WAS DRIVING
- b. I WAS STOPPED
- c. GOT OUT OF MY CAR
- d. I WAS IN MY HOME
- e. I WAS AT WORK
- f. OTHER _____

26. HOW DID YOU (CIRCLE ONE):

- a. HEARD THE SOUND OF THE OBJECT
- b. SAW THE OBJECT
- c. FELT THE VIBRATION?
- d. HEARD THE SOUND OF THE OBJECT AFTER IT WAS GONE?
- e. HEARD THE SOUND OF THE OBJECT AFTER IT WAS GONE?
- 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?

WAS IN BED - AWAKENED BY SOUND - LOOKED
OUT WINDOW - SAW JUMPED UNCLE SAM

28. IF YOU WERE MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE OR OTHER VEHICLE AT THE TIME, PLEASE 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 c. EAST e. SOUTH g. WEST
- b. N.E. d. S.E. f. S.W. h. N.W.

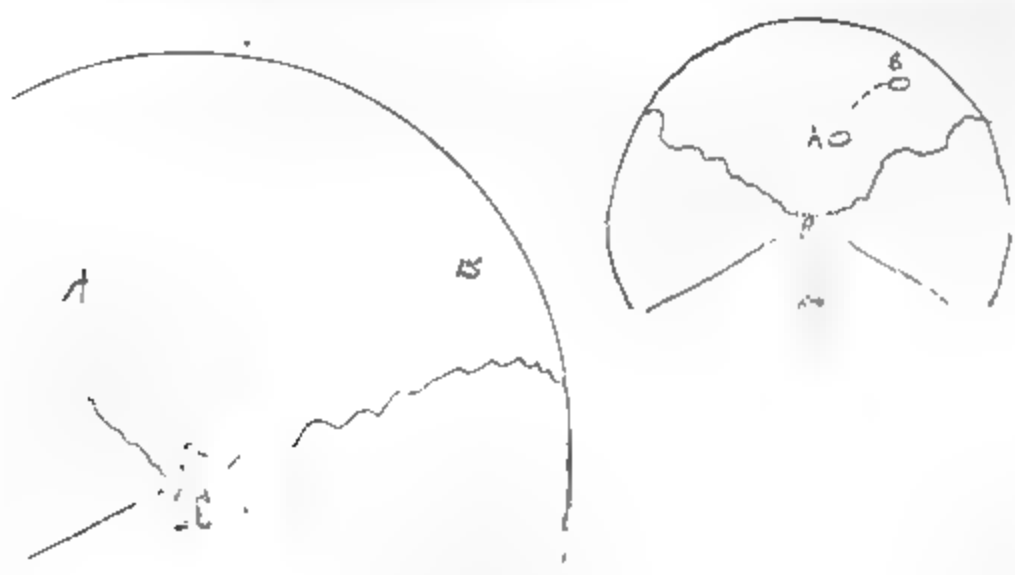
30. WHAT DIRECTION WERE YOU LOOKING WHEN YOU LAST SAW THE OBJECT?

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

2. IN THE SKETCH BELOW, PLACE AN "A" AT THE POSITION THE OBJECT WAS FIRST SEEN 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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2. WHAT WERE THE WEATHER CONDITIONS AT THE TIME YOU SAW THE OBJECT?

33.1 CLOUDS (CIRCLE ONE)

- a. NO CLOUDS
- b. PARTLY CLOUDY
- c. OVERCAST CLOUDS
- d. LIGHT CLOUDS
- e. DON'T REMEMBER

33.2 WIND (CIRCLE ONE)

- a. NO WIND
- b. LIGHT BREEZE
- c. MODERATE
- d. STRONG

33.3 MOON (CIRCLE ONE)

- a. NO MOON
- b. MOON, BUT NO LIGHT RAIN
- c. MOON AND HEAVY RAIN
- d. STAR
- 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?

21 JUNE 1963
DAY MONTH YEAR
ABOUT 9:30 A.M.

PORT OFFICIAL? 1 AIAL
AIR STATION - SA 6 40
PLANE 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 *Enrico A Gilberti Jr.*
MRS. (JANET) GILBERTI *Janet J 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | e. TECHNICAL SCHOOL _____ |
| b. HIGH SCHOOL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | (TYPE) _____ |
| c. COLLEGE _____ | _____ |
| d. POST GRADUATE _____ | f. OTHER SPECIAL TRAINING _____ |

DO YOU BELONG TO NIGAP? NO ? AIRC NO ? OTHER? NO
 HAVE YOU READ ANY BOOKS ON UFO'S? NO

41. DATE YOU COMPLETED THIS QUESTIONNAIRE: 28 JULY 1963
 DAY MONTH YEAR

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

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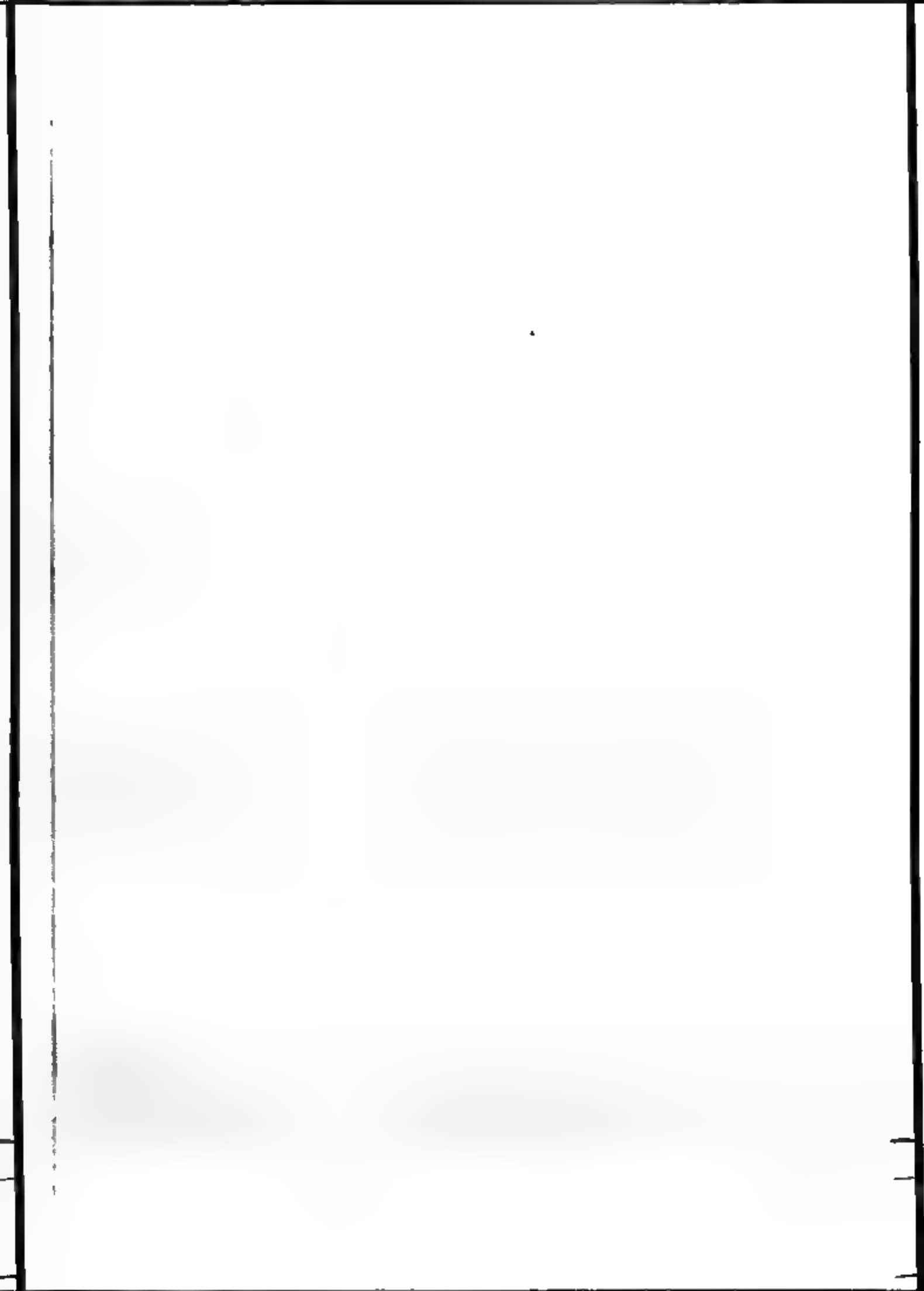
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On June 20, Mr. and Mrs. Enrico Gilbert of East Weymouth spotted a UFO at 1 a.m. Next morning they reported the sighting to the Naval Air Station at South Weymouth and Mrs. Gilbert said the authority who took the report "didn't seem too surprised." 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

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: Idet

cc. NICAP *
AFSC (FTD) *
W.H. Webb
[REDACTED]
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

REP/ref

INC REPORT 11/1/64

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

Age: 26
Education: College (6)
Occupation: Mech. Eng.

#2 - Vincent J. Tierney
Center Street
Brockton, Mass.

Age: 30
Education: College (6)
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 Roy Kennedy "Contact" show which was featuring "Contactee" George Adanski 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 Adanski

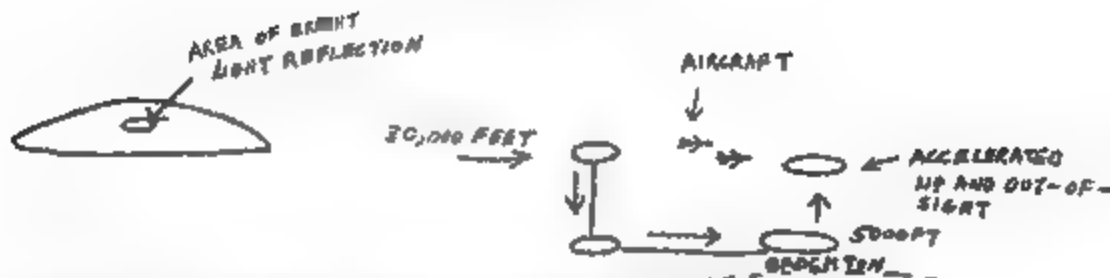
SIGHTING.

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 gauged 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 Rockton 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 #3 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.

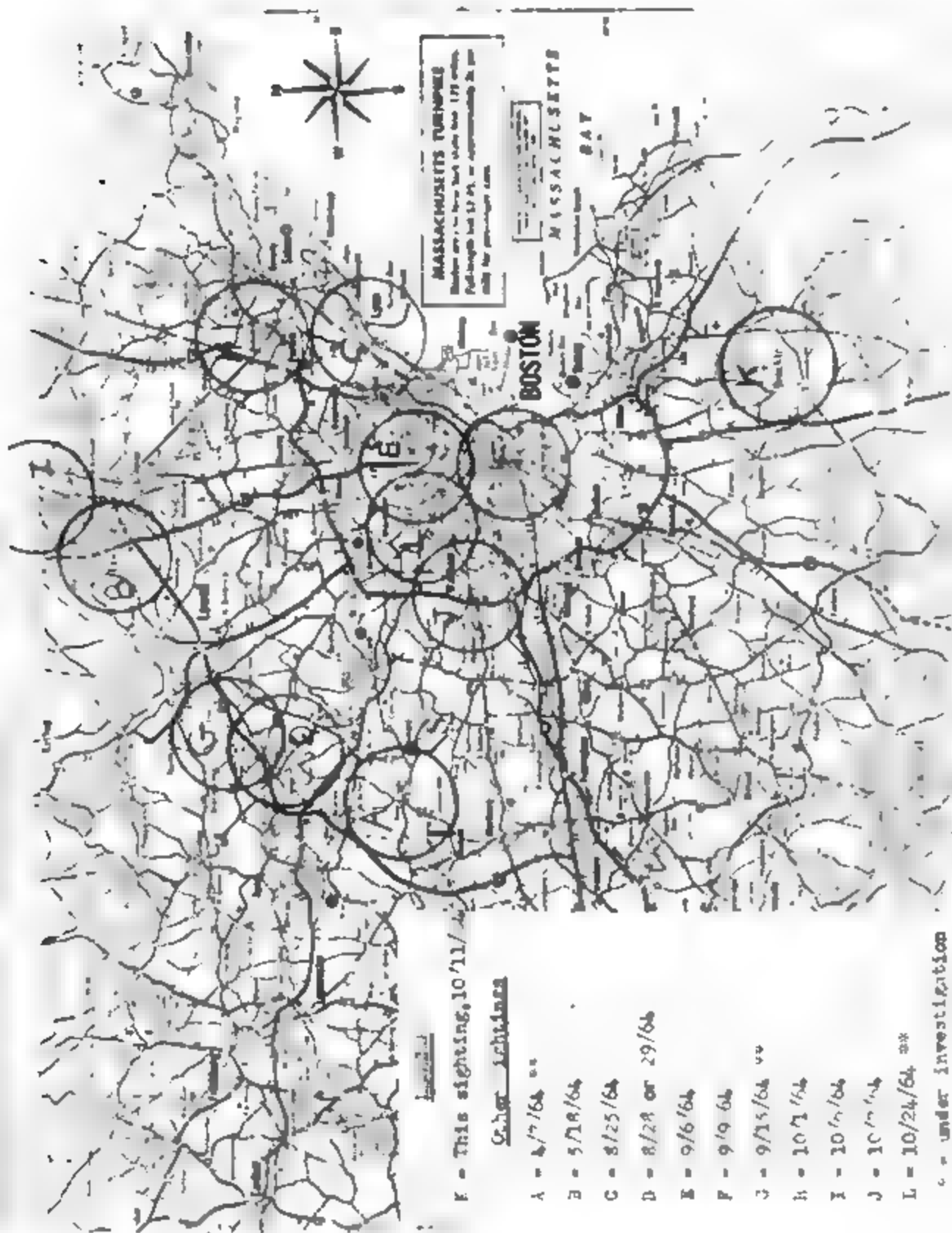
I consider David and Vincent to be sincere and competent witnesses. Neither had ever read books on UFOs or were particularly interested in the subject before making their sighting. David happened to be listening to the Bob Kennedy "Contact" show and wondered if what he had seen was connected with UFOs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

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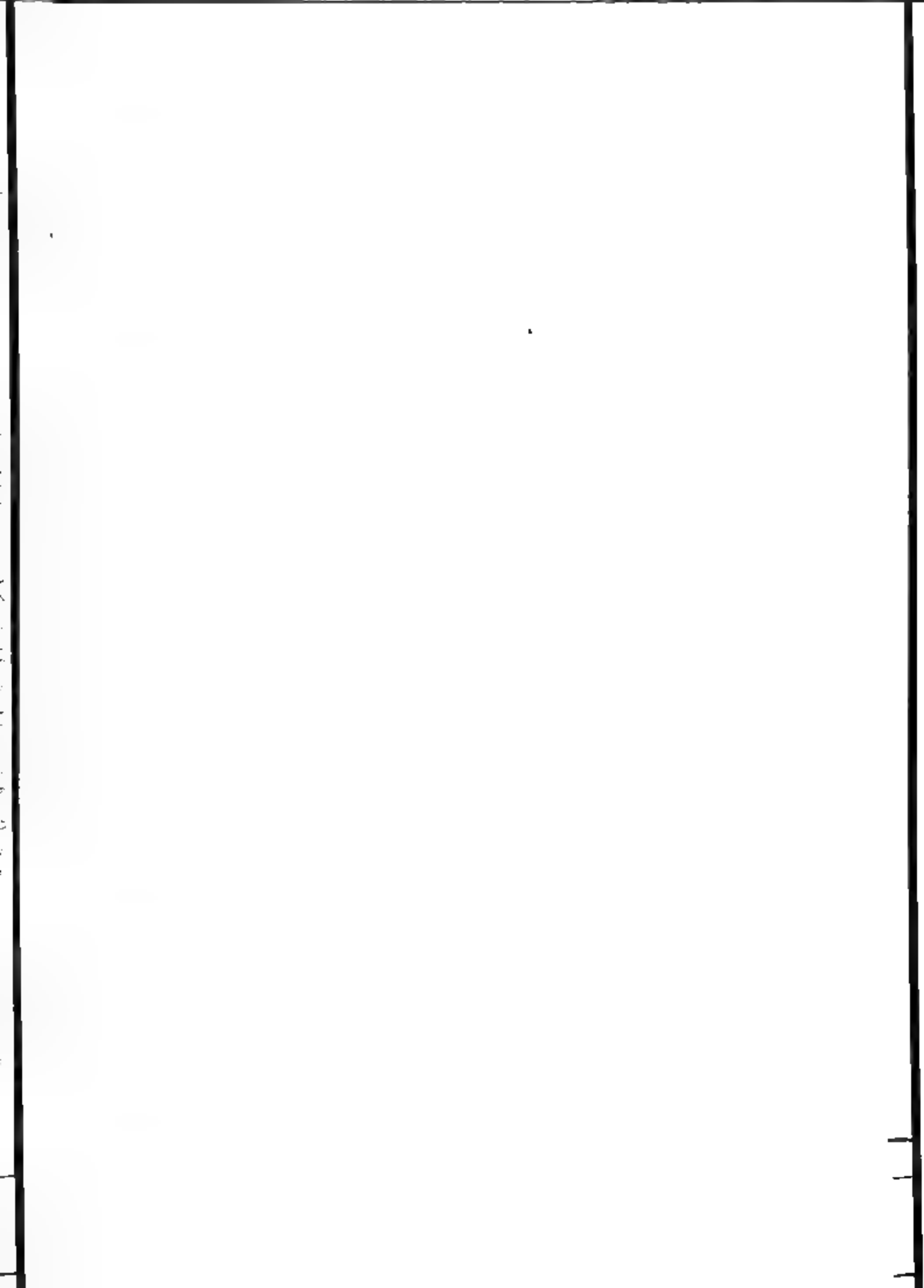


K - This sighting, 10/11/64

Other sightings

- A - 4/7/64 **
- B - 5/18/64
- C - 8/25/64
- D - 8/28 or 29/64
- E - 9/6/64
- F - 9/9/64
- G - 9/15/64 **
- H - 10/1/64
- I - 10/1/64
- J - 10/1/64
- L - 10/24/64 **

** under investigation



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? <u>11</u> <u>October</u> <u>1964</u> DAY MONTH YEAR	2. Time of day: <u>4</u> <u> </u> HOUR MINUTES (Circle One): A.M. or <u>P.M.</u>
3. Time zone: (Circle One): a. <u>Eastern</u> (Circle One): a. <u>Daylight Saving Time</u> b. Central b. Standard Time c. Mountain d. Pacific e. Other _____	
4. Where were you when you saw the object? <u>111 Wilson Street</u> <u>Brockton,</u> <u>Massachusetts</u> Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country Additional remarks: <u>I was at my home</u>	
5. Estimate how long you saw the object. <u> </u> <u>2</u> <u> </u> 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. <u>Fairly certain</u> d. Just a guess	
6. What was the condition of the sky? (Circle One): a. <u>Bright daylight</u> 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. <u>To your right</u> e. Overhead b. In back of you d. <u>To your left</u> 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 moon light
b. Full moon light
c. No moon light - 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 right turn.

11. Did the object: (Circle One for each question.)

- | | | | |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time? | Yes <input type="radio"/> | NO <input checked="" type="radio"/> | DON'T KNOW <input type="radio"/> |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | Yes <input type="radio"/> | NO <input checked="" type="radio"/> | DON'T KNOW <input type="radio"/> |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | Yes <input type="radio"/> | NO <input checked="" type="radio"/> | DON'T KNOW <input type="radio"/> |
| d. Give off smoke? | Yes <input type="radio"/> | NO <input checked="" type="radio"/> | DON'T KNOW <input type="radio"/> |
| e. Change brightness? | Yes <input type="radio"/> | NO <input checked="" type="radio"/> | DON'T KNOW <input type="radio"/> |
| f. Change shape? | Yes <input type="radio"/> | NO <input checked="" type="radio"/> | DON'T KNOW <input type="radio"/> |
| g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate? | Yes <input type="radio"/> | NO <input checked="" type="radio"/> | DON'T KNOW <input type="radio"/> |

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?

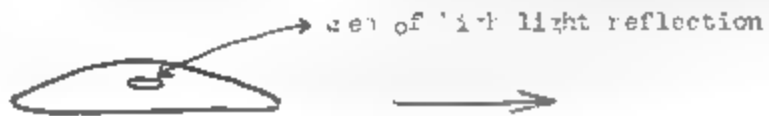
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|----------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| a. eyeglasses | Yes <input type="radio"/> | NO <input checked="" type="radio"/> | d. window glass | Yes <input type="radio"/> | NO <input checked="" type="radio"/> | g. Other _____ |
| b. sun glasses | Yes <input type="radio"/> | NO <input checked="" type="radio"/> | e. Binoculars | Yes <input type="radio"/> | NO <input checked="" type="radio"/> | |
| c. windshield | Yes <input type="radio"/> | NO <input checked="" type="radio"/> | f. Telescope | Yes <input type="radio"/> | NO <input checked="" type="radio"/> | |

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

a. SOUND _____

b. COLOR _____

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.

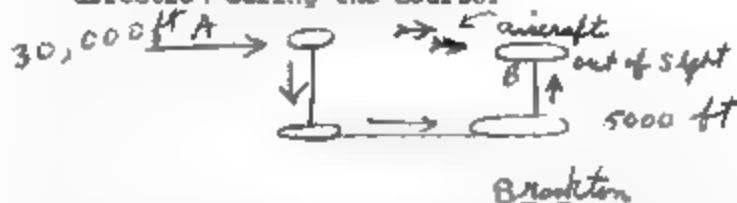
18. The edges of the object were:

- (Circle One):
- a. Fuzzy or blurred
 - b. Like a bright star
 - c. sharply outlined
 - e. Other _____

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 an "A" at the beginning of the path; a "B" at the end of the path; and, show a y change 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. Bead of a pin	g. <u>Silver dollar</u>
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. <u>Certain</u>	c. Not very sure
b. Fairly certain	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 mat'l color was off white, possibly some sort of coating over metal. It was about 50 - 75 ft. in diameter 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 a 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?

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
- b. Northeast
- c. East
- d. Southeast
- e. South
- 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 observing object?

(Circle One): YES NO

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

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

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

- a. North
- b. Northeast
- c. East
- d. Southeast
- e. South
- 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):

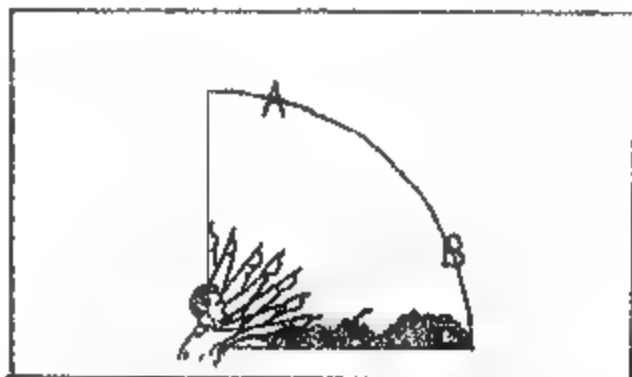
31.1 When it first appeared:

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

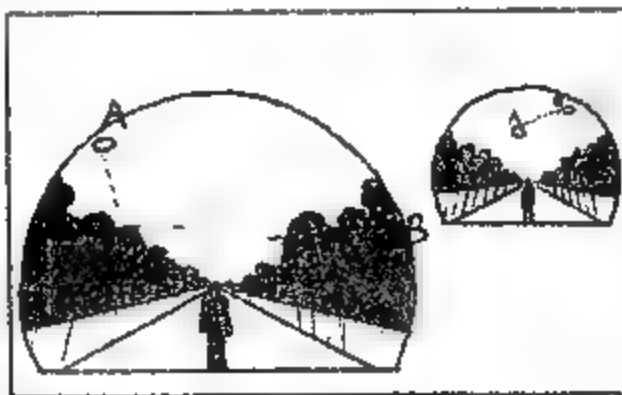
31.2 When it disappeared:

- 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. Who did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

Official or Organization Name(s)	Day	Month	Year
John Kennedy Contact Radio Show	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, the 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 Washington 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? ? 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? 500 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 any Organization which investigates Unidentified
 Flying Objects? (Circle One) YES NO If YES, list them below:

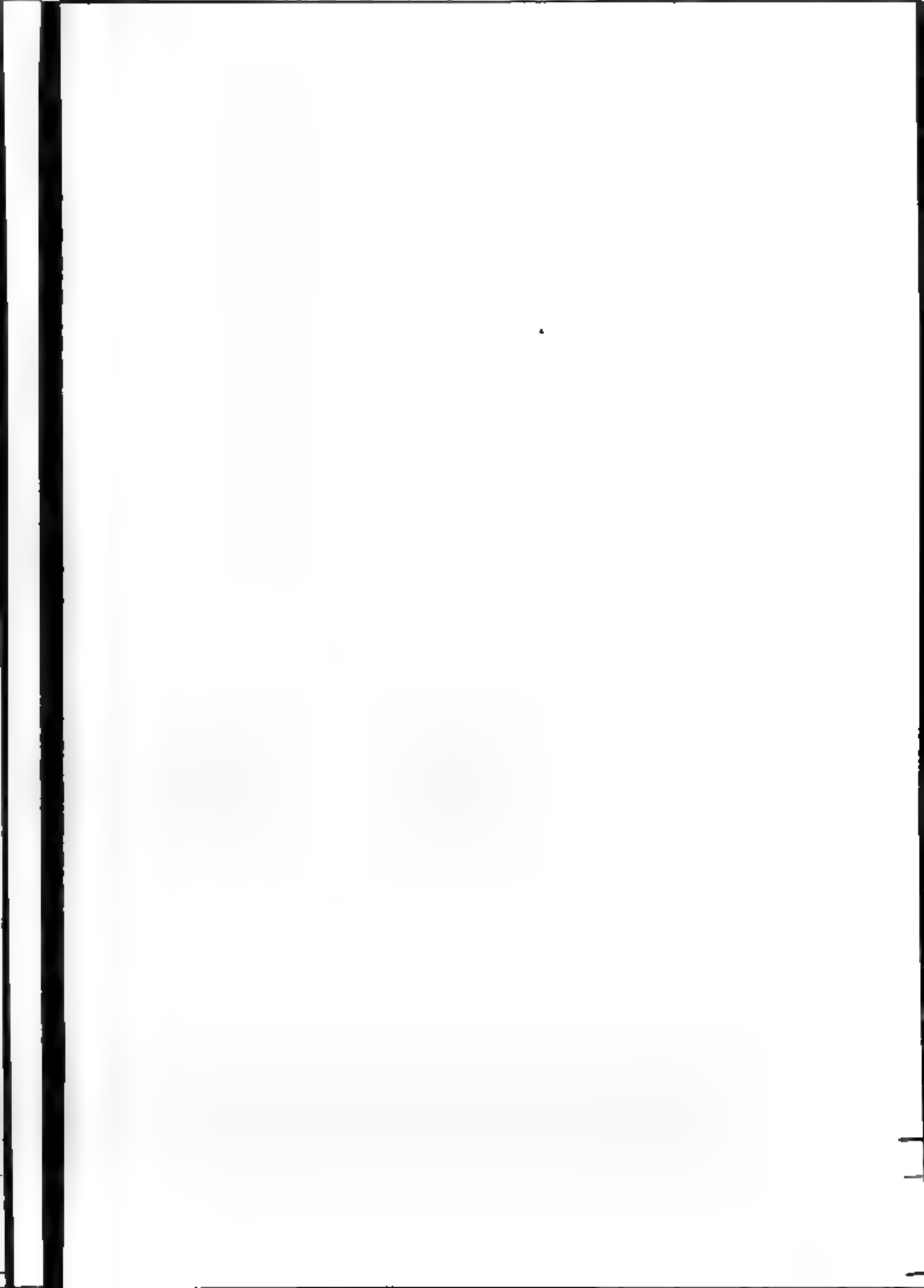
45. May we publish your report if you desire is kept confidential? YES NO
 May we publish your report and use your name? YES NO
 (Circle One)

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	<u>JU 7-6126</u>		
What is your present job?	<u>Mechanical Engineer</u>		
AGE	<u>28</u>	SEX	<u>Male</u>
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>	f. Other special training	_____
d. Post graduate	_____		_____

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

Signed Original in hands of Raymond S. Fowler, INVESTIGATOR



Information Only
Source: N.H. Sunda, News, Manchester, N. H.

15 January 1965
Manchester, N. H.
(106 Morse Road)

New England Newspaper Agency Inc.
Box 326, Boston 6 • Richmond 2-470

N. H. Sunday News
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.

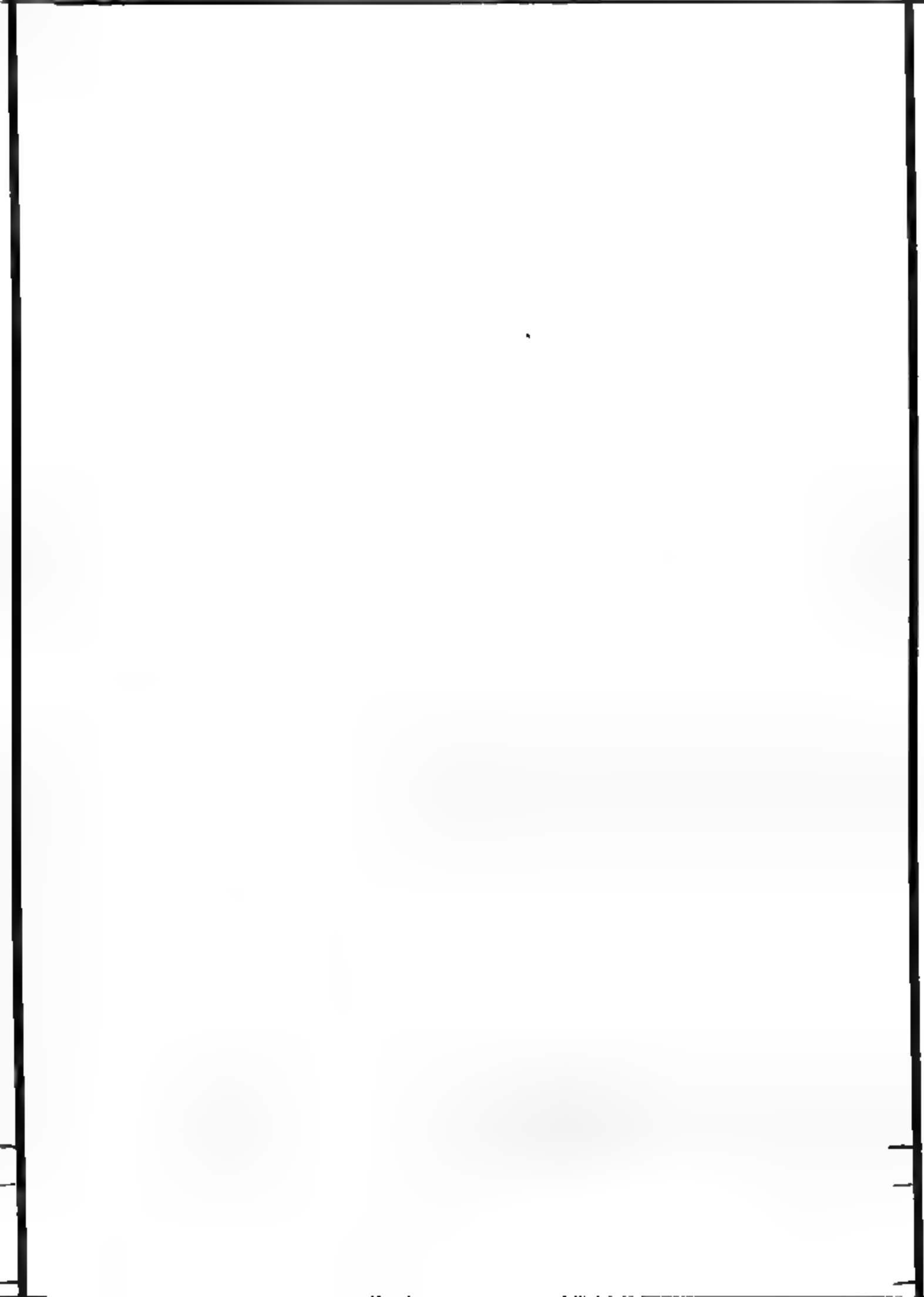
This motorist, who remained anonymous, said that his car's radio went off as well as the lights, and the motor stopped. He added that after pulling up, he looked out and saw the light and heard a humming sound.

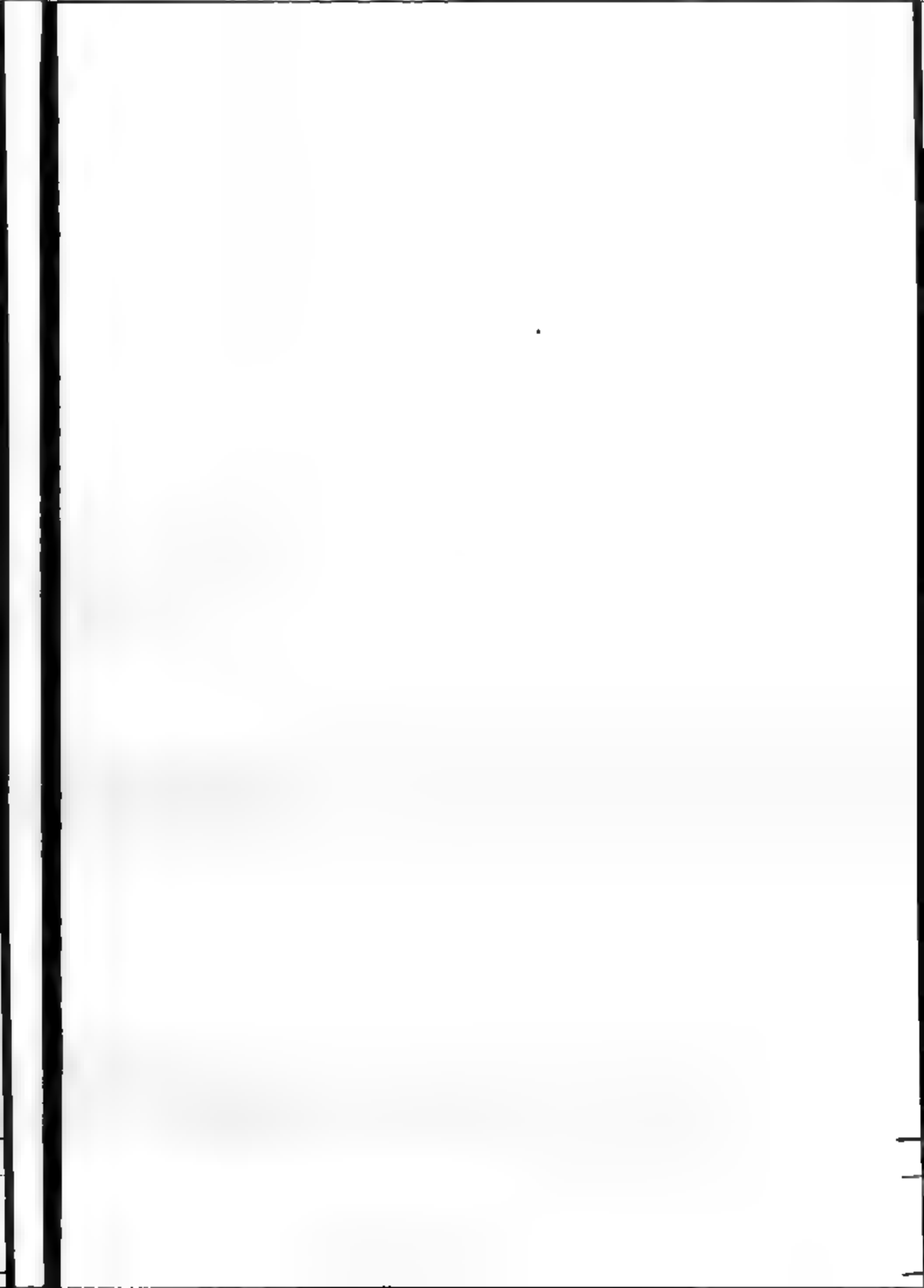
In both cases electrical power was restored when the "mysterious light" vanished.

Inform. only
Source: Barrett

Manchester, N.H.
25 January 1965

✓ January 25, 1965 -- Manchester, New Hampshire - Matthew Rybczyk noticed his TV set stopped working after a mystery lighted object
it 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 Wilmet and Enfield. The strange object also made a humming sound. SOURCE: Manchester Reporter, New Hampshire.





Information Only
Source: Pawsett

Everglades, Florida
14 March 1965

March 14, 1965--Everglades, Florida-- Mr. James W. Flynn, 46 of Fort Myers, while casing and trapping hunting dogs in the Everglades drove his swamp buggy within 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. SCIENCE FICAP "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 ~~that~~ 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 Burne 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 "cooked 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
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H. Taylor
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Brooklyn 35, N. Y.



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

no Case, Inform. on 14
14 March 1965

Mrs Bant/SAFOICC/72642/11 Jun 65

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 Herace Burns at Stanton, 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,

Patuxent Evaluation

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

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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.

FOR THE COMMANDER

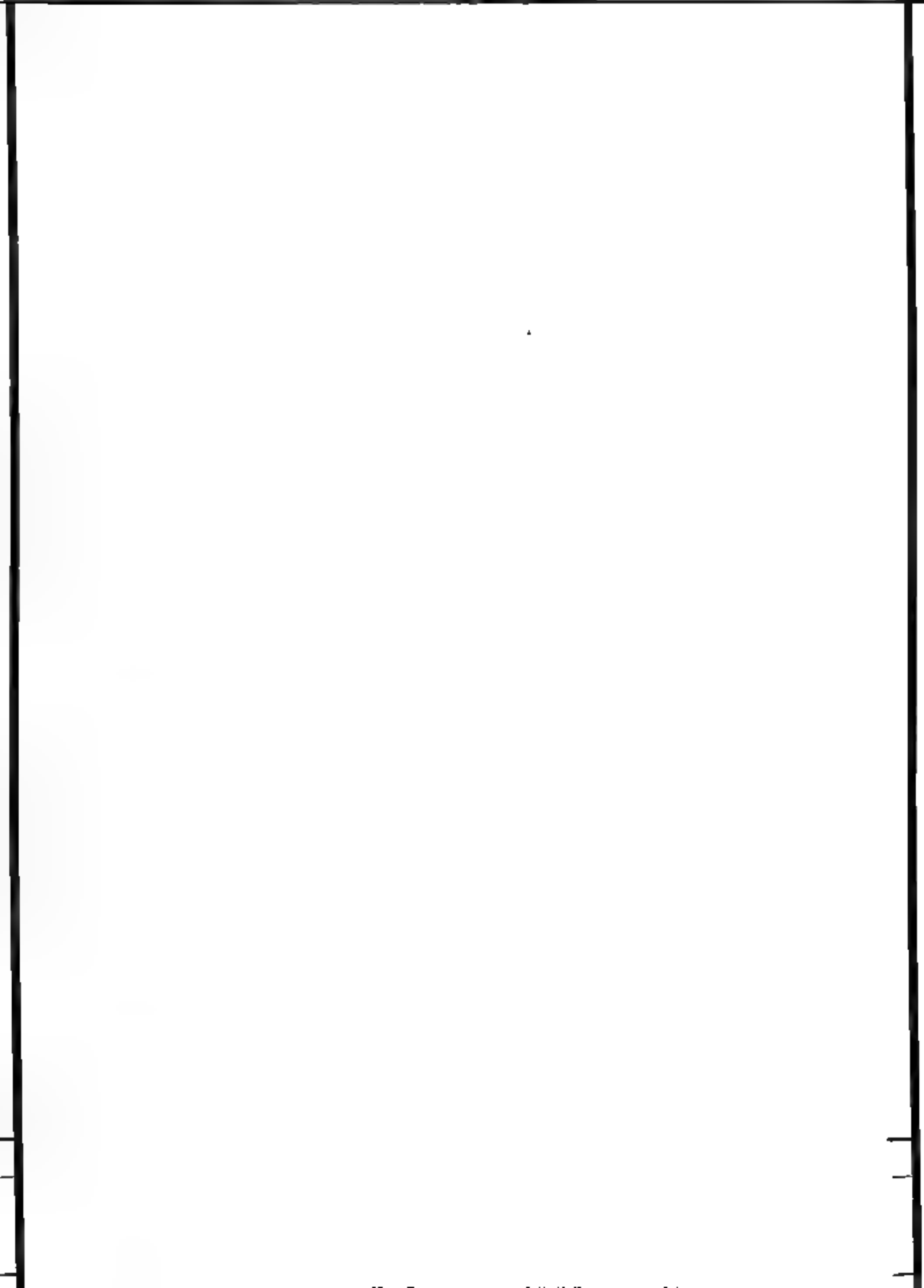
A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Eric T de Jongheere".

ERIC T de JONGHEERE
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology
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REPLY TO
ATTN OF OCBB

SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: AFSC (FTB)
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 TIC Brief Mr 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. Teehey, 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, A03131704, 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 sky 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 unusual, 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.

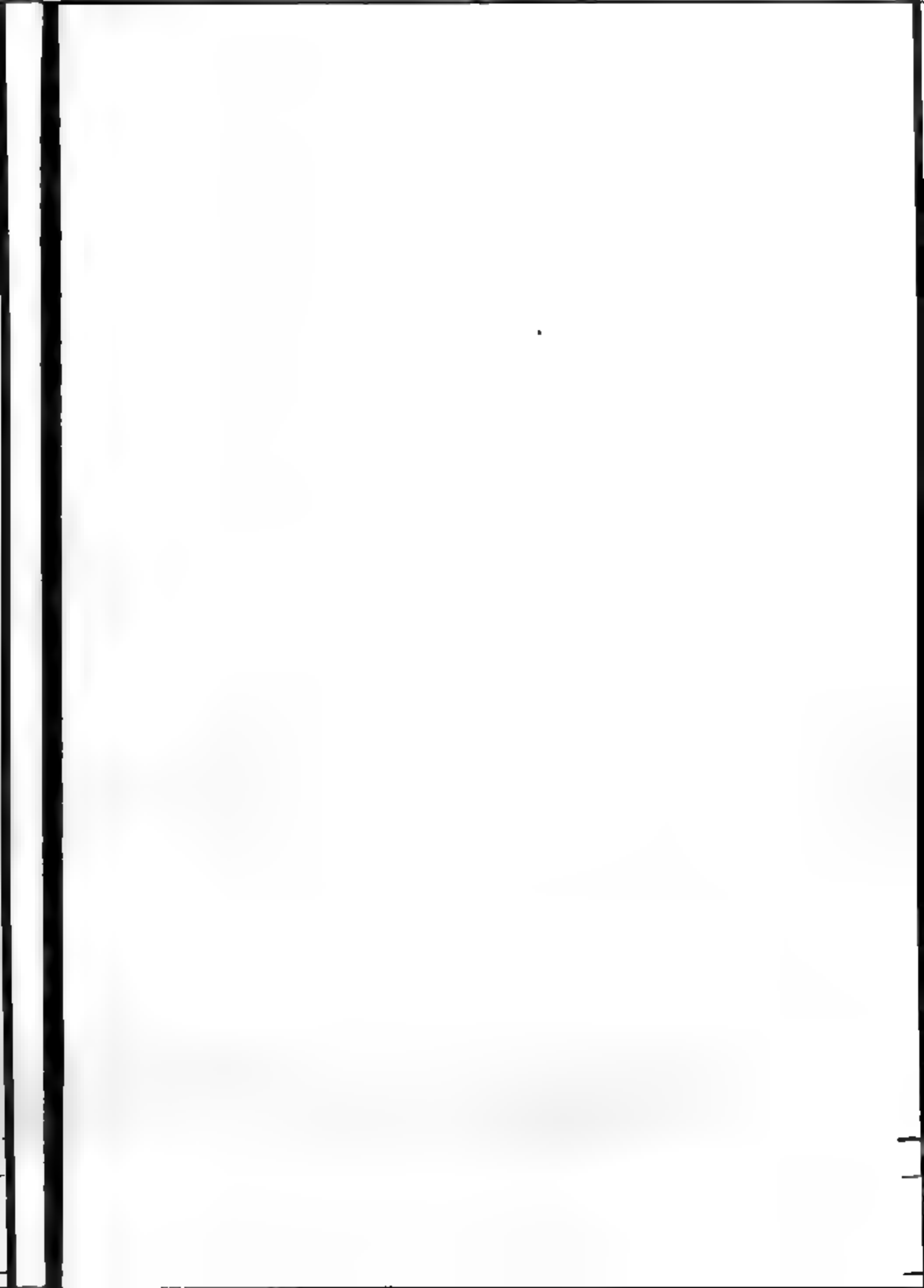
d. Target Acquisition Battalion, Ft Sill, Lawton, Oklahoma. Release three balloons daily at no set time; also four other organizations at that location release balloons. The number of releases and the time depend on the amount of artillery firing that is scheduled. All balloons released at night are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

2 Atch
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.

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. Civilians: Mary E. Matoon, 32 years of age, housewife, residing at 603 Morningside 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	+8.3° C
6,000 ft.	360°	10 knots	+1.4° 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

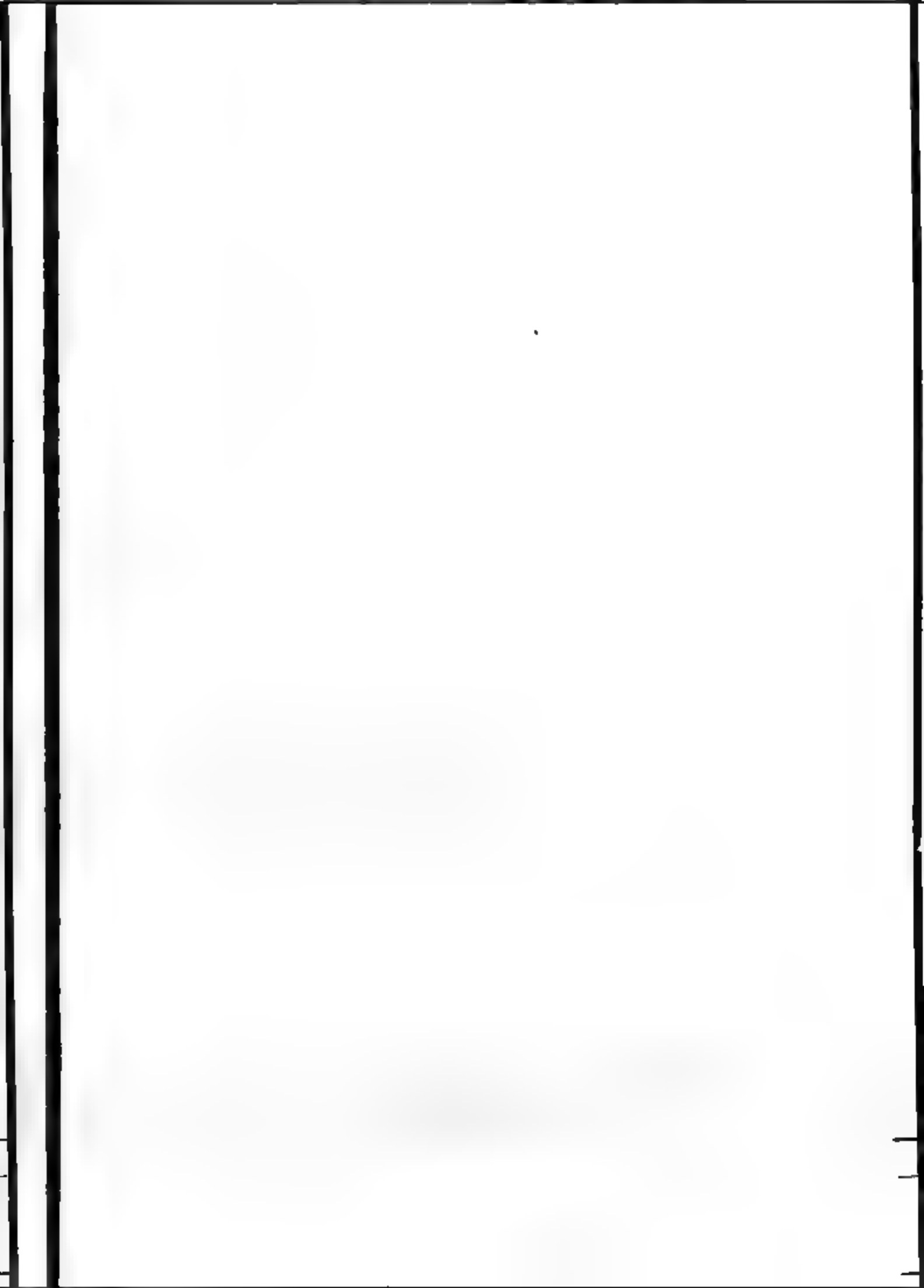
3. Ceiling: Clear.
4. Visibility: Eleven miles.
5. Amount of cloud cover: None.
6. Thunderstorms in area: None.
7. Vertical temperature gradient as -2° C per 1,000 ft., surface to 40,000 ft.; no change after that.

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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REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLIGHT OBJECT

a. Description of the Object(s):

1. Shape: No definite shape.
2. Size compared to known objects: 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.

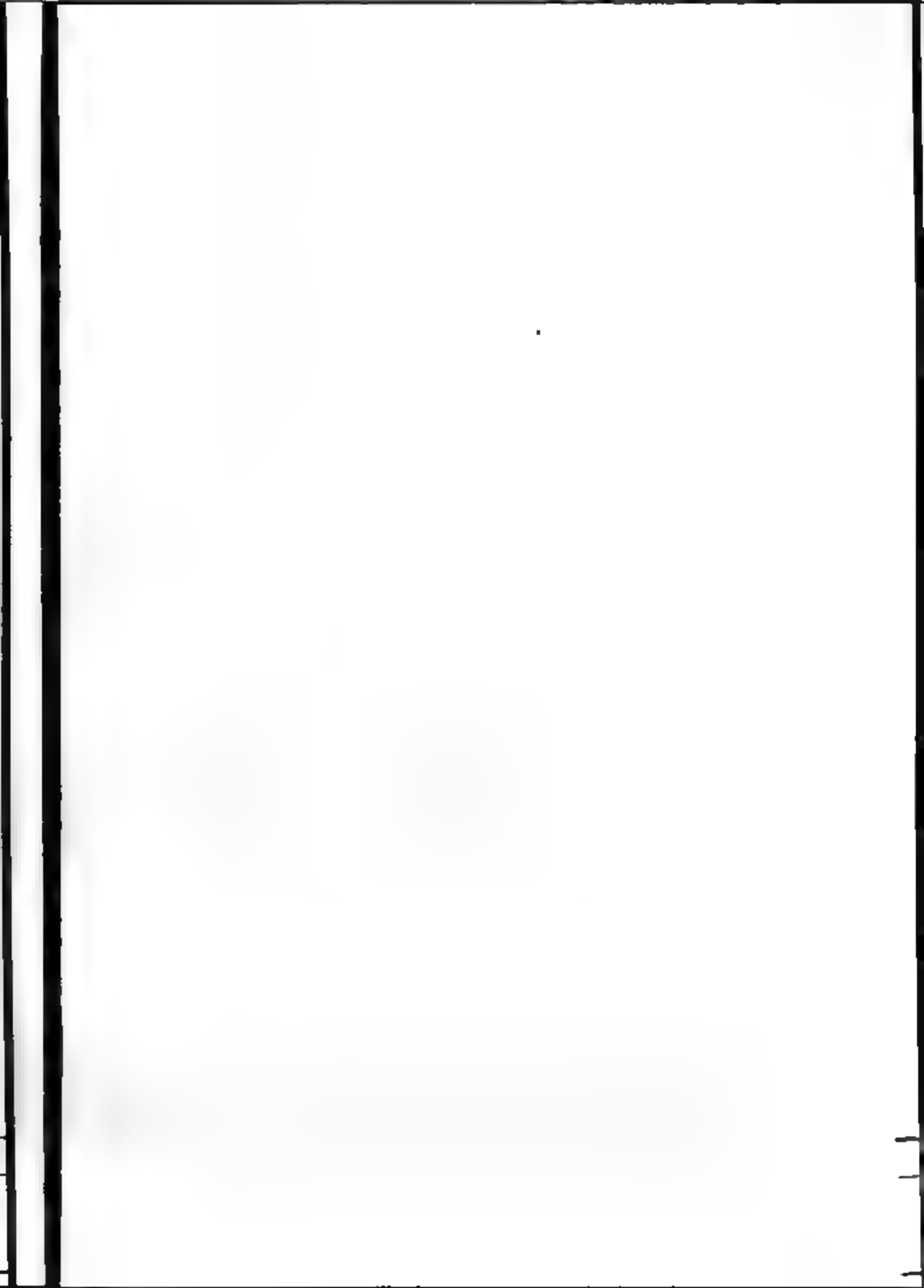
i. **Interception or Identification Action Taken:** Information furnished to the 740th AC & W Squadron, Oklahoma City Air Force Station, at 0222 Z hours, 2 August 1965. No radar contact could be made at that time on the object.

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 $1\frac{1}{2}$ 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. Civilians: 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
6,000 ft.	360°	10 knots	+14° 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.

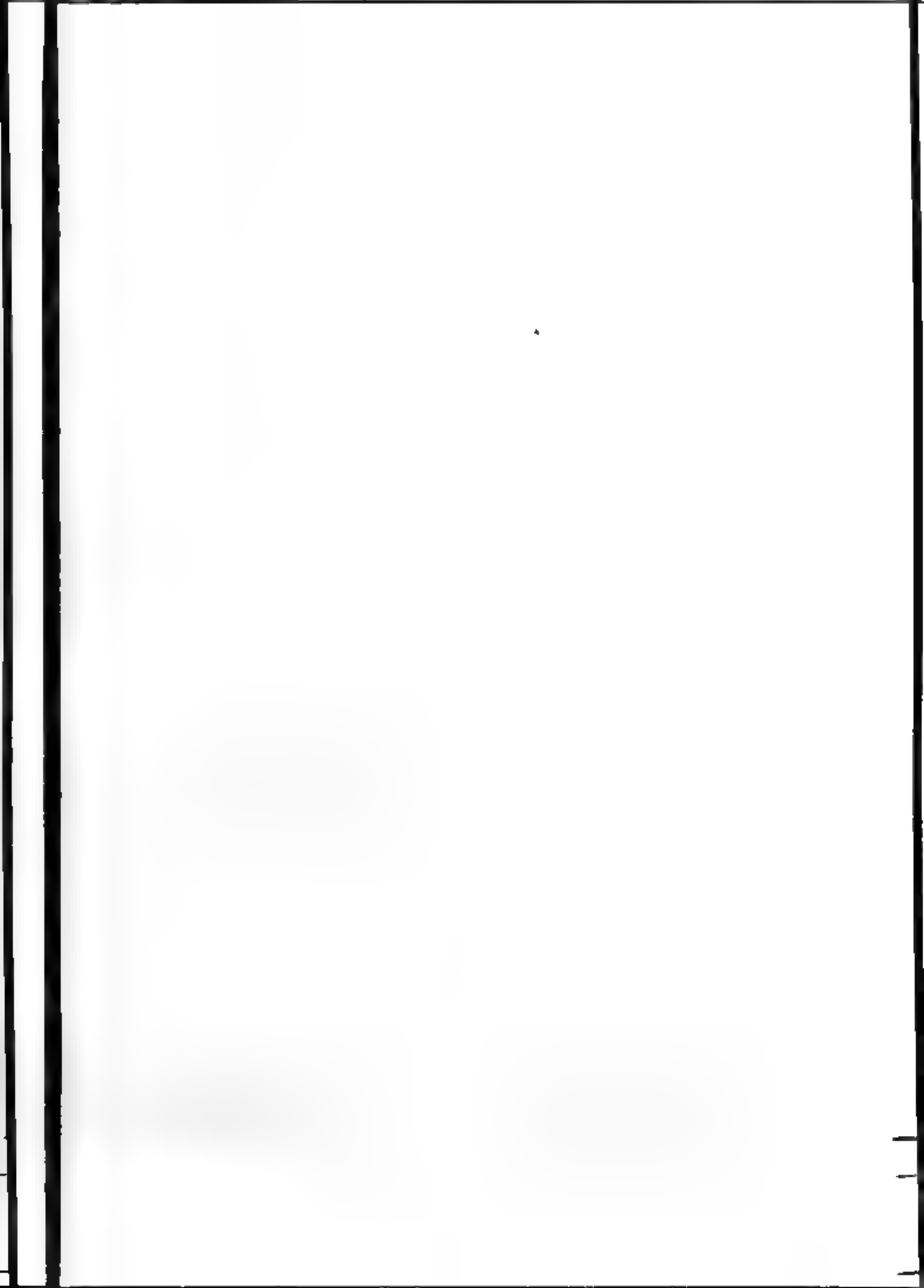
h. No unusual meteorological activities at that time.

i. Interception or identifying action taken: Information furnished to 746th AC & V 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, 285th Air Base Group. Comments: This sighting was reported in local news media as flying objects, diamond formation in the Shames 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 object, Durant Deputy Sheriff Loyd Nabors.

DAILY OKLAHOMAN INVESTIGATIVE

Now It's Saucers By the Squadron

By the 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 2½ miles southeast of New Allenton 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 204" 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 Mara 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 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, 902 NW 4, 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 2044 SW 46. He said the objects flashed red lights and headed south at a high rate of speed.

Joe Sprinkle, 11, said, he, his parents and other 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 Sharon. He said he watched it for about two minutes at about 8:30 p.m.

W. R. Bill Clark, 9608 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.

-Now We Wonder

Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star?-

By Ann Jackson and Ivy Coffey
Of the Main Staff

Stars, meteors and unusual atmospheric conditions were the official air force explanation.

...reporting over a period of several hours and the objects varied in size, shape and color.

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Cushing, J. C. Knock, used furniture store...

Four boys in Oklahoma City reported seeing approximately the same type of 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.

The air force denied an unconfirmed report that the objects had been tracked by radar and denied that any planes were scrambling to intercept them.

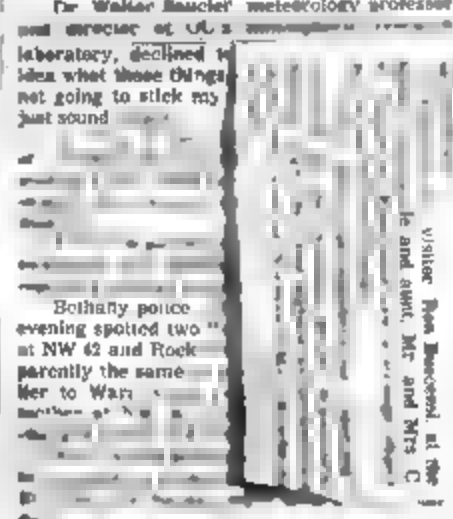
The air force statement also pointed out that the objects were seen over a wide area of the state and were visible to many people.

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

He speculated they could be clouds, balloons or other objects in the sky.

Dr. Walter Baer, meteorology professor and director of U.S. weather bureau laboratory, declined to guess what those things might be.



Visitor Ben Baer... at the scene of an UFO sighting...

Both police and military were on hand at the scene of an UFO sighting...

Five boys reported in Oklahoma City that at dusk they saw a round, shiny object without wings close to the ground in the 600 block NW 53.

Two Oklahoma City boys, Robert Colbert II and Charles Delhotel, at the Delhotel home...

Oklahoma Highway Patrol trooper Overt Bennett reported sighting a green object north of Tishomingo traveling "high up."

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

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THE AUGUST WAVE

Editor's note: The following article was compiled by Air Force Dr. Walter Anderson, Director, Division of Public Information, Department of Public Safety, from tele-type information on the recent August wave of UFO reports.

The information reported here comes from 100 tele-type messages 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 Wichita Wave tele-type system and led to both wire services as well as all major newspapers, television and radio stations within the state of Oklahoma.

The first message on UFOs came in on July 18 at 7:1 P.M. The message was like this: "At approximately 10:30 A.M. on July 18, a Wichita Falls (Oklahoma) police officer reports sighting an object in the sky at approximately 10:30 feet above the main northeast of Wichita field emitting a red, blue and white light. The officer could not hear any engine noise whatsoever. The object appeared to hover in the sky and the officer observed it for 45 minutes before reporting it to the Oklahoma Highway Patrol Communications Center at Edmond. Fisher Field was advised of the information and they made a radio check and came up with a fix at the location given at 12:00 feet.

Fisher checked with Fort Sill and under permission investigated it to all traffic within the area given. None was reported. At this time Cavalry Air Force Base was also fixed at the same location and called up with the same fix as Fisher. One of the bases tracked the object to a point 15 miles southeast of Tulsa Field at which time it disappeared from both radio scopes. It was picked up again just a few minutes later and tracked to a location 10 miles south of Tulsa Field at which time

it was lost again and not relocated. When the object was first located on radar, there was a 1000 ft distance passing in the vicinity of Wynnton at 12:00 feet but the altitude could not make visual contact with the object. As of now, the object has not been sighted since there is no other information available as to the nature of a military Oklahoma Highway Patrol Tower and Tulsa Air Force Base Oklahoma.

This was the first of the reports. It was the only one the patrol received on Saturday, July 17, 1965. Sunday, August 2nd, 1965, at a different time, at 9:15 P.M. August 1, 1965, the following message went out from the highway patrol tower reference. Understanding Fisher, Editor, Editor's note: This was a 1000 HOURS learned about the sightings.

Since 1:00 P.M. date, the tower has received in the neighborhood of 15 to 20 total sightings, many by police officers and highway patrol reports of items unidentified flying objects from the Tulsa area north, close the Norman area to Chandler and both south through Wecker and Muskogee.

Three Mustang officers and one captain have four of the objects on sight at this date, also another has dropped up from the south of Tulsa. One of the sightings was reported as being directly over Muskogee. The sightings vary from out on some of the objects in 10000 feet, starting in a circular color and varying in a white and blue color. Some are reported the objects were in flying four to a formation in a diamond type formation.

Tulsa: Air Force Base has had from one to four of them on radar at a time, and they believe they are flying at a height of approximately 20,000 feet, which seems to coincide with the visual sightings, all of which are very high flying objects."

Other reports the same night were taken from Muskogee, Chandler

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

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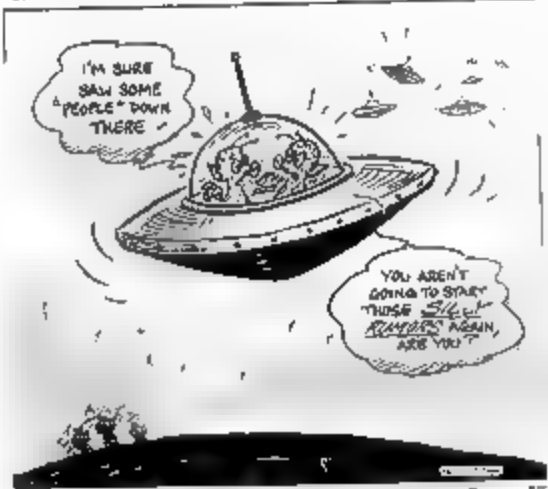
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ILLINOIS CITY TIMES Tuesday, August 2, 1945

Interest Revived in Sightings by 'Saucer' I

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 Aeronautics Administration's 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 other-

The air force officer in charge of investigating the objects were guided by S. sightings said that in 1957 the air force has been investigating such-

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

Disappointed Citizen a CFUFOer Now

Okla. City Times 23 August 60

Hopeful Gazer Draws Blank

By Bob Berger

THE SNFSS had at least one new member Tuesday. He also is eligible for membership in the CFUFO lodge.

SNFSS is the Sky Night from Scanning Sites, 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 hypothesis 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, air-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.

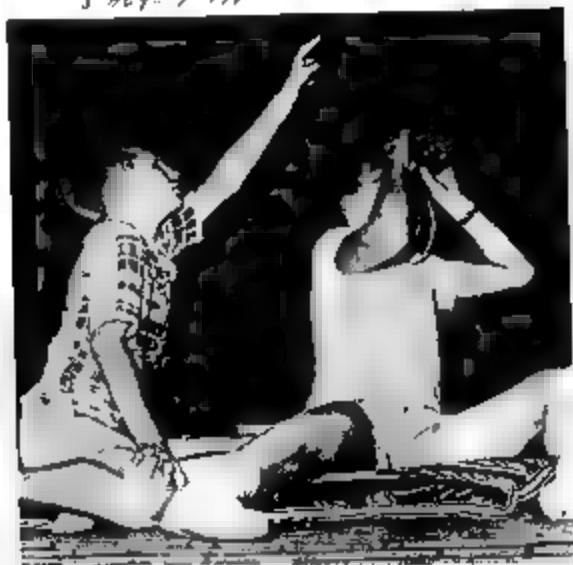
There's one bright spot to this new talk of UFOs. It has brought lots of people from in front of the black boxes in their air-conditioned houses.

Some Oklahoma Cityans breathed good old fresh air and watched the stars (in the sky) for the first time in years.

Fans

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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SABASE-TOP BOOBY is a fine vantage point for tracking unidentified flying objects. These young star gazers decided Monday night. Two-year-old Ace Meyer (left) 4100 NW 21 Terr. and Randy Stamm, 4, at 4 20 NW 2 Terr. like hundreds of other city residents, spend the evening scanning the skies for those mystery flying objects. Story on Page 1. Staff Photo by Bob Maston.

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, 18, 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 E. _____

A little excitement turned to chuckles at headquarters when the parachute was _____ covered to be a crudely made floatie 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 83 and Shields by Doyle Park, 3338 SW 30. (Staff Photo by Tony Wood)

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Bright Objects in Sky Set Phones, Nerves Jingling

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 Reifer, 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."



Raylan Brown plots "vector" 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 circle-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 flight 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 2 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 35 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, Guyton, Moore, Tulsa, Purcell, Norman, Mooker, 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 Sedgewick County sheriff's office at Wichita, Kan., said the weather bureau tracked several UFO's at altitudes of 4,000 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 27,000 feet. A Tinker spokesman declined comment, however.

THE MAIN INVASION WAVE



Wynnewood, Oklahoma July 31, 1966

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.

As "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-

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 Braniff 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 Buchanna of KWTW, Oklahoma City, called to see what I

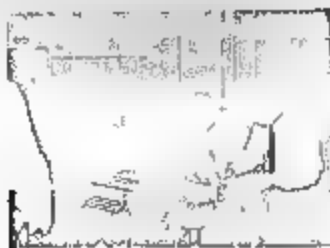


Photo by D. V. Critchfield

Bright Objects in Sky Set Phones, Nerves Jingling

know about it. Within an hour my wife, Karon, DeWayne Critchfield, our photographer and Public Relations man were on our way. I was permitted to interview Officer Sikes for two hours. We returned to Oklahoma City and started putting the story on paper Sunday afternoon with the help of W F Riefer, our Senior Director, we interviewed Officer Sikes again. Upon returning to Oklahoma City a full report was typed out.

At 9:00 a.m. the telephone rang and Mike Buchanan said that the Oklahoma Highway Patrol tower located near Edmond, Oklahoma had been receiving UFO reports since 8:08 p.m. So far they had received in the neighborhood of 25-30 reports. The UFO's were sighted from Purocell north thru Norman to Chandler and back south through Meeker and Shawnee. Shawnee reported that the UFO's were flying in a diamond type formation. Cushing reported four of the UFO's. Tinker AFB, stated they had four UFO's on radar at 22,000 ft. which coincided with visual sightings. The UFO's were all multi-colored. They hovered for as much as two hours, faded out or shot off.

As the night continued so did the UFO reports. Chickasha, Guyton, Moore, Tulsa, Purocell, Chandler, Gage, Del City, Midwest City, Edmond, El Reno and Oklahoma City. Then the reports came in from Texas, Pecca, Monahans, Odessa, Midland, Fort Worth, Canyon and Dalhart. New Mexico also reported UFO's over Hobbs, Carlsbad and Artesala. The UFO reports that came in from Kuns, Oxford, Belle Plaine, Winfield, Caldwell, Mulvane, Liberal and Wichita also reported the UFO's as egg-or turtle shaped flying in formations, making sharp maneuvers and changing colors. By midnight UPI from Dallas reported that several thousand UFO's had been sighted over Texas and Oklahoma. I was at the all night Reports came in faster than they could be logged. Ft Sill, Harrah, Yukon, Pauls Valley, Strat-Oklahoma Highway Patrol Tower ford, Lindsay, Pawnee, Ardmore, McAlester, Wewoka, Durant, Vinita, Miami, Sapulpa, Coolgate and Eufaula. Also all sightings were made by State Highway Patrol Units and police officers.

The Air Force in its announcement in Washington said initial study of the flood of sightings 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." It was also pointed out that the temperature,



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 Aquilid, commonly called the Delta Meteor shower which is occurring from July 26 to August 8.

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 Keiser. 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 Staff Writers
 Flying objects zooming over the state have become a common sight in recent days. Reports of sightings are coming in from all over the state, and many people are reporting that they have seen strange objects in the sky. Some of the reports describe objects that are saucer-shaped, while others describe objects that are disc-shaped or triangular. Many of the reports also describe objects that are moving very fast and that are making strange noises. Some of the reports also describe objects that are landing on the ground and that are being seen by large groups of people. The reports are coming in from all over the state, and many people are reporting that they have seen strange objects in the sky. Some of the reports describe objects that are saucer-shaped, while others describe objects that are disc-shaped or triangular. Many of the reports also describe objects that are moving very fast and that are making strange noises. Some of the reports also describe objects that are landing on the ground and that are being seen by large groups of people. The reports are coming in from all over the state, and many people are reporting that they have seen strange objects in the sky.

Air Intelligence Staffs Plagued by 'Objects' for 20 Years

(Left) An Air Intelligence Staff member reports on a sighting of a UFO. (Right) A photograph of a UFO sighting.

She was picked up by ambulance and taken to an Oklahoma City hospital. She had received third degree burns over 60% of her body and her clothes had not been burned. I conducted a personal investigation with Major C. W. Datreun, 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,

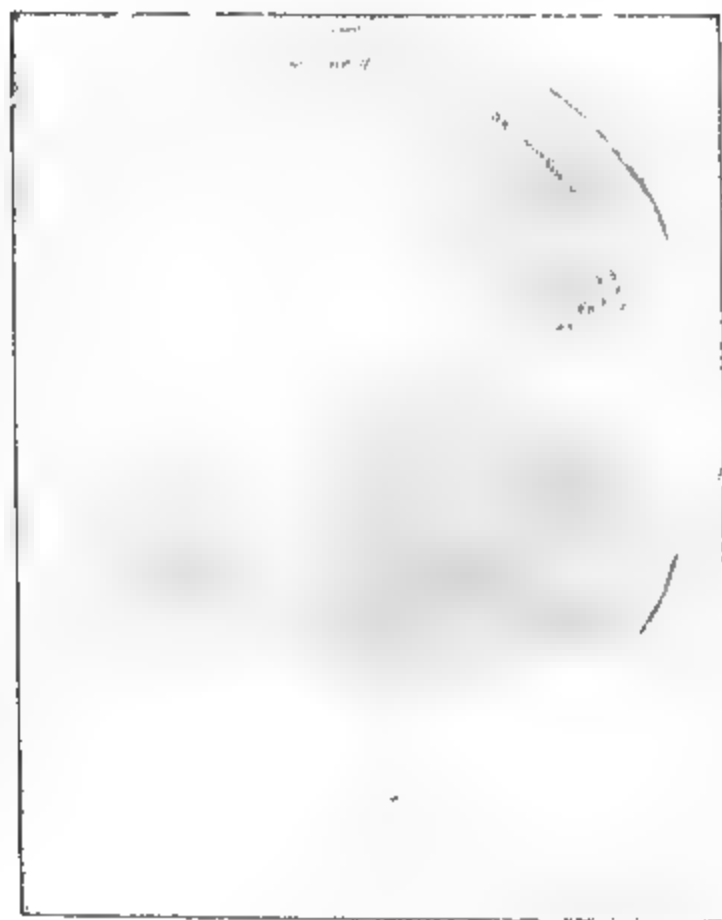
green, or blue-green the colors were alternated and were arranged in a circle that in my view looked oval-shaped. The red lights blinked simultaneously, and then the other colored lights would blink simultaneously. All this time the lights were traveling in a counter-clockwise motion on the craft.

The astounding thing to me was that the lights traveled in 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 I 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 rhythmic and too complex to be an illusion or a hallucination" (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 1 1/2 miles, turned off our lights and started observing. From reports from the Granite police unit, we got a bearing on the approximate 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

By John C. Stone, Staff Writer
 A 100-member club
 has organized, claiming
 to have information
 about unidentified flying
 objects.

"It is a secret government
 project," Stone, 33, president
 of the club, said. "We want
 to know what they are doing
 about it."

"This is a world-wide project
 and it is not just a
 local project," Stone said.

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 reveal anything about
 the government's project,
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"There have been too many
 reports and reports from reliable
 sources about the project," Stone
 said. "We believe some of the
 reports are reliable but others
 are not."

STONE is director of the
 University of Kansas, and
 is a member of the club. He
 said there are 100 members
 and groups in 10 states and 10
 foreign countries.

He said "We are backed by
 a grant of \$1,000 per
 month."

He named some of the
 names of the club: C. G. Brown,
 and other names. He said
 the club is a secret project
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Maple Grove

Wichita Beacon
 Friday, August
 6, 1953.

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 20 min-
 utes. At about this time (2 a.m.)
 the Granite unit reported another
 object traveling in a northerly di-
 rection, being red in color and
 shooting red sparks from it. We
 went and tried to observe the ob-
 ject, but could not locate it."

Unidentified "blips" on the ra-
 dar 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 photog-
 rapher George Goodson who cap-
 tured 21 events. The objects were
 not visible when the photo was
 taken. I was in Topoka, Junction
 City and Wichita during the week-
 end of August 3 and 7 and per-
 sonally investigated the Junction
 City photo as well as several re-
 ports around Topoka and Wichita.



UFOs Photographed

Junction City Photo

July 23, 1963

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 thread 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 anything in the sky other than the chutist and the clouds.

HOUFO Director Hayden Howes interviewed Mr. [redacted] on Saturday, August 7, 1966 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.

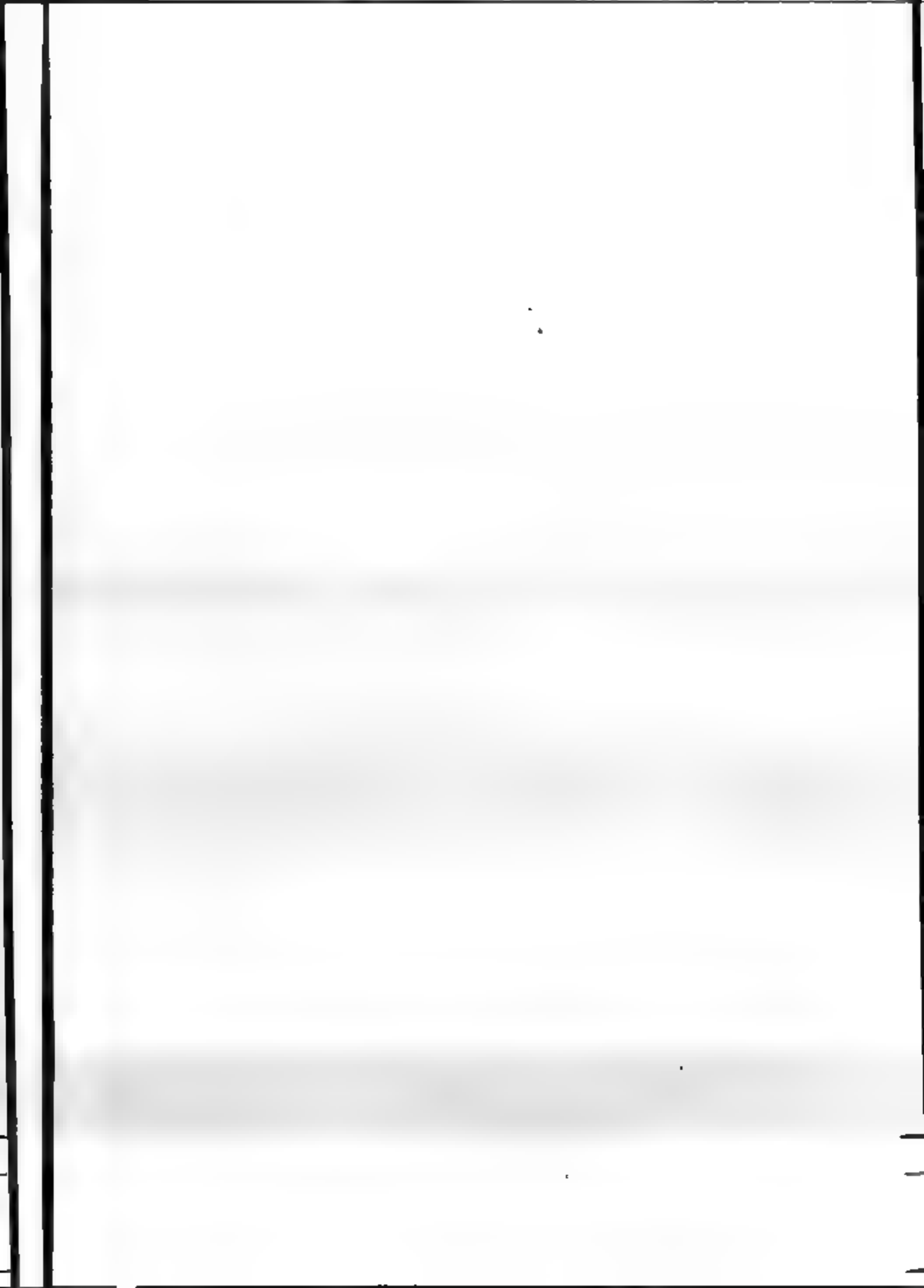
Mr. John Shockley, Wichita weatherman, tracked "them" at different times between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. "mostly on the south side of the city." The UFO's were about the size of a Cessna on the screen and were flying at altitudes of 6,000 to 9,000 ft. The Weather Bureau radar screen covers about all of the state of Kansas.

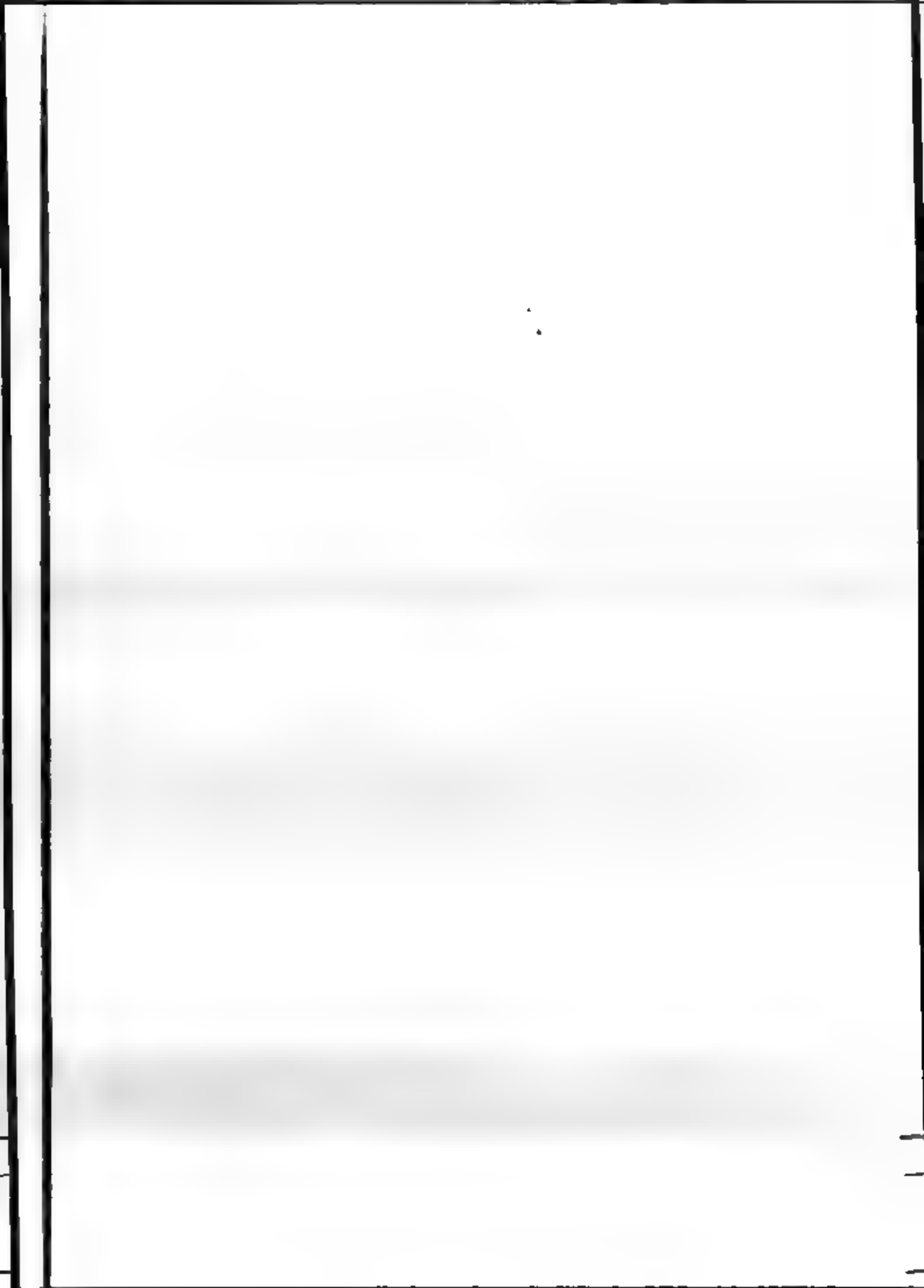


On July 23, 1963 at 3:30 p.m. the following photograph was taken by HOUFO State Director August Powell while taking scenery pictures of the San Francisco peaks. The dark cylindrical-shaped UFO was moving West to East about 15' above the Southern horizon. Three photographs were obtained but only two came out. The UFO appeared to be 1/2 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.







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UFO Sighting, 7 October 1965

By USAF SAFOICC (Mrs. Hunt)

We have reviewed 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

7-24-66
 ERIC T. de JONGHEEREN, Colonel, USAF
 Deputy for Technology and Subsystems

COORDINATION:

ORIGINATOR *W. J. ...* DATE *14 Feb 66*
 TRM/MSD *Mr. W. ...*

BY *N. M. ...* DATE *14 Feb 66*

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PTD (TDR)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433
21 December 1965

Mrs Martha Tripp
6226 BELLEVUE 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 PTD Form 164 and return it in the envelope provided.

We wish to thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

Sincerely,

HECTOR QUIZANILLA, 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.

<p>1. When did you see the object?</p> <p align="center"><u>7</u> <u>OCTOBER</u> <u>1965</u> Day Month Year</p>	<p>2. Time of day <u>5</u> <u>30</u> <u>or</u> <u>45</u> Hour Minutes</p> <p>(Circle One): A.M. or <input checked="" type="radio"/> P.M.</p>
<p>3. Time Zone:</p> <p>(Circle One): <input type="radio"/> a. Eastern <input checked="" type="radio"/> b. Central <input type="radio"/> c. Mountain <input type="radio"/> d. Pacific <input type="radio"/> e. Other _____</p> <p>(Circle One): <input type="radio"/> a. Daylight Saving <input checked="" type="radio"/> b. Standard</p>	
<p>4. Where were you when you saw the object?</p> <p><u>6226 VALERIE</u> <u>HOUSTON</u> <u>TEXAS</u> Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or County</p>	
<p>5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration) _____ <small>Hour Minutes Seconds</small></p> <p>a. Certain c. Not very sure <input checked="" type="radio"/> b. Fairly certain d. Just a guess</p> <p>5.1 How was time in sight determined? <u>IN MY MIND (KNOWING ABOUT 4:00</u> <u>10:00 APPROXIMATE 1.)</u></p> <p>5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
<p>6. What was the condition of the sky?</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> a. Bright <u>DAY</u> <u>A LITTLE</u> <input type="radio"/> b. Cloudy <u>BEFORE DUSK</u> NIGHT <input type="radio"/> a. Bright <input type="radio"/> b. Cloudy</p>	
<p>7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?</p> <p>(Circle One): a. In front of you <u>FRONT</u> <input checked="" type="radio"/> b. To your left <u>VERY LOW</u> <input type="radio"/> c. To your right <input type="radio"/> d. Overhead <input type="radio"/> f. Don't remember</p>	

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 slight 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 SUNBUT DID 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
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

No
No
No
No
No
No
No
No

Don't know
Don't know
Don't know
Don't know
Don't know
Don't know
Don't know
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: _____

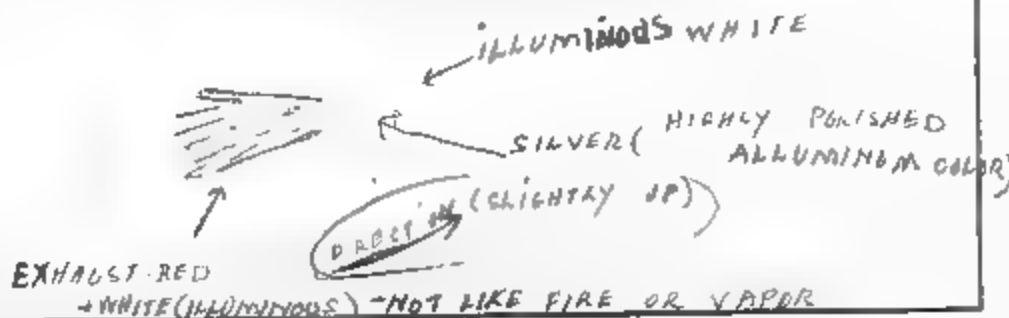
17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

- a. Sound NONE (OR TOO FAR AWAY TO BE HEARD)
- b. Color FRONT - ILLUMINOUS LIGHT GLOBE (ALUMINUM IN CENTER)
REAR - RED AND ILLUMINOUS (WHITE)

18. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick of 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

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? *NOT IN MILEAGE*
(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

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? *HARD TO TELL - BECAUSE IT WAS SO LARGE*

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

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

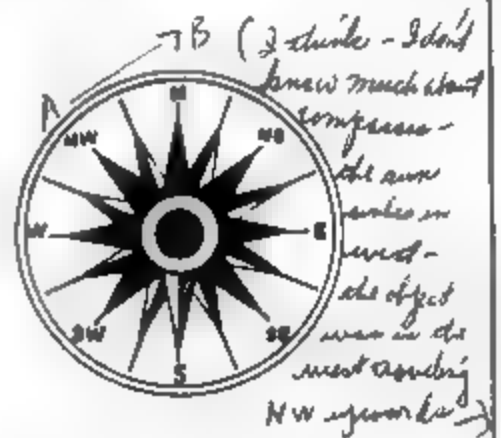
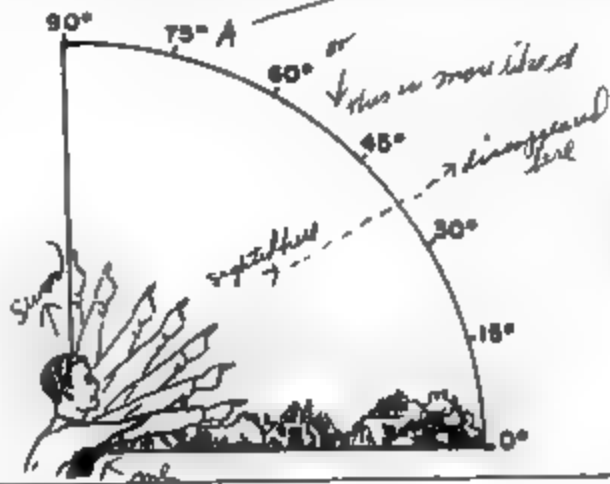
25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

- | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|--|---------------|-------|--|
| a. Eyeglasses | Yes | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | e. Binoculars | Yes | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Sun glasses | Yes | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | f. Telescope | Yes | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Windshield | Yes | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | g. Theodolite | Yes | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Window glass | Yes | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | h. Other | _____ | |

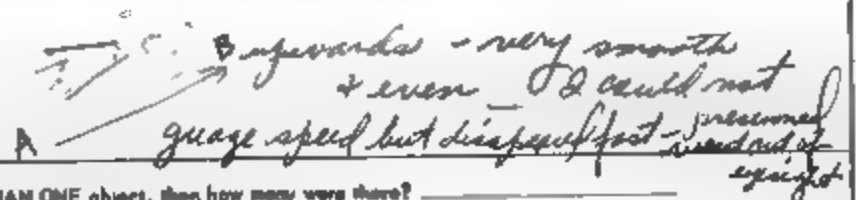
26. In order that you can give us clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

*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 6326 Valeris - Houston Tex.
 Susette (teen-age girl) same address - diff apt.
 another woman (don't remember name - same address)
 (I have since moved) - sorry - maybe if you
 write % of newspaper make
 can you carried someone's address.

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME TRIPP MARTHA LOUISE
Last Name First Name Middle Name
 ADDRESS 7245 HILLCROFT 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 split 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 radio -

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.

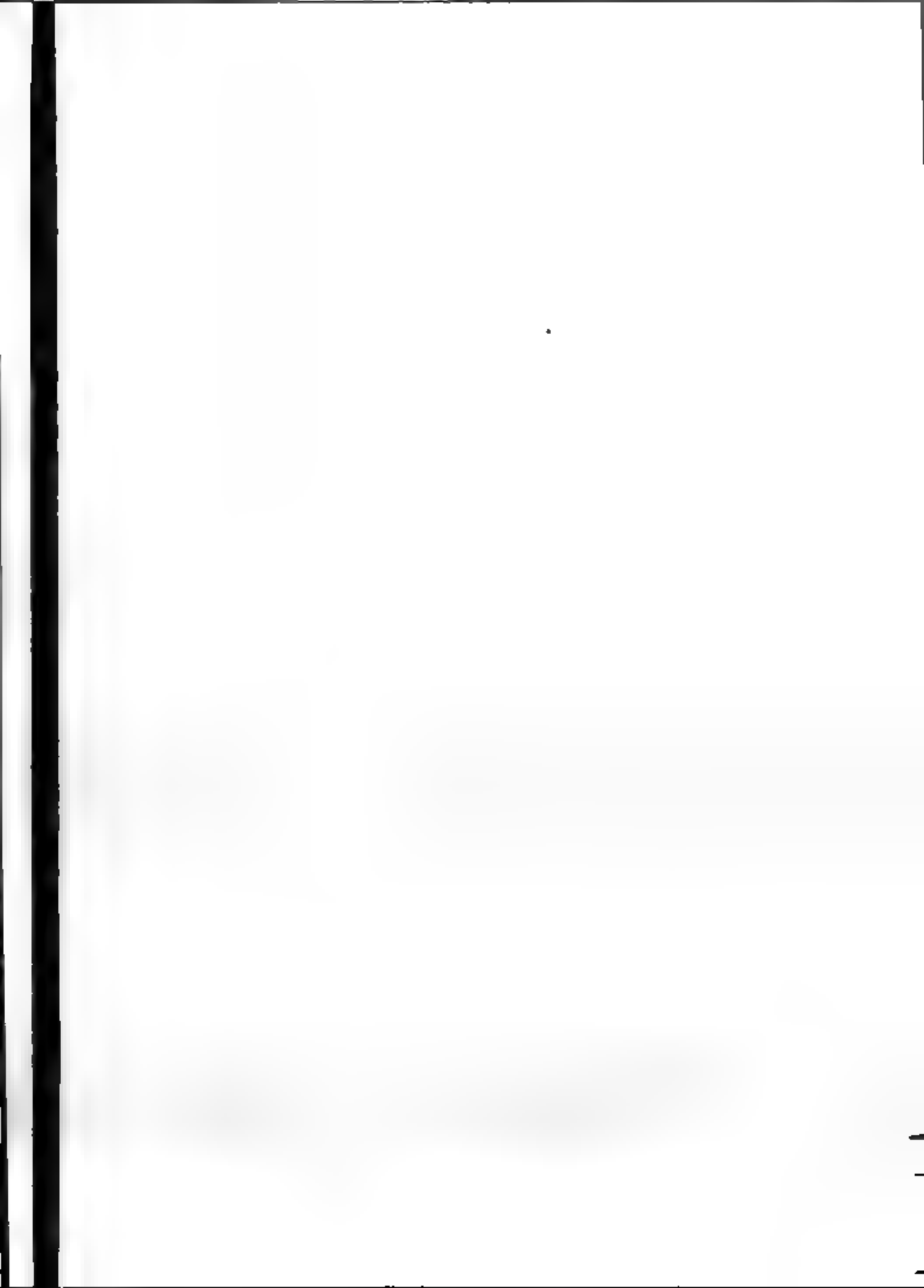
Also, I do not remember date - I take your word for it as being Oct 7, 1965.

(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
Mr. Martha Giff

B.I. - I feel like I have not been of much help
as something like this is hard to put on
paper. Also, if it were a plane it would
be 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 - ~~that~~ although it looked
like a flame it also looked solid (?).



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ACTION: MIN-7

INFO: XOP-1, XOPX-8, SAPOG-3, DIA-1 (21)

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RUEBHQA/USAF WASH DC

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FOR: WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB (FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIV); USAF (AFICND);
SAF (SAFOI). SUBJ: REPORTING OF UFOs.

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION PERTAINING TO REPORTED UFOs IN TINKER
AFB AREA BETWEEN 0200 AND 0733 HOURS, (2) 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.

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OBJECT - 5 SUC-10
SAF (SAFOI)
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ALSO 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° 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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(3) 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, AF 13209448, 34 YEARS OF AGE,
WATCH SUPERVISOR, TINKER AFB CONTROL TOWER, 3 RD MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS

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GROUP.

C. 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 9 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 - INFORMATION 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, SAPOS-3, DIA-1 (R1)

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FOR: WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB (FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIV); USAF (AF CIN);
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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LEADER: HILLMAN, THOMAS
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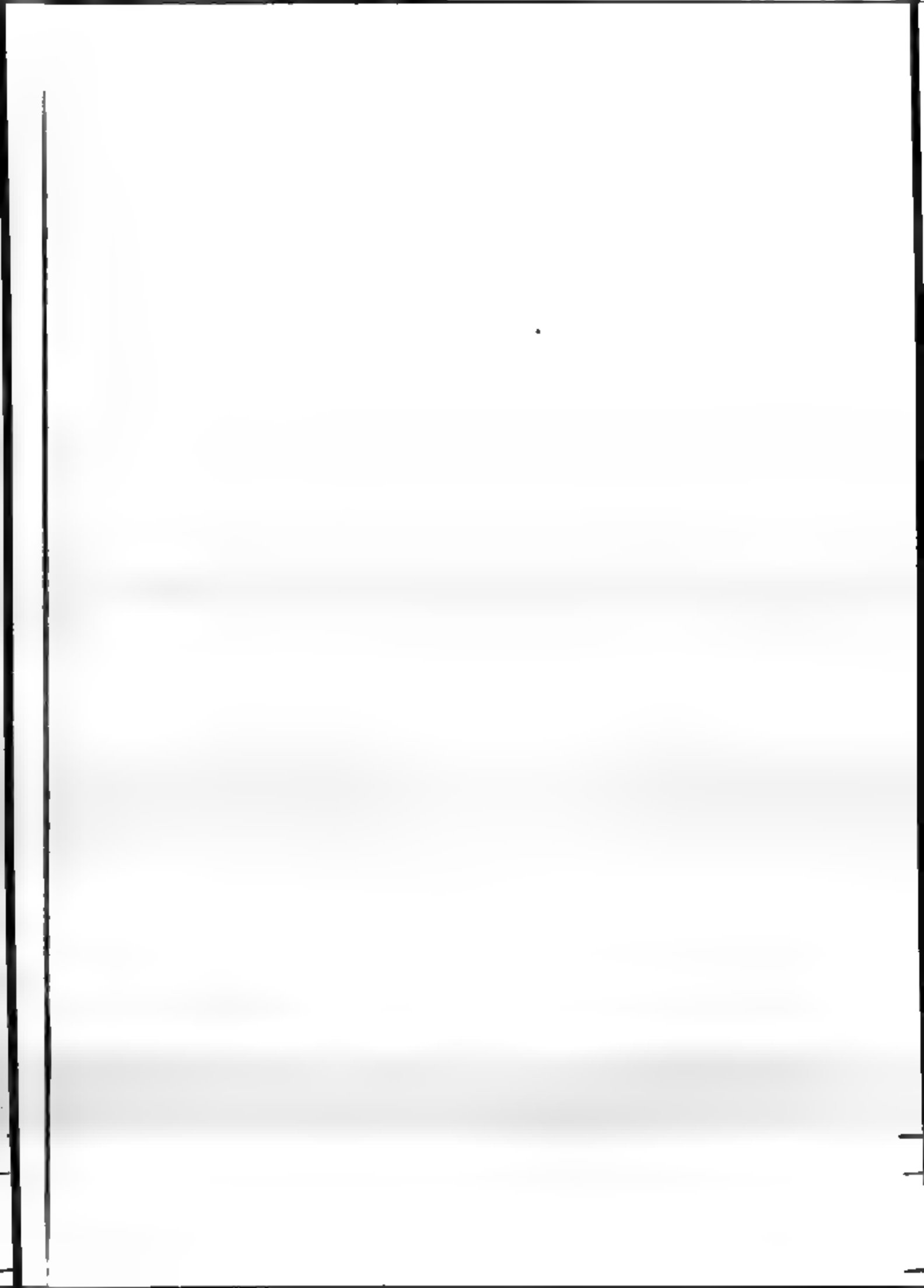
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REFERENCE OUR CONFIDENTIAL MESSAGE PT-OD 22209.

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NAME BE WITHHELD" TO IT. 4 F.

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REFERENCE PARAGRAPH 14 AFR 202-2, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS

SUBMITTED:

UFO

A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT(S)

- (1) PIE SHAPED
- (2) SLIGHTLY LARGER THAN A GRAPEFRUIT
- (3) ALLUMINUM, 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 3 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 APPROXIMATE 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 BOLZIGENI; 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 22		
(2) SURFACE	160 DEGREE	10 KNOTS
6000'	240 DEGREE	15 KNOTS
12,000'	130 DEGREE	10 KNOTS
16,000'	300 DEGREE	10 KNOTS

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20,000'	320 DEGREE	20 KNOTS
30,000'	350 DEGREE	25 KNOTS
50,000'	360 DEGREE	40 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 AM 1 DEGREE C

62M	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

[REDACTED]

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PREPARING OFFICER; PERSONS INTERVIEWED AS TO CREDITABILITY OF
OBSERVER ARE ALSO CONSIDERED RELIABLE IN THEIR JUDGMENT. 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
■ (B) THE SIGHTING MAY BE EXPLAINED AS BRIGHT OBJECTS CAUGHT IN A
SMALL WHIRLWIND AND KEPT ALOFT BY HOT GASES (920 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 SUPERINTEND
ENT, 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 METEOROLOGICAL ACTIVITY AT THE TIME. CONTACT
WITH TOWER OPERATOR AT VANCE AFB REVEALED SIGHTING OF SMALL
DUST DEVIL 4 MILES NW OF VANCE AFB AT SIGHTING TIME. SPOKESMAN
OF THE ACAW SITE AT TINKER AFB REVEALED NO UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS OVER
ENID AT THE TIME.

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● C O N F I D E N T I A L PT-OB 22229 AJS 65 FINAL SECTION OF II SECTIONS
● REFERENCE PARAGRAPH 14 AFR 200-2, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS
SUBMITTED:

1 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 NE of Wynnewood. At the same time simultaneous radar fixes were obtained by Tinker AFB, Oklahoma City, and Carswell AFB, Forth 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.

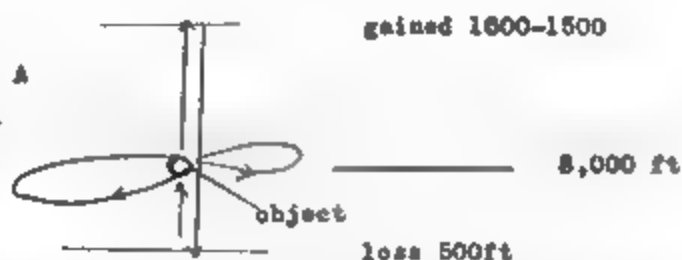
An "intelligent control" was indicated during the first 10 minutes of observation when the object abruptly gained 1000-1500 ft in altitude (estimated by Sikes to be 10,000 ft, confirmed by radar at 8,000ft). The object remained stationary for several minutes and abruptly loss approximately 1500-2,000 ft. The object then moved to the West for approximately 1000-1500ft and returned to the orginial locat~~ed~~on. At which time the object moved to the East for approximately 1000-1500 ft then returned to its orginial 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).

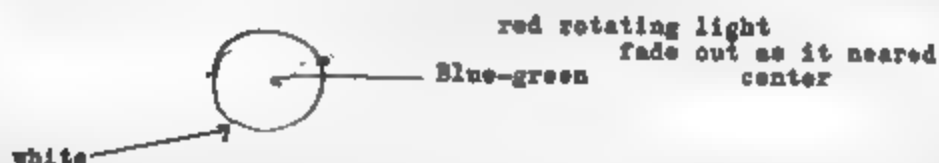
At approximately 1:15 officer Sikes drove across town and once again observed the object at approximately 1:30. His wife reported that the object (while he was gone) seemed to change colors, and shapes and fade out. Both Tinker AFB and Carswell AFB, tracked the object to a point 15 miles southwest of 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.

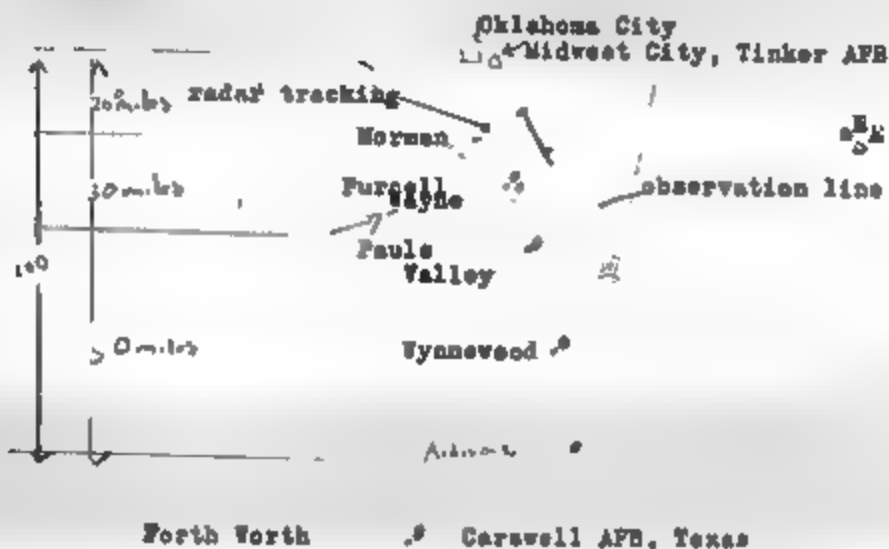
Drawing A
control



Drawing B
object



Drawing C
location



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I first learned of the Wynnewood sighting at 9:05 when Mike Buchanan, of KTVY called and wanted to know what all I knew. Within an hour Karen, 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 them 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 Artesia. 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 could 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 3x22 miles from observer
22. b & c
23. b & c
24. D
24. 3 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~~ ^{area} ~~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 completed by the IICUFO 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 Ok homan 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 KWTU Ch. 9 Oklahoma City and let him know what I new which was already on the streets. At 7:00 Mr. V Demick 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 IIUFO and the recent sightings. His photographer left about 7:15. At 10:30 a John Otto) something like that called. He was representing KWOD 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 maneuvers are the same. Received this report the 28th.

received manuscript of book
with me to show of way and he
also reported the object Paul Walker, Tulsa
did not record on 1-1

Oklahoma City 110UFO August 1 & 2

Information received from the Oklahoma Highway Patrol at the OHP tower Oklahoma City:

Since 8:00 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 I 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. 70° Wind North _ MPH. UFOs reported at 9:00 over Guthrie going towards Shawnee. ROBERT Sheriff Department report multi-colored object with legs over Altus AFB. Carl Breakfast, Liberal Kansas reported seeing a UFO 16 miles East of Purgan at 9:30pm headed in a South East Direction. Highway Patrol said the same object was over GUIMON five minutes later. CHICKASKA reported a UFO over radio station KVCO, Jim Cline police dispatcher, C.V. Barnhill police patrolman, verified the sighting. MOORE UFO going South on Interstate 95, reported by Tice Wagner 1415 Lakewood, Norman, Oklahoma at 10:00 pm. Mr Allen Smith 4718 S. 30 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 9:30-9:38 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. Hill which was red and blue and silver in color traveling North about 25,000 ft and was not a plane. Ft. Hill could not pick it up on radar. Time Approx: 9:40PM. The residents of the BRICK area report that approx 9:50 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. Neill (newspaper Edmond Oklahoma) and Joe Cobb Edmond police reported at 10:20PM two object West of HARRIS Oklahoma. They were very high and "doing maneuvers". The two UFOs were red-white and blue and were joined 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. Buddy Smith, Smart Metal Hardesty UFO 16 miles East and 10 East Sol Bryans Corner. Object came to a complete stop. Exploded then drifted off in flames. OHP time: 11:30 TOKON Oklahoma. Sub. Bobby Stiger reported a UFO North over Oklahoma City A round flashing light was on top and the object seemed to heave. UFO North from PAUL VALLEY, reported low to the ground 10:55 UFO reported north of STRAYFORD 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. 10:55 Radio Tech. OHP Kenneth Fields, 2220 N.W. 23 OEC reported a red-white and blue UFO going West at approx 20,000 ft. One in the West moving to the East. One UFO to the East moving South. TWO UFOs sighted 11:06 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 Sentic a Journal (Oklahoma City) photographer on Interstate 40 and Broad St 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

then. 11:30 UFO South West of Tulsa over Sapulpa Oklahoma. Sub. Sam Gardner, Valley Inn Motel Rm 222. Stationary for 10 minutes.
11:30 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 GHP unit 84 over TUKON, North flashing red-white-and blue-green. Also sighted from GHP 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, 20th & May Ave as well as by the water tower at Nickle Hills. El Reno UFO now 200 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 GHP units watching 2 UFOs ver high. PAVNER 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. Wilton Nations 603 Morningside Norman reports two miles East Parts 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 PAVNER unit 22 reports 1 UFO moving North CUSHING advice two UFOs, one moved NE and one West of Stillwater. 1:15 UFO reported NE of EDMOND it came up fast stopped, hovered and a red rotating light. 1:22 UFO over McAlister, 1:24 VEVOKE, 1:26 North of DURANT. Same description. 1:29, VEVOKA 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 PIC officer talked with GHP tower. Home phone PE 75160. Stated Air Force investigating. 1:35 Tulsa, Texas reporter UFO were observed with telescopes and appeared to be turtle shaped. Was confirmed on radar at Conley AFB, Vicks 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. GHP unit 82 at McAlister stated two UFOs VEVOKA police has two going towards Arkansas. VINITA Hqs. reports UFO hovering at 5,000 to-1000 above Miami. Will Roger tarpine gate attendants reports sighting UFO near Miami. 1:49 1 UFO over Sapulpa circling moving up and down and back to the original spot. 1:50 PERRIN AFB Texas unable to locate UFO visible from Control tower at approx 2,000 ft. UFO reported North of COALGATE, Oklahoma. 2:00 UFO West of HUFALA at 2000-3000 ft. 2:15 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 Hufault. 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 WKE of VEVOKA. East elev. 10°-15° and 25°-30° from North, hovering watched with field glasses and not a plane. 2:38 Kansas reports a lot of UFO sightings. 3:58 many UFOs sighted East of Shawnee. 8:14 Sulpa reported to Tinker UFO on the ground. 8:18 FAA man at Will Rogers talking with Washington. 8:28 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 ableng. Sulpa advice 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 Diamond, 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.

OKCPolice Records

Sub. Curt Austin 618 NW Lovelign phone SU 84448 at 10:08 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. Johnny Stagling ,1400 NE 10, CE 87170 Round UFO disappeared to the East, was blue then white. 10:10 pm.
Sub. Herb Ford, 1812 Overbrook Dr. 10:21 p 2300 NE 16, 4 UFO changing position Blue to red.
Sub. Mr. Elagon 2800 NW, 688000s Bishley NE 48479 sighted at 10:28 over Tinker Field & Will Rogers field. White over red at 30,000 ft.
Sub. Betty Cutchall 805 Ashew Fe 72260 round and red in the South part of the city at 10:38 p.
I got her a for the first time at 8:30 by six the phone was ringing I was on the telephone from 8 -11:30 Monday Night 18 hours straight. Was interviewed by all Oklahoma City Radio stations as well as all TV station. KCBS Los Angeles called three times on a was a

25 minute conference called with them, IIOUFO (me) and NICAP Headquarters Washington. Long Island, New York called and took a 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 WEY had a Saucer Watch party 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 WEY 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 Morning. 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 an in my opinion a 99 % chance there is nothing to the story but that 1 % is the reason 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, Ok. 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 OKLAHOMA Sunday Oklahoman. Page 1 early addition, page 18 home addition. August 1, 1965

The Daily Oklahoman August 2, 1965 page 1

The Oklahoma Journal August 2, page 1, (published once 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 addition page 1
Oklahoma Journal August 4, 1965 page 1
The Daily Oklahoma August 4, 1965 page 1

TV Stations

WKY 500 E. Britton Ave. Oklahoma City
KFTV 7401 N. Kelly, Oklahoma City
KOCO 3705 NW 63, Oklahoma
KTEW 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)
KOCY 101 NE 28th, Oklahoma City
KLPR 500 SE 79, Oklahoma City
KBOO 100 N.W. 9, Oklahoma City.
There are a few more stations in the city but these 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
NORTHWEST REGION
P.O. Box 48
Portland, Oregon

October 21, 1965

BY MAIL
MSG 10 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. S. Jones".

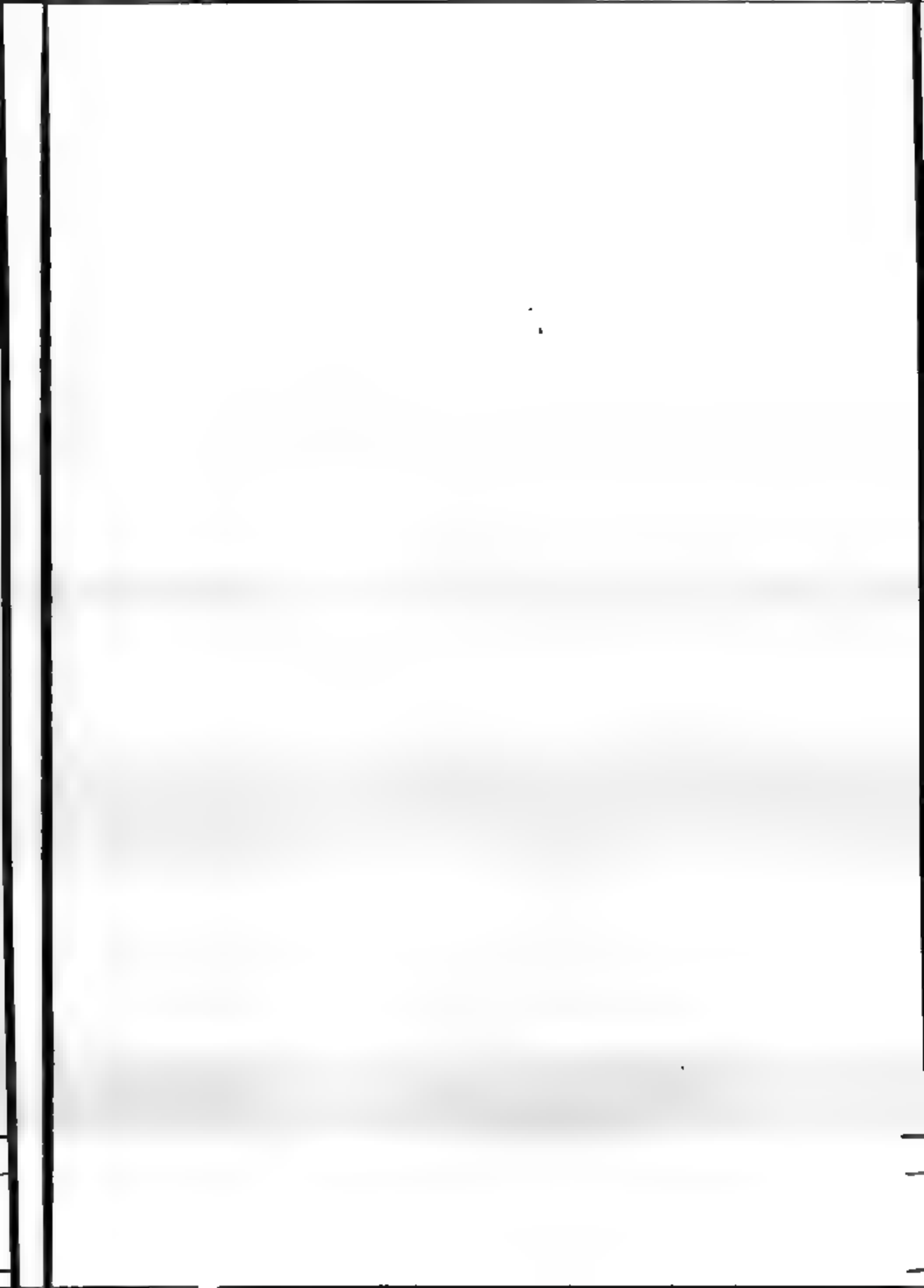
K. S. Jones
Public Affairs Officer

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.





October 15, 1965

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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,

K. K. Jones
Public Affairs Officer

Enclosure

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NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE
ON AERIAL PHENOMENA

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WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
1836 CONNECTICUT AVE. N.W.

MAJOR DONALD E. KEVOR
USMC (RET.) DIRECTOR

August 2nd, 1965

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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 Carlisle 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

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**DEFINITE OBJECT
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Reported to me by [unclear]

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International Headquarters 3005 W Eubanks

Research Laboratory 3300 N Bryant

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

August 4, 1965

In Reply refer to: 0-19397

Major Hector Quintanilla
PTD 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 media in the Oklahoma City area that also were interested.

I am beginning to receive mail from all our members giving dates and observations. St. Petersburg July 27 & 28 the same objects sighted by many.

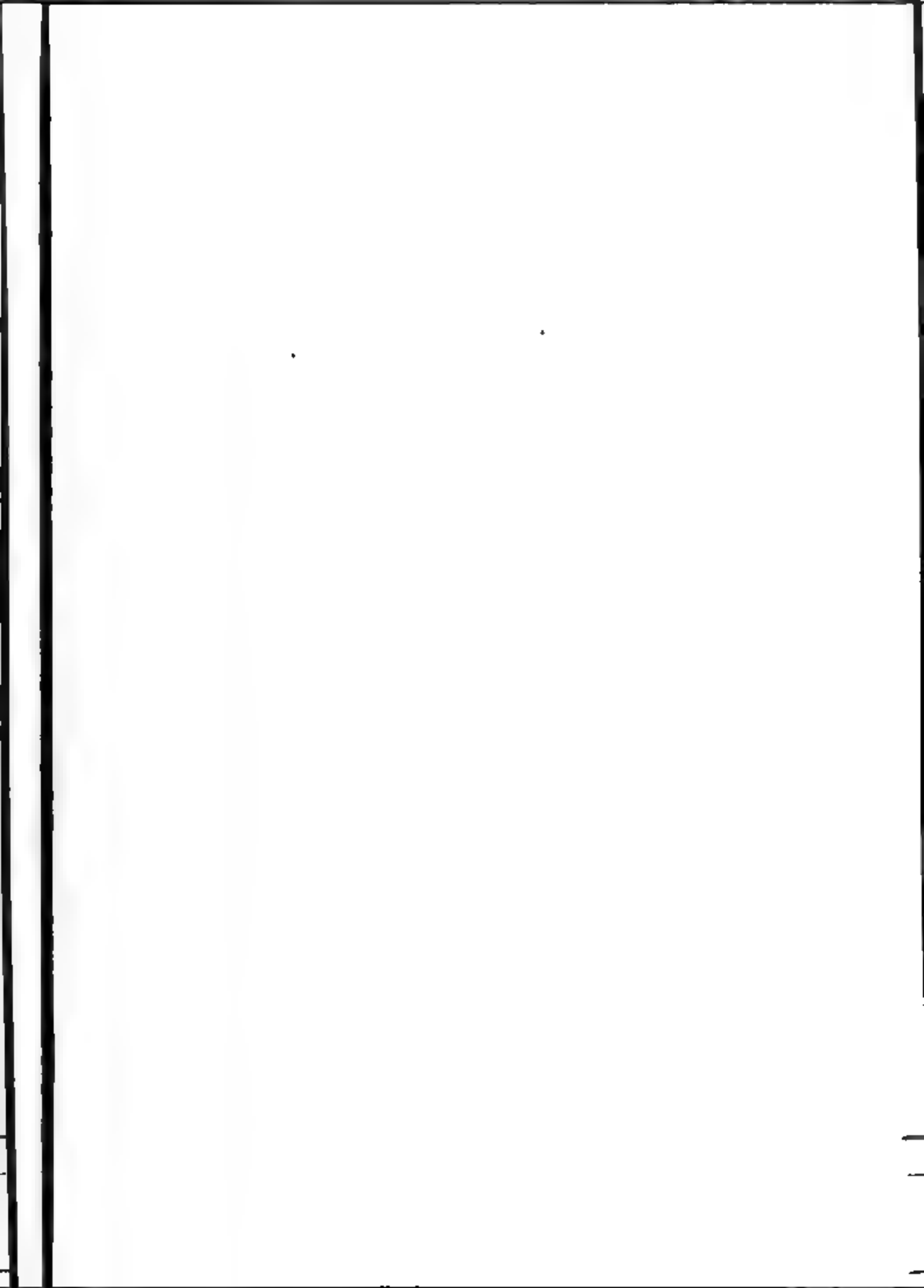
We investigated a report of fragments that came from a UFO over Texas. One enclosed. The Oklahoma Civil Defense (Director's friend) made the tests. It was radioactive but due to the mud soil around it. Will send you the spectrographic analysis. Taped interview with NBC radio news New York. Should be 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. Hevas
Director, IIOUFO
International Headquarters







The Oklahoma Journal

Man Says He Saw 'Flying Saucer'

By Staff Writer
The witness said he saw a bright object in the sky on Sunday afternoon at the Okfuskee Hotel in Muskogee. He said he was sitting on the porch of the hotel when he saw the object. He said it was about the size of a saucer and was flying in a wavy pattern. He said it was very bright and he could see it through the clouds. He said he saw it for about five or six minutes.

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This Is What Observer Saw

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THE WASHINGTON POST

Air Force Doesn't Believe in Flying Saucers

Air Force officials said they do not believe in the existence of flying saucers. They said that the only objects seen in the sky are aircraft, balloons, and weather balloons. They said that the reports of flying saucers are the result of people's imagination and that there is no scientific proof of their existence.



Witness claims he saw bright object in sky on Sunday afternoon at Okfuskee Hotel in Muskogee.

The Air Force said that it has received many reports of flying saucers, but it has never been able to identify any of them. They said that the reports are often made by people who have not been trained to identify aircraft. They said that the only way to prove the existence of flying saucers is by capturing one and showing it to the world.

UFO. 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 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. Halsey, 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 lights to try to hear an airplane engine.

The Oklahoma Journal



**First Night Color Shot
Of Flying Saucer Bared**



**90,000 Hear
Pope's Mass
In Ball Park**

You Can Help

**Source
Sighted**

**U.S. Insane,
Welch Claims**



**Watch For Journal
Series On Saucers**

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Of Poison
Says Crown**



**Man He
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4 Million Cheer Pope

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St. Pope John

Wreck Kills OCU Student

...a fatal car accident on the campus of Old Dominion University. The accident occurred on a busy road near the university. The student was killed in the crash. The police are investigating the cause of the accident.

Walch

...a local news item regarding a person named Walch. The article discusses a recent event or development involving Walch in the community.

Crowds

...a report on large crowds gathered for a public event. The event drew thousands of people from the surrounding area. The atmosphere was festive and the event was a success.

...a continuation of the article about the crowds. It describes the activities and the reactions of the people at the event. The event was well-organized and the crowds were well-managed.

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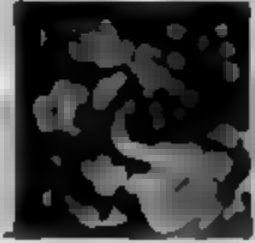
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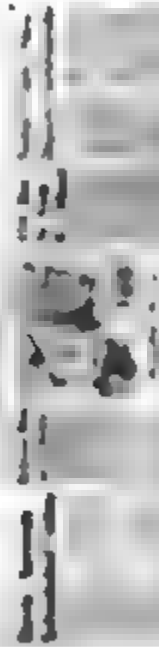
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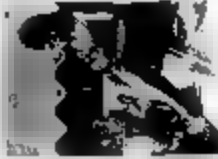


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UFO or UVA? is the question about the unidentified object that was seen recently by several pilots. (AP Photo)

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Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star?—Now We Wonder

By Jim Jackson and Ivy Coffey
Of the Main 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, Hobbs, 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, Rocky, 11, saw what they described as a large circular object flying over their home in 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 his 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 in the air force statement. 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 various 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

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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 Aquinid, 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. E. 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 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 OSU'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 26 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 Delhotel, at the Delhotel 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 Does 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 Civerso Falls 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.

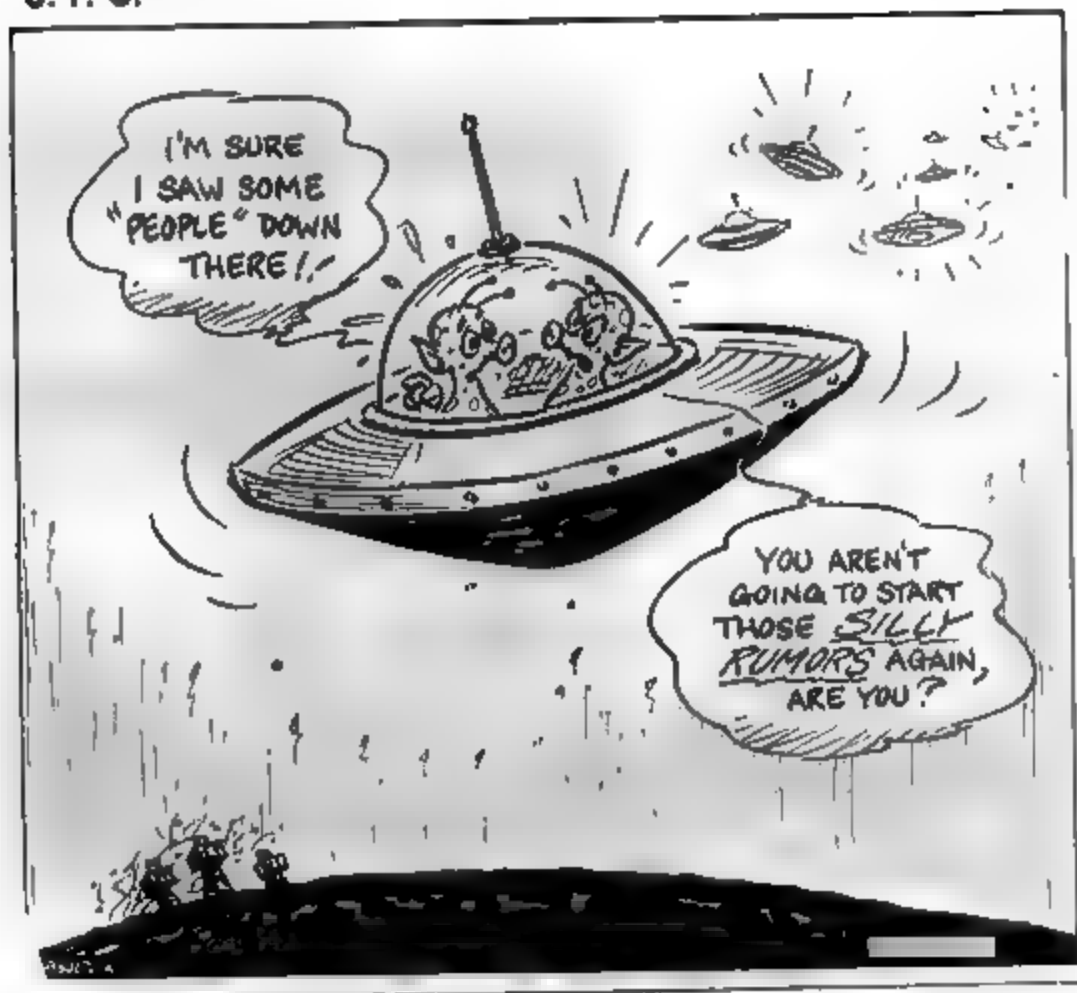


GARAGE-TOP ROOST is a keen vantage point for tracking unidentified flying objects, these young star gazers decided Monday night. Twelve-year-old **Ass Mays Jr.**, left, 4100 NW 21 Terr., and **Randy Stansel**, 14, of 4120 NW 21 Terr., like hundreds of other city residents, spent the evening scanning the skies for these 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."

Crutcho Proj Okayed By

WASHINGTON (Staff) — Crutcho and Little Crutcho flood control projects in eastern Oklahoma county have been approved by the Bureau of the Budget, Sen. 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 46 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 \$869,000 will be local and \$1,901,000 federal.

Flying Objects Seen In Four-State Area

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said the weather bureau tracked several UFO's at altitudes of 4,000 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 Sedgewick 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 (McCConnell)."

The Wichita weather bureau said it tracked one of the objects at 1.48 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 some of the objects hover over Oklahoma's

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 30 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 Investigations

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 postman 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 1 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 PD enthusiast said he received reports from counterparts that sight-

ings ranged over a 9-state area.

The deluge of reports at 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, Lathrop and Artesia, N. M.; Oxford, Belle Plaine, Winfield, Caldwell, Mulvane, Liberal and Wichita, Kan.

In Oklahoma, they came

from Chickasha, Shawnee, Mustang, Lawton, Moore, Tulsa, Purcell, Norman, Mooker, 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 seen 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 Sedgewick County sheriff's office at Wichita, Kan.

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Many Report Flying Objects

Reports of flying objects above the horizon continue to pour in from Oklahoma City and other parts of the state. Many reports were made in Norman, Okla., Tuesday night.

One report came from a UFO landing near Jaxon, Okla., a mile from Denton.

Other reports had green UFO's, red UFO's and bright white UFO's zigzagging and flashing through unusually clear summer skies.

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

Still, the Air Force sticks to its released announcement from Washington, D. C. that some reports could be observations of a Delta meteor shower occurring from July 28 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 "stimulation" of the natural phenomenon that causes stars to appear to twinkle or glaze 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, Remie Coble, 17 and Jack Clark, 13, 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 crash ground near Jaxon. The men spotted it while on patrol near Wagle Mountain Lake.

Police officers watched from the area but several hours later they reported their search yielded nothing.

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

Telephone calls asked Denton officers about a white glow which, they said, appeared so much ground in the Justin vicinity.

A policeman at Lawsville, in south Dennis County reported a multi-colored object passed within 200 feet of the Lawsville 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 and finally spring back down. Boyd said the object appeared to move forward, backward, then up and down.

Robert Bernard, 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.

Harvey Hewes, the 26-year-old director of a scientific research organization, University of Oklahoma, identified flying objects, and Tuesday morning he is still at work polling the course of the sightings.

Hewes said he would be called to in the Air Force are still investigating the reports.

Stating that there were probably a lot of mistaken sightings of our sightings, Monday night, Hewes added that some reports may be fabricated. Many people's imaginations are more vivid as a result of all the excitement and interest, he said.

Tolson did have one report for 40 minutes, he said. However, the object did not deviate at all.

"You can't dispute 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 glow, with no sound or heat, has been reported by several adults and children roaming along a river bank.

Air Intelligence Staffs Plagued by 'Objects' for

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

By John Cassin Carrey

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 saucers" 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.

So the air intelligence crews were ordered to collect, correlate and analyze the reports. One of the first officers saddled with this unwelcome chore was Maj. Gen. Robert N. 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, USAF. He was then a Lieutenant Colonel; his progress has not been matched by those seeking to explain the relatively small number of cases in which the object is

readily identifiable.

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 — How common daytime UFO is the balloon. The great balloons carrying scientific instruments can rise to fantastic heights and in the hours near dawn or sunset can take on brilliant hues. They sometimes take on odd shapes, too, because they are made of transparent but reflective film. Thus a reflection from the near outer surface is mixed with a reflection from the far inner surface. I have seen a perfect example of the "flying saucer" shape formed this way, and have even

seen it "launch" spent pack drop chute which does until near the end. Balloons may look pre-down sky, sunlight long before

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which something covered earth. The stars drop (they) followed by a long undisturbed does not resemble the familiar shape of earth, out of sight of distant observers. They look like large stars or small moons in the sky, since they are high enough to catch the light before full daylight.

Most common Nishitizing UFO in the ordinary airplane. Many through flights now pass over us so high that all sound is carried far and observers directly below hear nothing, nothing but the humming of the engine. They are seen at one time as a cube, and then as a sphere. Some blink on and off when are in planes have brilliant blue-white colors.

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

TRUCKS - Sometimes account for many sightings. In the "dark" is moving in the wrong direction and is not a plane, it is probably a commercial carrier. As ground, it looks like a truck and it of the Pegasus criteria are visible in the radar eye as regular articles. Others may without glassy being included the pilots that had their recorded voice bleeding and various other odd factors and noises.

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It is a large, white, round globe, in a polar orbit. The earth below under its orbit, as it does not cover the same path each trip as far as ground observers are concerned. The color around most of the time is a bright, glowing characteristic. It seems to arise from the north or south pole and set into the opposite pole. That is, it is seen at the equator. It may travel northward from the pole that each orbit is in the visible. There is no sound or any other sound. It is very bright and is very bright. It is very bright and is very bright.

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FOUR - Lights reflected on the ground, or become visible by high "altitude" light beams, have been reported by the crews 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. There is one object, slowly passing a tree of pine standing in a field. This object is seen in the night sky. It is seen in the night sky. It is seen in the night sky. It is seen in the night sky.

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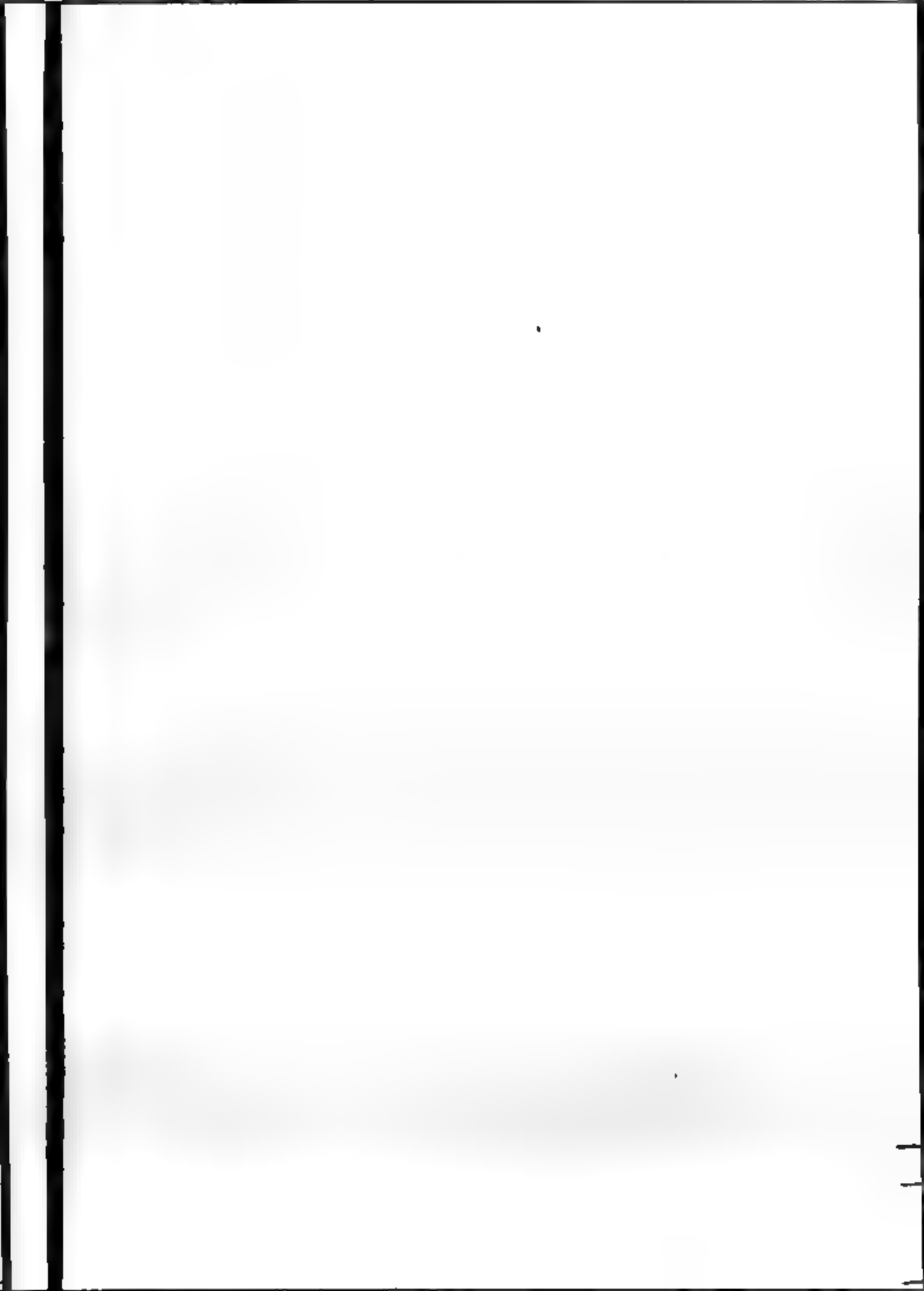
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AIR FORCE INVESTIGATORS CHECKING REPORT

County Youth Snaps

Whether you properly call them UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects) or revert to the once popular "flying saucers," such unexplained phenomena arouse interest and curiosity.

There has been a rash of reports of such sightings across the nation recently and appar-

ently Pittsburgh has had its share.

One of the most interesting reports in the Pittsburgh area comes from a Beaver County youth who supports his story with two friends and two photographs.

Not only did he arouse interest locally earlier this week when

he brought his story and pictures to the TIMES, but the U.S. Air Force now would like to see his pictures and talk with him.

JAMES LUCCI, Gypsy Glen Road, Brighton Township, took the pictures about 1:30 p.m. on Sunday while shooting

exposures of the moon. According to an Air Force spokesman there was a report about that same time of a UFO sighting nearer to Pittsburgh.

The Air Force declined to say whether that report was by radar or by a person either on the ground or in an aircraft, but did tell the TIMES it would like to investigate this second report by Lucchi.

One of the most convincing factors of the boy's story is his two pictures which were taken by time exposure with a tripod mounted camera.

Both pictures were taken from the same camera position and upon superimposing the pictures so that the top line and upon on each negative coincide, the bright object spotted by the boy had moved from a position on the left to the right.

Lucchi's story is supported by two companions, his brother John, 20, and Mike Grave, 17, Sycamore Drive, Dawson Ridge, Brighton Township, who also reported seeing the object. Tom Rodgers, 17, Seventh Street, Beaver was in the house and when called, came out just in time to get a glimpse of the ob-

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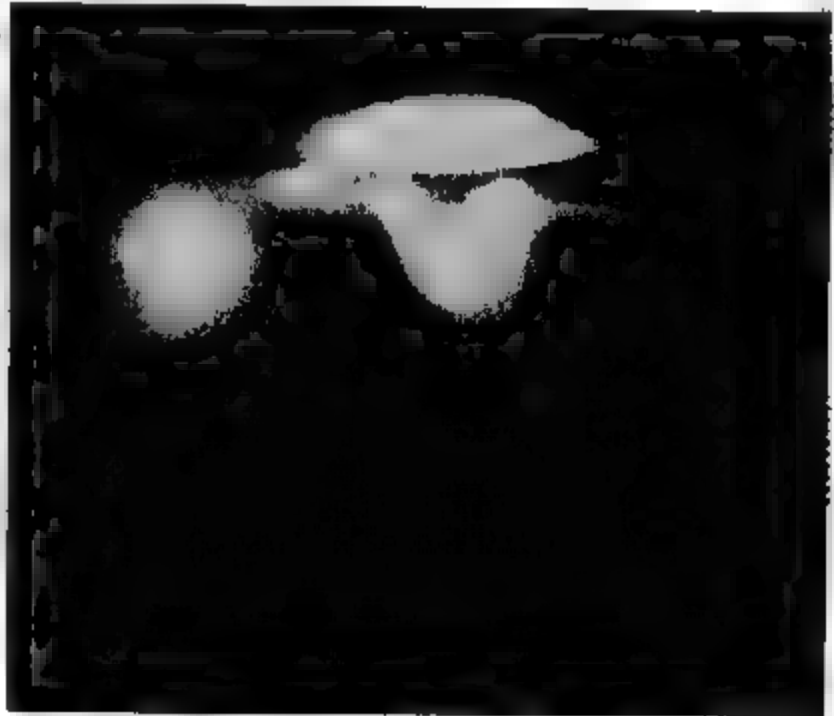
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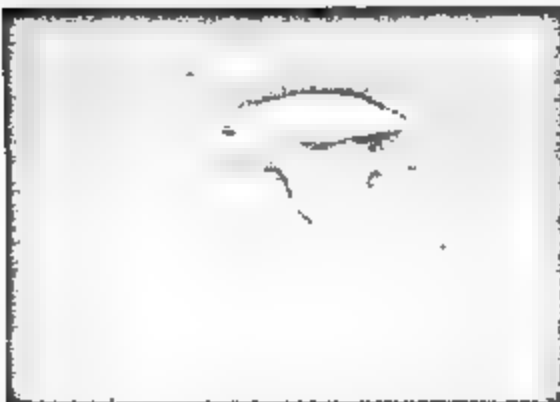
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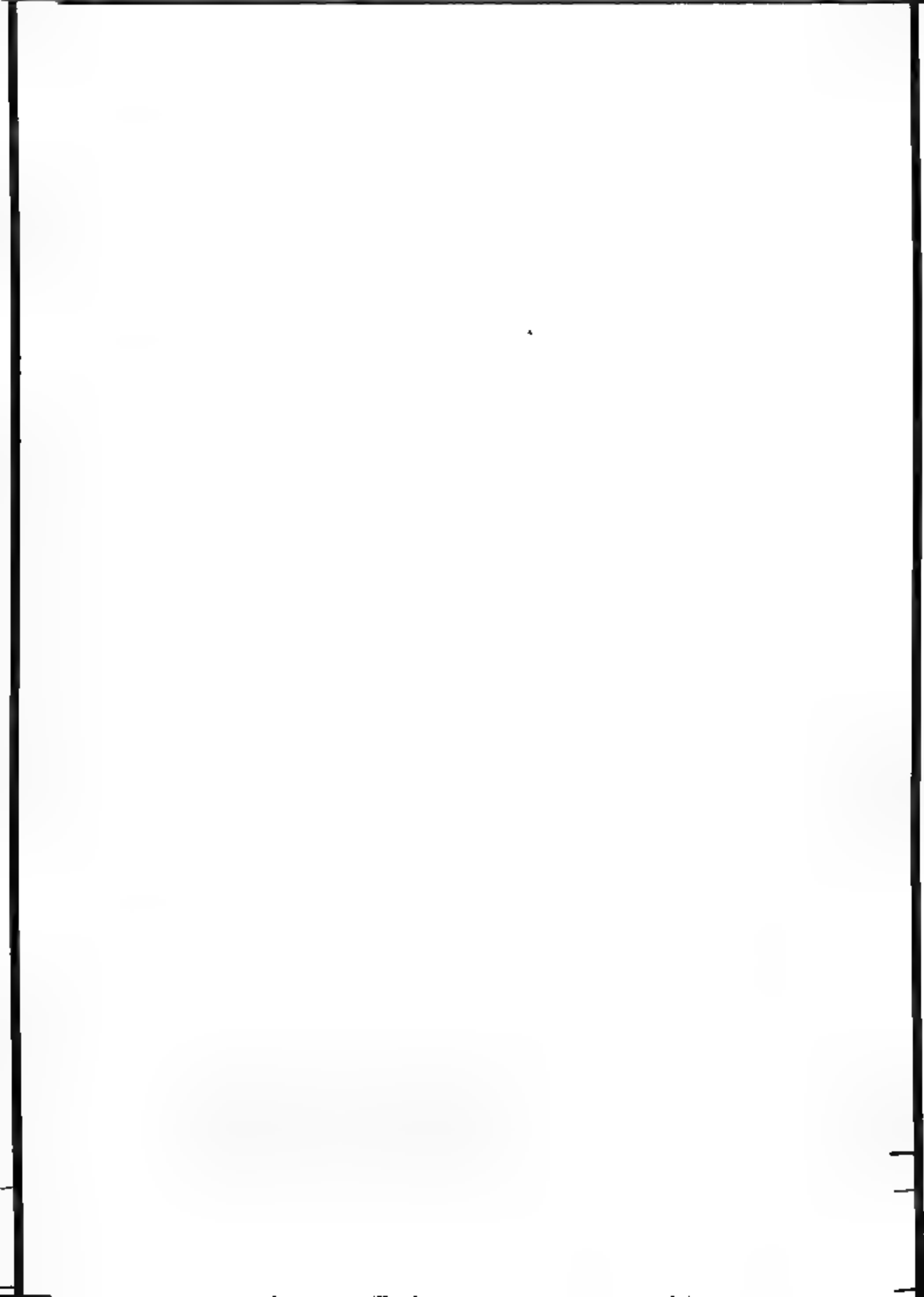
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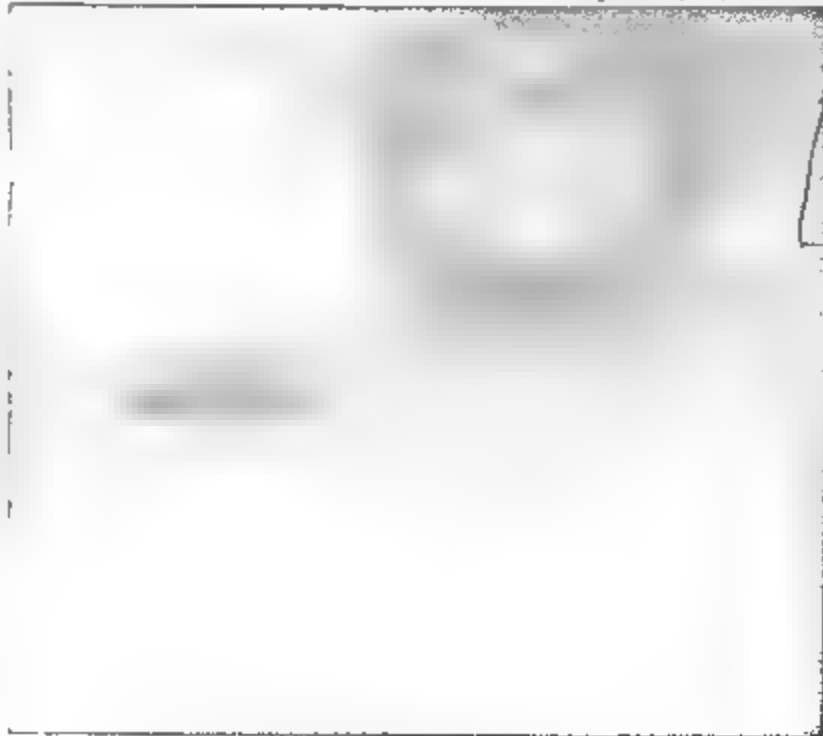
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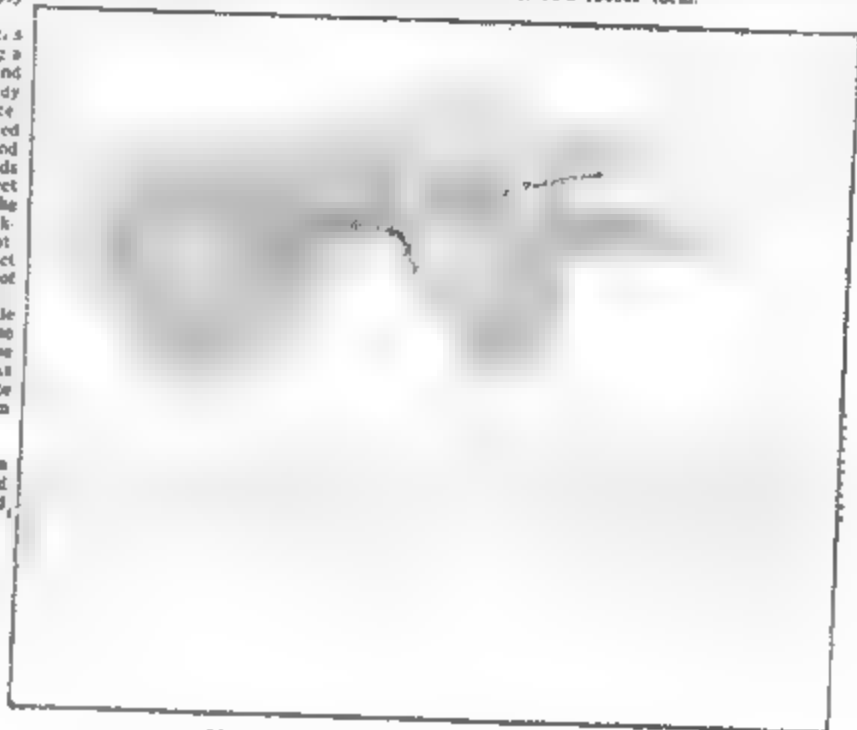
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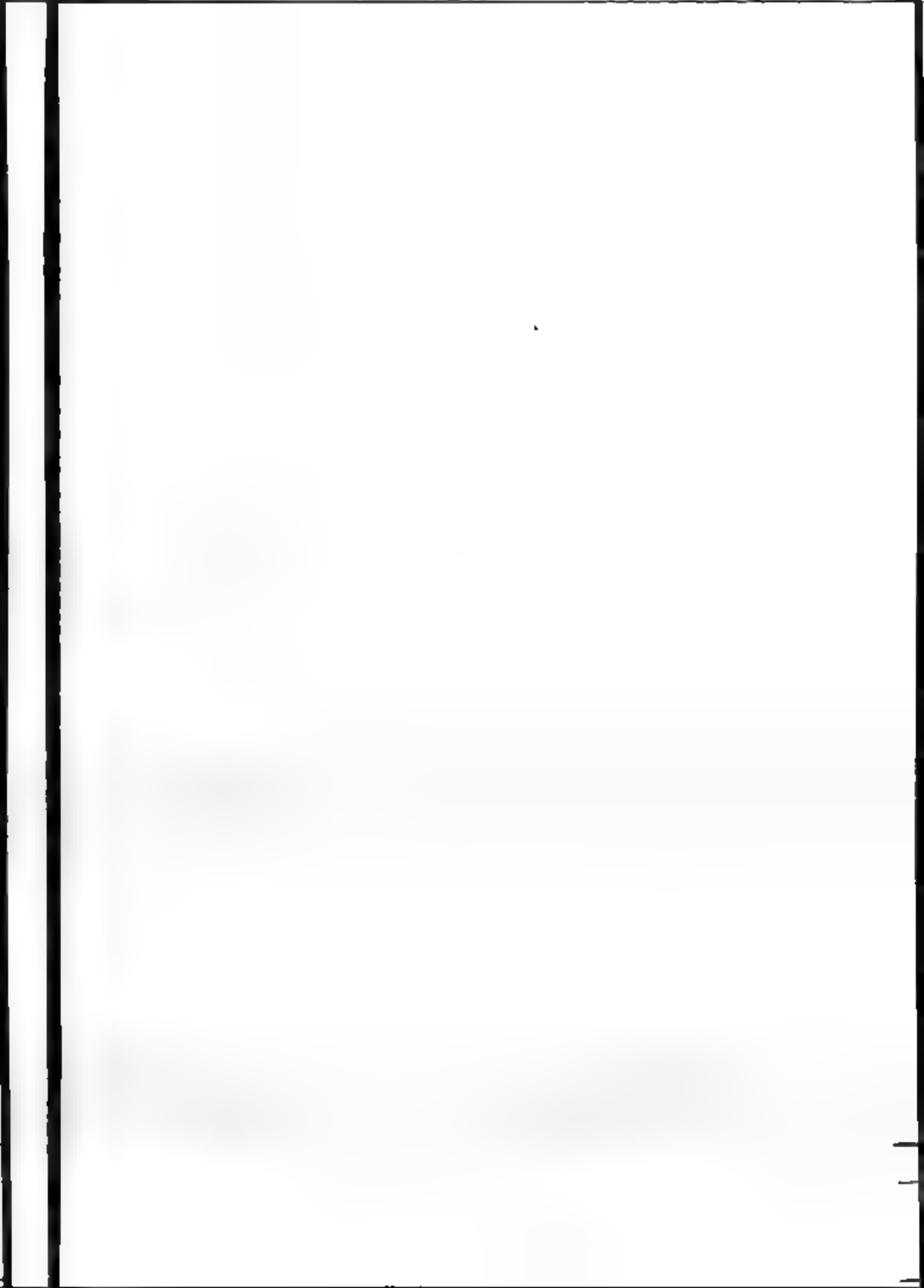
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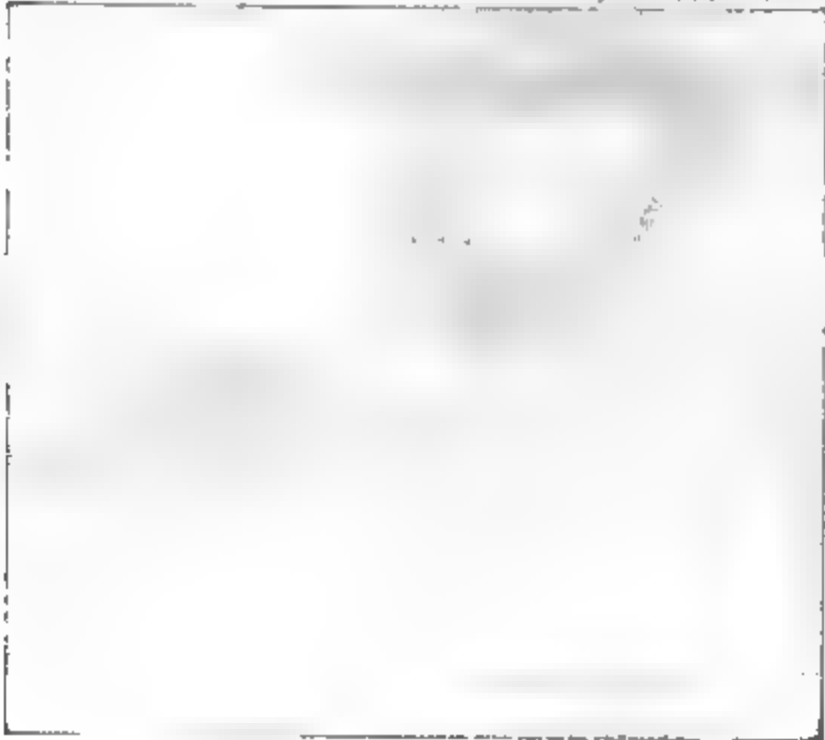
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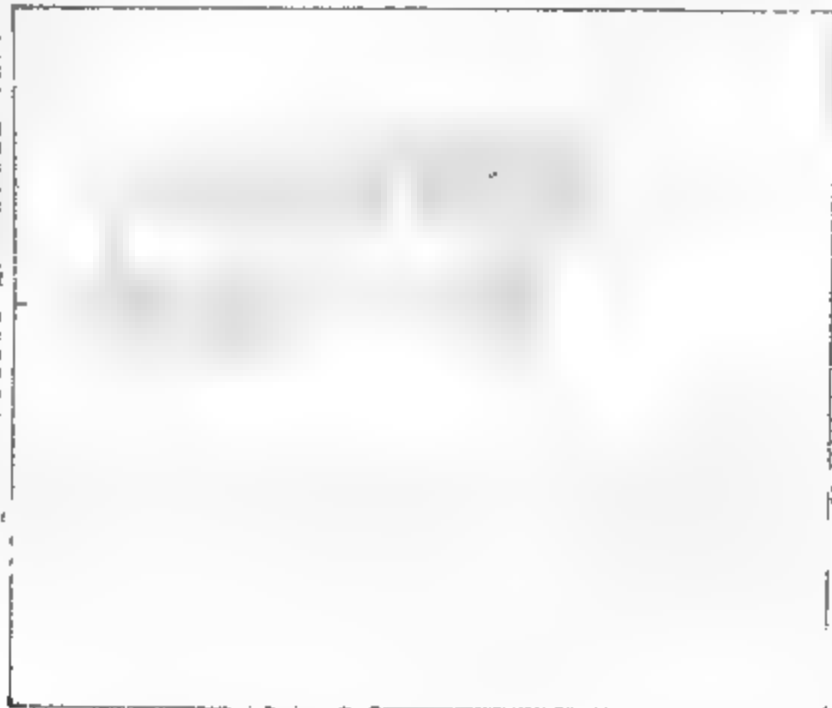
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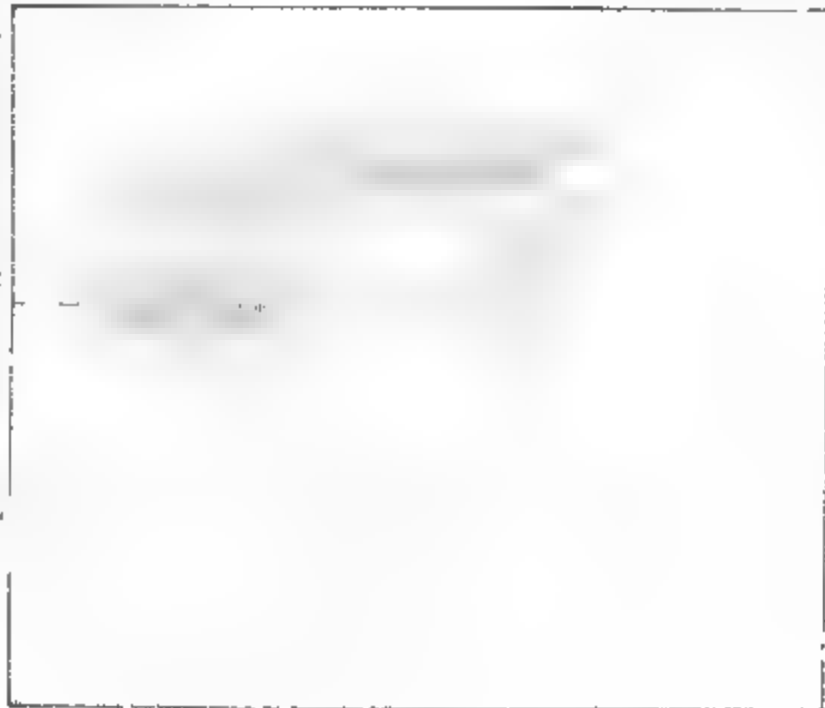
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RED CASE (INFORMATION UNIT)

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Brighton, Pa.

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Greater Pittsburgh Airport
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15231

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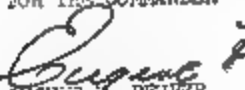
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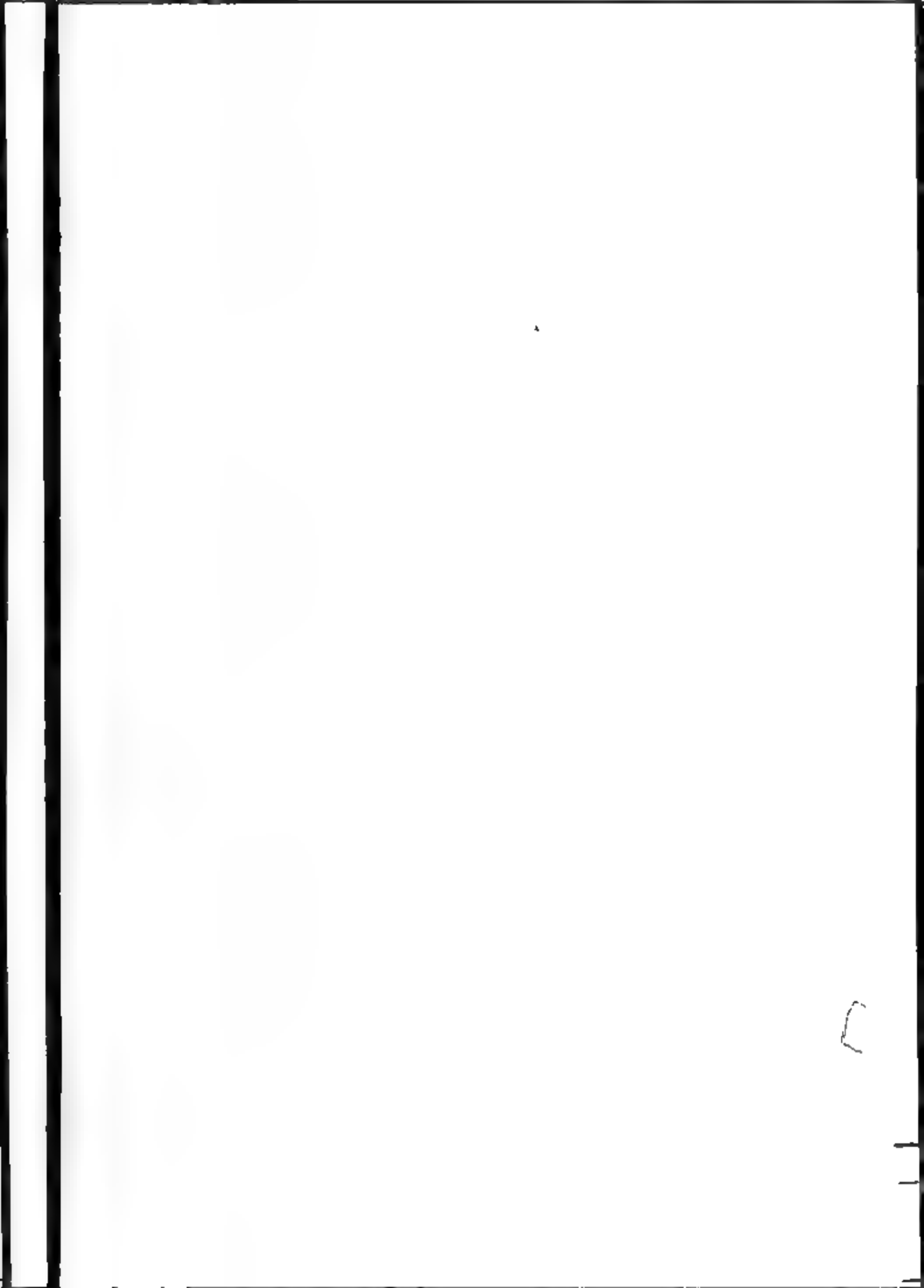
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2. Reports, Photo's and General summary attached.

FOR THE COMMANDER


EUGENE F. REHNER
Information Officer

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2. Summary
3. Photos

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3. SOURCE Civilians (MULTIPLE)	10. CONCLUSION UNIDENTIFIED
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Multiple	
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6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Varied, Stationary	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
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FORM
FTD 12F 43 0-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

MEMO FOR THE RECORD: 9 Mar 66, Call from Major David W Griffin,
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Extension 5317

Major David Griffin had investigated the reports in New Hampshire.
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A Colonel Stanley A Ensberg at Base Ops has records on the UFO
sightings for this period of time.

Standard Form 63
November 1961
GSA Gen. Reg. No. 27

MEMORANDUM OF CALL Date _____ Time _____

TO—

YOU WERE CALLED BY— YOU WERE VISITED BY—

SGT REA. SKARVAS
(SUSAN SMITH)

TELEPHONE: Number to call _____ Extension _____

- PLEASE CALL WAITING TO SEE YOU
- WILL CALL AGAIN WISHES AN APPOINTMENT
- RETURNING YOUR CALL
- IS REFERRED TO YOU BY

972-6142

LEFT THIS MESSAGE:

VIRGINIA HANE ←*
ARUDT PIERCE ←* 19TH
ROD. SMITH ←*
TALBERT ←*

Received By—

Miss. 926-2373 (phone)
① VA HALE, THOMPSON 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 flame
lights, No noise, defined shape.

Missing total duration. Mission possible change
in intensity or shape. Size. age.
occ. Missing disappearance. Moving Wx.

② Mrs Ruby Pierce, came into office
Blonde 55-40 ^{1st} Excitable (understatement)
Shipping said on 2-3 occasions w/ local Sinking
feel like lights from Base

Major Duffin 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 Griffin 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 Sanders 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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FOR FTD. REFERENCE TELECOM BETWEEN PROF. HYNEK, YOUR
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 THIS TIME.

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1-3 EW (UFO)
[Signature]

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MEMO FOR THE RECORD

FROM: Lt Alan Bennett, Director of Information
SUBJECT: U.F.O. Sighting
DATE: 7 Sep 65

Received call from June Nicholas, wife of Major Nicholas, 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.

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Phoned above information to Maj David Griffin, ADC, and he said he would make no formal report.

Alan B Bennett

TRM/070

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WFO Information, Hutter, New Hampshire

DATE (MTR)

Attn: Major Busside

1. Reference your request for information on the Hutter, New Hampshire unidentified flying object report. A summary of the incident is as follows:

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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

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Case File, Easter,
New Hampshire

COORDINATION

ORIGINATOR:
TDEW/UFO

H. Quintanilla, Jr.
MAJ H QUINTANILLA, JR

DATE *2 March 66*

N. D. Park
TDEW

DATE *2 March 66*

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RADC (EM, US)

Griffis AFB, N York
13440

Maj. L. L. L. L.

February 9, 1966

Mrs Hunt/sh/SAFOICC/72842/9 Feb 66

Outlines:

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 1, 1965.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter to Mr. Raymond Fowler of Woburn, Massachusetts. I hope this will help to clarify our initial statement regarding the sightings in Barter.

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 residues 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,

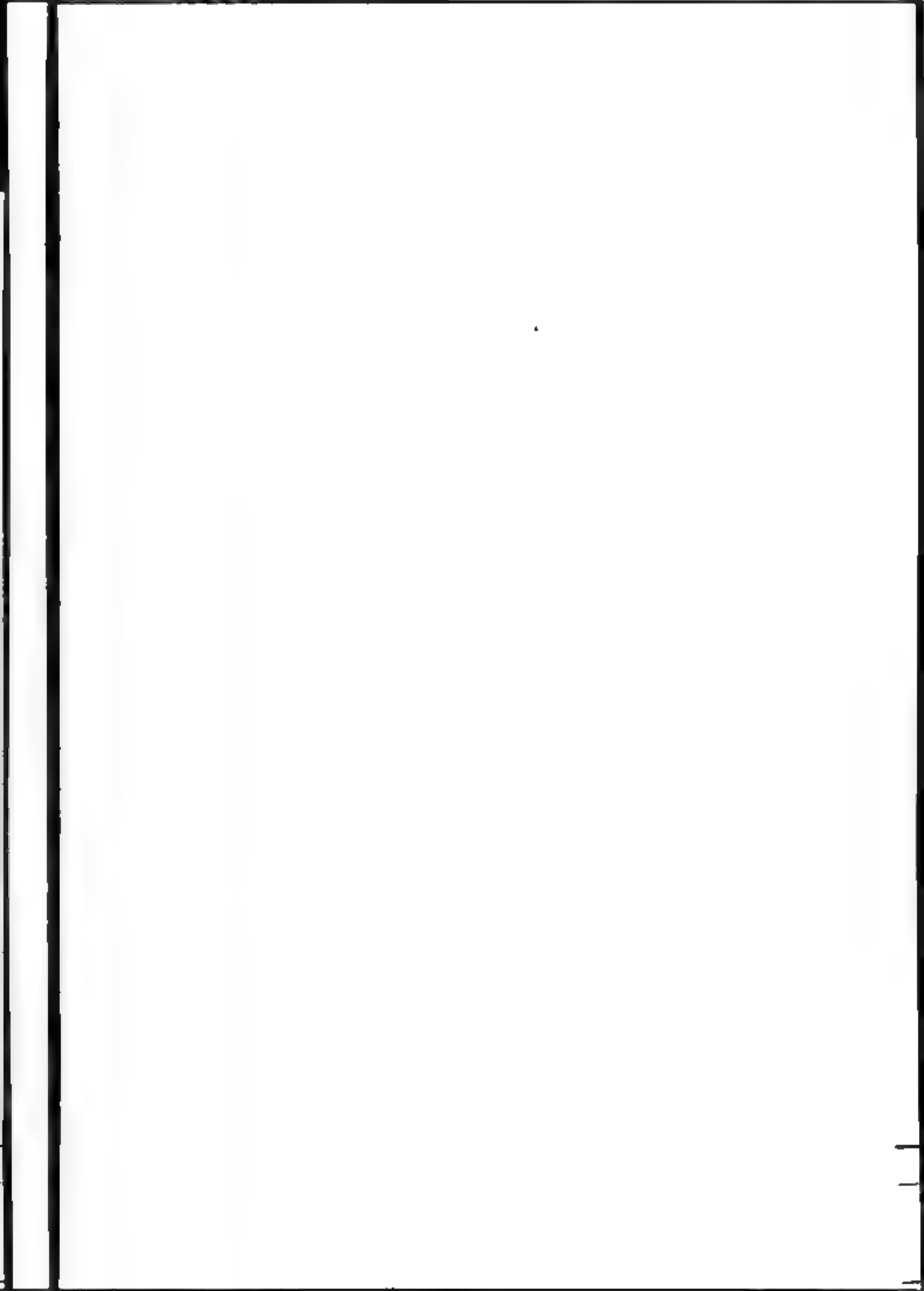
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Letter

Mr. Eugene F. Bertrand, Jr.
Mr. David R. Hunt
Barter Police Department
Barter, New Hampshire

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

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3 Sep -

January 25, 1966

Mrs Hunt/sh/SAP/OIC/72842/25 Jan 66

Dear Mr. Fuller:

I am inclosing our file on the Easter, 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. Lucif 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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Master Case File

Mr. John G. Fuller
c/o Saturday Review
300 Madison Ave
New York, NY

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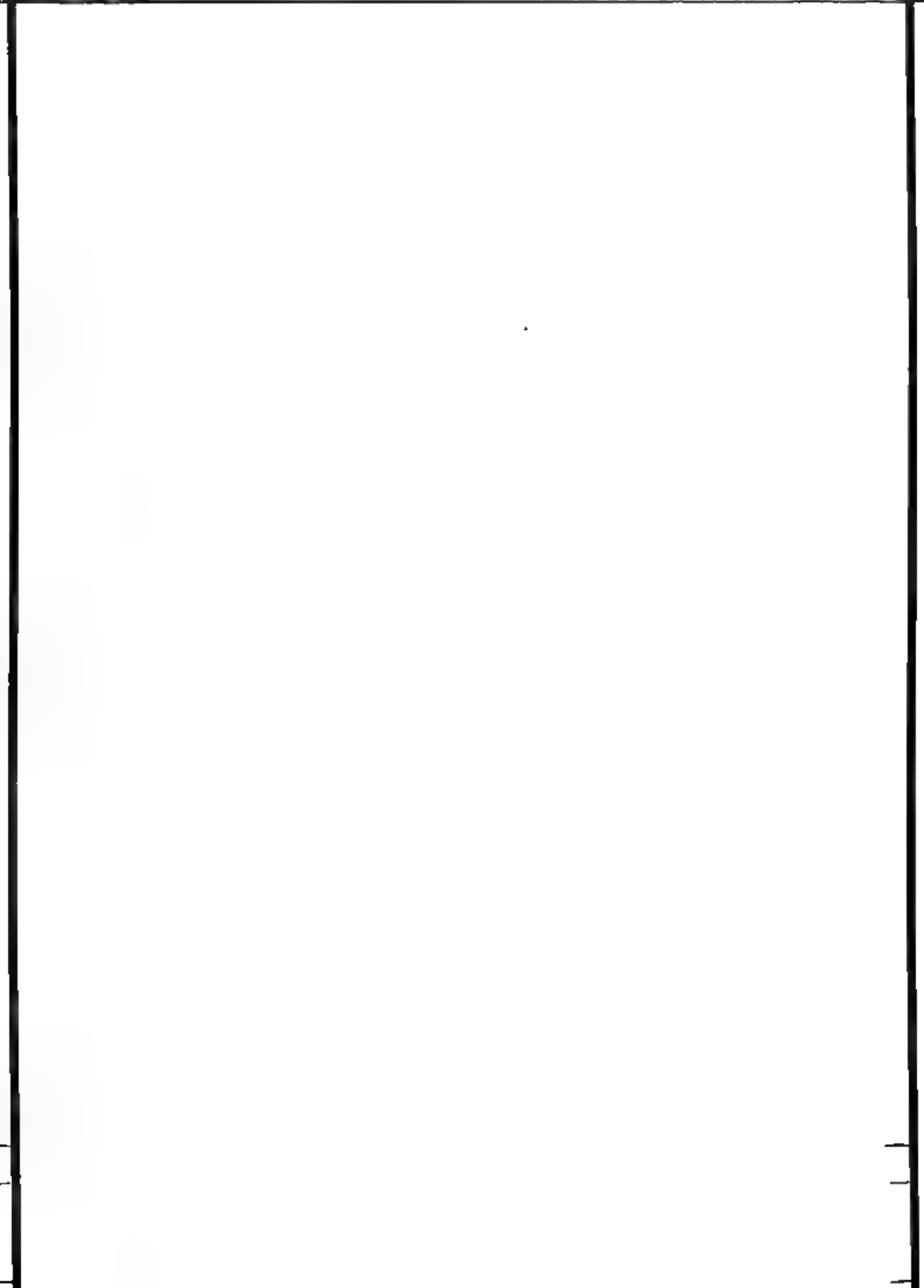
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Dr JOHN S FULLER
16 SATURDAY REVIEW
330 MADISON AVE, NYC, NY

① EXETER, N.H. Sept 3, 1965
± 3:00 AM
Pvt. Eugene Bertrand
Pvt. David Hunt

② HAMPTON, NH 0400
Reported to Pease AFB 2 Aug 1965
by Hampton Coast Guard Station
(Uncle Shipman - sighted UFO
@ all friend)

③ BEAVER, PENNA. 8 Aug 1965
11:20 PM
James Lucci
John Lucci
Saw and took Pix of
UFO



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Request for UFO Information

Re: WOLF REPORT (Mrs. East)

1. In accordance with our reply to Mr. Foster concerning the Barker, 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 13 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 "Par Trooper" and refueling area "Tom Huts" are controlled through Landing 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 offload from 01/0100Z to 01/0200Z 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 4th Air Force indicated that ten F-47 aircraft from Pease Air Force Base involved in operation Big Blast "Comm" were in the traffic pattern over Barker, New Hampshire between 01/0400Z and 01/0500Z. 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. Steve East of the Barker 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 the unnamed woman and those of Mr. Macorillo are attributed to aircraft from operation Big Blast "Comm." The subsequent observation by Officers Bertrand and Russell 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, Petroleum Bertrand, Petroleum Hunt, and Dr. J. Allen Hynes.

FOR THE COMMANDER

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ERIC T. de JONCKHEERE, 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 Hunter Felton Dpt.
5. Ltr fm. Ft. Hunt and Bertrand

ORIGINATOR *H. Quintanilla Jr.*
TDEW/070 *W. H. Quintanilla, Jr.*

DATED *7 Jan 66*

for TDEW *W. H. Perkins*

DATED *10 Jan 66*

December 28, 1965

Hector Quintanilla, 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.

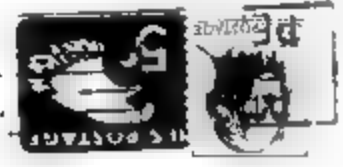
Sincerely,

Eugene Bertrand *David Hunt*
Patrolman Eugene Bertrand Patrolman David Hunt

Exeter Police
Exeter, New Hampshire

David Hurst
9 Charles Street
Exeter, N.H.

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Wright Patterson AFB
Dayton, OH
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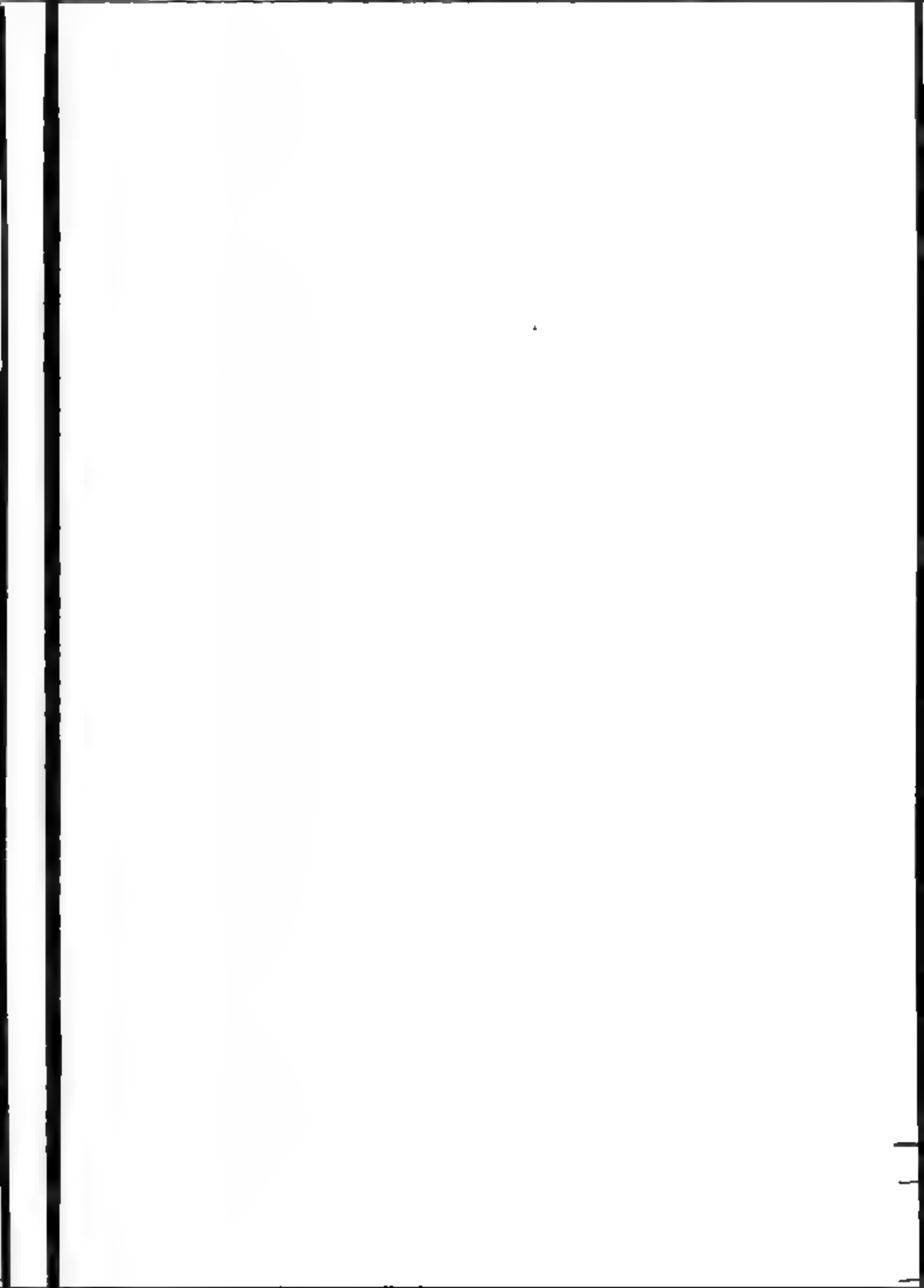
David Hunt
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Exeter NH



AIR MAIL

Tector Guentanilla Jr. Major, USAF
Chief, Project Blue Book
Wright Patterson AFB
Dayton, OH

David Hunt
9 Charles St
Exeter NH



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 you 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 type 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 Muscarallo, 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

at 10/15

Mr Eugene F. Bertland Jr
Mr David B. Hunt
Buxton Police Department
Buxton, New Hampshire

Gentlemen,

The sighting of various unidentified objects by you and Mr Ernest Maccarollo was investigated by WFO officials from Fones Air Force Base, New Hampshire, and their report has been forwarded to our office at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. This sighting at Buxton, New Hampshire, on the night of 2 September has been given considerable publicity through various news releases and in many news articles similar to that from the Saturday Review of 8 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 4th 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 possible explanation for the objects observed.

Sincerely,

FOR QUINNILLA, Jr, Major, USAF
Chief, Project Elm Book

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE (SAC)
WESTOVER AIR FORCE BASE, MASSACHUSETTS 0122



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24 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

WILLIAM A. MCGIFFIN JR
1st Colonel, USAF
Directorate of Operations

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Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio



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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 517 Combat Support Group, Pease Air Force Base. This report was submitted to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in accordance with AFR 800-2. 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 Epsom. Time of the reported UFO was the night of 2-3 August 1964 and specifically 01/0300 to 0400 hours. 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

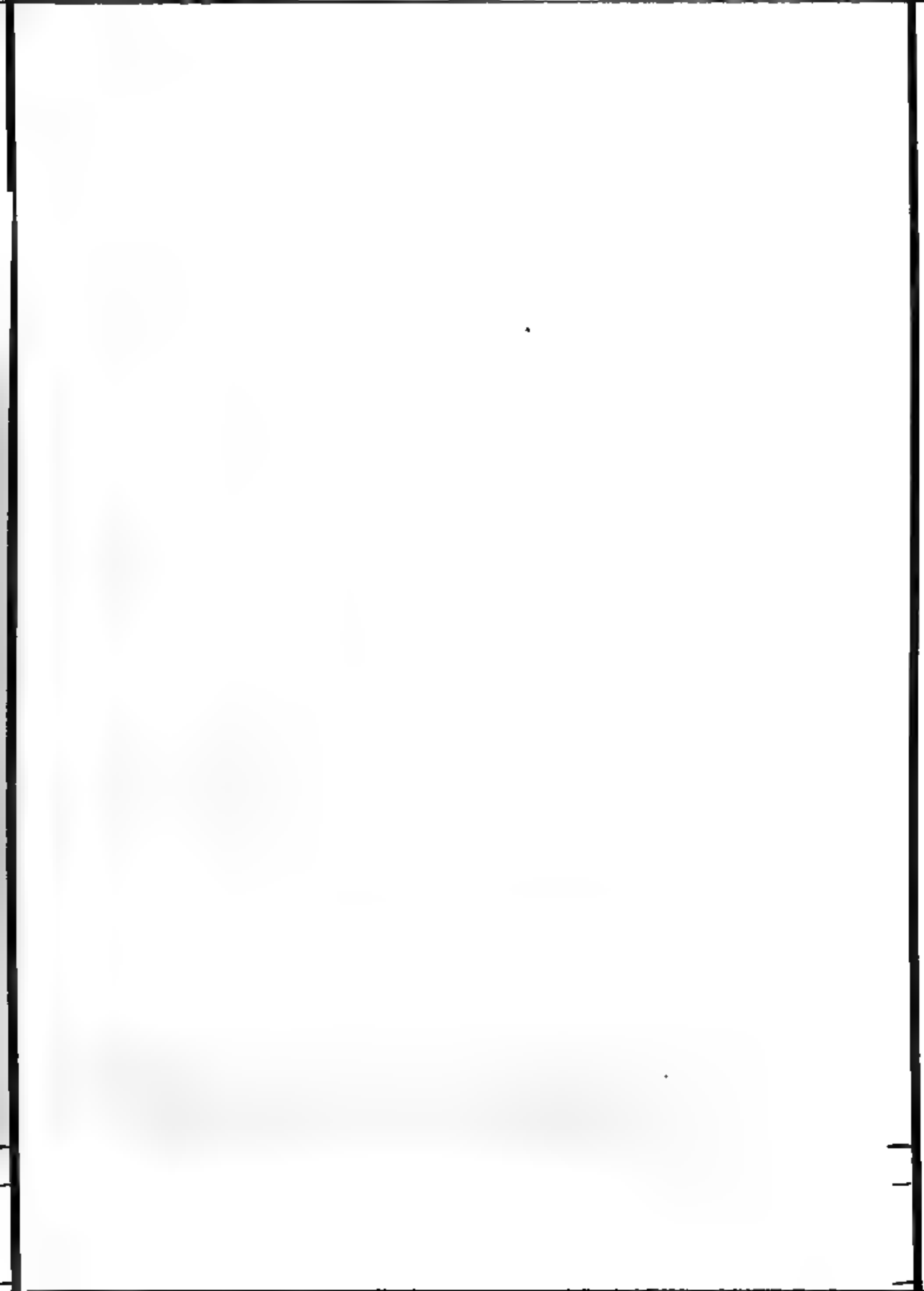
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 WESLEY C. JOHNSON, Colonel, USAF
 Deputy for Technology and Subsystems

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 TRNS/UFO *W. C. Johnson, Jr*

TRNS *Wesley C. Johnson*

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FORM

OCT 19 1967

Unidentified Flying Objects

Directorate of Information
617th Air Division (SAC)
Fosse AFB, New Hampshire 03803

1-11-68
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SAC/Chil

1. Reports which have been received by our organization from Fosse 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 Barber, New Hampshire report of 3 Sep 67. Preliminary analysis by personnel at our organization indicated a possible refueling operation. A call was made to the "Par Trooper" refueling area and "Down Rate" refueling area. We were informed that these areas were closed for operation from 03/0700Z to 03/0800Z for an Eighth Air Force operation "Big Blast". It is our belief that aircraft from this operation and various stars and planes were the cause of the various reports on the night of 2 - 3 September from this area.

2. AFB 205-2 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 create additional interest in the subject.

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 the USAF (AFPCIC), Washington, D C 20330, attention Mrs Hart.

FOR THE COMMANDER

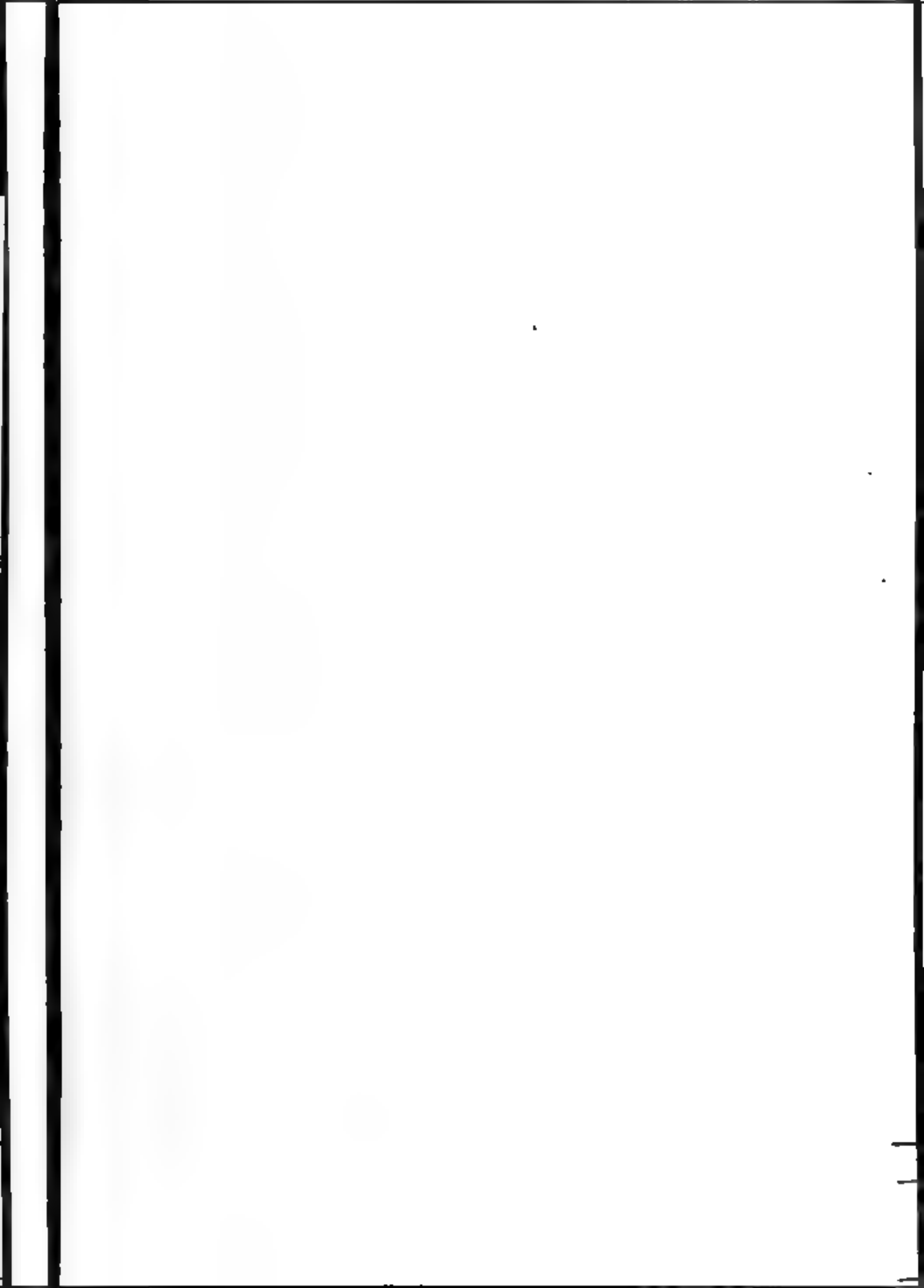
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WILLIAM W. WOODWARD, Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology and Subsystems

ORIGINATOR

W. J. Quintanilla, Jr. DATED *10 Oct 65*

TICM/UFO

Maj W 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.

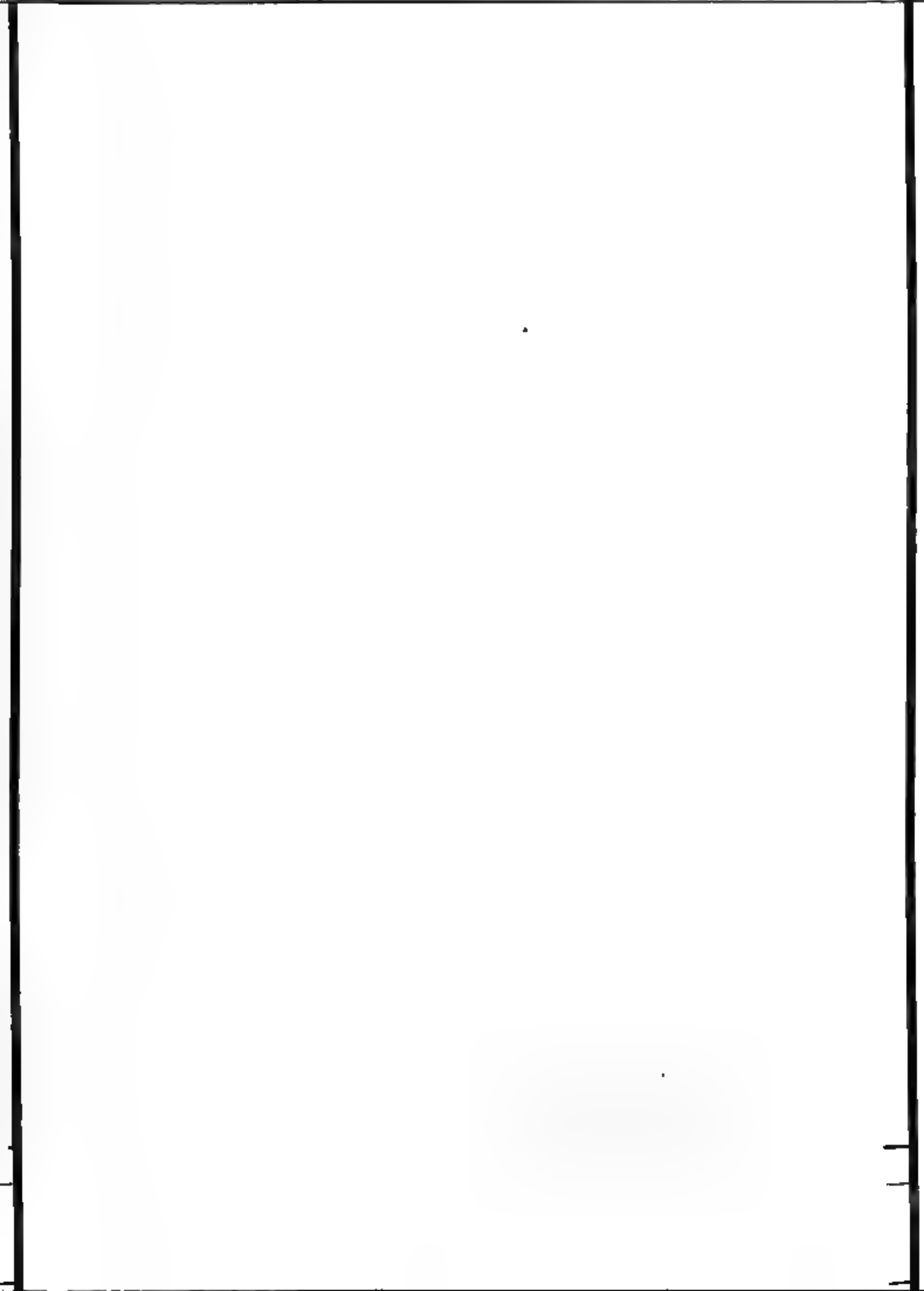
Second observer (Bertrand) arrived at Police Station after consoling a lady in a car who claimed a light had been following her and stopped over her car. Bertrand and Muscarello left for the area where Muscarello had seen lights. After arriving in the area a group of five bright lights came from behind 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 (Munt) arrived after having been called by Bertrand. Munt 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.

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 Muscarallo.

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: Directorate of Information
BY: [redacted]

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 sightings 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
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HEADQUARTERS
817th COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP (SAC)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
Pease Air Force Base, New Hampshire 03803



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: [REDACTED]

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.H. South West of Exeter, N.H.

f. Identifying information on observer.

(1) Civilian. Norman J. Moscarallo. 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.H.

(5) None.

(6) None.

(7) See SKW 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 patrolmen. 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.

~~TOP SECRET~~

Ray E. McQuinn

... for Administrative Services

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1. Statement, UFO Sighting,
Eugene F. Bertrand Jr.
2. Statement, UFO Sighting,
David H. Hunt.
3. Statement, UFO Sighting,
Norman J. Muscarello.
4. SKEN T, Log P Diagram

STATEMENT

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I, Eugene P. 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 to 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 Muscarello. He related his story of seeing some bright red lights in a field. After talking with him while 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. Muscarello 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 P. 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

STATEMENT

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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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 S. Fowler
 13 Friend Court
 Wenham, Massachusetts

Time reported sighting
 to Sub. Office: 3:25 AM
 AND SIGHTING TIME

1. Who did you see the object? <u>3</u> DAY <u>9</u> MONTH <u>1965</u> YEAR	2. Time of day: <u>3</u> HOUR <u>25</u> MINUTES (Circle One): <u>A.M.</u> or P.M.
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3. Time zone: (Circle One):

<input type="radio"/> a. Eastern <input type="radio"/> b. Central <input type="radio"/> c. Mountain <input type="radio"/> d. Pacific <input type="radio"/> e. Other _____	(Circle One): <input checked="" type="radio"/> Daylight Saving Time <input type="radio"/> b. Standard Time
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4. Where were you when you saw the object?

<u>KEANSINGTON RFD</u> Nearest Postal Address	<u>KEANSINGTON</u> City or Town	<u>N.H.</u> State or Country
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Additional remarks: _____

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

<u> </u> HOURS	<u>10</u> MINUTES	<u> </u> SECONDS
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5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to question 5.

<input type="radio"/> a. Certain	<input type="radio"/> c. Not very sure
<input checked="" type="radio"/> b. Very certain	<input type="radio"/> d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

(Circle One):

<input type="radio"/> a. Bright daylight <input type="radio"/> b. Dull daylight <input type="radio"/> c. Bright twilight	<input type="radio"/> d. Just a trace of daylight <input checked="" type="radio"/> e. <u>50</u> trace of daylight <input type="radio"/> f. Don't remember
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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> <input type="radio"/> a. In front of you	<input type="radio"/> c. To your right	<input type="radio"/> e. Overhead
<input type="radio"/> b. In back of you	<input type="radio"/> d. To your left	<input type="radio"/> 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): Yes No 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	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	DON'T KNOW
b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?	Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	DON'T KNOW
c. Break up into parts or explode?	Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	DON'T KNOW
d. Give off smoke?	Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	DON'T KNOW
e. Change brightness?	Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	DON'T KNOW
f. Change shape?	Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	DON'T KNOW
g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate?	Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 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 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	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> 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 1. a few words th 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 HOLO

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 direction 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 "hold" in the hand at about arm's length?

- (Circle One):
- a. Head of a pin
 - b. Pin
 - c. Dime
 - d. Nickel
 - e. Quarter
 - f. Half-dollar
 - g. Silver dollar
 - h. Baseball
 - i. Grapefruit or like quarter
 - 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

Write over field when 1st time
Write over field
 1 - 200 yards
 2 - 500 yards or

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view?
DROPPED BELOW TRACE 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 LONG 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. ~~At sea~~
 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. _____

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
 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:

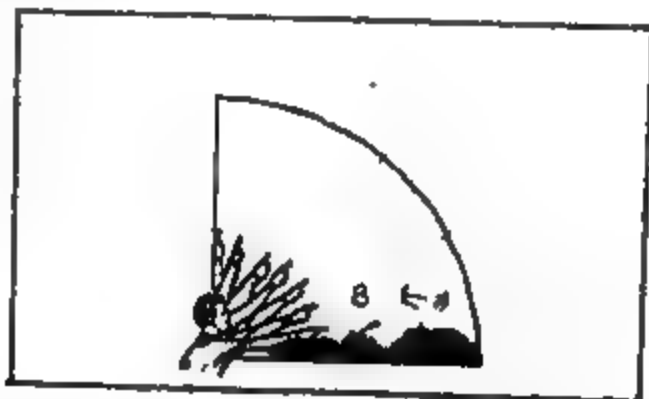
N/A

- 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? PROPPELLER?

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. Light breeze
- c. Strong wind
- d. Don't remember

34.3 HUMIDITY (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
<u>DESK OFFICER EASTER P.D.</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>65</u>
<u>OFFICER TOLAND</u>	---	---	---
_____	---	---	---
_____	---	---	---

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 a person also 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 like this? (Circle One) YES NO

38.1 If you answered NO, the who, 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? 100 feet

42. Did the Object(s) cause any interference with the operation of:
 (Circle where applicable) RADIO? TV? LIGHTS? OTHER? NO
 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 military relationship

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? NO
 (Circle One)

47. Please give the following information about yourself: EUGENE

NAME: BERTRAND ERETER N.H.
 Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS: ALICEST RD ERETER 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: 9/11/68

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*Time reported by the
 Pilot Officer - 7:25 AM*

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7. If you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object? <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%; border: none;"> <input checked="" type="radio"/> a. In front of you <input type="radio"/> b. In back of you </div> <div style="width: 30%; border: none;"> <input type="radio"/> c. To your right <input type="radio"/> d. To your left </div> <div style="width: 30%; border: none;"> <input type="radio"/> e. Overhead <input type="radio"/> f. Don't remember </div> </div>							

X
 W/A

before sighting!

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): 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 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO | DON'T KNOW |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | YES | <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO | DON'T KNOW |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | YES | <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO | DON'T KNOW |
| d. Give off smoke? | YES | <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO | DON'T KNOW |
| e. Change brightness? | <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES | <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO | DON'T KNOW |
| f. Change shape? | YES | <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO | DON'T KNOW |
| g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate? | YES | <input checked="" type="radio"/> 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 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES | <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO | d. Window glass | YES | NO | g. Other | _____ |
| b. Sun glasses | YES | NO | e. Binoculars | <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES | <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO | | _____ |
| c. Windshield | YES | NO | f. Telescopes | 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)



True line

18. The edges of the object were:

(Circle One): a. Fuzzy or blurred

b. Like a bright star

c. Sharply outlined

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 horizontal 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 an "A" at the beginning of the path and a "B" at the end of the path and show any change in direction during the course. No change in direction



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. Pen | h. Baseball |
| c. Dime | i. Grapefruit |
| d. Nickel | j. Basketball |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> 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 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> 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 base 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.

25. Where were you located when you saw the object? (Circle One):

- a. Inside a building
 b. In a car
 c. Outdoors
 d. In a circle
 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 a 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 search to assist other
CAVIER:

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

N/A

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
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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).

N/A

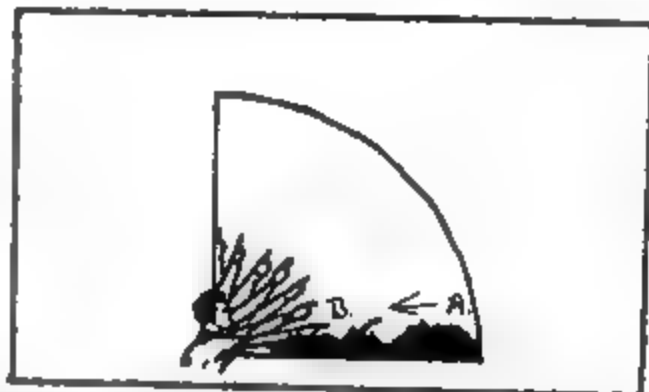
31.1 When it first appeared:

- 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? PROPPELLER?

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. Light 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

Dark Officer Fisher, P.D.

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Officer Toland

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, the who, 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

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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 altitude. Saw out 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 a y 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
 If you circled Yes, please send copy indicating necessary reimbursement:

44. Do you belong to a y 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? NO YES
 May we publish your report and use your name? YES NO (Circle One)

47. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME: Hunt David Russell
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS 11 Charles St. Exeter N.H.
Street City State

TELEPHONE NUMBER 292-3615

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 8 e. Technical school _____
 b. High school 4 (Type of) _____
 c. College _____
 d. Post graduate _____ f. Other special training? _____

48. Signature: David R. Hunt Date: 9/11/65

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Source: Source: New York Times

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:

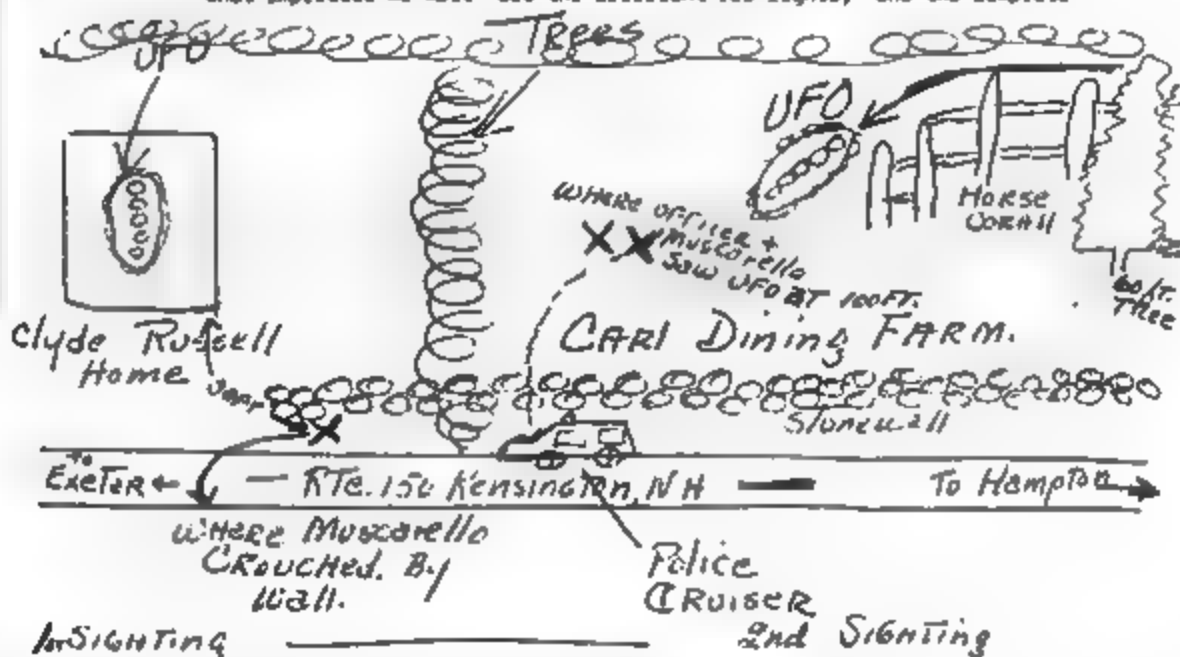
"It was about 2 a.m. on Friday, September 3rd. I was walking along Route 150 in Kensington (N.H.) on my way home FROM a visit to a friend in Amesbury. As I approached the Clyde Russell house, I saw a 'thing' with brilliant red alternating lights approaching me from the direction of Dining's corral. (See 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.

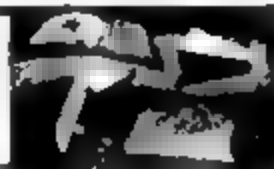
"As it hovered over me, it also partially covered the Russell garage. The lights were so brilliant that it was impossible to make out any shape behind them. After it left, I banged on the door of the Russell home, but was unable to wake anybody. Then a car came along, and I was given a ride to the Exeter 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 an incident at Exeter, New Hampshire, involving an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) as the Air Force refers to them. The Exeter report is interesting not only because it was in 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 public 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 Oklahoma Highway Patrol headquarters chattered with reports from all over the state. The phrases were terse. THREE OBJECTS OVERHEAD HAVE BEEN SEEN AT EXETER IN NORTH HAMPSHIRE. THE OBJECT WAS REPORTED TO BE APPROXIMATELY 100 FEET IN LENGTH BY SEVERAL WITNESSES. THE OBJECTS WERE SEEN AT APPROXIMATELY 100 FEET ALTITUDE. THE OBJECTS WERE SEEN AT APPROXIMATELY 100 FEET ALTITUDE. THE OBJECTS WERE SEEN AT APPROXIMATELY 100 FEET ALTITUDE.

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. Coode were patrolling an area in Texas about forty miles below Houston. Their patrol was interrupted by a luminous object that descended from the sky to a position 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 and cylindrical with no other distinguishable 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,

there has been a general feeling of uneasiness and all people would have been alerted to the possibility that they do not derive from lies and hoax.

The column also interested numerous of Louk who asked us to do a sensitive, detailed article on the incident at Exeter. G. P. Putnam, the publishers, also were interested in the incident and a book on the subject will be appearing in the near future. The book will be based on the tape-recording more than sixty interviews with people who say they've encountered these objects and give accounts of their observations that are credible.

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 to have been seen by police and off the record by military personnel.
- ▶ They have shown no evidence of ever creating physical harm, but they have caused shock and hysteria among those people who have encountered them at low level. One couple has to seek psychiatric help after reporting a close encounter with a UFO.
- ▶ At least four women living in 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 altitudes the motion of the

UFO is often reported to be of a jerking, lurching, or vibrating character. The object may show back and forth changing directions. There is usually a loud, objectionable sound, although sometimes a high frequency hum is heard. The word of the kind of object is often reported to be a saucer.

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NEW YORK, N.Y. (AP) - A woman who says she was well aware of the existence of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) has admitted that she was... (The text is mostly illegible due to heavy noise and bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.)

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 four in police officers, in a brief off Route 150.

Early Friday morning, November 11, Muscarella, 18, 205 1/2 Front St. Taylor was walking on Route 150 in Kensington near the residence of Carl O'Connell when he saw a large object about two feet high and about two feet wide in the sky over the house.

Muscarella on being interviewed first stated to one of his friends and then to his father that he saw the object in the ditch until the house. The object had a bright light and he tried to raise the nearby Clyde Russell household but was unsuccessful.

Muscarella flagged down a passing car and was taken to the Easter Police station where he reported what he had seen to Officer Eugene Howard.

Howard returned to Kensington with the youth and they were joined shortly by Officer David Hunt. The trio walked down the road toward the area Muscarella reported seeing the object materialize. Suddenly the brilliant red object was seen about a mile west and

Howard ran to the police station and called the desk at 11. They sent the dispatcher who arrived at the station for approximately 11 to 20 minutes before it disappeared from sight. Muscarella said it appeared to be as big as a house and completely silent. It was reported to move as if it had

During the time the object was in sight the houses in the vicinity were illuminated considerably and the dogs in the neighborhood were reported to bark and howl.

Kensington

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 object 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 Easter police the unidentified object was found in a state of near shock in a parked car on the Easter-Hampton by-pass at 12:30 Friday morning.

Officer Howard said the witness reported being chased along Route 101 from Spring for about 17 miles by a flying object which glowed with a brilliant halo of red.

The flying object was again sighted by one of the witnesses at the station as they in police. Howard caught the object and said it appeared to be a star but at the station.

Another sighting was reported by a police officer at 1:15 p.m. Friday at the intersection of Route 101 to him in Forest and Route 101 at Haverhill, N.H.

Also an unidentified man telephoned Easter police late Friday afternoon at 7:30 p.m. describing an "object" similar, reporting that he had been chased by a flying object. The man was dead before the call could be completed at 8:15 p.m.

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 HQ at 1530 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. Washington D.C. 20020. 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 ~~report~~ due acknowledgments to Mr. Fowler, appeared in the *SUNDAY TELEGRAPH* of October 8, 1966.

THIS unusual sighting occurred near Exeter, New Hampshire, on September 3, 1966.

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 maneuver 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 knocking 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 Det. Officer Reginald Townsend at about 1:45 a.m. He was white with fair 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 it 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 defied 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

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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 Muscarelle 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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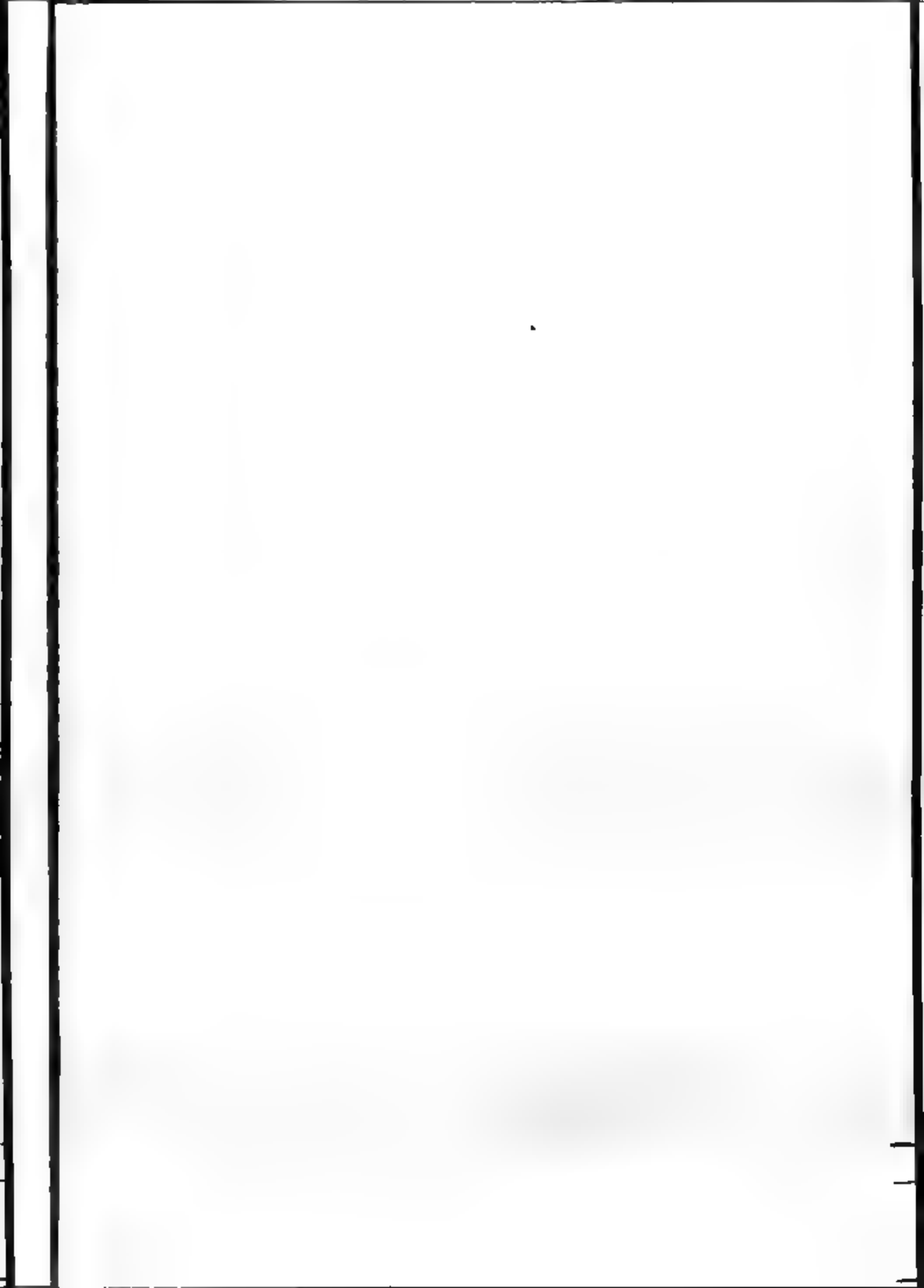
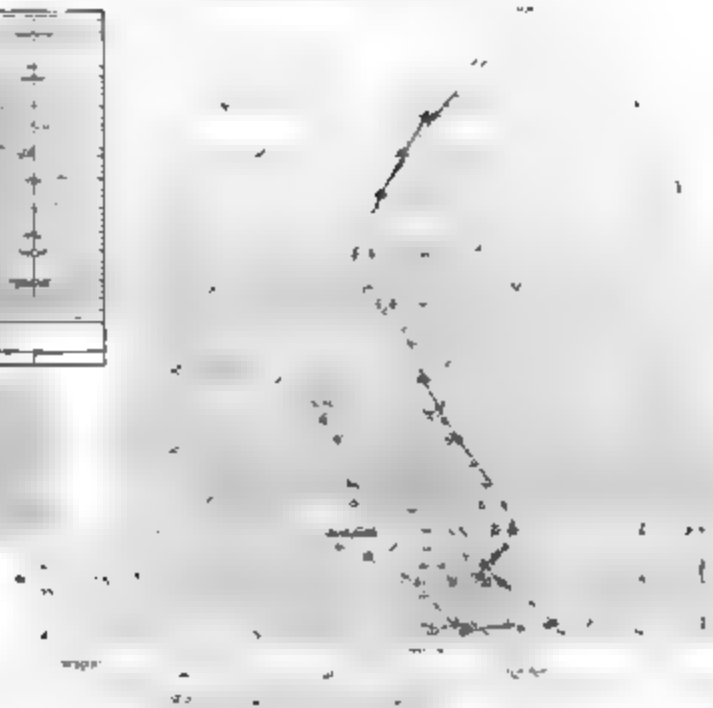
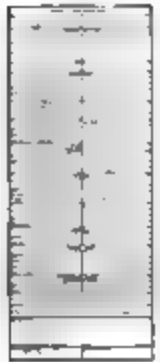


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Number of days
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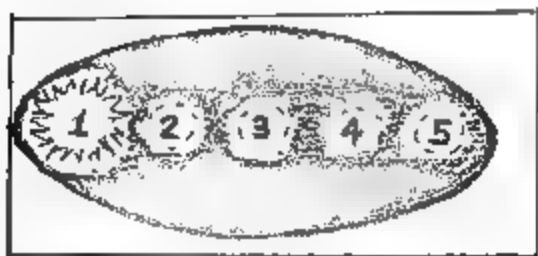
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"He was white with fear and hardly able to talk." Desk Officer Roginski Toland said later. Muscarello told Toland and Officer Bertrand the story, and though it seemed incredible, Bertrand drove him back to the scene in his police cruiser.

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 80-90 foot tree.

Bertrand reached for his revolver. Then thought better of it. Jumping 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.



EXETER, N.H. SEPTEMBER 3, 1965

Brilliant red light pulsed in a smooth sequence:
1-2-3-4-5-4-3-2-1
taking two seconds to complete a full cycle.

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 E. 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 head-lights 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.

Outside the witness area, Investigator Fowler talked with several other witnesses. 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. See NICAP discussed it with John G. Fuller, writer of the

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. 8 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 Muscarella 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 Muscarella in the same area.

Also, shortly before Muscarella'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 Nellis 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 180 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 want a flying visitor 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 these 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.

Pollerman 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 flubbing, trailed them for nearly 10 miles. Bertrand, a Korean war veteran, was skeptical. He made a routine radio report, and continued his patrol.

At 2 a. m., Norman Mincarullo, 14, ran into the Exeter police station in near hysterics. He said he was hitchhiking home, looked up, and saw a smaller object approaching him with a yawing hitchhike motion. The object lit the entire area. He threw himself against a stone wall, then ran to a farmhouse when the object called him out of sight. After the police took his story the desk sergeant radioed Officer Bertrand and asked him to take Norman Mincarullo 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 glimmered from right to left, and then from left to right—just like an aircrafting 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 LOOMED at it for at least 20 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. "I had seen that thing and I was all done, nobody else would have ever heard about it."

No Case, Information Only
Source: Salem News, Vol. 12, No. 4
Dec 65

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 Warren 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 policemen 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 veered 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 Fleet" was conducted in the New England area and B-47 aircraft from Pease AFB were also involved in the operation. Letters were written to Personnel Sergeant and Staff and to the 8th Air Force at Macomber AFB (a reply from the 8th Air Force indicated that ten B-47 aircraft landed at Pease AFB between 0000 and 0135 local time). The major portion of the sighting occurred subsequent to two 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 Hyslop 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 Tex 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 8th 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 8th Air Force. Analysis of the report indicated 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.

Figure 1

Map of the
United States of America



1950

1951 1952 1953 1954

1955 1956 1957 1958

PROJECT INFO RECORD

1. DATE THE GROUP	2. LOCATION
3 September 63 06/0902	Dumas, Texas
3. WITNESS Civilian	4. CONCLUSION [REDACTED]
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	UNIDENTIFIED.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 - 15 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS See Case File.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-based	Object at 3 deg elevation 240 deg azimuth. Disappearance by shooting up 90 degrees into the air. Purple color.
7. COURSE Shallows	
8. PHOTOS 11 Yes 12 No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE 11 Yes 12 No	

PTD SEP 63 0-308 (TOM) Previous address of this form use to refer.

2 September 1965 at 2300

MOON	17.33.53	1st Q	2° S az 10 elev
VENUS	13.03.37	- 3.5	Set
MARS	14.24.20	✓ 1.3	Set
JUPITER	5.51.04	- 1.8	Not U ₁
SATURN	23.04.44	✓ 0.8	140 az 50 elev

HOUSTON GAINS 20 Minutes astro time converting time to 1040PM. This elevates the MOON to 15 deg elevation on heading of 230 deg azimuth and brings the Star ANTARES TO A position on the horizon at 240 deg azimuth.

ANTARES has a stellar magnitude of ✓ 1.2



DEP. SHERIFF
GOODE

CHIEF DEP. SHERIFF
MAY



LOOKING NORTH (330°) ON HIGHWAY
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LOOKING SOUTH (150°) ON
HIGHWAY 36



LOOKING TOWARDS PASTURE (240°)
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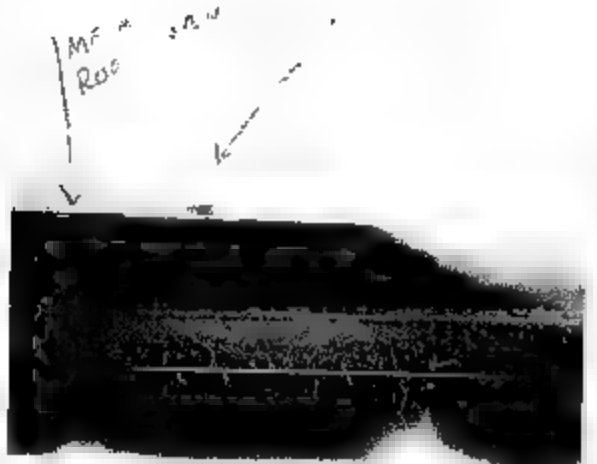
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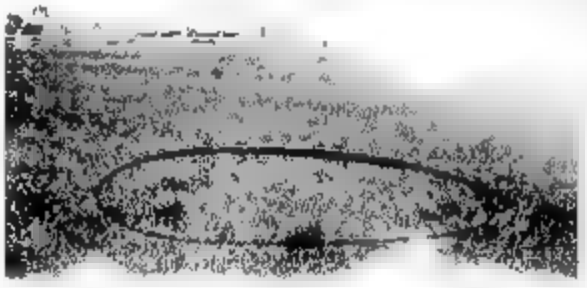
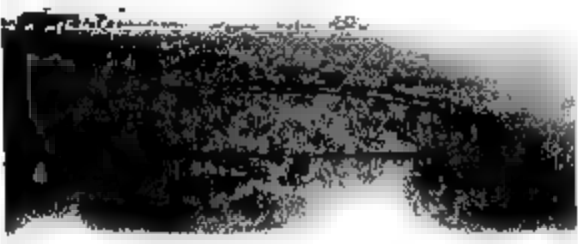


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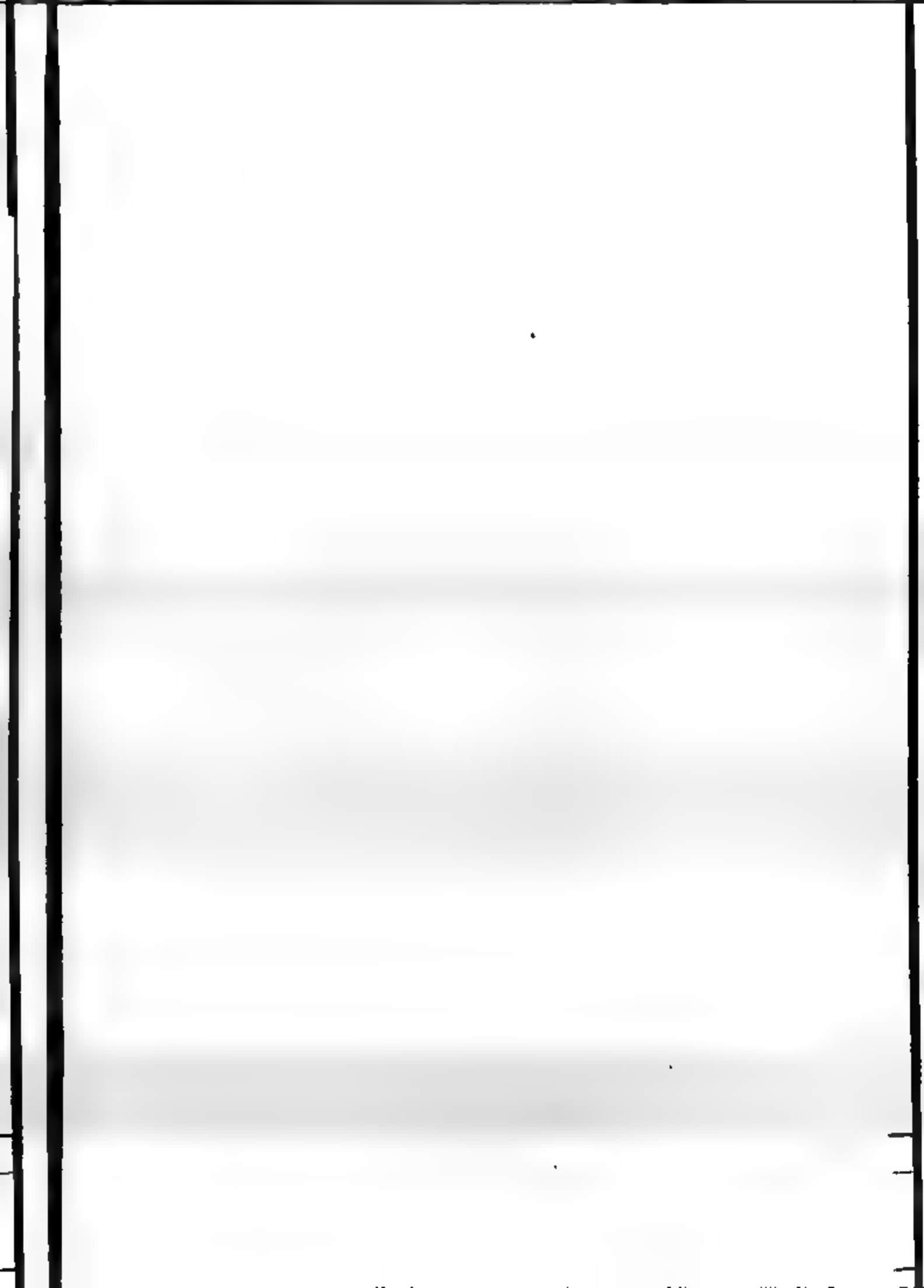


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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS - BRAZOSPORT FACTS - REPORTS

- 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/ah/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 "sightings" not reported to us.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM H. SUTLEY
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Community Relations Division
Office of Information

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Project Blue Book Report

Mr. W. B. Griswold
The Dow Chemical Company
Midland Division
Midland, Michigan

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Midland Division
Midland, Michigan

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.

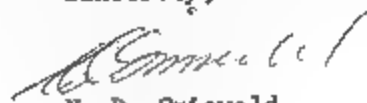
Col. William H. Huntley, Jr
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October 14, 1965

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,

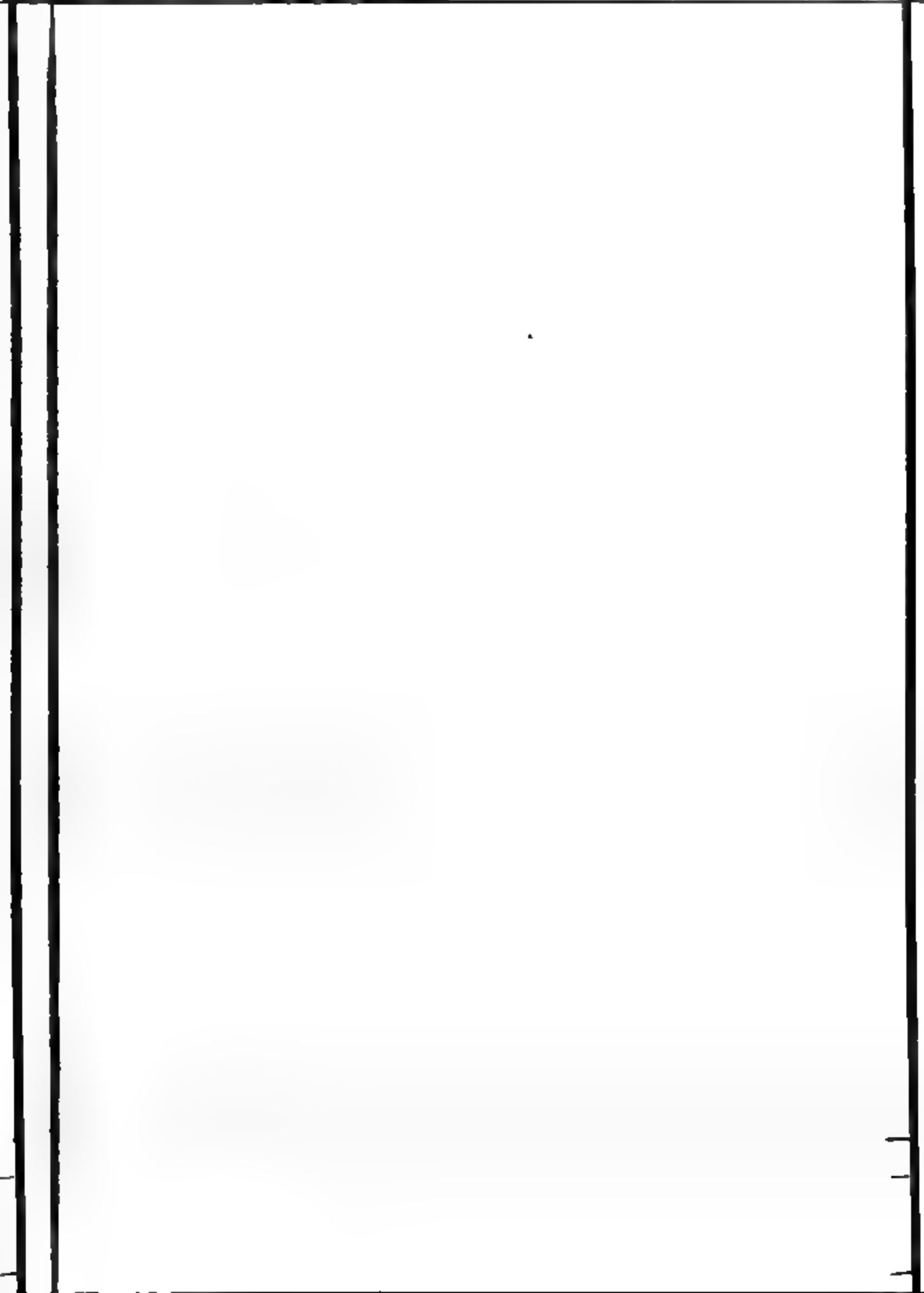


N. D. Griawold

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Enclosure

cc: J. Cope
Public Relations
Freeport



STATEMENT OF DEPUTY SHERIFF WELLS G. BROWN

Deputy Sheriff Owen and I were driving south on Highway 36 from Laramie, Texas, toward West Okmaha at about 11:00 p.m. on Friday, September 3, 1963. When we were about two or three miles south of Laramie, I saw a very bright purple light stationary on the horizon about 1/2 mile away and continued on our motion. After a few seconds a smaller than light appeared out of the larger purple light and traveled to the right of the purple light, pointing diagonally to the distant position and very luminous stationary. The lights then floated upward to an angle about 1/2" above the horizon. They remained at a distance of 1/2 mile and we were unable to distinguish any other features other than the two bright lights. We turned the car around and Deputy Sheriff Owen looked at the lights through binoculars. We decided to investigate further and headed back toward Laramie to look for a back road to take us nearer the lights. After traveling about 1/2 of a mile on Highway 36, we slowed down. Owen 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 moving toward us at a rapid speed. The object came off to the pasture east to the highway about 1/20' out of the highway and about 1/2 foot 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 back of the object appeared to be dark gray in color with no other distinguishing features. It appeared to be about 10' wide and about 1/2 foot high in the middle, tapering off toward both ends. There was no noise or any smell. The bright purple light illuminated the ground directly underneath it and the area in front of it, including the highway and the bottom of our pickup car. The blue light under the object did not appear to be distinct. There was a bright glow out and it cast a shadow of the object on the ground immediately behind it in the grass. Deputy Sheriff Owen was in the driver's seat with his left eye facing to the open window. Although he was wearing a long sleeve shirt and a coat, he later said that he felt the heat apparently emanating from the object. We immediately got the car in motion and headed toward Laramie as fast as we could go. While traveling at speeds up to 110 mph, toward Laramie, 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 went 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 the movement away from us. After arriving at approximately 1/20' original position, it went straight up in the air and then appeared at 1/2" above the horizon.

When we got to Laramie, we drove slowly through the town, checked 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 abandoned Columbia road which would get 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 Danon 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 6-10°. 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.

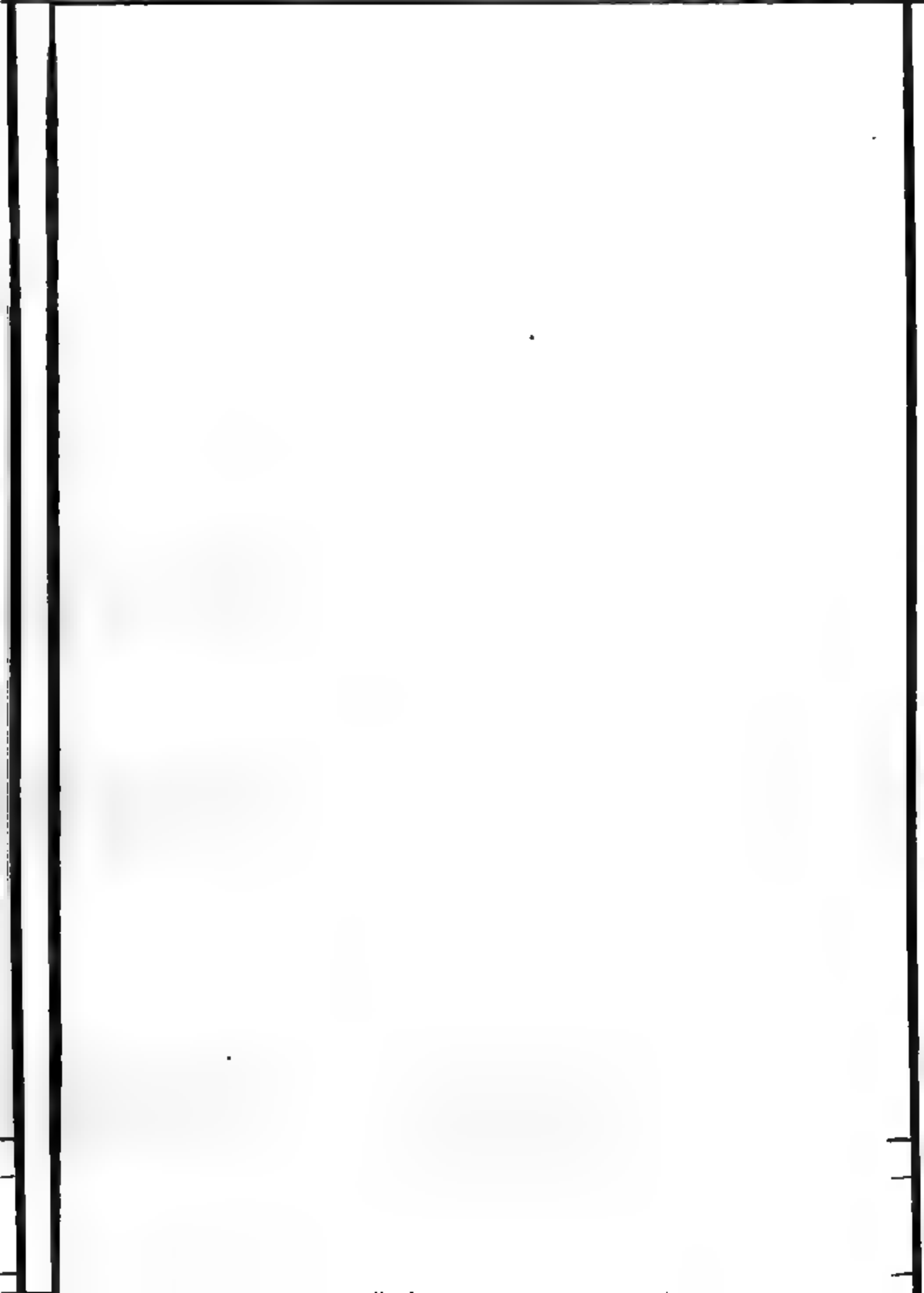
The area where we saw the object is in Goode's area of responsibility and we were on patrol duty. The night was clear and there were no clouds or haze. There were some spots of ground fog but not in the area where we saw the object.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Billy E. McCoy
Deputy Sheriff Robert W. Goode
Box 379, Angleton, Texas

Statement taken by:

Major Laurence E. Leach, Jr.
2576 Air Base Squadron
Ellington AFB, Texas

8 Sept 65



BOONVILLE, TEXAS

3 SEPTEMBER 1965

The Deputy Sheriffs were driving south on Highway 36 from Boonville, Texas, toward West Columbia at approximately 2300 on Friday, 3 September 1965. About three miles south of Boonville, a very bright purple light that was stationary on the horizon about five to six miles away and southeast 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 the distant position 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 high angle were used to view the lights. After traveling about 1.5 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, the car started moving toward the lights at a rapid speed. The object came up to the past the front of the highway, about 15 feet off the highway and about 10 feet high. The body of the object was diamond shaped at this time and appeared to be triangular topped with a bright purple light on the left end and the smaller, less bright, blue light on the right end. The body of the object appeared to be dark gray in color with no other distinctive features. The object appeared to be approximately 20 feet wide and 10 feet high in the middle, tapering off toward both ends. There was no noise heard and no smell. 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. The observer stated he felt heat that was apparently, emanating from the object. As the observers looked back toward Boonville, the 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. As it was in motion the smaller blue light on the right side disappeared entirely and the larger purple light became smaller and appeared to break apart apparently, caused by its movement away from them. After arriving at approximately 110 of distance 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 which appeared out of the larger purple light. After the blue light moved upward, like it did the first time and became stationary, the lights floated in the air at about $5 - 10^\circ$. Observers left the scene because they figured that the object would start moving towards them again.

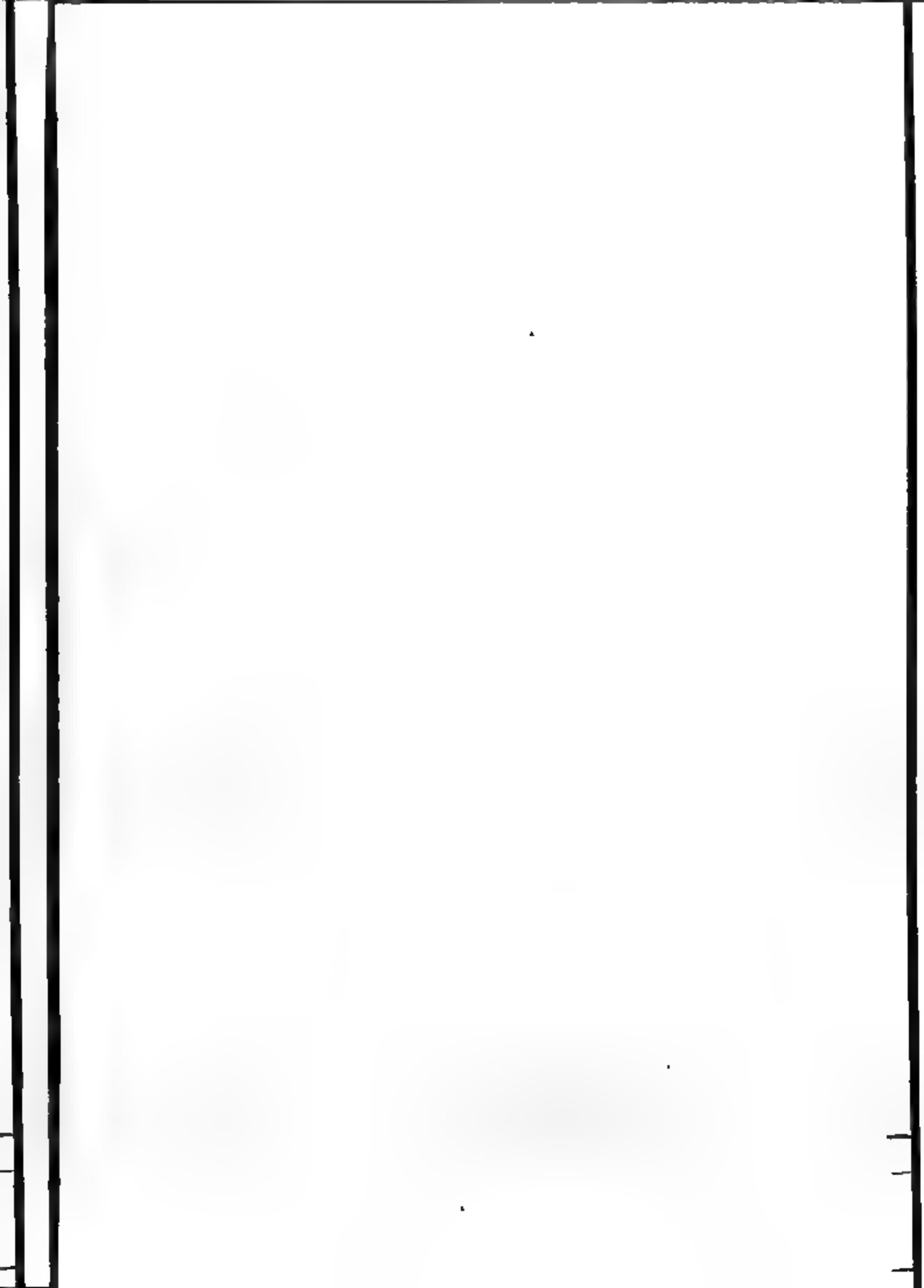
COMMENTS

At the time of the sighting observed, with a stellar magnitude of 4.2, 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 300 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 undeterminable, and there were no markings, that is, no letters, numerals, signs, windows, portals, doors, wheels, antennae 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 "end 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 stated 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 air effects on the men but did it in any way affect the car or occupants. 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 4 months is the following which contains complete details.

On Friday 2 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. Off-own 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 all 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 all field lights, so he swung the car around for a better view as they were now directly opposite the light. McCoy on the side best to picture. Based on knowledge of terrain and upon further investigation in daylight, McCoy and Goode estimate the object at this point was 6 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 notes certain that within two west three or four seconds after the car was turned around, the object traversed the distance from its initial position to a spot approximately 100 feet from the highway. 100 feet above ground level and parallel to their car. This movement

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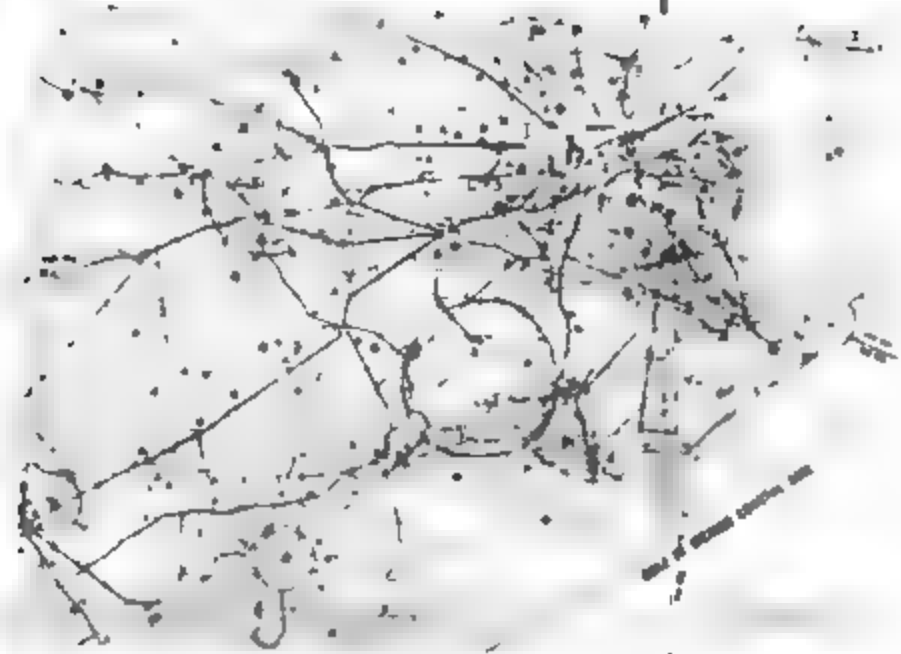
Damon, Texas
13 SEP 1965

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 uric 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 smaller 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 Coode, 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 Coode 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 Lawrence 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." (Brezo-Spart Facts, Freeport, Texas, 9/6/65-9/9/65.)



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3. The third part of the report is a discussion of the results of the study. It presents the findings of the research and compares them with the existing literature. The author also discusses the implications of the results and suggests areas for further research.

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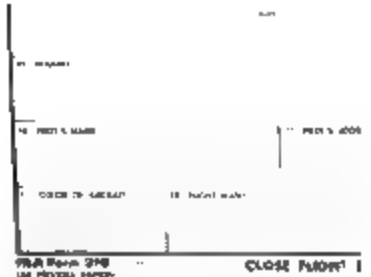
Use of Frequencies in Voice Communications
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If any communication with FSB or tower, the frequency on which reply is expected should be specified in the initial call.
 For 4.1 MHz communication, FAA control towers normally guard the high frequency band, but reply from FSB will normally be made on the 4.1 MHz range of radio beacon frequency. Reply from towers will normally be made on the low or medium frequency frequency. Military facilities will reply as identified by the words "NAV" "MAGN" or "A" in the last part of the name.

For 1100 MHz communication with private aircraft, FSB generally guard 122.0 mc. and FAA towers generally guard 123.0 mc. (main tower, indicated in lower tower on chart) 122.4, 122.6, or 122.8 mc. instead of 123.0 mc. Reply from FSB to private aircraft will normally be made on the 123.0 mc. channel unless 122.4, 122.6, or 122.8 mc. is shown on chart. Reply from towers will normally be made on the assigned frequency in the (FRQ) column. Reply from towers to civil aircraft will normally be made on one of the assigned frequencies in the (FRQ) column. Reply from towers to military aircraft will normally be made on the assigned frequency in the (FRQ) column.

Military facilities (NAV or A) which have a suitable do not normally guard FSB frequencies or provide FSB no public service. Some of these stations guard 122.25 mc. and reply all guard one or more of the above (military) very high frequencies. The voice facility in many cases is limited to the tower.

From technical papers the listing of all frequencies in restricted charts. However, the flight information publications set all dependent available at each tower, FSB, and ATIS center.



The flight plans with military FAA Flight Service Station of radio channels. Failure to check of extent of Federal Aviation Regulations set may result in...

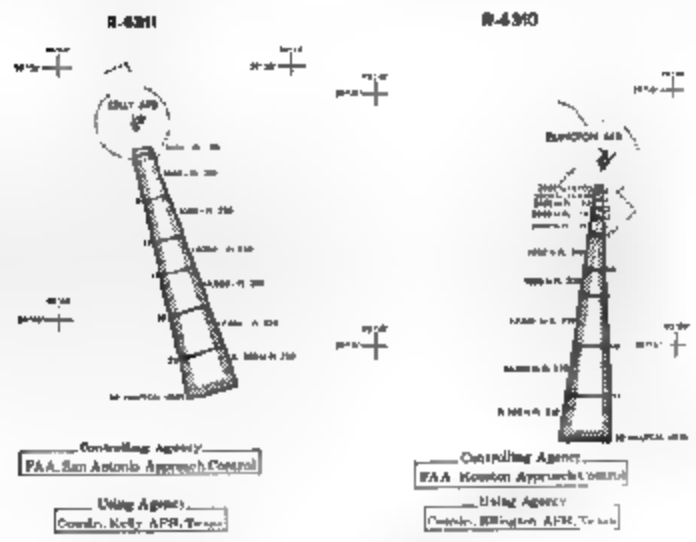
MILITARY CLIMB CORRIDORS

The military climb corridors depicted below have been designated as a restricted area. The lateral and vertical limits of these military climb corridors are illustrated. The relation of these corridors to the terrain and aeronautical facilities can be seen on the face of the chart where the lateral limits are also shown.

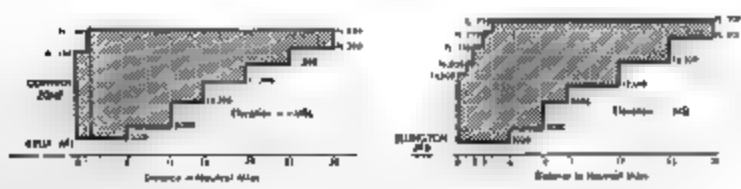
**SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS (KELLY AFB)
 RESTRICTED AREA R-6311**

**HOUSTON, TEXAS (ELLINGTON AFB)
 RESTRICTED AREA R-6310**

LATERAL LIMITS OF MILITARY CLIMB CORRIDORS



PROFILE SHOWING UPPER AND LOWER LEVEL OF MILITARY CLIMB CORRIDORS



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FEDERAL AVIATION REGULATIONS

	Operational
Flight Plan	Required for all flights in the U.S.
Procedural Time	Required except in certain cases.
Approved AUIZ	Required for all flights in the U.S. except in certain cases.
Position Report	Required for all flights in the U.S. except in certain cases.
Air Defense	Required for all flights in the U.S. except in certain cases.
Altitude	Required for all flights in the U.S. except in certain cases.
Speed	Required for all flights in the U.S. except in certain cases.
Communication	Required for all flights in the U.S. except in certain cases.
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Emergency	Required for all flights in the U.S. except in certain cases.
Other	Required for all flights in the U.S. except in certain cases.

NOTE: This chart is subject to change without notice.

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Deputies Say UFO In Out After Them

Continued from page 1

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 marbles.

Today, these still-shaking deputies agree that you possibly did see a flying saucer. In fact, they lamely say "was, was."

Friday night they were returning from a football game at Duram. 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 round, 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 deputy 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's too fast," said Goode as they raced for their car and took off.

It was coming at them at terrific speed.

"We ain't rippin' on home and it was coming on us," said McCoy. "We increased our speed, but it kept coming!"

Say It Hoarse!

"Then suddenly it stopped. But the deputies didn't. The thing hovered above the ground a few moments."

The brilliant light on the object diminished a wide area.

Then it disappeared.

Deputies McCoy and Goode are family men. In over 20 years as police officers, they say, they have been taught to remain calm to inspect objects—volatile and innocuous—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 anyone 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 3e, do not complete report.

2. Complete Information Sheet in duplicate and forward to BDO.

3.a. Name MoCoy, B.E. Office ph. TI-47504 Address 10 S/Kayala, Angleton, Texas
Phone TI-75263 Res. Age 30 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 _____

g. Unusual features of object Left side long blue light.

h. Was there a tail, vapor trail, or exhaust? No i. Any Sound No

j. What called attention to the observer Bright light.

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

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 Texas 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
OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
ELLINGTON AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS 77090



REPLY TO
ATTN OF BDO-A

10 Sep 1965


SUBJECT: UFO Sighting

TO: Foreign Technology Division
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
ATTN: Major Hector Quintanilla

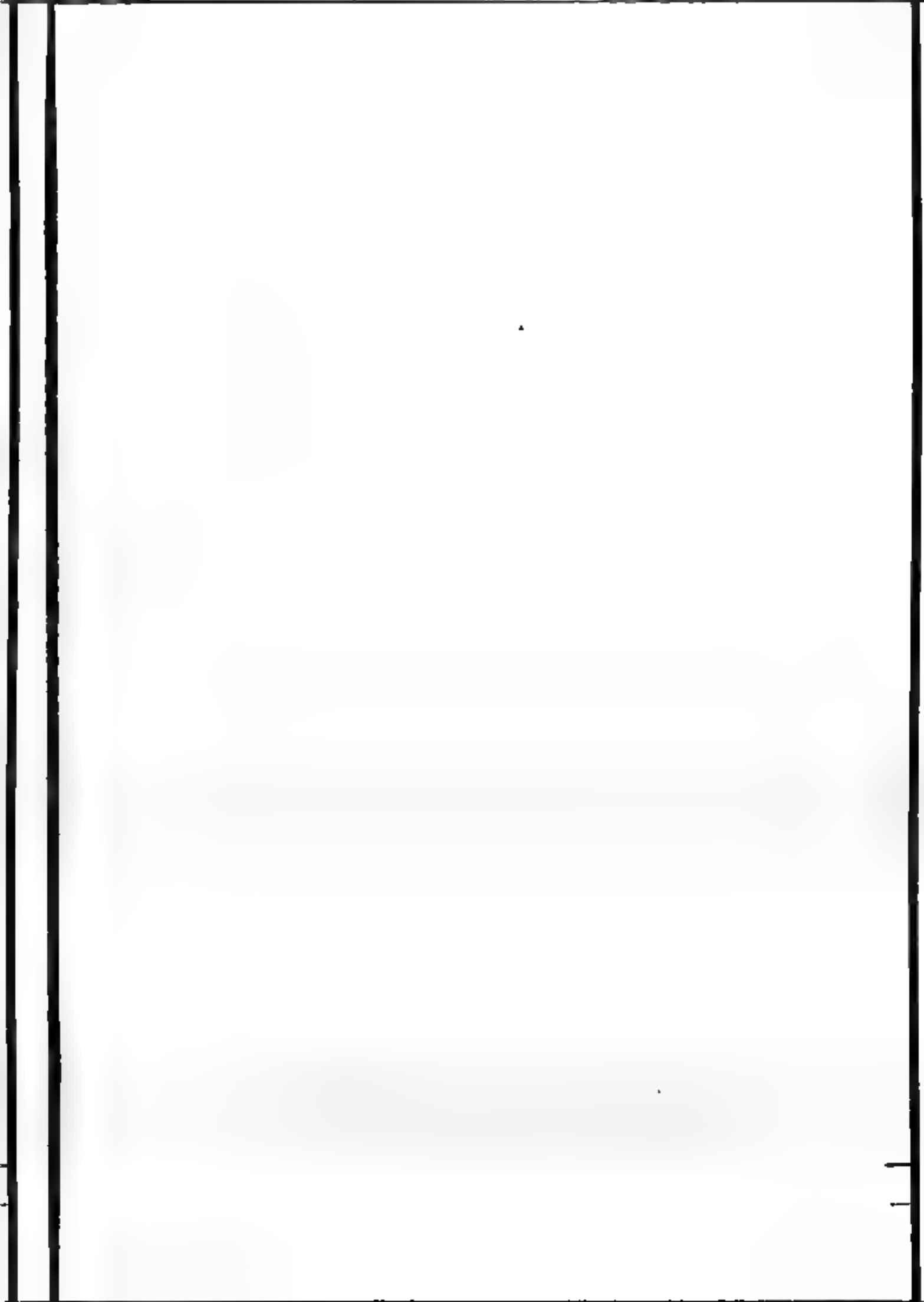
1. Inclosed is my detailed investigation of the UFO sighting by Deputy Sheriffs McCoy and Goode of the Brazoria County Sheriff's Office, Angleton, Texas. Investigation is in reference to report number 122 previously forwarded to your office with news clipping on the same subject. This completes my action 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: "Pt. Wayne, Indiana, Stratofort, 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).

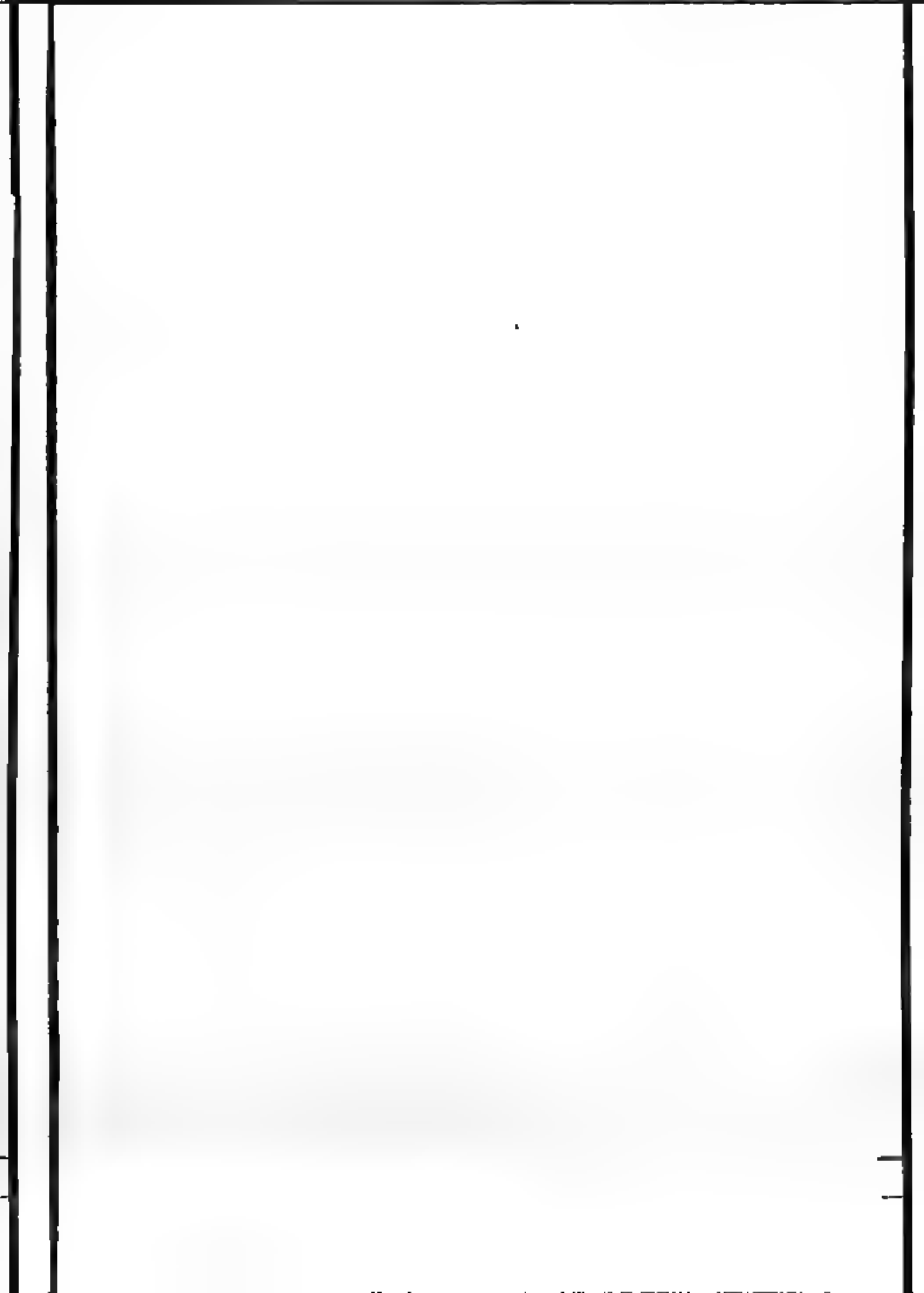
WEATHER CONDITIONS:

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.

Samuel M. ...
Asst. Director of Operations
3578th Air Base Sq.
Ellington AFB, Tex.



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.

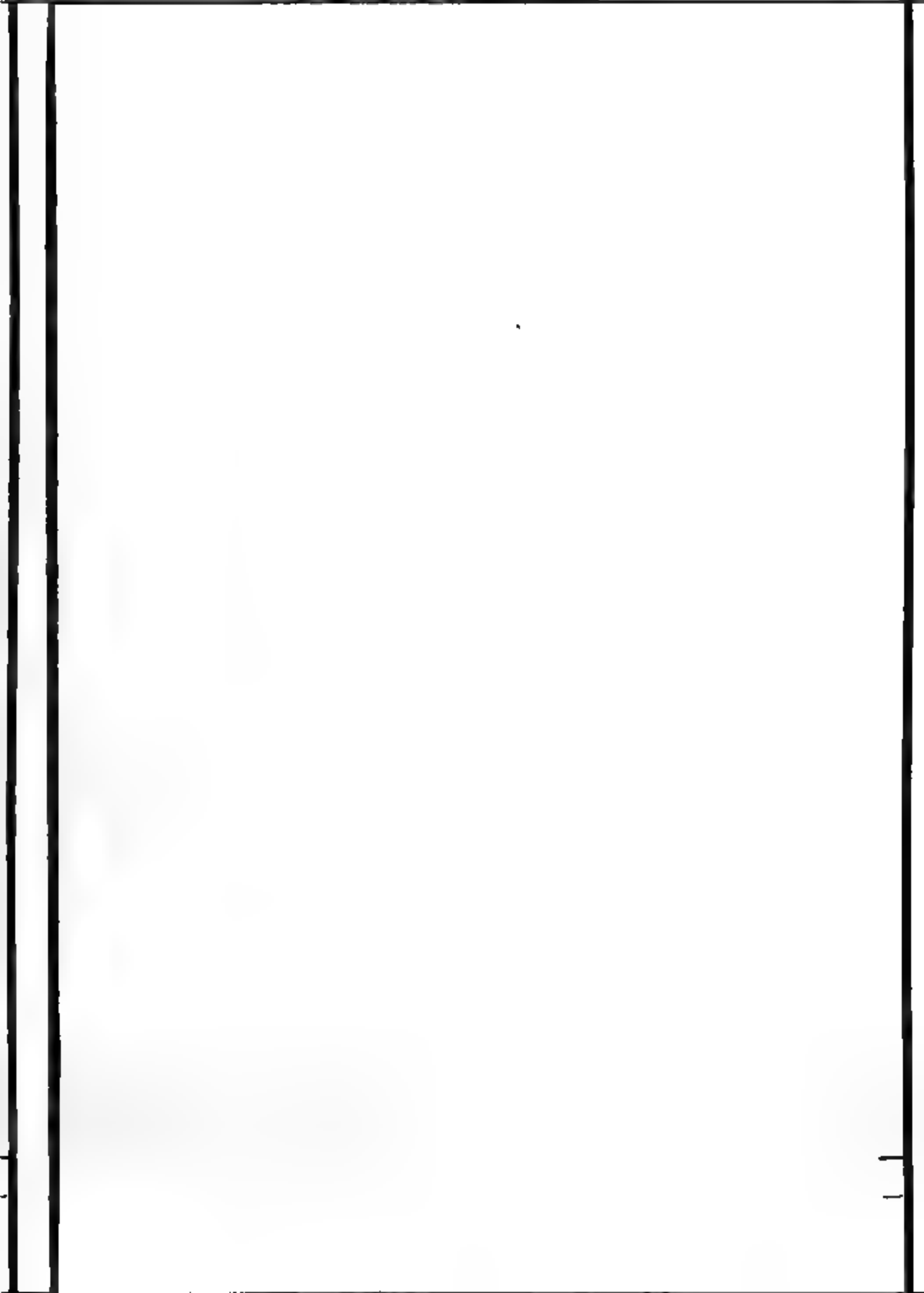
The area where we saw the object is in Goode's area of responsibility and we were on patrol duty. The night was clear and there were no clouds or haze. There were some spots of ground fog but not in the area where we saw the object.

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

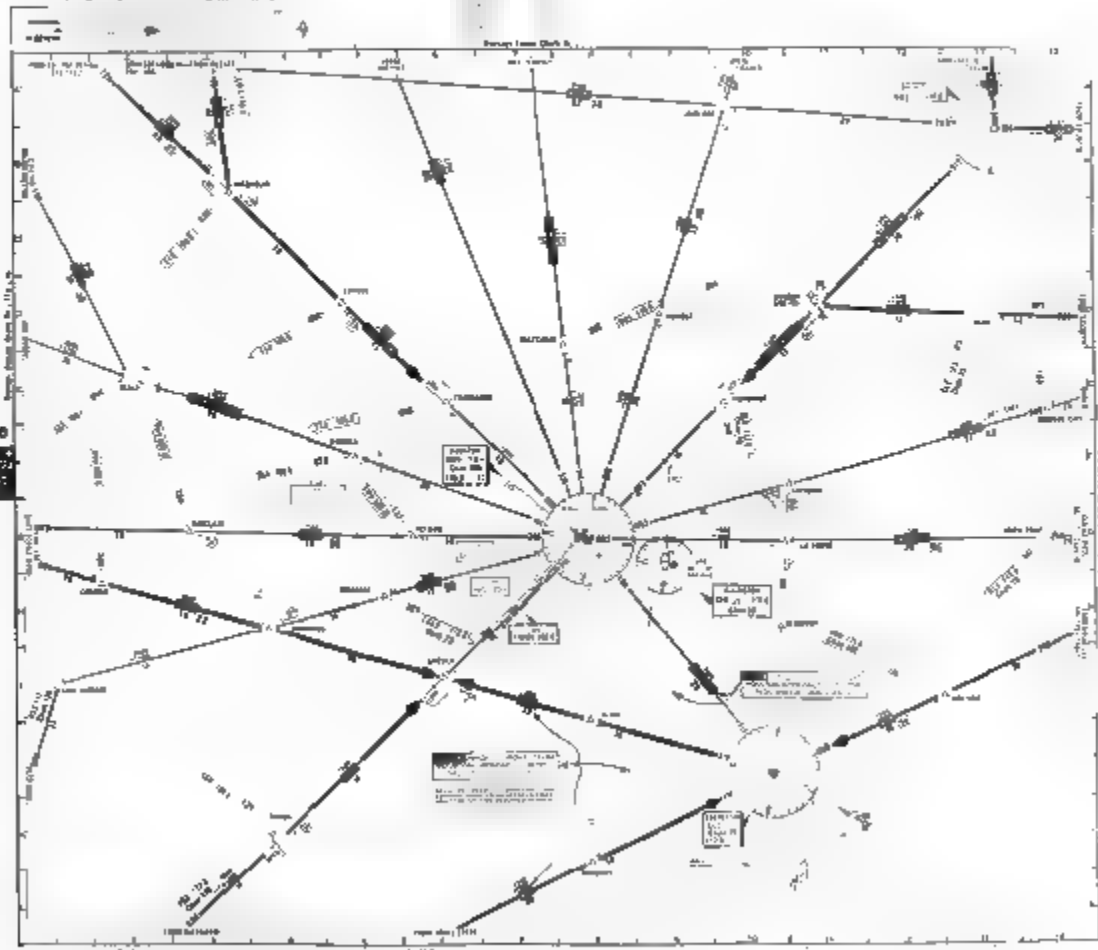


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NOTE TO SHIPPIERS

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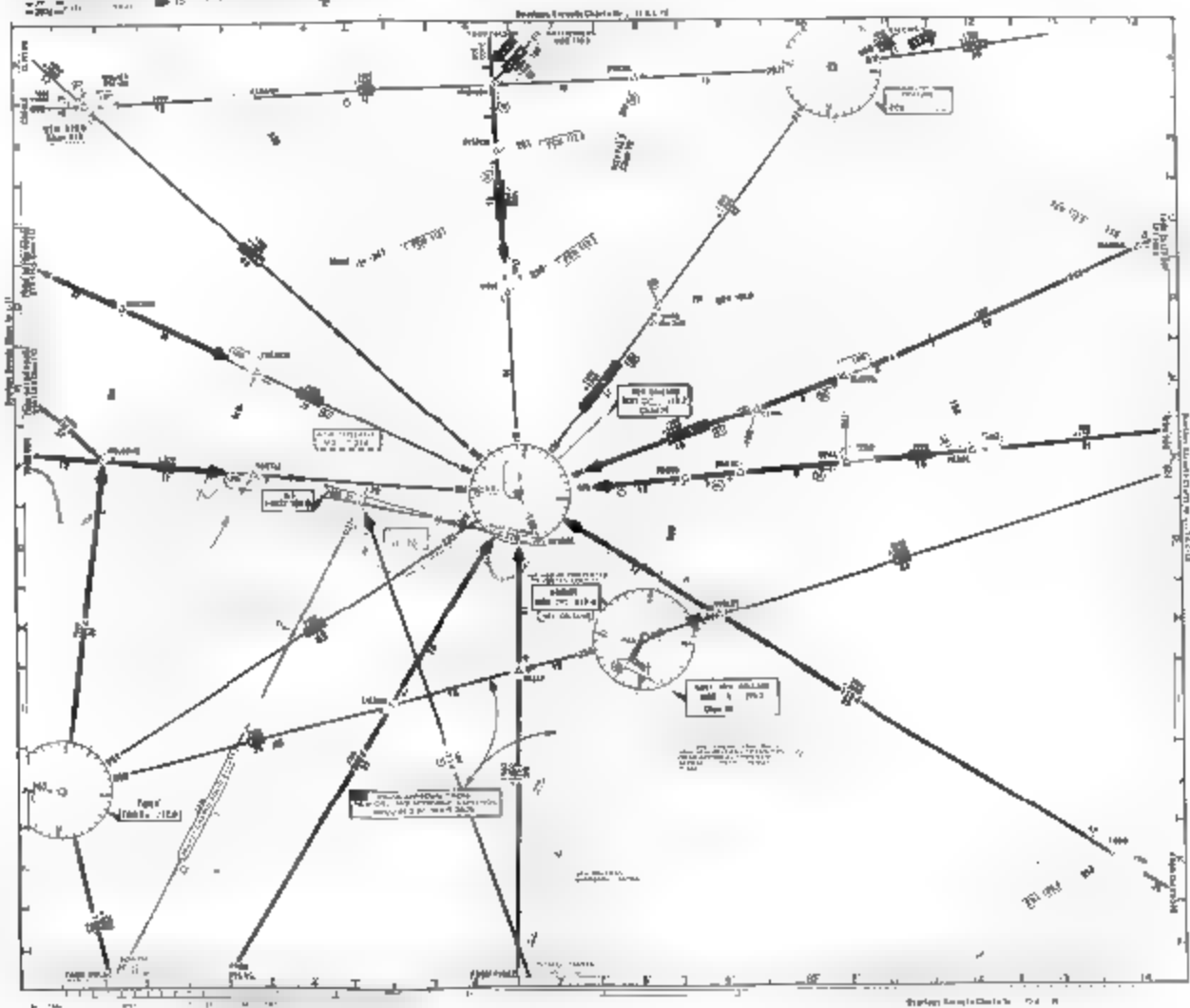
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WEEK TO REPORTING POINT



REMARKS: PG. 1/2
REMARKS: PG. 2/2



Houston Area Chart No. 11 & 12

40 mi SW
By Sheriff @ ENGLETON, TEXAS.
PRESS INTERESTED.

DTA. FBI NIGHT. McCoy 3 Sept
Damon. GOODE

CLEAR NIGHT.
OBS IN PASTURE  20 FT LONG
40-50' HIGH

WALKED IN PASTURE
APPEARED TO COMBAT THEM
PURPLE LIGHT.
REPORT COME IN MCCOY
BRIGHT ENOUGH ←

18 feet in diameter, maybe four to five feet thick. The color was round and there was a lump or something in the middle. It had a dark spot on it and it might have been a wheel or something.

The thing raised up a bit and slowly turned around the way, then it headed south.

Whether witnesses believe in UFOs or not, the area are bound to be alarmed, and they have been reported regularly in the U.S. and other countries.

Australian Encounter

During the first week of August 1952, a medical student, West Australia, jumped from their car because a UFO was about to hit it. It was close to 8 p.m. and Dr. Andrew Kahl, formerly a physician in Europe, and Mrs. Audrey Kahl were driving near Carnarvon when a bright object lowered their headlights.

Dr. Kahl immediately 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. Kahl said later "And it was as if it had changed to a fluorescent green glow."

The driver's bull terror, usually first out of the car when it stopped, was crouched in the back seat, hunched up, refused to budge.

Dr. Kahl said the object was shaped like a "spooned 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 Jim Butler, owner of nearby Mink's Garage, but that the entire camp had been lit up by a greenish glow, and something passed over it, though he could not be sure of it.

There are only a few examples of UFO sightings which were to cause a minor appraisal of the problem.

For years, national investigators—military and civilian, including NKAP—have said there is no proof of UFO hostility, that the evidence is strongly against it. We have had reports of a few head-on passed at places, three or four times a year with witnesses, the loss of three AF officers in UFO crashes, and other accidents. With all the thousands of harmless encounters or sightings, it seemed likely these relatively few accidents were the result of human error, carelessness or perhaps mechanical failures or mistakes in control.

The recent NKAP poll (still being analyzed) shows that 80% 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 Kestey 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 NKAP 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 Star reports, it appears that skeptics are the quietest 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 R. E. McCoy and Patrol Deputy Robert Gonde, of Amarillo.

By coincidence, this incident occurred on Sept. 3, the same night as the Kestey scare. The following details are from the officers' signed report to NKAP and a signed copy of their statement to an AF investigator, Maj. Lawrence W. Leach, Jr., 2378 A-1 Base Squadron, Fort Worth AFB, Texas.

After midnight near Dalway in Borden County, Texas, sheriffs sighted an unknown 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 smaller blue one at the other.

Sheriff Gonde 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 Gonde, 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 but 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 reacted Dumbly, 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 fled 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, but they were skeptical about their things," said McCoy.

"I'm not a skeptic any more."

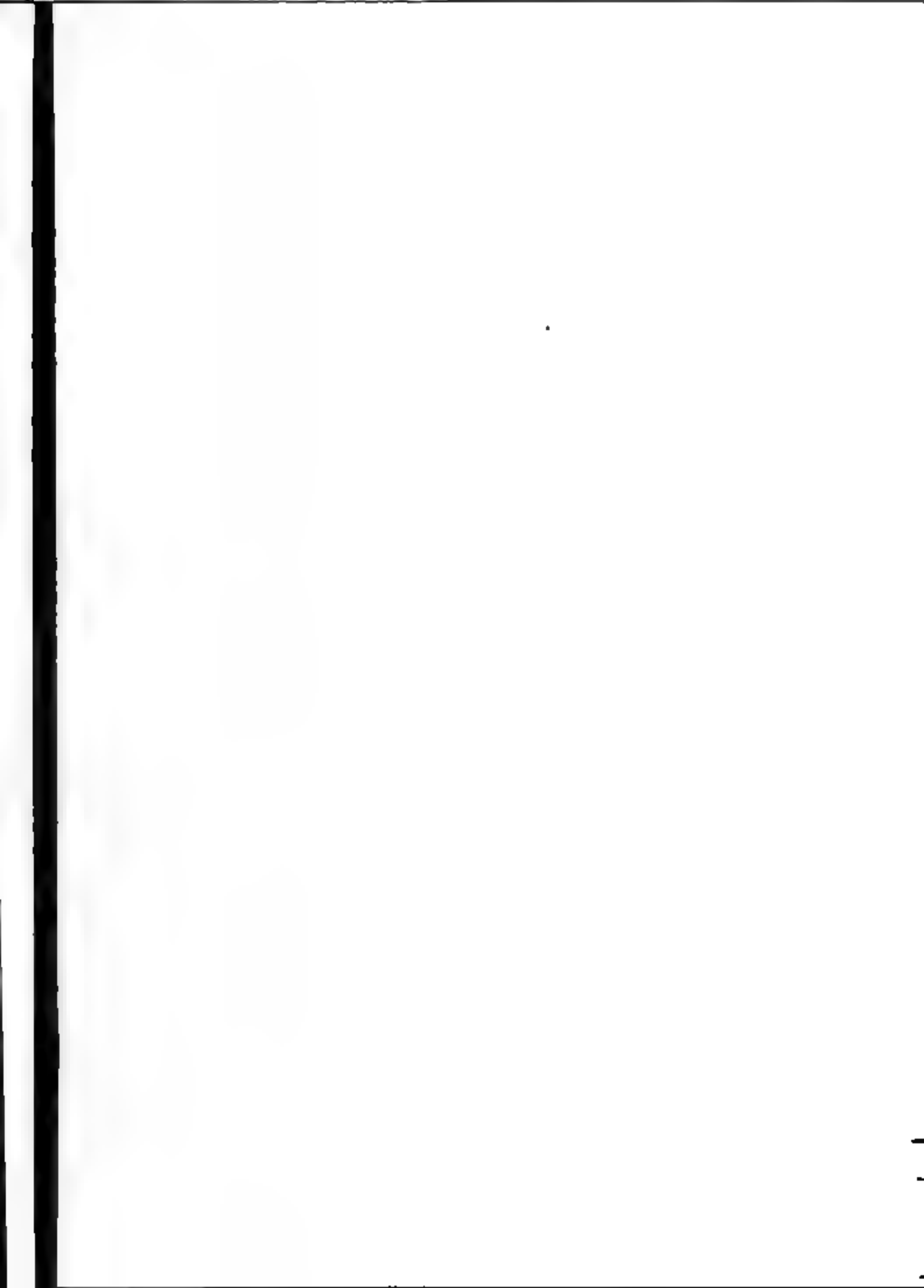
Truck drivers, like policemen, are not noted for being easily scared. But Don Tompkins, a Beatrice, Nebraska, trucker, had moments of sheer terror on the night of August 6, when a flying disc hovered near him.

"I was on 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 whining 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 beams. 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 dumb to start to tell time. The thing looked around 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 0 September 65 21/0917Z	2. LOCATION St Petersburg, Florida
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION A/C ✓
8. 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 30 deg elevation. Manuevered and climbed to 35 deg elevation. Initial direction to East for 10 deg of arc turning North and climbing. Manuevered 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.
4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual (THEODOLITE)	
7. COURSE Manuevered	
6. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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

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.
- e. (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) 0917Z / 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
 36 years of age
 13011 Bocaiega Ave.
 Madeira 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, 6 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) ██████

(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 an 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. Base 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) None

(6) None


(7) Unknown

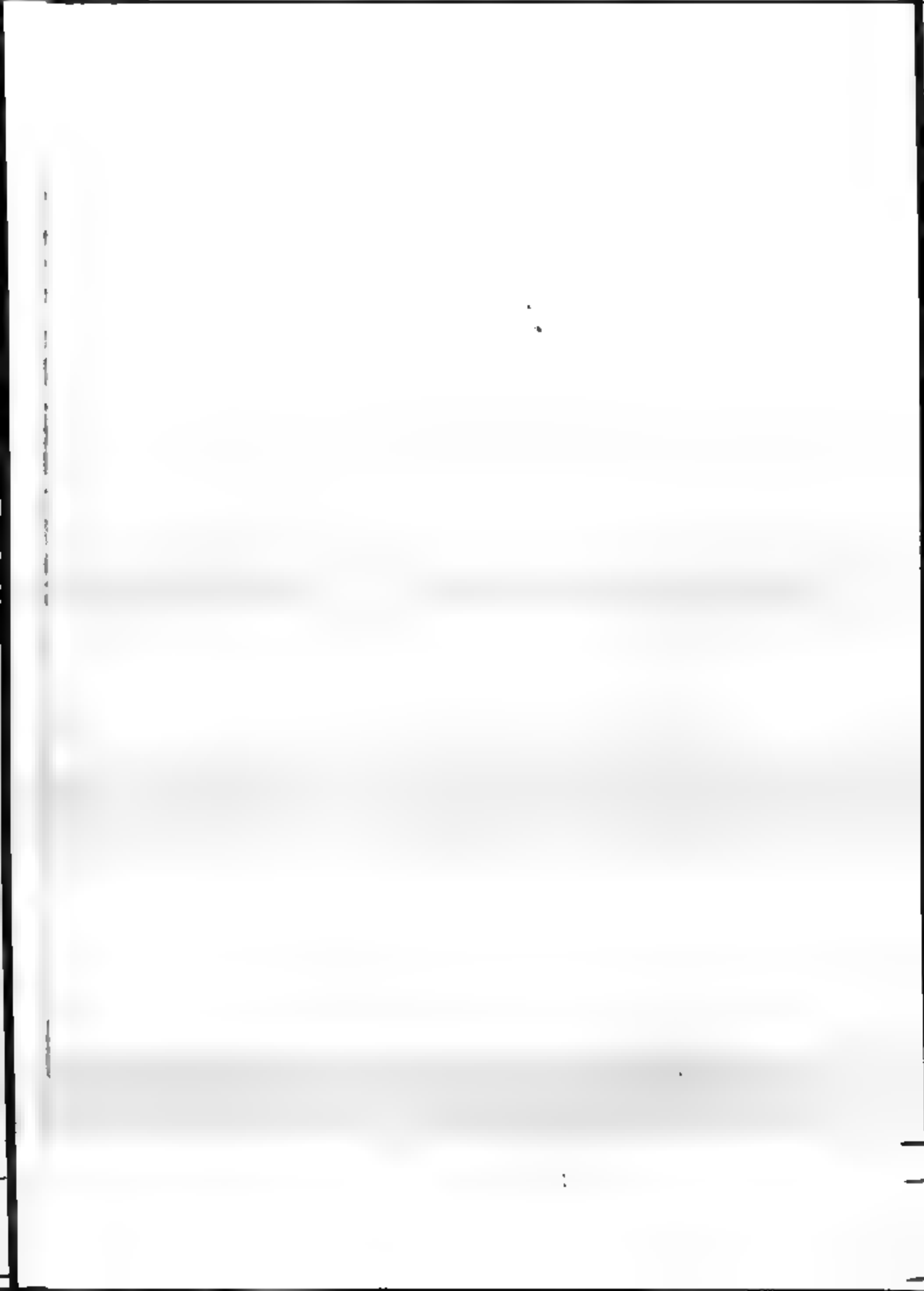
h. (1) None

i. (1) Unknown

j. (1) Unknown

k. (1) None


EDWARD G. SCHANK, Major, USAF
Director of Intelligence



NAVIGATIONAL DATA REPORT

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 11 January 66 11/1200Z	3. LOCATION 26.58N 154.46E (Pacific)
2. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION ^{OTHER} (SATELLITE DECAY) ✓
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Cosmos 53, (98%), 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

(3 WITNESSES)

U. S. NAVAL DEFENSE FORCES EASTERN PACIFIC
WESTERN SEA FRONTIER

PACIFIC RESERVE FLEET
TREASURE ISLAND
SAN FRANCISCO 30, CALIFORNIA

IN REPLY REFER TO
FF15-5:CS
3800
SER 2/

25 MAR 1966

From: Commander U. S. Naval Defense Forces Eastern Pacific
To: Commander, AFIC, 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
W. WEST
By direction

Satellite Decay
1001 (approx) 3 2
11 Jan 66 / 1202Z
18.7 Deg N / 16 409E

U.S. NAVY REPORT

3. 5. 1974

LATITUDE 25° 5' N

LONGITUDE 154° 46' E

Statement of Claunch, Robert J., A.S.

"At a little before 2200 January 11, 1974, the weather was clear and the visibility was good. I sighted a large glowing object in the starboard beam. It approached to within one mile and then altered course to a position of about 30 seconds then went to the starboard beam. It appeared to be cigar shaped with a body with a duller light aft and a brighter light forward. I first thought it was a rocket but for running lights but saw none. It did not have any lights. The lights were steady. This definitely was not a rocket. I am an Able Seaman and have been at sea for 10 years.

Robert J. Claunch
Able Seaman

Statement of Anderson, Richard M., A.S.

"Lookout phoned from the bow to bridge reporting a glow in the starboard side. I glanced out starboard and did not see anything. The lookout phoned again and said it was on the port quarter. I glanced out port and saw a glow like fire trailing behind a flying object. The object was about 15 or 20 feet. It disappeared in about 30 seconds heading in an easterly direction approximately 3 or 4 degrees above the horizon. Pointed out object to helmsman and phoned Captain. I am an Able Seaman and have been at sea for 37 years.

Richard M. Anderson
Able Seaman

Statement of Facha, John S., A.S.

"At a little before 2200 January 11, 1974, I was on duty. When the lookout reported a glow in the starboard beam, I looked out starboard and saw a glow like fire trailing behind a flying object. It appeared to be a plane on fire. I saw it for a minute when it showed a steady course. I am an Able Seaman and have been at sea for 10 years.

John S. Facha
Able Seaman

ABOVE REPORT OF THE WITNESSES

STATEMENT OF OLYNN 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 that 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, J. Fache, A.B. and a deckman 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 14 dry 15 Centigrade, sea moderate, and fine with excellent visibility, almost full moon astern with the vessel steering 257 gyro and 258 true.

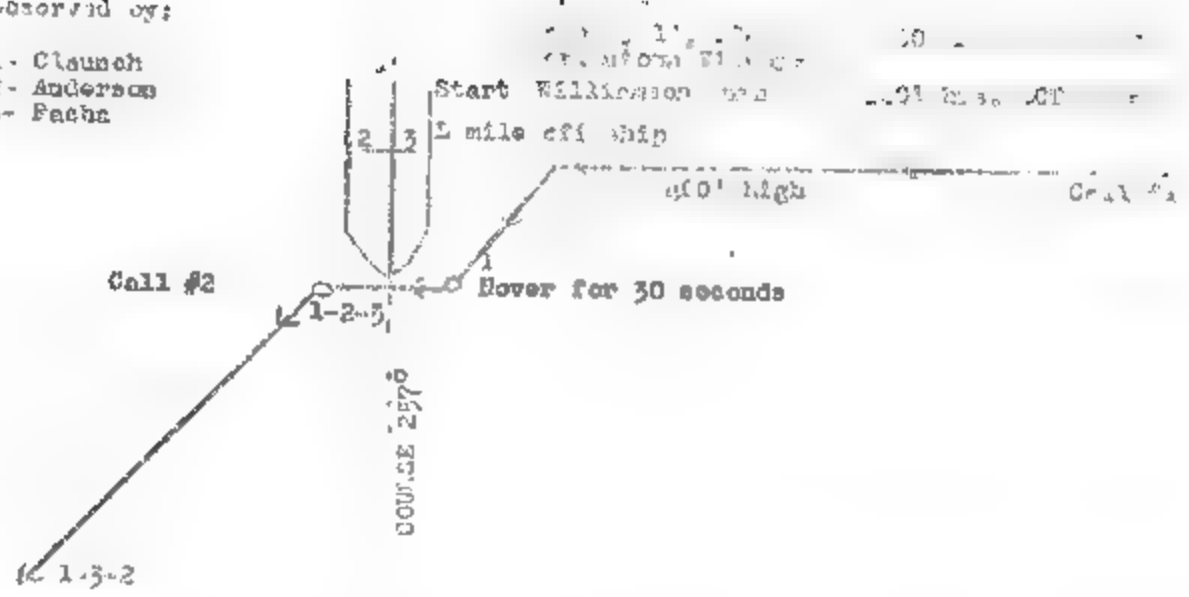
This is a fine steering vessel, a fact important in considering the possibility of poor steering and yawing which, had such been the case, might have accounted for the apparent maneuvering from the stbd to the port quarter.

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 Fache looked and saw the object. This gives a rather prolonged time element during which the object was visible."

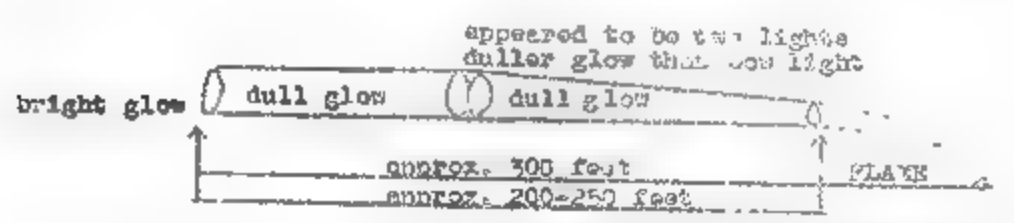

Olynn J. Petrie, Master

ENCL. (1)

Observed by:
 #1 - Claunch
 #2 - Anderson
 #3 - Pachz



Description of UFO



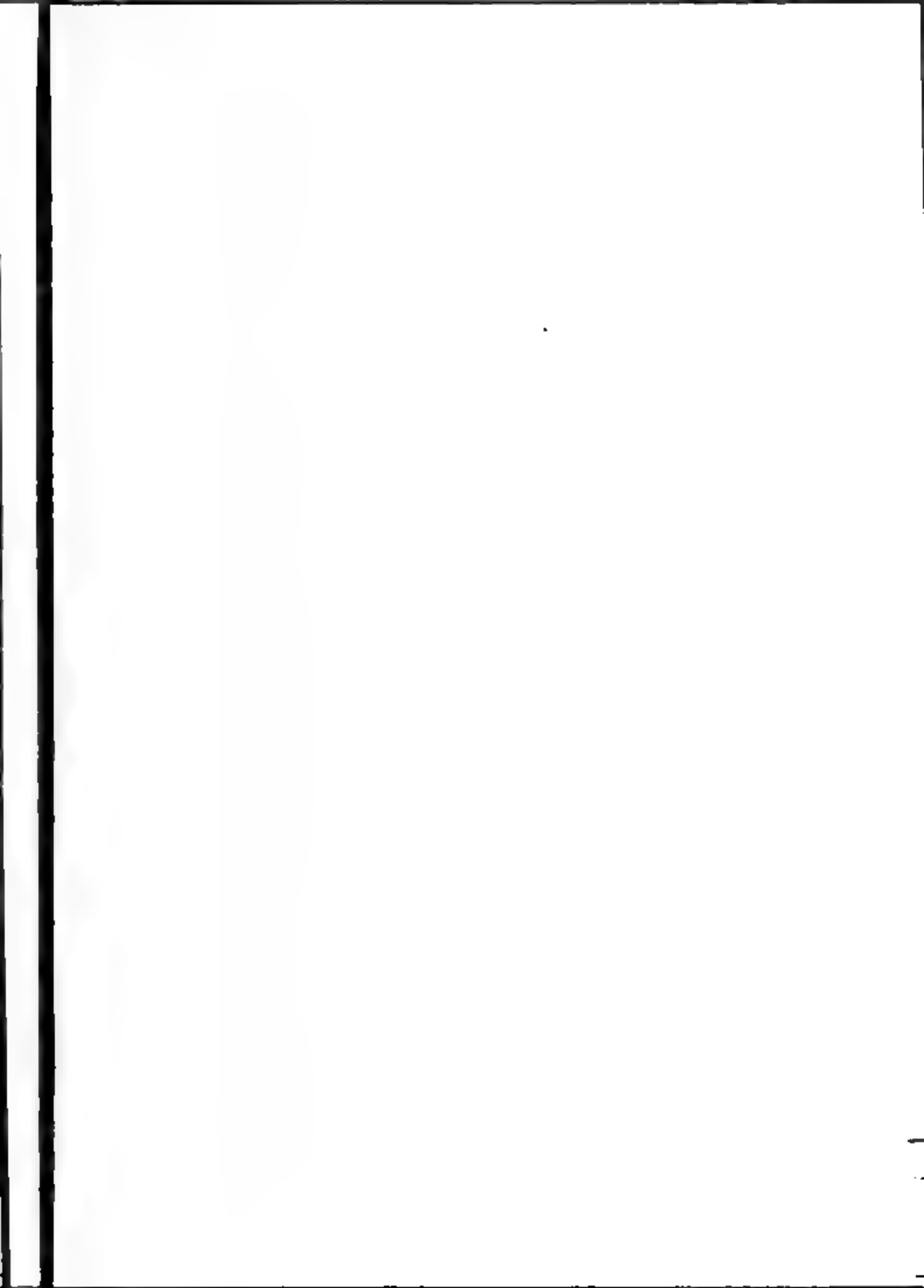
- color of UFO - appeared orange-yellow glow with a white trail aft of the two lights.
- Flame - appeared to be red-orange with direction of flame dipping downward.
- Height - approximately 35-40 feet.

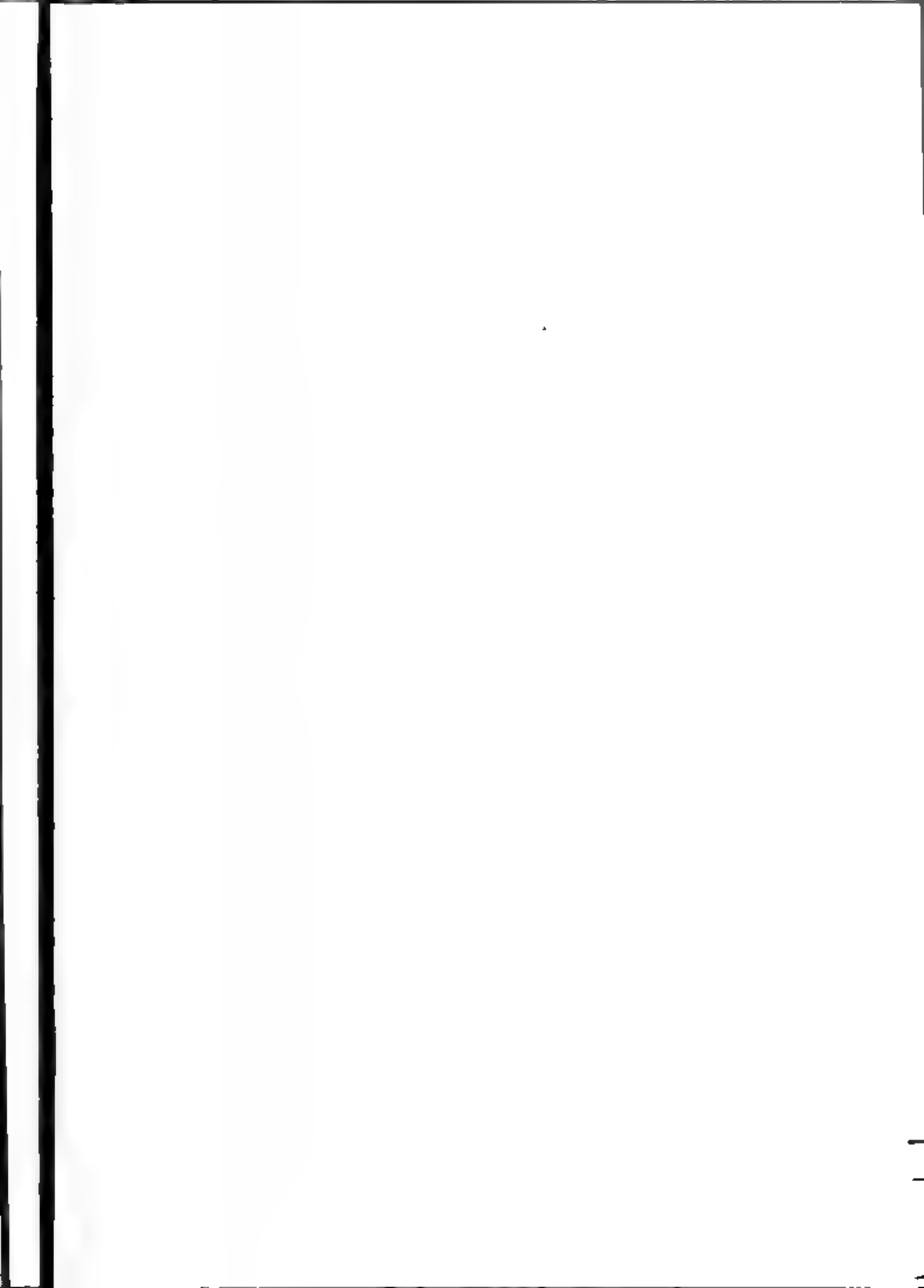
"The above drawings are accurate to show the course and description of what was seen on January 11, 1966."

Robert J. Claunch
 Robert J. Claunch, A.S.

ENCL (2)

PROPERTY







PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP Mid March 66	LOCATION SOUTHERN MICHIGAN
2. SOURCE Multiple-Civilians	10. CONCLUSION Other (MARCH 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	Multiple Witnesses

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 of Hillsdale College, certain young men have played pranks with flares. It has also been determined that the photographs released yesterday to 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 phenomenon. 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 Herschel 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 Hilldale 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 pinging 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 Sieke and Flann 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 swamps, 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 Hilldale 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 flashlight or car lights would indicate that the glow seemed bright to dark-adapted eyes. The night was dark and there was no moon. The Hilldale 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 B. 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. Caringi and Mr. Wash 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. Wash 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 McPadden 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, Tue, 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 Matty, 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-F AFB and he said he would.

Departed Young Field 1135 for Ann Arbor Airport (State Street) Contacted a Mr. Irv Glos¹⁰¹ 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. Glos said they had an electrical advertising sign but haven't used it for last two months. No night photo missions. Then contacted ~~Mr. Glos~~ 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. Rynek, 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



They described the object and its flight and it was agreed that this was an aircraft. (possible a jet w/afterburner?) Dr Rynek 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. Rynek. 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 a hold of Dr. Rynek but couldn't so we went to the Sheriff's office. Shortly after we got there Dr. Rynek 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.

10.2

Comp. No. 01058

WASHESNAW 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
3-20-66 Time 8:30 P
 Date Occurred
 Phone No.: Res. _____ Bus. _____
 Telephone XXXX Radio _____ Letter _____ in Per _____ Received by Dep. Kelly
 Officers Assigned Dep. McFadden & Fitzpatrick and Car #34
 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 unidentified object was presently located in the swamp, to the rear of the 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 observe, 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: DGP

INVEST: 60879:

upon returning to the patrol vehicle, the undersigned officers returned to the McGinnis Road address, where the MANNERS were talked to.

TALK WITH FRANK MANNER: FRANK MANNER stated that he had observed the lights coming from the swamp, and had awakened his son, RONALD. BOTH MANNERS then proceeded into the swamp 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 MANNER 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 the 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 MANNERS 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 MANNER, of 10600 McGinnis Road, Dexter, DOB: Jan 5, 1919
RONALD MANNER, of 10600 McGinnis Road, Dexter, DOB: Jan 26, 1947
Several others, names unknown.

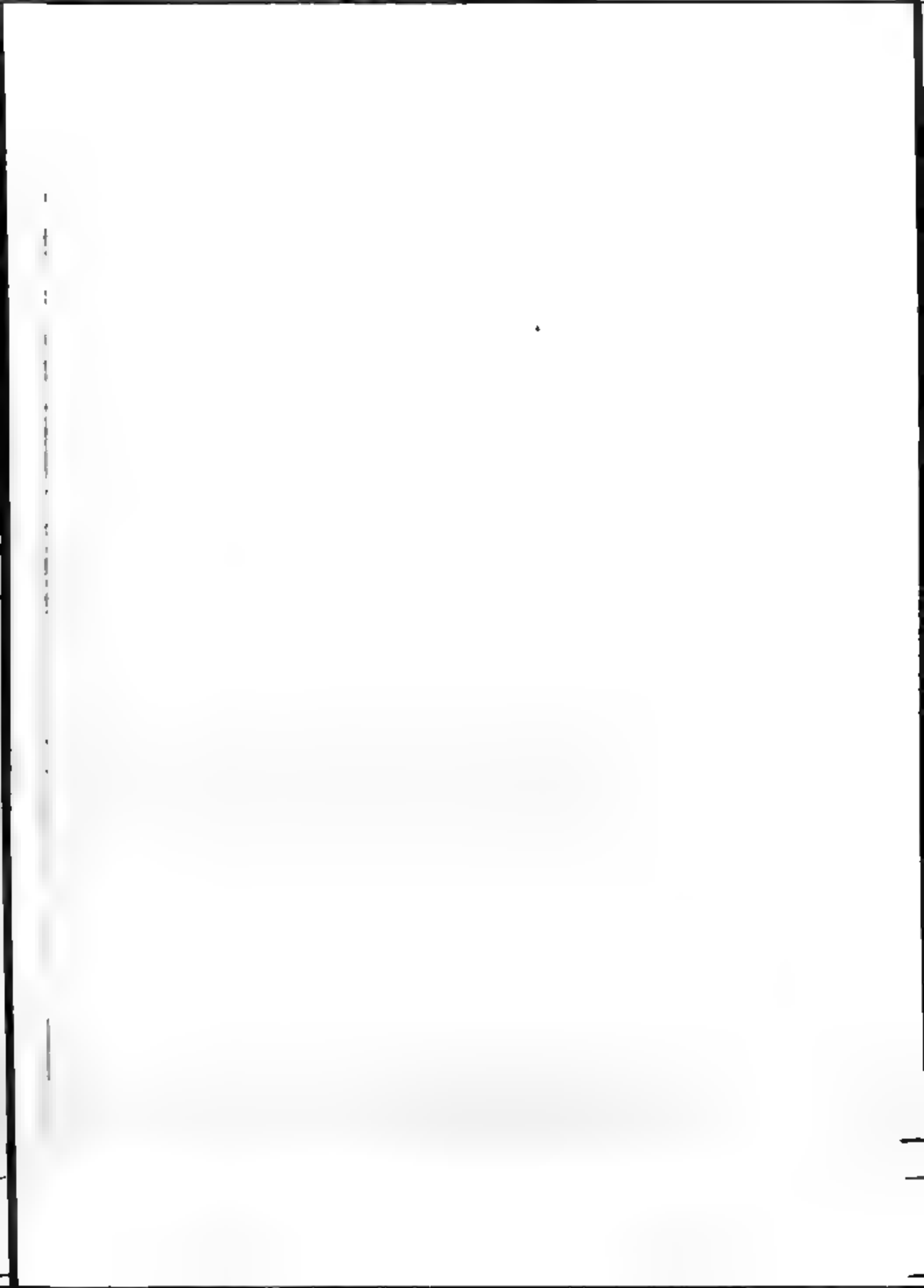
OTHER UFG SIGHTED: Shortly after the UFG was departed from the scene, CHELSEA POLICE DEPARTMENT reported sighting a similar object over the Village of Chelsea, Povering, and then departing at high rate of speed in a Westerly direction.

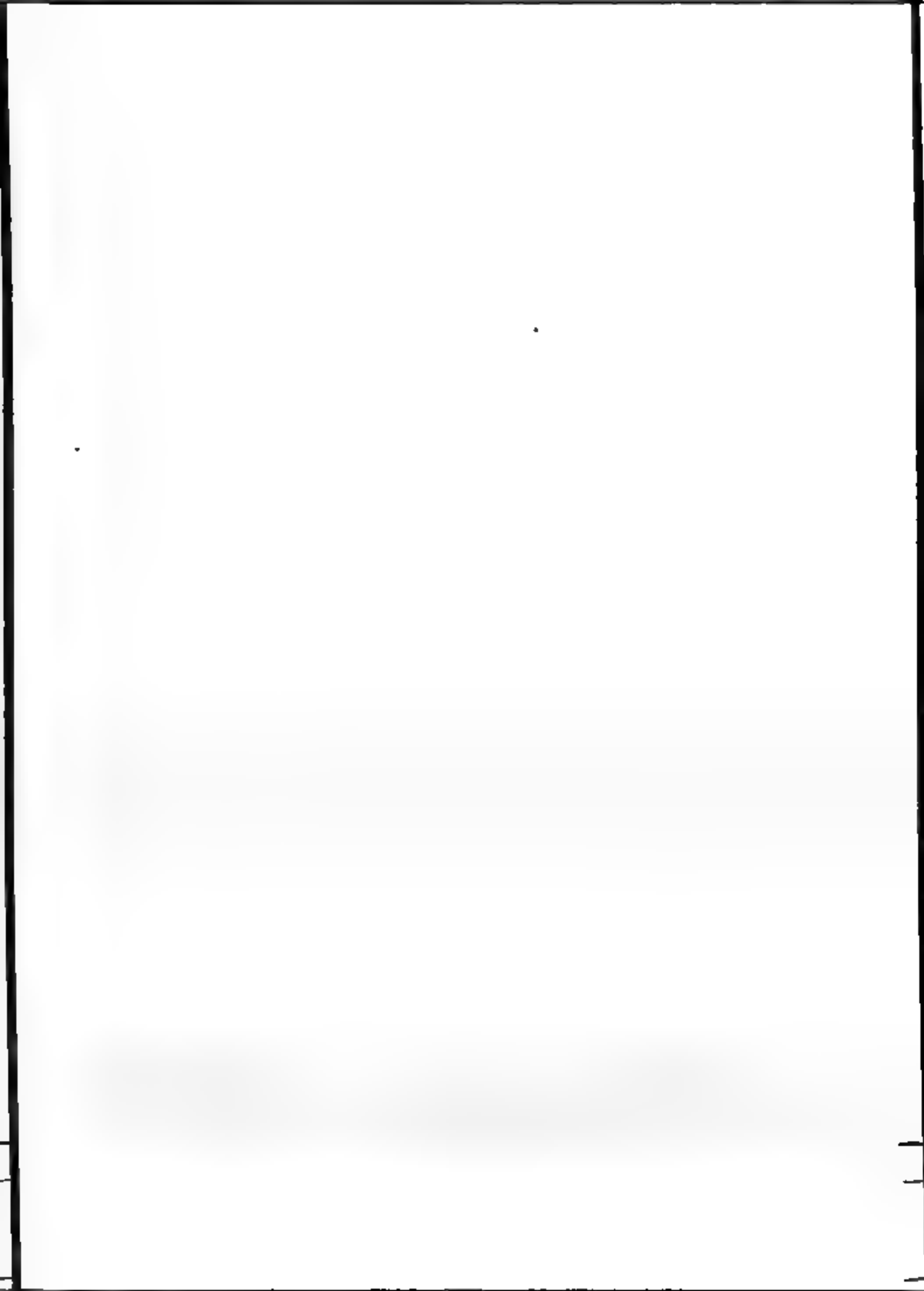
A further sighting of similar bluish-green lights was reported near the woods and swamp, North Side of N. Territorial Road, between Scully Rd., and Webster-Church Road, in Webster Twp., County of Washtenaw, by Washtenaw County Sheriff Patrol #19, however, when attempt was made to get closer, lights disappeared 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:
OPEN:

Respectfully Submitted,
Walter J. Madden
Det. W. J. Madden





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RUEBBA-APSC ANDREWS AFB MD

RUEBBA-KCQOMD USAF

RUEBHQA-OSAF WASH DC

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ATTN CLM SAFO1, FOR AFSC ATTN CLM FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION

INFO 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

NO	CD
1	OSB
2	OSP
3	US
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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 RICCHETING 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 . BINOCULARS

3. N A.

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

1. 21-0130Z TO 01-0330Z MAR

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. DUSK TO NIGHT

LOCATION OF OBSERVER CLN 8 MILES NW OF ANN ARBOR OUTSIDE OF SMALL

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TOWN OF DEXTER 8350W 4219N.

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

L. FRANK MANNOR, 12608 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

. WINDS CLN

SURFACE 210-15 (*variable*)
6M 310-25 (*variable*)
10M 320-35 (*Out of cloud cover*)
16M 310-50 (*Thunderstorms in area*)

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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

8M MINUS 1 DEG C

18M MINUS 3 DEG C

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58M MINUS 57.5 DEG C

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H. NONE

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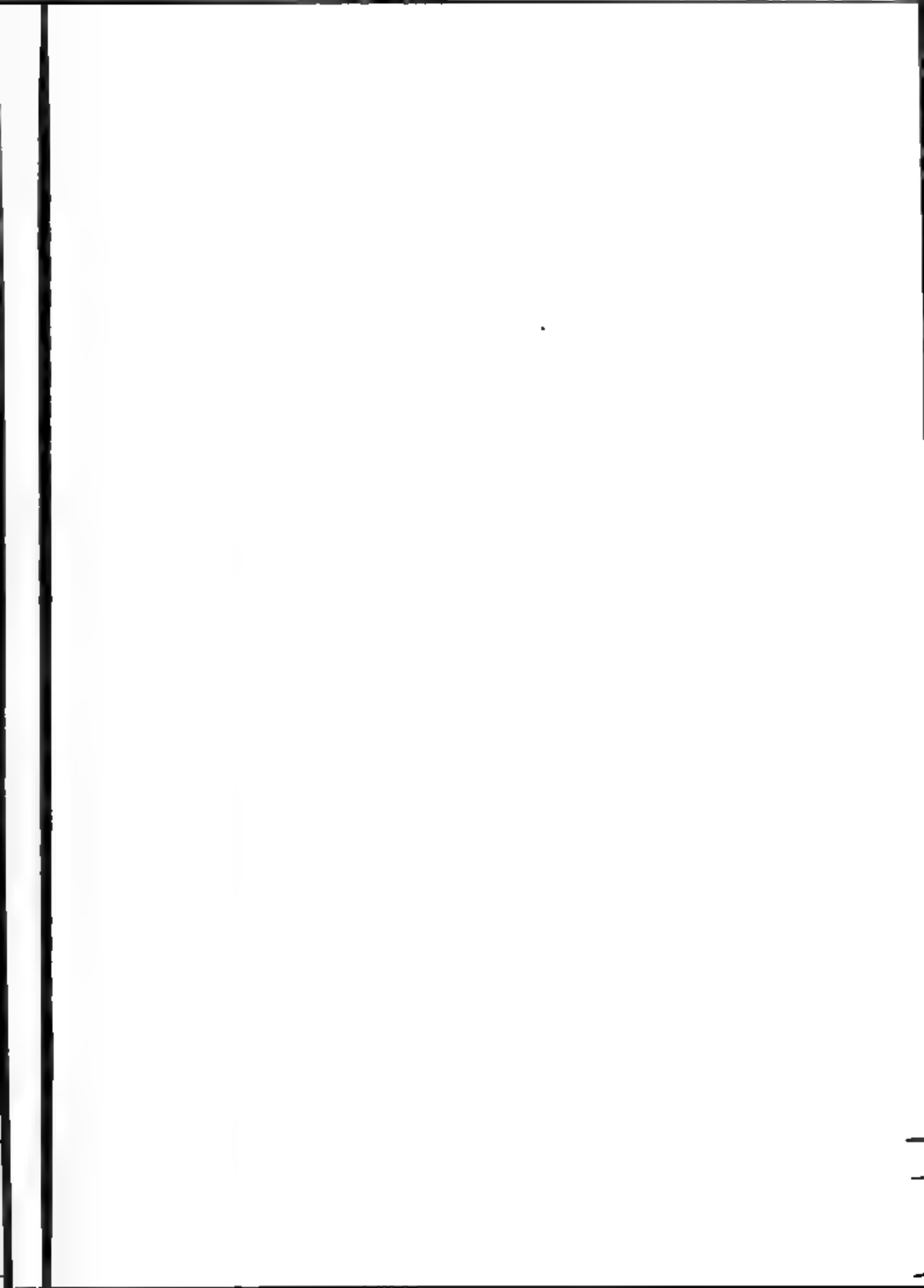
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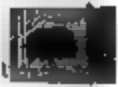
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P.O. Box 241
Mount Vernon, N.Y.
March 25, 1966

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

Mr. John E. Bortle

New York City Amateur
Astronomers Assoc., Inc.

Ethel A. Fowl
300 East Prospect Street
Kewanee, Illinois
March 25, 1966

Major Hector G. 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.

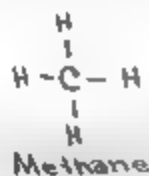
What fantastic things this mortal mind can conjure up when the unusual presents itself!

Very truly yours,

Ethel M. Fowl

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

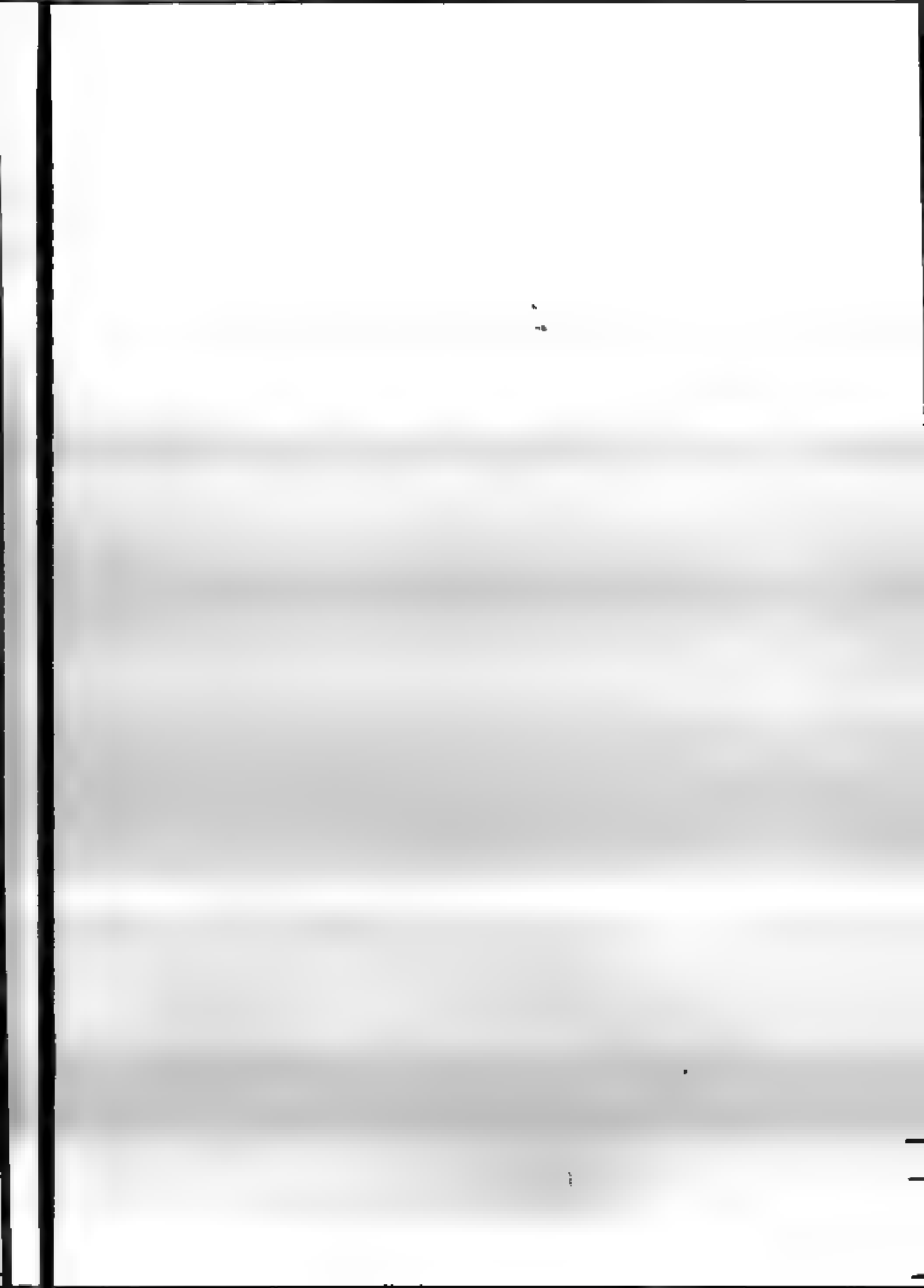


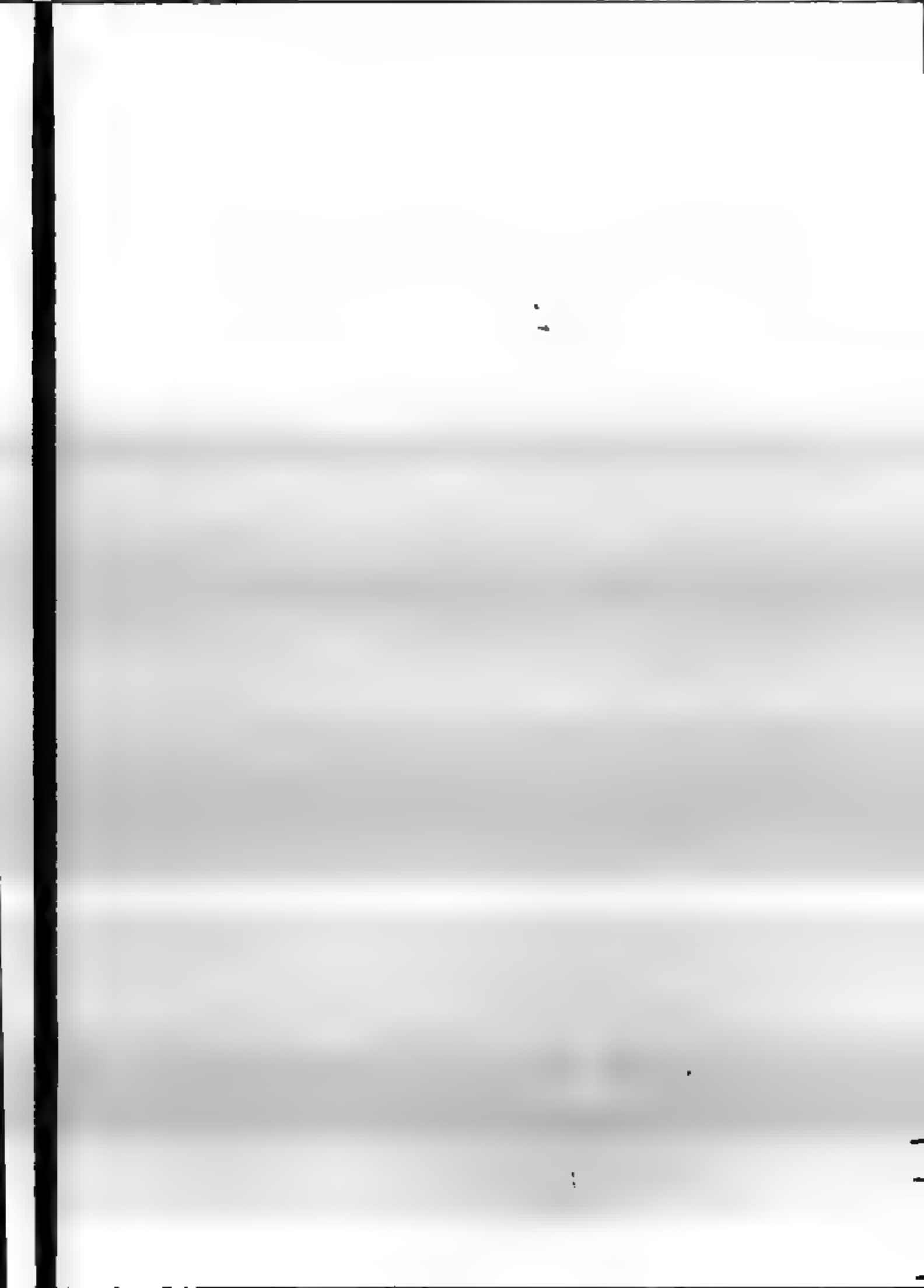
4 atoms of hydrogen combine with 1 atom of carbon to produce CH_4 or methane.

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. Mannon, 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 Mannon. 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, Depe 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 un-identified 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-Finckney 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 M 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 Mannore's 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. Mannon 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 Manby 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. ■ saw Mrs. Bearn, 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. Eearn 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.

The arrows on the sketch indicate, according to the girls, the extent of the horizontal and vertical motion of the lights.

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 enamored 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.

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 Mannawill), 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 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 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 Hilldale 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 Hilldale 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. Manner 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 newspaper 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 SCIENTIFIC CONSULTANT

The Air Force is not a scientific organization, and this I am happy to say. I will refer to the two principal events as reported as 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 reasonable 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 70 years in this and other countries, I am prepared to discuss the Dexter and Hillsdale sightings.

Now in addition to those 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 Milbar, Mich., and have no reference whatsoever to the sightings of Mars 20 or 21st, and are without any question a time exposure of the rising crescent moon and the plane 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 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-

trommer, 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 Cedar and Hillside 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 $^{32}\text{H}_2$. 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 phosphorus 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 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.

DEARBORN OBSERVATORY
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
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.

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 at Dexter and Hilldale--and Ann Arbor and Chelsea along with Dexter, despite the help of A2C Manby (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 sitting 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 sent 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 descriptions 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 across. 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. Manner to have a camera ready, certainly the people at Hilledale, 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 Hilledale case:

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In Hilledale 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 enamored of 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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J. Allen Hyman

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REPORT ON THE INVESTIGATION OF THE DEXTER, MICHIGAN SIGHTING OF 20 MARCH AND THE HILLSDALE, MICHIGAN SIGHTING OF 21 MARCH 1966

The two ^{primary} sightings at Dexter and Hillsdale, respectively, may be called the crucial sightings which became the focal point of local attention (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 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
- Mrs Bearn, housewife at Hillsdale college
- Miss Joe Wilson
- Miss Sara Robachak // Two students at Hillsdale whom Mrs. Homan chose as having had the greatest first hand knowledge.
- Patrolman Clyde Mores
- Patrolman Sharpe
- (Sgt. Schuerder, Depe Bushra and Anderson were contacted by A2C Hanby)

* Funeral director and Civ. 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 (ave) station have} ~~which can be said to~~ ^{This} 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 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 un-identified 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

the continuation of events.

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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 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 undersigned officers returned to the McClinnis 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 ~~through~~ 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: ~~REOPEN~~ 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 [↑]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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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 Manner 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 Manner and his son who ~~soon~~ 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} ~~the~~ source was apparently hidden by a slight rise in the terrain, ^{the} ~~the~~ glow disappeared.

Deputy Fitzpatrick did not see it again, ^{that} ~~that~~ Mr Manner reported ^{that} ~~that~~ as he ^{approached} ~~observed~~ ^{the depression} ~~the depression~~ ^{with the} ~~flashlight~~ ^{approach} (the area of the glow) the glow disappeared there and immediately appeared at a more distant point of the swamp. Mr Manner described the motion of the glow as a smooth horizontal motion which did not follow the contour 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 Weber-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 which would have proceeded with a bumpy motion because of the irregularities in the terrain. Mr Mannon indicated that the glow in various parts of the swamp lasted for 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 3 hours. The stories of Mr Mannon and Deputies Mc Padden do not exactly agree here but this might be due to their different advantage points.

^{the Mannon's}
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 McPadden ~~direct-through~~ ^{drew} figure #4, though he had ~~indicated~~ ^{stated} to me that he had not seen the object himself. Mannon 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 ~~Bill~~ ^{who} Munnwill and his wife/were in one car, and Officer ~~Baiche~~ ^{Baiche} ~~stated~~ ^{asked} the returning officers whether they had seen the light ^{directly} above them. ~~Stated~~ ^{the new} that four lights were hovering directly above the officers while they were conducting their search in the swamp, ^{and expressed surprise that} Deputy Munnwill stated that one of the lights came directly towards his car, passing ~~at~~ slightly to the right. Mrs Munnwill had rolled the window down and, peering out, stated that she observed the ball of light to pass very close to the car. Officer Munnwill 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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did 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. ^{indicates that the light must have been very close.} This high angular rate, if correct, would indicate that the light must have been very close. Before proceeding with ^{a discussion} 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 Doc 2.}

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Case B - Hillsdale, Michigan

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On Thursday, March 26th 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 efficient} ~~effective~~ 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 visible ^{to the east} from the dormitory near the ground. Van Horn went to the back roof of his house and for ^{at} 10 minutes scanned the skies and could see ~~nothing~~ nothing. He did see a white light in the SW which ^{he stated} ~~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

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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, "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} of Miss Jo Wilson and Miss Sara Robacheck ~~and~~. The girls had the room dark and windows open ^{and} 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 Hearn ^{who} took us up to the ^{sightings} ~~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 "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 ^{viewed} ~~saw~~ there was no house.

Christmas

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They reported no tangible object. They did remark, although there was such 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 consistent story relative to this, in contrast to the ^{fairly} ~~white~~ 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 a level the trees} to about 150 feet above the swamp, appearing to get brighter as it rose, then rather quickly ^{as} dimming out, 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} ~~these~~ ascent and descent some four times between 11:30 pm 21 March and 10:5 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 ~~quixxy~~ print, just for the record, which I have ~~never~~ ^{never} ~~not yet~~ received. I will not also report at this time the many ^{peripheral} ~~peripheral~~ ^{oral} ~~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, Clye Myers and Charles Sharpe and a number of his ^{men}), and the police in Dexter Michigan (Captain Taylor and his men, notably Officer Runavill), 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 ~~take~~ other witnesses, and came away with the general impression that I had ~~not~~ ^{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 as~~ 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 Hilledale 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 Hilledale cases. These had many
interesting points in common; first, the lights ^{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 ~~of~~ 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

^{girls} of the ~~light~~ 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 ~~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 ~~escape~~, ^{SWAPS,} 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 ~~however~~ 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 field in Ann Arbor and ~~whose~~ whose invaluable aid I enlisted. I would like to give credit to the scientists I ~~talked~~ 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.

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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 Plans. 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~~ ^{light} ~~illuminance~~ ^{is} a form of low temperature chemical luminescence which does not char or burn grass, etc. The lights generally are ~~evanescent~~ ^{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 ~~produced~~ ^{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 ~~lighter~~ 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 ~~all~~ satisfied ^{both} at Dexter and Hilldale.

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 produces methane, hydrogen sulfide, ^{water} CH_4 and H_2S in ample quantities ^{under} of 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

^{I am told that this} material, ~~which would taste~~ then releases a distinct odor, ~~3-mercapt-~~

^{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 ^{burn,} ignite, ^{PH_3 , namely P_2H_4 ,} I am told, that a small impurity in the PH_3 , ~~name PH_3~~ is highly flammable and when exposed to air spontaneously ignites, ^{this} which then

apparently can serve to ignite the other gases. The phenomena 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} ~~ignis fatuus~~, fog lights, etc, have

had many stories ^{wove} around them, including ~~such~~ stories ^{of} of 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} to a body of scientific colleagues than to a
roaring ^{pack} 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} ^{OM} phenomena which
has now plagued us for a score of years, and has been responsible for

countless words in newspaper 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

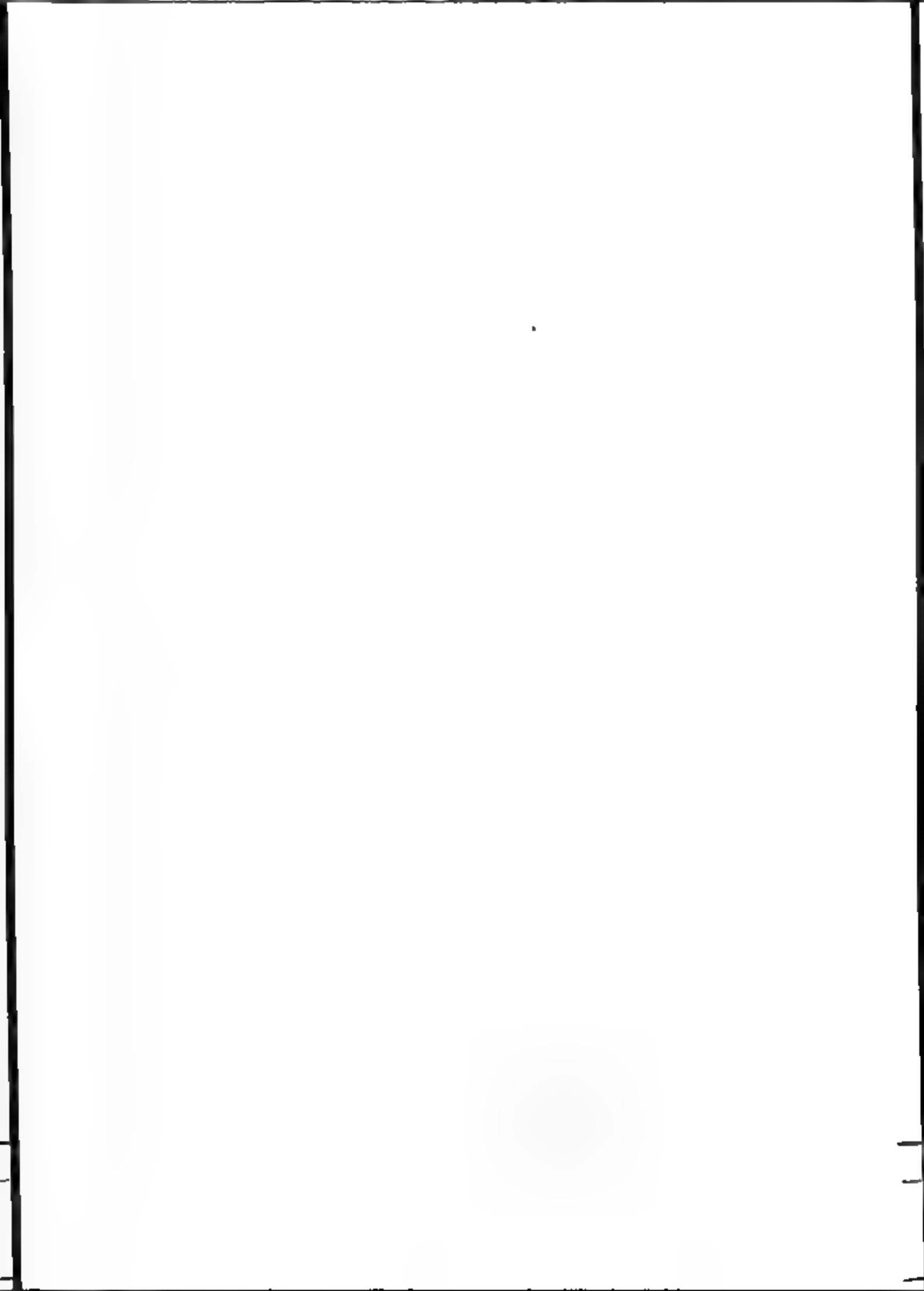
~~for~~ any scientific investigation is concerned for the quality of the
basic data, much more attention should be paid to the immediate gathering
and processing of such data. I would be most happy to submit a ~~more~~ specific

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 ~~inter~~ ^{files}

— End of Janet F.

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE



P.O.Box 241
Mount Vernon, N.Y.
March 25, 1966

Major Hector Quintanilla
Air Force UFO Project
Wright-Patterson A.F. Base
Dayton, Ohio

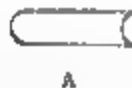
Dear Major Quintanilla:

If Dr. Hynek has not already notified you of the facts I have listed below I will most certainly explain the "Illogically Photographs".

Whether or not it was a UFO or a photograph is a matter of fact. It does not show UFO's out of the blue in the black Venus and the moon. There seems to sit on a hill. If the data 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 $30'$ then the separation of the two UFO's is 10° .
- 6) During a ten minute time exposure a celestial object will trail about 11° 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 11° .
- 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 J. Bortle

John J. Bortle
New York City Amateur
Astronomers Assoc., Inc.

Ethel A. Fox
509 East Prospect Street
Kewanee, Illinois
March 25, 1966

Major Hector G. 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. Fox

SOME DAY . . .

Saucers for Real? That Would Bore Us

By New York Times Service
WASHINGTON, Mar 28—
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 alien 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 missiles 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 saucers. 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 burndrum of daily existence along with the comings and goings of Lyndon B. Johnson, the crash of airplanes 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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'Invasion'—by Something

*From Australia to Michigan, a
ferry of more UFO sightings*



CHICAGO—Not for all these years
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Luminous Pulsating Shapes That Hover in the Night



Walt 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-red object that gave off a yellowish light." The object in her house "scoped in a camera and started back. Roth's eye also caught the object on the horizon (top-left), and then it flew out and vanished (bottom left).

This photograph of an unidentified object in the sky was taken last fall in Alan South, a 16-year-old Tulsa newspaper boy, and subsequently was copyrighted by the Oklahoma Journal Publishing Co. It was "hanging color from white to red to blue-green," Alan said later. "It pulsed with a high whining sound coming from it. At the second year marker, the light was brighter. It was in the clouds

'It wasn't no hollabillusion,' said the farmer, and 52 agreed

From a small farm in the heart of the South, a farmer has led a crusade against the "hollabillusion" of flying saucers. He is the only farmer in the country to have led such a crusade.

For the past 10 years, he has been the only farmer in the country to have led such a crusade. He is the only farmer in the country to have led such a crusade.

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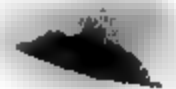
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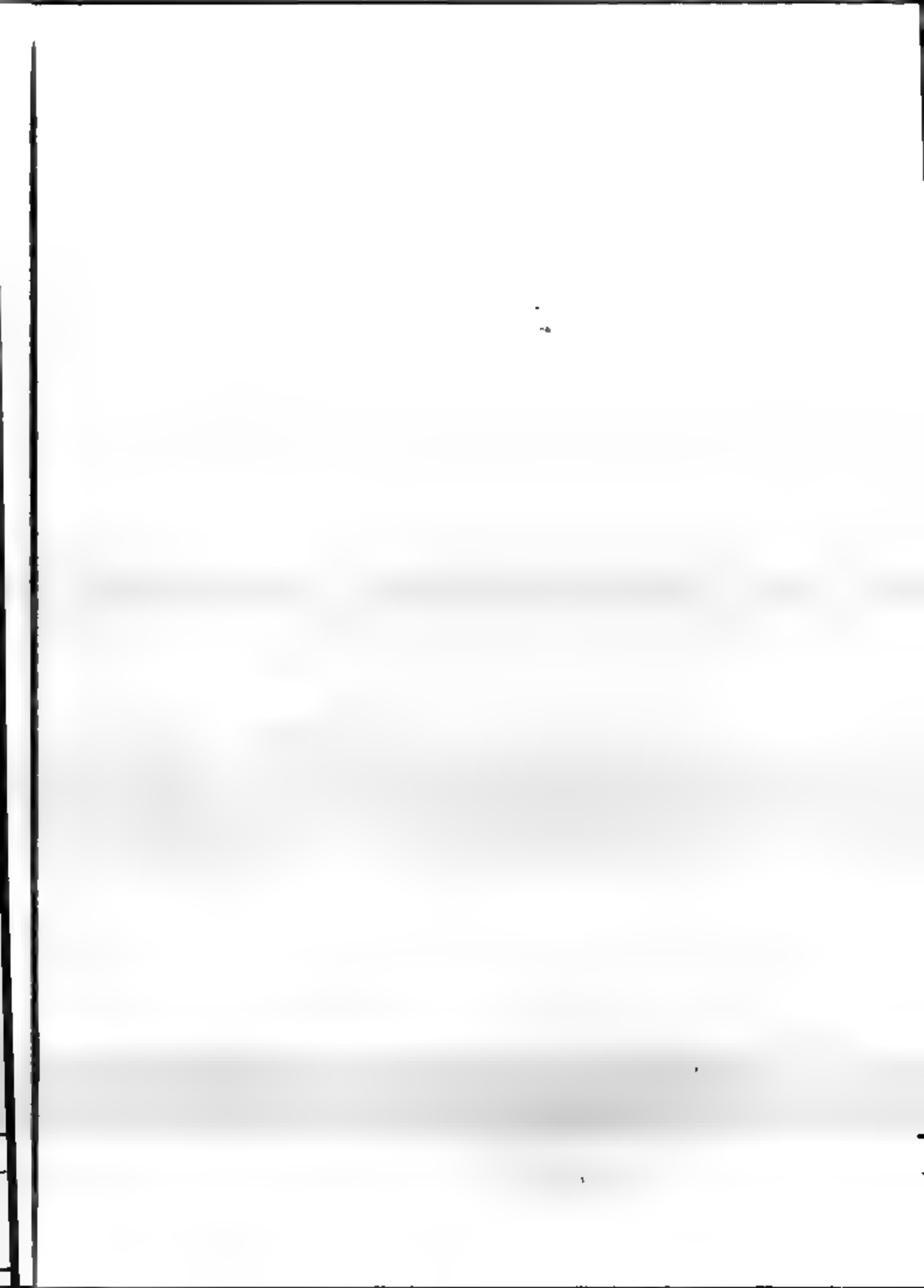
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Calls of 31 Mar ' 1964

MEMORANDUM Mr Snyder, 321-2132, Chicago Daily News. Science ~~right~~ writer, he has met up with a strange situation, they have made a villain of Dr. Hynek in the paper. He would like to write an article titled "The perils of an UFO Investigator". There have been many unkind words about Dr Hynek. Major said that as far as he was concerned there is not one in this country more knowledgeable than Dr Hynek about UFO phenomena. He has been a consultant to this project for the last 18 years. His reputation is with out question, especially in the field of UFOs. Swamp gas is not an unique phenomena, I received a letter from a lady in Illinois who also thought that is what it was. Major read the letter to Mr. Snyder. I doubt if I could get a reputable scientist to go out and investigate a case like Dr Hynek. You can't satisfy 100% of the people, there always some who will not believe you. Major explained the general UFO program.



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 Radio, 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 ~~is~~ on the Michigan case.

Maj Davis - Safel - Selfridge is sending us a rept. It was reported by two or three people - they came up with nothing. Operations secretary was typing the report. Major Davis wants evaluation.

SAPBI - 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

WKX News in Cleveland, Steve Fuller. We haveno reports from Cleveland whatsoever. Dr Hynek is going to assist in investigation by Selfridge.

Mr White Thomas, 222-3536 - We regard all UFO reports as

serious. These are all standard notions. Sent Dr H to help investigate. As soon as we get info it will be released.

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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, WJL JONES - 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 ~~it~~ we expected results tomorrow.

Dr Thomas Healy, University of Florida ~~2907 Hill~~ - 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 UFOs 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~~ aid of our office that he would be doing a service not only ~~to~~ to the Air Force but to the scientific community as well.
~~Major~~ 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 - WJL JONES, Dayton - The investigation is still being conducted.

JACK JONES - DAYTON DAILY NEWS, Dayton - hope to have ~~it~~ results tomorrow afternoon.

WJL JONES - WJL-D, Dayton - Hope to have results tomorrow afternoon, etc.

Fred Star, 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. I. Fridge, 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

WLFF Radio Station, Indianapolis, Indiana - Wanted to know if we had received report of a UFO landing in a gravel pit last night at 935pm in Indianapolis and ~~asked~~ 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 observer we ~~it~~ could do nothing.

Thanked us.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

, Columbus, 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 Detroit 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.

RATNER 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.

CALLS OF 30 March 1966

J. Gibbons, Columbus, Dispatch. One UFO Officer at each base Told him approximately how many reports of aerial phenomena, how many reports from Ohio in the past week. We had four yesterday and 1 over the weekend. If reports are identified by local APB they are not forwarded to W-F. To get the specific number of reports received it would take a little research.. We have the information up to date as much as possible ^{but} with the publicity we have been having, which takes a lot of our time, it is hard to ~~g~~ keep a running count of statistics. We have had inquiries regarding the sightings in Michigan, everyone has been calling about it. Have had very few calls regarding local observations. If reports from the Columbus area have been submitted to us we will give the information ~~to~~ on them to him. Gave him the statistics for this year.

Paul Parker, WINS (NEW YORK) -Started with Michigan business. Said he had a wire saying that Major didn't really think it was swamp gas, nor did Dr. Hynak. Parker had a report from Mert Young. Major Quintanilla said that his wire was in error. Major looked it up (swamp gas) talked to chemists and researched it. Major Quintanilla had not spoken with Mert Young. Major Quintanilla said I believe it is swamp gas. It was researched thoroughly before we came to the conclusion. Parker wanted to know how these lights got in the swamp. You have fire (their is methane and it is a vapor. Major gave the statistics ~~for~~ for this year. I have been in Blue Book for 32 months and I have satisfied myself that these objects are not extra-terrestrial ~~in~~ in nature. The vast majority of cases are misinterpretation of conventional objects. Nobody should expect me to identify 100% of the cases. We are dealing with others peoples experiences and interpretations. I have no indication that any advanced intelligence from outer space has visited with us.

Calls of 31 March 1966.

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Mr Snyder, 321-2132, Chicago Daily News. Science ~~rights~~
writer, he has met up with a strange situation, they have made a villain
of Dr. Hynek in the paper. He would like to write an article titled
"The perils of an UFO Investigator". There have been many unkind words
about Dr Hynek. Major said that as far as he was concerned there is no
one in this country more knowledgeable than Dr Hynek about UFO phenomena.
He has been a consultant to this project for the last 18 years. His reputa-
tion is with out question, especially in the field of UFOs. Swamp gas
is not an unique phenomena, I received a letter from a lady in Illinois
who also thought that is what it was. Major read the letter to Mr. Snyder
I doubt if I could get a reputable scientist to go out and investigate a
case like Dr Hynek. You can't satisfy 100% of the people, there always
some who will not believe you. Major explained the general UFO program.

CALLS OF 23 MARCH 1966

WENS, 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.

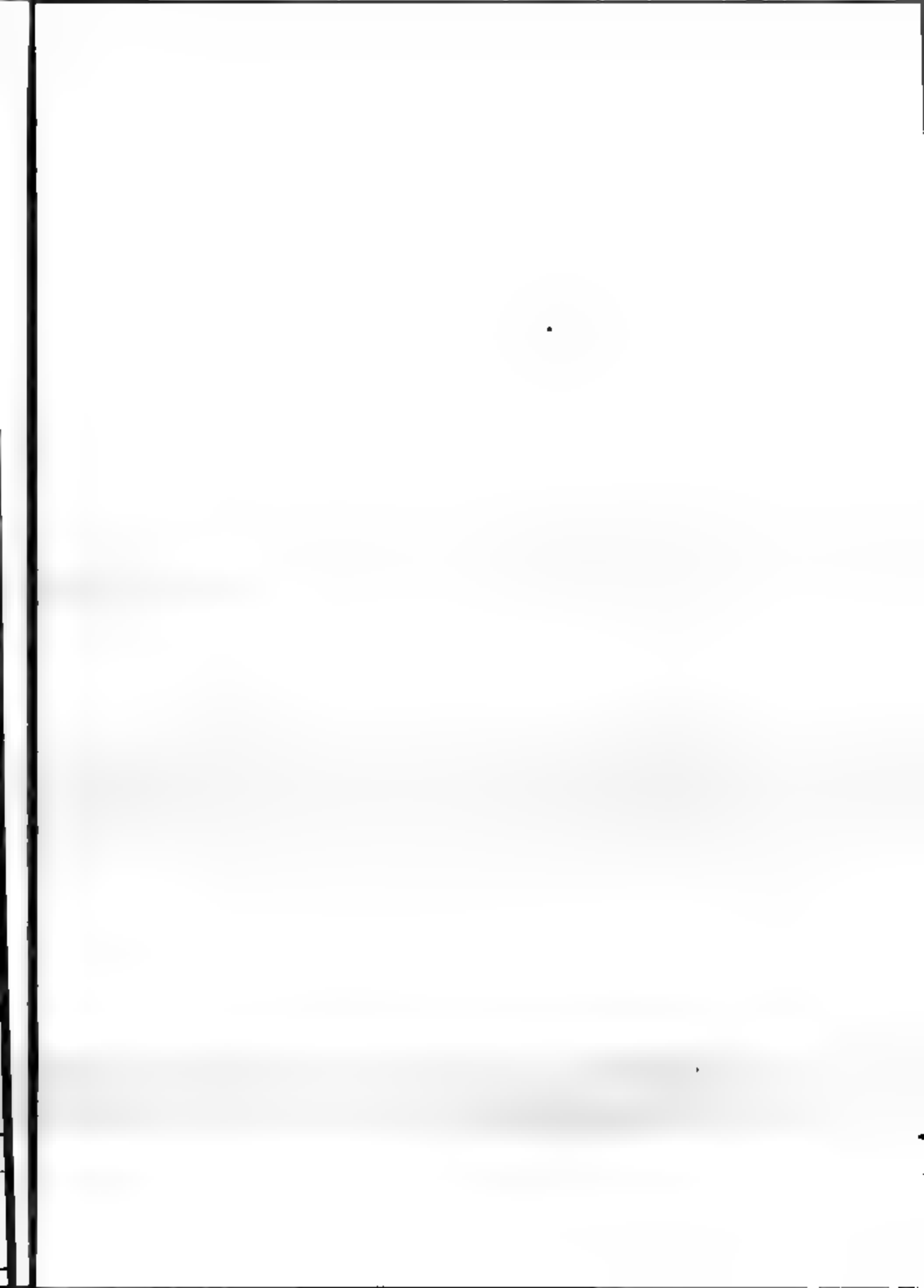
CRAIG EDWARDS, CINCINNATI - Seen on Wire that W-F is having a rash of sightings. Major said he didn't know how we got on the wire. Gave information on the program to date.

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 UF^V 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.



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REPORT ON THE INVESTIGATION OF THE DEXTER, MICHIGAN SIGHTING OF
20 MARCH AND THE HILLSDALE, MICHIGAN SIGHTING OF 21 MARCH 1964

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 McPadden
- Deputy David Fitzpatrick
- Patrolman Bunnawill
- Colonel Gerald G. Miller
- Chief Taylor
- Mr Frank Mannon
- 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 - Clevela Police
- Mrs Beano
- Miss Joe Wilson
- Miss Sara Robeckok
- Patrolmen Clyde Mers
- Patrolman _____ Sharpe
- (Sgt. Schuerder, Depts Bushra and Anderson were contacted by A2C Han'v)

My questions were specifically directed toward determining what was visible 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 7:35 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 (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 observed on. 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: ~~CASE~~ OPEN

Mr. Wagner, the complainant, is the son-in-law of Mr. Mannor who made the original sighting. Mr. Mannor 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 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

proceeded towards the glowing along a path marked by a dotted line.
(a path which I almost exactly repeated on Wednesday, 27 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 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 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 was apparently
hidden by a slight rise in the terrain ^{where} the glow disappeared.
Deputy Fitzpatrick did not see it again, ^{that} Mr Mannor reported ^{that}
as he ^{approached} ^{the} ^{depression} ^{with} ^{their} ^{flashlights} ^{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 2½ - 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 ~~of~~ object depicted in figures 3 & 4. Deputy McFadden ~~direct-through~~ ^{drew} 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~~ ^{John} Mannavill and his wife ^{who} were in one car, and Officer ~~Wichoo~~ ^{Bushro - in another,} ~~stated~~ ^{asked} 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, ^{and expressed suspicion that} Deputy Mannavill stated that one of the lights came directly towards his car, passing ~~at~~ slightly to the right. Mrs Mannavill had rolled the window down and, peering out, stated that she observed the ball of light to pass very close to the car. Officer Mannavill had ~~talked~~ ^{turned} the car motor off to check whether any sound came from the ball of light. As he

officers had not seen the light,

there was none.

dit 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 close
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 Dexta.*

Case B - Hillsdale, Michigan

Handy

On Thursday, March 24th I traveled to Hillsdale with Ann Handy
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 *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
visible ^{to the east} from the dormitory near the ground. Van Horn went to the
back roof of his house and for *10* 10 minutes scanned the skies
and could see ~~stain~~ 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

he saw nothing in the area of the sky to the ^{and east} northeast. This was reported to the girls but they called back at 1105 (Barbara Conn) 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 was seen by Mrs Hearne, 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 Miss Sara Robeck ~~ward~~. The girls had the room dark and windows open ^{and} 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 #10). Both girls told us that attention was first called by a casual glance out of the window which led to a 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 ~~some~~ tree lights, according to the girls, were close to the ground in the marsh area, where, they obviously ^{knew} there was no house.

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They reported no tangible object. They did remark, although there was much confusion, ~~however, that~~ ^{however, that} several of the girls had seen a very bright light sweep past the window, ^{just before the beam} I could get not consistent story relative to this, in contrast to the ^{fairly} ~~wide~~ consistent description to the lights in the swamp. right time.

According to Van Horn, the lights were surrounded by a glow which rose every once in awhile To a level 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.

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 visited this shop
at Hillsdale and discovered that, as far as I was concerned, I did
give him \$2 for a ~~print~~ print, just for the record, which I have
not yet received. I will not also report at this time the many
peripheral
~~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, Elve Myers and Charles Sharpe
and a number of his men), and the police in Dexter Michigan (Captain
Taylor and his men, notably Officer Hunn) 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

he had photographed a blimp

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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 rightnesses, 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 were definitely
were associated with a swamp area. 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, 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/~~relationship~~ ^{reddish} yellow, and green lights were reported ~~plus~~ a general ~~glow~~ yellow glow. The spectacular lights, when reported, were stated to be of limited area. One ^{girl} of the ~~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.

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 seamps, 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 have or 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~~ 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.

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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. In addition, phosphine P_2H_4 is produced by the reduction of phosphorous compounds in the marsh material. These three gases are not ordinarily do not spontaneously ignite, I am told, that a small impurity in the P_2H_4 , name P_2H_6 is highly flammable and when exposed to air spontaneously ignites which then apparently can serve to ignite the other gases. The phenomena of swamp lights is apparently quite well known and references to it are ample in the literature. Even in unknown technical literature these lights, variously as willow-of-the-wisp ignis, Phostus, fog lights etc. have had many stories woven around them including such stories as these lights being the souls of the departed as well as elemental mythical entities

Technically they are treated in two books to which I had ready access. Light and Colour in the Open Sky, by Minnaert and Chemistry of Sienko and Flona. 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 evanescent turning off here for a moment or so going out, and appearing some feet or yards away, as another phase 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 Manner 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 later would quickly dissipate the gas as it bubbled up from underneath).

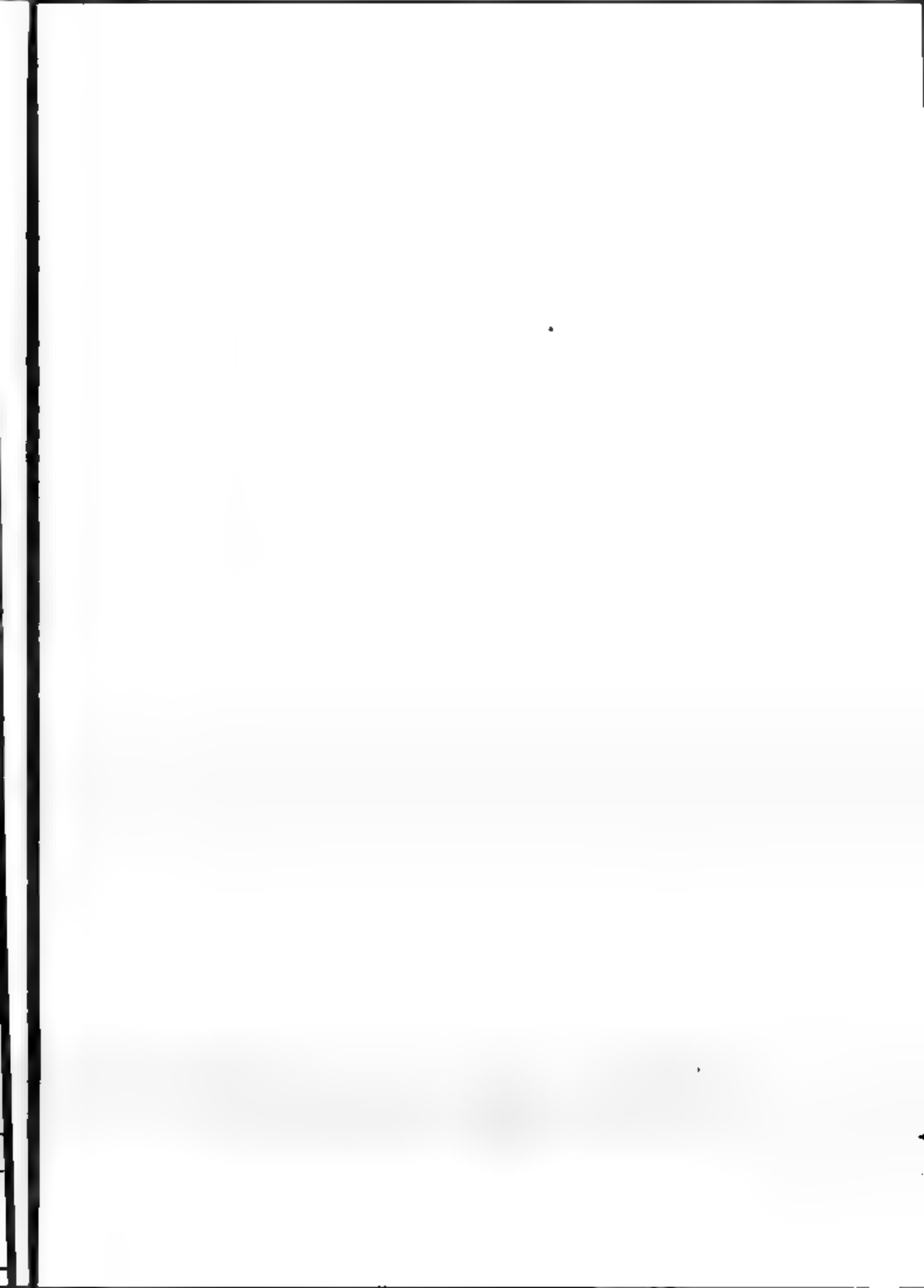
It appears to me that all the major conditions for the appearance of swamp lights were satisfied both at De Ter and Bladale. I cannot state with any certainty that this is the correct solution to the problem; merely that it is the most likely natural cause. I would of course appreciate learning of other possible natural causes should they be forthcoming. We can, I believe, completely eliminate any solution based on e/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 it seems appropriate at this time.

During-the-three-day-interview

All notes obtained were gathered all through my working hours on the three days are available in my ~~files~~ files



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. Hanson. A far better job of interviewing the large number of ostensible witnesses to the same events could have been

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 'niffed' 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 PTD, 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. Manner, 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 Manner. 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 Fitzpatrick
Patrolman Runnsvill
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. Bearn, housemother at Hillsdale College
Miss Joe Wilson / Two students at Hillsdale whom Mrs. Bearn chose
Miss Sara Robeck / as having had the greatest first hand knowledge.
Patrolman Clyde Myers
Patrolman Sharpe
(Sgt. Schuurder, Depe 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. Wagner'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 MAJOR, 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 MAJORS 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-

sighted officers returned to the McGinnis Road address, where the MANNERS 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 E Territorial Road, between Stully 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. Marmor who made the original sighting. Mr. Marmor 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, Donald, 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 Marmor 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. Marmor 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. Mannon 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 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 story from Van Horn at his home, we proceeded to the dormitory and talked with Mrs. Bearn 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 us that attention was first called by a casual glance out of the window which led 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.

The arrows on the sketch indicate, according to the girls, the extent of the horizontal and vertical motion of the lights.

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 enamored 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

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 Munnswill), 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 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 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 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 Hilledale. 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 Hilledale agreed but stated that a yellowish glow surrounding and enveloped the discreet lights. The similarity between the Dexter lights and the Hilledale 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 Hilledale said the lights seemed to get excited and moved erratically when car lights and flashlights came into the vicinity, the major behavior 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 Siebek and Flann. 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

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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 Belfridge Field. It was unattractive 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.

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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 SIGHTINGS, 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 these--such as the one near Hunter, 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 1964--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 Monday and Tuesday, and I could not possibly have had the time to investigate all of them. I have had time, however, to determine that in Hillsdale, 99% and 99% the sincere and honest reporting by the young ladies at Hillsdale College of a very puzzling sighting, certain young men have played pranks with flames.

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 fine exposure of the rising crescent moon and the planet Venus. I emphasize that this explanation refers to these specific pictures and not to the two cases now in question.

At long last now, the Duxter and Hilldale cases: Here are the bare facts, the residue, the common denominator after sifting out as much of the subjective, peripheral, and inconsistent statements as I have been

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 that was that locale in both instances? In both cases, a camp. In both cases the location of the glow was pin-pointed: in Duxter it was seen between two distant groups of people, and at Hilldale 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

A dismal swamp is a good unlikely place for a visit from outer space. It is not a place where a helicopter would hover for several hours, or where a camouflaged, secret device would likely be tested.

Now that is a swamp? It is a place of rotting vegetation and of decomposition. Swamps are not the usual province of the astronomer; he usually has his eyes trained toward far loftier places—yet the Dutch as-

traveller, Minnert, 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, Minnert 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 Venice 22° N. Italy 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 on the present spring thaws some the trapped gases CH_4 , H_2S , PH_3 , resulting from decomposition of organic materials were released. The chemist best by Minnert and Flann has this to say: "In air, phosphine, PH_3 , usually burns into flame, apparently because it is

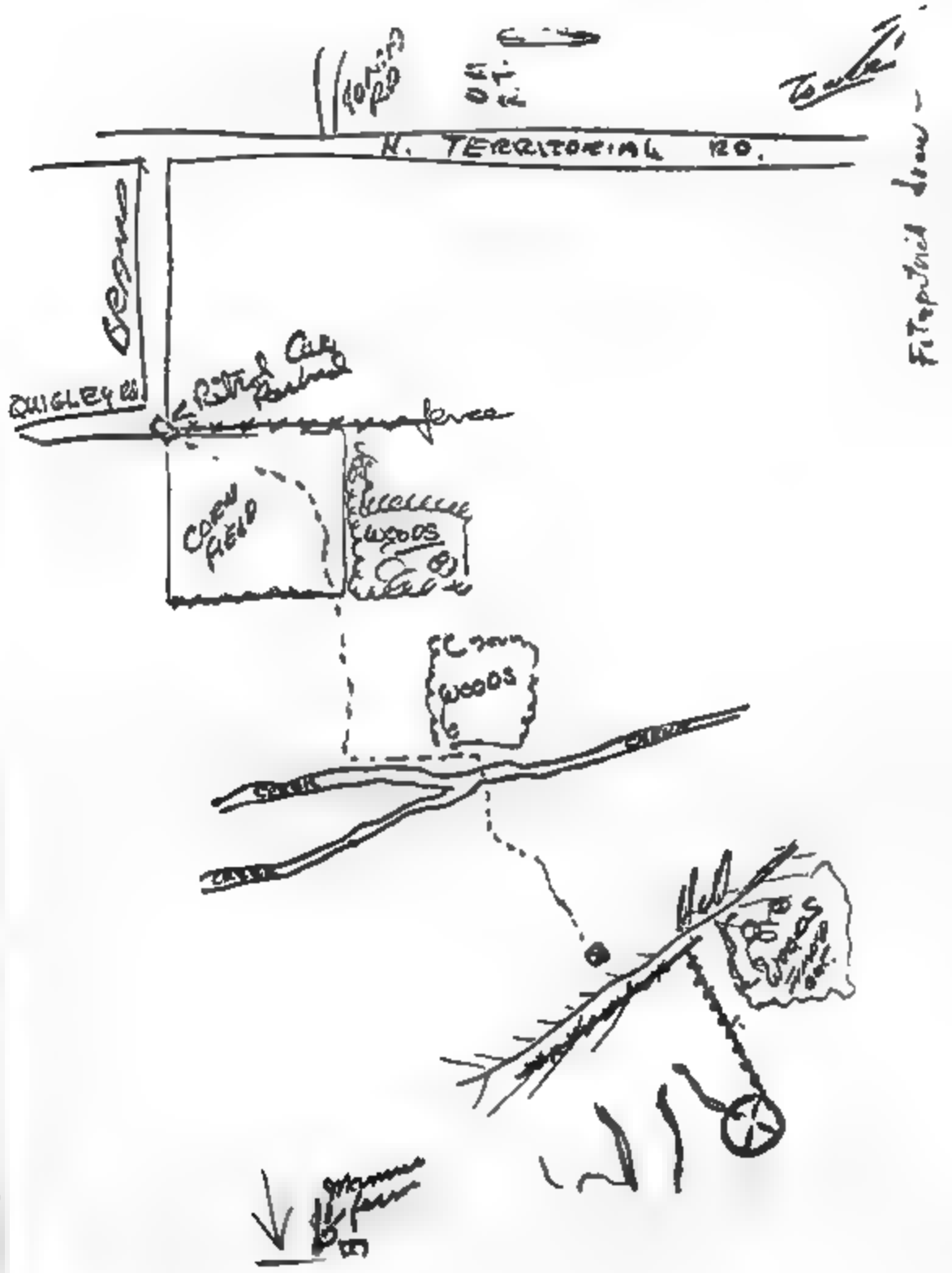
ignited by a spontaneous oxidation of the impurity P_2H_4 . The will-o-the-wisp, sometimes observed in marshes, may be due to spontaneous ignition of impure PH_3 , which might be formed by reduction of naturally occurring phosphorus compounds."

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 .

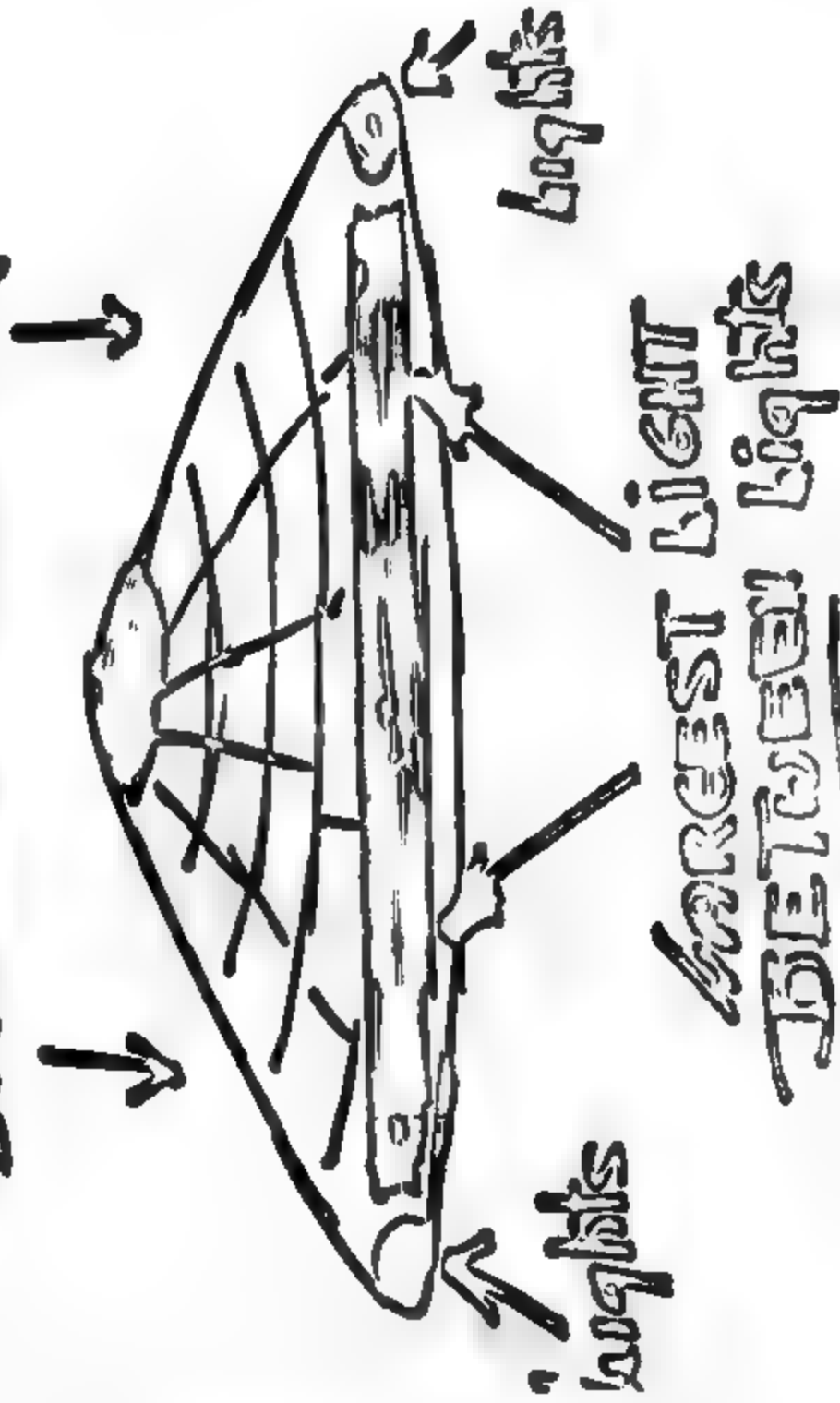
It would seem to me that the association of the sightings with swamps, in these particular cases, is more than coincidental. No group of witnesses observed any craft coming to or going away from the swamps. The glow was localized there. Deputy Fitzpatrick described the glow as coming from beyond a rise adjacent to the swamp, and visible through the trees. He stated that the lights brightened and dimmed such as stage lights do smoothly and slowly. The girls at Hilldale 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 Hilldale 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 phenomenon. 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 Herschel 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.

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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 PH_3 . 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 compounds."

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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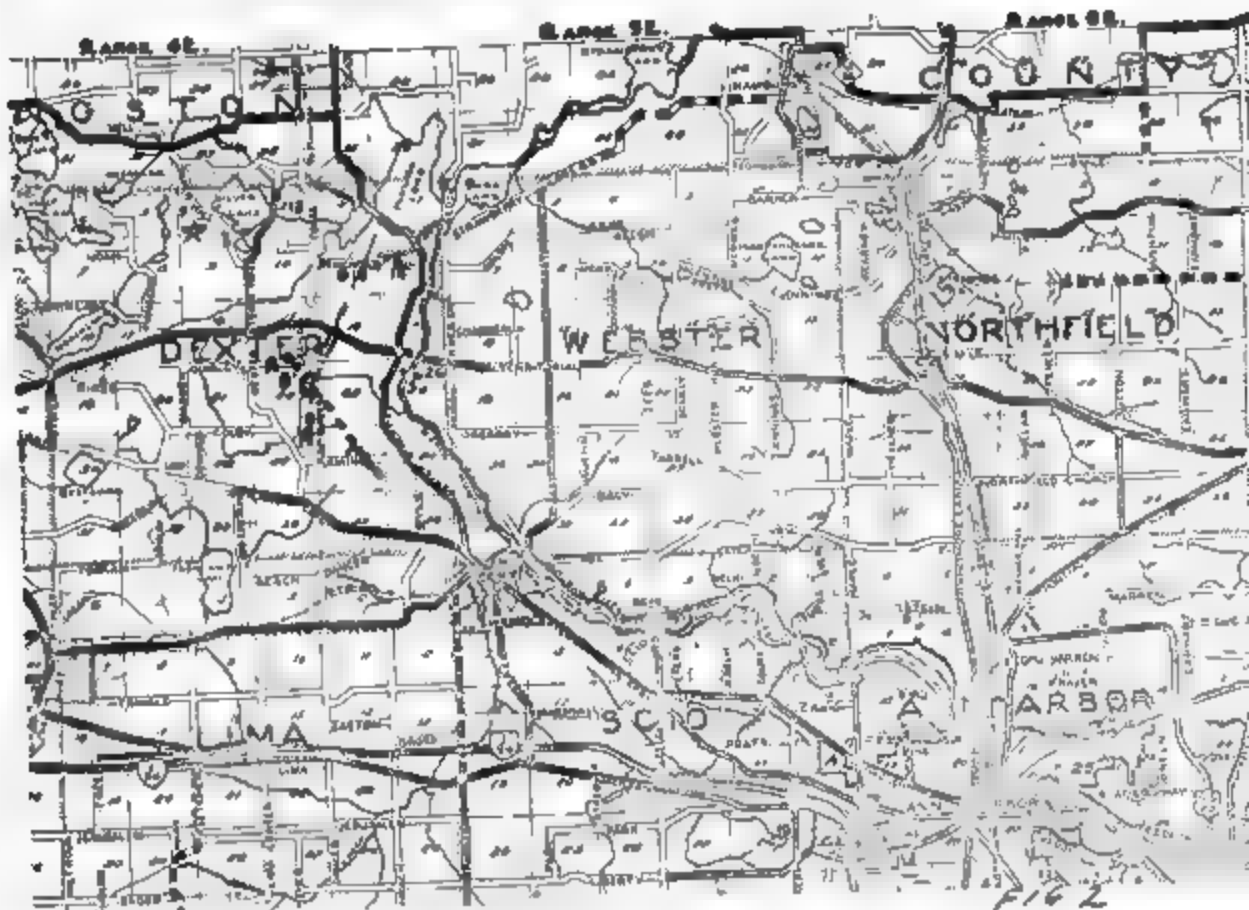
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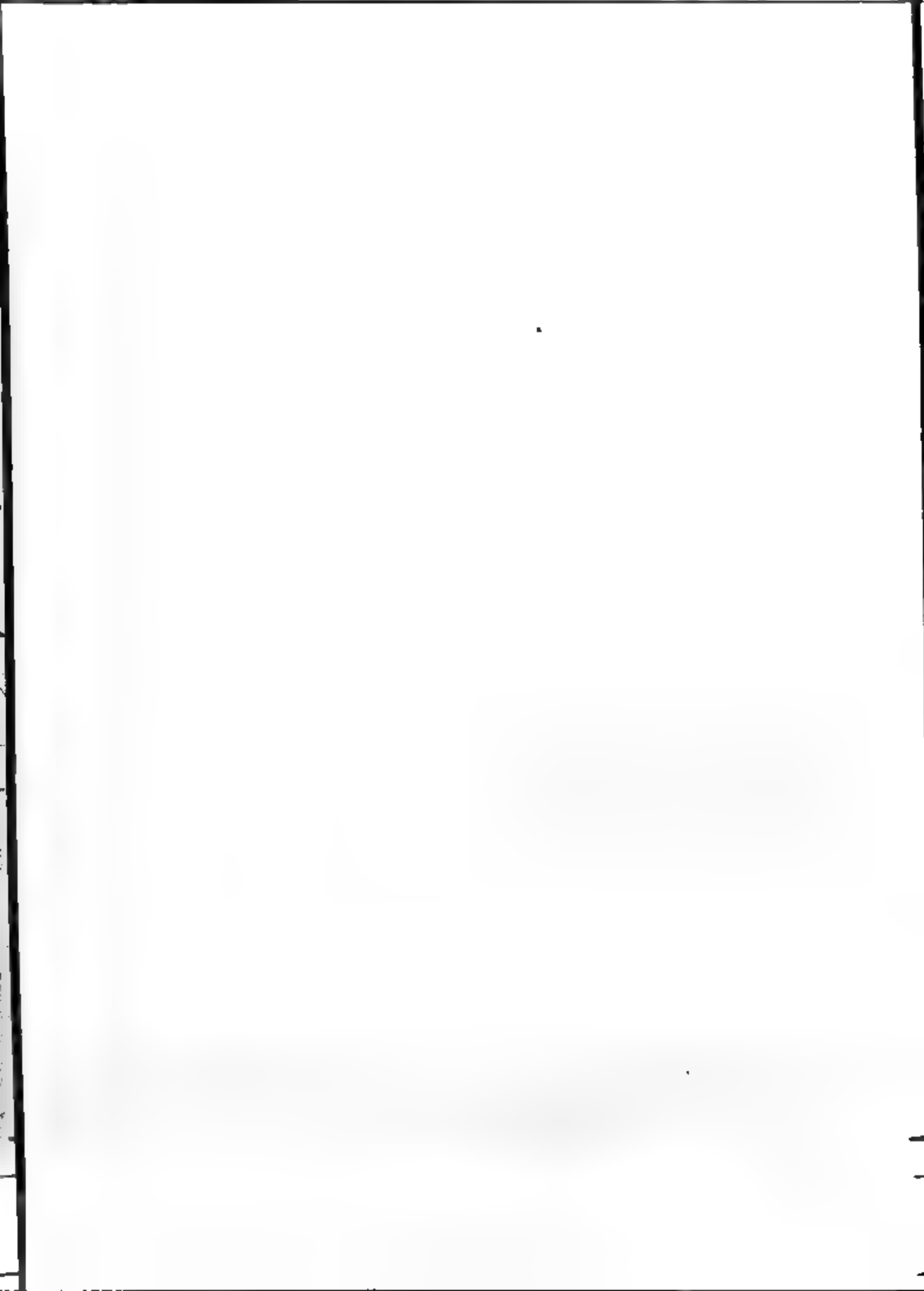
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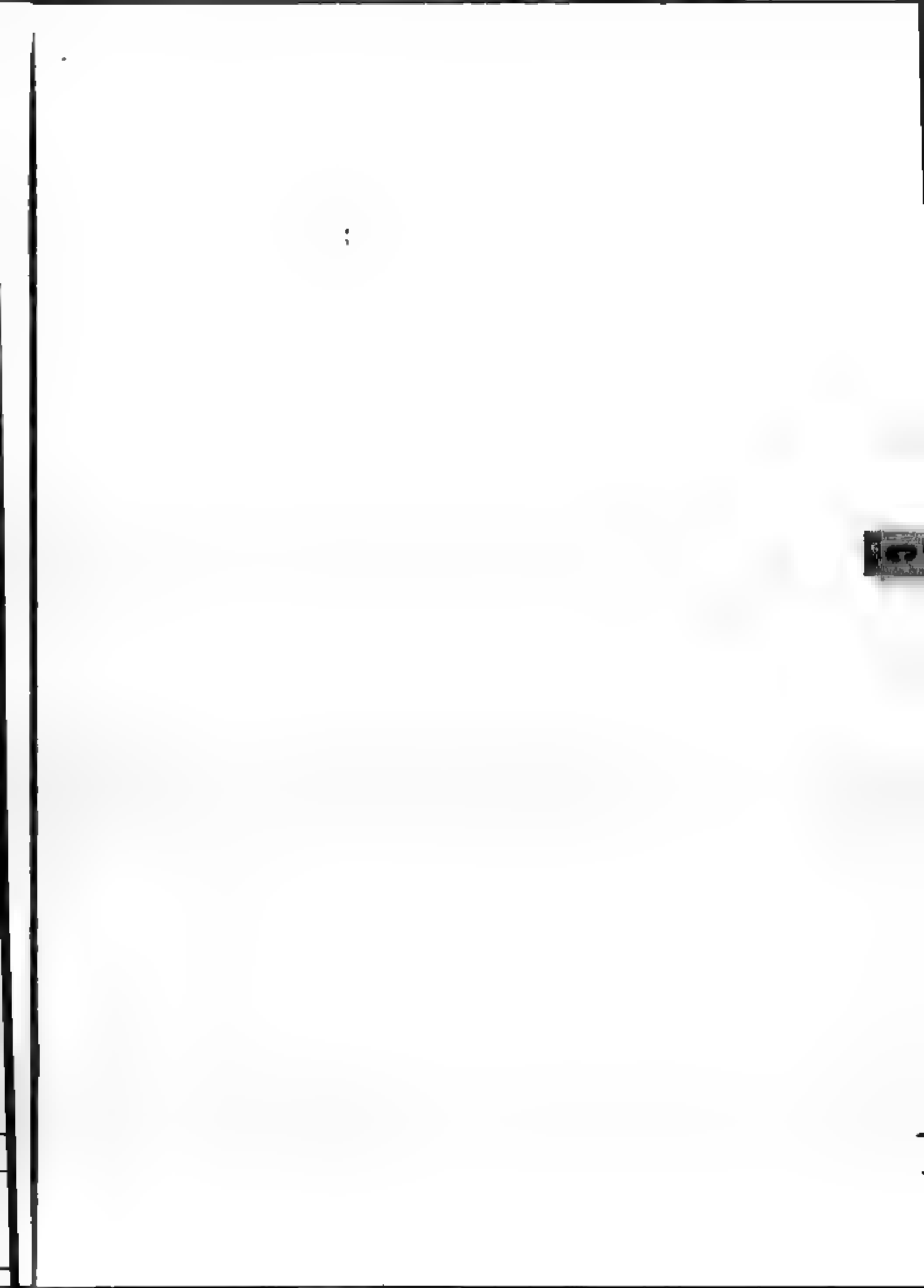
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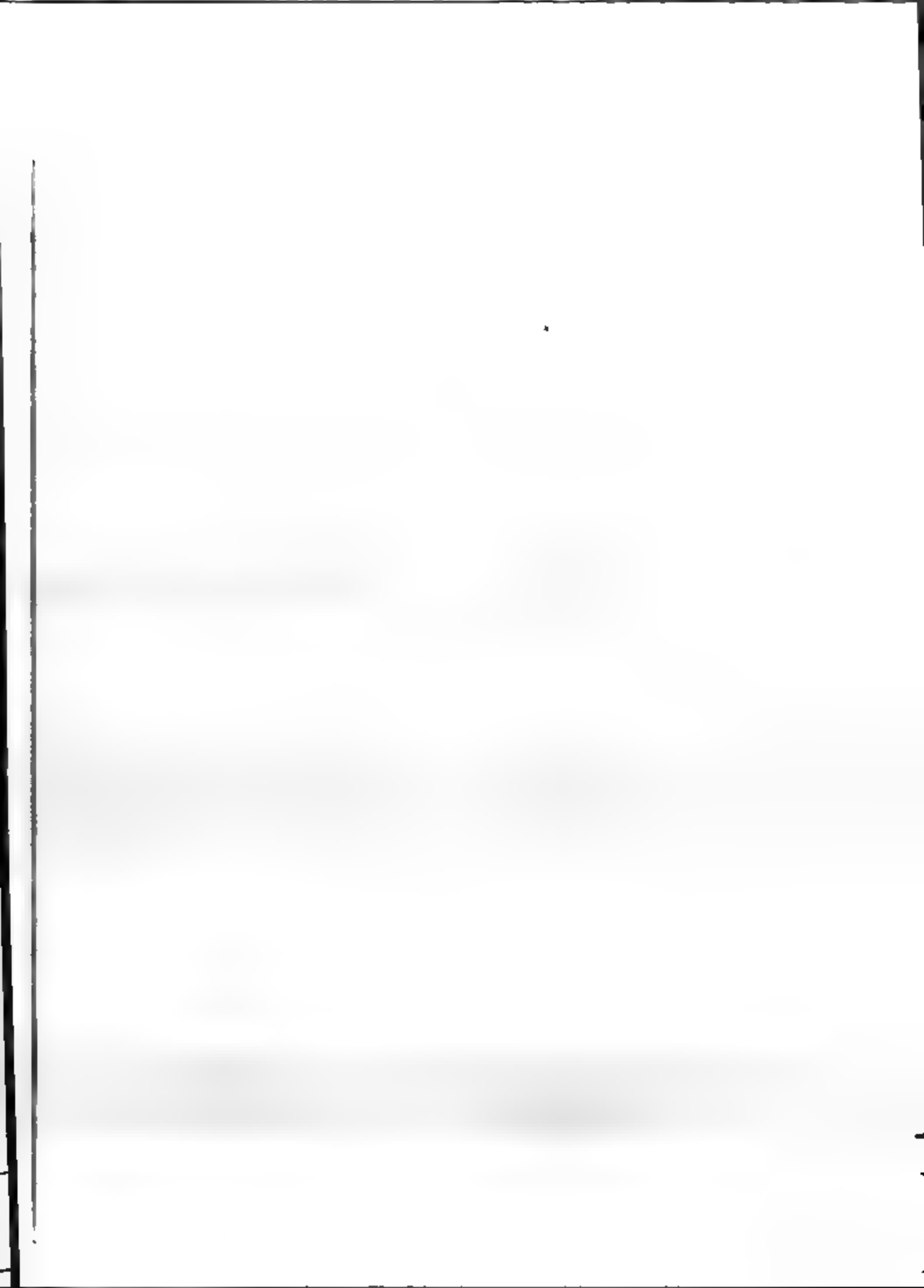
Wanted to know if we were going to send an investigative team to Indiana today. There was UFO that crashed into a gravel pit last night, 24 Mar 66, at 2030 hours near Indianapolis and the sheriff is on the scene at present. I informed them that we had not received a report from Indianapolis and could 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 Rynek 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 Rynek wanted us to be on the look out for a report from there.
Immediately following Dr Rynek'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, SAPOI, ext 55809 or 73002 regarding Ann Arbor, Michigan
sighting. Informed him we did not have an official report on it.
Dr Rynek 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, apparatly 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 swan then went down and landed. Farmer drew
a sketch, picture shape of football, vaffle 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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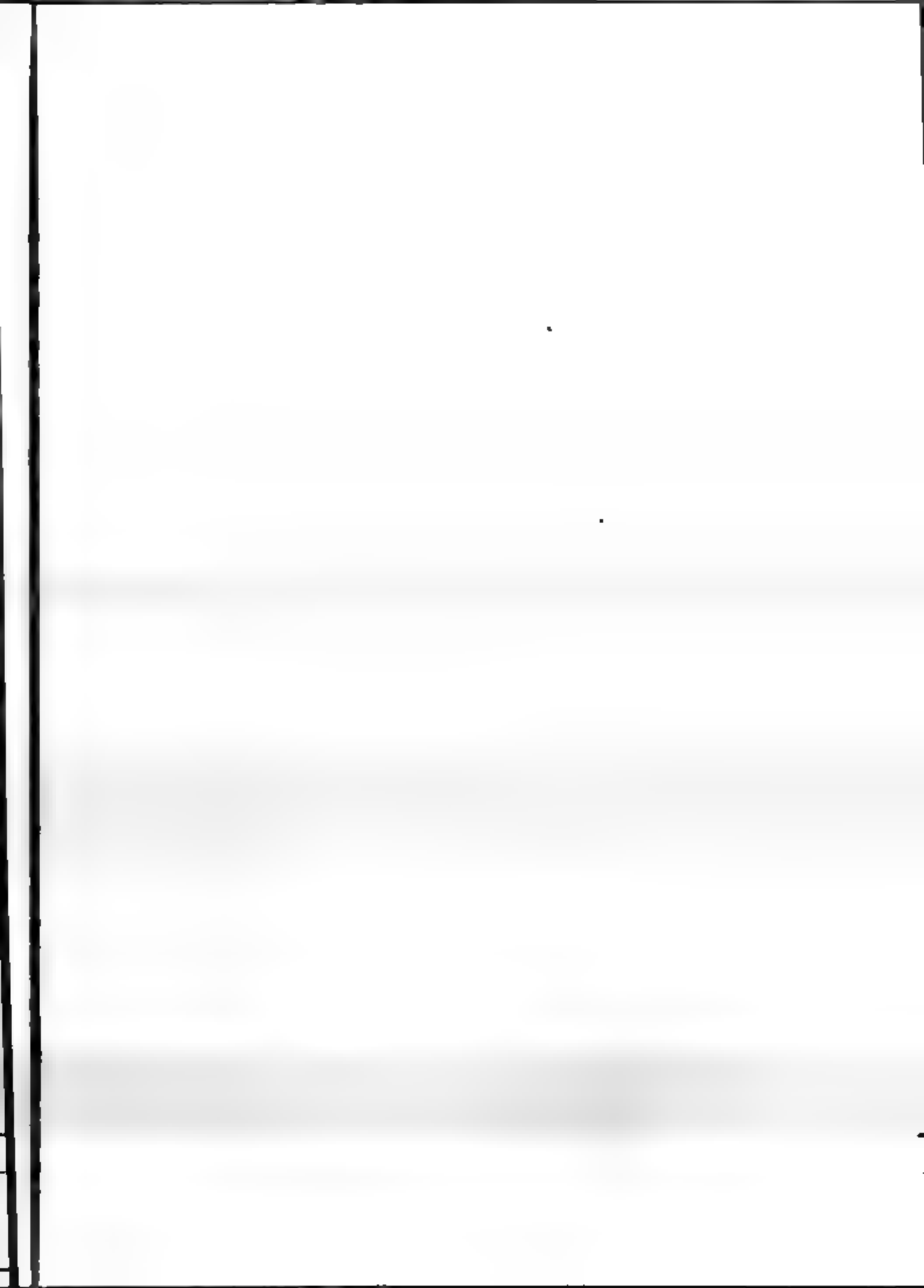
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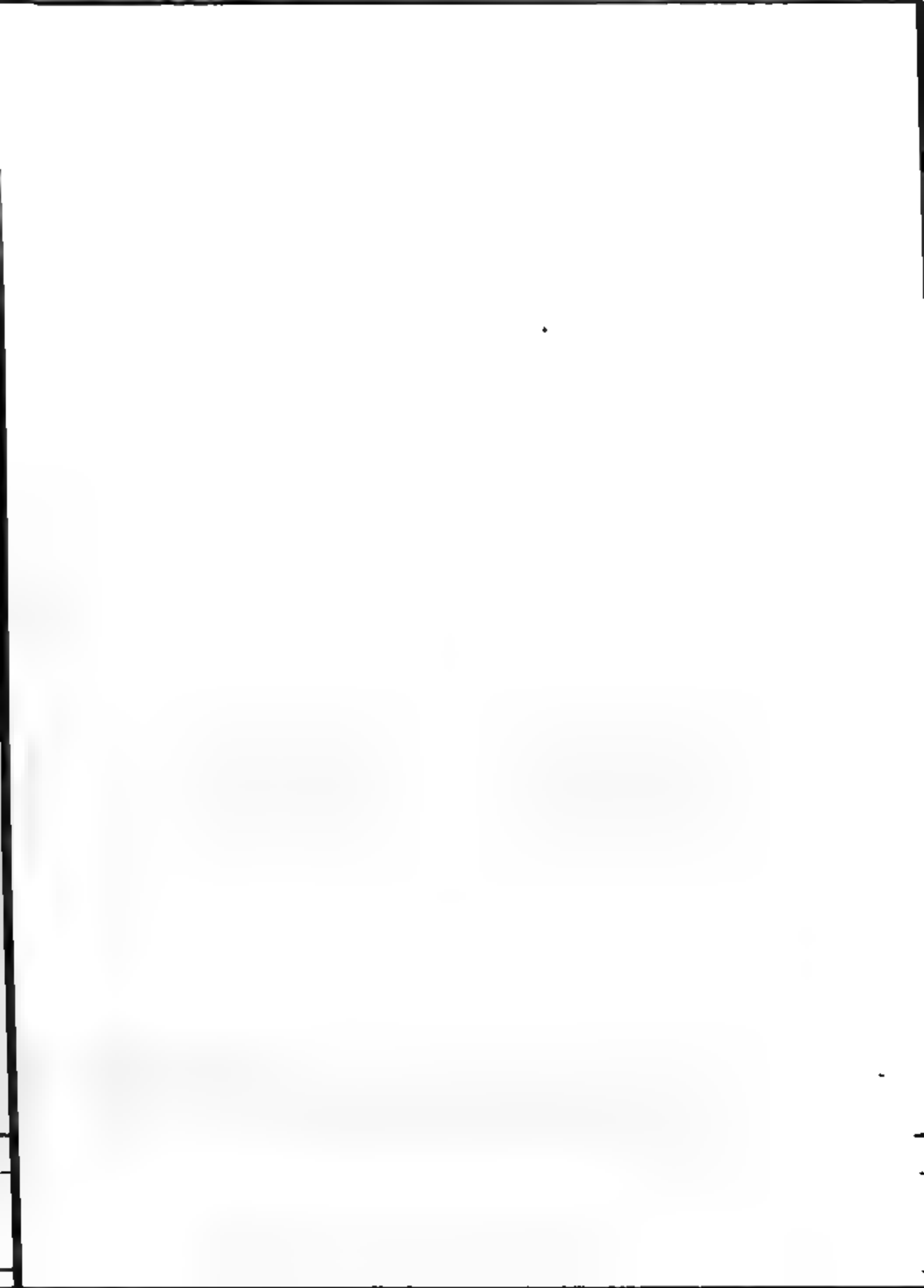
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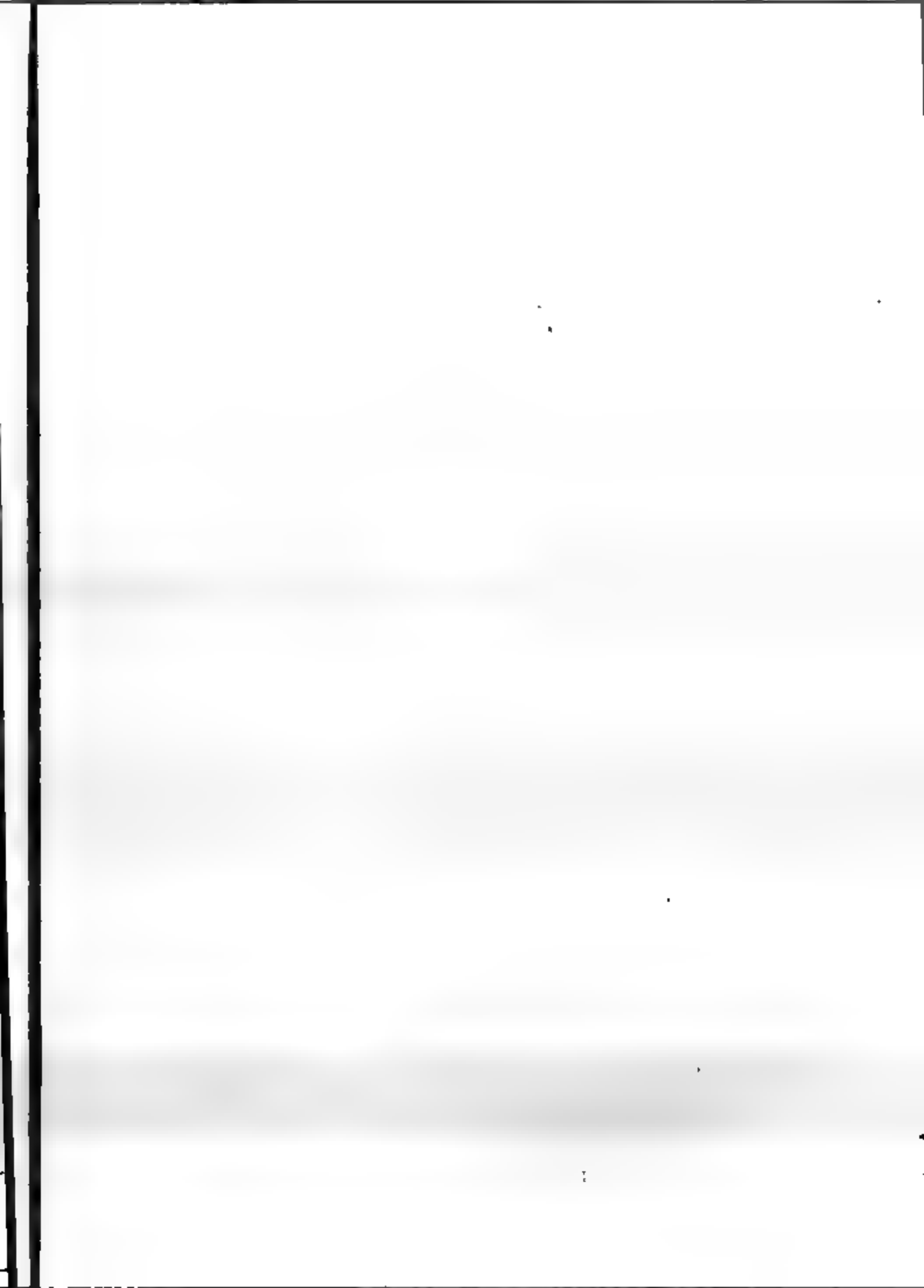


At 1120, 24 March 1966, Major Quintanilla received a telephone call from Congressman Vivian extension 225 4401. Congressman Vivian requested information on the unidentified flying objects at Dexter, Michigan. He had read the report from the Sheriff. Asked Major Quintanilla if he had any remarks on it. 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 coas 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 conference is given by Dr Hynek.

Call from Congressman Vivian - 28 March 1966 1520 H. C.

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 12 months. Vivian asked who Major reported to - Colonel Eric T. de Jonckheere Deputy for Technology And Subsystems, he reports to General Arthur Cruikshank. Who assists us. Sgt Moody has a degree in Psychology. ^{and graduate} We use other branches of the Air Force. Congressman wants the number of personnel working on

the project and what the qualifications are, what manner of reporting
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Immediately following conversation between Congressman Vivian and Major Hector Quintanilla, he (Maj Q) informed Mrs Sara Hunt (SAFOICC) of the conversation with Congressman Vivian.

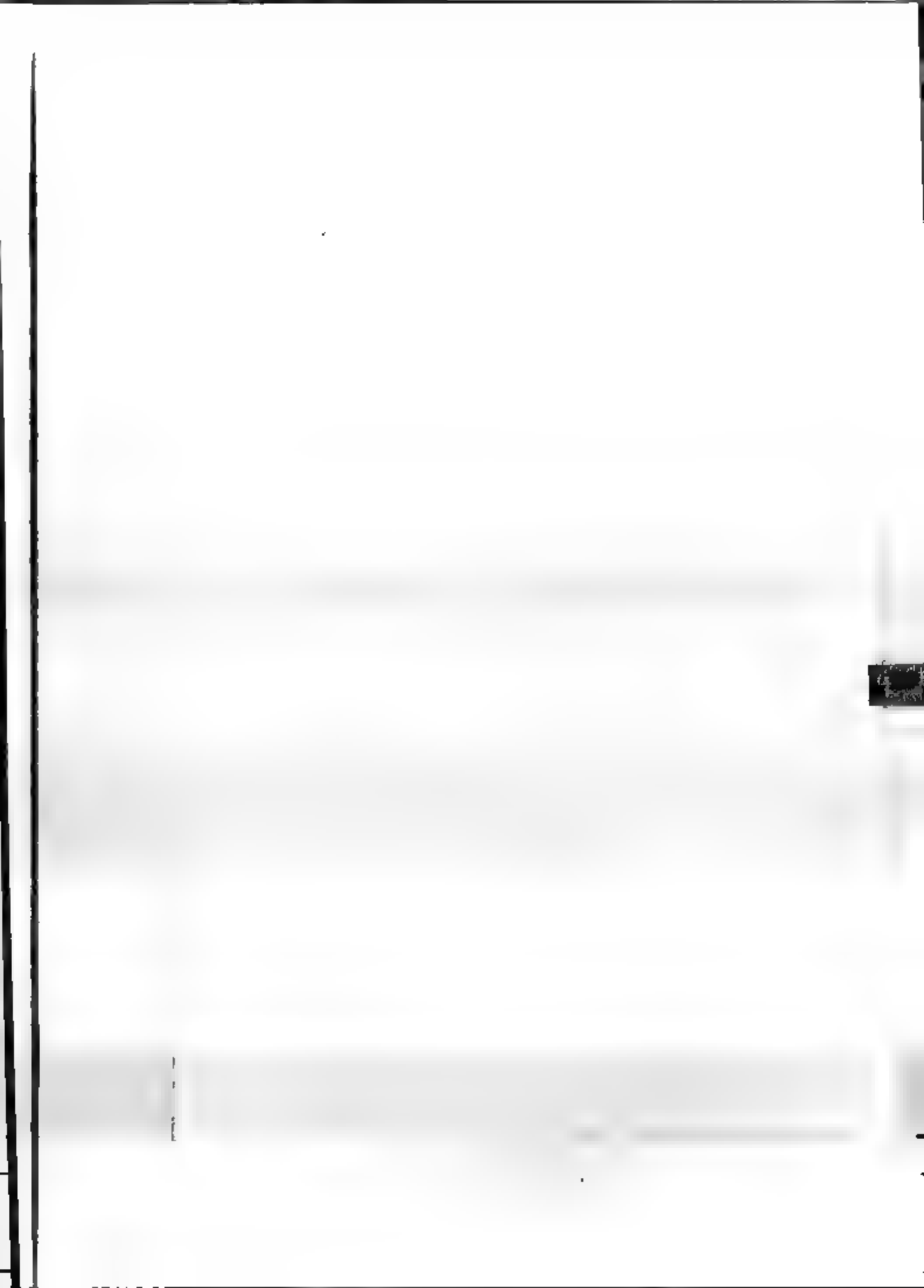
Upon completion of phone call to SAFOICC, Major Quintanilla informed TDE, Colonel Eric T. de JONCKHEERE of the conversations.

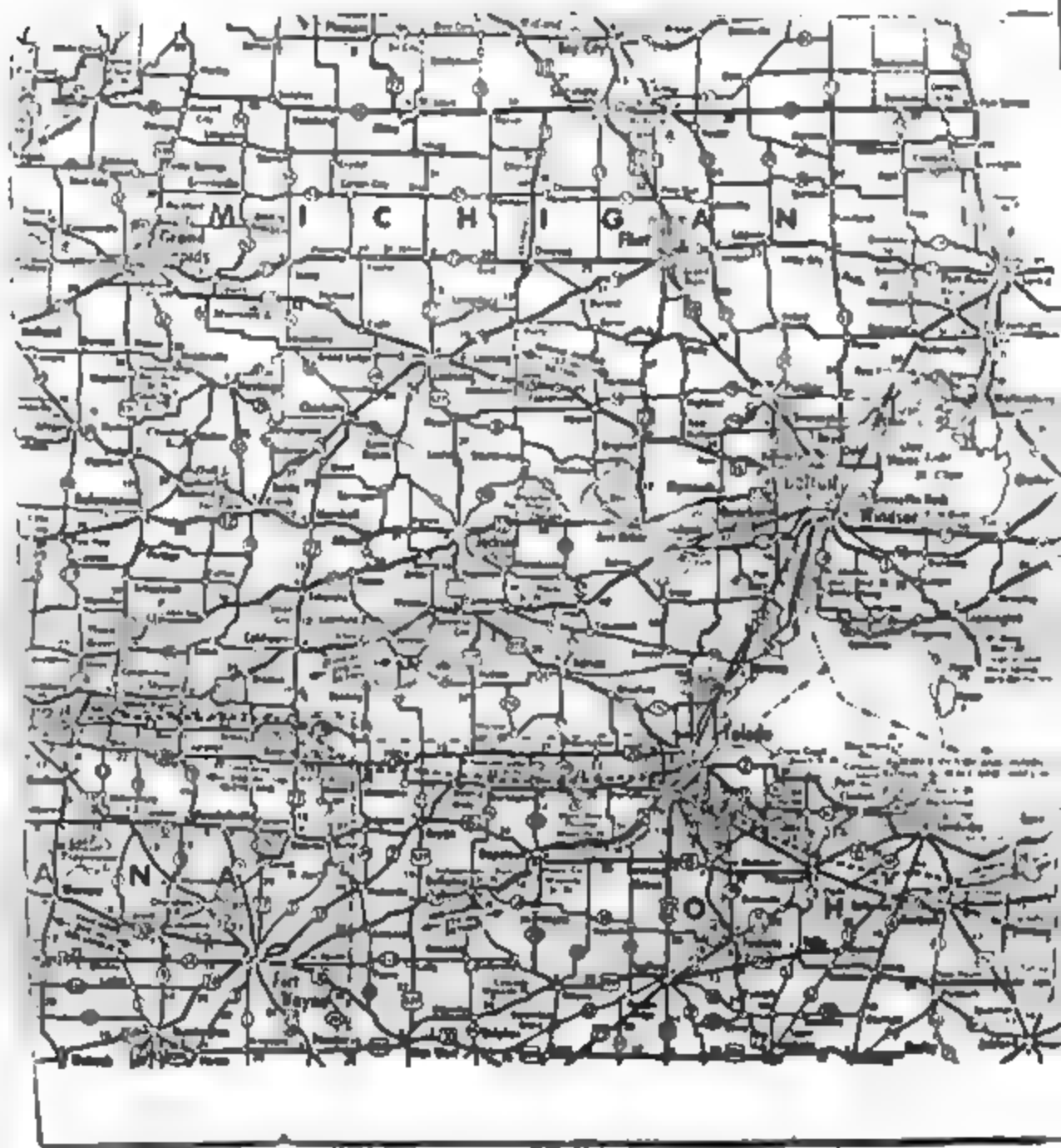
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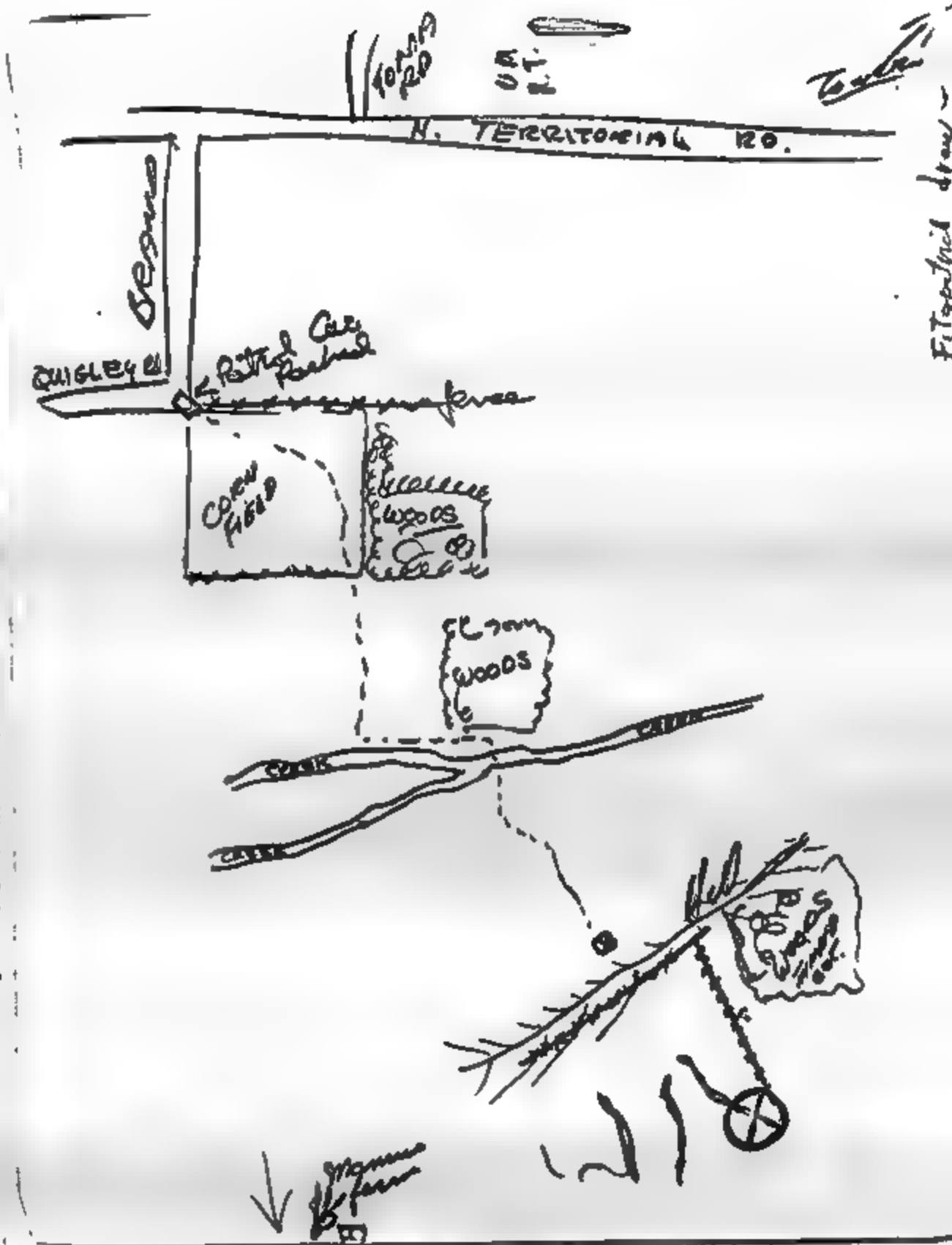
Major Quintanilla spoke with Major Gregory at AFSC SCFA regarding telephone conversation with Congressman Vivian. Last week congressman Vivian called us direct and requested we inform him prior to press conference of Dr Hynek's. We informed SAFOI and they said IAL would take care of it. Major gave a 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.

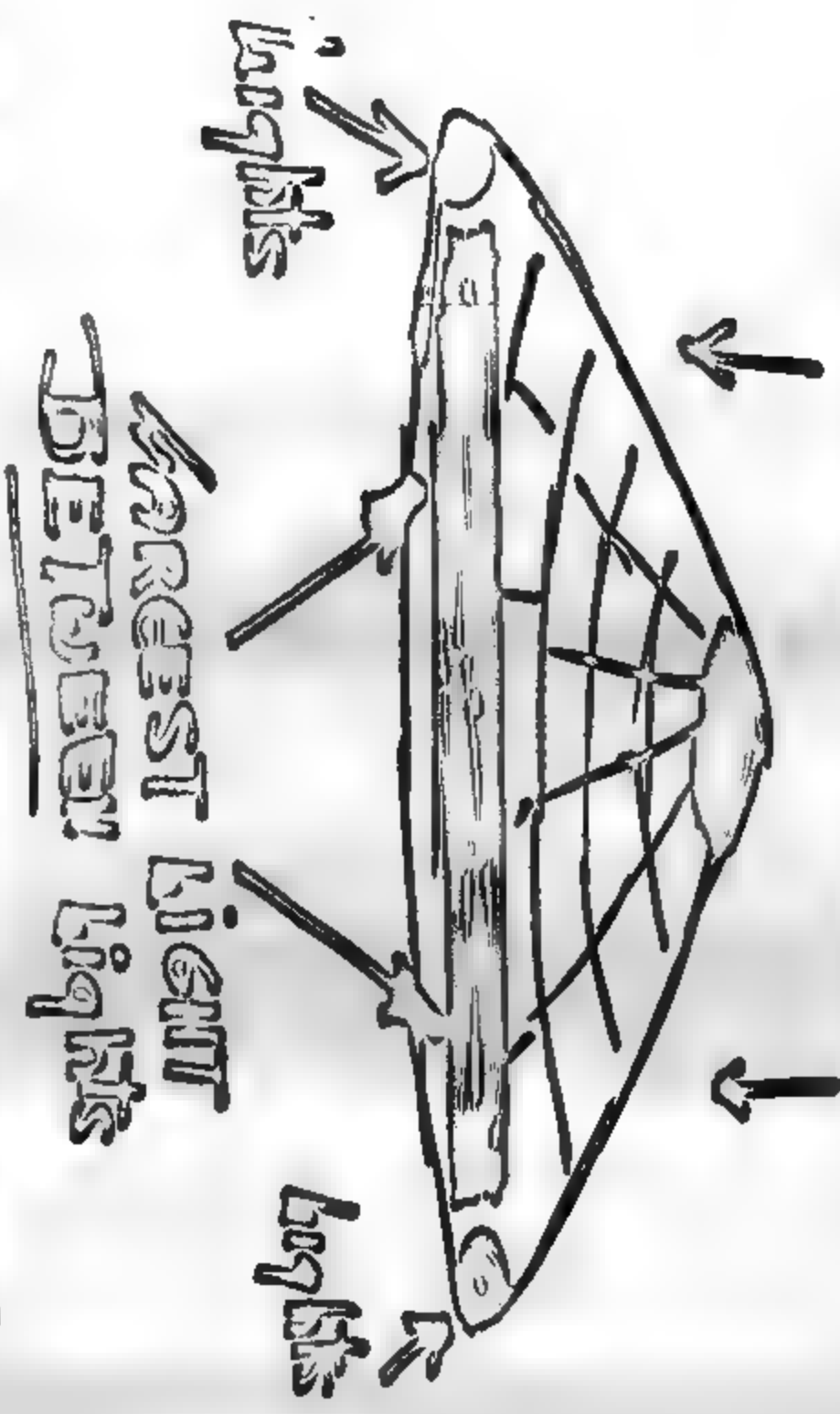
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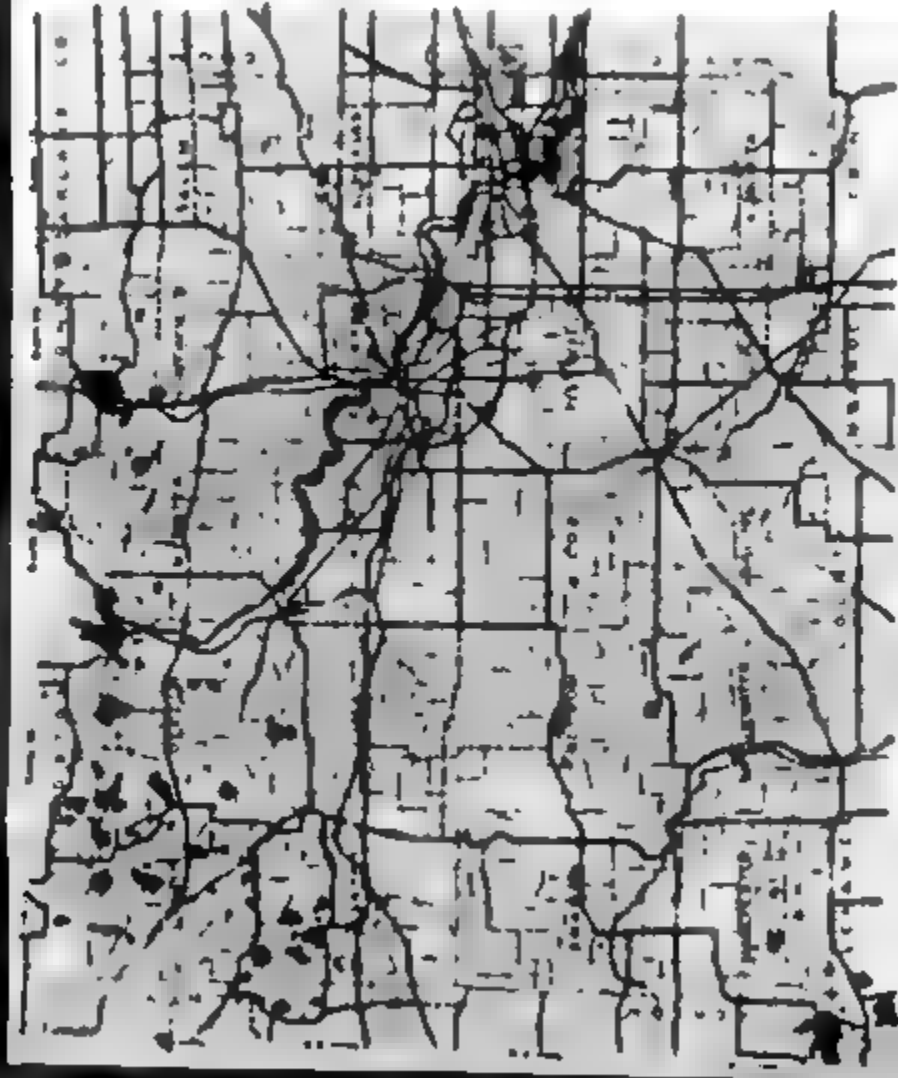
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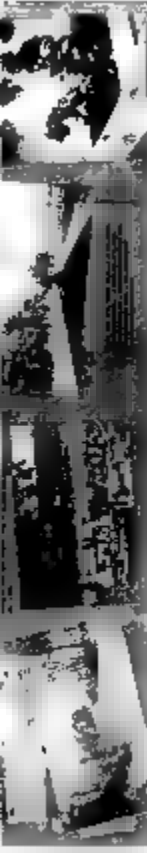


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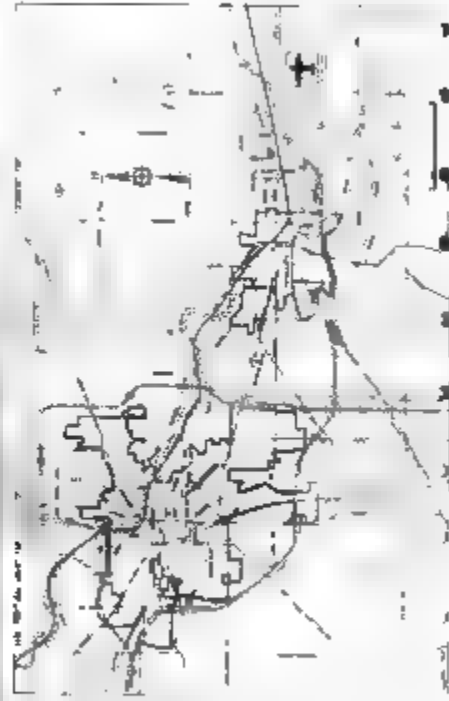


INDEX TO ROADS

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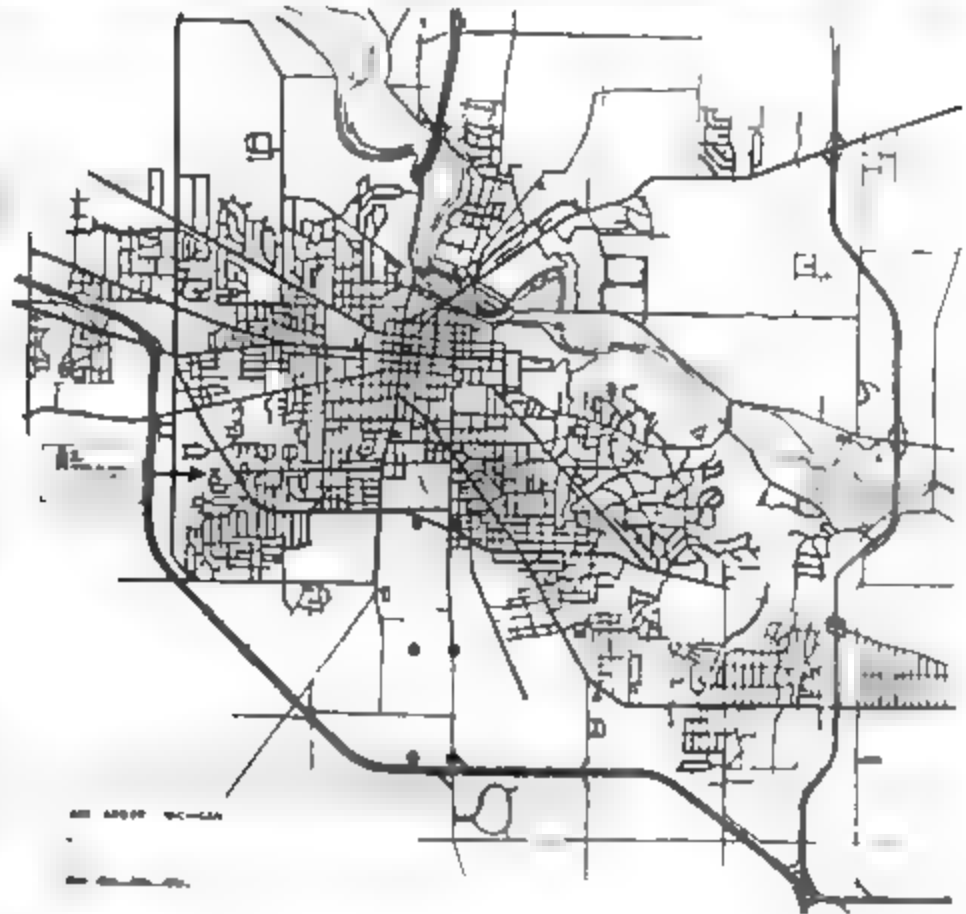
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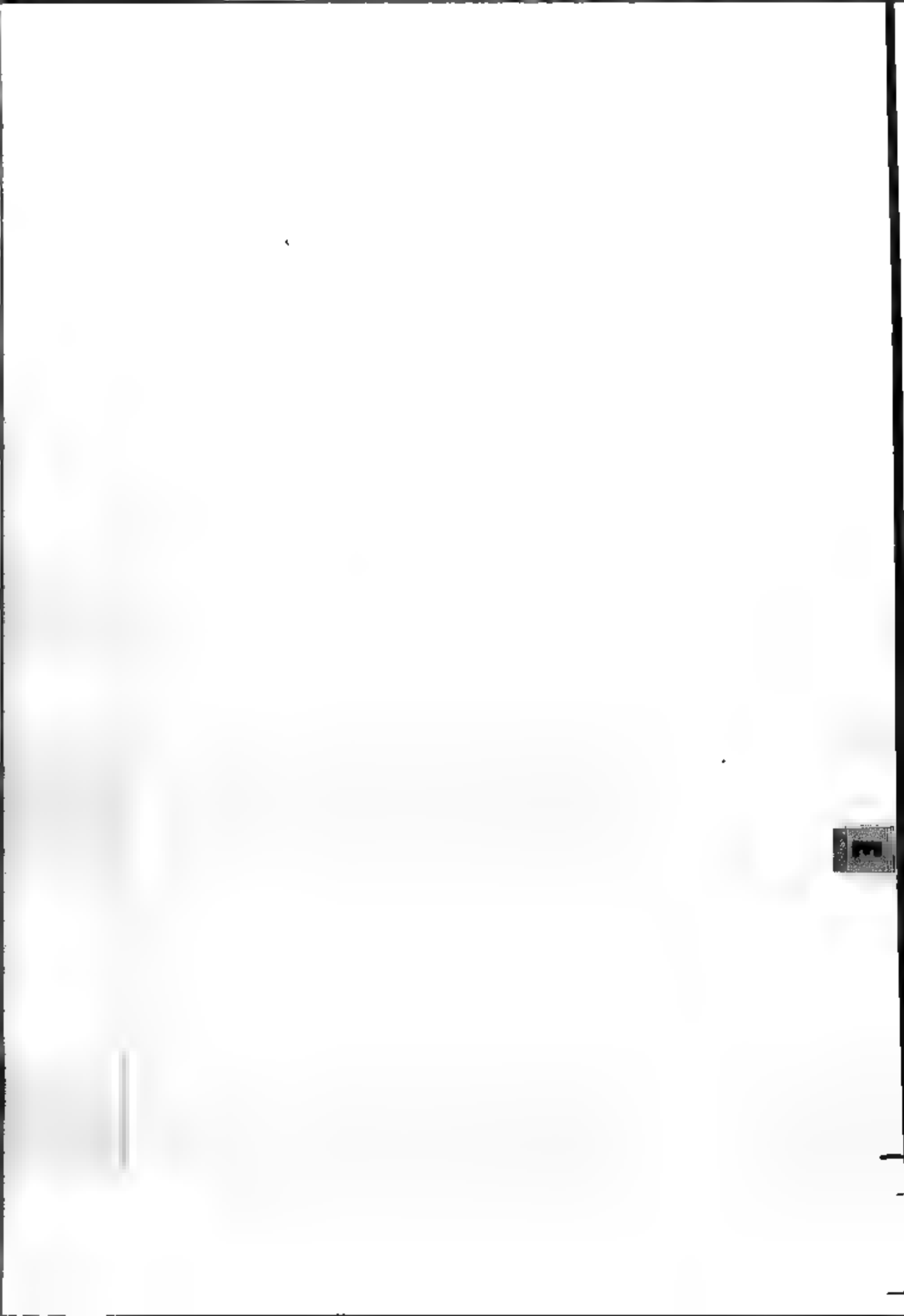
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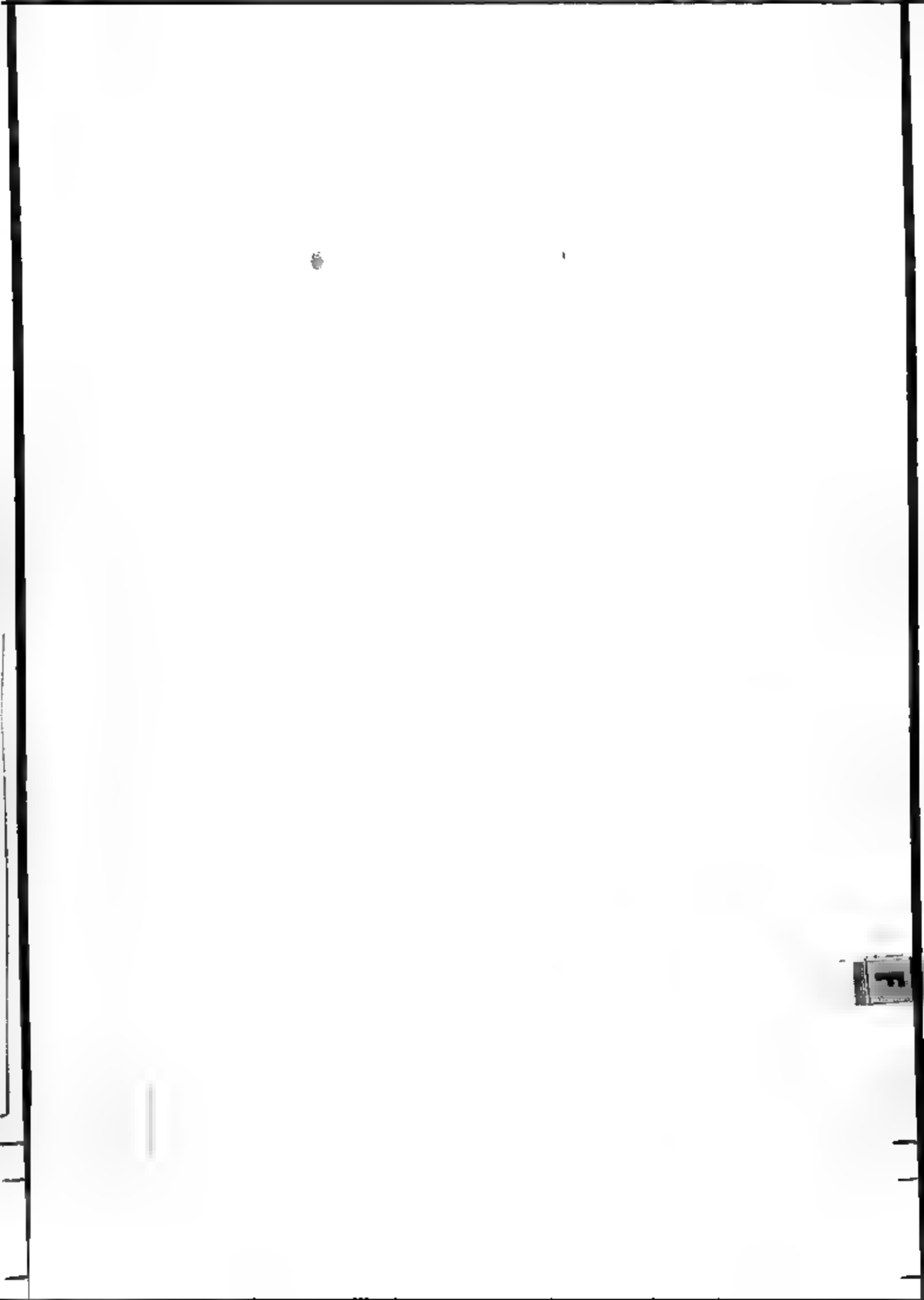
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UFOs Again Reported Over Michigan Area

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 Manner, 47, of Dexter.

"I still don't believe it," said Stan McFadden, 27, a Washtenaw county sheriff's deputy.

Dexter Patrolman Robert Huntwell 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 Huntwell, it was joined by a similar object.

Manner 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 Manner.

McFadden was one of about 20 deputies in seven patrol cars sent to the area to investigate Manner'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 of the two failed to develop. A rash of sightings was reported last October in the Coloma or North, 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 is asking the U. S. Air Force to help in the search for a flying saucer which was sighted in the past night days.

Rep. Harold J. Hayden of the Michigan House of Representatives said today that he will make an official inquiry of the Defense Department and the Air Force today concerning the incident.

Harvey had said the Ann Arbor flying saucer had been sighted at the Grand-Quinley hds. area in Dearborn Township where one of the "flying saucers" reportedly made a brief landing last Saturday night.

Attempts to contact federal officials about the sightings.

Vivian said the incidents "certainly should be looked into by the U. S. government."

Meanwhile, he Sheriff's Department pushed an intensive search of the area in the Grand-Quinley hds. area in Dearborn Township where one of the "flying saucers" reportedly made a brief landing last Saturday night.

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Assessment Program Defended

Answering charges that the city's assessment program is discriminatory, the city council today said all assessments are based on 1958 sales tax data.

Donald C. McManis, city manager, charged in a letter to the council that the city's new reappraisal program violates the uniform taxing procedure set up in the city charter.

He claimed that some of the city assessments are based on 1954 figures while others are based on 1958 figures.

He said the city's program of reappraising about 20 per cent of the city property is discriminatory and that the council could get a court ruling.

Department of Labor officials



He Describes Flying

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Ann Arbor, Michigan, Monday, March 21, 1966

Landing Of 'Sa

LANSING UP) —Frank 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 S. Tremel
Washtenaw County — 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 50 other 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 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 Grand 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 12-year-old son, Ronald, went out in search of the landed object moments after 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 on the outer edges of the object which issued a glowing bluish-

green color he said. That color intensified and turned brilliant and red at times.

Several times when the object became brightly lighted, the object was yellow white and the light ran horizontally between the two on the "running" lights. Manner said As the Manners watched, the small lights at the edge of the craft suddenly went out and the object appeared across the swamp a few yards away from its original position. deputies were left.

When flashlights used by approaching deputies touched the area, the light from the object became very bright and the Manner went completely out.

"We then heard the sound of something like a rifle bullet makes when it ricochets off something," Manner said. "Then this object went up, passed directly over and disappeared."

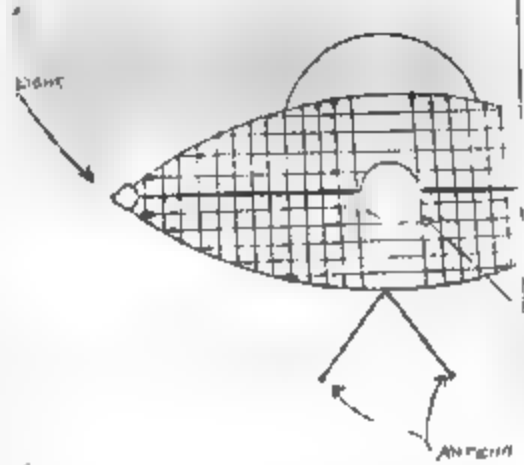
Patrolman Robert Hunsdell of

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. Lathaw 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 city charter.



How 'It' Looks

This drawing of one of the unidentified flying objects reported over Dexter Township last night was made by Sheriff's Cpl. David B. Beveridge from descriptions provided by a half-dozen witnesses from the area which appeared

Witnesses Reported

Dexter Village Police Department men said he saw what appeared to be the same object which baffled the Manners household had parked his car at in the Quigley Broad intersection, while Dexter Police Chief Robert Taylor and Patrolman James Lee entered the search area with sheriff's deputies.

Timmer said the object suddenly appeared over his pasture as a bright of orange color. The object had white and red lights on it which at times had a bluish tinge. It hovered over the ground and then made a sharp turn and disappeared where the first object had been reported down. Timmer said.

He said he watched it for five or 10 minutes before it was joined by three other objects and the objects flew in formation in two's, with one not flying high above the ground one. They all finally disappeared into the sky. Timmer said.

Later Undarmed Sheriff's Deputy Stanley McFadden and David Fitzpatrick reported seeing a mysterious object hovering over one of the objects. The objects had taken up in the swamp search near Quigley Rd., had seen the brilliant white red light and were pointing on N. Territorial Rd. near Mast Rd. after the light disappeared.

Suddenly a strange lighted object appeared overhead and the deputies turned their heads and saw it at the object.

From what he could see the object was as large as a small house and of a pinkish color. "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 suddenly turned and disappeared to be north.

After that report, Sheriff's Detectives Charles J. Anderson and Harold Kerr who had been called to the Quigley Broad 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.

The area village where pilot reported seeing unidentified flying objects near the village, with Patrolman Charles Sharp reporting he pursued one of the objects in his patrol 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 discussing anything."

The original point of last night's sightings was at almost exactly the spot where Charles Waidman of 3051 Madden Rd., Dexter Township, reported a flying object more than five years ago.

Waidman and his son ran from their farm home one night when they saw a lighted object come down in an area near their home. Waidman later told sheriff's men the object took off almost straight upward when they approached it and disappeared.



Diagram showing path of object. All all started on the shape and ends and on the colored lights of them.

Kelley Alters PCHA Charges

(Special to The News)
GROSSE POINTE — Any 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 money of the PCHA and disturbing public monies for unlawful purposes.

PCHA investigation and discovery 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. Lecroire, Koolwell and Fitzpatrick for which there was to be an expiration today (in Detroit's Court of Appeals Court).

The warrants were issued by Grosse Pointe Municipal Judge [Name] and the new charges will be detailed at the time of the hearing.

3 UFOs Explained; Find Flares

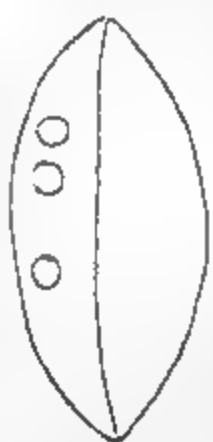
HILLSDALE — The task of finding that report, they were supposed to be mysterious flying objects reported by several boys who saw a few of them in the woods and flashing red light on W. Bacon road, Hillsdale County, as they went to school. That was a blinking, unsteady light, not a steady bright light, police said.

Still unexplained is the report of sightings Tuesday evening by Mrs. Larry Wolff, Mr. and Mrs. Angelo La Perosa and 12-year-old Susan Merrill of two objects, one red and one orange, the other blue and green, moving across the sky at high speed.

One of the objects had no distinct outline, but Susan saw the other was shaped like a football. William Van Horn, Hillsdale County civil defense director, reported the discoverer of the red object was a former student of Hillsdale College, and said there would be a case if witnesses were caught perpetrating a hoax.

Police in Westport, Conn., Wednesday said five persons there purchased weather balloons, labeled them with gas number same as the municipal cause UFO reports.

Alfred Dietzen, a maintenance man for the York County, N. H., said Wednesday he was on Reading Avenue, police reported objects could be gas balloons. He said his parents farm in McAlester, Okla.



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 lines 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 no particular sequence. (AP Photos)

them through the swamps and through them about with sticks, breaking down into smaller shapes.

DeKens said the objects were a formation of hydrogen 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 predicted events from the Alaskan earthquake in 1964 to the removal 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 predictions 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 atmospheric vibrations that the UFO's now being sighted in Michigan and the eastern part of the United States are extraterrestrial.

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From Our Point Of View:

Flying Saucer Reports Come On Big News Day

THE chief topic of conversation in those 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 woods 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 Velschi 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 incidents 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 37 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, swayed, 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, 31, 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 Kahn, 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 Searidge 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 light 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 at the Air Force for 18 years. In that time he has investigated more than 100 other UFO sightings.

Vivian

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 areas.

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 Manner near Ann Arbor Sunday night. A dozen policemen and deputies, as well as about 20 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.

Sunday night, Hillsdale County Civil Defense Director William Van Horn, 41, watched from a Hillside College course as a mysterious light object hovered for three hours some 1,000 to 2,000 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 horizon about two miles out of the college and then would start settling down toward the earth again."

IT WAS JUST about dusk Sunday when a UFO alighted near or by Warren-Clinton Township.

It was reported by witnesses on the Mount-Pleasant & Hillside State Street in Ann Arbor, a block away from Warren-Clinton Township.

A Clinton Township couple, Mr. and Mrs. Robert DeWoe, 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.

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 graded 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.

Major 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 three, as in Westport, Conn., Wednesday.

"I don't think this is a case of outdoor seekers playing games," Quintanilla said. "But incidents of this sort just make it too easy for legitimate investigators 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. H. Allen Hynek, astrophysicist and advisor 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 appeared so much more often in southeastern Michigan this week?

The Air Force said Thursday that it expects to come up with a reasonable, "logical" answer sometime Friday.

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QUANTINA 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 "logical" explanations in the past but "a" didn't indicate which of

them might fit the current Michigan situation of whether we might be able to add a new one to the collection.

Not enough people have seen these saucers, with their flashing colored lights and weird flight patterns, for the Air Force to send one of their top civilian investigators, Sir J. A. Lee, to check into the situation.

Myneer, 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 sightings in the sky are the result of "extraterrestrial intelligence."

HE EXPLAINED that this means that

they aren't "the 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 Dickson, of York Pa. a maintenance man for the York County Gas Co., who swears at saucers and says the phenomena are merely balls of "dang gas" seeping from swamps and marshes.

Also called "Jack-o-Lanterns," they form in swamps, still air and are blown by light breezes so that they dance around, he said.



DR. J. ALLEN HYNEK, POLICE CHIEF TAYLOR Study UFO Citing Reports at Dexter, Mich.—UPL

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 is busy up with an explosion within the next 24 hours in the area of flying objects sighted in southwestern Ohio in the past few days.

John Quinton, of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, is in charge of the unidentified flying objects unit and the investigation of the Michigan sightings. He said he hopes 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 the 53rd Aerospace Squadron, Northwood, Ohio. The squadron is one of the Air Force's "UFO" squadrons and is responsible for the investigation of sightings of unidentified flying objects.

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No new reports of sightings occurred last night. Dr. I. Allen Hynek, an astronomer from Northwestern University who is probing the mystery, walked through the swamp on the Frank Manner farm last Sunday afternoon but found nothing. He said he and his 16-year-old son Ronald - he reported seeing a lighted flying object alight in the swamp about 9:30 p.m. last Sunday night. It flew away when the Manner boy spoke, sheriff's deputies were told.

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The Manner family has been plagued with crank calls, delusions and nighttime prowlers since news of the sightings in their area was made public. Sheriff Douglas J. Harvey has ordered a patrol car to circle the area near the Manner home during the nighttime hours he said.

Vandals have broken the windshields of cars parked in the area. Broken bottles on the porch, chided them about seeing the objects, he said.

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prank involving a "home-made" aircraft. Sheriff's men said the youths are 16 and 17 years old.

The youths were in a shop class at Whitman Lake High School yesterday. They were seen in the yard of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Wheeler at 2960 Parker Rd.

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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 news agencies.

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'U' Scientists Suggest 'Saucer' Explanations

Scientists at the University of Michigan 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 Peack 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 in the sightings. He pointed out that the grid design of the big dish (hollowed spot) a city is starting to pick up and in the past week by the "northern lights" would appear from a distance some 50 or so has been pronounced than like the object described 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 37 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 Just Swamp Gas?

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through the swamp mist. Mannon 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 300 yards away.

IT DIDN'T make a sound.

The change from dull red to bright blue-green in white startled Mannon 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 terrible thing!" he exclaimed.

And with that said Mannon the lights stamped 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, Mannon said, the craft had moved perhaps 500 yards eastward up the valley and once again it was glowing red.

Mannon said he and his son watched it for a while, but decided against chasing it farther.

A few minutes later Mannon said, the lights went out and the silence was broken by a whine, but is similar to that of a ricocheting bullet as the unlighted craft seemed to fly directly over the house.

The next day Mannon 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 Mannon.

"I didn't even find a blade of swamp grass that was broken."

The Mannon are dismayed at some of the events that have followed.

When Mannon's wife, Leona, 38, drove into Dexter one afternoon in 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 Mannon's 1961 Dodge.

Sometimes they just drive past, shine a spotlight on the bedroom windows and scream "Mne! ans."

A schoolmate told 12-year-old Leland Mannon that his dad must have been seeing things. Leland punched the kid in the face.

By week's end, Mrs. Mannon, a handsome brown-haired woman, had been given tranquilizers and ordered to bed by her physician.

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IN PHOTOS

AF Investigator 'Shoots Down' Saucers

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 Hynck 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.

Hynck 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.

Hynck 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," Hynck said.

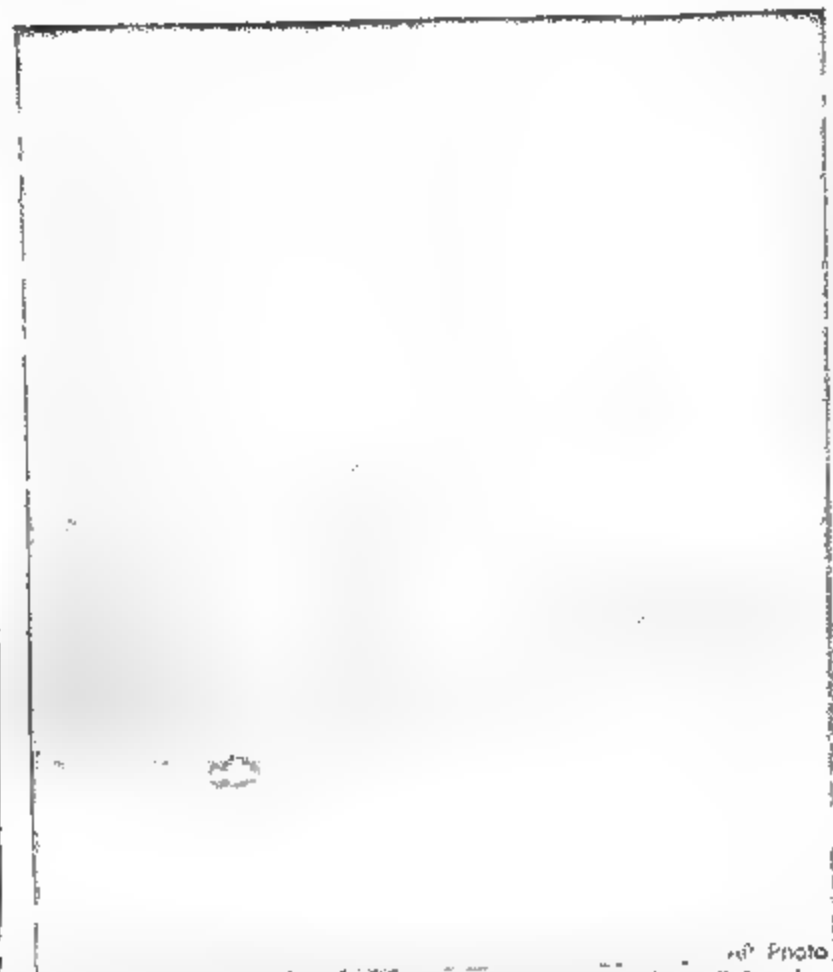
"I emphasize that I cannot prove in a court of law that this is the full explanation of these sightings. It appears very likely, however, that the combination of the conditions of this particular winter—an unusually mild one in this area—and the particular weather conditions were such as to have produced this unusual and puzzling display."

Hynck 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, Hynck 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," Hynck said. "But if 10 or 20 report seeing similar objects then it is grounds for scientific investigation."

Hynck 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 20. Washtenaw County Deputy David Fitzpatrick said he made the picture with a subminiature camera at 8:20 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
Night Causes Public Alarm

By EBBY CLARK
Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, March 26—Across the swamps of southern Michigan earlier this week flying saucers were seen. An Air Force investigator said most of them dawn 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 money season—the 1966 year for "unidentified flying objects," or "U.F.O.'s"—has presented officials in Washington with a problem.

Carl A. Ford, House Republican leader, started a new stream by calling for a full-scale Congressional investigation. Such inquiries have been prepared many times before, but never by one of Mr. Ford's status in Government.

Mr. Ford had just returned from Michigan. He saw reports from sightings in his district and he had to raise from constituents about them. However he said:

"I can assure you there is no 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 massed sightings of natural or man-made objects.

To refuse to investigate, however, opens Congress to the charge, often made by Soviet leaders, 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 lead 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 groups who thought they had seen them.

"You can't just select anyone to go and either I need jobs or were to do it," he said. "You have to take into account who is a bona fide witness and I know what that means. If we were to go and see the already got enough people to see who was in the area, and if they were to be in the area of a sighting or sighting."

A spokesman for the House Science Committee said he had on a committee of the House of Representatives on the American Astronautical Society has established a committee to have its own set of 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 U.S. 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 by making what is now a "mystery" by seeming to indicate concern in Congress.

The House Science Committee charged with the defense of the nation's ability to investigate and to bring to justice in it. Through the end of 1965 year it had claimed \$2,117 such reports.

Last year such sightings were reported topped only by 1,501 in 1962 and 1,008 in 1967.

The 16,147 sightings, 646 or 4% in the Air Force's "unidentified" category. Most "U.F.O.'s" were "sighting" objects were explained as meteors, stars and planets, airplanes, balloons and satellites, but many were thrown into a category called "other."

Other in the case of this year's sightings included space bullets, debris in the wind, "pencil" photos, and "with no ground," according to the Air Force.

Some King as Victim

No one has yet reported a sighting of a U.F.O. in the Hillside Court area, a spokesman for the Air Force said. "I saw through the window of a car from some kind of vehicle."

J. Lee King, a 22-year-old Bangor, Me. man, said he had seen four times at a 20-foot-long glowing object and that it is then named "shaped" he said.

"I could hear the cherry bushes scraping as the thing came toward me," Mr. King said.

A spokesman for the Air Force said he had seen a U.F.O. in the Hillside Court area, a spokesman for the Air Force said. "I saw through the window of a car from some kind of vehicle."

King said that it was a real dull day otherwise he might have noticed it through the window. Representative Ford said he received a telephone inquiry would allow any other persons to see.

"If it is such as the whole thing could be cleaned up and eliminated as a matter of fact very rapidly," he said.

Meanwhile the Air Force says it will continue to investigate "of the existence of an extraterrestrial life" and "if it is operating within the earth's atmosphere."

Michiganders Report More Flying Objects

ANN ARBOR, Mich. —(AP)—Lundemized flying objects go on lambasting Michigan, despite an expert's finding that failed to support their existence in two Michigan areas.

New reports of sightings yesterday 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 lay 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 elude 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 uninvolved.

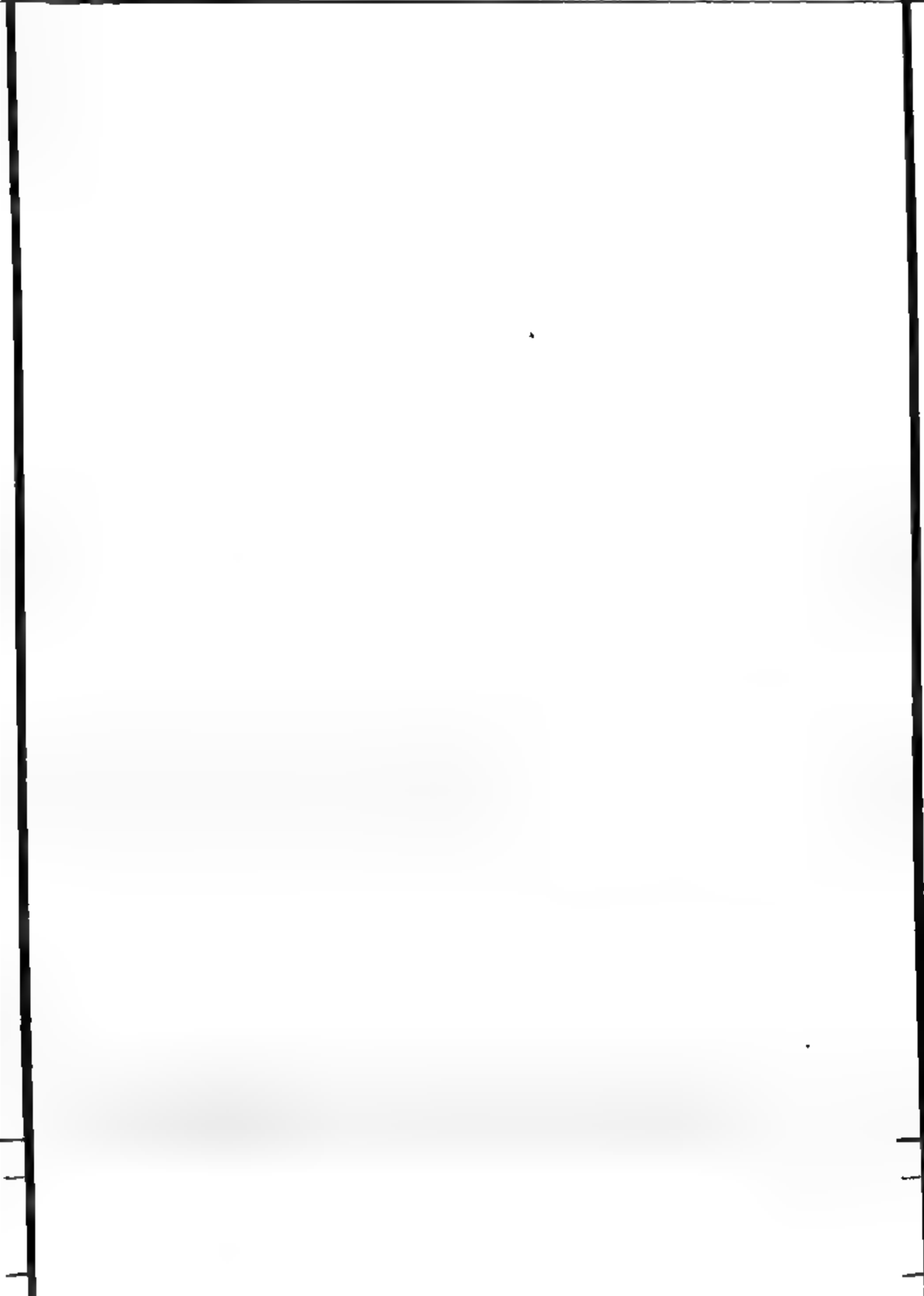
A few years ago, they ran into one of the rare instances in which tangible evidence is left. A man in a Middle Western state had observed a saucer land and had seen the little men get out of it. They had proceeded to eat dinner.

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 overdo pancakes as anyone else. And if coeds make a formidable testament to almost anything,

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Raleigh, N.C.

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AF Report On UFOs 'Mockery'

CLEVELAND Ohio UPI—One of 27 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 Hilldale 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 Hilldale 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 woody 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 "smiles of the objects were very precise."



FORECAST

Figures Show High Temperatures For Daytime Wednesday
Detailed Forecasting Not Yet

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UFO Eyed By Many For Hours

HILLSDALE, Mich. (UPI) --

A Civil Defense director and an assistant dean and 27 coeds reported Tuesday they watched a glowing object zip past a college dormitory and hover in a swarm for hours.

Their description of the eerie object seen here Monday night tallied closely with that of one seen by more than 20 persons, including 13 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 Told Notes

Mrs. Kelly Hearn, for seven years a newspaper reporter before becoming assistant dean of women, assistant professor of English and house-mother 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 Kahn, 21, New Castle, Pa., and Cynthia Pechberger, 20, Cleveland, Ohio, were the first to see the object.

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Flying Colors

Do We Want Little Green Men Moving In Next Door?

By Art Buchwald

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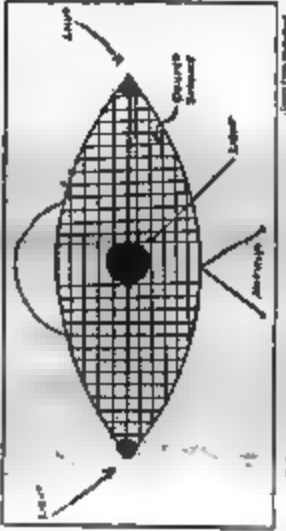
ARMY SEEING SAUCERS

By WILLIAM BRANT

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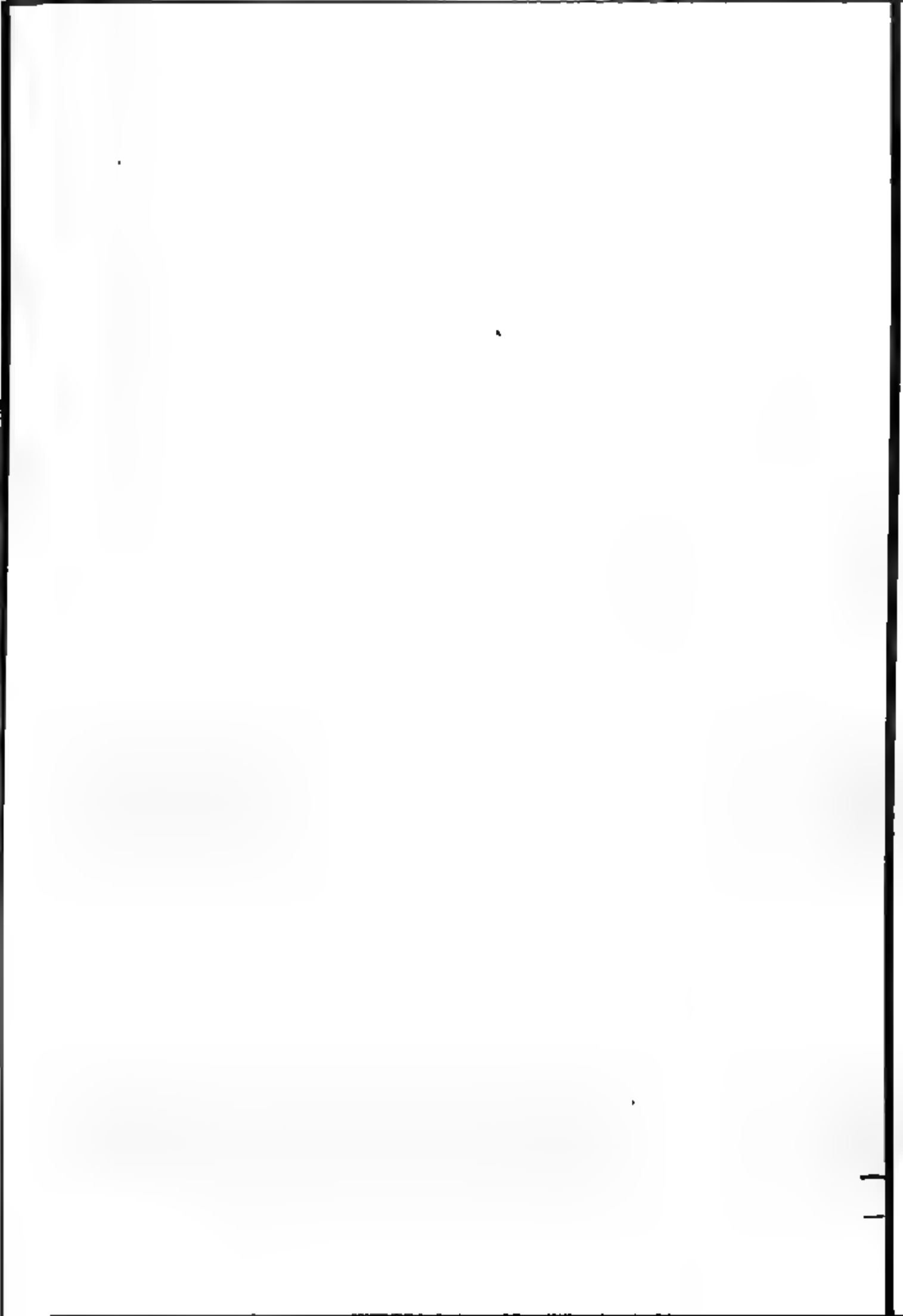
Flying Object Reports Have an Unusually Good Week

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Twelve FBI Searches
Manned Without Failures
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Tries to Quell Disturbances

Hynek Swamps It To Study UFO's Following Report

By DAVID S. HILSON
Campus Editor

Probing through mazes in western Michigan may not be the ideal spring vacation activity. The Northwestern's Fred A. Hynek flew to the state to be attempted to quell disturbances of a kind that have never before been reported in the United States.

The report of a UFO sighting in the state of Michigan was made to the FBI by a student at the University of Michigan, Kalamazoo, Michigan, on March 21, 1964.

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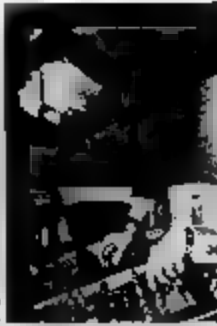
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A photo shows a student at the University of Michigan, Kalamazoo, Michigan, on March 21, 1964. The student is looking at a piece of equipment or a screen. The background is dark and indistinct.

Michigan ...

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Crash Explains Michigan's UFO Sightings; Swamp Gases And Male Pranksters Blamed

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Some observers blame the strange transient noise and the glowing ...

In the Michigan case, after the first sighting, Myron said ...

The pictures were taken on a different night and in a different ...

This is the new thing. It is like a light's beam. There are ...

Myron expressed surprise in the statement the Michigan ...

"We've had many more interesting cases than in Eastern New ...

Monday on Channel 11 at 8:30 p.m. Myron will be joined by ...

Myron agreed to use an electronic aid to assist a spring ...

He said, "I learned more about strange than I ever thought ...

Mars! Gas and Chickenman

Was it Martians or marsh gas?

Northwestern University's J. A. Lee Hyslop, now a more carefully 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. These unidentified flying objects were various extraterrestrial objects by someone or persons, said he.

Hyslop, who serves as the U. S. Air Force's authority on strange things such as the sky, received more publicity for his unique interest during the past several days

Removing More Riles

Associated Western Students has proposed an extension of freshman women's hours for classes and spring quarters beginning in 1967.

The plan is another step in a path which AWS and other student groups at Northwestern are taking today and later to eliminate some of the artificial social rules and regulations of this university.

We want Northwestern's women will be able enough to support the plan in their Spring units, as they have supported similar issues and a similar boy system earlier this year.

And we hope the Council on Undergraduate Life will work out of the jurisdiction that it put itself in last quarter and approve the plan when presented with it later this quarter.

than in all the years he's spent looking through Dearborn Observatory's telescope.

The things he called marsh gas or planets were seen by many people in Michigan, including a Civil Defense official, several politicians, one newspaper reporter, a college dean, and a group of college students.

And they all thought surely they were visiting extraterrestrial aliens by visitors from the planets which the United States and the U.S.S.R. both are competing to study with their space vehicles.

It's hard to believe that what these folks up in Michigan saw — as well as what's been reported happening in the skies of Georgia and other states across the nation, were all planets and marsh gas. But it's equally difficult to argue with an distinguished astronomer as Prof. Hyslop.

We hat he doesn't believe in Chickenman either.

Boys and Men

Boys will be boys, and nothing proved it better than the night late last quarter when the electric power disengaged from north campus for about 60 minutes and WLF's men enjoyed it.

They exploded five tractors in the quad-rangle, cranked bottom on sidewalks and in the corridors of Irving Hall, lit smoke bombs three, put in three fire alarms, and staged a powerline party riot. They also performed a liberation and some other things from residence hall lounge — a job, if you like reported.

How-often you ought to see this year.



UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT SIGHTING

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 31 March 66. 03/0320Z	2. LOCATION Benoboth, Mass.
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS 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.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Not Reported	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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REPLACEMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
LEFT IN THE MARCH
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ACTION: NIN-7, SA INFO: SAPOS-3, XOP-1, XOPX-2, DIA-1 (15)
ABV CY DIA.

SMB 8 12Z CZ CHOB 97Z CIJB217

RR RUEAHQ

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RUEBHQA/CSAF

RUEAHQ/OSAF WASH DC

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UNCLAS 55101N 18122 APR 66. FOR CSAF (AFNIN), CSAF (SAFO+).

SUBJ: UFO REPORT. AFR 288-2 PARA. 14 A. (1) OBLONG (2)
FOOTBALL (3) ORANGE OR AMBER (4) ONE (5) N/A (6) BRIGHT
LIGHTS ON EACH EDGE OF OBLONG OBJECT, (7) NONE (8) NONE
(9) NONE. B. (1) THE BRIGHTNESS OF THE LIGHTS AND THE FACT
THAT THEY WERE DIRECTLY HORIZONTAL IN FRONT OF THEM. (2)
DIRECT LINE IN FRONT OF OBSERVERS HORIZONTAL TO TERRAIN.
(3) MOVING SLOWLY TO OBSERVERS LEFT WITH LIGHTS FADING IN

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VERTICAL POSITION. (4) UPON INITIAL SIGHTING OBJECT WAS
STILL AND LIGHTS WERE HORIZONTAL TO TERRAIN. OBJECT STARTED
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TO MOVE SLOWLY FORWARD TOWARDS THE LEFT AND AT THE SAME
TIME THE LIGHTS WERE FADING AND MOVING INTO A VERTICAL
POSITION TO THE OBSERVERS. IT WAS DURING THIS FINAL MANEU-
VER THAT THE OBSERVERS LOST SIGHT OF THE OBJECT. (5) LIGHTS
FADING VERTICAL TO SOUTH. (6) 10 MINUTES. C. (1) GROUND-
VISUAL (2) NONE (3) N/A D. (1) 0120Z-31 MAR 66 (2) NIGHT.
E. TWO STATUTE MILES ESE OF REHOBOTH, 1. M. S. F. (1) CIVILIANS,
JACQUELINE LETOURNEAU 19, 831 GLOBE STREET, FALL RIVER, MASS
673-8416; MARY L. MOONEY 19, 28 BRAYTON AVENUE, FALL RIVER,
MASS; GUY AVERILL 19, 833 COUNTY STREET, 9.34 35, MASS
672-8429; ERNEST NUNES 17, 24 NEW HAMPSHIRE STREET, SOMERSET,
MASS. (2) N/A. G. (1) CLEAR SKY WITH SOME CLOUD COVER. (2)
7KT. SURFACE WIND GUSTING TO 16KTS. (3) 3500FT (4) 10MI. VIS-
IBILITY AT MSL (5) 900FT SCATTERED, 1500FT BROKEN. (6) NONE
(7) 45DEGREES AT MSL. H. NONE. IWM A MASSCHUSETTS STATE POLICE-
MAN FROM THE REHOBOTH MASS STATE POLICE BARRACKS WENT OUT TO
THE AREA AT ABOUT 0230Z AND FOUND NOTHING. J. LOCATION OF

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SIGHTING IS B.M.I. FROM THE HILLSGROVE R.I. AIRPORT CONTROL.
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LANDING LIGHTS ON, EITHER HAVING TAKEN OFF OR MAKING AN

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APPROACH TO HILLSGROVE FLYING IN A DIRECT LINE TO THE OB-
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FADING COULD BE THE SAME AIRCRAFT MAKING A TURN TO THE
RIGHT WHICH WOULD GIVE THE APPEARANCE OF THE OBJECT MOVING
WHILE THE LIGHTS PROGRESSED MOVING VERTICAL AND FADING.

K. WING INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, DURING THE TIME THE OBJECT
WAS SIGHTED THERE WAS AIRCRAFT TRAFFIC IN THE VICINITY OF
HILLSGROVE R.I. AIRPORT, WARW CK R.I.. THE PREPARING OFFICER
BELIEVES THE AIRCRAFT TAXI LIGHTS OR LANDING LIGHTS FROM AN
AIRCRAFT WAS THE CAUSE OF THE SIGHTING. 1. NONE

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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 Millis 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 Elner

ICAF MASSACHUSETTS INVESTIGATING SUBCOMMITTEE

13 Friend Court
Woburn, Massachusetts

SUBJECT: UFO REPORT, 3-30-66, Rehoboth, Massachusetts

DATE: 12 April 1966

FROM: Raymond E. Fowler
Chairman: IICAF MASS SUBCOM

TO: [REDACTED] P
Attention: Richard Ball

cc: AFSC - FTD (Project Bluebook)
Congressman William Ertou

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, manuscripts, weather report and other pertinent material are
included for backup information.

~~Respectfully submitted,~~

Raymond E. Fowler
Chairman: IICAF MASS SUBCOM

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The Providence Journal, Monday, April 4, 1944

Questioned by U.S. Officials Rehoboth Residents See Flying Objects

It Mr. Morison said he did not report his sighting to police A. R. Bergh.

Another sighting last Wednesday was reported by Gardner C. Borden of 122 Bay State Rd., Rehoboth.

He said he was driving in private research organization toward Warren along Route 118 and saw at least one flying object about 100 feet high.

He said the lights were about three minutes behind him and the lights were behind some trees.

"When we first saw the lights" he said they were about 100 feet high and about 100 feet high. The lights were in a line and about 100 feet high.

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Both Mr. Boutin, and M...

A third sighting was reported about 7 p.m. on March 23 by...

They were very close to...

She said she saw a flashing white light between two red lights. There was no noise, she...

He said they remained silent, fearing ridicule.

Otis Intelligence Probes Strange Aerial Lights

The Intelligence Division of the Air Force Base has been probing the incident in...

Capt. Paul McMinn, public information officer, said that the report made at the Rehoboth State Police Barracks concerning hovering lights was the first...

Others in the area sighting the lights were Ernest Nunez, 17, of 24 New Hampshire Ave.,...

Miss Letourneau said the group became excited and reported the sighting to the Swansea police. They were directed to report the incident to the...

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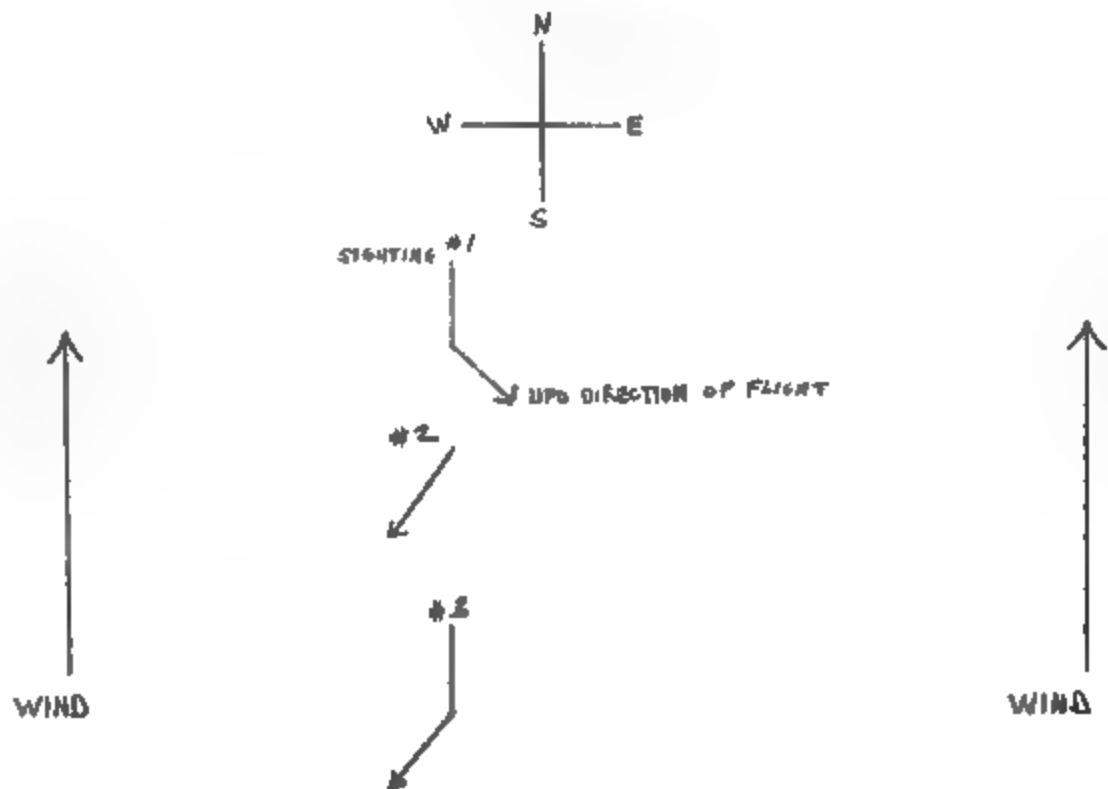
Addendum II

U S GOVERNMENT WEATHER FORECAST

30 March 1965

	8 00 P.M. EST	9 00 P.M. EST
Ceiling	2600 Broken/5000 Overcast	2600 Broken/High Overcast
Visibility	12 Miles	12 Miles
Wind Direction	South	South
Wind Speed	15 MPH	15 MPH
Temperature	45°F	43°F

R. E. Fowler
Chairman: WCAP 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	J.S. [unclear] (Photograph) Return Department
1	Jaqueline 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 Dainforth 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 Moitose Holmes Street, Rehoboth, Massachusetts 252-4869			Postmaster (unclear) 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 # DE1144AES3/31. I contacted 3 boxes twice number 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 was 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 E. Procaccini on 3-30-66 at about 8:40 PM.

The four young people were sent to the State Police by police in Hanson 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 state news 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" was the same 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 other's reports at this time.

This agent visited two of the persons who reported the 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 questions on report forms before talking among themselves. There seemed to be some minor discrepancies as will be noted on the question forms. All but Fary 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 G. 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 Moltoza 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 Southward 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, O-1's AFM 110 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 P.M. 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. Ross who had the best vantage point and 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 600 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. Rice. 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 T-1 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 Moitosa, 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 large lights were extremely bright, big and round in shape. He compared them to an automobile headlight's 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 more than 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. Moitzo 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 time and places. Such information will be included in a future addendum to this report.

NICAP INVESTIGATOR
Ernest G. Reid
7 Peck Avenue,
Mayland, Massachusetts

Respectfully submitted,
Stanford E. Fowler
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Chairman: NICAP MASS SUBCOM

NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE ON AERIAL PHENOMENA
1536 Connecticut Avenue N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

NO-44 P-4034

REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT(S)

This form includes questions asked by the United States Air Force and by other Armed Forces' investigating agencies, and additional questions to which answers are needed for full evaluation by NICAP.

After all the information has been fully studied, the conclusion of our Evaluation Panel will be published by NICAP in its regularly issued magazine or in another publication. Please try to answer as many questions as possible. Should you need additional room, please use another sheet of paper. Please print or typewrite. Your assistance is of great value and is gratefully appreciated. Thank you.

1. Name Guy P. Arell
Address 833 County St.
SOMERSET, MASS.
Telephone 08 2-8429

Place of Employment US Reserve (Army) [11 weeks]
Occupation Return Department
Education High School
Special Training none
Military Service none
Time AM 8:30AM Time Zone EST

2. Date of Observation 3/30/66

3. Locality of Observation Rahqueth

4. How long did you see the object? Hours 10-15 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. was that I notice

7. If seen at night, twilight, or dawn, were the stars or moon visible? No stars out 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 bright lights that were

10. Was the object(s) brighter than the background of the sky? at night the lights were in a horizontal position then it started to move

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? 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, etc., etc., if possible.

14. Was there any wind? when it was landing it passed a tree (roughly 20 feet)

15. Did you observe the object(s) through an optical instrument or other aid, windshield, windowpane, store window, etc., 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.
- b. Like a bright star.
- c. Simply outlined.

lights bright and they were revolving

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 couldn't tell*

20. Tell the apparent size of the object(s) when compared with the following hold or coin'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 eye's length.

21. How did you happen to notice the object(s)? *had some going along colored - when one of us spotted*

22. Where were you and what were you doing at the time? *at the airport, watching around -*

23. How did the object(s) disappear from view? *it descended*

24. Compare the speed of the object(s) with a plane or jet aircraft at the same apparent altitude. *much slower*

25. Were there any conventional aircraft in the location at the time or temporarily afterwards? If so, please describe. *not*

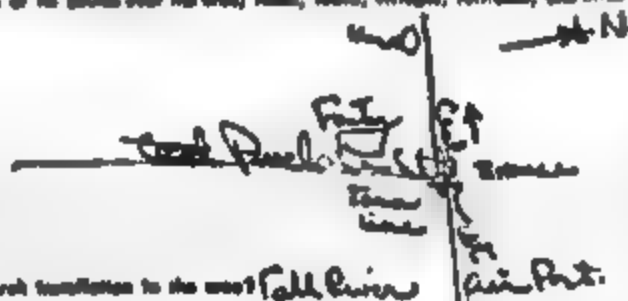
26. Please estimate the distance of the object(s). *no estimate*

27. What was the elevation of the object(s) in the sky? Please mark on this hemisphere sketch.



28. Name and address of other witnesses, if any. *Ernie Thomas, Thayer C. Manning*

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? *Tell 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, copies 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? *Interviewed WJAR - Boston hearing. WPRO TV + Radio (Ernie Thomas)*

34. Were you asked or told not to reveal or discuss the incident? If so, who and when the questioning took place. *Interviewed by Phoenix - Air Force investigators*

35. Were you asked or told not to reveal or discuss the incident? If so, who and when the questioning took place. *no*

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You may use my name. Please keep my name confidential.

37. Date of filling out this report *April 2, 1964* Signature: *Ray L. Ansell*

Found: Very slowly seen the lights turn
vertical then started ~~down~~ descending toward
the ground. As the lights started to descend about
to reach the trees the lights started
to descend.

High Udonic line Behind us.

Ray Amell

April 2 - 1866

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1. Name: *Reguelina T. Leticianian* Place of Employment: *Bristol Knitting Mills*
 Address: *831. Glade St.* Occupation: *Machine operator*
Trall River, Mass Education: *3 yrs of high school*
 Telephone: *058-8416* Special Training: _____
 Military Service: _____
2. Date of Observation: *March 30, 1966* Time: *AM 8:30 PM* Time Zone: *EST*
3. Locality of Observation: *Ledebard, Mass*
4. How long did you see the object(s)? Hours: *15 Minutes* Seconds: _____
5. Please describe weather conditions and the type of sky (i.e., bright daylight, overcast, dark, 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(s)? *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 start 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, covering, 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 defined.

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? *fall (slowly)*

20. Tell the apparent size of the object(s) when compared with the following hold or coin's length:

- | | | |
|------------|------------------|---------------|
| a. Pinhead | d. Nickel | g. Orange |
| b. Penny | e. Half dollar | h. Grapefruit |
| c. Dime | f. Silver dollar | i. Larger |
- from far the lights were grapefruit size, maybe larger.*

Or, if easier, give apparent size in inches on a ruler held at coin's length.

21. How did you happen to notice the object(s)? *I looked out the window and spotted a bright amber light revolving and it was moving like on the sky but above it lights.*

22. Where were you and what were you doing at the time? *just traveling along I-90 at the Lehigh Mass.*

23. How did the object(s) disappear from view? *It descended already was a cloud of smoke about 300 miles away from the car*

24. Compare the speed of the object(s) with a plane or jet aircraft at the same apparent altitude.

25. Were there any conventional aircraft in the location of the rise or immediately afterwards? If so, please identify.

26. Please estimate the distance of the object(s).

27. What was the elevation of the object(s) in the sky? *From north on this hemisphere sketch:*



28. Name and address of other witnesses, if any. *David Mowrey, Richard Morris, James Russell*

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*

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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: *Josephine F. Lawrence*

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1. Name MARY LOUISE MOONEY Place of Employment DINSON'S FURNITURE
 Address 28 BRADLEY AVENUE Occupation SECRETARY & OFFICE CLERK
1 HAZEL RIVER, MASS Education GRADUATE OF HIGH SCHOOL
 Special Training _____
 Military Service _____
 Telephone DS 86236
2. Date of Observation MAR 17 1966 Time 8 AM Time Zone EST
3. Locality of Observation 1.5 MILES S+ W. RENOBERT
4. How long did you see the object? _____
 Hours _____ Minutes _____ Seconds _____
5. Please describe weather conditions and the type of sky, i. e., bright daylight, slight 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 mass of light; was it revolving, etc? Please use additional sheets of paper, if necessary. 1.3 IN AIR - LIKE 2 1/2" DIA. T. ALKPTIRG MOVING W. ON 4 SECCLY, LIGHTS THEN FADED AND LOST 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, twilight, 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? YES
13. Did the object(s) at any time pass in front of, or behind of, anything? If so, please indicate giving distance, size, etc., if possible.
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, windowpanes, store window, screening, etc? NO What? WINDOW PANE
16. Did the object(s) leave any sound? NO What kind? _____ How loud? _____
17. Please tell if the object(s) was (were) —
 a. Fuzzy or blurred. NONE
 b. Like a bright star.
 c. Sharply outlined.

18. Was the object —

- a. Self-luminous?
- b. Oil finish?
- c. Reflecting?
- 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:

- | | | |
|------------|------------------|--|
| a. Pinhead | d. Nickel | g. Orange |
| b. Pea | e. Half dollar | h. Grapefruit |
| c. Disc | f. Silver dollar | i. <input checked="" type="radio"/> Larger |

Or, if smaller, give apparent size in inches on a ruler held at arm's length.

21. How did you happen to notice the object(s)?

REARVIEW OF THE BLINKING LIGHTS

22. Where were you and what were you doing at the time?

SEATED IN THE REARVIEW MIRROR THINKING A RIDE

23. How did the object(s) disappear from view?

24. Compare the speed of the object(s) with a plane or jet aircraft at the same apparent altitude.

25. Were there any conventional aircraft in the location of the stop 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:

NEARLY HORIZONTAL TO THE HORIZON

28. Name and address 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.

RE HO 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.

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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 Mason

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1. Name *Eric & Marie*
 Address *24 New Hampshire Ave*
SOMERSET, MASS
 Telephone *0580196*
 Place of Employment *Pine Spoolers*
 Occupation *Housewife*
 Education
 Special Training
 Military Service
2. Date of Observation
 Time *AM* *7:45* Time Zone
3. Locality of Observation
4. How long did you see the object? *None* *Minutes 5-10* *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 sun or night, twilight, or dawn, was the star or moon visible? *yes*
8. Were there any other objects? *yes* If so, please tell how many, and draw a sketch of what you saw, indicating direction of movement, if any. *no*
9. Please describe the object(s) in detail. For instance, did it (they) appear solid, or only as a source of light was it reacting, etc? Please use additional sheets of paper, if necessary. *it was to 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 start 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, size, 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, viz., binoculars, telescope, camera, etc., or through any? *no*
16. Did the object(s) have any sound? *no* What kind? *no* How loud?
17. Please tell if the object(s) was (were) — *lighter*
 - a. Fuzzy or blurred.
 - b. Like a bright star.
 - c. Simply outlined.

18. Was the object —

- a. Self-luminous?
- b. Dull flash?
- c. Reflecting?
- d. Transparent?

19. Did the object(s) rise or fall while in action? *Yes, it*

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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Olive | f. Silver dollar | i. Larger |

Or, if easier, give apparent size in inches on a ruler held at arm's length. *1 foot or upward*

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 on

23. How did the object(s) disappear from view?

It came down

down

24. Compare the speed of the object(s) with a plane 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 describe. *Yes*

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  60°

28. Names and addresses of other witnesses, if any.

Ray Mary Dackley

29. Please draw a map of the locality of the observation showing clearly 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 woods

30. Is there an airport, military, governmental, or research installation in the area? *Yes*

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, maps 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. *Yes*

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You may use any name. *(initials)*

Please keep my name confidential. ()

35. Date of filling out this report: *April 2, 1966*

Signature: *Ernest Thomas*

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1. Name BERVILLE H. BAER Place of Employment HOUSEWIFE
Address DANFORTH ST. Occupation
REHOBOTH, MASS. Education High School plus one year nurses
Special Training
Military Service
2. Date of Observation WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 1964 Time Between 11:15 AM & 1:15 PM Time Zone EASTERN STANDARD
3. Locality of Observation RTE. 48, MOUNTAIN ST. REHOBOTH
4. How long did you see the object? Have 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 LARGE,
10. Was the object(s) brighter than the background of the sky?
YES
11. If so, compare the brightness with the Sun, Moon, highlights, 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 speed up 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.
W. WERE INSIDE AN AUTOMOBILE AT THE TIME.
15. Did you observe the object(s) through an optical instrument or other aid, such as binoculars, window, telescope, etc?
WAS IN DRIVING
16. Did the object(s) have any sound? What kind? How loud?
DID NOT 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 black?
- 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 | d. Nickel | g.  |
| b. Penny | e. Half dollar | h. Grapefruit |
| c. Dime | f. Silver dollar | i. Larger |

A LARGE MOUND

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 VERY OBVIOUS

22. Where were you and what were you doing at the time? IN A CAR ON THE WAY TO WARREN, RI.

23. How did the object(s) disappear from view? IN A MOUNTAIN BEHIND US WE WENT DOWNHILL AND

24. Compare the speed of the object(s) with a plane or jet aircraft at the same apparent altitude. FACES DISCOURAGED

25. Were there any conventional aircraft in the location at the time or immediately afterwards? If so, please describe.

26. Please estimate the distance of the object(s).

27. What was the elevation of the object(s) in the sky? RANG UP ON THE HORIZON ABOUT 

28. Name and altitude of other witnesses, if any.

29. Please draw a map of the locality of the observation showing clearly 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, millroads, and other landmarks within a mile.



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.

36. Date of filing out this report: April 2, 1966

Signature: Bernard H. Bauer

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1. Name LARDNER C BORDEN Place of Employment SPARKLEATHER C. SHERMAN, INC
Address ROCKY HILL RD, Occupation INSURANCE AG
REHOBOTH, MASS
Telephone 841 3383 Education BS MBA - UNION UNIVERSITY
Special Training AD. MAJOR INSURANCE DESIGN COLLEGE
Military Service SP4 USAF USAF AIR FORCE TRANSPORTATION CORPS
2. Date of Observation 30 MAR 1966 Time 8:30 PM Temp Zone EST
3. Locality of Observation REHOBOTH, MASS AT 1/2 MILES SOUTH OF RT 118 JCT. RT 44
4. How long did you see the object? From 2-3 minutes to seconds
5. Please describe weather conditions and the type of sky, i.e., bright daylight, twilight, 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. THE OBJECTS WERE BRIGHTLY GLOWING RED ORANGE LIGHTS WITH A FINE DIAL SPINNING LIGHT BEHIND THEM IN THE MIDDLE. -
10. Was the object(s) brighter than the background of the sky? YES THE LIGHTS WERE ABOUT THREE TIMES THE SIZE OF THE RED AND ORANGE LIGHTS WHICH WERE BEHIND THEM.
11. If so, compare the brightness with the Sun, Moon, headlights, etc. AS BRIGHT AS HEADLIGHTS
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 APPROX 35 YD. 11PM.
- c. Break up into parts or explode? NO
- d. Give off smoke? NO
- e. Leave any visible trail? NO AS IF HEARD OFF THE LIGHTS FINISHED AND
- f. Drop anything? NO SAKE REARVIEW MIRROR
- 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. 1-2 CHIRPING BIRDS AND A TREE IN FRONT ABOUT 200 YD AWAY
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, such as binoculars, telescope, camera, etc? YES What? CAR WINDSHIELD
16. Did the object(s) have any sound? NOT KNOWN What kind? CAR WINDMILL CLIPPING SOUND
17. Please tell if the object(s) was (were) —
- a. Fuzzy or Marginal. NO OBJECT SEEN
- b. Like a bright star. LIGHTS WERE (B)
- c. Sharply outlined.

18. Was the object —

- a. Soft-luminous? *APPEARED TO SHINE ALIGHT LARGE, BRIGHT DIMLY*
- b. Dull finish?
- c. Reflecting?
- d. Transparent?

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
- b. Pin
- c. Coin
- d. Nickel
- e. Half dollar
- f. Silver dollar
- g. Orange
- h. Grapefruit
- 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)? *RECORDED A CURVE IN THE ROAD OBJECT WAS TAKEN EACH THE LINE STRAIGHT AHEAD*

22. Where were you and what were you doing at the time? *ALONG THE ROAD*

23. How did the object(s) disappear from view? *HAZARDY SPEED AWAY FROM ME SAME DIRECTION AND AT GREAT SPEED LOW LEVEL*

24. Compare the speed of the object(s) with a plane or jet aircraft at the same apparent altitude. *FASTER THAN JET PLANE SPEED IS ESTIMATED*

25. Were there any conventional aircraft in the location at the time or immediately afterwards? If so, please elaborate. *NO PLANE WAS SEEN RIGHT AHEAD LONGER THAN 10 SECONDS (NOT IDENTIFIED)*

26. Please estimate the distance of the object(s).

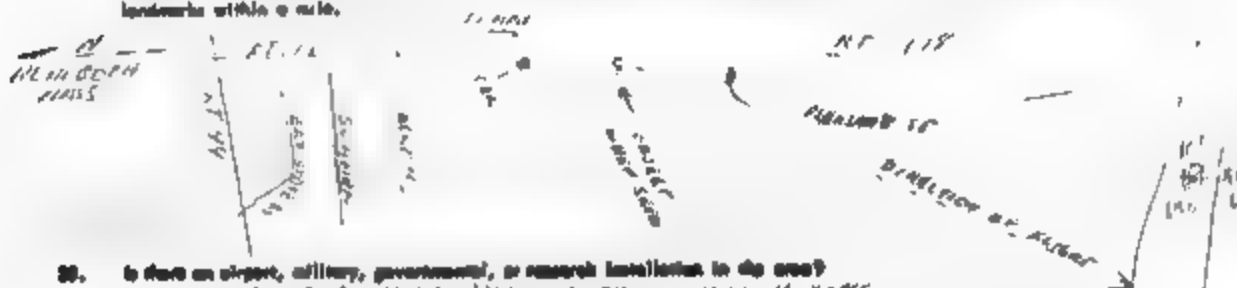
27. What was the elevation of the object(s) in the sky? *DO NOT SEE FT*

Please mark on this hemisphere sketch



28. Name and address of other witnesses, if any. *EVERYONE WHO SAW THIS, SEARCHED AREA, DANIELSON & STARBUCK HOUSE, ALLEGEDLY MAY BE WITH BUSHNELL & GARDEN (SEE ABOVE)*

29. Please draw a map of the locality of the observation showing clearly 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? *RECORDED IN THE CASE RECORDS IN WASHINGTON*

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, parts 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 this 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. *NO*

Were you asked or told not to reveal or discuss this incident? If so, were any rumors or official orders mentioned? Please elaborate carefully. *NO*

34. We should like permission to quote your name in connection with this report. This action will encourage other responsible citizens to report similar observations to NICAP. However, if you prefer, we will keep your name confidential. Please note your choice by checking the proper statement below. In any case, please fill in all parts of the form, for our own confidential files. Thank you for your cooperation.

You may use my name. (X)

Please keep my name confidential. ()

35. Date of filling out this report:

APRIL 4, 1966

Signature: *[Signature]*

[Signature]

NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE ON AERIAL PHENOMENA
 1336 Connecticut Avenue N. W.
 Washington 6, D. C.

Form 7-5434

REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT(S)

This form includes questions asked by the United States Air Force and by other Armed Forces' investigating agencies, and additional questions to which answers are needed for full evaluation by NICAP. After all the information has been fully studied, the conclusion of our Evaluation Panel will be published by NICAP in its regularly issued magazine or in another publication. Please try to answer as many questions as possible. Should you need additional room, use an extra sheet of paper. Please print or typewrite. Your assistance is of great value and is genuinely appreciated. Thank you.

1. Name Ellen W. Rose Place of Employment Burns Fuel, Inc
Bay State Road Rehoboth
Rehoboth, Mass Occupation Secretary
 Education 4 years college
 Special Training _____
 Military Service _____
 Telephone 253-6631
2. Date of Observation March 30, 1964 Time 1:30 AM (PM) Time Zone EST
 Approx. _____
3. Locality of Observation _____
4. How long did you see the object? _____
 Hours _____ Minutes 3 Seconds _____
5. Please describe weather conditions and the type of sky: i.e., bright daylight, nighttime, dusk, etc. night - 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? not clear moon
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. not noticed
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 faint nebula 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
 (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? yes
 - c. Break up into parts or explode? no
 - d. Give off smoke? no
 - e. Leave any visible trail? no
 - f. Drop anything? no
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13. Did the object(s) at any time pass in front of, or behind of, anything? If so, please describe giving distance, size, etc, if possible.
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, store window, screening, etc? _____ What? _____
16. Did the object(s) have any sound? _____ 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? No

20. Tell the apparent size of the object(s) when compared with the following held at arm's length:

- | | | |
|------------|------------------|--|
| a. Pinhead | d. Nickel | <input checked="" type="radio"/> e. Orange |
| b. Pin | e. Half dollar | f. Grapefruit |
| c. Glass | f. Silver dollar | g. Larger |

If smaller, give apparent size in inches on a ruler held at arm's length.

21. How did you happen to notice the object(s)?

22. Where were you and what were you doing at the time?
Just looking out window

23. How did the object(s) disappear from view?
Driving South on Madison Street - Rd 114 - going to Warren

24. Compare the speed of the object(s) with a plane or jet aircraft at the same apparent altitude.
Much slower than a jet - approx 1000 ft high - west to East

25. Were there any conventional aircraft in the location of the flash or luminosity afterwards? If so, please elaborate.

26. Please estimate the distance of the object(s).
Saw it as if they saw an airplane which we noticed that I did not

27. What was the elevation of the object(s) in the sky? None mark on this hemisphere sketch:



28. Names and addresses of other witnesses, if any. *You have these already*

29. Please draw a map of the locality of the observation showing clearly your position, the direction from which the object(s) appeared and disappeared from view, the direction of its course over the main roads, towns, villages, railroads, and other landmarks within a mile.

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N ——— Madison Street ——— E

Object appeared in the west

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.
Yes. N 45 E 10

32. Please enclose photographs, motion pictures, news clippings, copies 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 interviewed 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.

Were you asked or told not to reveal or discuss the incident? If so, state only reasons or official orders mentioned? Please elaborate carefully. *No - via the same Os - 130600*

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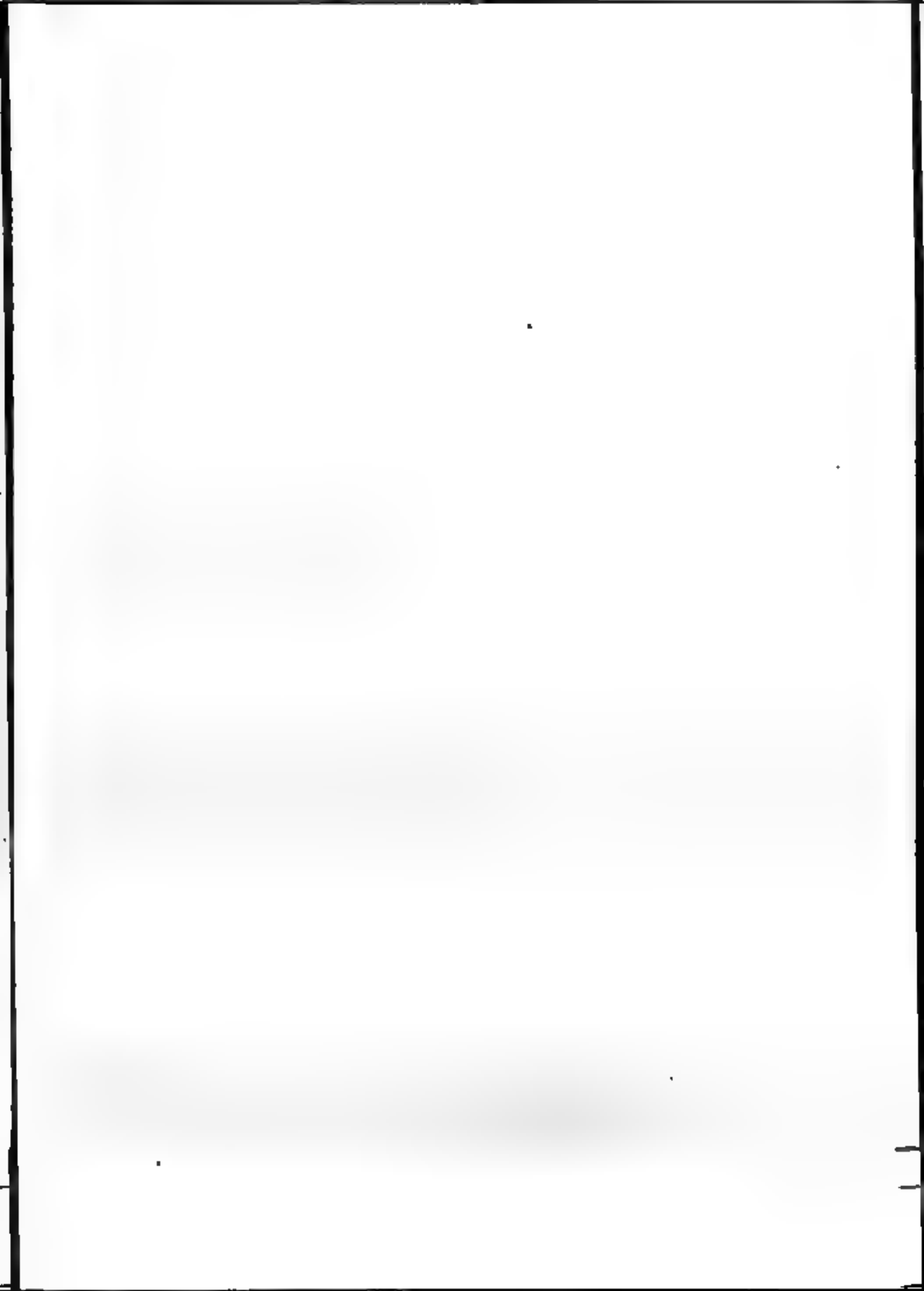
Please keep my name confidential.

35. Date of filling out this report:

April 3, 1966

Signature:

Allen W. Rine



PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 17 April 66 17/1000Z	2. LOCATION Ravenna, Mantua, Ohio
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION 1. PHOTO: (PROCESSING DEFECTS) 2. SATELLITE 3. Astro (VENUS)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One Reported	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION SEE CASE FILE	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS SEE CASE FILE
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE West to East, Hovered	
8. PHOTOS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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

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Y66-14

SUBJECT: UFO (Mantua, Ohio)

ANALYST: Major Quintanilla PI: Lt Hanson DATE: 22 Apr 66

- Both "images" fall into the same frame area.
- Neither of the $1/16$ density images are distinct enough to analyze. Average background density 1.25. "Image density" 1.06.
- If the object was "bright" against a dark sky the images should be plus density - they are not.
- The entire roll of film is severely fogged which could cover up much detail.
- The marks in the framing area of the film are outside the field of view of the lens, therefore, they couldn't be images.
- UFO's are probably ^{the result of} processing defects due to old fogged film and poor handling.

LLB JLC
K&K K&C

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V66-11

SUBJECT: UFO (, Ohio)

ANALYST: Major Quintanilla FILE: Lt Benson DATE: 22 Apr 66

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LLB RSC
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FTD (TUV)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433
25 April 1966

Chief Gerald Eckert
Mason Police Department
Mason, Ohio 45055

Dear Chief Eckert,

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 QUIÑANILLA, Jr, Major, USAF
Chief, Project Blue Book

Please send Mantua Police Dept
check for \$1.31 % a Trade out
to Chief Gerald Buchert. 44 255

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
COUNTY OF PORTAGE

Case No. 100-10000
Date Filed: 05/11/66
Case No. 100-10000

STATE OF OHIO
Columbus, Ohio

JOHN J. ROSE, Judge
Columbus, Ohio

Case No. 100-10000

May 11, 1966

Congressman W. L. Rosten
1444 Congressional District
New House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Sir,

When I recently served in Washington as the Congressman from the 14th District I was often asked by 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 UFO sightings in Portage County. On April 19th at about 3:00 A. M. two deputies of the Portage County Sheriff's Office, Dale Spear and Bill Huff, 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 it was sighted near Mantua.

Deputies Spear and Huff said that they had a good look at the object and as close as they could get 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.

As you understand the 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.

As my further delegation, we that their investigation of these sightings has been a combination of telephone conversations with several of the eye witnesses and an examination of the photographs taken by Chief Buchert.

Congressman W. L. Rosten PAGE 2 MAY 2 1966

They do not believe that the object is what the pilot claims it is and they believe that the United States Air Force has suffered a great loss of prestige in this community.

However, what bothers me most is a private pilot and as a former U. S. Congressman, is that representatives of the United States Air Force engaged with the responsibility of investigating UFO reports have never reported any of the reports to me. The three men who chased the object were not available to conduct a thorough investigation.

I personally know the three officers involved. They are men of integrity and I feel it is probably 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 its findings after such a study.

Sincerely yours,


Robert E. Cook

RJC/der

ENGINEERING SUPPORT WORK REQUEST

ENGINEERING ANALYSIS

PHOTO ANALYSIS

MACHINE COMPUTATION

PPT NUMBER: AG010301

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: Request photo analysis as to what unidentified object is.
A rapid Analysis is needed due to widespread publicity.

Northville

REFERENCE MATERIAL: One film strip. Request material be returned upon completion of analysis.

REQUESTED BY Mr. E. Quintanilla, Jr. STREET WYOMING PHONE 30016/826678

I CERTIFY THAT THIS WORK IS AUTHORIZED BY ME AND THAT IT HAS THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY AND DEADLINE WITHIN MY DIVISION.

PRIORITY	DEADLINE DATE	SIGNATURE OF APPROVING DIVISION CHIEF	DATE
HIGH			

ENGINEERING SUPPORT MONITOR _____ ASSISTANT _____

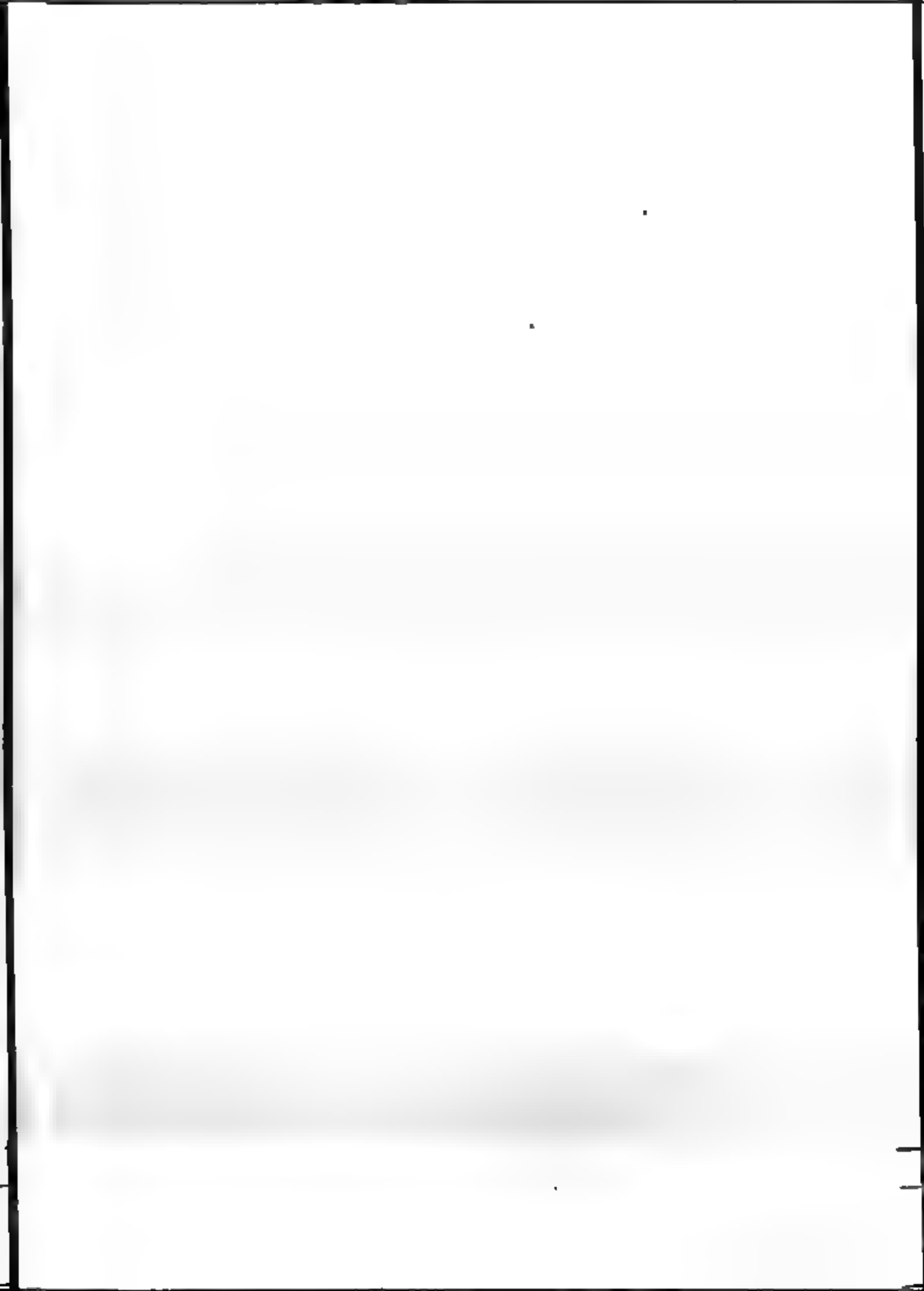
FINAL WORK TO BE IN FORM OF:

ENGINEERING NOTE
 COMPUTATION
 PI REPORT
 DRAWING
 PROGRAM

WORK REQUEST APPROVED BY: _____ DEADLINE DATE: _____

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 TWO
 THREE

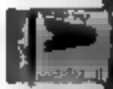
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS WITH TROOP CARRIER GROUP, MEDIUM (RESERVE) (COMAC)
GREATER PITTSBURGH AIRPORT, PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA 15231



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: CSS-I

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting 17 Apr 66

1 2 677 WZ

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 22 1/2 - 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 Pittsburgh 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. Baker
EUGENE F. BAKER
Information Officer

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Newsclippings

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.

<p>1. When did you see the object?</p> <p><i>Sunday April 1966</i> Day Month Year <i>April 17</i></p>	<p>2. Time of day <i>5</i> <i>30</i> Hour Minute</p> <p>(Circle One): <input checked="" type="radio"/> A.M. or <input type="radio"/> P.M.</p>
<p>3. Time Zone: (Circle One): <input checked="" type="radio"/> a. Eastern <input type="radio"/> b. Central <input type="radio"/> c. Mountain <input type="radio"/> d. Pacific <input type="radio"/> e. Other</p> <p>(Circle One): <input type="radio"/> a. Daylight Saving <input type="radio"/> b. Standard</p>	
<p>4. Where were you when you saw the object?</p> <p><i>1459 Jackson Rd.</i> <i>Vandalia Ohio Montgomery</i> Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or County</p>	
<p>5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration) <i>3or4</i> Hours Minutes Seconds</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> a. Certain <input type="radio"/> b. Fairly certain <input type="radio"/> c. Not very sure <input type="radio"/> d. Just a guess</p> <p>S.1 How was time in sight determined? <i>guessed</i></p> <p>S.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>6. What was the condition of the sky? <i>Early morn at 5:30 A.M. and clear sky.</i></p> <p>DAY <input type="radio"/> a. Bright <input type="radio"/> b. Cloudy</p> <p>NIGHT <input type="radio"/> a. Bright <input type="radio"/> b. Cloudy</p>	
<p>7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?</p> <p>(Circle One): <input type="radio"/> a. In front of you <input type="radio"/> b. In back of you <input type="radio"/> c. To your right <input type="radio"/> d. To your left <input type="radio"/> e. Overhead <input type="radio"/> f. Don't remember</p> <p><i>The sun hadn't made its appearance as yet on this day.</i></p>	

Satellite

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 moon (gl)
 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

c. 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

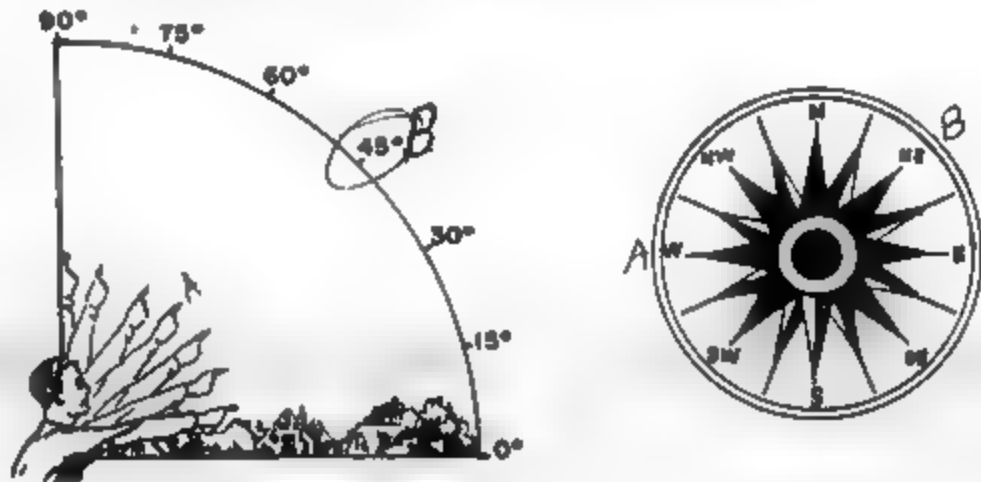
25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

- | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|----|---------------|-------|----|
| 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 us 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 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.

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 998-4587 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?

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1. to my Husband
2. W L W D-TV Station
3. Wright Patterson AFB

34. Date you completed this questionnaire

23

Day

April

Month

1966

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.

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1. When did you see the object?

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2. Time of day: 05 Hour 04 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

Mantua Ohio (Portage County)
 City or Town State or County

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration)

____ Hours 10 Minutes ____ Seconds

a. Certain c. Not very sure
 b. Fairly certain 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?

B.1 STARS (Circle One):

- a. None
- b. A few
- c. Many
- d. Don't remember

B.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

Very Bright White

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

NO Stars

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? | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | Don't know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't know |
| d. Give off smoke? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't know |
| e. Change brightness? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't know |
| f. Change shape? | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | Don't know |
| g. Flash or flicker? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't know |
| h. Disappear and reappear? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't know |

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14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how?

*Don't know - wonder if
it's there*

15. Did the object make any kind of sound(s) or any noise, particularly a click?

(Circle One)
No sound

Yes

No

Don't know

If you answered YES, then tell what
it sound like:

16. Did the object make any kind of vibration or any other, particularly a click?

(Circle One)
No

Yes

No

Don't know

If you answered YES, then tell what
it felt like:

17. Tell us a few words describing things about the object:

a. Sound

b. Color

Brighter, faint, indistinct

18. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick or one'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 rim of the sighting, how much of the object would have been obscured by the match head?

Very small

19. Draw a picture that will show you angles of the object as objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as legs, antennae, etc., and especially unusual marks or vapor trails.

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

vertical white)

prate horizontally

20. Do you think you can describe the sound of the object?

(Circle One)

Yes

No

If you answered YES, then what sound would you describe?

21. Do you think you can describe how the object looks?

(Circle One)

Yes

No

If you answered YES, then how do you describe your way to see?

22. Please open your eyesight when you saw the object?

(Circle One)

a. Inside a building

b. In a car

c. Outdoors

d. In an airplane cockpit

e. At sea

f. Other

23. What type of view did?

a. In the business section of a city?

b. In the residential section of a city? *Highway*

c. In open country?

d. Near an airport?

e. Flying over a city?

f. Flying over a body of water?

g. Other

24. If you were ANSWERING IN EITHER SECTION 20 OR 21, then complete the following questions:

24.1 How do you describe the color of the object? (Circle One)

a. White

b. Black

c. Gray

d. Other

24.2 How do you describe the shape of the object?

(Circle One)

Yes

No

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

a. Eyeglasses

Yes

No

b. Microscope

Yes

No

c. Sun glasses

Yes

No

d. Telescope

Yes

No

e. Window glass

Yes

No

f. Other

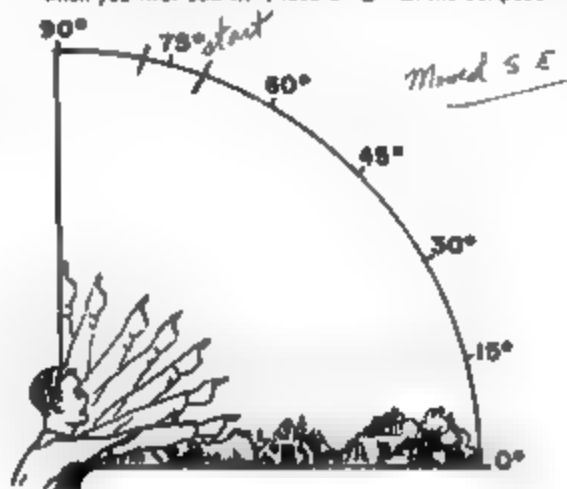
Yes

No

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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:

G.F.

4487 Orchard St
Mann
Box 265

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME Buchert Joan Irene
Last Name First Name Middle Name
ADDRESS 4487 Orchard Mantua Ohio
Street City Zone State
TELEPHONE NUMBER 274 2077 AGE _____ SEX M

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?

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Keyhor's Outfit?

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

17
Day

April
Month

66
Year

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1. When did you see the object? <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <u>17</u> Day </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <u>April</u> Month </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <u>1966</u> Year </div> </div>	2. Time of day <u>5</u> <u>07</u> 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? <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <u>St Rt 224</u> Nearest Postal Address </div> <div style="width: 30%;"> <u>Alexander</u> City or Town </div> <div style="width: 30%;"> <u>Portage County</u> State & County </div> </div>	
5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration) <u>1</u> <u>35</u> <u>?</u> Hours minutes seconds (a) Certain (b) Fairly certain (c) Not very sure (d) Just a guess 5.1 How was time in sight determined? <u>It came right over our car & stopped</u> 5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
6. What was the condition of the sky? <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> DAY (a) Bright (b) Cloudy </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> NIGHT a. Bright b. Cloudy </div> </div>	
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):

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 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? | <input checked="" type="radio"/> 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? | <input checked="" type="radio"/> 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 Rockton 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 a. South g. West
 b. Northeast d. Southeast e. 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

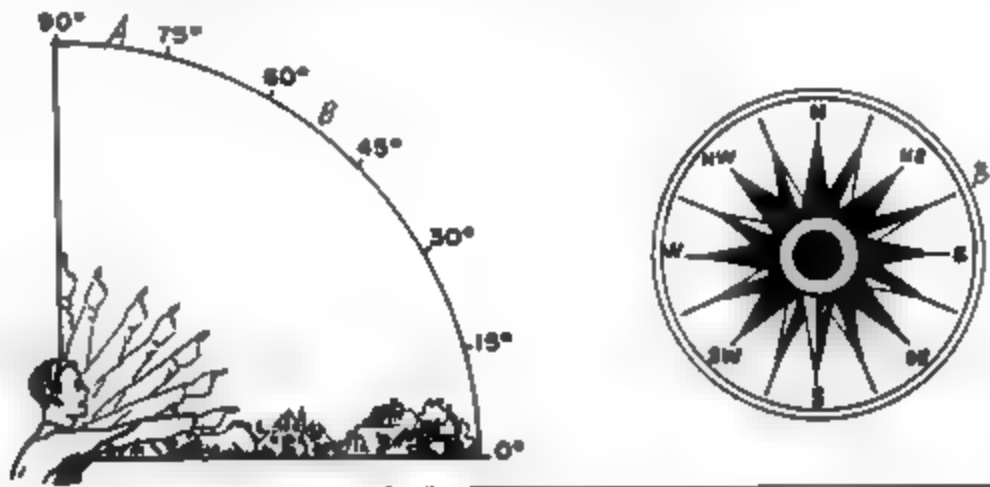
25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

- | | | | | | |
|--|-----|----|---------------|-------|----|
| a. Eyeglasses | Yes | No | e. Binoculars | Yes | No |
| b. Sun glasses | Yes | No | f. Telescope | Yes | No |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> 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.



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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

D. F. Spaur Sheriff's office

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME *Neff* *Wilbur* *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?

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Sgt Shoerfelt

24. Date you completed this questionnaire 18 May 66

25. Information which you had not seen and which is not adequately covered in the specific entries of the questionnaire or a narrative explanation of your sighting.

The vehicle in question it was
could maneuver up/down sideways or straight
ahead. It also could hover in one spot
or it seemed like could fly into or through
a window you were looking at it

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1. When did you see the object?

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2. Time of day

5:00 PM
Hour Minutes

(Circle One) A or P.M.

3. Time of day

(Circle One) A
a. Dawn
b. Noon
c. Afternoon
d. Daylight
e. Other

(Circle One) B
a. Dusk
b. Sunset

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

St. Rita 984
Address Postal Address

Albuquerque
City - State

Albuquerque
Name or County

5. How long was the object in sight? (List Duration)

2 35 ?
Hours Minutes Seconds

1 Circle
a. 1000 ft
b. 2000 ft
c. 3000 ft

1 35 ?
a. 1000 ft
b. 2000 ft
c. 3000 ft

5.1 How long was the object in sight continuously? 11:00 AM - 11:15 AM - 11:30 AM - 11:45 AM - 12:00 PM - 12:15 PM5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes X No

6. What was the direction of the object?

SE
a. NE
b. SW
c. NW

SE
a. NE
b. SW
c. NW

7. If you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, what was the light source as you looked at the object?

(Circle One) B
a. Sun or sky
b. NOT if you
c. To your right

(Circle One) B
a. To your left
b. Overhead
c. 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):

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- d. Don't remember

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

CLOUDS (Circle One):

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- 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 Welder's Mask

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
Psychiatric pav at Stapel and ~~was~~ started from*

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 or one'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 1000 feet high*

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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 Standard Speeds*

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? *More than 100'*

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 case*

23. Were you (Circle One)

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

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- a. North c. East
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 e. South
 f. Southwest
 g. West
 h. Northeast

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.*

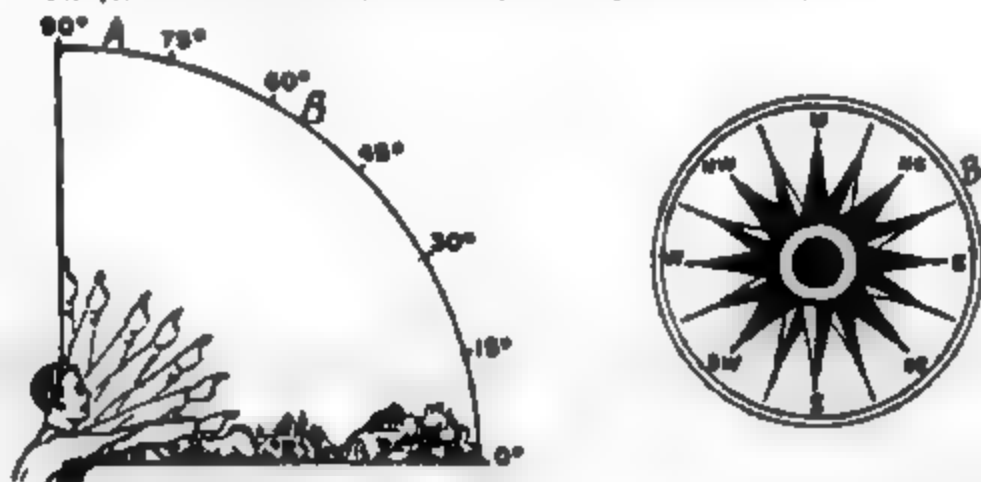
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| a. Eyeglasses | Yes | No | a. Binoculars | Yes | No |
| b. Sun glasses | Yes | No | f. Telescope | Yes | No |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> c. Windshield | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No | g. Theodolite | Yes | No |
| d. Window glass | 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'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 when 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.

W.L. NEAR SHERMAN'S OFFICE

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME SPAIN 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. Schaeffelt,
Day Month Year

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

10 May 64
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.

This Nov. or ? 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

at Radar Report for 1 Apr 66, 0530 - 0615

Conversation with Dardale, Pennsylvania, 162d Radar Sq (RAF),
Allegheny County, area code 412, 276-5000 Lt Parkett in charge.
There was nothing on radar on 17 April 1966 between 0530 and 0615.
NEGATIVE

CONVERSATION WITH COLONEL HENDRICKS, YOUNGSTOWN RESERVE 19 Apr 66

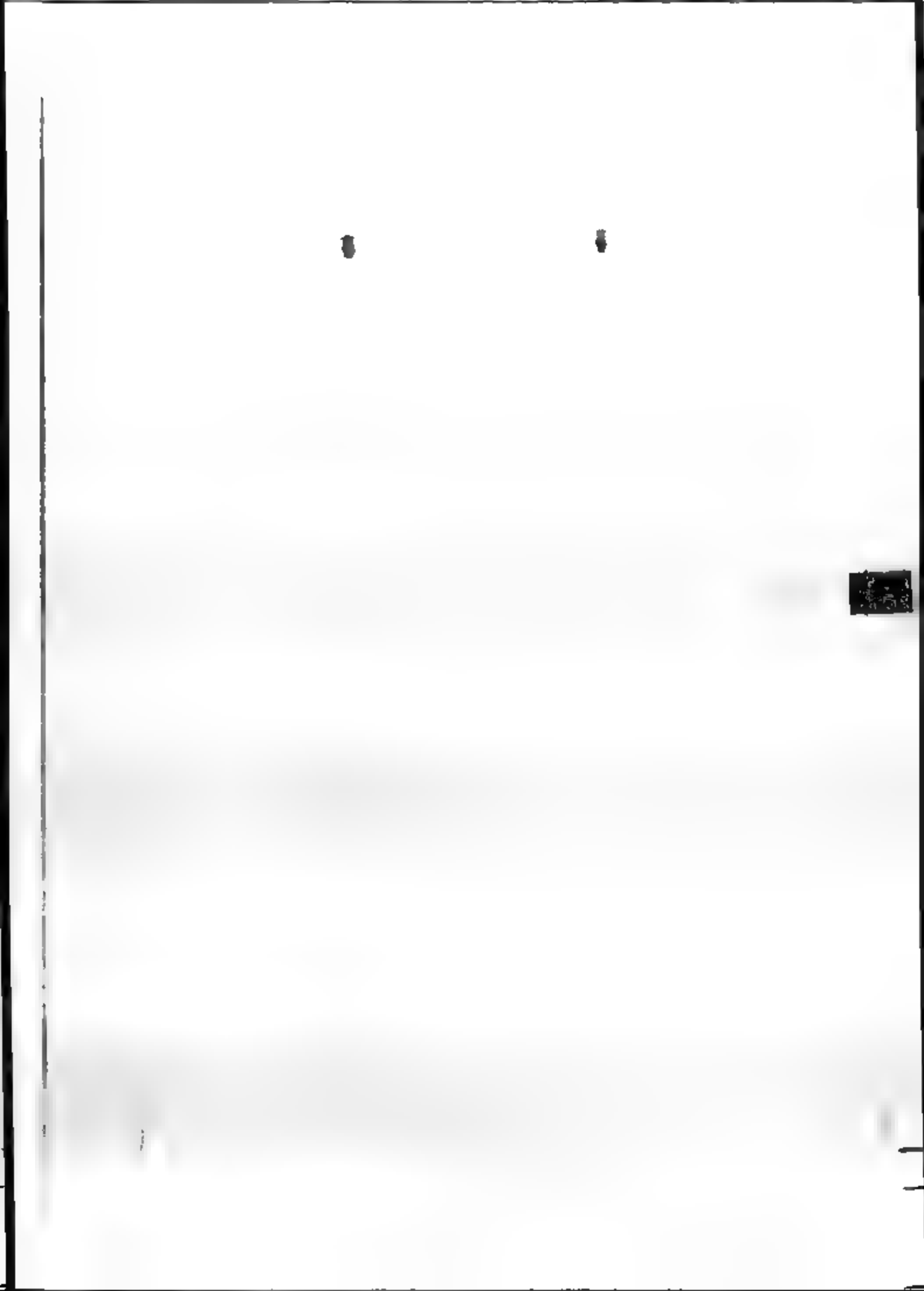
He has been erroneously quoted by the AP, also have been falsely quoted. Have had no contact with the news media. In the initial release of a plane being too fast or too slow, nothing. I have attempted this morning to find out who in the organization may have had contact. Could find no one. News media 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

JFO 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 vehicles. 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 Risher)

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	17	10
8,000	■	12
10,000	290	12
14,000	330	10
20,000	330	25
25,000	■	45
30,000	320	45
35,000	310	50
40,000	300	45
50,000	290	30



MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, FBI (100-225-5,06) DATE: 4/17/68

17 April Sighting North-eastern Ohio

Detailed photo testimony from Chief of Police Gerald F. Buchert, Kenton Station state est from Sgt. [redacted] to complete. Photogram from Buchert. Brightness 1.25 image 1. t processing defects...old fogged film poorly handled in developing.

Deputy Sheriff Dale Spear, Ravenna. Testimony complete satellite sighting/ saw Venus

Other [redacted] cases. [redacted] report 662 [redacted] negative.

Both Buchert and Spear gave excellent testimony over phone. I doubt much more can be gained by personal interview.

Indicated Taylor looks in [redacted] case.

Calls of 1 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.

Mr Tom/^{Koch}Cook, 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.

WGLN 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,
13 APRIL 1964

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 area of Elacripe. 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

Memorandum 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 launched 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 ~~agencies~~ agencies were called to find out if a balloon 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

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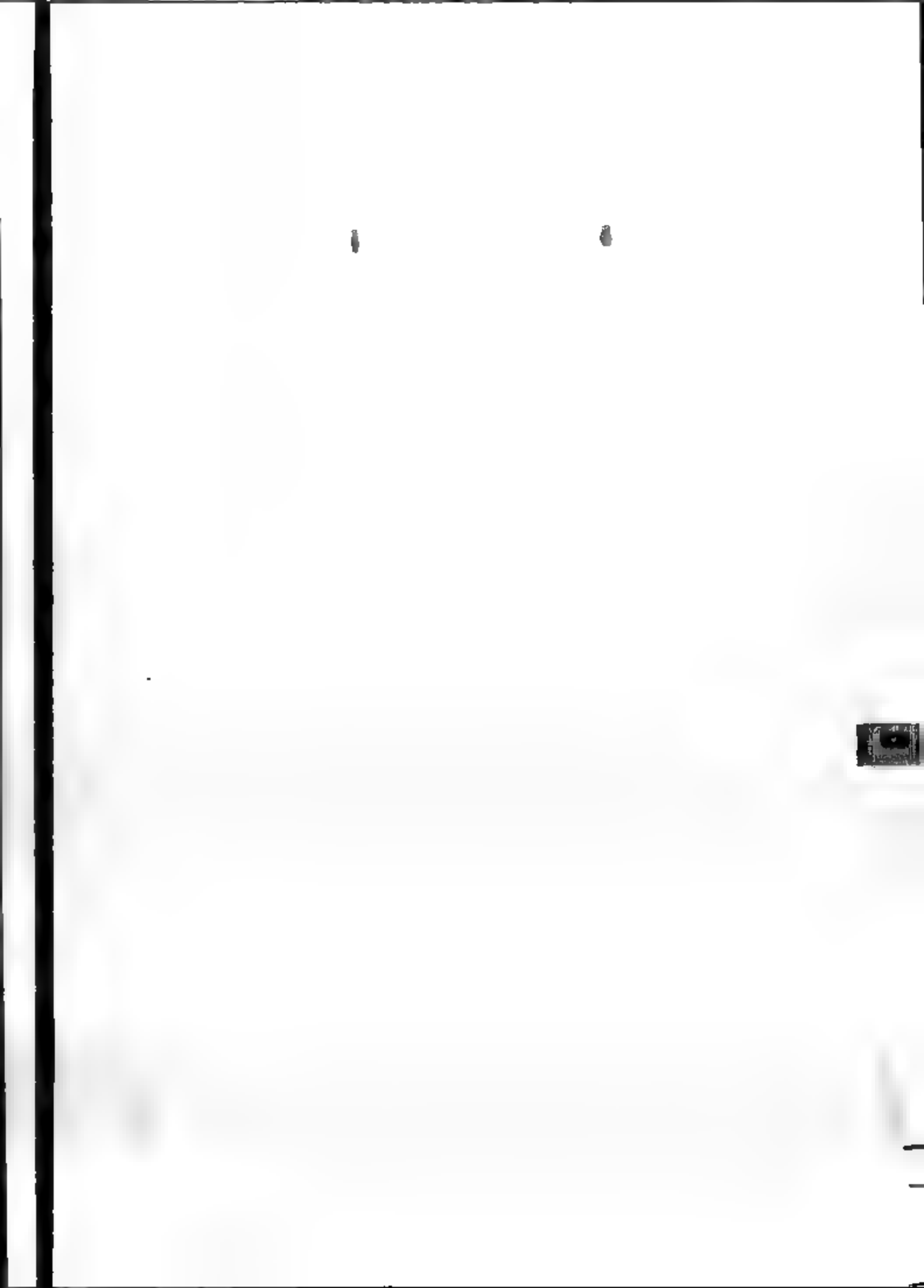
Balloon Control Center
Holloman AFB, New Mexico
Robert Slaven Autocon 553-1360
Negative Suggested 4th Weather Group at Goodfellow

4th Weather Group
Goodfellow AFB, San Angelo, Texas
Autocon 733-1640
Negative

Office of Naval Research (ONR)
Henry Damboski 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.



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NORTHEASTERN, OHIO

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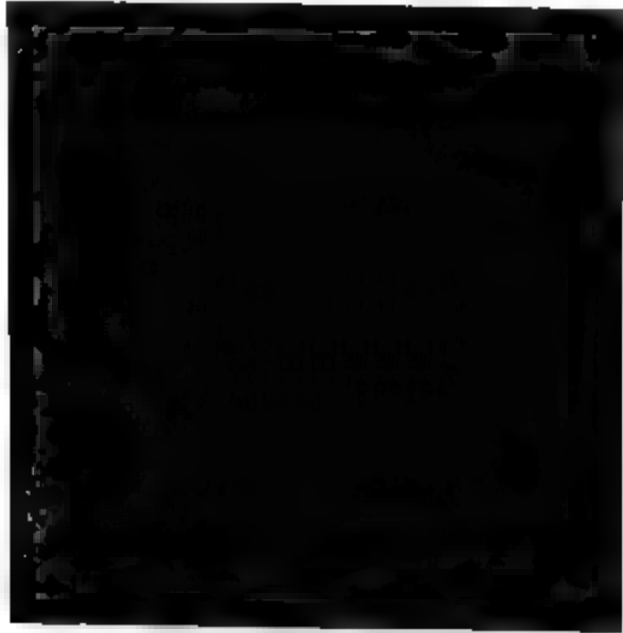
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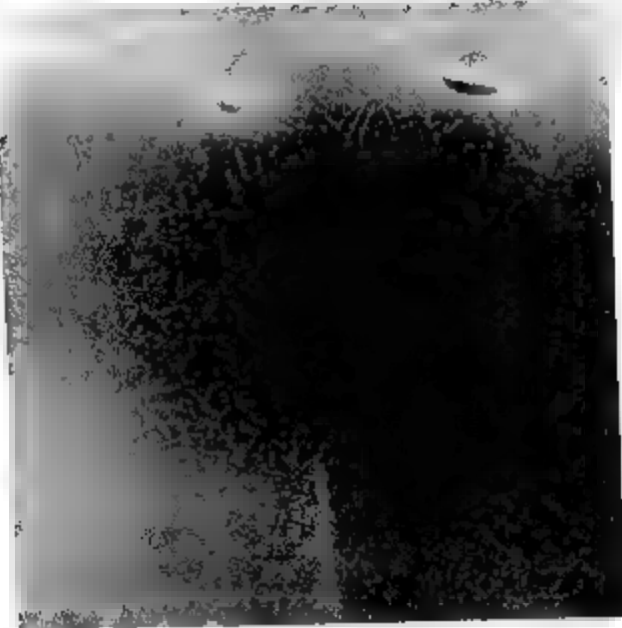


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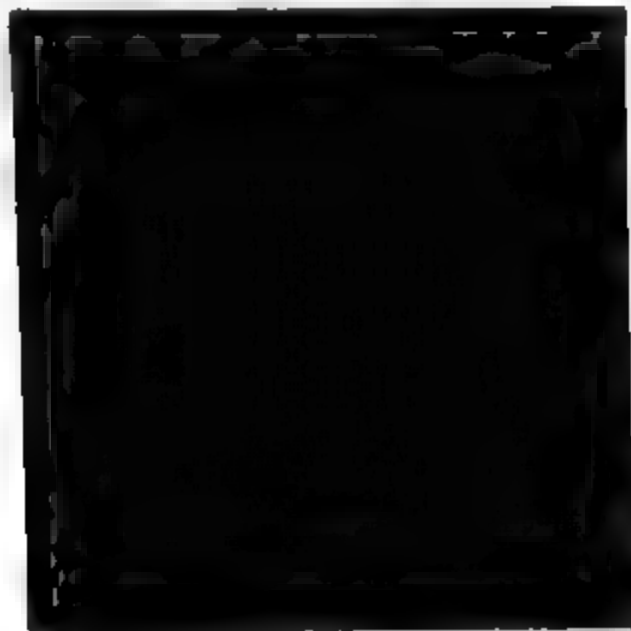
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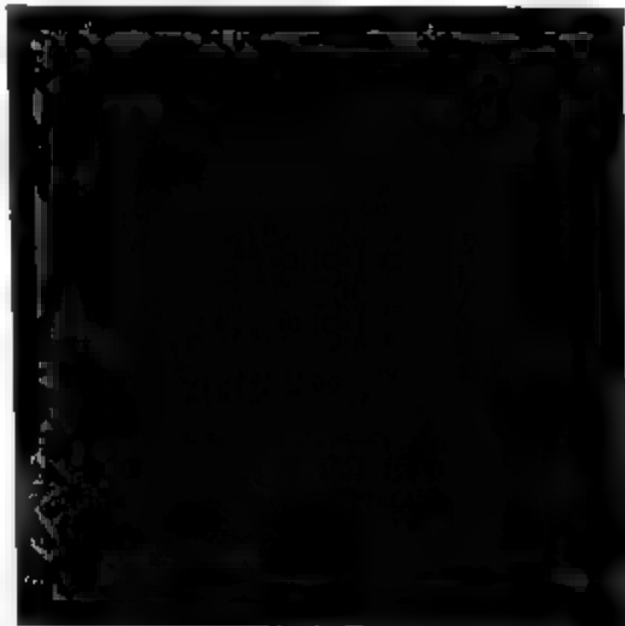
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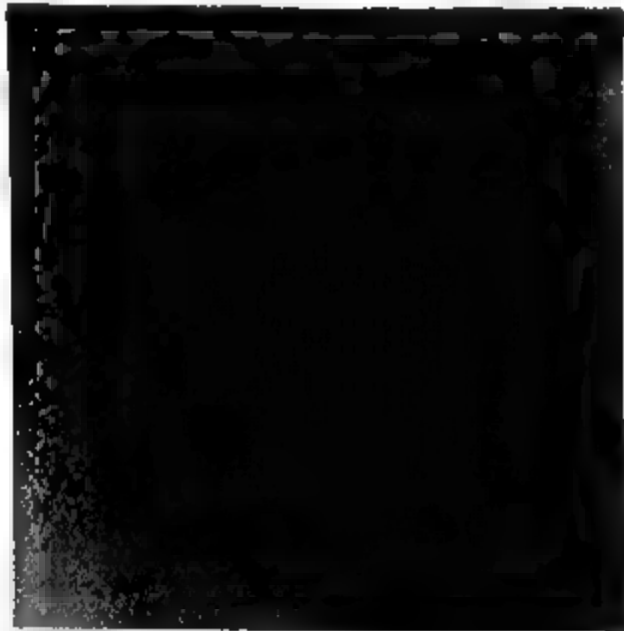
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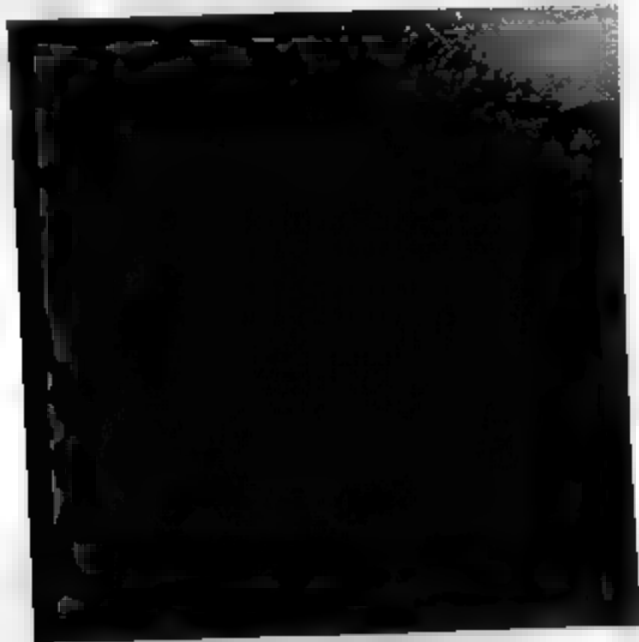
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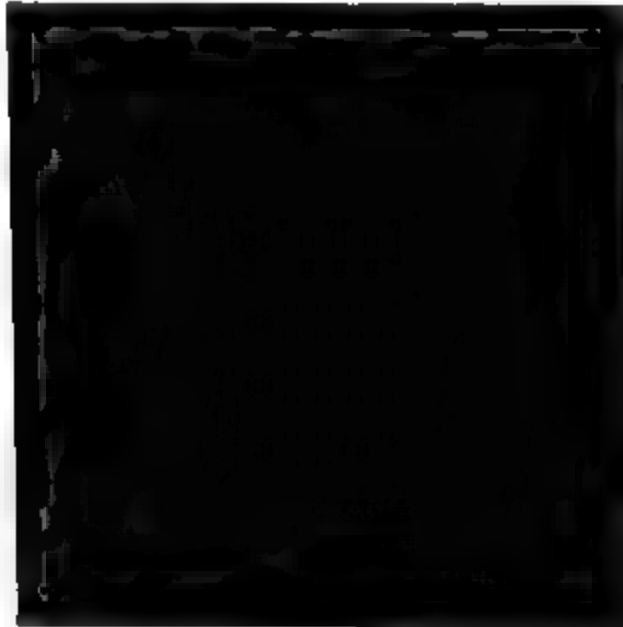
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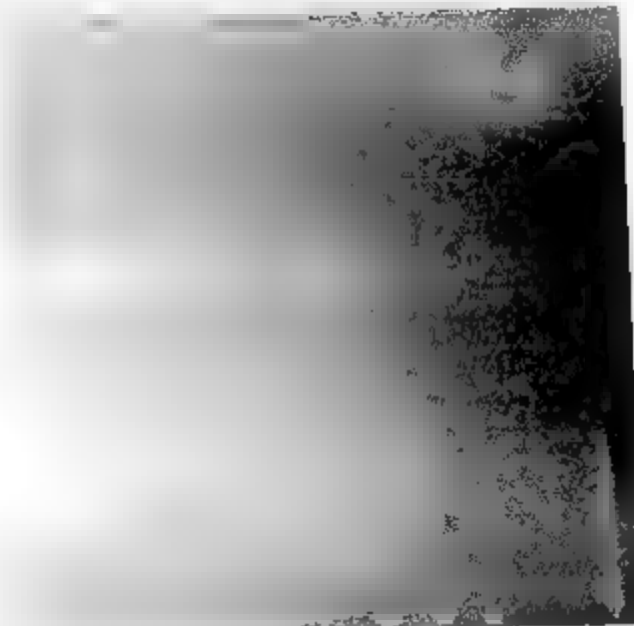
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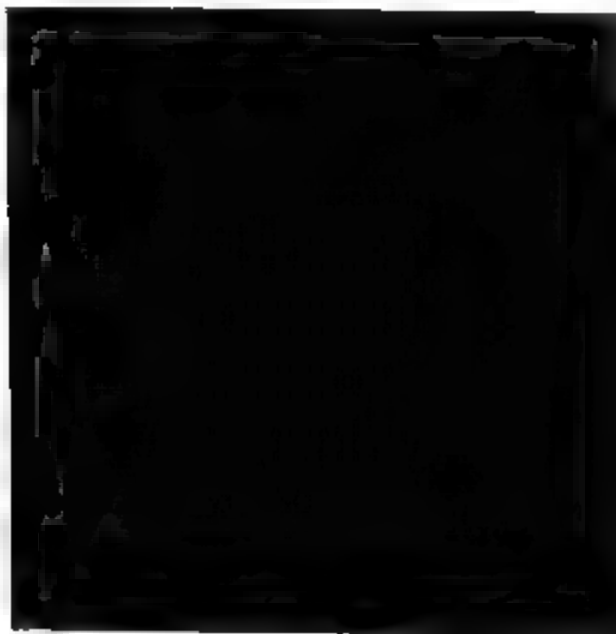
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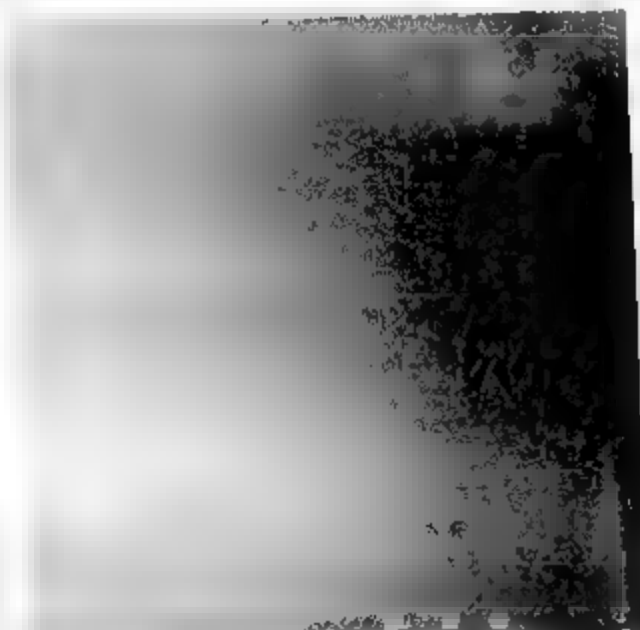
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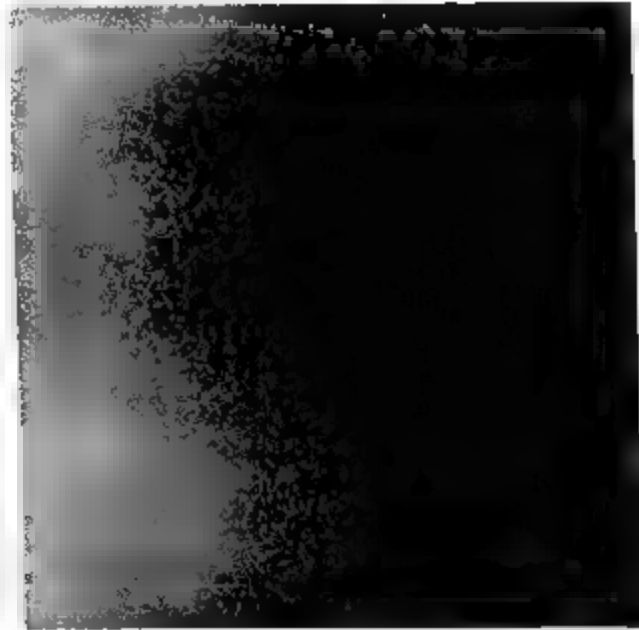
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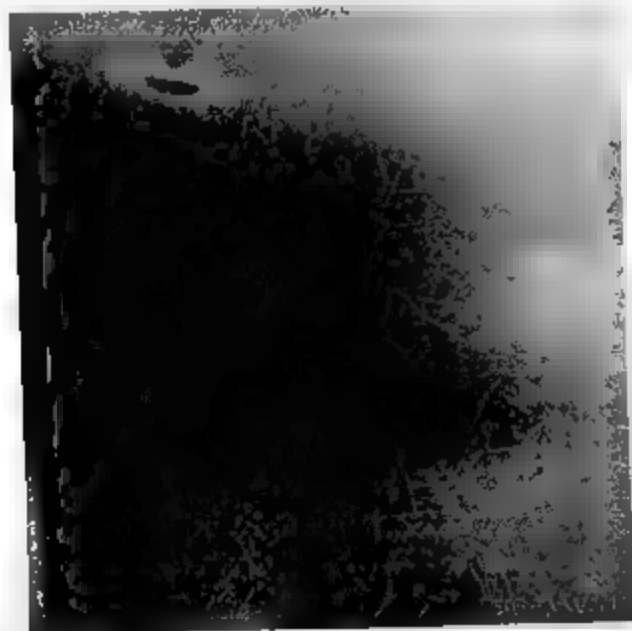
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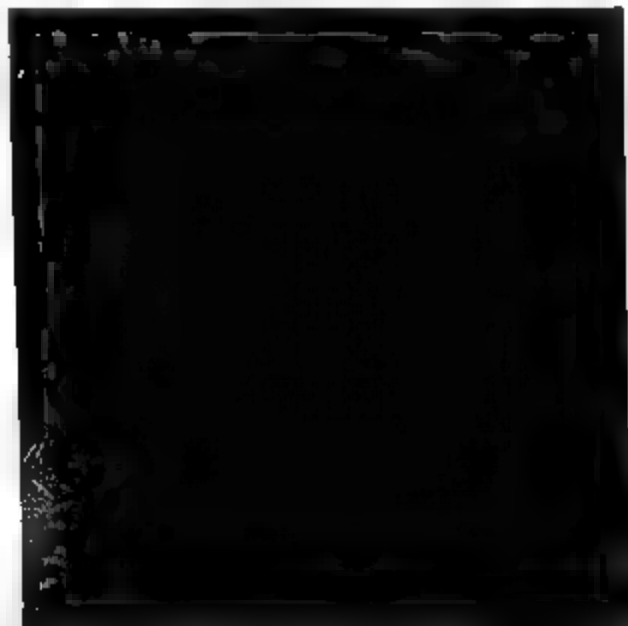
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Spaur said the only sound coming from the object was a steady, faint humming, like an electric transformer. Near Conway Pa., Spaur said the object began hovering and "was going for altitude, straight up."

He said he and others disappeared after he and others went to a police station to telephone Air Force officials.

The Federal Aviation Agency's air traffic control centers at Oberon, Ohio, and Pittsburgh said they had spotted no unknown objects on their radar.

UFO Near Reading

READING Pa. (UPI) — A family in suburban Fleetwood reported they watched an unidentified flying object (UFO) hovering near their home for more than an hour early Sunday.

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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Buchert said it looked like "two table saucers put together."

Deputy Sheriff Dale Spaur said he and his partner W. L. Neff, "were close" to the object in separate cars and chased it 60 miles for an hour and a half.

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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. 29—(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 said, 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 70-150 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 in Benton Harbor suburb, reported a similar sighting Sunday night.

Someone in Control, Sheriff Says of UFO

RAVENNA, Ohio (AP)—"We were close, closer than I ever want to be again," said a deputy sheriff who chased an unidentified flying object from Ohio into Pennsylvania. Hundreds of persons in both states reported seeing the "brilliant and shiny" object early Sunday morning.

Portage County Deputy Sheriff Dale Spaur said he and his partner W. L. Neff "were clear" in the object in separate chases and chased it 24 miles for an hour and a half from near Ravenna to Conway Pa., near Pittsburgh.

Spaur said he clocked it at speeds up to 100 miles per hour. From the ground Spaur said it looked like the head of a flashlight about 40 feet wide and 18 feet high.

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UFO chased 86 miles

'We were close,' says deputy sheriff

RAYENCKA, Ohio (AP) — "We were close, closer than I ever want to be again," said a deputy sheriff who chased an unidentified flying object from Ohio into Pennsylvania.

Students of parents in both states reported seeing the "white light" object early last Sunday.

Police chief Gerald Eschert of Marietta about eight miles north of Rayenna, said he took a picture of the object from his front yard but the Air Force said him not to release it.

Buchert said it looked like a "very white object" but he was not sure. He said he was not sure if it was a plane or a rocket.

Deputy Sheriff Dale Spurr said he and his partner, W. L. "Left" Spurr, saw the object in separate cars and chased it for 86 miles for 20 hours and a half.

Spurr said he checked it out from near Rayenna to Conover, Pa., near Pittsburgh.

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10-10-71

Dear Mr. [Name],

I am writing to you regarding the [Topic] of your letter dated [Date].

The information you provided is being reviewed by the appropriate [Department/Agency].

We will contact you again once a final decision has been reached.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

[Title]

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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 SOULEY
Times Staff

An 80-mile high-speed chase after an unidentified flying object (UFO) ended in Conway Sunday morning shortly after 10:30 p. m. in Ohio.

Conway Fireman Frank Panzarella told he saw what prompted law sheriff's deputies and a policeman from Ohio to drive at speeds in excess of 100 miles per hour in the chase.

"The flying saucer" was

The fire departed from the town of Conway, Ohio, Sunday afternoon after 3 a. m. on Ohio Route 281 near Alwater creek of Akron and southeast of Zanesville, the Portage County seat.

At about the same time, Police Chief Gerald Hubbard of Madras, Ohio, stopped a photo of the object from some distance while he and his wife stood in their front yard about 15 miles north of Lanesville.

Spear and Nell, an intricate object from the Ohio State University, found at East Palestine by Paulman White Hudson of that city in another police report.

The two cars sped on into Pennsylvania, down Route 31, by Barbours and then on Route 41 to Conway, Pa. Conway they spotted Panzarella in his parked car at a gas station.

They stopped there about 10:30

was running low on gas. He also had burned a new set of tires told from the high speed chase.

The three men were asked Panzarella if he had seen the object and he indicated it was in there. He had seen it a few minutes earlier from the top of Oak Street but had not had time to stop at that time.

Panzarella told the TIMES Please Turn to Page 3, Col. 3.

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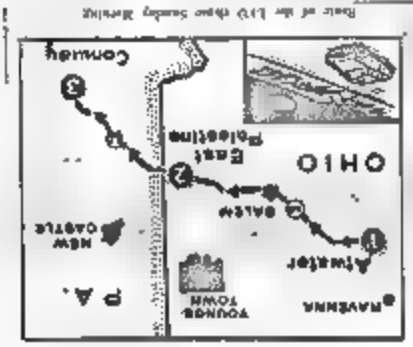
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He's Sure Negative's Positive Chief Saw the Saucer And Got the Picture

By ROBERT STROZZI
Post-Dispatch Staff Writer

While hundreds of Western Pennsylvanians and Eastern Ohio residents gawked at this area's first flying saucer early Sunday morning, Police Chief Gerald Buchert of Mandu, Ohio, did something utterly simple.

He took a picture. When the picture was developed, there it was.

"Well," said Mr. Buchert to cheering (he object into Penn- the Post-Dispatch yesterday), "grahds at speeds up to 100 mph looked like a saucer."

One feels a little silly say- ing things like that in the day- time with the sun shining.

But it was different at 9 a. m. Sunday when Chief Buchert dragged her out at where they watched the bright object maneuver its way across the sky.

While they were watching, (Cont'd on Page 14, 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.

Police Chief Buchert "I looked like a perfectly normal person — a wedge-shaped object with the point part down. . . . When I looked for an instant was sticking out on one side of it."

Chief Buchert: "I looked like two white saucers put together."

Mr. Buchert: "I saw a round, bright, white object, and when it tilted or turned it had a ring around the middle of it."

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The report's strange be- cause it had apparently high- est one of the witnesses, Deputy Spurr. "It was close, closer than I ever want to be again," he said.

Spurr said the hour of the object was very critical. "Somebody had roomed over it," he said. "It was a just ending around. It can be seen."

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Explanation Of UFO Reported

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 Deacon Day Spur 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. Spur of Ravenna, Ohio, was the passage of a satellite as it approached the southeast portion of the sky in disappearance, and Sheriff Spur 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 Spur saw the planet Venus."

SPUR isn't buying that explanation. He said Saturday he doesn't know how much of an investigation they made but he said it wasn't a very lengthy one and it didn't involve any phone conversations with Maj. Hector Quintanilla, head of 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 stay 20 or 30 or 40 or any time. I'm pretty sure I can't explain a Venus rising suddenly over the countryside."

Spur and his partner W. L. "Barney" Neal chased the object, which Spur 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 Point by yardman V. J. Blanton who also reported seeing the object. The chase ended at Conway, where they found a Roman Frank Panarella along Route 65. The object for about 25 minutes in Conway.

Spur said he wouldn't have risked his life his partner's or anyone else's if he didn't think 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."

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At the bottom of the April 17 editorial column, commenting on the fact that flying saucer descriptions have matched virtually unchanged for 20 years you see "Apparent the visitors on our planet space can't afford to change."

Ed. Note: The following is a copy of a letter from the Pittsburgh Press to the editor of the Beaver County Times regarding their sighting of a flying saucer on April 17, 1966.

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MRS. JOY COUSMINER

UFO Almost Makes It to Pittsburgh

'Saucer' Flies From Ohio to Pa.

An unidentified flying object (UFO) flying Saucer to you, Charles) 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. Neff who gave the above description, about 8 a. m.

This greatly interested Deputy Neff, who reportedly believes in flying saucers, and he took up the chase southward toward Pennsylvania along U.S. Route 422 and 24 at speeds ranging from 80 to 100 miles an hour.

well as so an Air Force helicopter unit near Youngstown sent to the Federal Aviation Agency at Greater Pittsburgh Airport.

The radar screen. A Federal Aviation Agency official there said later in the morning that there wasn't any airplanes, either. In the area where the saucer was sighted at least one of 3 circles in the morning.

That was a patrol for saucer fans.

Corry police said they wouldn't have seen any UFOs and weren't about to speak of it, and without in general that someone would stop bothering them.

With the coming of full daylight, especially, the saucer faded or flew or disappeared, leaving no markings to mark the whole thing out.

Near East Palmetto, Ohio, he was joined by an East Palestine deputy police officer, Wayne Houston, also on patrol, and the two of them followed the object across the state line into Pennsylvania.

Police wrote up in 34 tabs about immediately from the Youngstown base, but concluded that the object—said of which was estimated at just over 100 miles an hour—was moving too slowly for them to keep up with it, he says.

Other sources, playing out own technology all against each other.

At Greater Pittsburgh also got, setting down up an

He added that the object, which seemed to be able to navigate by itself, gave off a faint humming noise.



1. DATE - TIME GROUP 6 Jan 53 06/0700-1130Z	2. LOCATION Dallas, Texas Area
3. SOURCE Multiple	10. CONCLUSION ASTRONOMICAL (VENUS/JUPITER)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Sighting attributed to Venus/Jupiter
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION varied	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	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 degree arc. See additional case file same date.
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Dallas, Texas	11th ACGW Squadron, Brownsville, Texas	
DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	
8 January 1953	6 - 7 January 1953	
NAME (Last, first, middle, or initials, as appropriate)		Organization (Optional)
WARD L. McCOMBS, Captain, USAF		Perote AFB, Carroll AFB, Mr. Fackenhach of CAA Love Field Tower, Dallas Times-Herald.
<p>On 6 January 1953, between the hours of 0130Z and 1130Z, a mysterious light was seen in the sky northwest 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>		
<p><i>Ward L. McCombs</i></p> <p>WARD L. McCOMBS Captain USAF Operations Officer</p>		
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At 0702Z on the 6th of January 1957, this unit was notified by the CAT 41002 at Meador Field, Fort Worth, Texas, that they had received intelligence on an unidentified flying object southeast of Ft. Worth, Texas. You are solicited of the above information, ask Lt. Bennett, Lieutenant Colonel, to report on any contacts from Field Operations Control Tower at Dallas for verification of the sighting. Mr. Myer V. Howe at the Love Field Tower said that the object could be seen from Dallas, Texas, and this verified the Controller at Headquarters (3rd Air Division (20th)) of the sighting.

Some after the 1st(20) and Mr. Billy Johnson of Paris, Texas called and stated that he had observed a mysterious object at 0200Z on 7th Feb. He showed the object with his car for identification to several witnesses, so he estimated the object to be of an altitude of 3000 feet. Mr. Johnson also sighted the object at about 0200Z.

At 0201Z, Lt. Bennett called Morris Innes at Sherman, Texas, and was told by LTC Charles, C. A., Morris Operations Controller, that he had seen the aircraft take from night going east.

The 120th unit at Tinker AFB, Oklahoma reported in that they had picked up a target by radar shortly after sunset southeast of Paris, Texas. The target then moved to a point three miles east of Paris, Texas, which is about thirty five miles west of Paris, Texas. The target was heading west at an estimated air speed of 600 knots and at an altitude of seventy five thousand feet. The time of the initial radar pickup was 0205Z, eleven minutes later, at 0220Z, the object faded. No other radar contacts were made in that area which could be linked to the aircraft target observed by the sighting at Paris.

The direction of the radar target, west, and the direction of the object seen by Mr. Johnson, south, do not compare and therefore, are obviously two different objects. The radar target is believed to have been an aircraft heading for Tinker AFB, Texas. No identification can be made on Mr. Johnson's sighting.

Mr. Myer V. Howe at Love Field, Dallas called and gave a brief description of the object. He said it had a green nose and white wing tips with a green line for the tail. Mr. Myer V. Howe, also on 4-17-57, at the Love Field Tower sighted the object. A steady driver was sent to Love Field to pick up the aircraft and other information. The following two items are recollections of the check and statement of personnel sighting the object.

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157th AFB, Greenville, Greenville, S.C.

The original set 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 airports revealed that no flight logs placed any aircraft in the area in question. A check with the Small Craft at Greenville airport's registration located at Grand Prairie, Texas was made. Commander Fyke, USA, attached to the Naval Office said James Wright did not operate aircraft in the area in the vicinity. He also stated that they had received no information of the sighting. They have knowledge of the object was obtained from local radio broadcasts.

In this procedure in contact the Dallas to the Department to check all the information they received from the numerous call to their dispatchers. It was learned that as at Love Field had spotted the object and several Police Officers (including agents the FBI) as well had called to see the object. The Police Officer, W. H. Powell, spotted the object at his home and saw the object disappear at 11:00.

It is not believed that the object spotted by Officer Powell is the same as the object in question, as the time delay in the sighting was considerable. Officer Powell most likely saw one of the bright glowing stars which, if one looks at long enough will appear to flash below.

He requested that to contact the two local newspapers to see what information they had on the object. Mr. Powell of the Dallas Times Herald was very cooperative and gave us additional information which he had not as yet received. As far as his information was from the article he had for his article he will give the text of his article which can be used in preparing this sighting.

THE DALLAS TIMES HERALD, DALLAS TEX, 6/19/53

FLEW "BIRD" SKYWARD EARLY

A bright, colorful object was in the area north and northeast of Dallas several hours early Tuesday.

Source of witnesses saw the object. But very doubtful it was a plane, a rocket or a star.

Witnesses at the Civil Aeronautics Administration control tower at Love Field, a weather bureau observer and police and fire station dispatchers reported seeing the "strange" or "bizarre object" which gave off brilliant orange, red, green and black-white colors.

W. F. Patterson, traffic controller at the Love Field tower, sighted a "flash" in the sky at 1:15 a.m. An air-traffic controller would be able to see the object clearly at 3:30 a.m.

"It went right straight up in going out of sight," said W. H. Powell, the off-duty officer who spotted the object at his home, 3414 Lakeland.

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Mr. Patterson said he was looking for work out of the control tower when he first spotted the light.

APPEARED TO CHANGE COURSE.

It looked it went on its course to approach and by 1:15 a.m. it appeared to change the course of flight toward Love Field.

Through a pair of 7x30-power binoculars Mr. Patterson said the object appeared to have "white-type" wings (except both tips on narrow jet stream) and "that it seemed to lower and wobble" as it approached the field.

He estimated the object's approach at about 70 miles away and 10,000 feet high.

The Love Field tower also reported a radio message from Oklahoma saying flight of the object had been "lost" 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 crash the object here about 2 a.m. was unconfirmed. Military officials denied any jets were in the area. The Love Field tower, however, had reports from airplane pilots late in the night of sighting the object.

BY WASHINGTON

W. H. Powell, the department radio dispatcher, said he and other pilots were warned the object after receiving a call from the Love Field tower.

"I wish I saw some stars," Mr. Powell said. "It was too fast, and I don't know what it was. I just wish I'd never seen it."

Looking out an east window at City Hall about 10 p.m. last, neither J. G. Powell said the object appeared to be flashing a light above the earth by means of stars.

It began to rise to be released, "changing colors (the diamond)," Mr. Powell said.

F. C. Wiley, meteorologist at the Dallas Weather station, said he noticed the object through a six-power telescope.

"It looked as though, as if it was vertical" standing on end and it a definite position of direction. At first it changed color rapidly from white to blue and then red and green. Later it reappeared white with a red spot on the understructure.

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Believe in flying saucers, Mr. Wiley asserted. "I've seen the saucers and for certain because I've seen them."

Wiley says, another tower controller at Love Field, estimated the object at 10,000 feet when it first was "lost" with 70 minutes "lost" estimated it had gone up to 20,000 feet.

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He said a number of pilots gathered in the tower to watch the spectacle. Mr. Harris said he'd been a pilot for 27 years, worked in the tower for 10 years, and "I should know a plane or a star by now. This was a star."

Military officers of Dallas Naval Air Station, Ramsey Field and the Brownsville police station said they were not aware of any plane-land at these stations.

The Harris Air Force Base at Brownsville, reported sighting as "un-identifiable" object.

Police Sergeant C. F. Powers said he had several calls on the mystery object about 2 a.m. and that a number of crawling police cars were being called in.

Deputy Sheriff Thomas and several policemen alerted to the sound of sirens "It looked like a big plane, but it seemed to change colors," he declared.

"IT WAS BRIGHT"

Through a telephone interview the object appeared "as an arrow" in shape on Sunday Morning 7:25 A.M. "It had a red glow with a white trail toward the South, the wings blue and the center white. It moved forward and then backward and seemed to be going higher in the time."

Mr. Martin said the colors were "the most beautiful I've ever seen."

First report of the mystery object came to Love Field at 7:30 p.m. from a man at Paris, Tex. The plane was not into the air and about the object, which he believed was traveling at an altitude of 3,000 feet, to Dallas, Tex.

Connecting on the possibility that what the witnesses may have been a plane, Lt. W. H. Hines, head of the Texas Aerospace Soc. city, and only two pilots, Smith and Jones, were at all night late time of the night.

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Smith, he said, said at 9 p.m. and Smith about midnight. Mr. Jones believed skilled observers, such as many who reported seeing the object, could not possibly have mistaken the plane's Jupiter for anything else.

Capt. E. C. O'Connell, public information officer at Dallas Naval Air Station, said no reports of a sighting were made by the control tower that there. He said no aircraft was sent up.

But was there any report from watch towers at Ramsey Field on a sighting. Major Hugh F. Taylor at the Brownsville duty 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 he called Mr. Harris F. Fashamack to verify the statements printed in the Herald's article. He said that they were accurate and very accurate. The following is Mr. Fashamack's statement of his observations.

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"I first saw the light at 0200 EST north of the tower. The only other visible at this time was the tower. I didn't pay any attention to it, thinking it might be an aircraft. Adding back again, not at the time had around north-southwest to a local east-southwest of the tower. It appeared to turn towards the tower. That led me to believe this was the light around to get brighter. About 7:30 P. M., Mr. Harris, who was on duty with me, so back at the tower. At the time the light appeared for about ten minutes. Activated to light at 7:30 P. M. was about 2000 feet. It is hard to tell the distance, so distance my estimate could be wrong. After hovering middle the light moved through a 20' area in about twenty minutes going up but still moving north."

When asked to describe the object and to give an approximate size, Mr. Fashamack 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 noted that the object had a definite shape. As shown in the sketch from the object had many colors. Because of the retreating moon and stars were very bright, I thought it might have been a jet or possibly some kind of satellite plane. The outer edges of the object were very well defined; however, the trailing edge with the colors changing from red to orange seemed to be a jet stream. Hope for the information and help you and have tried to give an accurate description of the object as possible."

Mr. Fashamack's description is the best we were able to get of all the reports 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 72, dew point - 25, and humidity - 66%. As to the wind aloft, we were able to obtain the readings for 0000Z. They were: 2000 ft - 200 at 15, 10,000 ft - 270 at 15, 20,000 ft - 300 at 20, 30,000 ft - 270 at 30, 40,000 ft - 300, 50,000 ft - 300 at 35.

This is the information supplied by the investigation conducted by intelligence personnel of this squadron.

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FROM: (Originator) CO ATIC		DATE TIME GROUP 060700Z JAN 58	SECURITY CLASSIFICATION [REDACTED]
TO: CO 357TH ACGW BN DONCASTLE TEXAS		PRECEDENCE FOR: ROUTINE	INFORMANT
INFO: 1/1 HQ USAF WASH D C ATTN AFOIN-212		<input type="checkbox"/> BOOK MESSAGE	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL MESSAGE
		<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE ADDRESSES	CRYPTOPERMISSION <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
FROM: AFOIN-212		REFERENCES TO MESSAGE:	
		IDENTIFICATION 1/1 060700Z	CLASSIFICATION RESTRICTED
<p>Request you keep ATIC informed by wire of continuing investigation concerning unidentified flying object seen in your area at 060700Z Jan 58. 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-212 of all data sent to ATIC.</p> <p>In reply cite Project Blue Book.</p>			
<p>COORDINATION:</p> <p>ATIA _____</p> <p>ATIA _____</p>			
<p>SECURITY INFORMATION</p>			
<p>RELEASING OFFICE (add address, date, signature)</p> <p>1/1 AFOIN-212</p>		<p>RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE</p> <p>ROBERT E. KENNEDY, MAJOR, USAF</p>	
<p>OFFICIAL TITLE</p> <p>AIR ADJUTANT GENERAL</p>			

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8 JAN 1953

SUBJECT: AF Form 112 - Air Intelligence Information Report

TO: Commanding General
Air Technical Intelligence Center
ATTN: ATIAA-2c
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

Transmitted in compliance with APL 200-5, dated 29 April 1952,
one copy for information of Air Intelligence Information Report of
Unidentified Flying Object sighted at Ducanville, Texas, 6 January
1953.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:



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M. L. HALSTEAD
Captain USAF
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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1 NAME OF OFFICER <i>Capt Raffert</i>	APPROVAL	DATE
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Case 21

Elongated Object Straps in Dallas City

DALLAS Jan 6 '53 - A Dallas Advertiser on quest of elastically colored object described above at Dallas Jan 7 1953, by some observers as being number 10-100 character and shape like a gun. Found in the park and the object was really northwest of Dallas for the period spring the elongated oval shape early today has been object and said 1 foot of belt and 1/2 inch or red, green and yellow of the cloth were found with it.

*Washington Post
7 Jan 53*

NAME OF OFFICER <i>J. M. White</i>	DATE <i>12 Jan 53</i>
DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE <i>ATIX</i>	FILE NO. <i>5-3246</i>

1. DATE - TIME GROUP (Jan 53 6/0905Z	2. LOCATION Oklahoma City, Okla.
3. SOURCE altiple	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 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

FORM 7D SEP 63 6-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form are to read.

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SPACE ABOVE FOR COMMUNICATIONS CENTER ONLY		DATE-TIME GROUP 135500Z JAN 53	[REDACTED]
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REFERS TO MESSAGE		IDENTIFICATION	
<p>INFO:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FROM: APOIN-ATIAA-3-308 FOR 8906th AF Res Flying Tng Ctr</p> <p>In regard to sighting of unidentified aerial object reported by your station 6 Jan 53 (FLIGHTREP HPOI 1-97), request you include any information on possible radar detection and photos in Air Force Form 112.</p> <p>ATIG also requests you forward this form as soon as your investigation is completed in compliance with AFL 800-5.</p> <p>In reply cite Project Elm Rock.</p> <p>COORDINATIONS</p> <p>ATIAA _____</p> <p>ATIA _____</p>			
DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required) Capt R. G. Lippitt/joc		RELEASER OFFICER'S SIGNATURE	PAGES 7 1
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REPORT				
Report of Information on Unidentified Flying Objects				
DATE REPORTED ON	N/A	FROM (Agency)	Intelligence Officer, 2576th APTC Hansley, 1	
DATE OF REPORT	16 Jan 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION	N/A	
REPORTED BY (Name)	WALTER W. SPEED, Major, USAF, Intelligence Off.		N/A	
SUBJECT (Class number, Agency, previous report, etc. as applicable)				
PROJECT BLUEBOOK				

REMARKS: (Enter concise summary of report. Also stipulated to find one-paragraph. Use numbers in lower left. Begin each of report in AF Form 112-Part 11)

In compliance with letter, Headquarters, USAF, AFOIN-C/CO-2, Subject: (Unclassified) Report of Information on Unidentified Flying Objects, 14 December 1951, the following information as reported to this headquarters by Mr. H.F. Pechenback, 3038 Storey Lane, Dallas Texas, and Mr. Wyle V. Moore, 116 S. Montreal, Dallas, Texas, is forwarded.

This report follows FlyObRep HPOF 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-20, and Commanding General, 14th Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Walter W. Speed
WALTER W. SPEED
Major, USAF
Intelligence Officer

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Approved by (Signature) Chief of Intelligence, DCS/O, HQ, USAF, ATTN: AFOIN-C/CO-2, Wash 25, D.C.
Commanding General, Continental Air Command, Mitchell AFB, N.Y., ATTN: Div of Intel
Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTN: ATIAA-20, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.
Commanding General, 14th Air Force, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

<p>1. Description Object was delta-winged in shape with large round opening in the center which showed under from orange to red. The nose section was black-painted object was 32' long having tail section and fuselage colored from orange to red. The tail section was approximately triangular and the tail section appeared to be part of the triangle. In trail of object an object of description was noted. The speed of the object was noted as follows: the object covered nearly 60 degrees in 10 three minutes and 50 degrees in 10 seconds of the city of Dallas, the speed in miles per hour could be given. There was no sound reported. Whenever outside visibility of clouds and level flight. In one instance it maneuvered in a slight curve, then went practically straight up and disappeared. It disappeared in 10-15 seconds.</p> <p>Time started: 0205, 0300, 0330, and 0300, 6 Jan 1958.</p>	<p>2. Time of Observation The object was sighted from the ground by several sources.</p>
<p>3. Location of Observation 10 mi. S of Dallas, Texas, Lat. 32 degrees 30' N, Long. 101 degrees 30' W. The object appeared to be approximately 1000' above ground at 1000 to 2500 feet alt. case, then went to DTC position and appeared to be heading in the direction.</p>	<p>4. Identification Information on Observer Mr. W. P. Sweeney, Airport Traffic Controller at Love Field, Dallas, Texas has had 100 hours experience in tower and traffic control. Mr. W. P. Sweeney, Airport Traffic Controller at Love Field, Dallas, Texas, has 14 years tower and traffic control and 20 years flying experience.</p>
<p>5. Weather 020-20/24/550/10</p>	<p>6. Other Activity or Conditions None reported.</p>
<p>7. Reliability of the Observer Good.</p>	<p>8. Investigation or Identification Action Taken All radar in area was notified, Dallas City Terminal Airport ground radar checked with object in the 3-10-58 City Terminal Airport radar terminal report of tower 0205 on 6 Jan.</p>
<p>9. Location of RPT Office The RPT office is located at the 75th St. of Love Field, Texas, at 700 feet altitude reported no observation.</p>	<p>10. Remarks</p>

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PROJECT WRECK RECORD CARD

1. DATE 9 October 1951	2. LOCATION Terry Apts, Indiana	3. DESCRIPTION 1. No. Ballons 2. Payload Station 3. Payload Station 4. No. Balloons 5. Payload Station 6. Payload Station 7. No. Balloons 8. Payload Station 9. Payload Station 10. Payload Station
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8. OTHER INFORMATION 1. Other information 2. Other information 3. Other information 4. Other information 5. Other information 6. Other information 7. Other information 8. Other information 9. Other information 10. Other information		

FORM WRECK 10-51 (REV. 10-1-51)

DESCRIPTION OF THE INCIDENT

On 9 October 1951 at 1:15 PM, Capt. G. A. Chief Aircraft Operations observed a white object pass directly overhead while he was at Wilson Municipal Airport, 1/2 mile east of Terry Apts, Indiana. The object was found to be unusual only the same size as a 50 cent store held at WPA's camp. The object passed overhead at a very high rate of speed going in a southeasterly direction, making from directly overhead to the horizon in about 10 seconds. There was no sound or vapor trail. The object was reported over the object could be seen to the horizon before the horizon of the object.

[For related incident see Appendix VI.]

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Further investigation revealed no additional information.

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None

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To: Commanding General,
 Eastern Air Defense Command,
 COMAFB AF Base,
 Newburgh, New York

From: Director of Intelligence
 Headquarters, USAF
 AFSA - Task Force/Intelligence Branch
 DCI 121116
 Washington 25, D. C.

Re: RPT 03047. Request immediate field investigation of Bell-404 (unofficial
 aircraft, Dave Parks, Indiana, location of 7 Oct 51.
 Request any information that could be submitted as a final intelligence report,
 followed by Form 117 to be submitted with AEG Letter 85.

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 AIR ADJUTANT GENERAL

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Director of Intelligence, HQ USAF,
 Washington 25, D. C.
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AFSA-6(116-10)-61 For AFSA-6/T, Col. White, The following message is quoted
 for your information from HQ USAF, Stewart AFB, Newburgh, N.Y. to OJ, AFSA, HQ
 AFB, 0410 170 03047, "For your information a United States news release appearing
 in the 13 Oct newspaper reported Mr. Ken Newsome, a CIA employee, at Wilson
 Municipal Airport, New York, Inc., saw a "large metallic object speeding across
 the field" on 7 Oct. Newsome states that Mr. Newsome, "a high-grade 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 into copy of our teletype to HQ USAF, 0410 13 October 1951, for our
 action.

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ATLANTA-152. MATSOP AF has informed the Air Technical Intelligence Center that
O. S. I. is investigating unidentified aerial object sighted over Atlanta National
Airport, Depe Lane, Ga., on 9 October 1952. Please advise when results of in-
vestigation will be available to this Center. Ref AFM-1 letter No. 65, dated
23 October 1951. In reply refer to Project Orange.

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Lt E. J. Pappalardo

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WALTER A. STUBBS, Capt, USAF
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TO: SAC, NEW YORK
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

YOUR TELETYPE DATED 23 OCT 1954 WAS RECEIVED AND THIS IS BEING
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RECHIEF OF POLICE, NEW YORK CITY, ON 20 OCT 54.
INFO RECEIVED BY NEW YORK AND CHICAGO THIS REGARDING THE MATTER
ON 20 OCT 54 BY NEW YORK CITY POLICE.
AND RE A REPORT BY NEW YORK CITY ON 23 OCT 54
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The Inspector General
12th District Office of Special
Investigation
Chicago Air Force Base, Illinois

23 October 1954

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT

AND 1-11-100

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
Identified Serial Object Signed Over
Moline Municipal Airport, Terre Haute,
Indiana, 9 October 1954.

TO: Director,
Office of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D.C.

1. DETAILS: Chief Airport Communicator, CIA, Moline
Municipal Airport, Terre Haute, Indiana, reported to the Office
of Special Investigations agent that on 9 October 1954 at 1:45
hours he observed an unknown unidentified serial object directly
evacuated at Moline Municipal Airport. The object was approximately
100 size of a half-dollar coin held at some length and was dis-
tinguishable as a cylindrical object. The top was shiny and idiosyncratic
color was unobscured. Mark size and attitude of the object
unknown. Informant advised that a pilot, one Charles Warren,
spotted a small object on an overcast at approximately 1:50
hours just east of Paris, Indiana at approximately 1,000 feet.
Object was last seen traveling in a northeasterly direction, south
of the Toledo County Park at Newport, Indiana.

2. DETAILS: Mr. Claude H. Weber, 1933 South Eighth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana, Chief Airport Communicator, until seven
months ago, Moline Municipal Airport, Terre Haute, Indiana,
was interviewed on 12 October 1954 by Special Agent Albert M. Ferris,
and stated that he had observed an unknown unidentified serial object
at 1:45 hours, Tuesday, 9 October 1954. The object was spotted
directly overhead at Moline Municipal Airport which is
located approximately five (5) miles east of Terre Haute, Indiana,
on Indiana State Road No. 42. According to Mr. Weber the object
was approximately the size of a one-half dollar bill at some length,
was silver in color and flew in a northeasterly direction. Mr. Weber
stated that the object pursued a somewhat path of flight that he

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729 4-1-100 Subject: **UNKNOWN AIRCRAFT**, unidentified aerial object sighted over Maumee Municipal Airport, Terra Haute, Indiana, 9 October 1951

Observed on 9-9-51 on horizon as noted and observed as protruding fins or other protrusions on this aerial object. Mr. Sawyer stated he observed the object pass from directly over his head to the horizon in approximately fifteen seconds which he estimated 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 above the general form of object could still be observed at the time it disappeared over the horizon. Mr. Sawyer stated that he could not estimate the object's size or distance. According to Mr. Sawyer, if this object was 200 feet high it would have been traveling approximately 2,000 miles per hour and that the speed in miles per hour would increase in proportion to the object's height. Mr. Sawyer further stated that either this object or another was sighted by Charles H. Hertz, South Seventh Street, Terra Haute, Indiana, at approximately 1300 hours, Thursday, 7 October 1951. Just east of Paris, Indiana. Hertz was flying a private plane at an altitude of 5,000 feet from Decaturville, Indiana, to Paris, Illinois, and sighted a silver object west coast of Paris, Indiana 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 was powered like a propeller and had two sets of wings in a northwesterly direction north of the Illinois Kentucky Plant at Reppert, Indiana.

3. **ACTION:** Commanding General, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, notified by the (S) information content of this report.

LEWIS RAYNES
Lt Col USAF
District Committee

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

Subject: Unidentified Aerial Object (UFO) - 4 Oct 51

Date: 9 October 1951

Location: Maumee Municipal Airport, Terra Haute, Ind. - No. 1024, Airways 474, Bufile 729-1000

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TO: SAC, Memphis	FROM: SAC, Memphis	DATE: 10/10/54
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]	REF: [REDACTED]	

1. An unidentified unidentified aerial object was observed by Charles W. Stoney, Chief Memphis Communications, 4th, 4th, Memphis Airport, 7:00 AM, Memphis, Tennessee on 9 October 1954 at 1345 GMT for approximately 2 seconds.

2. The following descriptions were obtained in an interview with Mr. Stoney and Mr. [REDACTED], 17th District Office, Chicago, Illinois. Single object was round and the size of a half dollar piece held at a distance of about 1000 feet. Object was of copper or yellow metal and no sound. Propulsion system unknown, speed estimated up to 1500 MPH.

3. Object was sighted visually from the ground and observed to travel a straight path in a north-westerly direction. Electronic surveillance device (TR-13 located at Memphis, TN) was used but no sighting was reported.

4. Weather: 4700 MSL, light and wind at Memphis 4700 at 9 o'clock; surface 7700 at 9 hours; 1000 feet to 10,000 feet average direction 310° at 9 hours average. No special sightings available. No interruptions made.

5. Mr. Stoney stated Charles [REDACTED], a pilot, sighted a similar object at the same time at 1345 GMT over the Memphis Airport, at 5000 feet. Object was seen hovering in a north-westerly direction over the Memphis Airport at Memphis, Tennessee.

6. Although accurate measurement of the distance between sighting number one by Mr. Stoney and sighting number two by Mr. [REDACTED] is not possible from the information furnished, it appears as though the object could not have been beyond 100 miles (100 miles) from Memphis Airport to Memphis if the two sightings were of the same object.

[Signature]
JOHN L. [REDACTED]
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On 9 October 1954, 1345 GMT, a USA Chief Aircraft Inspector observed a silver object was directly overhead, which was at least 1000 feet above Memphis Airport, Memphis, Tennessee. The object was judged to be about five miles east of Memphis, Tennessee. The object was approximately the same size as a 50 cent silver coin at 400 feet. The object appeared to be of a very high rate of speed, giving in a southerly direction, passing from directly overhead to the horizon in about 10 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 details see report, see document 17.)

Notes

Clear, light, no clouds or haze.

State of [REDACTED]

Further details on the incident will be furnished but it is probable if any further information will indicate the possible identity of the object.

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Appendix B

TYPE, MAKE, MODEL & DATE 1951

I. DESCRIPTION OF THE INCIDENT

On 9 October 1951 at 21:00 GWT, a Gas Chief Aircraft Commander observed a silver object pass directly overhead while he was at Palmer Municipal Airport, five miles east of Egan Field, Illinois. The object was paired to be approximately the same size as a DC-3 and flew tail at 45° to the horizon. The object passed overhead at a very high rate of speed giving an exceptionally bright, sparkling trail directly overhead to the horizon in about 10 seconds. There was no sound of wings or tail. The shape and general form of the object could be seen as the object passed over the horizon on exit of sight.

(For related incident, see Appendix B I)

II. WEATHER

Clear, bright sun, no clouds or haze.

III. STATE OF THE SKY

Further investigation revealed no additional information.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

None.

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1. DATE ... OCT 1951		2. LOCATION HUGHESVILLE, MICHIGAN		3. OCCASION a. Day before b. Day after c. Night d. Other	
4. OBSERVER(S) NAME(S) R. W. ...		5. TYPE OF OBJECT(S) a. Shape b. Color c. Size d. Other		6. CHARACTERISTICS a. Shape b. Color c. Size d. Other	
7. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		8. POSITION CIVILIAN		9. COMMENTS a. ... b. ...	
10. TIME OF OBSERVATION 11:00 AM		11. WEATHER Multiple (1)		12. OTHER DATA None	
13. DURATION OF OBSERVATION Observed from 1/2 to 10:00 PM. Briefly along object. Moving from E to W at high speed. At high altitude. Moved at speed of 500 mph per second. Made 1000 deg under 1000 and showed dim and rapid flash in a very minute, with pattern like saw to' see. Dis- tance for couple minutes, which say 1 mile. 1 number of these objects observed from ground.		14. DESCRIPTION None. Multiple. When observers contacted directly info to track with theodolite was possible because objects moving too fast. Also observed again an hour later. No vapor trails. Dark gray color. No reflections from object.			

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MAY 1954. SOURCES OF THIS REPORT WERE
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WITH HIGH AIRLINE RESERVE BALLOON
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THIS INFORMATION WAS REPORTED THROUGH A PERSONAL LETTER BY MR ZUCKERT AND REQUEST CONSENT BE EVALUATED. "EYES 0630, 11 OCT 52, DICK BEALLY AND I WERE FLYING AT 10,000 FT. OBSERVING THE CRAB HAD BALLOON WHEN I SAW A BRICKLY GLOWING OBJECT TO THE SW, OF W. 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 REVERSE TURNER OF THE WINDSHIELD AS A POINT. THE OBJECT MOVED PAST THIS POINT AT ABOUT 30 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 COOLED RAPIDLY AND THEN SLOWED DOWN AND STARTED TO CLIMB IN LAY SINGLES SLOWLY. THE PATTERN IT MADE WAS LIKE A FALLING LEAF INVERTED. IT WENT THROUGH THREE STRAYONS FOR A COUPLE MINUTES AND THEN WITH A VERY RAPID ACCELERATION DISAPPEARED TO THE EAST. THIS OBJECT, HIGH AND I WENT FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES.

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"I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DESCRIBE ITS SIZE, MEASURE 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 LAST LONG. IT APPROACHED FROM THE WEST AND DISAPPEARED TO THE EAST, NEITHER ONE LEAVING ANY TRACE OF WAKE BEHIND.

"WHEN I SAW THE SECOND ONE I CALLED OUR TRACING STATION AT THE U. OF M. AIRPORT AND THE OBSERVERS THERE ON THE TELEPHONE MANAGED TO GET GLIMPSES OF A NUMBER OF THEM, BUT COULDN'T KEEP THE TELESCOPE GOING FAR ENOUGH TO KEEP THEM IN THE FIELD OF THEIR INSTRUMENTS, BOTH BOAC BRICK AND DECK BOREM EVENTUALLY GLIMPSED OF THESE OBJECTS IN THE TELESCOPE AFTER I NOTIFIED THEM OF THEIR PRESENCE BY RADIO."
END CRAT IYEN GARCIA

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TO: AFM

FROM: Chief Engineer, Minneapolis Field
Minneapolis, Minnesota
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REF: AFM, 14 NOV, Washington 25, D, C,
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The Chief Intelligence Officer, in reference to AFM letter 200-2, it is requested that AF Form 312 be completed on the attached in your area on 11 October 1953. The office of the General Mills High Altitude Balloon Project, Mr. Robert and Miss Betty, directed to international aircraft movement at University of Minnesota Airport. Object was also observed from the ground with a theodolite by 1st Lt. Doug Smith and Capt Davis. Please advise by memo what this was to reported. In reply to the AFM-200-2.

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TO: AFM

FROM: Lt. J. J. Ruppel/AFM

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Lt. Ruppel*

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BY WING 1ST OFFICER 155 728 12000 ON MINNESOTA
TO AFM BY AFM 0810

IN REFERENCE TO YOUR MSG REQUESTED INFO WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED AS SOON INFO IS AS POSSIBLE. MR SCILLY, MR SMITH AND MR DORIAN, ARE ALL OUT OF TOWN. CONTACT COULD NOT BE MADE. TRIED TO LOCATE A MR SMITH, ANYONE WITH THIS NAME COULD NOT BE LOCATED. A REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO YOUR HQ AS SOON AS THE PERSONNEL LISTED ABOVE RETURN

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WFO, Washington, D.C. October 1, 1952

The only information available in this matter is as follows:

"On October 1, 1952, at 11:30 a.m., a man of approximately 35 years of age, wearing a dark suit and tie, was seen in the lobby of the Washington Hotel, Washington, D.C., at the time of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. He was seen to enter the building at approximately 11:30 a.m. and to exit the building at approximately 11:45 a.m.

"The office was unable to determine the name of the man who was seen in the lobby of the Washington Hotel at the time of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. He was seen to enter the building at approximately 11:30 a.m. and to exit the building at approximately 11:45 a.m.

"This subject was described to me as a man of approximately 35 years of age, wearing a dark suit and tie, and was seen in the lobby of the Washington Hotel at the time of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. He was seen to enter the building at approximately 11:30 a.m. and to exit the building at approximately 11:45 a.m.

I don't know how to describe the man, because at the time I didn't have the chance to look at a photograph.

Shortly after this I saw another man, in a dark suit and tie, who was seen to enter the building at approximately 11:30 a.m. and to exit the building at approximately 11:45 a.m.

"When I saw the man, who I called my 'strange man' at the time of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, I was in the lobby of the Washington Hotel. I was seen to enter the building at approximately 11:30 a.m. and to exit the building at approximately 11:45 a.m.

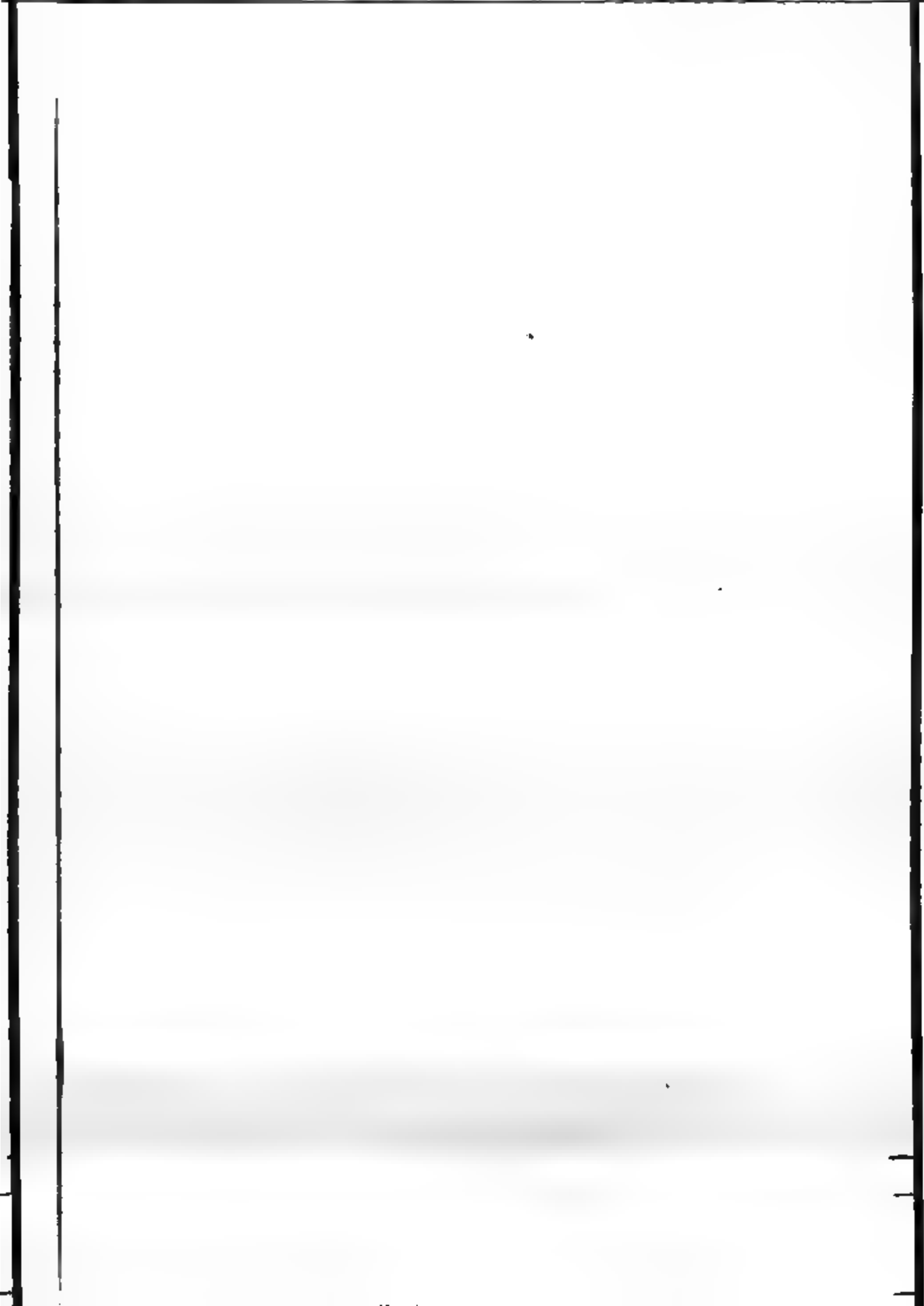
Notes of Investigation

Further details of the incident have been reported. The sources have been investigated and are known to be trustworthy. High officials within the Service with several other officials present.

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Appendix VII

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. - 11 October 1951

I. DISCUSSION OF INCIDENT

The only information available on this incident is a letter quoted below:

YES: 0630, 11 Oct 51. Dick Reilly and I were flying at 10,000 ft. observing the great bar balloon when I saw a brightly glowing object to the west 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. I tried keeping the ship on a constant course and using rainf rainf marker of the windshield as a point. The object moved past this marker 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 under-surface. 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 tracking 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 see the theodolite point fast enough to keep them in the field of their instruments. Both Lou Smith and Dick Jorian caught glimpses of these objects in the theodolite after I notified them of their presence by radio."

II. WATERS

Unknown, but evidently clear.

III. STATE 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 many gray disk shaped object. It left no vapor trail and gave off no reflection.

All observers were positive of the following facts:

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1. The object, though vaguely defined and blurred, retained a definite shape.

2. No vapor trails, exhaust flashes, or jet propulsion were observed.

3. 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 UNIDENTIFIED CASE

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5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SUBJECT F-86 Pilots		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Reported	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF INCIDENTS 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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State Report #1

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On 12/13/64, the following information was received from the [REDACTED] regarding the [REDACTED] incident. The [REDACTED] reported that the [REDACTED] was observed at [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] hours. The [REDACTED] was described as [REDACTED] and was [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in [REDACTED].

Weather

On 12/13/64, the weather was [REDACTED].

State of the Air Force

The records balloon was released from [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] hours. The balloon was released at [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] hours. All of these [REDACTED] stations were checked by [REDACTED] personnel and although the balloons were released, the weather at that personnel stated that it would be [REDACTED] if the balloon had [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED] time.

All of the [REDACTED] aircraft factories and [REDACTED] stations conducting [REDACTED] flight tests were contacted. No [REDACTED] aircraft airborne at the time of [REDACTED] sighting.

Additional information has been reported to additional staff of the incident such as times and locations during [REDACTED] observation by [REDACTED] other [REDACTED] balloon [REDACTED].

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Status Report # 2

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2000-01-21 - 23 September 1951

1. Summary 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 P.M., two F-86 aircraft were scrambled from George Air Force Base, Michigan, on a routine mission. The flight was vector to 11° 42' - 33° 50' N by GCI. (See inclosed overlay.) The flight orbited the position and two of the four aircraft were vectored to intercept the object. At approximately 0755 P.M. the flight reported to GCI that they observed an unidentified object at 11° 42' - 33° 50' N. The object was a swept wing aircraft in a left orbit at about 4,000 ft. The object was observed by the ground controller, however, visual contact was maintained. The object continued a left orbit and was observed by the aircraft. After a search for the object to identify the object, the flight was unsuccessful due to the altitude of the object and a fuel shortage. At approximately 0810 or 0815 P.M. the flight was recalled by the ground controller and they returned to George Air Force Base. The object appeared to be an aircraft with a swept wing and a silver color. When last seen the object was in a left orbit, or a roll to the left. The pilot's opinion was that it was a swept wing aircraft.

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At approximately 0800 P.M. four additional F-86 aircraft were scrambled from George AFB to relieve the two above mentioned aircraft. The aircraft were vectored to intercept the object and they arrived at this position at approximately 0810 and sighted the object high at 1 o'clock at what appeared to be over Marsh AFB. A steady climb was made to 43,000 ft. and the object was found to be near Marsh AFB. The object appeared to be in a controlled orbit to the right and left at 50,000 to 60,000 ft. The two aircraft were in the area for intercept before breaking off the intercept due to a fuel shortage and landed at 04 P.M. 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 09:5 P.M. 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 which were not to jettison them.

II. STATUS OF INVESTIGATION

At 0700 PLST a radiosonde balloon was released from the Long Beach Municipal Airport. This balloon was lost at 0740 PLST, 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 0750, 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 2-4, 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 three. Once again the orbiting of the object cannot be explained.

The attempted intercept by Flight 2-8 cannot be explained. If the ground track given by the leader of Flight 2-8 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. CONCLUSION

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 balloon

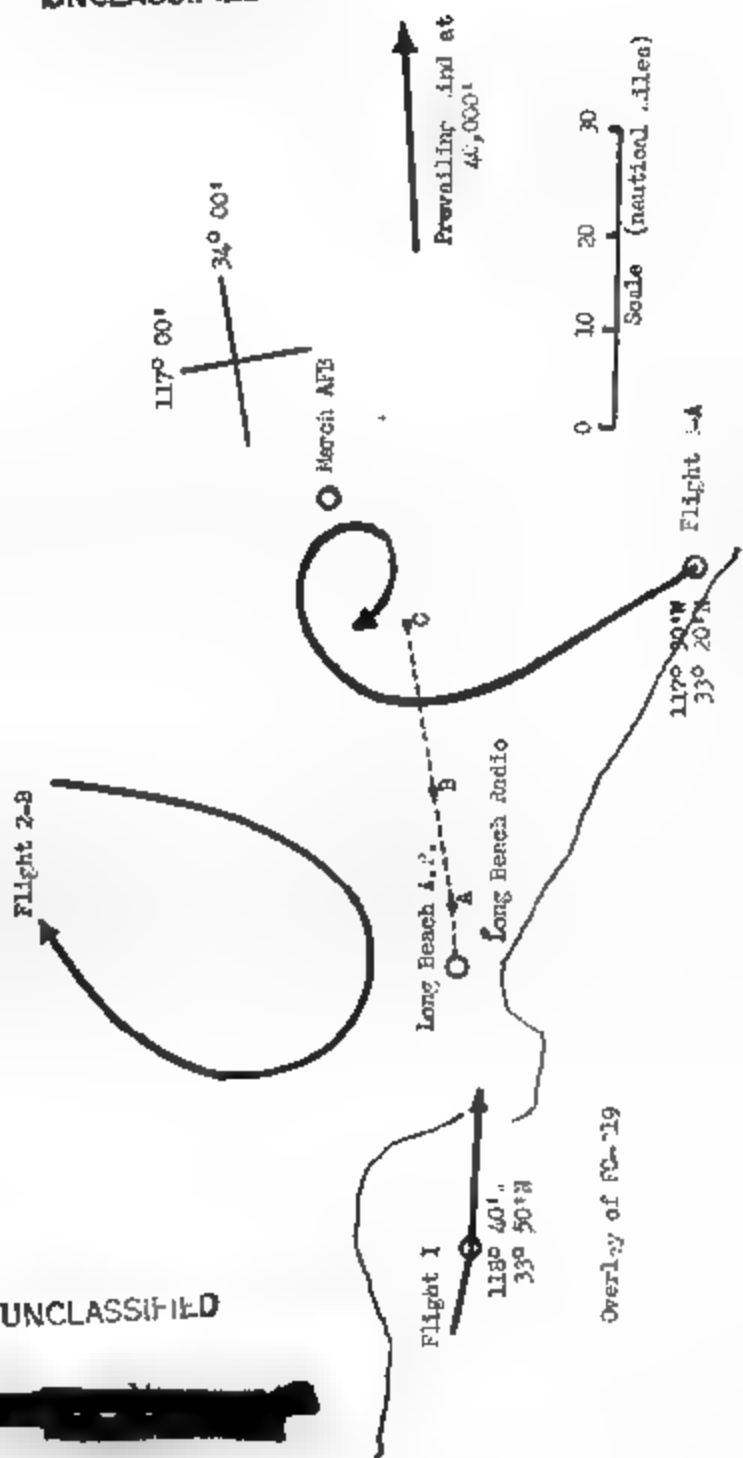
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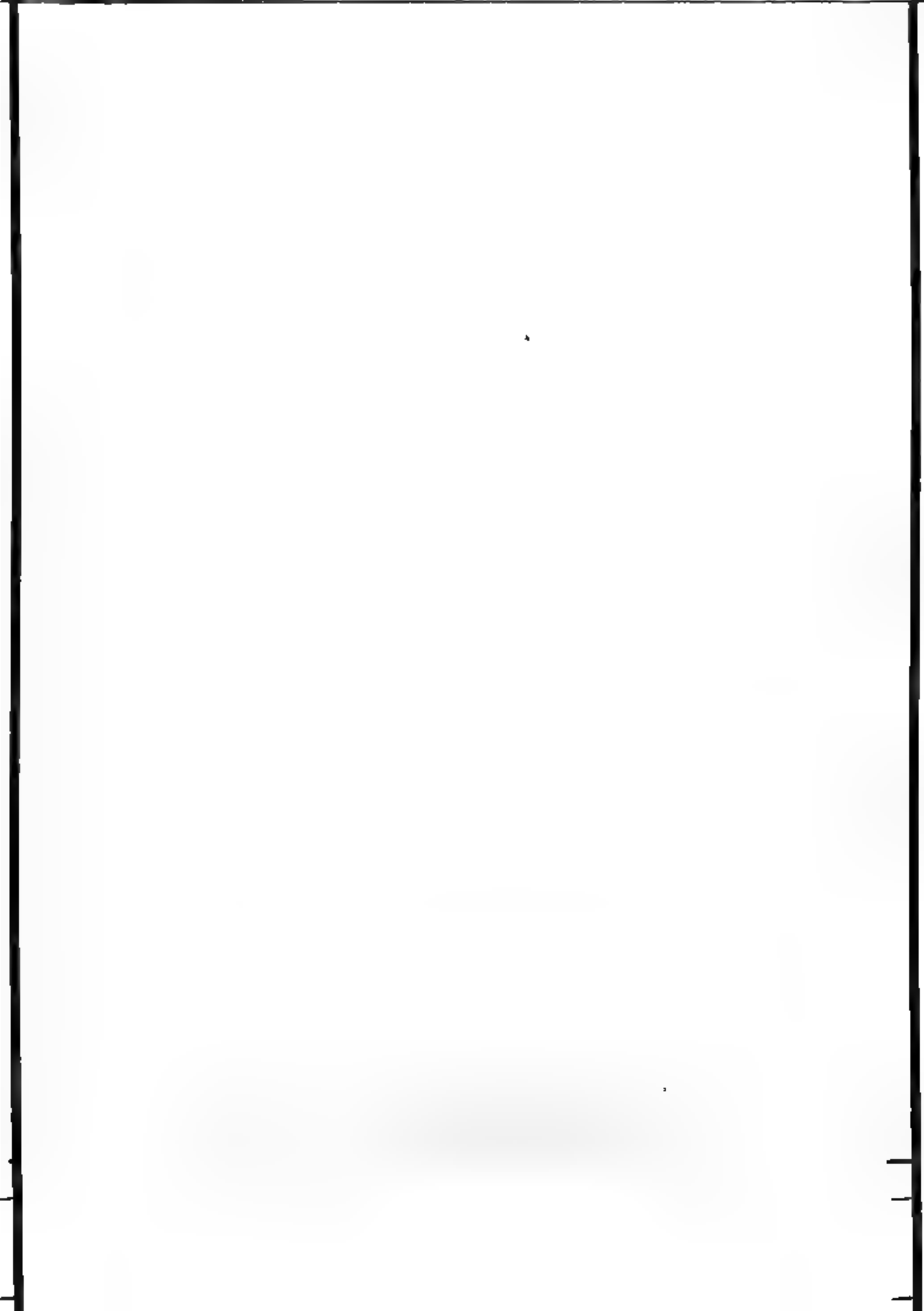
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Flight 1
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Flight 2-8

Overlay of FC-219



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Major/1st Col Friend

Request for 470 Inter-Comm (200-1000)

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Major/1st Col
Friend (Major Hart)
Washington DC

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1. The attached letter from Mr. Paul Coleman requests information regarding sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena.
2. The following information regarding the sightings referenced in Mr. Coleman's letter is presented to assist you in this regard; the order of the information corresponds to that contained in the attachment.
3. The Laredo AFB Report of 1951, which occurred on 4 December 1950 was evaluated as an aircraft sighting.
4. At 1445 on 22 July 1952 the watch officer of the local airport at Uvalde found a large object which he described as being large and round, but of varying shape. The object was reported to be silver in color and was at an altitude of 20,000 feet. The object was moving at a speed of 1000 mph. The object was heading south at 40 degrees to the southwest. The object was seen for 45 seconds and left a large white cloud behind a large circular cloud. This case is classified as a sighting. The object was not identified as an aircraft. The object was at an altitude of approximately 20,000 feet and was moving at a speed of approximately 1000 mph. The object was heading south at 40 degrees to the southwest. The object was seen for 45 seconds and left a large white cloud behind a large circular cloud. The available information is not sufficient to allow a confident identification of a conventional object was the cause for the sighting.

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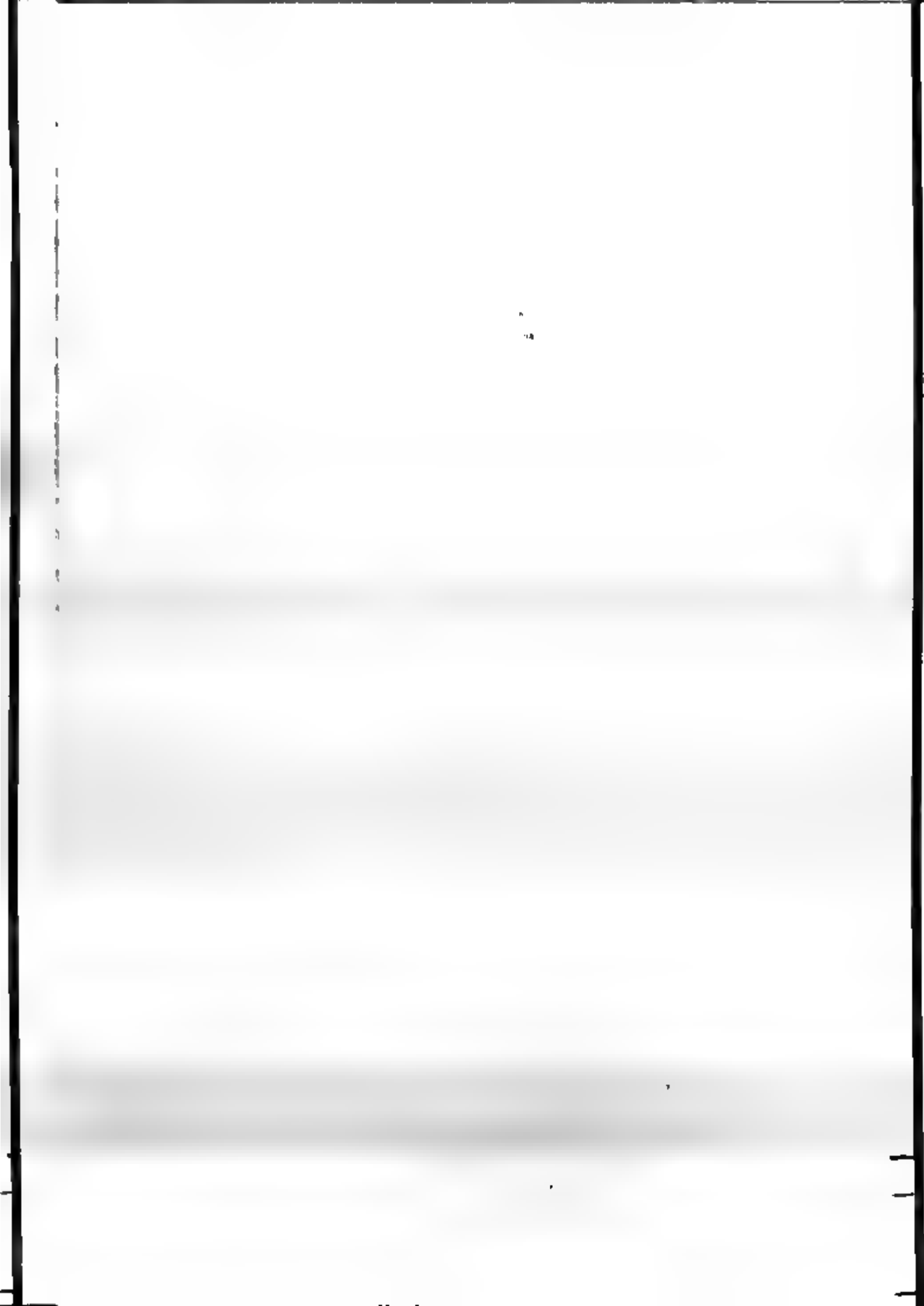
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Appendix IV

MACR 42-215-1-1 - 23 September 1963

I. DISCUSSION OF INCIDENT

The first report of this incident, which appeared in Status Report 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 PLT, two F-4 aircraft were assigned from George Air Force Base, Michigan, on a routine mission. The flight was vectored to 11° 40'N - 53° 50'W by GCI. (See included overlay.) The flight achieved the position and time on a heading about four hours earlier, at approximately 0700. The flight reported to GCI that they observed an unidentified object. The flight was 30 seconds out of Long Beach Area at this time. The object appeared to be in a left orbit at about 25,000 ft. The object could not be tracked by the radar screen, however, visual contact was maintained. The object exhibited a left orbit as seen over the aircraft. A fuel shortage was reported by the F-4's to track the object but the object was seen to be at the altitude of the object and a fuel shortage. At approximately 0810 or 0830 the object was released by the ground controller as they returned to base. It was observed that the object appeared to be an aircraft with a white wing and tail silver in color. The pilot also saw the object was in a left orbit, or a right orbit. The pilot's opinion was that it was a swept wing type aircraft.

At approximately 0800 PLT four additional F-4 aircraft were assigned from George AFB to relieve the two aircraft mentioned previously. The four aircraft split into two, two-ship elements, denoted as Flight 1 and Flight 2 on the included overlay. Flight 1 was vectored to a position at 11° 40'N - 53° 50'W. They arrived at this position at approximately 0810 and sighted the object high at 1 o'clock at what appeared to be over three AF. A heading check was made to 43,000 ft, and the object was found to be near level. The object appeared to be in a circular orbit to the right and left at 2,000 to 3,000 ft. The two aircraft observed in the area for 1-2 minutes before breaking off the intercept due to a fuel shortage and landed at 0845. The object appeared to be a swept wing aircraft.

The second element of the group, designated as Flight 2 on the overlay, observed the object soon after take-off. The object appeared to be white. The flight made a series of similar turns over the object as they climbed to 25,000 ft. The object was in a white right turn, at approximately 4 o'clock the aircraft broke off the attempt to 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 and it reported to be observed visually from the ground. The F-4'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 did not have the fuel jettisoned.

II. ANALYSIS OF EVIDENCE

At 0700 UTC a radiosonde balloon was released from the Long Beach Municipal Airport. This balloon was lost at 0714 UTC, eight miles from the airport on a bearing of 95° true, i.e. to a calibration of the tracking equipment. (see point A on overlay.) At this time the balloon would have been at an altitude of 40,000 ft. The wind above 40,000 ft. was unknown but it is logical to assume that at this altitude the wind 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 knot) 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 object at the time of the sighting is unknown but was probably below 40,000 ft. At this time of the original sighting, the balloon would be at 38,100 to 39,000 ft. and approximately ten miles direct, along the line to the airport. The exact orbit of the balloon cannot be explained. The balloon would have a normal turn due to wind shifts but these are a great deal smaller than if the movement would be apparent from an aircraft as fast as an F-36.

Referring to the ground track of Flight 2-4, if a 30 knot wind at 270° is assumed, at 0713, the approximate time the F-36's started the object track at 359° 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 Area. Once again the orbit of the object cannot be explained.

The attempted intercept by Flight 2-8 cannot be explained. If the ground track given by the leader of Flight 2-8 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 2 minutes, it is highly probable 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 airport, a small airfield, or from somewhere else 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's, and, as a corollary that the orbit 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

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Prevailing wind at 40,000'

Scale (nautical miles)

0 George AFB

Flight 2-8

Flight 1

118° 40' W
35° 50' N

Low Beach A.P.
Long Beach Radio

March AFB

Flight -1

117° 30' W
33° 20' N

Overlay of FU-219

117° 00'

34° 00'

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Appendix VII

WACCS AFM - 23 September 1961

On 23 September 1961 at 0810 PST, an unidentified object was sighted over Long Beach, California. Four F-86 aircraft were scrambled and the object was sighted by them over Azusa, California. On at least an altitude of 43,000 ft. the F-86's reported the object to be orbiting "March AF" at an estimated altitude of between 30,000 ft. and 45,000 ft. The object appeared to be a swept wing, fighter type aircraft.

Weather

Unavailable at this time.

Timing of Interception

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 JSA	REPORT NO. 1	CLASSIFICATION LEAVE BLANK
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SUBJECT High Flying Unidentified Object		
AREA REPORTED ON Long Beach, Mirou, and March Air Force Base, California	FROM (Agency) CG 27th Air Division (Det), Norton AFB, Calif.	EVALUATION P-6
DATE OF REPORT 5 October 1951	DATE OF INFORMATION 23 September 1951	
PREPARED BY (Name) <i>William F. White</i> Director of Intelligence	SOURCE Report to CG, 27th Air Div from Controllers, ADOC and 660th ACW Squadron	
SUMMARY: (Enter number of pages of report. Give significance in final one-paragraph paragraph. List references if fewer than 200. Do not list more than 10.) ADO Letter 200-1, dated 11 April 1951 and TX from CG 27th Air Div (Det)-Norton AFB-Calif. 07/0 1951		
<p>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 March, 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.</p> <p>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 550 gram balloons.</p>		
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<p>1 - 1000</p> <p>Statement by JAMES H. HARVEY, Captain, USAF, dated 23 September 1951 (SECRET)</p>		
<p>Original and one copy to CG AWO, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, Attention: WOB One copy to CG ADO, Fort AFB, Colorado Springs, Colorado, Attention: Director of Intelligence</p>		

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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 AGW 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 Nellie AFB, Inyokern, and George AFB Operations and reported that no flight had been airborne at the time that would approximate descriptions given.

Major MANUSSIER, OO of the 750th AGW 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 XP-92; Douglas with the D 558, and Northrup with the X-3.

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STATEMENT

23 September 1951

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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.

James H Harvey
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Captain USAF

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
THE DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATION
ATTENTION: 1110 WRIGHT PATTENSON 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.

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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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16D 24-129

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SPECIAL INQUIRY

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San Bernardino, California

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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.

1 Incl:
Rpt of S/A FRED T. RAGSDALE,
dtd 30 Oct. 1951 (in exp.)

W. H. ...
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATION REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		UNCLASSIFIED 2-129	DATE 30 October 1951 <i>10th Col 20 Oct 51</i>
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		OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #18, Maywood, California	
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REFERENCE TMX 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.

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"/s/

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 Maroo, 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 Southeast 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 Fultes 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 MERVIN E. LRAKE interviewed Major KENNETH T. BNOOKS, 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. CLIVE A. WOODWARD, 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 last contact with it.

10. Major BROOKS said that this balloon at 4,000 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".

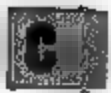
11. Special Agent HENRY O. CHAPPELL interviewed Mr. P. B. BILKIN, General Services Meteorology at March Field, Santa Maria, California, and he advised that his station released two weather balloons on 21 September 1951. One was released at 0300Z hours (1900 hours Pacific Standard Time, 22 September 1951), and one was released at 1505Z hours (0705 Pacific Standard Time, 21 September 1951). The one which was released on 22 September 1951 attained an altitude of 70,000 feet and was contacted for 60 minutes by radio. The one which was released on 21 September 1951 remained in the air 70 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 southeasterly 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 over 4,000 feet was the same as that furnished by Major BROOKS.

12. Special Agent THOMAS WARKLE was advised by Lt. Commander D. C. JOY, Weather Station Officer, Naval Air Station, San Diego, California, that his station released a balloon at approximately 1700 hours PST on 21 September 1951. He claimed that the balloon attained an altitude of over 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:
AFOM-ATIAA-2c

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] High Flying Unidentified Object

TO: Commanding General
27th Air Division (Def)
Attention: Director of Intelligence
Morton 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 Murco. 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 Murco?

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 Murco to March Air Force

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Base or did they lose it and might it again over March Air Force Base? What was the time when the object was sighted over March AFB?

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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?

RESEARCH & DEV.

4. In addition to the above specific points, it is requested that the F-86 pilots be reinterviewed 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.

RESEARCH & DEV.

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.

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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.



S. H. Kirkland, Jr.

S. H. KIRKLAND, JR.
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Technical Analysis Division

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HEADQUARTERS 27th AIR DIVISION (DEFENSE)

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:

3 Incls.

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HEADQUARTERS 27th AIR DIVISION (DEFENSE)
MORTON AIR FORCE BASE
SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA

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DEC 7 1951

In Reply Refer To:
27ADDI-360.1

SUBJECT: (Restricted) High Flying Unidentified Object

TO: Commanding Officer (K11 Deck)
669th AC&F 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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E. P. WASHINGTON
2ND LT USAF
Asst Air Adm Gen

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669th AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND WARNING SQUADRON, Fort MacArthur, California

TO: Commanding General, 27th Air Division (DBF), Norton Air Force Base,
San Bernardino, California

1. In reference to Par. 2a basic letter the following is submitted.

a. Original sighting: received by VRF from Swase Brown leader at 0755 PDSF. The object was over San Pedro, California.

b. Time and position of later sightings: Swase Brown leader last saw the object near March Air Force Base, California. All sightings were visual, the object was not picked up by radar.

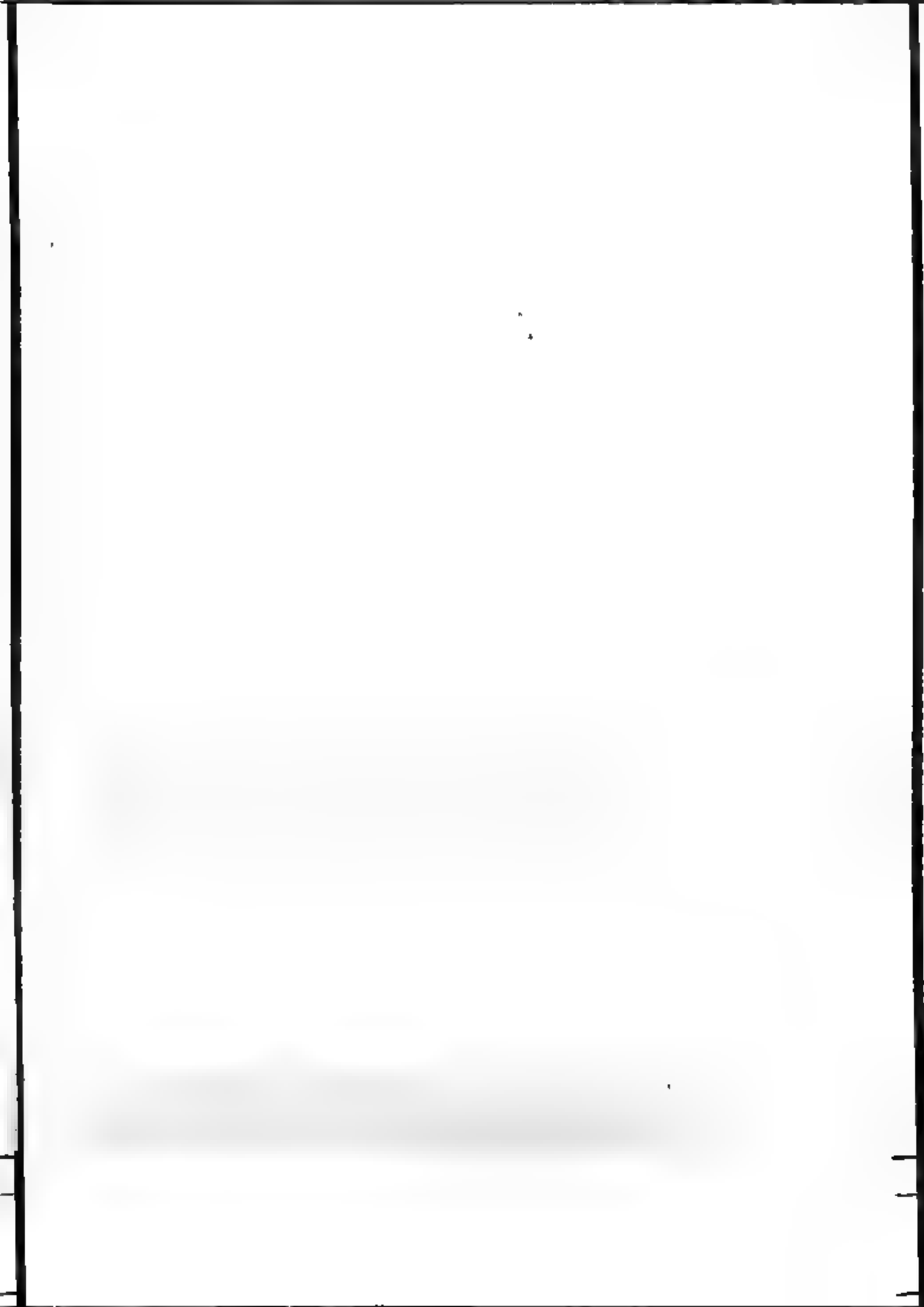
c. Swase Brown flight was on an Air Defense mission when the object was sighted. Swase Brown was unable to intercept the object because of its high altitude and speed. The ADCG Controller was notified of the incident and our attempt to intercept the craft.

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.

JAMES H. DAVIS
Major USAF
Commanding Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
4470 24th Street, P.O. Box 100
George Air Force Base, California

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11 December 1951

SUBJECT: Investigation of high flying Unidentified Object.

TO: 1 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. [redacted] C.F.C. Intelligence Officer of the 1st Fighter-Interceptor Wing.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:


HAROLD E. GUTHRIE
Captain USAF
Intelligence Officer

Incls:

A. Statements by:

Capt. James H. Harvey
Capt. Harold E. Guthrie
Capt. Uwer J. Reichman

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 March 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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- Q. Did your flight boger your interception?
- 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 Huron 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 wise prospection, 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 find

A. At about 0845.

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James H. Harvey
JAMES H. HARVEY
Captain USAP

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1. Captain Omer J. Reichman states: On the morning of 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 Vektored over Long Beach Bay, arriving there at 0715 at approximately 30,000 feet. I was ⁱⁿ 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 °/s 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 wing 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. Rice^{Lt}, ~~Captain~~ Now TDY MAXWELL FID

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} but they did not have object on the radar scope.

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"A" (REICHMAN)

Statement Cont'd. (Rec'd man)

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- Q. Could they, or was Kill Deer tracking you?
- A. Yes. [REDACTED]
- Q. You are quite certain Kill Deer tracked you, but it could not "tag" 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. Probable [REDACTED]
- Q. Did you notice any maneuvers from this object?
- A. No. It continued in a left orbit.
- Q. Were you in vicinity of Maroc 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 turn.
- 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.
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

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Statement Cont'd. (Lushman)

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• That time approximately 1 d. on '10 1. off?

A. About 0810 to 0815.- Heading directly to base at a 330 heading.

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J. RICHARDSON
Captain JSAP

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STATEMENT

21 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 ACCW 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.

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- Q. Cont'd. Kildare asked us to intercept it, and so far, it is impossible to do.
- A. 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 S W ANTONIO LAK, 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 sequence of Vectors if any given you by ACW 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 A. Guthrie
 HAROLD A. GUTHRIE
 Captain USAF
 Intelligence Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
1ST FIGHTER-INTERCEPTOR WING
MORTON 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, Morton AF Base, San Bernardino, California. Major Herman USAF, Weather Squadron Commanding Officer.

WINDS ALOFT. 23 Sept 51- 1500Z- 0700 hrs Pacific Time

200 M.S. = 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 West

(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, is. 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.

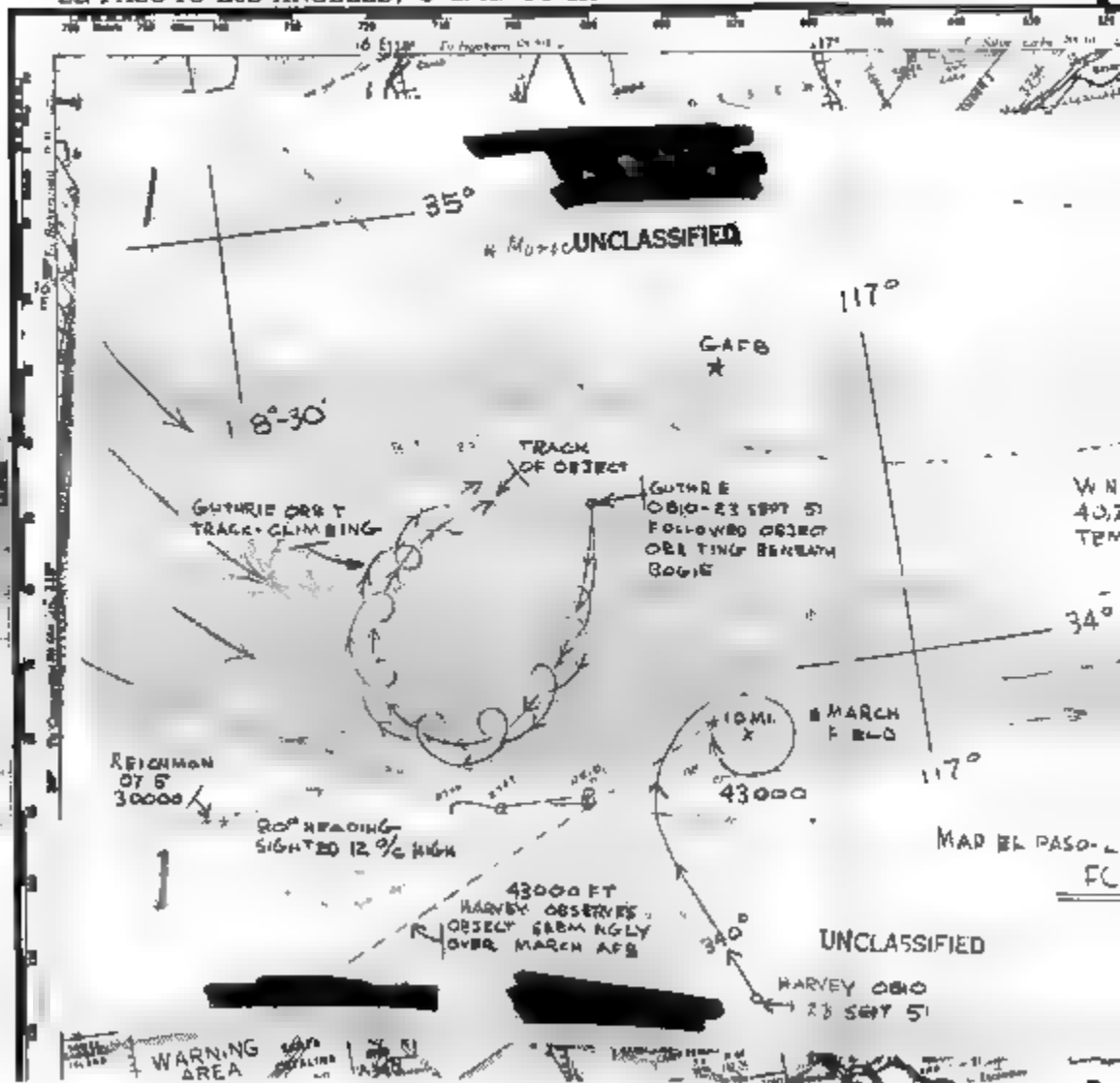
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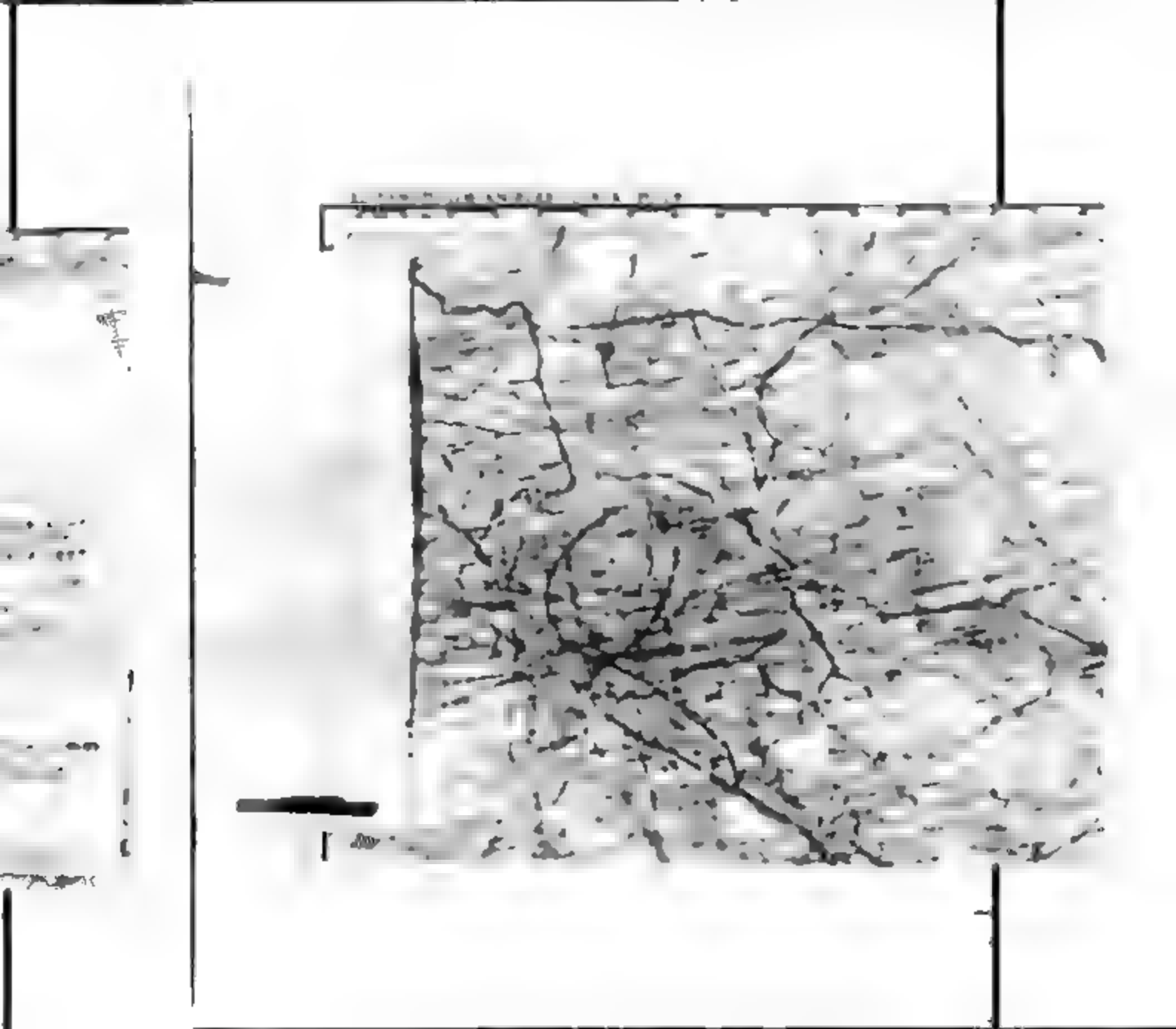
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 Air Force Weather Squadron
 Long Beach Municipal Airport
 Long Beach, California
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ATIAA-11-13. This Center has been informed that your station launched a weather balloon between 0445 and 0746 PST on 29 Sept 1951, and that it was lost at 42,000 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:

- a. Exact time of launch.
- b. Ground track of balloon until it was lost.
- c. Time and location when balloon was lost.
- d. Winds aloft.
- e. Rate of ascent.
- f. Type of balloon.

In reply refer to Project Grudge.

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DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required)

Lt E. J. Ruppalt/ve

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

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KENNETH S. FISH, Capt, USAF
 Asst Air Adjutant General

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
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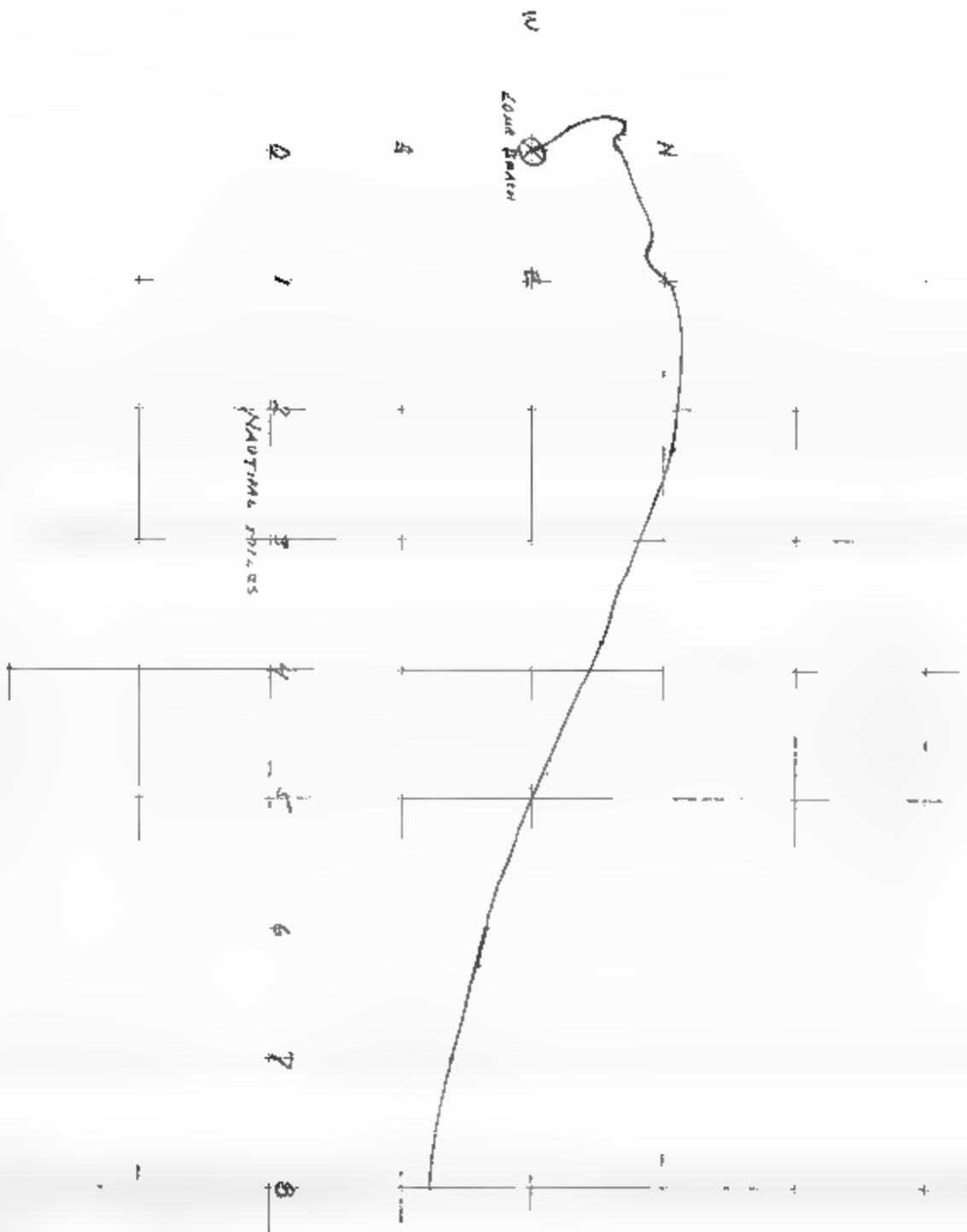
1. Reference your TX 30 November 1951, The following information is submitted:

- 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	08
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 Comd.



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° - 33K
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 GST)

Surface	270° - 3K
1,000'	270° - 4K
2,000'	300° - 8K
2,500'	330° - 5K
4,000'	330° - 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
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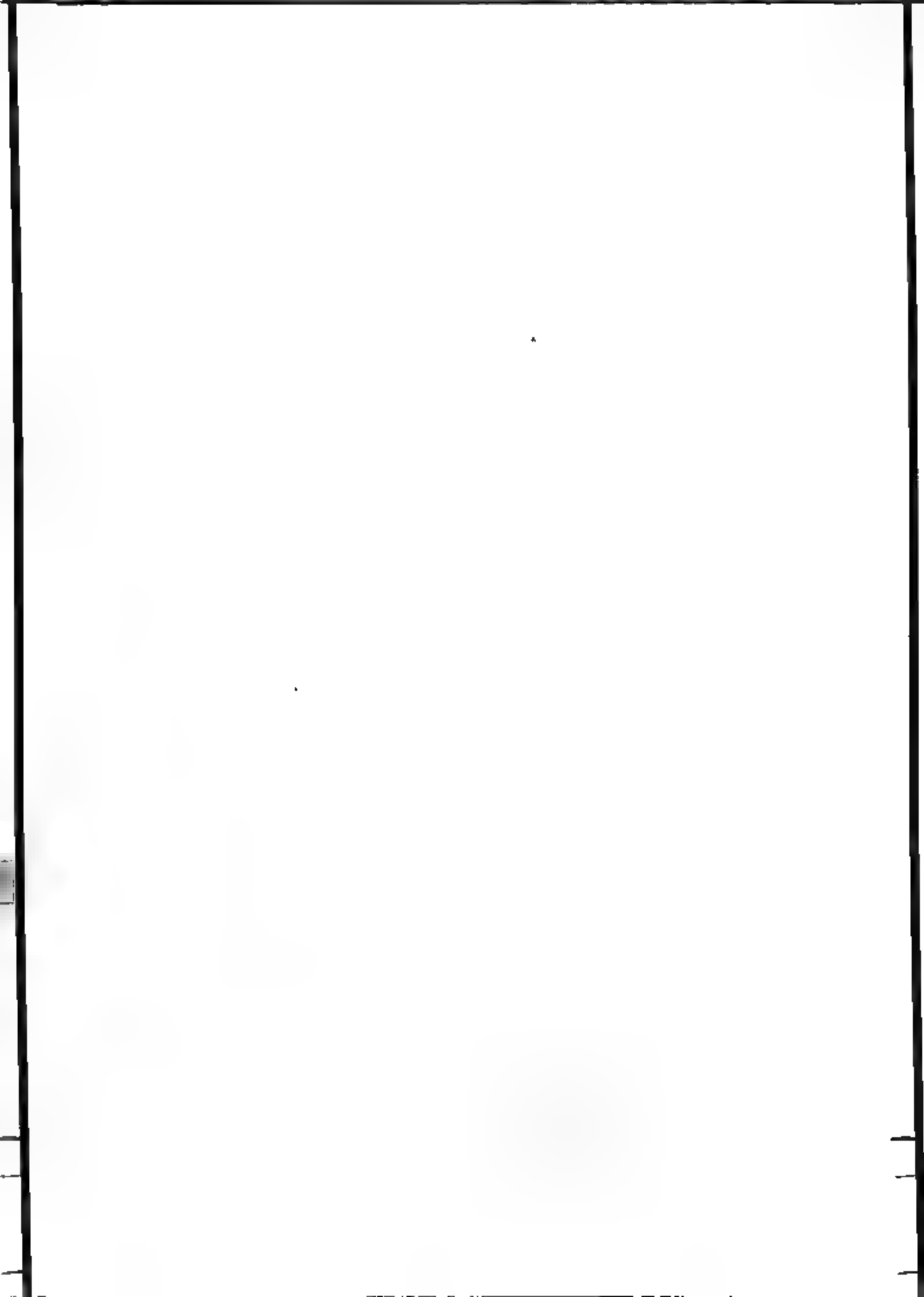
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TO CG AMC WPAFB DAYTON OHIO

CITE 27 ADDI 1318.

Info to AT/

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, 25 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 BUROC 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

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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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AI 7807

TO: [REDACTED]
 CC: [REDACTED]

Operating General
 March Air Force Base
 March, California

Date 27 APR 1958

Following teletype message from 27th Air Division, March AFB, California, is quoted in part in reference: At 1800Z, 27 Apr 1958, an object was sighted and reported over Long Beach California, at 50,000 ft. Four F-86 were dispatched to investigate and sighted object over March, California. Altitude at 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 swept-wing, fighter-type aircraft. Advice by teletype concerning any aircraft in the vicinity of March from 1800 to 1700Z, 27 Apr 58 which corresponds to stated sighting time attached herewith.

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 FROM: [REDACTED]
 SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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1 APR 58

Major S. [REDACTED], Capt, USAF
 Air Adjutant General

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OO: ATIC

211730Z Oct 51

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Commanding Officer
Norton Air Force Base
San Bernardino, California

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R I D H O T E

81800Z Oct 51 [REDACTED]

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AFOIN-ATIAA-10-153. Please advise when information can be made available to this Center, in regard to our previous teletype 81800Z Oct 51, citing 27 ADBI 1318. In reply cite AFOIN-ATIAA-2 GRUDGE.

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MURRAY S. STURGIS, Captain, USAF
Air Adjutant General

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81800Z Oct 51

CO, ATIC

Priority

Commanding Officer
Norton Air Force Base
San Bernardino, California

Cite 27 ADEI 1318

Request you contact OSI District Office Number 18 at Hayward, 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 ORUDGE.

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Lt. Jerry W. Cummings

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MURRAY S. STURDIS, Captain, USAF
Air Adjutant General

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171600Z Oct 51

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Commanding Officer
Norton Air Force Base
San Bernardino, California

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4FOIN-ATIAA-10-10. Reference your teletype 16/2143Z Oct 51 JEPK. Teletype
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MURRAY, S. STURGIS, Captain, USAF
Air Adjutant General

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FROM : DO 188 OSI WAYWOOD 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 regarding 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 a sighted object over March Calif. Attaining an altitude of 43,000 ft, W86'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 soft operating from aircraft 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 distract handling this inquiry on priority basis and we are contacting soft manufacturing concerns in Southern Calif to determine if object could have been experimental soft. 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 soft type cases.

ACTION: CSI

INFO: CIG, CDS **OW**

CAF IN: 85128 |

(27 Oct 51)

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FM CG 27TH ADIV DIF MORTON AFB CALIF

TO CG ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB DAYTON OHIO

27ADDI 1973 PD

RE: YOUR MSG AFMIAA-12-15E C/A 18 DIST OSI ADVISE THAT CASE
BEING HANDLED ON AF BS PL RPT W/B SUBM THRU THIS HQ C/A 30 OCT 51

PD END

27/18222 OCT SPX

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ATIC

CGI wills ...

ITEM 8 ANC [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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TT-272
31 Oct 51
ANC ITEM 8
ATIAA/RUPPELT

INFORMATION

END ITEM 8 MAC [REDACTED]

ITEM 9 ANC [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 - 15TH DISTRICT OSI ADVISRS THAT FULL REPORT WILL BE FORWARDED ABOUT 30 OCT 1951.

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31 Oct 51
ANC ITEM 9
ATIAA/RUPPELT

INFORMATION

END ITEM 9 ANC [REDACTED]

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ITEM 10 ANC [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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31 Oct 51
ANC ITEM 10
ATIAA/RUPPELT

INFORMATION

END ITEM 10 ANC [REDACTED]

CSAF ITEM 13 [REDACTED]

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CSAF ITEM 13
ATIAA/RUPPELT

REFERENCE ATIC ITEM 6 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.

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FM CG 27TH ADIV DEF NORTON AFB CALIF

TO CG ATIC WRIGHT PAT AFB OHIO

/R E S T R I C T E D/27

DI 0515 REF LTR AFOIN-ATIAA-2C

REF LTR THIS HQ 27ADDI 360 PD 1 CMA DTD 21 DEC 51 PD IN REPLY

TO PAR ONE EASY OF CITED LTR CMA MARCH AFB SBND NEG REPT PD

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- 1. ATIAA
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- 3. Central file

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No Ballroom forwarded from Manassas AFB

CSAF ITEM 4 [REDACTED]
ATTN: RUPPELT FM AFOIN-V/TC WILLIS

TT-272
31 Oct 51
CSAF ITEM 4
AFIAA/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 MORTON
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 MURCO 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 ORGINATING
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."
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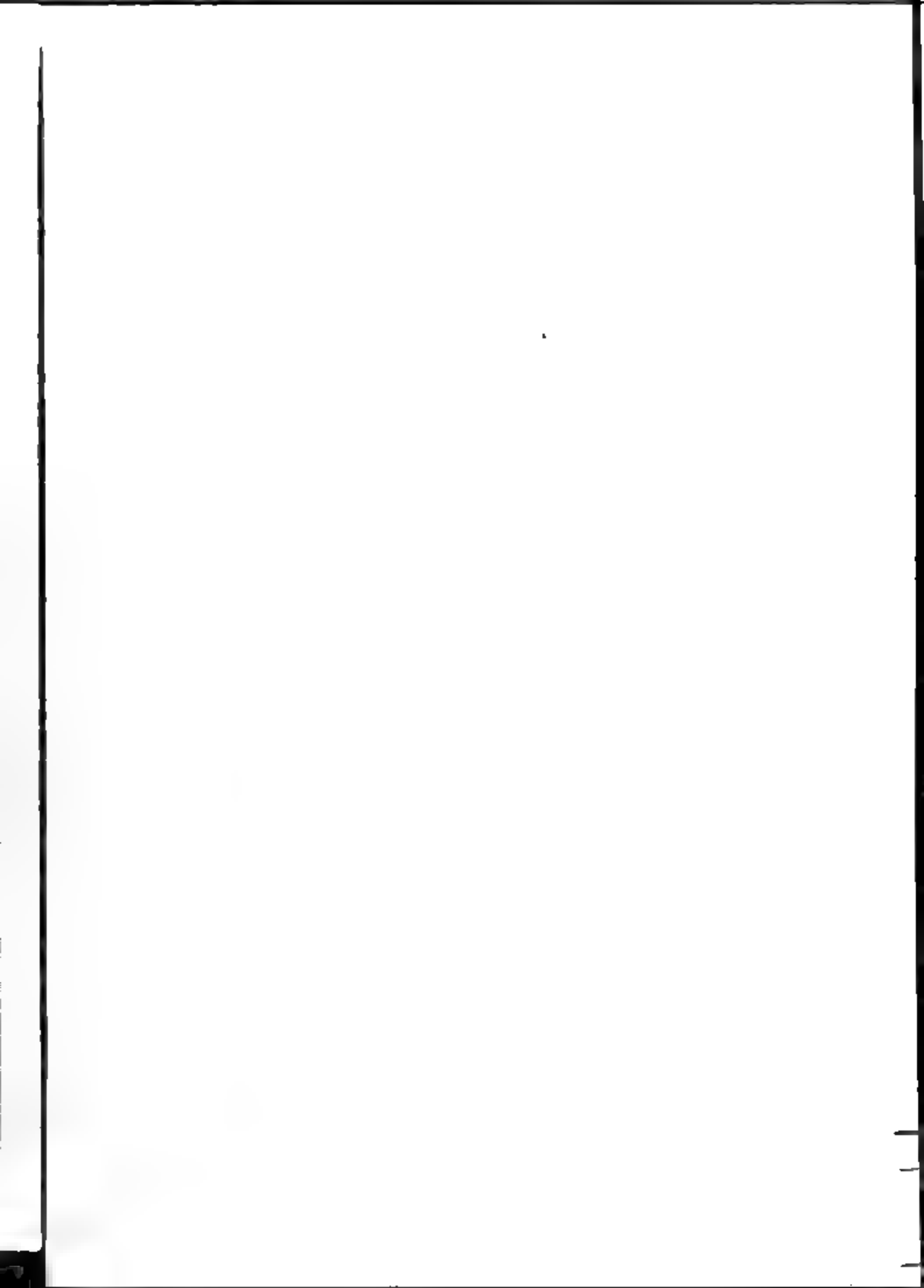
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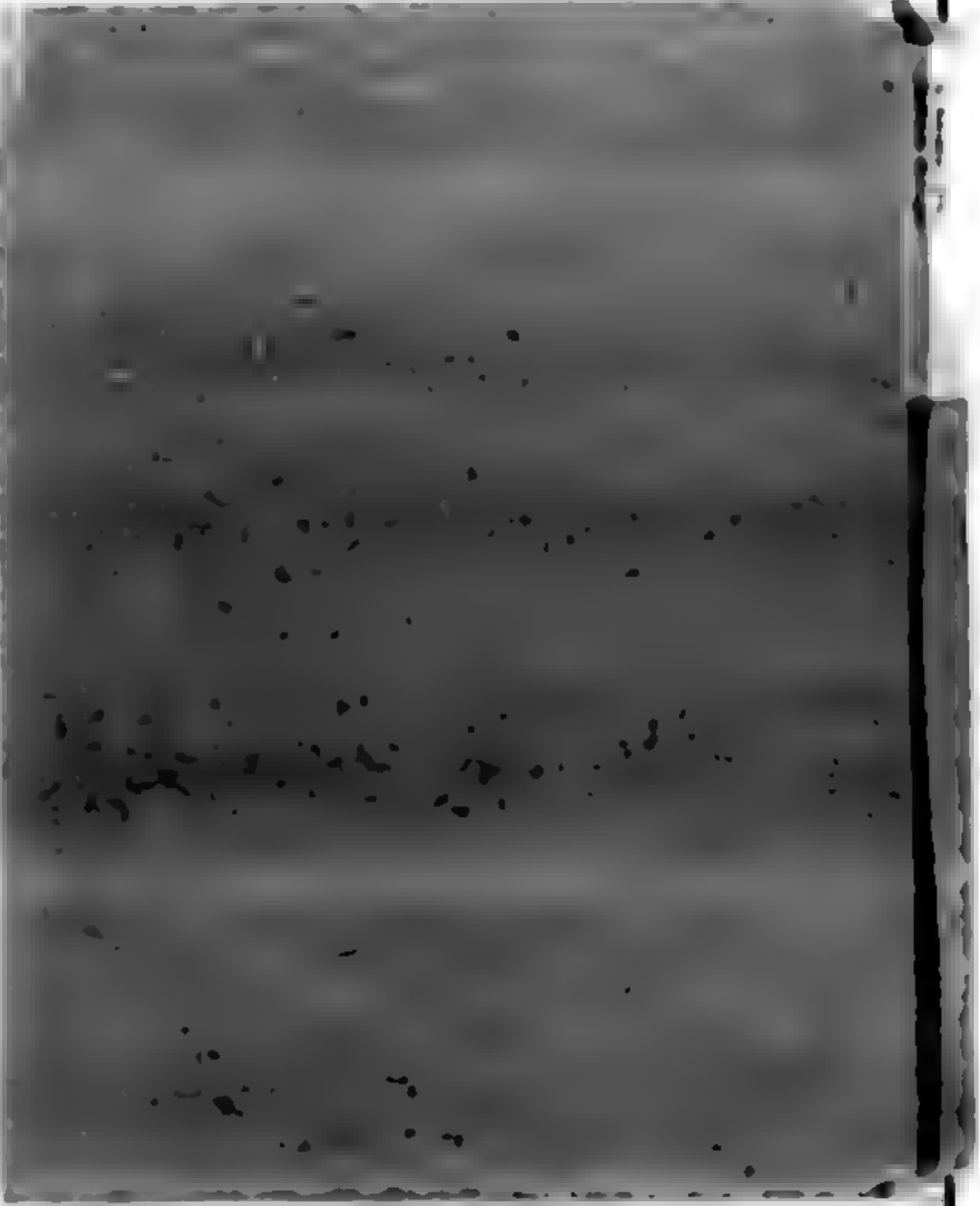
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PROJECT WETA RECORD CARD

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3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>24 Nov 3254</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
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7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE S of W	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING SEE CASE FILE.		11. COMMENTS METEOR OBSERVATION.	

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24 Nov 1951

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4 November 1951

I. LOCATION OF OBSERVATION

On the evening of November 1951, several people observed an unidentified aerial object, from four separate locations in Southern California. The object was observed in the Los Angeles quadrant traveling at speeds much faster than a jet at an apparently low altitude (below 10,000 ft. or 2° - 4° above the horizon) in all the observations. The object traveled horizontal to the horizon in one instance and was noted to lose altitude just before it disappeared. No sound was heard by any of the observers. In each case the time the object was in sight was 5-6 seconds or less.

Additional information is given below and in inclosed overlay which shows apparent track of objects. It will be noted that the overlay only shows the apparent tracks.

Location	Time	Shape	Color	Trail	Course	Apparent Altitude (ile.)	Observer
Wheeler AFB	1820 L	Egg	White	Red	WSW	3-3	AF #FC
Wheeler AFB	1830 E	Football*	White	Orange red	W	1	AF #FC
Battle Creek	1845 E	Oval	White	White	SW	1-20	AF #FC
Grand Rapids	1844 E	Round	White	None	S	-	Tower Operator
Cooperstown	1855 E	Round	Bluish White	None	SW	30-40	Airline Crew (Airborne)

II. WEATHER

CAVU and exceptionally clear at all points of observation.

III. STATUS OF THE INVESTIGATION

The possibility of jet aircraft in the area, unidentified radar returns, and known meteoric or aurora phenomenon were checked with negative results. From the reports, it is reasonable to assume that all the observers saw the same object. There is a time span of five minutes between various sightings but this could be due to errors in the watches of the observers. Assuming that the tower clock would be the most accurate, the time would be 1844 L. From the estimation of

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altitude (i.e. apparent loc), if a constant rate of velocity in a certain direction & distance from all the observations. The only way to determine this is by observing the object from a number of different locations. This is explained by the fact that the observer's position is not fixed.

The actual flight of the object was probably over Canada, Canada. It would be difficult to determine the exact location of the object's path or intercept, though Canada. It is not believed that the object was the same as the one, as it would still not definitely identify it as an object it had been observed by consistent astronomers.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

It is concluded that the object observed in Southern Canada on 24 Nov 1951 was a large meteor-like object that probably was a comet, Canada, or under New York State.

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... November 1947 ...
... with multiple sightings ...
... Washington told the Air Force Flight Service that an ...
... had seen a huge object with ...
... reported in ...
... same sort of object going the same direction ...
... it was a V2 type missile. All these observations ...
... about four miles east ...
... New ...
... asked to a number of the ...
... firm in their belief that they ...

a later period and a -1 of both were noted. The upper trail, exhaust, or nozzle was now visible. This is a case in the FTD files as to the reported speed and direction.

7. At Patrick AFB, Florida, on 18 July 1952, six separate observations of five different bodies of objects, described as lights, were reported. The initial object which set off the series of observations was a small object which appeared from a point five miles south of the observer. Following this report were four other sightings to which no other object was observed. The objects were usually seen for 10 seconds, traveling at the same speed in horizontal flight. These lights appeared to be varying colors. The objects were not tracked, but it is probable that they were mirages.

8. There is no case in the FTD files from any AFB or W site in Michigan during the month of July 1952.

9. At Goose Bay, Labrador, on 15 December 1952, pilots of a T-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 1650-2000 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.

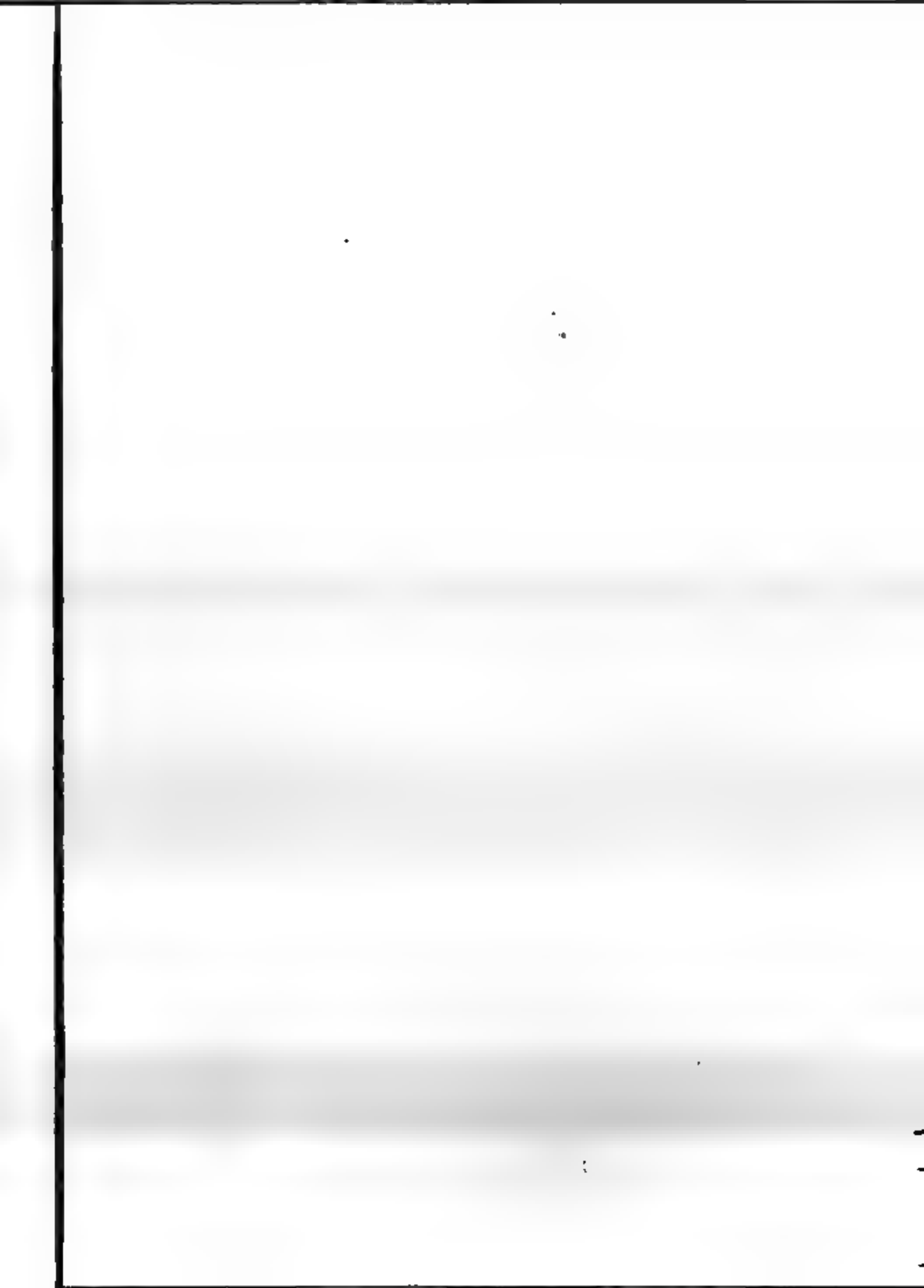
c. At 1900-2000 there was an aerial observation of an unidentified flying object which was determined to be Venus.

12. There is no case in the FTD files from Japan on 19 April 1953.

13. On 26 September 1952 in the Andros area of an observer observed two lights for over an hour. The lights were in color and bright. They were about 20' apart in color and their relative motion to each other throughout the observation is a variable. The lights were not tracked, but in all probability they were due to the misidentification of distant lights on surface vessels.

14. UFO reported from Truk Atoll identified as a G-47.

15. There is no case in the FTD files from Korea on 7 February 1953.



a later period and... objects... No vapor trails, etc., or sound was noted. This is carried in the FTD files as being due to balloons, but also... as a... late hourly relation in view of the... period speed and... etc.

7. At Patuxent AFB, Maryland, on 18 July 1950, six separate observations of five different sets of objects, normally 10 lights, were noted. The initial object which set off the majority of observations was a round object released from a point two miles south of the observatory. Following this report were other observations which were observed in short periods of time, usually about 10 seconds, traveling at high speeds in various directions. These lights were identified in varying degrees. In some instances they were unidentified, but it is probable that they were balloons.

8. There is no case in the FTD files from any AC & M site in Michigan during the month of July 1952.

9. At Grand Bay, Labrador, on 15 December 1951, 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 1250-2000 hours a pilot attempted to close on Jupiter.
- b. At Misaki a pilot reported a UFO which was determined to have been due to the misidentification of an astronomical body.
- c. At 1948-2000 there was an aerial observation of an unidentified flying object which was determined to be Venus.

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13. On 26 September 1952 in the area of... of an aircraft observed the lights for over an hour. There is no direct... in color... They were about 20°... in... and their relation... each other three... of... due to the misidentification of... distinct lights on surface vessels.

14. UFO reported from Truckee identified as a C-47.

15. There is no case in the FTD files from Korea on 7 February 1953.

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Appendix VIII

SOUTHERN HIGHWAY - 24 November 1951

I. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

On the evening of 24 November 1951, several people observed an unidentified aerial object, from four separate locations in Southern Michigan. The object was observed in the S. quadrant traveling at speeds "much faster than a Jet" at an apparently low altitude (below 5000 ft. or 2° - 4° above the horizon) in all the observations. The object traveled horizontal to the horizon. In one instance it was noted to lose altitude just before it disappeared. No sound was heard by any of the observers. In each case the time the object was in sight was 5-6 seconds or less.

Additional information is given below and is included overleaf which shows apparent tracks of objects. It will be noted that these are only the apparent tracks.

Location	Time	Shape	Color	Trail	Course	Apparent Distance (miles)	Observer
Selfridge AFB	18:30 E	egg	white	Red	SW	1-2	AF JTC
Selfridge AFB	18:30 E	"Football"	white	Orange	W	1	AF JTC
Battle Creek	18:45 E	Oval	white	White	SE	10-30	AF JTC
Grand Rapids	18:4 E	Round	white	None	E.	-	Tower Operator
Connersville	18:5 E	Round	Bluish white	None	SE	30-40	Airline Crew (Airborne)

II. WEATHER

CAVU and essentially clear at all points of observation.

III. STATUS OF THE INVESTIGATION

The possibility of jet aircraft in the area, unidentified radar returns, and known meteoric or aurora phenomenon were checked with negative results. From the reports, it is reasonable to assume that all the observers sighted the same object. There is a time span of five minutes between various sightings but this could be due to errors in the watches of the observers. Assuming that the tower clock would be the most accurate, the time would be 18:24 EST. From the estimates of

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the altitude (i.e. appeared low), it is apparent that the object must have been a comparatively great distance from all the observers. The fact that the observers in Grand Kanis and near Coopersville did not observe a tail or trail can be explained by the fact that they were farther away from the object.

The actual flight path of the object was probably high over Ontario, Canada. It would probably be possible to determine the exact location by collecting reports or interrogations in Canada. It is not believed that this would be worth the effort, however, as it would still not definitely identify the object unless it had been observed by competent astronomers.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

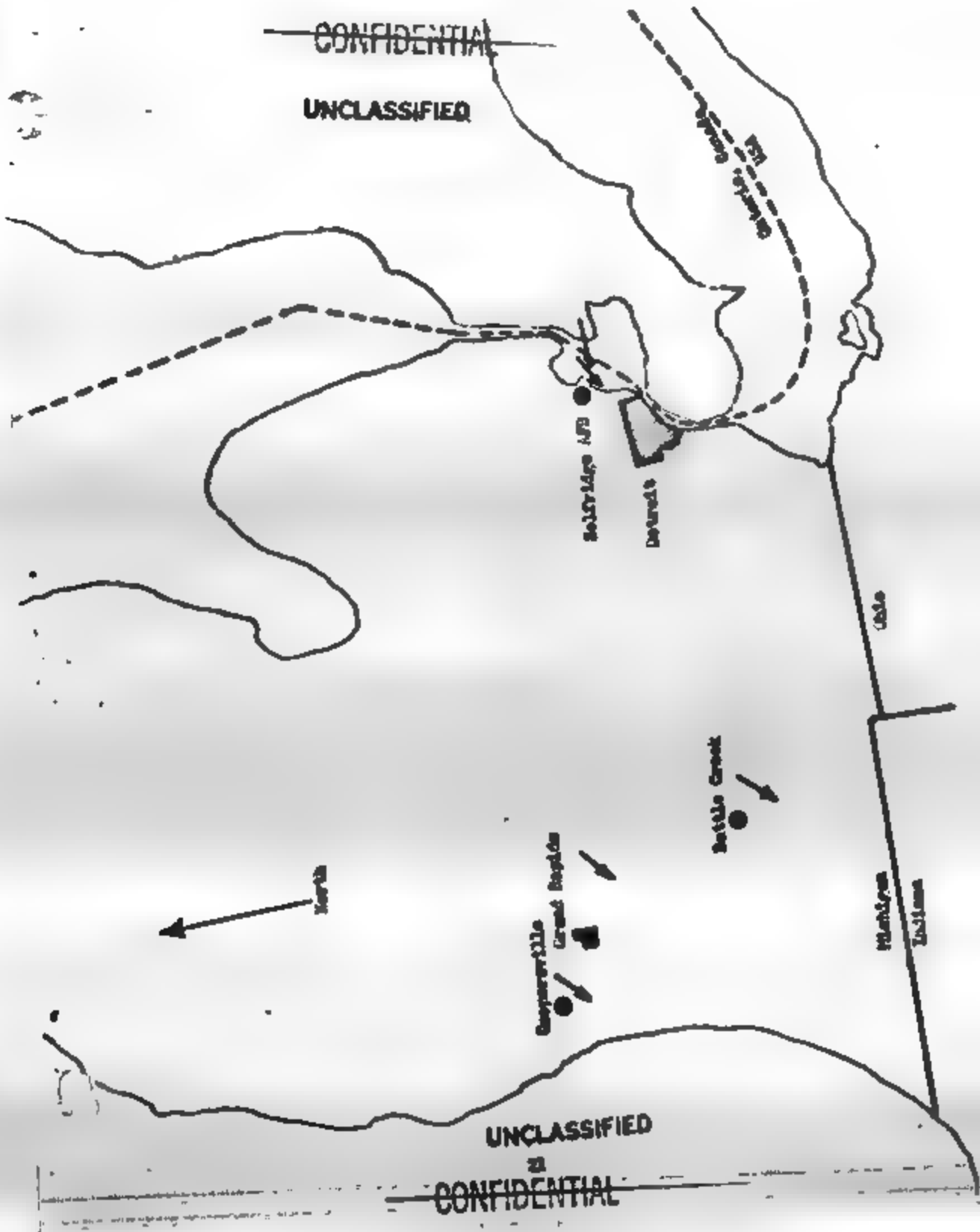
It is concluded that the object observed in northern Michigan on 24 November 1951 was a large meteoroidal object that probably passed over Ontario, Canada, or upper New York State.

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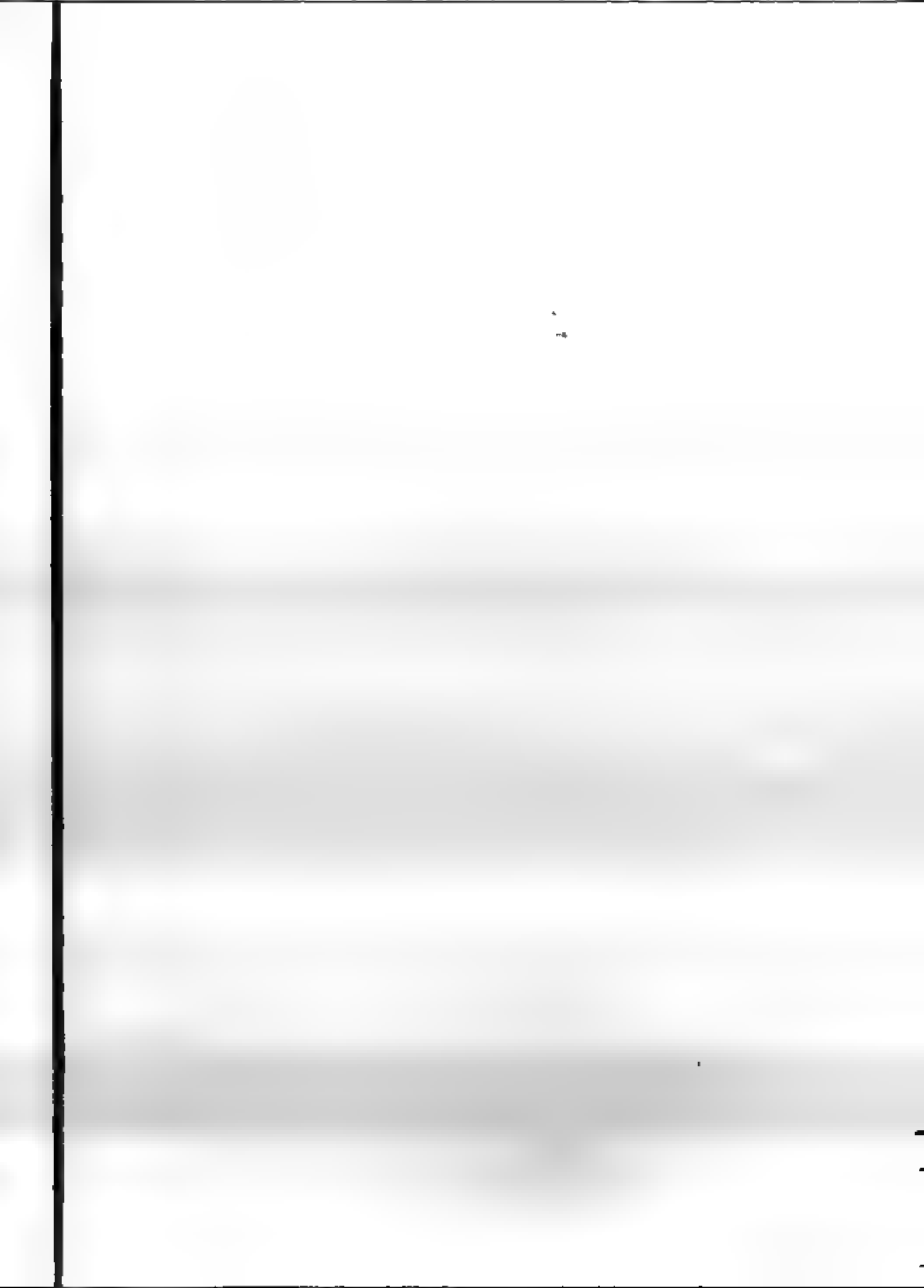
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FM EASTERN AIR DEFENSE FORCE

TO A/C USAF, DAYTON, OHIO ATTN: A-11

ATTN: DEFENSE COMMAND CENTER, COLO SPRINGS COLO ADC ATTN: INTEL

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575-172521

COMPLIANCE WITH ADC L I 200-1 FOLLOWING UNIDENTIFIED AIRBORNE OBJECT
SIGHTED AS FOLLOWS: ON 26 NOV AT SLEDFIDGE AFB AT 242320Z, A LARGE GLOBE
OBJECT, LIGHT WHITE LIGHT, SAH EXTREME END, NO NOISE. MOVING TO WEST
AT RAPID SPEED. BY PILOT CAPITOL AIRLINE FLIGHT NUMBER 94 AT 1000 FT.
SAH DESCRIBED OBJECT OVER COOPERSVILLE, MICH COURSE TO SOUTHWEST.
ESTIMATED SPEED 1000 MPH, ALT 500 TO 1000, TIE 242334Z. BY TOWER OPT
AT WELLS COUNTY AFB AT GRAND RAPIDS, MICH SAH DESCRIPTION OBJECT MOVING
TO SOUTH WEST AT LOW ALTITUDE AT RAPID SPEED. WEATHER AT SLEDFIDGE CAVI
TEMPERATURE 26 DEGREES, AT GRAND RAPIDS CAVI 23 DEGREES. NO I TOP ACTION
REQUIREDF AF FORM 112 APPLYING WILL BE SUBMITTED BY ABIV 30

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TO TECH INTEL CEN WPAFB DAYTON OHIO WITH ATIAA-2C
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FOLG REPT OF UNUSUAL FLYING OBJECT SUBMITTED IAW WITH ACID 200-1.
PARA 4 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
OF BATTLE CREEK MICH AT 242325Z, 2 EXPERIENCED TOWER OPSR VT KENT
COUNTY AIRPORT AT GRAND RAPIDS, MICH AT 242332Z, CAPITOL AIRLINES
FLT OVER COOPERSVILLE, MICH AT 242335Z, INTERROGATION OF ALL OBSRS
IS INCOMPLETE AT THIS TIME HOWEVER FOLG PATTERN APPEARS TO EXIST,
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, COLOR 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 METEORIC ACTIVITY OBSRNM, NO ELECTRONIC OBSERVATIONS
WERE NOTED BY RADAR STAS IN RANGE, DATA ON OBSRS AS FOLGS CPL ARTHUR R
CHAPMAN, PFC MELVIN W MERDELL, 600 AC AND V SQ, SELFRIDGE AFB, PVT
JAMES YOUNG, ENCRG SECT, WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB, MR EUGENE SMITH AND MR
WALTER STYLO TOWEAD OPSR KENT COUNTY AIRPORT, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH,
MR HARRY SCHRADER, CAL FLT CHICAGO, ILL, PHONE NR GLENVIEW 43576
MR SCHRADER REPTS HAVING SEEN SECOND UNUSUAL OBJECT ON FLT 26 NOV 54
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 Erikson, 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 WEAFB 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 1,000 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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Message from Command Post at 2220.

2 November at 2320Z, 8 November at Selfridge Air Force Base two men

Ref. below

2334Z →

*ref - miss
2334Z SW*

reported sighting large oblong brightly lighted object moving at rapid rate of speed with no noise. One minute later flight 94, Capitol Airlines 2321 Z pilot, who is a senior Captain on airlines, sighted similar object over Coopersville, Michigan. Altitude estimated 1,000 to 1,500 feet, estimated speed ~~at~~ 1,000 miles per hour. Altitude of Capitol Airlines aircraft, 1,900 feet

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At 2330Z, tower operator at Kent City Airport, Grand Rapids, Michigan, reported similar object. CAI 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, ~~an~~ 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 its antenna revolved in opposite direction. ADC checked various stations and no flight plan reported that could correspond. Weather clear 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.

over 400 mph

*Info (Telephoned) transmitted to AFIC - Col Quinn
at 1710 - 26 Nov 51 - Early Evaluation
requested - JG Lickner*

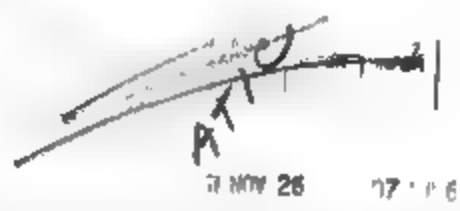
*Fit of P6's at that time.
from Co. 1st
No intercept attempted*

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FM HQ EADF STEWART AFB NEWBURGH NY
TO JEDEN/CG ADC ATTN INT ENT AFB COLO SPRINGS COLO
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INT 33913. IN COMPLIANCE WITH ADCL 200-1 FOLG SO MITTED. PVT
JAMES JOUNGS, PATTERSON AFB, ENGINEERING SECTION, WHILE IN
VICINITY OF LITTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN, SPOTTED A JAG, WHITE, ^{NO} CIGAR
SHAPE OBJECT WITH RED TRAIL MOVING NORTH TO SOUTH. ESTIMATED
ALT 4000 FT. ESTIMATED SPEED OVER 400 MPH. TIME 232212. NO
ADDITIONAL REPORTS RECEIVED. REPORT REQUIRED AT FORM 112 AMPLIFYING
WILL BE SUBMITTED BY AIR DIVISION 30.
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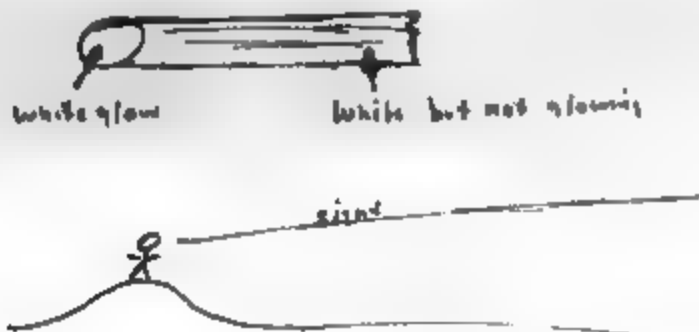
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Pvt JAMES YOUNG

INCIDENT NO. _____

1. Date of Observation: 24 Nov 51 Date of Interview: 3 Dec 51
2. Exact Time (local) 6:25 ≈ 1752
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 _____
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 Schroeder, 301 Lincoln Street, Glenview, Illinois, Phone Glenview 43526, was interrogated by Lt E. J. Ruppalt on Sunday, 9 November 1951.

Mr. Schroeder 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 across 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 Cooperville, 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. Schroeder 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 ~~seen~~ near Grand Rapids.

COMMENT: All during the conversation, it was apparent that Mr. Schroeder 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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AFOTM-V/IC
Lt. Col. Haudt/ro/ 94
rtn 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 2324Z, a senior captain pilot on Capital Airline flight 94 sighted a similar object over Cooperaville, 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 CIA 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 Cooperaville, 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 AFIC 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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ACT IS RECOMMENDED

11. Mon. For information only.

COORDINATION

Col. John G Eriksen - APOIN-V/TC - Ext. 62466
CAPT L L Black, USN - APOIN-V - Ext. 65909
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27 Nov 51
CSAF ITEM 1
ATIAA/RUFFEL

TO DDM FROM AFOSM-V/TC ERIKSEN
REF UNUSUAL FLYING OBJECT IN MICHIGAN 24
NOV 51. REQUEST YOUR EVALUATION AND ANY

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ITEM 1 AMC /CONFIDENTIAL/
FROM LT E J RUFFEL ATIAA-20
TO COL WILLIS AFOSM-V/TC

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SECURITY INFO
REFERENCE 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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Atiaa-20/RUFFEL

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AMC ITEM 7 /CONFIDENTIAL/

FROM LT E J RUFFEL,
TO AFOSM-V/TC ATTN: COL. ERIKSEN

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AMC ITEM 7
ATIAA-20/RUFFEL

SECURITY INFORMATION ATIC IS INVESTIGATING INCIDENT
REFERENCED IN 27 NOV 1951-
CSAF ITEM 1. A FINAL EVALUATION WILL BE
MADE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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FROM: (Originator) **GO, ATID**

DATE TIME GROUP **4330Z Dec 51**

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BACK MESSAGE ORIGINAL MESSAGE

MULTIPLE ADDRESSES YES NO

REFERS TO MESSAGE

IDENTIFICATION CLASSIFICATION

TO: **Commanding Officer
30th Air Division
Selfridge AFB, Michigan
RANROTE**

VIA: **Eastern Air Defense Force
Stewart AFB, New York
Attn: Director of Intelligence
RANROTE**

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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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SENDER'S NAME (and initials, when applicable)

10 L. J. Ruppalt/vs

SYMBOL **ATIAA-28**

TELEPHONE **34661**

OFFICIAL TITLE

**KENNETH F. 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:
AFOIN-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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TO CG AMC WPAFB DAYTON OHIO ATTN DIR OF INTEL

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REFUR IN QUOTE PROJECT GRJCE UNQUOTE NO INFO THIS HQ. ADD CHECK
OF ALL APPOP U' ITS THIS DATE NEG. BELIEVE QUOTE INCIDENT UNQUOTE
IS COMPLETELY ERR INTPE OF NEWSPAPER PPT NOTED RECENTLY REGARDING
INCIDENT DESCRIED IN MSG THIS HQ INTI

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FORM 70-4887 1		FORM NO.	70-62-518	(EXCEPT 70-62-518)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT				
2. <u>Subject</u> Unexplained Aerial Sighting				
<u>Area of Interest</u>		<u>Place Covered</u>		
Lower Michigan		504th Air Division (Defense) Selfridge AFB, Michigan		
<u>Date of Report</u>		<u>Report Period</u>		<u>Priority</u>
4 December 1953		24 November 1953		P-3
<u>Author(s)</u>		<u>Individuals as listed below</u>		
1st Lt. Robert K. Hall				
<u>Classification (Control Symbol, Group, priority, etc. as appropriate)</u>				
Confidential THU this Reg., INT 9772 29/14302 (RADP Inf. only); ADC Ltr. 200-1				
<u>Summary (Under stated category of report. Use appropriate or add own suitable paragraph. All references to report title. High and Special in AF Form 70-4887-1)</u>				
<p>Five observers at five different points in the lower Michigan area report the sighting of an unusual flying object between 21/2330Z and 24/2332Z. The object in all cases was observed in the South-east quadrant traveling 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 all cases 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.</p> <p>Weather at all points of observation was described as clear.</p> <p>Check of radar stations in area indicates no record of electronic observation of object.</p> <p>No known military aircraft were active over the area concerned.</p> <p>No meteoric nor aurora activity was observed.</p> <p>Observers:</p> <p>1st Lt. Robert K. Hall, 504th ACDW Squadron, Selfridge AFB, Michigan.</p> <p>Cpl. Arthur R. Chapman, 560th ACDW Squadron, Selfridge AFB, Michigan.</p> <p>Pvt. James Young, Engineering Section, Patterson AFB, Ohio, Ph. Hancock 711 Ext. 52180.</p> <p>Mr. Eugene Smith, Grand Rapids, Michigan, Ph. 3-0275, Home Ph. 73-9737.</p> <p>Mr. Walter Spysie, Grand Rapids, Michigan, Ph. 3-0275.</p> <p>Mr. Larry Schroeder, Capital Air Lines, Chicago, Illinois, Ph. 4-3526.</p> <p>Mr. Thomas Hatfield, Capital Air Lines, Chicago, Illinois.</p>				
<p>0. <u>Classification (Control Symbol, Group, priority, etc. as appropriate)</u></p> <p>CONFIDENTIAL AT 5 YEAR INTERVALS; DECLASSIFIED AFTER 10 YEARS DIA/DIA 500000</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Robert K. Hall</i> ROBERT K. HALL 1st Lt., USAF 504th Air Division Director of Intelligence</p>				
<p><u>References</u></p> <p>1 eye-CC, ADC, 504th AFB, Attn: Director of Intelligence</p> <p>1 eye-CC, ADC, Wright Patterson AFB, Attn: WCLIS</p> <p>1 eye-CC, RADP, 504th AFB, Attn: Director of Intelligence</p>				

THIS REPORT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE SPYGAME ACT, 50 U.S.C. 4951 (a) (1) AND IS CLASSIFIED "SECRET" ON THE BASIS OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN. IT IS UNLAWFUL TO DISSEMINATE THIS INFORMATION TO ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY WITHOUT THE EXPRESS WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE USAF.

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AN INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

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1.01 Intelligence Section	10-10-64	SECRET
Following are the general impressions of observers of an unusual flying object of the type and type indicated:		
1.02 Object of Interest - 10/10/64		
<p>The object of interest, as reported by the witness, is a small, dark, disc-shaped object, approximately 10-12 inches in diameter, with a flat top and a flat bottom. It was observed at approximately 10:00 PM on 10/10/64, near the witness's residence. The object was observed to be moving in a circular pattern, and was observed to be emitting a faint, steady light. The witness reported that the object was observed to be moving in a circular pattern, and was observed to be emitting a faint, steady light. The witness reported that the object was observed to be moving in a circular pattern, and was observed to be emitting a faint, steady light.</p>		
1.03 Object of Interest - 10/10/64		
<p>The object of interest, as reported by the witness, is a small, dark, disc-shaped object, approximately 10-12 inches in diameter, with a flat top and a flat bottom. It was observed at approximately 10:00 PM on 10/10/64, near the witness's residence. The object was observed to be moving in a circular pattern, and was observed to be emitting a faint, steady light. The witness reported that the object was observed to be moving in a circular pattern, and was observed to be emitting a faint, steady light.</p>		
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Following are the general impressions of observers of an unusual flying object of the type and type indicated:		
1.02 Object of Interest - 10/10/64		
<p>The object of interest, as reported by the witness, is a small, dark, disc-shaped object, approximately 10-12 inches in diameter, with a flat top and a flat bottom. It was observed at approximately 10:00 PM on 10/10/64, near the witness's residence. The object was observed to be moving in a circular pattern, and was observed to be emitting a faint, steady light. The witness reported that the object was observed to be moving in a circular pattern, and was observed to be emitting a faint, steady light.</p>		
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1.06 Object of Interest - 10/10/64

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Abstract *Summary* The following is an abbreviated summary of the information reported in this report. Further details are contained in the report of the reporting agency.

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5. Conclusions _____

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5. In an attempt to obtain a more complete coverage of the possible sightings, it is requested that the recipient indicate to what extent they have or have not searched the area.

6. Since it is a matter corresponding with newspaper news a subject that could possibly cause some inquiry from the newspaper, it is requested that sending of the letters and the content of the letters be discussed.

7. The CTO of AIC will also be requested to concur on this proposal.

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FORM FOR TELECONFERENCE

DATE: 27 December 1951

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(Security Classification)

FROM: Lt. E. J. Russell, ATIAA-30
(Name & Symbol)

TO: Col. Willis, APOIN-V/TU
(Name & Symbol)

MESSAGE:

Reference TT-291, 27 Nov 51, OCAF 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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Lt. E. J. Russell
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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 204.2° 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 observer's 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 stated 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. AFIC has not been able to find an answer to this sighting.

III. Conclusion

Unknown.

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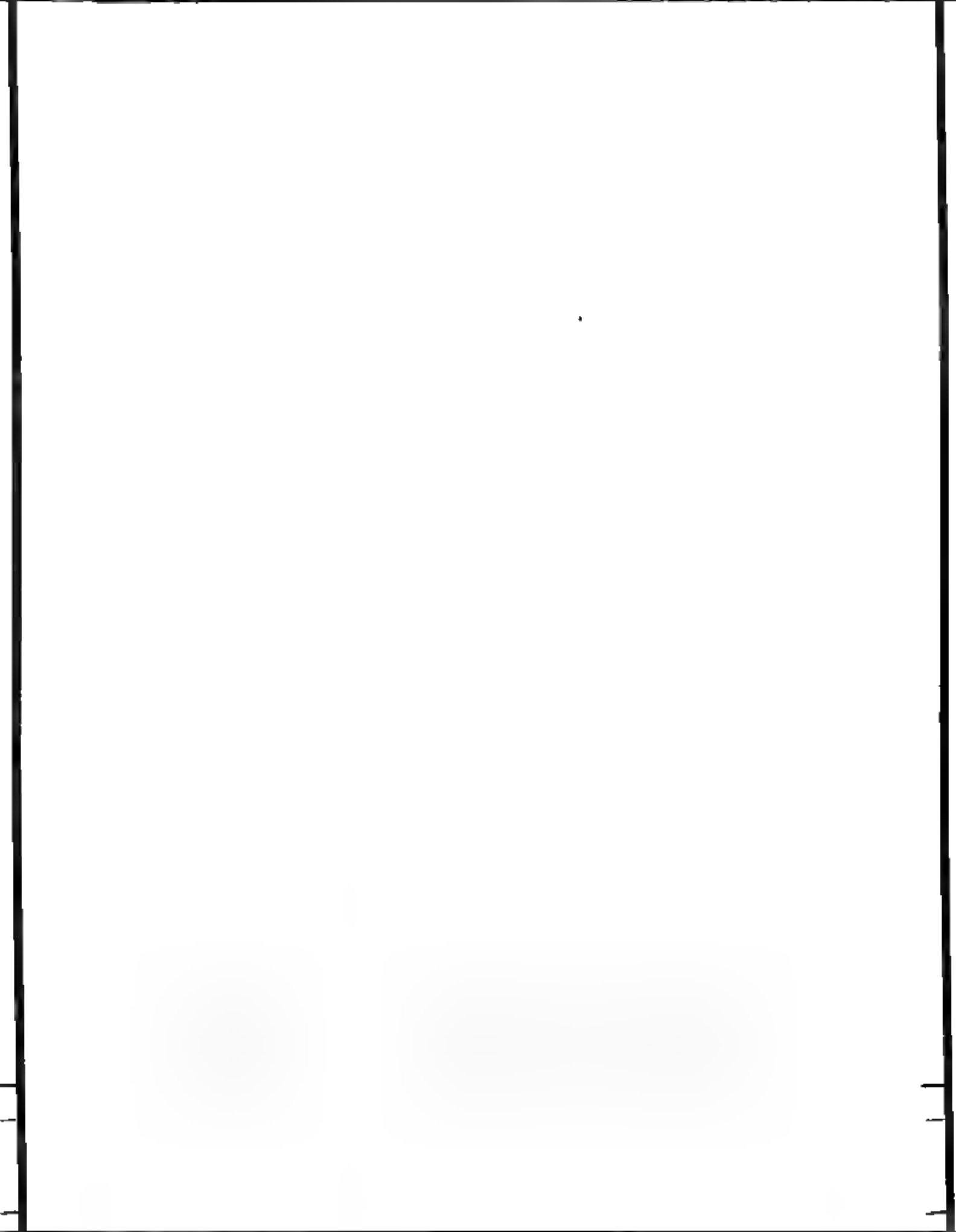
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1. DATE - TIME GROUP 4 Feb 53 9. 1.50Z	2. LOCATION ...ona Cit., Ariz.
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4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Two	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 in.	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS A witness went to observe and upon a condition to find his lost balloon and two seal white long ob. s source states that obs were ... to the ... looks ... were ... et n/c in the vicinity.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-based	
7. COURSE	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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- (1) 2 SOLID, PURE WHITE, ELLIPTICAL 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 13:58 MST REMAINING IN VISION UNTIL 13:59 MST.
- (3) OBJS SIGHTED THROUGH THEODOLITE CAA WEA STA.
- (4) OBSR @ 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 284.1 DEGREES. ELEVATION: SIGHTED AT 53.3 DEGREES DISAPPEARED AT 29.1 DEGREES.

- (5) NO WITNESS - STANLEY N. BROWN (OBSR) IS MET AID 10 YEARS EXPERIENCE PVT FLT.
- (6) WEA - CLEAR SKY - CIRRUS CLOUDS AT APPROX 25000 FT IN DIR OBJ LOST. SW.
- (7) NONE
- (8) NONE
- (9) CALLED 4758TH ABC (WPNS INC) 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 U.S.A.	REPORT NO. 1-57	LEAVE BLANK
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT Unidentified flying object		
REPORT MADE AT Tucson, Arizona	FIELD STATION 8750th AFB, Pima County Airport, Azis.	
DATE OF REPORT 6 February 1953	DATE OF OBSERVATION 5 February 1953	RELIABILITY Fairly reliable
REPORT MADE BY (NAME) Captain Clifford G. Brown	METHOD Personal interview	
AUTHORITY (Country, Service, Branch, Serial Report, etc., or applicable) AFI 304-3, 27 April 1952		
SUMMARY (Other words, account of report, etc. should be put in this section paragraph. See instructions on cover slip. Report form of report on AF Form 113-Part II.) On 4 February 1953, Mr. Stanley E. Brown, 405 2nd Avenue, Tucson, Arizona, a meteorological aid for U. S. Weather Bureau was searching for a lost weather balloon with the aid of a theodolite. At 1730 EST he sighted a solid white, oblong object at a direction of 137.2° and elevation of 33.7°. The object was a solid white oblong object 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 to ascend straight up then leveled out in a long sweep at an elevation of 33.7°. 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 20.1°. At 204.1° the sky was covered by cirrus clouds at approximately 2500 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. 31° 40 minutes N and long. 110° 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 197 feet at the south side of the Pima 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 a short time 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 8750th Air Base Group at Pima 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.		
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Director of Intelligence, Headquarters USAF, Washington 25, D. C. (6 copy) Chief Air Technical Intelligence Center, AFSA-30, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio (1 copy)		

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10 Feb 53
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11 Feb 53
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11 Feb 53*

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In reply refer to
AFODM-ATKAB-5

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Sighting

TO: Commanding Officer
Yuma County Municipal Airport
ATTN: 1450th Air Base Gp
Yuma, Arizona

1. In reference to an Unidentified Flying Object sighting by Mr. Stanley H. Brown, 5 Feb 53 at 1350GMT, 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. [redacted] advise Mr. Brown that such [redacted] [redacted] 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/s

ROBERT C BROWN
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Av. Adl. Cdr.

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4750TH AIR BASE GROUP, WEAPONS TRAINING
YUMA COUNTY AIRPORT
Yuma, Arizona

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YUMA CITY, Arizona*

27 February 1953

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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, AFOIN-ATLAE-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

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.

<p>1. When did you see the object?</p> <p><u>4</u> <u>FEB.</u> <u>1953</u></p> <p>Day Month Year</p>	<p>2. Time of day: <u>(1350)</u> <u>50</u> <u>M.S.T.</u></p> <p>Hour Minutes</p> <p>(Circle One): A.M. or <u>(P.M.)</u></p>
<p>3. Time zone</p> <p>(Circle One): a. Eastern b. Central <u>c. Mountain</u> d. Pacific e. Other _____</p> <p>(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving <u>b. Standard</u></p>	
<p>4. Where were you when you saw the object?</p> <p><u>403 22ND AVE.</u> <u>YUMA</u> <u>ARIZONA</u></p> <p>Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country</p> <p>Additional remarks <u>SIGHTED OBJECTS AT YUMA COUNTY AIRPORT</u></p>	
<p>5. Estimate how long you saw the object. _____ <u>5</u> _____</p> <p>Hours Minutes Seconds</p> <p>5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.</p> <p><u>a. Certain</u> b. Fairly certain c. Not very sure d. Just a guess</p>	
<p>6. What was the condition of the sky?</p> <p>(Circle One): <u>a. Bright daylight</u> b. Dull daylight c. Bright twilight d. Just a trace of daylight e. No trace of daylight f. Don't remember</p>	
<p>7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?</p> <p>(Circle One): <u>a. In front of you</u> b. In back of you c. To your right d. To your left e. Overhead f. Don't remember</p>	

B. 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 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't Know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't Know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't Know |
| d. Give off smoke? | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness? | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't Know |
| f. Change shape? | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't Know |
| g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate? | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | 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 | <input type="radio"/> No | e. Binoculars | Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| b. Sun glasses | Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | f. Telescope | Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| c. Windshield | Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | g. Theodolite | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| d. Window glass | Yes | <input type="radio"/> 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 blurry
 - 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 SWEEPED 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.



A¹ FIRST OBJECT
A² 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.) (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

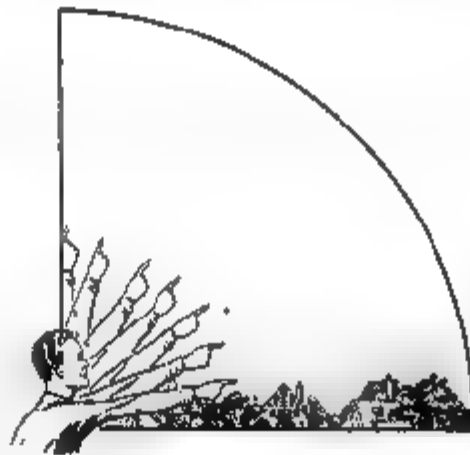
23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? OBSCURED BY CIRRUS CLOUD

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

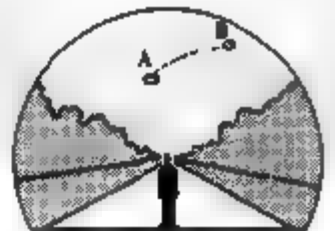
32. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (sky line) when you *last* saw 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?

+ FEB 1953 SHORTLY AFTER SIGHTING OBJECTS
 Day Month Year

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 THE ODOLITE)

(Circle One) Yes No

NOT KNOWING THE DISTANCE AWAY,
HOWEVER THEY MOVED VERY FAST THROUGH THE SKY
MUCH FASTER THAN ANY BALLOON I HAVE FOLLOWED.

If you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? _____ m.p.h.

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 52 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.

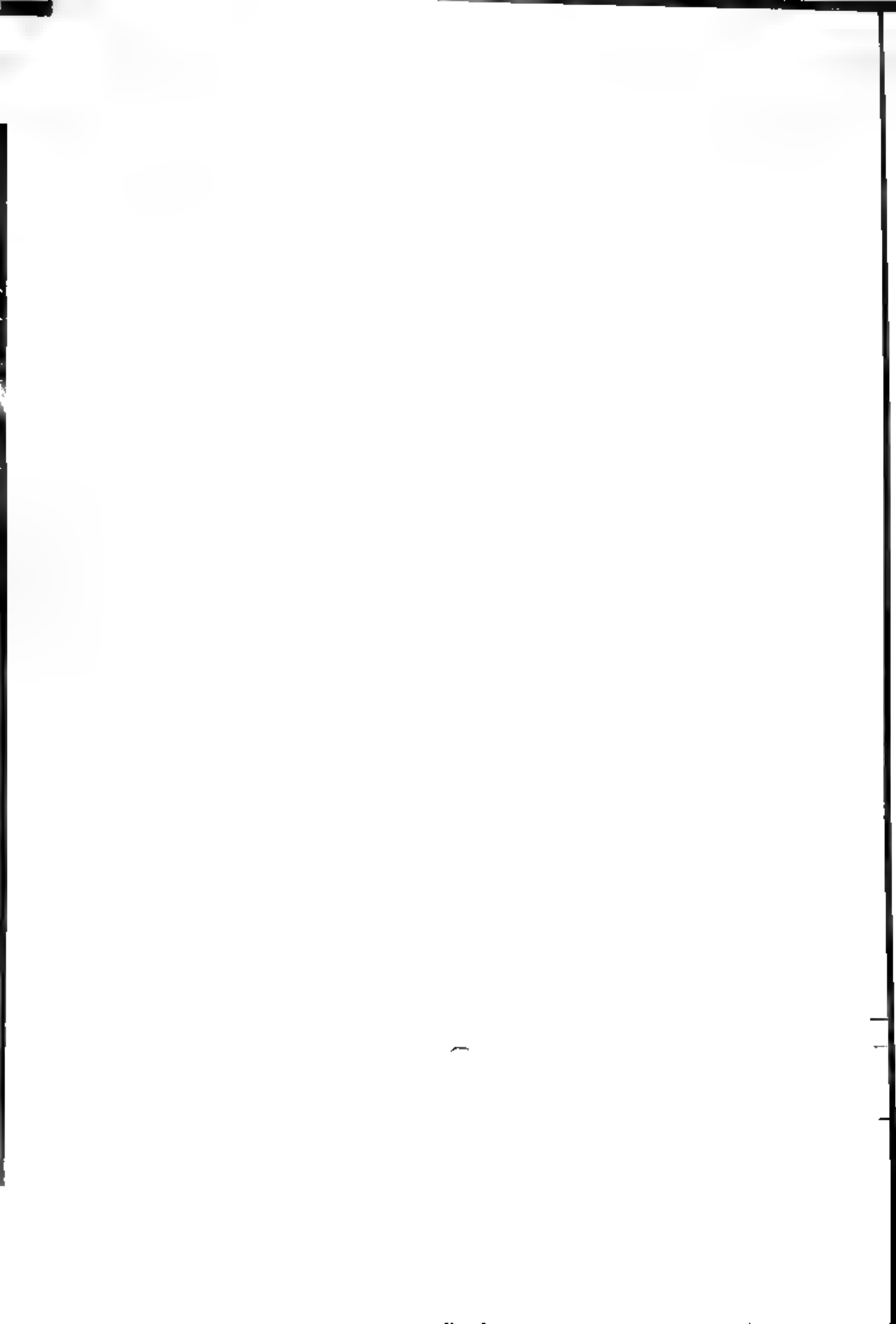
I am absolutely certain of what I have seen through the theodolite as described in the foregoing paragraphs.

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.		2. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 4/1350 MST GMT 4/2050Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION (Theodolite) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> A - Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Weather Bureau Person		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 min.	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 2	9. COURSE	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unknown
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 RECLASS

30 Dec 52

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HOKKAIDO ISLAND, JAPAN

TYPE OF OBSERVATION
 Ground Visual Visual from Aircraft
 Air Visual Intercepted Radio
SOURCE

AF Pilot

7 min

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.

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

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Northern Honshu, 29 Dec 52, ATIC Document 110519

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-94'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 affect of atmospheric conditions near the horizon.

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MEMO

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,

DAVID MOODY
TBgt, USAF
Aerial Phenomena Branch

- 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

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. 30, 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, no where 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: DBKenzel

CASE #16

29 Dec 52

JUPITER

Hokkaido Island, Japan

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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

CASE #26 (contd - page 3)

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 5th 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 (2000 local time). 10/10s overcast, from 5 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} 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.

The tone of this report is very ~~similar~~ similar to previous sightings of the planet Jupiter. Although this object is not Jupiter, it is felt that the pilot did see a bright object ~~and possibly the planet~~ *This is a great possibility that this pilot saw Jupiter*

Conclusion - probably accurate

CASE NO. 17

29 ~~March~~ 1952

Misawa AFB, Japan

At 1120 hours ^{Dec} 29 March 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 vertical 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

7 Jan 1953

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U. S. Jet Pilots Chase Light Clusters Flying At Blinding Speed Over Northern Japan

UNITED STATES AIR BASE Northern Japan Thursday Jan 22 - 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 hunting consisted of maneuvers were seen by pilots 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 reported sightings at 7:30 to some unknown time flying over the area in this zone, a pilot said in Air Force intelligence report on the De-

ember 29 spotting indicated the mysterious lights had been seen many times before.

"There are too many indications of the presence of something for the source's name to be considered an observation of nothing. The report was signed by Lieut. Col. Russell, intelligence officer.

A Washington Air Force report said it had received a picture of the sightings.

Lt. Donald M. Blakeslee in his F-86 Thunderjet chased the lights the night of December 29 at 25,000 feet. They headed west and out of sight in that direction two Russian fighters.

He observed he shot the objects for seven minutes and as he set his course of pursuit, he noted that the object of-

stantly was increasing in size," he 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 objects again at 25,000 feet level with him and flying what appeared a parallel course.

After more than 6 minutes observation the lights headed west and disappeared, the report said.

Another jet at this air base was 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.

WASH DC POST 22 JAN 53

IR 3-52 24/1940E 250° { RIVKIND F-94 } VENUS
 { SALLCE F-94 }
 IR 5-52 24/1939E 250° { ASHLEY B-26 } VENUS
 { WOOD B-26 }
 CASE 16 24/1948 (LOCAL) - 2NN 270° Col in AF VENUS
 # 7 29/2000 (LOCAL) 5MIN 190° (F-845)

 IR 1-53 29/1850 I EAST AT 60° ELEV JUPITER
 front 29/1905 I SE OF BASE AT 30° ELEV
 sightings 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 " 32 " TO NW LOW 30 MIN
 3/0326 I " " OBSERVED SIGN.
 29/1950 I SEARLE OBS IN ESE
 29/1970 I POPAJOL OBS DIRECTION NOT GIVEN
 29/2015 I GILA 30° ELEV STATIONARY
 29/1930-2005 I SIMMONS OBJECTS IN ESE + S

~~CASE 17 29/1120 T/6 AC LOT ASSOCIATED~~
 IR 4-52 29/1915 - 1944-1951 AZ 250° F-94 VENUS
 1840E 29/1915/2 250° BE OBS IN WEST GUARDIAN 1
 29/1913/5 OBSERVED PLANET IN WEST KADDY 1
 IR 17-52 same as case 16 #7.

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28 Jan 53

U. S. Pilot Says He Saw Strange "Disk" Make Pass of Jet

A UNITED STATES AIR BASE
IN NORTHERN JAPAN Wednesday, Jan. 28—UP—A United States pilot said at high range a mysterious flying disc made a pass of a Thunderjet over central Japan, then sped away, the air force reported Tuesday.

The highly secret report from intelligence files said the disc was seen at 8,000 feet on a bright, cloudless day, just before noon last March 29 by Lt. David C. Brigham of Rockford, Ill.

Brigham said the disc was about eight inches in diameter and that it passed within 20 feet of the Thunderjet before showing 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, Ohio, which usually gets reports on flying saucers, had received none of the incident.

It was thought that probably the disc was a meteorite or a piece of metal. The object was seen over the sea. The pilot made no attempt to shoot at it. The disc was seen by the pilot at 8,000 feet.

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About 7:30 p.m. December 22, 1951, an Air Force radar base in northern Japan received a call from a B-29 crew. "We've just sighted a UFO. It looks like a futuristic white jet with a wing span of 100 feet," the pilot reported. Moments after the pilot was picked up by the JFC. Because of the B-29's low speed the interception could be made. At 7:45 an F-84 pilot radioed in reporting the same type of device. The call was overheard by Col. Curtis Lee, 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 Lee watched all his lights. The object's lights did not change prior to that it was no canopy reflection. Keeping his own lights off to avoid detection, Lee climbed to 35,000 feet. When he got closer, he saw that the saucer's lights were revolving in a counter-clockwise direction—a steady rotation between 8 and 12 times a minute.

It Vanished in 30 Seconds

Lee could see three broad shafts of white light shining outward. Apparently, no part of the machine was rotating, but the change of colors was passing. At times the saucer was red and white, white green or red. In between the wing remainder was brief combinations of red, white, red-green and green-white. But the three white beams remained constant.

Colonel Lee 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, sighting of 25,000 feet. Lee saw the machine again. This time as a jet he left his lights on when he tried to close in. Immediately turning west the strange craft speeded up so rapidly 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, Lee was loaned both cases to war correspondents, withholding the details I have just given.

"Don't show them to the reports of a few innocent pilots," he warned the reporters. "They were corroborated sightings by trained pilots and radar operators."

(The ATC summary of this incident stressed the stability and consistency of the colored 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 mis-observed.'—Ed.)

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Air Force Reveals Pilot's Story Flying Disk Buzzed Japan F-84

By The Associated Press
A UN TID STATED AIR BASE

IN NORTHERN JAPAN. Wednesday, Jan. 21. An American pilot saw a close range a mysterious flying disk make a pass at an F-84 Thunderbolt over central Japan and then speed away the Air Force reported Tuesday.

The historic secret report from intelligence files said the disk was seen at 7,000 feet on a bright, clear day, just before noon. It was seen by Lt. David C. Brigham of Rockford, Ill. He said the disk was about eight inches in diameter and had a diameter of 100 to 150 feet of the Thunderbolt before shooting up out of sight.

It was the second sighting in recent days of a mysterious object zooming through the skies over Japan, near Russian-held territory. On Jan. 21 the Air Force made public intelligence reports of rotating a saucer of red, white and green lights, sighted Dec. 22 by American flyers.

The Air Force issued the new reports without comment.

Lt. Brigham was flying a reconnaissance plane when a Thunderbolt passed alongside. The incident occurred soon afterward. Lt. Brigham estimated that he watched the disk for about 10 seconds from a distance of thirty to fifty feet at the closest point. The Thunderbolt pilot who was not identified did not see the disk.

Lt. Brigham described the disk had received news of this incident as a new eight-inch diameter. It was increased there probably in 100 feet and he says he would not be a request was to be published elsewhere, but he says the Air Force has such a report.

on projections and left no obvious trail of vapor trails.

He said there were no markings on the disk but there was a "jet" in the rear, said. He estimated it was flying at about 300 miles an hour.

Lt. Brigham's report to intelligence said the disk made a pass on the Thunderbolt, diving from slightly above him.

It zoomed rapidly and had before flying into his fuselage it decelerated to his air speed almost instantaneously, he reported. The disk was "dropped up on the edge" at approximately a 60-degree bank. Then it flared with a burst of its wings for perhaps two or three seconds, pulled away and around his starboard wing appeared to flip over as it left the saucer behind his wing tip fuel tank.

Then it passed him, crossed in front of him and passed so abruptly appearing to accelerate and shot out of sight in a steep climb, vertical climb.

Sightings of the light object were made at several points over northern Japan on Dec. 22. On Jan. 2 a rotating object was tracked by radar from two F-84 interceptors. The radar actually tracked on the object and showed its jet leaving it.

In Washington, a spokesman at Air Force headquarters said the incident was given a "W" grade. The Air Materiel Command at Wright Patterson Base, Ohio, said it had reports on being received.

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Tom Olson

DEC. 29, 1952 NORTHERN JAPAN (REFNOE-1953 P 190) 6 WITNESS:500

AT ABOUT 7:30 P.M. AN AIR FORCE RADAR BASE IN NORTHERN JAPAN RECEIVED A 01

CALL FROM A B-26 CREW: 02

THEY JUST SIGHTED A UFO. IT LOOKS LIKE A CLUSTER OF LIGHTS -- RED, WHITE, 03

AND GREEN. 04

MOMENTS LATER THE AIR FORCE RADAR MEN PICKED UP THE UFO. BUT BECAUSE OF 05

THE B-26'S LOW SPEED, NO INTERCEPTION COULD BE MADE. AT 7:45 P.M. AN F-94 06

PILOT RADIOED IN, REPORTING THE SAME TYPE OF DEVICE. THE CALL WAS OVERHEARD 07

BY COLONEL CURTIS LOW, COMMANDER OF A FIGHTER ESCORT WING IN JAPAN. COLONEL 08

LOW WAS FLYING HIS F-84 JET FIGHTER AT 27,000 FEET. 09

THREE MINUTES LATER THE WING COMMANDER SIGHTED THE STRANGE OBJECT, EASILY 10

IDENTIFIED BY ITS RED, WHITE AND GREEN LIGHTS. HE CALLED GROUND CONTROL AND 11

WAS ASKED TO TRY AN INTERCEPTION. 12

AS HE CLIMBED, COLONEL LOW SWITCHED OFF HIS LIGHTS. THE OBJECT'S LIGHTS DID 13

NOT CHANGE -- PROOF THAT IT WAS NO CANOPY REFLECTION, KEEPING HIS OWN LIGHTS 14

OFF TO AVOID DETECTION. LOW CLIMBED TO 25,000 FEET. WHEN HE GOT CLOSER, HE SAW 15

THAT THE OBJECT'S LIGHTS WERE REVOLVING IN A COUNTERCLOCKWISE DIRECTION -- A 16

STEADY ROTATION BETWEEN EIGHT AND 12 TIMES A MINUTE. 17

BESIDE THE SHIFTING COLORS, LOW COULD SEE THREE FIXED SHAFTS OF WHITE 18

LIGHT SHINING OUTWARD. APPARENTLY ONE PART OF THE OBJECT WAS ROTATING, BUT THE 19

CHANGE OF COLORS WAS PUZZLING. AT TIMES THE OBJECT WAS ONE SOLID COLOR, WHITE 20

GREEN, OR RED. IN BETWEEN, THE WING COMMANDER SAW BRIEF COMBINATIONS -- RED- 21

WHITE, RED-GREEN, AND GREEN-WHITE. BUT THE THREE WHITE BEAMS REMAINED 22

CONSTANT. 23

AFTER WATCHING THE DEVICE FOR A MOMENT LONGER, COLONEL LOW OPENED HIS F-84 24

TO FULL POWER, RACING IN AT OVER 500 MILES AN HOUR. HE TRIED TO CLOSE THE 25

GAP. APPARENTLY HIS UNLIGHTED PLANE WAS NOT SEEN FOR A SECOND OR TWO. THEN 26

THE UNKNOWN INCREASED ITS SPEED, GRADUALLY PULLING AWAY. IT DISAPPEARED IN 27

SECONDS. 28

FIVE MINUTES LATER, CIRCLING AT 25,000 FEET, THE WING COMMANDER SAW THE 29

OBJECT AGAIN. AS BEFORE, IT WAS AT HIS LEVEL, BUT NOW MOVING PARALLEL WITH 30

THE F-84. THIS TIME, AS A TEST, COLONEL LEFT HIS LIGHTS ON WHEN HE TRIED TO 31

CLOSE IN. IMMEDIATELY TURNING WEST, THE STRANGE OBJECT SPEEDED UP, SO 32

SWIFTLY THAT IT VANISHED IN FIVE SECONDS. 33

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INITIAL STORY ON FLYING OBJECTS OVER JAPAN IN THE COURSE OF
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10. AIR TRAFFIC LIGHTS APPR: The pilot of this F-84, was originally out on his
 ... unusual, by virtue of hearing a radio-tele-
 phone transmission from an aircraft calling a radar station.
 The R/T call sign used by this aircraft was "Carrier",
 "Carrier" call signs are utilized by an F-94 All Weather
 that time the F-94 was reporting his position as being approximately 3
 south-east of Chitose Air Base, (Hokkaido Island, Japan) the exact coordinates
 his transmission are not recalled, but he did report
 cluster of lights. This transmission was heard at 1945... Item. The pilot
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 intelligence agencies were checking the particulars of...
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27th Fighter Escort Wing

SUMMARY OF OBSERVATIONS OF LIGHT

1. The source stated great pleasure at being in the investigation of this unidentified object. There was a difference of 23 seconds between the time the object was first seen when the source was his own reason at the object is about 1000 feet and 10000 feet suggesting observer proximity rather than observation by the eyes. According to witness. The day that there was a dark night, moon, but the light, a clear light, and an unusual frequency of several excellent sightings for distance and duration of observation to the witness. It is a fact that all "small types of aircraft" comprise various different "reflections or refractions" of the eyes and the source. The reported observer of sighting "light" was observed and reported by the source flying at 2000 to 3000 feet on 20 December 1952. This would tend to lead to the observation. The discrepancy of the object to the west is considered significant to the "light" sighting the source of "light" was "low" (low) light. There is observation of "light" of the moon at the time of the sighting, it would have been normal in the probable observation of the object. There are no other indications of the presence of "light" for the source's failure to be considered an observation of "light".

to Mr. J. J. ...
 to Mr. J. J. ...
 Intelligence Division

REFERENCES:

1. This is a copy of the original report which originally was forwarded to Headquarters AFHQ.
 2. Reference: 10-1-53, 27th Fighter Escort Wing, 1 January 1953.
 10-2-53, 6015th A.S., Ft. Cav., 30 December 1952.
 10-3-53, 6015th A.S., Ft. Cav., 30 December 1952.
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 3. The clouds are visible in the Eastern area of Japan where these sightings were made. The clear night, 10-2-53, and above indicates possible light reflected through such low clouds.
 4. The following extracts from 10-3-53, 27th Fighter Escort Wing, indicate the possible refraction effects when viewing bright stars through "light" (light) at low angles from "light" (light) objects:
- From statement by A/JC Callaway—From Dec 31, 1952. I was standing the sky with binoculars. I set and a star which seemed to change color. Red, white and green. I passed over it with binoculars. Upon examination, I found that by moving the binoculars up and down or sideways, I could see the star with variously and brightly colored and star or 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 to be in the West of the different observers which were in different locations. This indicates either a low-altitude low-level object, or some celestial object, (or a combination of celestial light refracted by distinct atmospheric conditions).

6. JTY JAB stresses the following element which would provide a possible explanation for this particular sighting.

"The plane THIS is an unusual sighting at this time of year, appearing in the West and very bright. The plane THIS is predominantly red, with white areas especially the nose relative position like a low-altitude, and this is a great distance could well appear to "move" in a circular pattern due to the refraction effect of the atmosphere near the horizon."

"On 30 North latitude on the night of December 29, 1952, THIS of 1900/1 was located at the altitude of 30 above the horizon. Between 1900/1 and 1900/1 the ground level was 1000 feet, at 1900 observation, to a 2000 feet level at 1900 observation. This would explain any celestial dip into the horizon."

J. J. Callaway
 Captain, USAF
 Director of Intelligence
 Deputy for Intelligence

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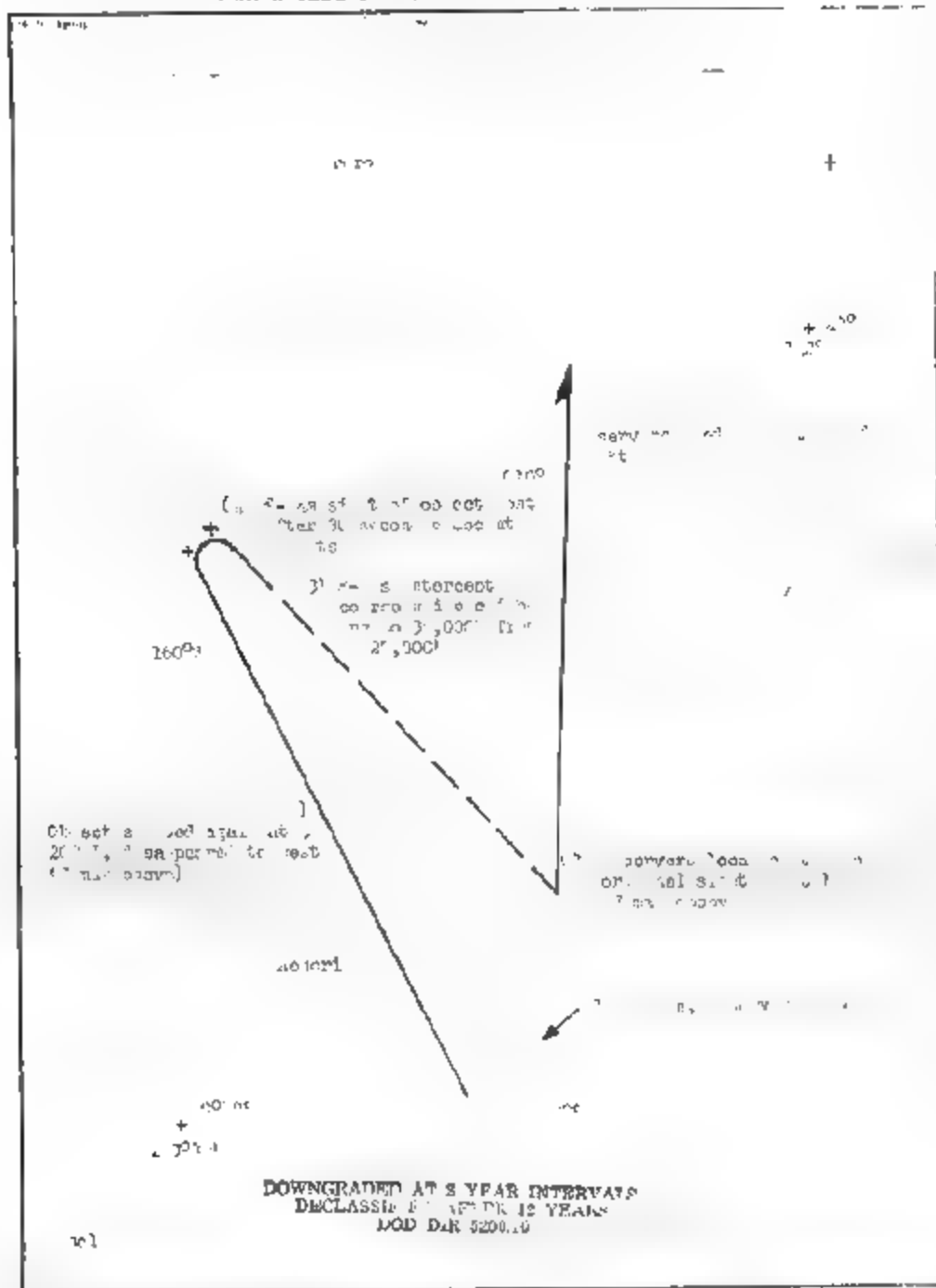
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OF OBJECT HAVING 2 DOMINANT LEGS IN ITS DOWNY SKIN AND A SUCH
BEH REACHING ABOVE IT FROM THE 12 O'CLOCK POSITION. THIS 3 BEARS
OF WHITE LIGHT WERE APPARENTLY LONGER IN LENGTH THAN THE REST OF
THE BODY. RED, GREEN AND WHITE LIGHTS THAT ROTATED WITHIN THE OBJECT
ITSELF DID SO IN A SLOW COUNTERCLOCKWISE FASHION BECAUSE NO APPROXIMATELY
3 TO 5 SECONDS TO COMPLETE 1 A REVOLUTION. NO SOUNDS WERE HEARD,
NOR WERE ANY VIBRANT PHENOMENA EXHIBITED BY OBJECT. DIRECTION OF ITS
FLIGHT COURSE WENT ORIGINALLY WEST AND CHANGED IN ALTITUDE NOTED AT
ANYTIME. THEN IN 2 SECONDS WAS WEST, FIRST SIGHTING FROM 1946
WAS TO 19561 NPSI BECAME SIGHTING FROM 28000 FT TO 28000 FT
ITEM 58 OBSERVED VISUALLY ON BOTH OCCASION BY PILOT OF F4C AIRCRAFT.
IN FULLY AIRCRAFT AT 27,000 FT ALTITUDE AND OBJECT WAS ABOVE IT,
PILOT PLUNGED ON FULL POWER TO 35,000 FT ALTITUDE AND AT THIS
TIME BECAME LEVEL IN ALTITUDE WITH SIGHTED OBJECT. OBSERVERS
SPEED AT TIME OF PURSUIT WAS 354 KNOTS INDICATED AT 5800 FT,
RESULTING IN TRUE AIR SPEED OF 400 KNOTS AND TRUE GROUND SPEED
OF 412 KNOTS. ITEM 48 OBSERVER WAS AT AN ALTITUDE OF 45,000 FT
28 DEGREES NORTH LAT, AND 141 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST LONG,
FLYING HEADING OF 210 DEGREES AT 27,000 FT ALTITUDE. THE OBJECT WAS

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MAXIMUM ALTITUDE OBSERVED. NO TESTIMONY TO SUPPORT OPINION THAT OBSERVER
POSSIBLE. ITEM 51 OBSERVER IS USAF COLONEL WITH COMBAT DUTY IN
THEATERS INCLUDING WW2 AND KOREAN ACTION. SUBJECT OFFICER IS MATURE,
STABLE, AND COMPLETELY UNBIASED IN EXERCISE OF HIS JUDGMENT. PILOT
CORRECTLY AND ACCURATELY RESPONDED TO ALL DETAILS CONCERNING SIGHTING
ITEM 58 WEATHER AT TIME OF SIGHTING WAS FEA TENTS AND BENEATH FROM
28000 FT TO 18000 FT WITH 50% LIGHT MOON AND CLOUDS WITH CEILING
ABOVE UNDERCAST. TEMPERATURE AT 35000 FT WAS MINUS 56 DEGREES,
WIND AT 27000 FT FROM 200 DEGREES AT 90 KNOTS, AT 12000 FT
FROM 200 DEGREES AT 70 KNOTS AND AT 10000 FT FROM 200 DEGREES AT
70 KNOTS. THIS OBSERVER AT 28000 FT NEVER ENJOINED THE LEFT SIDE OF
THE TRACK METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS EXPLAINING SIGHTING. ITEM 50
PROVIDES BY NAME OF SIGHTING EVENTS. ITEM 52 OBSERVER UPON SIGHTING
OBJECT CONTACTED CG COMRADE IN AREA WHO DIRECTED BY NAME IDENTIFICATION
OF OBJECT. THIS RESULTED IN CLIMB TO 35000 FT FROM 27000 FT AND ATTEMPT
OF GRAPHICAL PURSUIT COURSE ON OBJECT. DURING FIRST SIGHTING AND ATTEMPTED
INTERCEPTION, OBJECT OBVIOUSLY GAVE BASIS TO INDICATE FLIGHT ON

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Comments of Approving Officers

The reports showed great precision of view in the investigation of this unidentified object. There was a difference of 20 seconds in the time it took the object to pull away when the camera made his two passes at the object. Lighter "fog" and "white" was significantly less longer time was taken on the "first pass, lighter "fog" suggesting object probably prior to observation by the camera before it entered. The fact that there was a "fog" ahead, somewhat slightly, a slight "white" and an unknown "fog" ahead several seconds before the object was observed is the object. It is a fact that different types of aircraft produce different reflections of "disturbance" of the side object. The reported "color" of "fogging light" was observed and reported by the camera flying on 2nd and by a pilot of an F-80 as well as a pilot. This would lead to lead evidence to the observation. The "fog" of the object to the west is considered significant. On the first sighting the camera of "fog" was flying heading left, on the second pass it was flying heading right. Were the "fog" 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 camera's remarks to be positive on observation of nothing.

BRUCE BOWEN
Lt. Col. USAF
Intelligence Officer

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White beam steady



Red (White Green, alternating in beam) lockman direction in beam of object

White beam steady

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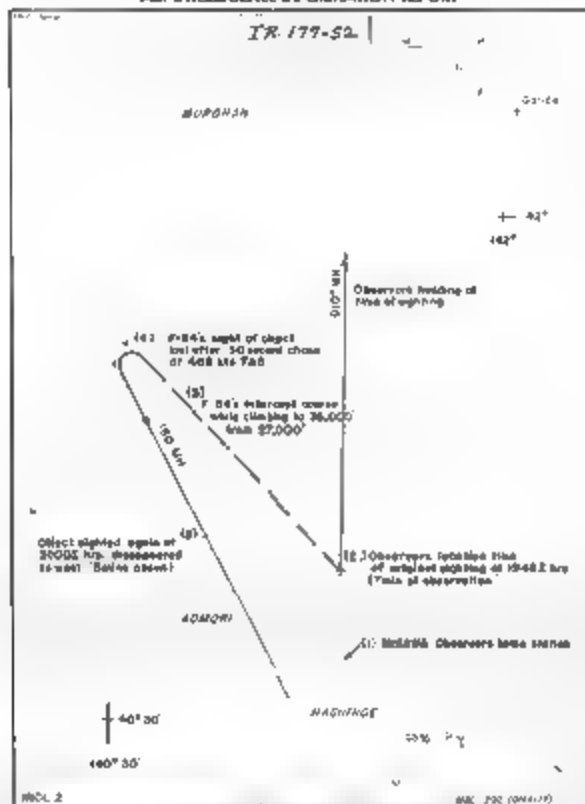
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1/4, 4906th Air Base Wing, APO SF
 30 December 1952
 1st Lt. Donald L. Shaw, MAJ
 Wing Intelligence Officer
 Capt. Elwood S. Sallee, MAJ
 2nd Lt. Everett Alvord, MAJ

Following is a report of an aerial sighting of an unidentified flying object near Hanoi, dated 25 December 1952. The object was a light that changed in color from red to white and was seen by 2 crew members at 7-04 for about 15 minutes.

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Donald L. Shaw
 DONALD L. SHAW
 1st Lt., MAJ
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1. Statement of Capt. Sallee
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3. **Characteristics of Object:** Object was a brilliant light that appeared to change in color. Object appeared to change in a consistent, regular pattern, taking approximately 5 seconds to complete a cycle from red to white to red again. The indication of one cycle by another was a gradual dim, moving in a clockwise manner from top to bottom. Object showed both red and white during transition periods. The light did not appear to vary in position during the 15 minute observation period, and did it maintain a star shape. Object was believed to have been no greater of very low on the horizon, but cloud layers prevented determination of altitude or range. Two night observation shifts vectored to another target by 001.

4. **Time of Sighting:** At 1901 for about 15 minutes.

5. **Means of Observation:** Visual, without optical aids from a F-4 aircraft at 20,000 feet at a speed of approximately 230 knots. Airframe radar unable to make contact.

6. **Location of Observation:** At time of sighting, aircraft was orbiting over EPN 724. Object was on a bearing of 250M at a perpendicular, but unannounced distance from the aircraft. Observer was the pilot and radar observer of an F-4 aircraft.

7. **Identification Information on Observer:** Observers were a Senior Pilot, Captain, who is a combat veteran with 13 years total experience and a 2nd Lt. Radar Observer with 10 months total experience. Since both observers are members of a formation unit it is impossible to judge their reliability.

8. **Weather:** Clear to broken with tops at approximately 5,000 feet. Moon was full and visibility was unlimited over clouds. Winds 30-40 knots from 200 at 20,000 feet.

9. **Other Activity Which Might Explain Sighting:** There are numerous marine lights along the beach and shoreline south adjacent to the Foreign Street, one of which is a group consisting white and red search lights at 2700 0143.

10. **Remarks:** Negative.

11. **Interpretation:** Aircraft was under control of GCI on another station so it did not attempt interception.

12. **Air Traffic:** Other traffic in the general area included.

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1/0 4-3648 Air Base along, APO 919 1A-3-52

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On 29 December 1955, I was the pilot of a night-converted F-41, orbiting 230M 2225 in a visual post orbit when both my radar observer and myself saw a WILLIAMS light which was apparently below the altitude of 20,000' above us and 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, holding a magnetic heading from my slave gyro compass of 260°. Upon further observation, I decided that the light was NOT being seen by me, the distance was so great that there had to approach minimum. From 1700 until about 1955, when contact was on a vector of 000, I observed the light and was in break & the position or pattern of the light pulsation. It was definitely not a flashing light, but rather one which had a rhythmic change of color from red to white to red. (Do not, in notation, the cycle of which took perhaps 5 sec-nds, but I don't think to that). The light was either large enough or close enough that it didn't appear to flicker as a star does. The color change did not look 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 low that it appeared to be on the ground.

Edward D. Collins
 EDWARD D. COLLINS 1A-3-52
 Captain, USAF
 330th All Weather F-1 Squadron

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We were making light orbit over Guwacup 232M 2205 at 20,000' making a target when we noticed a bright light at 17401. The light seemed to be a ground beacon, but we were unable to determine an altitude of it due to a cloud layer below us. The light pulsed and 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 post orbit, pointing the nose of the aircraft directly at the light. The magnetic heading was 260°. The light remained in view until we rolled out of our orbit point to intercept a stranger heading from leadery 1. (232M 2240) When we 140' the orbit our heading was 000' and the time was 1955.

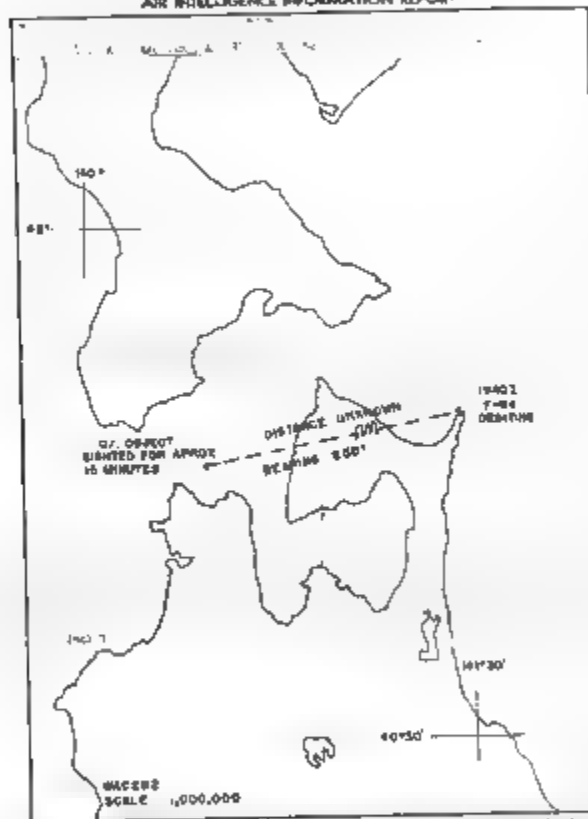
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07. OBJECT
 SIGHTED FOR APPROX
 15 MINUTES

DISTANCE UNKNOWN
 BEARING 200°

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 TIME
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SCALE 1,000,000

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FLIGHTS

20 November 1952 29 November 1952
 2nd Lt. Donald L. Sweet, USAF
 Maj Intelligence Officer
 1st Lt. Norman A. Collins, USAF
 2nd Lt. Herbert O. Saffy, USAF
 Maj Intelligence Officer
 1st Lt. Robert A. Collins, USAF
 2nd Lt. Herbert O. Saffy, USAF
 Maj Intelligence Officer

Following is a report of an aerial sighting of an unidentified flying object near Miami, Japan on 20/21, 29 November 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-4 for about 45 minutes.

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Donald L. Sweet
 DONALD L. SWEET
 2nd Lt., USAF
 Maj Intelligence Officer

1. Statement of 1st. Collins
 2. Statement of 1st. Saffy
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20. Description of Object: Object was a light gliding to a high level plane except that it occasionally changed in color from red to white to light green and blue. The color change to red was a continuous regular pattern with each color appearing for approximately 2 seconds, followed by a dark period. The red and white lights were quite bright. The red light was very bright. Object appeared to be above the ceiling of an approximate level with the observing aircraft which was at 20,000 feet. Although the color of the light apparently changed the position of the light did not appear to vary during the 40 minute observation period. Observers were unable to estimate size or shape of object. Object's trail light of object at approximately 20000ft when object appeared to rise into clouds at unobserved range.

21. Time of Observation: Object sighting took place at approximately 1230, but aircraft was a number of minutes ago only without object. Approximate time 1230. The object's trail light continued was last at 1235. Observers observed full situation on object.

22. Summary of Observations: Visual sighting system and eyes a 2-3 aircraft at 20,000 feet at a height of 200 feet. Aircraft radar unable to make contact.

23. Location of Observer: At the receiving of the sighting, aircraft was at approximately 20000ft. Object first sighted on western horizon at some distance from aircraft. The object was low (about 1000 feet) and did not give particular altitude. Object sighted intermittently in some approximate position which aircraft flew through between 10 and 15 miles. Object disappeared again at 1235. Object was approximately 20 miles W and on a bearing of 150° from aircraft, bearing to horizon. The object, on a bearing of 200°, was observed by both pilot and radar observer at 1230.

24. Identification Information of Observer: Observers were a pilot in pilot seat and a radar observer. A pilot and 2 radar observers at a radar observer. Radar and pilot were both of 4 years and their reliability by annual or acceptable standards.

25. Weather: Clear to overcast with a few broken clouds early in the morning. Visibility approximately 5.000 feet. There was a full moon and visibility was satisfactory above clouds. Clouds were 15 to 45 miles from 200°.

26. Other Remarks, Search Status, Remarks, etc.: There are numerous reports of objects along the coast and especially west of Africa. In the Tanager Island, one of which is a group consisting of white and red sector light at 20000ft.

27. Critical Remarks: None.

28. Interpretation: Aircraft was low on fuel at completion of search and it was unable to attempt interception.

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1/10 001000Z Apr 68 040 140 14-0-30

20. Air Traffic: Traffic in the sector: 1200-1230

a. One 2-3 aircraft sighting from 20000ft. One reported sighting (light) from this position at 1230.

b. One 2-3 aircraft flying through air base area. This aircraft also reported sighting unusual light.

c. Three other unidentified radar when that observation at 1235. 12 miles West of 001000.

d. One 2-3 reported sighting of unusual light at 1235. 12 miles West of 001000.

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John H. Hansen
 Captain, USAF
 Deputy for Operations

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AF 60168 AIR Base (Sig, AN) 719 14-4-52

I was the pilot on the F-74, and 1st Lt Bedford G. Kaddy was my radar observer on a scramble from Misaki AB Base, Japan at 0825 on 29 December 1952. We were vectored to the Chitose Air Base area after an unidentified ground radar track. When we arrived at the Chitose base area the ground radar track had faded and we were requested to conduct Chitose tower concerning their aircraft traffic. Chitose tower reported no aircraft traffic, but were obtaining visual observations on the unknown and objects which were described as flashing horizontal red and vertical green. Three objects were estimated northwest, and south of Chitose Air Base at a range of 25 miles and altitude of 5000' to 10,000'. We were requested by CCI to initiate a search for these objects at 0913, and we did so in a rectangular search pattern from altitudes of 20,000' to 25,000'. We saw no observations in the designated area, but did observe a very bright object in the west at 0917 above the horizon, that resembled a plane. This object had definite color shading varying from a reddish color to a white color to a pinkish color in a regular sequence. The main return as observed was situated up this object, which I had considered to be a plane, was very similar to the objects reported in the mail and southwest by Chitose tower. Again contacted Chitose tower requesting further information on their sightings but the tower can't give the same report definitely placing their sightings in the west and southeast. Contacted my search for these primary objects, without visual or radar contact until 1015 when I checked my minimum fuel at that time, because of the normal procedure of the object in the west to the object of my search. Some time later we saw the object and reported it to CCI as approximately 25 miles from Chitose Air Base at that time (1045) on a magnetic bearing of 330° in the base, and the magnetic bearing to the object was 150°. I was unable to calculate the range, except that it was beyond the 25 vertical mile range of our electronic radar equipment, but the object appeared level with an altitude of 20,000' slightly above the horizon. At this time there was a definite changing of colors from white to white to greenish, the individual colors lasting about 2 seconds, and the transition between colors lasting about one second. At that time proceeded to 25,000' alt base on a magnetic bearing of 210° at 20,000', and observed the object in its same relative position until 1057. At that time object approximately 15 seconds changing its color. Was I observed for the object again, at that time, it was not in sight and we again in reestablish visual contact with it. I landed at Misaki AB Base at 2000.

Bedford G. Kaddy
Major A. Richard Anderson
1st Lt
37th All Weather F-1 Squadron

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I was the Radar Observer on the F-74 which I flew on 29 December 1952. After conducting Chitose tower at 0921 I searched the area east and southwest of Chitose for reported flashing red horizontal and green vertical lights. We found nothing in this area either visually or by radar. During this search we had noticed that appeared to be an unknown plane in the west. We were compelled to return to Misaki due to lack of fuel at approximately 1045. At this time we noticed this light in the west and brought possibly it might have been that the Chitose tower saw at it was a flashing red and white on green light plane-like appearance except for the color. It was a bright light changing red to white to pale green at about an hour altitude which was at that time 20,000'. We reported this to CCI 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 150° from us. We observed this light for 21 minutes and there was no apparent change in its altitude and elevation. We had previously told CCI we were unable to calculate due to low fuel. At 1051 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 very close to our radar when the object would have pitched as up had it been closer. It appeared to be a plane 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.

Bedford G. Kaddy Jr
Major A. Richard Anderson
1st Lt
37th All Weather F-1 Squadron

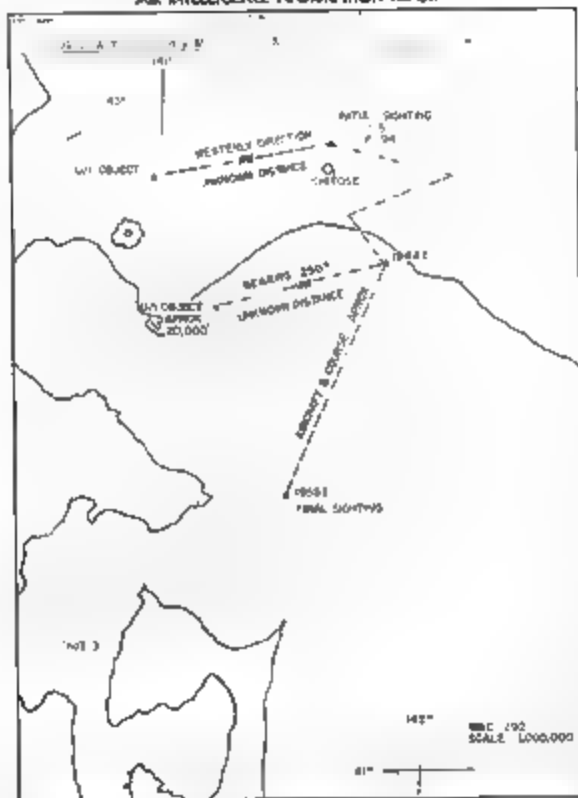
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SYNOPSIS
 29 December 1957
 29 December 1957
 2nd Lt. Dennis L. Moore, USAF
 Major Edward J. Aubrey, USAF
 Major Andrew J. Young, USAF
 Major Intelligence Officer
 Following a report of an aerial sighting of an unidentified flying object near Kinross, Alaska at 1900Z 29 December 1957. The object was a brilliant light that changed in color from red to white and was seen by 3 crew members of a B-46 for approximately 5 to 7 minutes.

EXCERPT

Donald L. Curt
 Major Intelligence Officer

W/S serial (A) ATISDIB 17 Feb 58

1. Statement of Major Aubrey
2. Statement of Major Young
3. Sketch

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

TO: 6010th Air Base Wing, APO SF 914 (10-5-52) (2) (2)

1. **Observation 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, red 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 10-15 vertical miles W of airport. Object ceased to be discernible steadily and moving to west, finally disappearing in clouds. No noise of propellers, engine trails, or aerodynamic features observed.

2. **Time of Occurrence:** Approximately 1939Z for time to occur unknown.

3. **Number of Observations:** Visual without optical aid from a B-24 aircraft at 10,000 feet at a speed of approximately 200 knots.

4. **Location of Observers:** At the beginning of the sighting, aircraft was at approximately 1000 miles. Object was on an approximate bearing of 2000 and appeared to be at 10,000 feet altitude. Object passed to the west the bearing 3000. 2010 observers were in the cockpit of the B-24 which was flying a heading of 1900Z.

5. **Observer's Background and Experience:** Observers were two pilots, both Major and each with over 10 years flying experience. No navigational aids along the flight and only a sketch log was kept. Most of the bearings, times and distances are therefore approximations.

6. **Weather:** Clear to broken with tops at approximately 8,000 feet. Night moonlight and visibility excellent above clouds. Winds approximately 75 knots from 180°.

7. **Other Activity which May Relate to Sighting:** There are numerous lights (aircraft) along the coast and between airports adjacent to the Douglas Field, one of which is a group consisting white and red marker light at 1700 miles.

8. **Physical Evidence:** None.

9. **Interactions:** Flying 1000 miles, no attempt made to intercept.

10. **Air Traffic:** Other traffic in the general area included:

(1) One B-24 aircraft which also reported an unusual light. Aircraft was flying in Chinese area and at 1000 was approximately 25 miles SE of base heading toward 1000.

(2) One B-24 aircraft orbiting area 1200 2300. Only reported unusual lights sighted from this position at 1900Z.

(3) One B-24 aircraft flying toward Air Base area. This aircraft also reported sighting unusual light.

(4) There was an unidentified radar track that disappeared at 1900Z 11 miles east of Chinese.

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

TO: 6010th Air Base Wing, APO SF 914 (10-5-52) (2) (2)

TO: 7th Bombardment Group Detachment

Reference: 10-5-52 and 10-4-52, 6010th Air Base Wing.

Naval stations, 1-1 headquarters, advised of no unusual aerial activity in vicinity of sighting area which night 10-5-52 in with this object sighting.

3013 Bomber Squadron suggest some interesting planes and weather features which might well explain a phenomenon incident to this sighting.

The plane 10000 is at maximum magnitude at this time of year, appearing white and very bright. The planet 10000 is particularly red. Both planets occur approximately the same relative position late in December and from a great distance would very well appear to "move" in a circular orbit due to the refraction effect of atmospheric conditions near the horizon.

At 30° North latitude on the night of 20 December 1952, 10000 was located in an observer's position of 1000 at 30° above the horizon, between 10000 and 21000 this planet moved from 1000 at 30° to a 400° zenith position at 30° above the horizon. This movement could explain the unexplainable dip into the horizon.

This phenomenon could provide a possible explanation for this type of sighting.

[Signature]
 COLONEL M. W. WOODRUFF
 Colonel, USAF
 Deputy for Intelligence

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

1/0 50164 Air Base Reg, APO 969

20-3-52

STATEMENT

I was pilot of B-56 call sign *Blunder* on the night of 29 December 1952. I planned to make an illuminated bombing mission at 10,000 ft. I saw a brilliant white light just above my altitude approximately 50 miles away ESE to the right of my course (170N 8). At the time we were 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 east. We observed the light for approximately 7 minutes before it disappeared, seeming to drop into the clouds.

Richard T. Larkin
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Major, USAF
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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

1/0 50164 Air Base Reg, APO 969

20-3-52

STATEMENT

At approximately 10:00 on the night of 29 December 1952, I was flying on a heading of 170° enroute back to Misawa from Hokkaido. My altitude was 10,000 feet. I was flying in the cockpit seat of a B-56 with Major *Abley* as pilot. We were approximately 40 nautical miles from *Saikiya*-*Saiki*. Two search, spot or spotlight objects approximately 30-50 miles east of us at about our same altitude having a short 10000 to be a parallel course to our B-56. It, the object, had a bright red light showing up all of a sudden oriented to a wide light. This interesting task 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 disclosed regarding the object's appearance. Together at the time we broken to 8000 feet at 10,000 feet but visibility was maintained at 10,000 feet, we analyzed altitude. We completed our speaking circles and participated in one interception problem before landing at 22:01. The incident was reported to the interrogator upon landing.

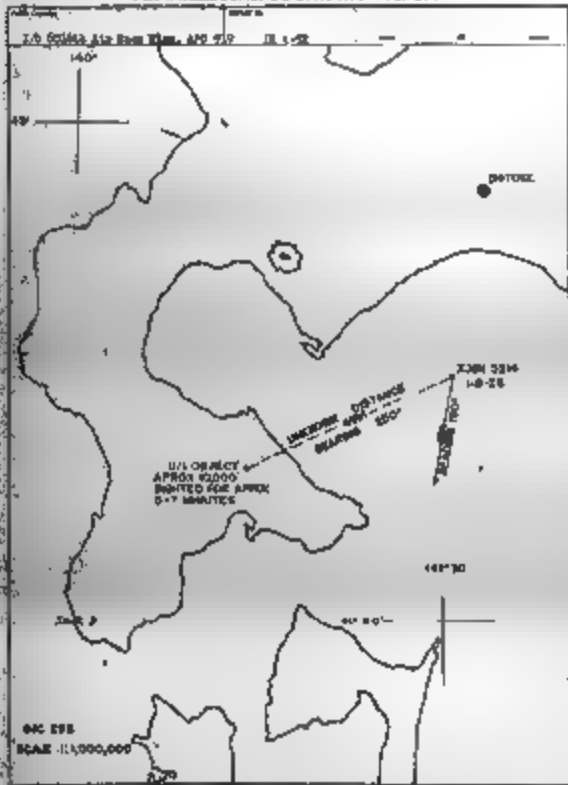
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REPORT NUMBER: 44-2573

DATE: 29 January 1958

BY: 2d Lt David S. Hartman (USAF)

TO: 25th Air Division (Inf), APO 914

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

ABSTRACT: Following is a report of aerial sightings of unidentified flying objects near Okinawa Air Base, Japan, on 29 January 1958. The objects were observed from 0700 to 1000 hours. The objects were observed for varying times, ranging from 30 minutes to 3 hours. These were the different witnesses of these unidentified objects.

APPROVED: *David S. Hartman*
 Major USAF
 Director of Intelligence

D/O Japan Air Defense Force Command
 Reference: 44-2573, 25th Air Division (Inf).

Initial interpretation of 44-2573 suggests that observed nature of ground sightings might possibly be the result of a refraction effect of atmospheric conditions on the light from heavenly bodies.

Charles H. ...
 Colonel USAF
 Deputy Dir Intelligence

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

TO: USAF Air Divisions, AFM 710

FM: 710-15

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1. **Identification of Objects:** Objects appeared all conforming to the general description of that of being a large metal type of disc with jetting tubes. The object would always exhibiting the colors green, red and white. It appeared to rotate horizontally, as well as vertically, thereby giving the observer the impression of a target when with alternate light scans. The objects were detected in a section written but after some scanning time it came to light some 20 to 300 meters in the distance. The objects were in steady flight by some operations personnel and observers were not used for further study. The first object was reported to be at an altitude approximately 2000 above the horizon to estimate of distance was given. The second object was sighted some 3 minutes later to the southeast of the station, 300 above the horizon. The third object was reported to be northwest of the base with an altitude of 3000 above the horizon of distance. The objects were observed for periods of time ranging from 30 minutes to approximately 1 hour and 40 minutes.

2. **Time of Observation:** All objects approximately 1800
2nd object approximately 1900
3rd object approximately 2000

3. **Number of Observations:** Initial sighting was visual and eight classes and observers were utilized for further study.

4. **Location of Observations:** Orange Air Force Base Operations Tower. Coordinates: 49° 40' N 116° 40' W.

5. **Qualification of Observers:** No information is known concerning the background of the observers but would indicate their reliability as knowledgeable.

6. **Weather:** 3,000 feet below 8,000 feet; ground level - no air above with fog to the southeast. Low operations over station by reported conditions.

7. **Other Remarks:** Visual sightings were made by several observers.

8. **Technical Remarks:** None.

9. **Reference:** AFM 710-15

10. **Remarks:** There were 25-30 objects in the air after 1800 at base at the time of sighting, although no P-51 was in general area on that date.

11. **Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED
12. **Control:** UNCLASSIFIED
13. **Dissemination:** UNCLASSIFIED

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

TO: USAF Air Divisions, AFM 710

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I was on duty in the control tower Orange Air Base on December 1957 as 1800 hours. Upon observing a ball from the sky to the southeast and as it to an object approximately 2000 to 3000 feet above the ground to be a jet type aircraft. While using this I noticed an object directly west of Orange which changed colors red, white and green. It appeared to be rotating horizontally and up it also rotate vertically. It would exhibit a 4-5/16" shape and then it is to the left to a horizontal position. As soon after which it was heard to be vertical position. When I first saw the object it was 400 meters height and then turned its nose south. It was over a period of about three hours. The object was at an angle of approximately 30 degrees above the horizon from the tower. It did not decrease the altitude. It did not appear to move. About 10 minutes after the sighting of the object, an object a second object of the same type southeast of the station at an altitude of approximately 3000 meters above the horizon. I estimated the distance to be 2000 meters. The same applies to this object as did to the first.

At 2000 hours, observed a 3rd object of the same type southeast of the station at a low altitude. It was not bright, but appeared to be close. Because of the fog was not able to observe it clearly. It was not bright. The same applies to this object as to the first and second objects.

The weather was clear as follows: 3,000 feet above 8,000 feet above the ground level fog was also below 500 feet. The conditions show the same as visibility of fog to the southeast and the sky almost clear. There were no clouds and no atmospheric conditions in the area which I observed the objects.

I carried on a conversation with the pilot of the P-51. When the pilot was 4000 meters above the station and the altitude was 3000 meters. He stated that he was not able to see the other four objects as they were not visible to him.

The P-51 was not in the tower and 3000 feet above the ground. The fog being reported was heavy. One P-51 reported that he had an object 3000 feet above the ground. It was not bright and 3000 feet above the ground. The object was white and was going toward the ground. It was not of the same type as the other objects and was not very large.

On December 11, 1957 at 1800 hours, was contacted by the first observer. He stated a star which seemed to change colors red, white and green to appear over at with the P-51. Upon observation found that by sighting of the object stars to set down, and afterwards. On 2000 the star was not seen. It was not bright and change colors red, white and green. The pilot of the P-51 reported that the star was stationary and white in color. It did not believe it was the same object as the P-51 which appeared on December 1957. On 2000 meters above the horizon, one was southeast of the base at a vertically 30 degrees above the horizon and the other was southeast of an angle of approximately 30 degrees above the horizon.

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

2.2 700 Air Station, APO SF, (A-1) 100

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Went up to the tower and observed the communication between the 3-34 pilot and the control tower. The pilot said that he saw an object over the base about ten seconds after the launch on 14 Dec 70. The control tower replied 10,000 feet & ten seconds later he said that he saw 1000 feet above the object. The object had bright red and green lights trailing. Approximately thirty seconds later the pilot stated that the object was about three miles off his wing tip. Several minutes later the pilot said the object was growing smaller and going to the north. He did not have the time of the object. This occurred at approximately 1952 hours. 14 December 1970.

Observed the object through eight glasses which appeared as a planet (frame) in location like a star with a red or green flitter. It did not come to a halt and it moved with this to get the same object that the F-34 was showing. I did not see the object that the F-34 was showing.

The weather conditions were clear and visibility was excellent. There were no clouds in the air. The object that I observed appeared to be in the east-north-east. I saw 1000 feet above the object appeared to be a bright object or whether the object appeared to rotate.

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APO SF 7000
601000 Air Station Operations

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

2.2 700 Air Station, APO SF, (A-1) 100

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The following is an eye witness account of an unidentified object seen in the sky above the Air Station at Base on the night of 19 December 1970.

At 1950 on the 19th of Dec 1970, I was on duty in Base Operations, performing my usual duties. The watch time from 1900 hours until the 1:00 am showed appeared to have if we had any aircraft overhead at that station. I did not detect an unidentified target overhead at the station, approximately 30 miles from our base heading directly to the north. I informed the tower that I did not have any knowledge, but I would check books.

Called 1:15 AM, the tower operator to check and inform him if they had any aircraft working. In case, they informed APO of this APO noted if tower would help on eye spots for an aircraft.

A few minutes later I called the tower and told me he was coming a very strange sight. He suggested that the 1:00 am object came to the tower and went back at 1:15.

The pilot at 1:15 AM, I went to the tower and tried to observe the object at this object. On each time it was a star, but using the glasses and getting a steady view of it so we it was trailing red and green.

I looked it for a full minute my impression was that it resembled a彗星 (comet) with a red spot and a green spot. The object was moving very slowly at this time. In my second look at the object later the object seemed to slip on a high angle with the high side pointing north. It continued to 1:15 hours for the rest of the time I viewed it. At the time I personally thought it would have a sort of grouping movement, but I may have been wrong for at one time saw this movement.

The object was about with a visibility of at least 10 miles. The temperature was about 30° Fahrenheit. A small wind was perceptible.

Inform APO of this that I saw during the whole time and was given a preliminary account of the whole thing.

I hope to see of the altitude or direction of this object from this base.

WILLIAM S. HUGHES APO 9221751
APO SF 7000
601000 Air Station Operations

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Terre Haute, Indiana

1 February 1973

I. Description of Incident

A military aircraft on a 770th heading 30 miles west of Terre Haute sighted a plane 37000 of warning lights changing color from red to blue, to green to yellow. The pilot estimated their altitude to range between 20,000 ft. to 25,000 ft. flying in a manner similar to commercial aircraft. Downlighted from the St. Louis area seemed to be following the unclassified lights. The time of sighting was about 7:10 PM.

II. Discussion of Incident

WTC 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 some lights from St. Louis picked up one of these aircraft. The observing aircraft was 300 miles away from St. Louis which probably accounts for the changing color of lights.

III. Conclusion

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1. DATE - TIME GROUP 1 Feb 53 0330Z	2. LOCATION Terre Haute, Ind.
3. SOURCE AF Pilot	10. CONCLUSION <i>Light</i> 2 Astro, J. ITR, m.p.k.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Jupiter at 5° elev, 75° azimuth.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Reported	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS 20 m, lights which changed colors from red to blue to green were observed from T-33 a/c. Objects extended 12-15 sec. in red. Other lights were sighted by same a/c 100 miles south of St. Louis.
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Terre Haute, Indiana

1 February 1953

I. Description of Incident

A military aircraft on a 270° heading 30 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 30,000 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

ATIC 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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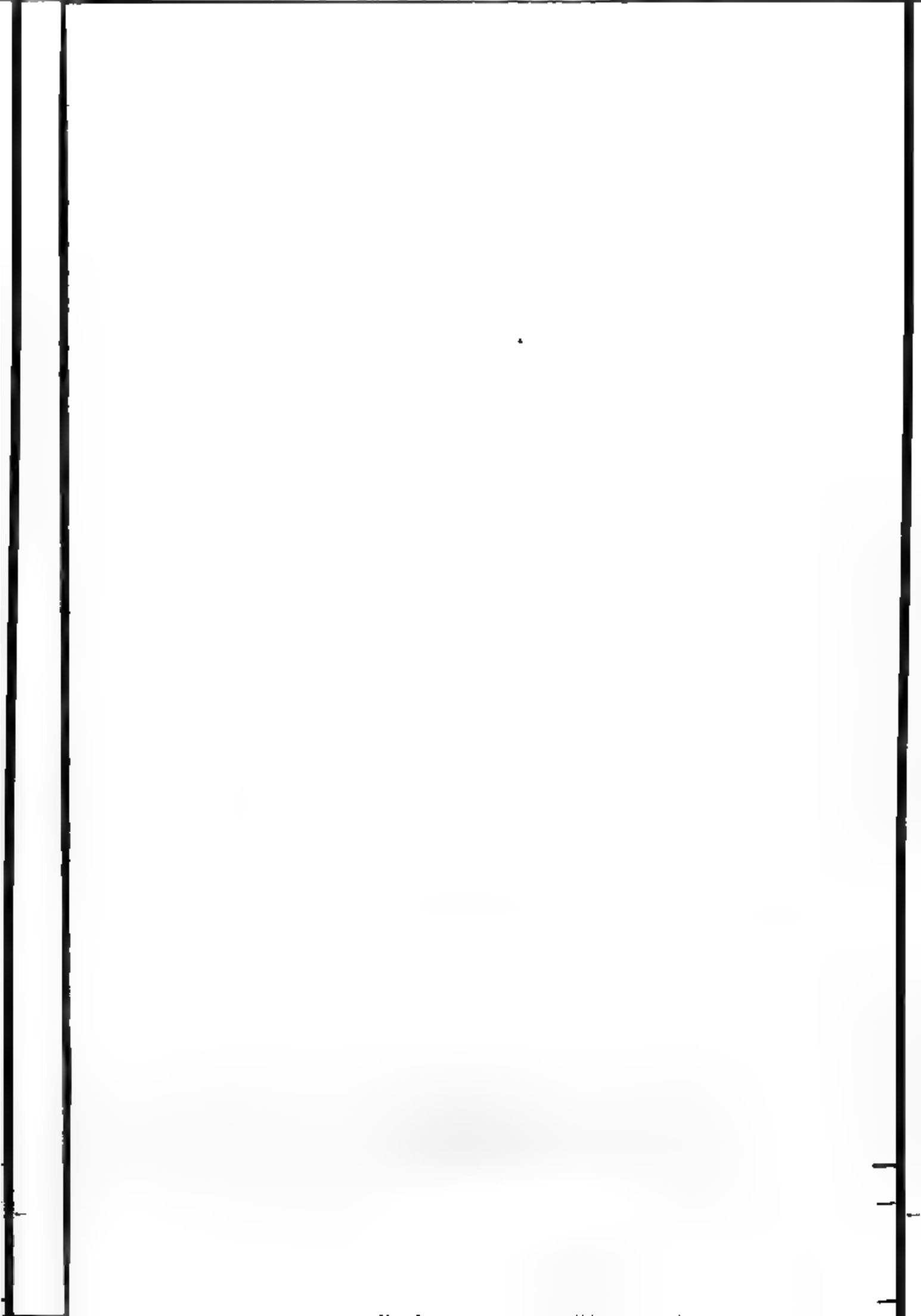
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6 Feb 1953 Basella, Washington
43p Visual 30/1 OK

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 6 Feb 53 6/0913Z	2. LOCATION Rosalia, Washington (20 mi S. Spokane)
3. SOURCE AF Pilot	4. CONCLUSION BALLOON
5. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
6. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3-5 Min.	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS 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 s/c. COMMENTS: 1. Weather balloon probably in the area of sighting from Griger Field Weather Bureau. See incident folder for explanation. 2. Weather records show balloon released from Coiger Field not Fairchild at 0900Z. Was lost in the clouds after rising to 3,000'. Could have very easily caused the sighting.
7. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Air-Visual	
8. COURSE SE	
9. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
10. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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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 pibal balloon released at 0900Z from the J.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 pibal 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

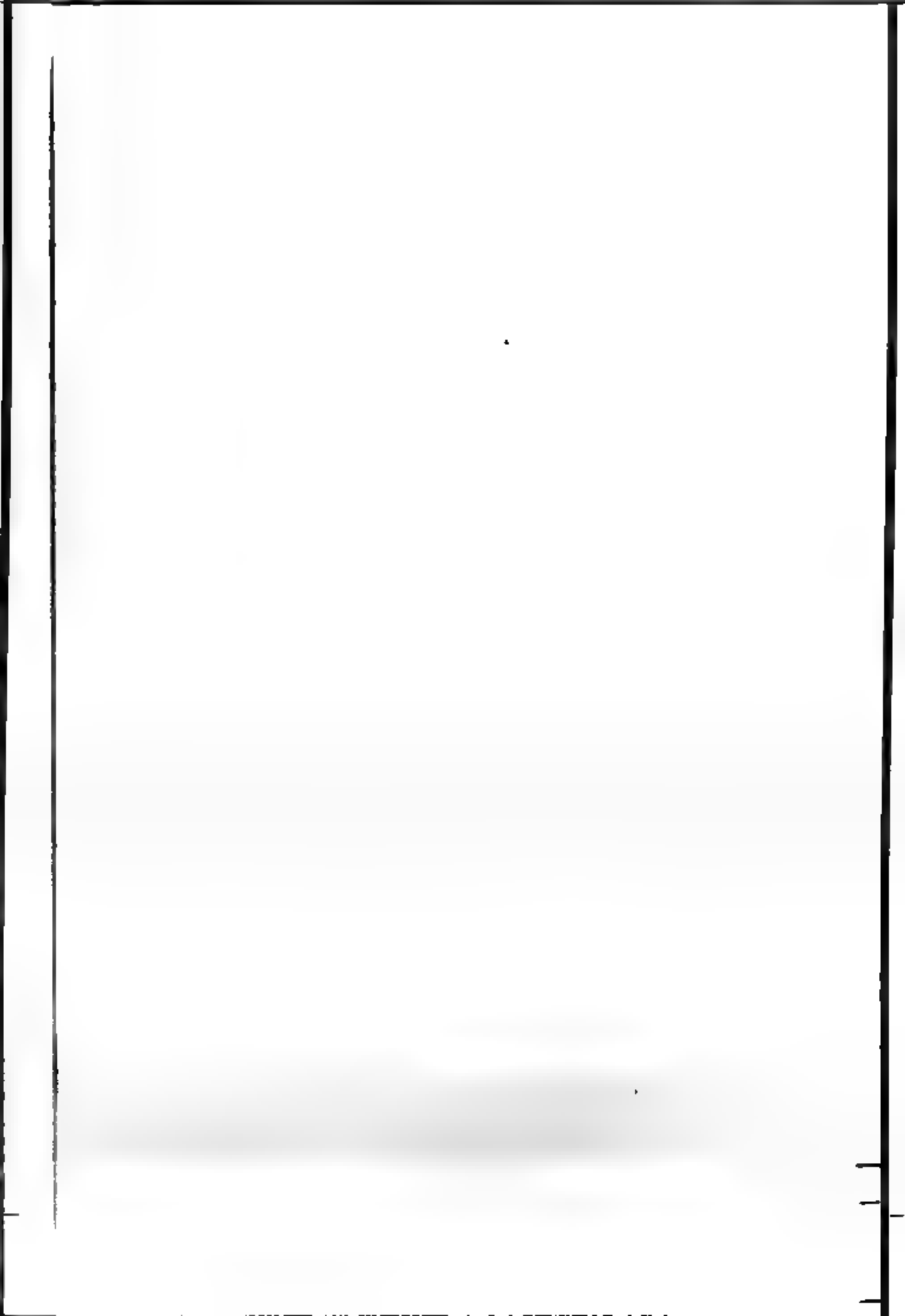
III. Conclusion

Probably balloon.

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McChord AFB, Wash

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Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

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Colorado Springs, Colo.

Commander
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Commander
MATS
ATTN: Intelligence Div
Wash, D. C.

FSG 06-3-2. *FLICBAPT*

- 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 approx 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 approx 3 to 5 minutes.

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McChord AFB, Wash

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FSG 06-B-2, FLICRPT - [REDACTED] - CONT'D

- 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 Kocalla, 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 degree magnetic, Dir of flt of obj approx 182 degree magnetic, altitude of obj approx 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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FSC 06-B-2. FLIGHT - [REDACTED] - CONT'D

J. A check with all agencies in this area indicates no other craft should have been in that vicinity.

K. Pilot of AF 2706 contacted at Fairchild AFB Operations.

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JOHN S BATTIE, Major, USAF

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Unidentified Flying Object Sighted Near Spokane, Washington

State of Washington, USA

Flight Service, NATS, 3800 Newark Street, N. W., Washington 25, D. C.

12 February 1953

6 February 1953

B-2

Frank N. Allen, Lt Colonel, USAF

Major Leo J. Moffatt, A0758603

Teletype FLYOBEPT 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 gust change 180° within 3,000 ft. Approx:

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FRANK N. ALLEN
Lt Colonel, USAF
Intelligence Officer

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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. PIYOBKPF ATTN: AF1AA-20 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 2607 00° magnetic. Direction of flight of object approximately 182° magnetic, altitude of object approximately 7,000 feet.

E. Major Leo J. Hoffatt, 40758603, 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:

"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. 246]

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 20,000 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 accounts 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:

Piballoon released at 0900Z from J.S. weather bureau station at Fairchild AFB. Track of balloon ESE.

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.

$$\frac{60 \text{ minutes}}{50 \text{ nautical miles}} = \frac{1 \text{ min}}{12.5 \text{ N.M.}} = 15$$

or the balloon would have covered the 12.5 nautical miles in 15 minutes.

Which means that the piballoon released at ^{Geese Field} 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 piballoon 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.

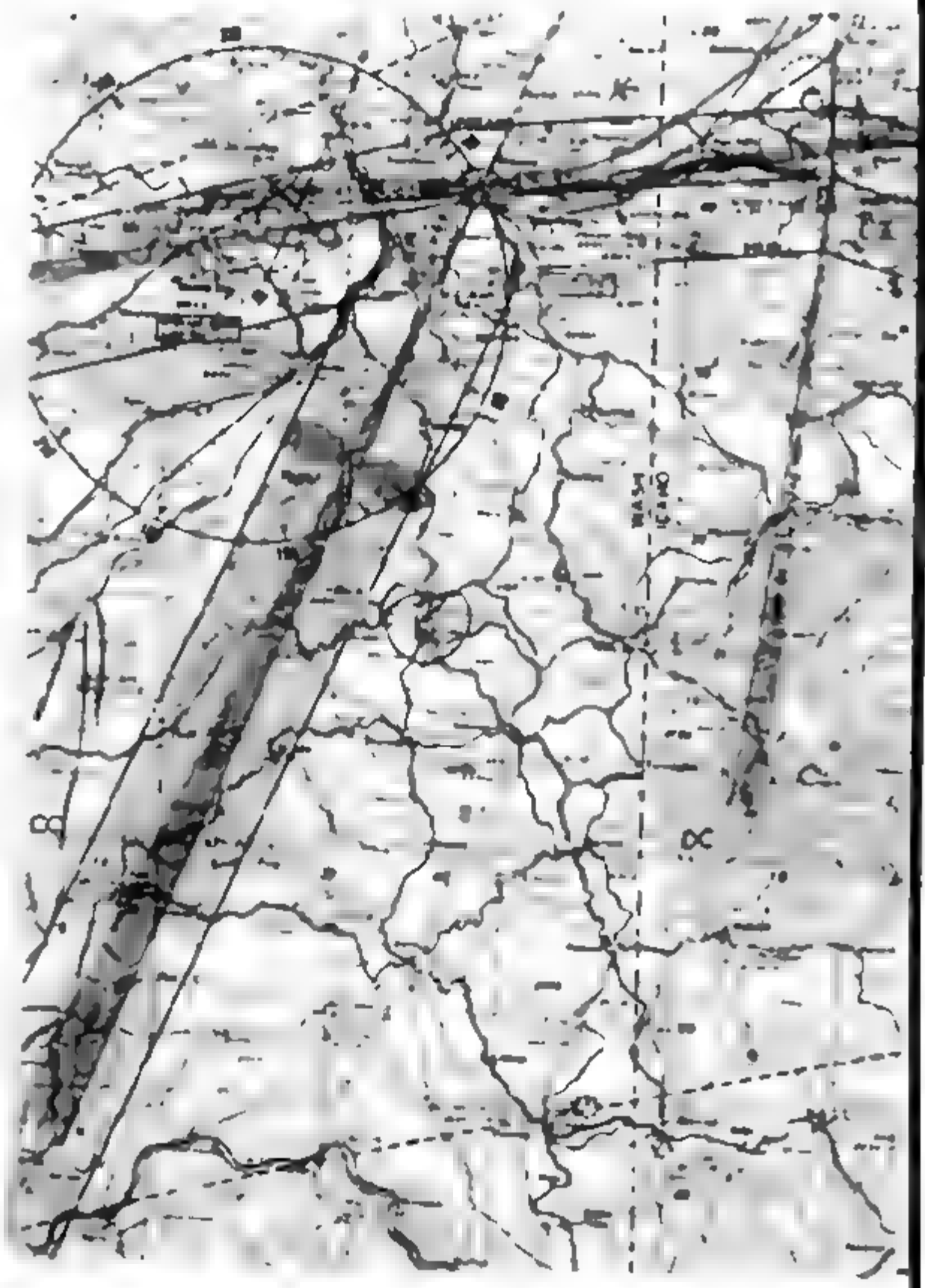
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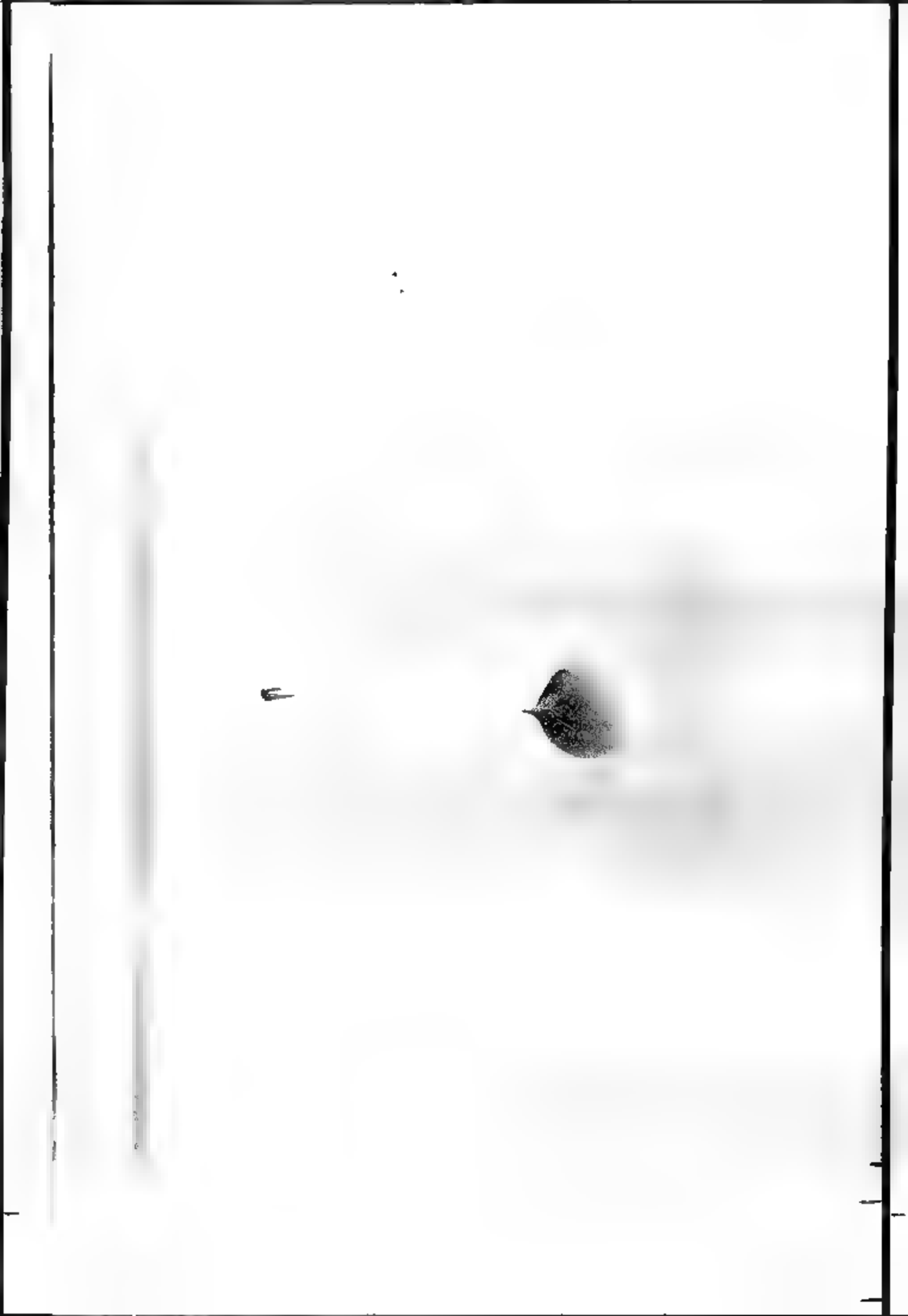
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Assessment rate of a 30 gram Standard 56 mm
ammunition, rate is 500 to 600 ft per minute

Rate 500 ft
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The piballoon could be out of the area around
level 10000 ft of the B-36 at 0913Z





PROJECT W73 RECORD

1. DATE TIME DROP 6 Feb 53 6/0110Z	2. LOCATION TRUK, ADOLL (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 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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ESTD 4 TO 20 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 OIC OF WEATHER BUREAU TRUK. NORRIS"

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Guan (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 Guan 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

Probably aircraft.

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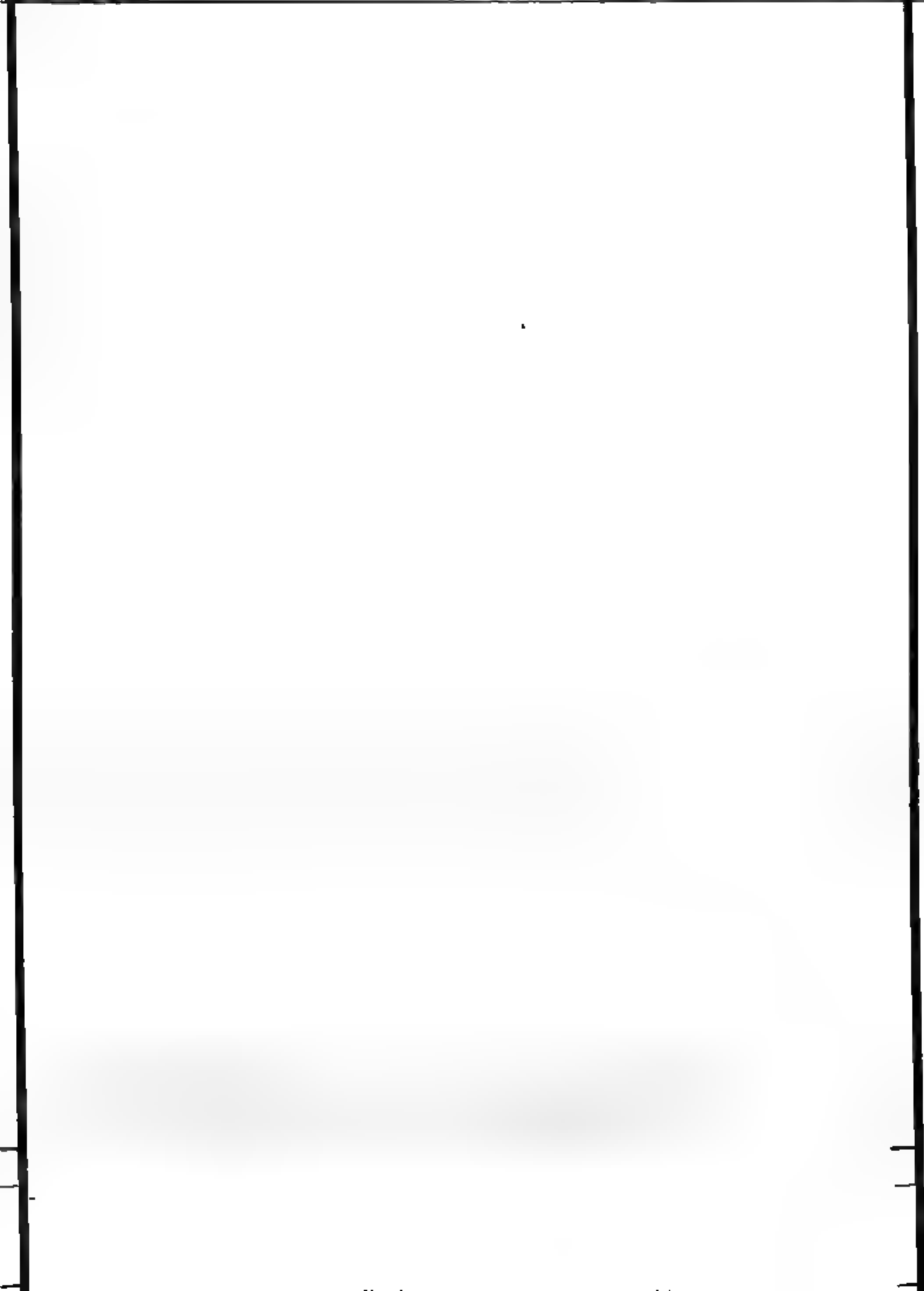
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PROJECT 10073 RECORD

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> Sea-Skies	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 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
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REPORT NUMBER: R-5-32
TITLE: At 5466 7e 9
SUBJECT: [Redacted]
DATE: 10 February 1951
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1. Following is a report of an unidentified flying object reported from Nevada Air Base, Reno, Nevada, on 7 February 1951 at 2130Z. The object was a light flash of red, green and white and was of the nature of the report for about 35 seconds on a heading of 91 degrees 171 from the station.

APPROVED

Francis P. [Signature]

FRANCIS P. [Name]
Major, USAF
Colonel, USAF

REPRODUCED AT [Redacted]

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Radar Operator

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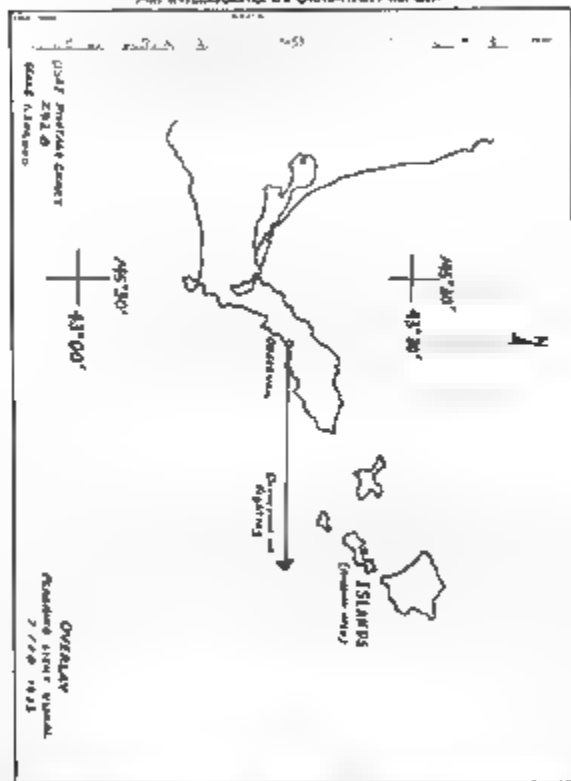
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TO: 311TH AGM 3-79, 100 914 13 5-55

- 2) THAT 000 12.
1. The time of the release corresponds with the time when (1) the weather was clear and (2) the weather conditions (approximately 2100 hours local time).
 2. In this case the visibility is excellent as clear night. The description of the object together with the time observed, strongly indicates a light emitting balloon, probably launched from one of the 30th's positions located in the island off Mindanao.

John W. [Signature]
 Major, USAF
 Colonel, USAF
 Director of Requirements
 Deputy for Intelligence

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, ROBINS FIELD, GEORGIA

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

28 MAY 1962

FILE NO: 24-0

SUBJECT: UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT SIGHTED IN GREENVILLE,
SOUTH CAROLINA AREA - 13 MAY 1962
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 1962, that unidentified objects had been sighted by members of a group of amateur astronomers at approximately 2133 hours, EST, 13 May 1962.

II. DETAILS: (1) Mr. JAMES RICHARDSON, 21 Boyce Avenue, Greenville, South Carolina, was interviewed by Lt. PALMER and made the following written statement:

"On the night of May 13, 1962, at approximately 2133 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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"On the night of May 13, 1962, at approximately 2133 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. Distances 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 180 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. MCKEY, 118 Stwood, Greenville, South Carolina, was interviewed by Lt. PALMER and made the following written statement:

"On the night of May 13, 1962, at approximately 2133 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 sail it an evening when James Richardson, one of the group, called our attention to four (4) oblate, 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 angled to the left on a heading of about 180 degrees.

"I was unable to estimate the altitude or speed of these objects. They traveled directly overhead, making no sound, and rather wobbling 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 arm length and slightly turned."

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File 24-0, subj: "Unconventional Aircraft Sighted in Greenville, S. C.
Area - 13 May 1962

III. ACTION: No action is contemplated at present by 8th
District OSI (16) 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 1962.


LEO H. JOHNSON
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: CG, AMC
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
ATTN: MCYS

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COUNTRY United States	REPORT NO. 1	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT Sighting of ...	AREA REPORTED ON Greenville, South Carolina	FROM OFFICE 375th T. ...
DATE OF REPORT 20 May 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 14 May 1952	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY Arthur S. Palmer	ADVISED Local Citizens	
REFERENCES (State number, division, project, report, etc. as applicable) None		

SUMMARY: (State concisely in summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclusions at lower left. Refer first of report on AF Form 112-Part 1.)

Included are four (4) statements from local citizens concerning an unusual sighting made in Greenville, South Carolina, on 13 May 1952 at 22 33 hrs.

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 credible sources.

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Arthur S. Palmer
ARTHUR S. PALMER
1st Lt, USAF
Wing Intelligence Officer

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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, 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 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
ARTHUR S. PALMER
1st Lt, USAF

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

C. T. Wyche
C. T. Wyche
University Ridge Apts.
Greenville, S. C.

July
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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 15, 1960, at approximately 2000 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.

WITNESSES:

Arthur S. Palmer

ARTHUR S. PALMER
1st Lt, USAF

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

James Richardson

JAMES RICHARDSON
24 Boyce Avenue
Greenville, S. C.

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On May 13, 1952 I was one of a group of five people who
attended a meeting of an Astronomy Club at the University of
Chicago. The topic was the passage of Comet Encke through
with all the ground lights extinguished and the
constellations, including that of Coma Berenices, the
Sagittarius. We had completed our study of the
comets there and were awaiting completion of the
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in general stars that are not able to
from the planet.

At approximately 10:15 P. M. one of the
astronomers, called the attention to a
passing through the zenith.

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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

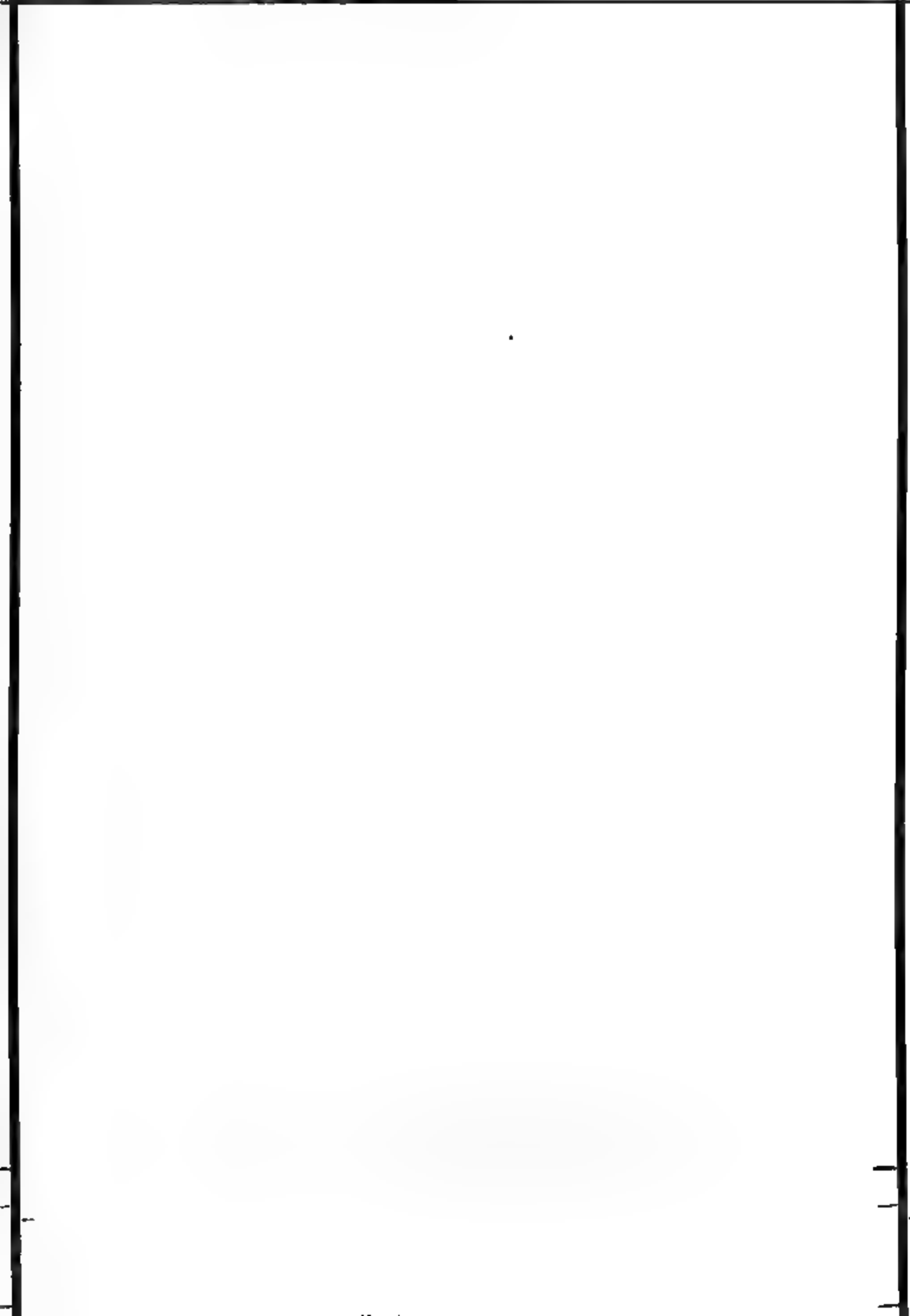
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MAY 13, 1952 GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA (KEYHOE-1953 P 148) 4 WITNESSES00
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Lackland AFB

Lackland Air Force Base, Texas

9 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 overshoot. 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 (Lubbock, Texas, 4 Dec 58)

26 APR 1961

DR. DONALD E. BRADY, Director
Naval Training Command
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Dear Dr. Brady:

We have reviewed the case referred to in your letter of 23 April 1958, and which Major Taylor refers to as the "Pepi" case, and determined that certain errors were probably introduced in transcribing this case during your visit to OASD.

On the night of 4 December 1958 Lt. Colonel E. Arnold was flying back to the area of Lubbock, Texas. Lt. Arnold was engaged in flying the 100th Bombardment Group on a 7-17 (jet engine). Lt. Arnold was in a 7-45 type aircraft and started 1 mile W of the base at 2000 feet while making landing clearance. While circling, Lt. Arnold noticed an object which was W of the base at an 8 o'clock position to his aircraft. The UFO was at an altitude of approximately 1000 to 1200 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 three being sighted the object fell to Lt. Arnold's altitude of 1000 feet and began a wide sweeping counter-clockwise orbit of the base. This is the orbit of a position approximately 1/2 mile north of the field, the object descended to approximately 1000-1200 feet and continued to orbit, until it reached a position in the approximate center of the main runway complex.

Upon reaching the base runway complex the object took a rapid descent to 2,000 feet, at this time Lt. Arnold was directly over the end of the runway and the object was 1 to 2 miles W of this position. The object then turned around, descended completely to 1000 feet again and continued without orbit in the approximately 1/2 mile W of the base where it appeared to stop, later, then appeared to be going straight away from the base of Lt. Arnold's aircraft. Arnold called 741, power and proceeded directly to inspect the object. Approximately 1 minute after this action the incident, the object appeared to climb back to a height of 1000. At approximately 1000 feet in front of Arnold's aircraft the object seemed to move slightly in a vertical plane as if descending on which side of Arnold's aircraft to pass. The object passed very close off the left wing within a distance of 10 yards and Lt. Arnold noted a blurred reddish-blue line of unidentified color and shape which was in longer than the aircraft.

The object was seen to be that which would be unable to take any evasive action. Immediately after the object passed, Lt. Arnold turned sharply to the left in order to keep the object in sight. The object rapidly sank and passed to approximately 1,000 feet and circled to the left, then began to descend to a point about 1,000 feet 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 arrived off at 1,000 feet and at this time the object seemed to level off from the descent toward Arnold's aircraft, turned sharply to the right to a southerly heading and into another rather flaring descent into the atmosphere well out of sight.

The total duration of the sighting was approximately 100 seconds and the location given consisted of exactly 1000 feet. The speed of the object was estimated at less than 300 mph and the size of the glow emitted by the object was estimated at 1/4 the size of the glow from a P-51 piston light.

The aircraft piloted by Lt. Arnold was definitely a P-40 and not a P-51 as given by Major Rogers. The P-40 is a conventional winged aircraft which has a speed of approximately 300 knots, while the P-51 is a World War II fighter aircraft with a top speed of approximately 370 knots and a normal cruise of approximately 250 knots. The P-40 jet engine has a speed of approximately 300 knots.

The city of Laredo is 1/2 statute miles SE of the air base on an altitude of 500'. Weather: pressure altitude at Laredo 200 to 1,000 feet which is 1,000 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

J. J. K. [Signature]
Major J. J. K. [Signature]
Laredo, TX
Major J. J. K. [Signature]

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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?

The first paragraph is badly garbled. One does not know whether 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 as 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.

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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April 12, 1961

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

DHM/bfc
encl.

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 58 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 local 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 beta 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 approximately 15,000'. The rate of climb was terrific. At this point, the object was approximately 5 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. Approximately 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 a/c within 50 yards distance and the pilot noted a blurred reddish-blueish mass 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 descend and 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 1900'. 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 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} ~~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 approximately 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 300 MPH and its maneuvers, which consisted mainly of rapid flitting ascents and descents, were unusually unorthodox, 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.

ARIC COMMENT: ARIC believes that it was an a/c and that the maneuvers were exaggerated.

San Antonio, Texas
4 December 1952

AMERICAN 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 8,000 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 where it was approximately where he had originally sighted the object. At this ^{time} ~~point~~ the object rose immediately to the pilot's altitude of 4,000 feet (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 maneuver. 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 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 (fitting?) 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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statement of the pilot's position (which was directly over the ^{camp} base on an 8 heading). The object then turned eastward and immediately descended to the pilot's altitude of 8,000 feet again and proceeded eastward until approximately 8 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 toward the object. The pilot's intentions were purely 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-black mass 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 banked sharply to the left in order to keep the object in sight. The object rapidly made a climbing (9) 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 spiraled 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 about 1000 feet
altitude until out of sight. The object was observed by the pilot
for approximately 9 minutes and the exact time of the down-on pass
was 2:00. 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 burning position light on a B-26 type
aircraft. (With that distance that he knew 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 come and
goes, were unusually outstanding, because they were certainly
not conventional. The observer "picked" his aircraft on the Laredo
Airbase ramp at exactly 2:00 and shortly thereafter reported the
incident to the proper authority.

AFM comments: AFM believes that it was an aircraft but the
maneuvers were exceptional. (I personally think that this could
have an explanation similar to my above incident, look for a
bright star on the horizon.)

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Z R [REDACTED] /M303M, FLYOBRPT, 7-C1. OBSR IS UNABLE TO DESCRIBE SHAPE OR SIZE OR COLOR OF OBJ. THERE WAS ONE OBJ OF UNDETERMINABLE AERO-DYNAMIC FEATURES OR NO EXHAUST OR PROPULSION SYS WAS DISSEMINABLE OR SPEED OF THE OBJ WAS EST TO BE IN EXCESS OF 500 MPH. NO SOUND WAS AUDIBLE OR AND ITS MANEUVERS CONSISTED OF RAPID C OF ALT WHILE IN A GENERAL COUNTER CLOCKWISE ORBIT AROUND LAREDO THE CITY OF LAREDO OR TEXAS AND NEAR LAREDO OR MEXICO PLUS A HEAD-ON PASS AT THE OBSR ACFT AT AN ALT OF 6000 FT AND NO FURTHER THAN 50 YARDS OFF THE OBSR LEFT WC WHEN PASSING. THE MANNER OF DISAPPEARANCE WAS A RAPID FLITTING ASCENT ON A SOUTHERLY HEADING INTO THE ATM UNTIL OUT OF SIGHT. ONE UNUSUAL FEATURE WAS A BLuish COLORED LIGHT

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WHICH CONT TO FLICKER SIMILAR TO THE ARC LIGHT EMITTED BY AN ELEC WLDG IN OPR. THE APPARENT SIZE OF THE LIGHT WAS EST AT APPRX 1/2 THE SIZE OF THE NORMAL GLOW EMITTED BY A PSM LIGHT ON A T-33 TYPE JET ACFT.

2. TIME OF SIGHTING BY THE OBSR WAS APPRX 2048 CEN CMA THE TIME OF THE AGGRESSIVE PASS WAS EXACTLY 2053 CEN AND THE OBJ DISAPPEARED INTO THE ATM AT APPRX 2056 CEN.

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.

4. GEOGRAPHICAL LOC OF OBSR WAS LATITUDE NORTH 27 DEGREES 33 MIN LONGITUDE ~~WEST~~ ^{WEST} 99 DEGREES 27 MIN IN A COUNTER CLOCKWISE ORBIT AROUND LAFB TEX.

5. OBSR IS A 1ST LT IN THE AIR FORCE AND HAS BEEN A RT FLT FOR 8 1/2 YRS.

6. THE SKY COND WAS CLEAR AND THE WINDS AT THE OBSR LEVEL WERE FROM 15 DEGREES AT 25 KNOTS.

7. NONE

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9. OBSR KEPT OBJ IN SIGHT DURING PD OF OBSR MERELY OUT OF CURIOSITY UNTIL OBJ MADE AN AGGRESSIVE HEAD-ON PASS AT THE OBSR WHICH MAY BE



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FROM: (Originator) SPACE ABOVE FOR COMMUNICATIONS CENTER ONLY

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TO: OO LAREDO AFB TEXAS

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FROM: AFOXM-ATIA-12-4-B

Reference your message WOM dated 052110Z Dec 52 FLECHAPT. Request following data be incorporated in AF Form 112 that is required by AF 200-5. If AF Forms 112 are unavailable, the report may be put in letter form.

1. Sketch of track of L-28 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 ^{was} scheduled to be launched at 2100 GMT.
3. Did balloon observers note any aircraft near their balloon?
4. Did tower or other aircraft in the pattern see the light?

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

PLANS/INT
Location: Laredo, Texas
Date: 13 November 1952
Subject: John J. Kilfong, Major, USAF
Date: 28 April 1952

On 4 November 1952 the United States Department of Commerce Weather Bureau located an Laredo Air Force base, southeast of Laredo, Texas, at 2929 hours. The aircraft was seen from the southwest at an altitude of 10,000 feet. The aircraft was seen from the southwest at an altitude of 10,000 feet. The aircraft was seen from the southwest at an altitude of 10,000 feet.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

John J. Kilfong
Major, USAF
Date: 28 April 1952

1. Name of subject to flight path
2. Location
3. Date of observation

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

Location: Laredo Air Force Base, Texas
Date: 13 November 1952
Subject: John J. Kilfong, Major, USAF
Date: 28 April 1952

1. On the night of 4 November 1952, Lt. Col. Robert D. Arnold was flying locally in a T-28 type aircraft. The purpose of the flight was to check the engine and landing gear. The aircraft was seen from the southwest at an altitude of 10,000 feet. The aircraft was seen from the southwest at an altitude of 10,000 feet.

2. While enroute for production from the tower to land, Lt. Arnold observed the aircraft in a southerly direction and observed the jet aircraft in the pattern and landing from an altitude of 6000'. After approximately 15 minutes of holding aloft, Lt. Arnold observed the aircraft in a southerly direction and observed the jet aircraft in the pattern and landing from an altitude of 6000'.

3. At this point, Lt. Arnold observed the jet aircraft in the pattern and landing from an altitude of 6000'. The aircraft was seen from the southwest at an altitude of 10,000 feet. The aircraft was seen from the southwest at an altitude of 10,000 feet.

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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, glimmering Swedish light of which the observer was able to track its flight path. The color of the light was dimmed by the obscurity of approximately 1/2 the size of the glow emitted by a search provision light on a C-119 type aircraft. The speed was estimated to be in excess of 500 MPH, and the maneuver, which consisted simply of rapid climbing, evasive and erratic, was unusually unorthodox because they were certainly not conventional.

5. The observer passed his aircraft on the Lower Air Force base ring at exactly 2055 and thereby inadvertently reported the incident to the proper authority.

6. Details of observer's flight path and the object's flight path is attached.

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Visual report
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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 2320Z. 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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FTR INTCP SQ GOOSE BAY AB LABRADOR
FOR YOUR INFO:

"CIRVIS CONFIRM, UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT
SIGHTED GOOSE BAY AREA AT 232156Z 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 SCI 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-129, 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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AIRCRAFT NO. 436. DETAILED REPORT FOLLOWS."
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NECIN 17856 FOR ATIAA-2C UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT VISUALLY SIGHTED
GOOSE BAY AREA 9325N/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 MAINTAINED SAME DISTANCE FROM F94B OTHER
AIRCRAFT IN AREA C-124 C-47 DC-3 AND CANADIAN NORTHSTAR
26/2045Z NOV JEXC

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HEADQUARTERS
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AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE OHIO



REF ID: A718 07
TO: TD-E1a/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.

67-1271
VINCENT D. BRYANT
Defensive Electronics Branch
TD-E1a

1. The first thing I noticed when I stepped out of the plane was the humidity. It was a relief after the dry air of the desert. I was in the Gulf of Mexico, and the humidity was just what I needed.

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OVER # 10
 5 December 1958

OFF Coast of Louisiana

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On the return leg from Florida to Galveston, Texas, heading station, natural ship
 markings from all directions on the Louisiana coast were noted. To check against
 my navigator's estimate, I requested the cockpit window to turn on the scope, which
 had been off from 30 miles E of Tampa, and see if it could pick up the coast lights on
 the 200 mile range. After the gun was on for a sufficient time to warm up, I was given
 permission to turn up the brightness on the sea, scope, and both engine order and I
 checked for coastline returns and found none. At this time the gun had not be
 illuminated. My navigation then was estimated from the scope for a period of time.
 At 0945 our scope failed due to my attention to the scope and I first got a small bright
 blip return, approximately 4, with no specific grouping was a radar beam transmitted,
 Azimuth Stabilization was on. As the scope returned one revolution, the blip moved 80
 across the scope scope then one scope return. Radar ceased in time time to had 30-mile
 range for indicating a movement of 12-15 miles. With each successive revolution, the
 blip continued on to a point 15-20 miles from the ship at a bearing of 70 deg and then
 out of the scope. At 1000 Radar gave the Instructor Flight Engineer the time and
 distance which was compared at 1000 mph. These groupings of blips occurred for
 about 5 minutes but blips were rechecked. During this period, student Navigator and
 Instructor Radio viewed the sea, scope and confirmed my observations. At this time I
 asked for Radar to illuminate his set to eliminate any possibility of malfunction. He
 got this quickly and was in contact the scope when scope the blip reappeared moving
 80 across the scope. I could not see separate blip break and position in relation
 to the 2/0 by the clock system over interchanges of the ship and as they passed at 5
 o'clock, the Instructor Engineer slightly on a high-bright mine flow go from coast

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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 ~~gms~~ group of blips after the scope was calibrated were noted, after moving from 330 deg to 170 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.

All possibilities were checked for known aerial phenomena with negative results.

Conclusion:

Unknown

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

6 Dec 57

LOCATION

(Off Coast of Ia)

CONCLUSION

- 1. Aerial view
- 2. Radar
- 3. Visual

1. *100000*

2. Ground Visual

3. Radar

- 4. Was A/C hit
- 5. Possibly A/C lost
- 6. Post-Mort A/C craft

2. *100000*

7. Aerial Visual

8. Aerial Intercept Radar

- 9. Was Astronomical
- 10. Possibly Astronomical
- 11. Was Astronomical

3. *100000*

4. SOURCE

AP a/c crew

5. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

6. COURSE

RADAR ANALYSIS

10 min

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COMMENTS

1. Dist. white flashes of light seen. Radar scope of a/c detected 25 targets in period of 10 min. Subject were est to be 25 miles from a/c at 12,000' alt, on approx 120° heading moving very fast in a straight line. No interception was attempted by a/c.

See RADAR ANALYSIS

MENZEL

DECEMBER 6, 1962

6 December, 1962. On the return leg from Florida to Galveston, Texas ~~INCOM~~ 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 0545 central standard time on 6 December 1962, radar called for my attention to this scope and I first noted small bright blips, returns, approximately 6, 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 was at 50-mile range on; indicating a movement of 13-14 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 part of the scope. At 100 degrees radar gave the instructor flight engineer the time and distance, which was computed as over 5,000 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

Dayton-VII-38
DMM

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 ground A/C
by the cook system over latitudes of the ship and as they passed
at 5 O'CLOCK the instructed engine... of fine-bright
white flame go - from front to rear... contact was
broken off at 0800 after a gust of... surged into a 1/2-inch
curved arc about 30 miles from... 180 degrees and
proceeded across the scopes and off it at a constant speed of over
9,000 miles per hour. At all times during the contact the aircraft
was level and stable, the weather was cloudy and a cloud in the
sky, and visibility was excellent. There was a... giving
excellent water reflection. The aircraft was flying long-cruise at
the time. Radar checked the blips at all... angles, full
up and down, and didn't keep... The scanning
antenna was pointed down the scope of... the scope was
calibrated over a... in 180 degree
across the scope, up and down...
approximately... for approximately
10 seconds and... facilities were
checked for... results. Conclusion:
Unknown. The... the following
statements... as to
proceeding... are certain
that... sightings
are... the true heading of
the... of the unidentified
object... was 180 degrees. (Check
also for...)

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evidence but comments that the Geminiid 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 "Tremonten 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 subre-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. Converging 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,

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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SAFOI 3d Tacker/mnb/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

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A.F.

94 St. Ambrose St.,
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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 PFI) 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 F.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 spaceships leads to absurd conclusions.

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 18 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's just another unidentified flying object."

WNC:DG

Yours sincerely,

W. M. Cameron, Chairman,
Observers Group,
Ottawa Centre, R.A.S.C.

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TO JEPHQ/DIR OF HIC, HQ USAF

JOINT MESSAGEFORM

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FROM: (Original)

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TO: **CG RANDOLPH AF BASE RANDOLPH FIELD TEXAS**

INFO:

FROM: **AFGCM-ATIAA-10-6-E**

ATIAA-5

Reference your Flycopy dated 6 Dec 58 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) Recreate 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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OFFICIAL TITLE

ROBERT E. KENNEDY, MAJOR, USAF

AIR ADJUTANT GENERAL

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FORM 1 OCT 49

REPLACES HNF FORM 115, 1 MAY 54 WHICH MAY BE USED.

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TO CG ARIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

REPORT NO. 3520 FLX THO WO (10) MAPS, THE	DATE MTRC 12-16-54	PAGE 1	OF 1
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1. Report did not reach Intelligence Agency until 9 December 1954. At this time Lt. L. Reed of Group Intelligence Interrogated the crew members who made the sightings.
2. Interrogation revealed the objects to be oval shaped and about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in length on radar scope and visually as blue-white flashes of light with no discernible shape.
3. 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 flashing upon disappearance. Speed of object was computed by flight engineer at 340 MPH on basis of information obtained by T.O. Object was at approx. an altitude of 15,000 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 271.6 were sighted during this time. Sightings were made on both the main and aux. scope by T.O., Navigator and Instructor Navigator. Object appeared to cover 1 mile with each group rotation of scope. Each rotation is of 2 1/2 seconds duration.
4. Sighting was at 2305 GMT, 6 December 1954.
5. Observations made by radar on both main and aux. scopes and visually from right waist blister of 1-09 working at 204 I at approximate altitude of 20,000 ft. A/B was at coordinates 20°20'N - 157°30'W on a true heading 115°.
6. A/B personnel who reported sightings were 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.
7. Weather was CATV. No wind. Temperature 15° C. It is not known whether there was any activity or condition, meteorological or otherwise, which would account for the sighting.
8. There is no physical evidence of sighting.
9. No attempt was made to retace A/B track or otherwise intercept object.
10. No other aircraft were observed in area at time of sighting.

COMMENTS OF REPORTING OFFICER:

11. 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 indicative and of little confirmatory value.


 JAMES R. SHEFFIELD
 MAJOR USAF
 Wing Operations Officer

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RAFO TEXAS 1

Appearance as viewed from Range Base
 Line Range - 20000
 at 140000 2 1/2 mi from Scope Center
 at 20000 1/2 mi from Scope Center
 1 Sweep Rotation = 2 1/4 Sec.

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2000 FLY TWO (NO) RAY, TEX. 1

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I, W/pt Powell, L. R. of 2000000, do hereby state:

At approximately 11:15 A.M. an observation was made over the lake, to the effect that several objects were appearing on the water surface.

At the time of this observation I was following the standard standard instructions at that position.

The water operator aimed the objects (about four or five were claimed) and called the time to my aid. I computed the air speed of the objects to average 140 knots which per hour.

While during the period 11:15 A.M. and 11:30 A.M., the water operator reported the objects to be passing at "Three o'clock". Upon looking out the window, I saw a blimp-like object (small) from to rear and disappear under the sky.


 L. R. POWELL
 W/PT
 AF 2000000

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SECRET

I, S/A Robert, Robert J., DO 2225420, do hereby state:

The Leadletter Navigator was looking at the radar scope at the time the unidentified objects appeared. I looked over his shoulder 3 or 4 times to look at them and I saw about 1 or 2 of the objects on the scope each time. The objects moved about 1 mile every time the scope was brought. The sweep rate is complete revolution every 20 seconds. One object was directly toward the center of the scope and then disappeared.

Robert J. Eckert

REPORT OF S/A ROBERT
 2/12 1954
 AIRCRAFT

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

3200 PLE TRO NO (NO) NAME, TYP. *WTRC IP 24-54* *2*

SECRET

I, S/A Robert, William A., DO 2225420, do hereby state:

After the radar operator reported sighting objects in the sky, he reported the objects at approximately 1400. I immediately looked in that position and saw two flashes at approximately 1 minute, which did not clear during whatsoever. The flash was of a kind which never was the size of a missile or a rocket. When it disappeared, it was very bright and the sky was clear, however, no object toward of the flash was visible.

William A. Eckert
 WILLIAM A. ECKERT
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1. 1/24. 10000, down 10 100000, do notify that:

My observations were made as a result of the instructor Navigator, an unidentified same parasite at certain unidentifiable objects that were moving at various speeds across the radar scope in his position. I had had over 100 hours of flight and was confident about five objects that he mentioned to be something other than birds.

At this time I observed one small, almost round object approaching the cockpit of the scope from an angle estimated at about 90 degrees. After another sweep of the scope, it appeared to be closer to the center of the scope and approaching at 90 degrees. I thought this meant nothing, as this observation was probably the result of an unusual aircraft movement. This, however, was not so as I observed no wake emanating a normal altitude and our altitude was constant. Furthermore, there was no turbulence at any time during this period.

My second observations about ten minutes later was of three objects about 3 inch long and about . they were moving in an easterly direction and were about halfway between center and edge of the scope. Flight conditions stable.

Harold R. Rogers
 NAME of SIGNER
 R/002 1000
 AF 100000

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On 4 December 1968, while flying over the Gulf of Mexico Tampa, Florida, the aircraft commander mentioned transmitting 1000 and I then turned on my radar scope.

I noticed an unidentified object approaching the cockpit of a turbulent rain of speed. I found it to be about 10 to 15 degrees away from the center of the scope and the instructor flight instructor suggested the speed of 1000 mph. I started the entire way to look for the object visually and some flashes of light were visible. The aircraft was about 1000 feet above the ground. I saw about twenty objects in all, sometimes as much as two and three on the scope at one time. I visualized the object and then it was as though the object was small and possibly round with the exception of one very large object shaped as follows:



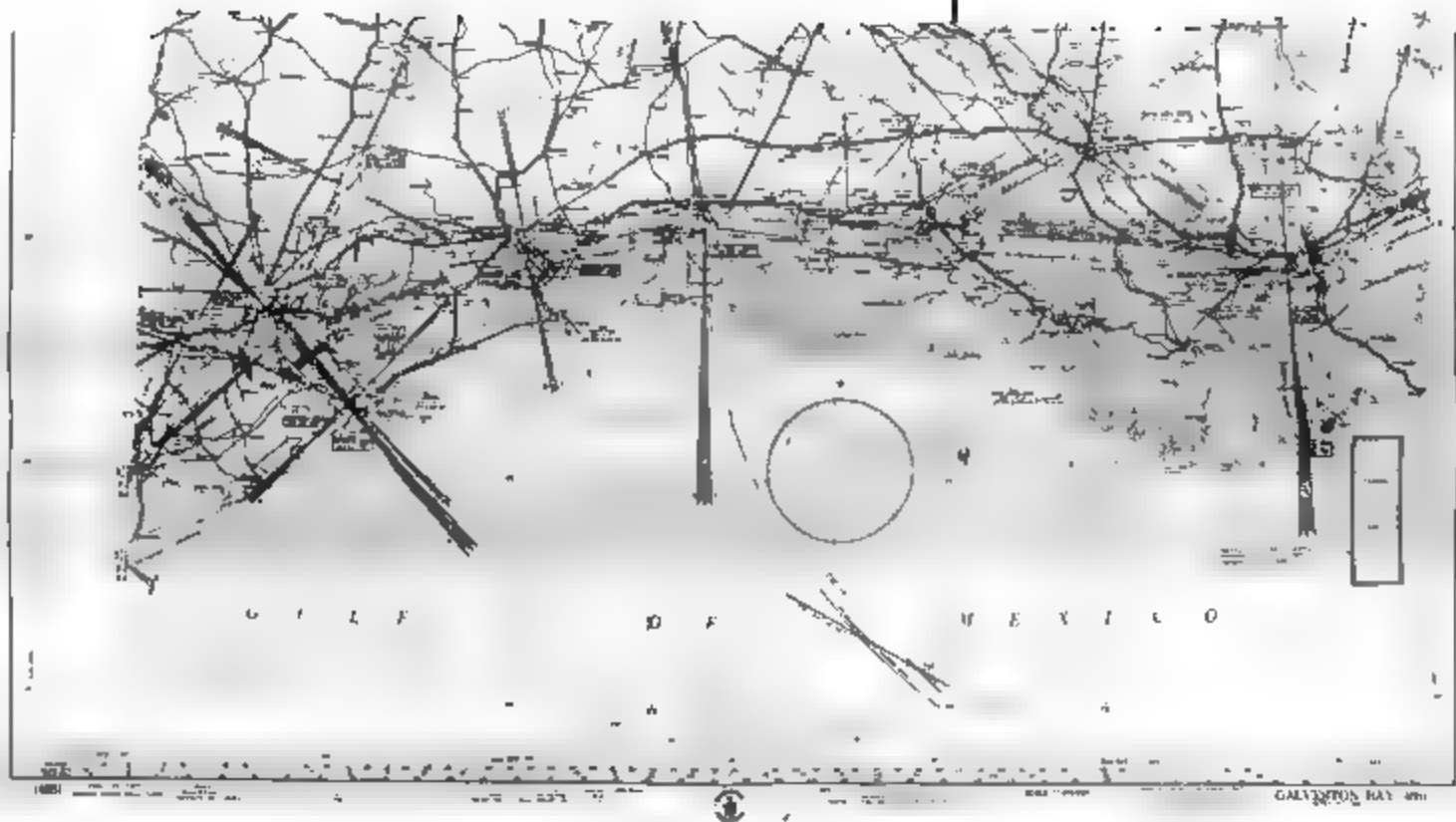
moved as later indicated.

I also noticed a large object come up to within 10 miles of our tailfin behind, and then disappear.

To the best of my knowledge, I believe that this object was real and moved at an extremely high speed and was not a subsonic or supersonic projectile.

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PROJECT JAGS WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE 8 Nov 48	2. LOCATION Gulf of Mexico	3. TIME Local 2230 GMT 2230
4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Night Eye <input type="checkbox"/> Binoculars <input type="checkbox"/> Telescope <input type="checkbox"/> Searchlight	<input type="checkbox"/> No
5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY OTHERS? <i>seen by the radar</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> By One Set <input type="checkbox"/> By Two Sets <input type="checkbox"/> By Three Sets	<input type="checkbox"/> No
6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> I/O Observed Object <input type="checkbox"/> Interception Attempted <input type="checkbox"/> No Interception Attempted	<input type="checkbox"/> No
7. WAS AIRCRAFT IDENTIFIED BY INTERCEPTOR?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> I/O Scrutinized <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Contact Made <input type="checkbox"/> A/T Contact Made <input type="checkbox"/> By Contact Made	<input type="checkbox"/> No
8. WAS OBJECT CLASSIFIED BY THE INTERCEPTOR?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Normal <input type="checkbox"/> Fighter	<input type="checkbox"/> No
9. IF OBJECT WAS A "WALKER" WAS IT:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steady <input type="checkbox"/> Steady	
10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT:	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-15 Seconds <input type="checkbox"/> 1-5 Minutes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Over 10 Minutes	
11. REPORTING OFFICE (Full Number and Mailing Address)	6 Randolph H.B. Tex.	

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. DID ANY ASTRONOMICAL OBJECTS APPEAR TO BE MOVING? <i>NI</i>		
13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO BEH A STAR?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> No
14. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO BE UNIDENTIFIED?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> No
15. TIME OF OBSERVATION RELATIVE TO PHASE OF MOON (Data From Air Almanac)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Night <input type="checkbox"/> Day <input type="checkbox"/> Sunrise <input type="checkbox"/> Sunset	

III. AIRCRAFT DATA

17. WAS AIRCRAFT POWERED BY JET?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> One Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> More Than One Aircraft	<input type="checkbox"/> No
18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> No
19. WAS THERE ANY INDICATION OF HIGH PERFORMANCE MANEUVERING?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> No
20. WAS THE AIRCRAFT SIGHTED ABOVE SEA LEVEL?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> No

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

at 515 ...

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)
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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? _____)			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		<input type="checkbox"/> No
6. _____ NOTED IN AREA? (If yes, at what quadrant? _____)			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		<input type="checkbox"/> No
7. CLOUD COVER: _____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet.				8. VISIBILITY WAS _____ MILES.	
9. COMMENTS: No and CAUV					

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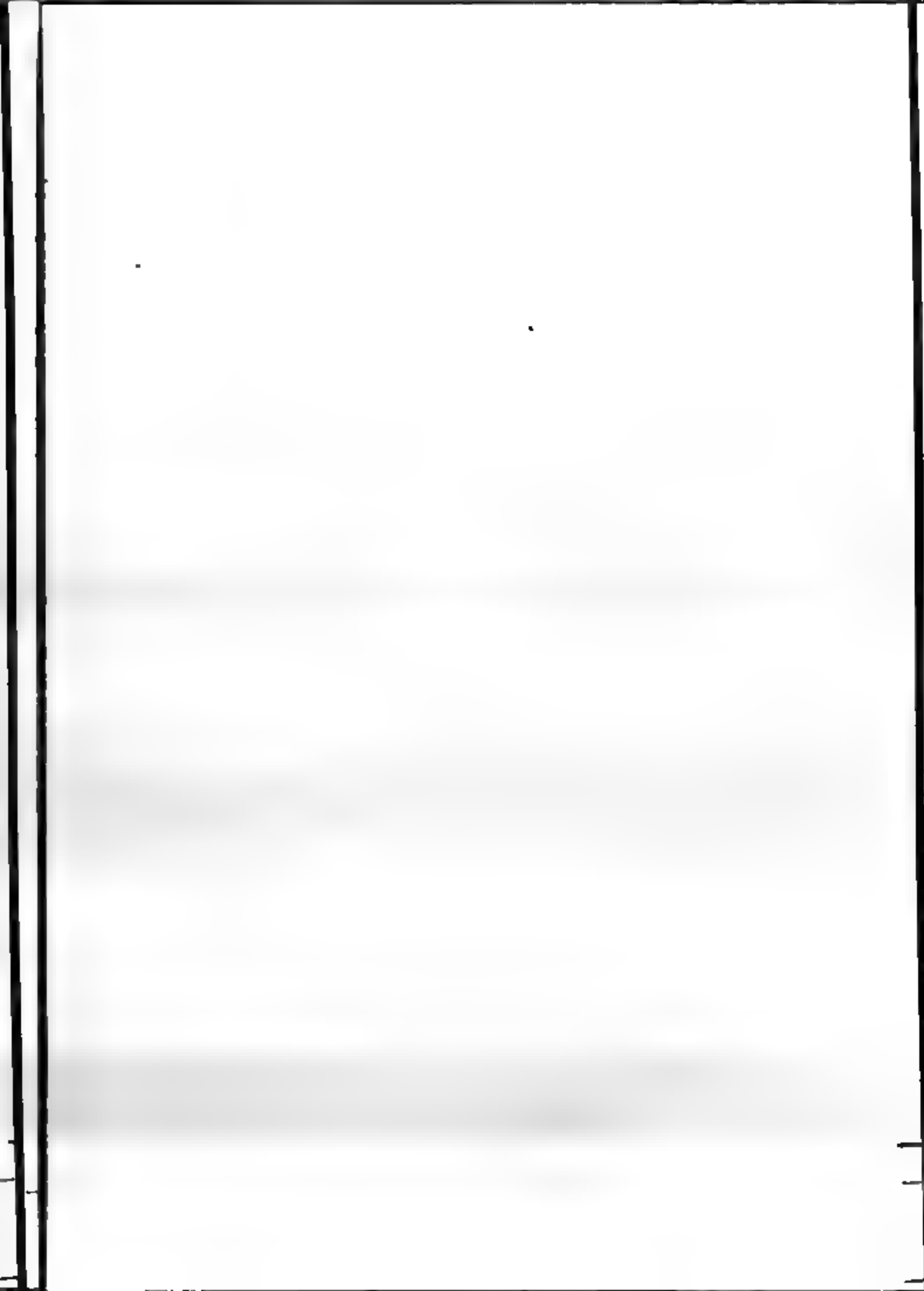
24 March 1964

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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 on mythical saucers. Just good, honest, man-in-the-street observation.

Pittsburgh, Pa. **ANTIMETH**
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*On the subject of
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[Signature]

ATIC
1587 Union Street
Brooklyn 13, New York
March 16, 1959

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. 83-59 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 -
I have to acknowledge your letter of 16 Mar. 1959
concerning unidentified flying objects, particularly an observation
made by the crew of the Monon Railroad freight train #91 on Oct. 3, 1958.
The United States Air Force has no
record of this sighting.
Sincerely,
LPT

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ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION		TELEPHONE 74966	

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Replaces DA AGO Form 88, 1 Apr 54, and AFHQ Form 12, 10 Nov 52, which may be used.

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			Brooklyn, NY
REMARKS			
Larry- We have had no report, either official or unofficial, of the incident in Indiana.			
FROM NAME OR TITLE	Ted Nicott <i>TN</i>	DATE	1 APR 59
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the dispatchers office in Lafayette, where the train radio signals are monitored, and Bunker Hill) has

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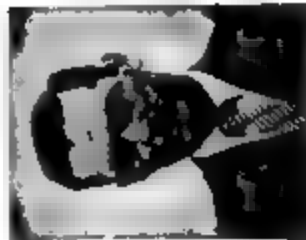
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UFOs SERIOUS BUSINESS

(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 APR 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.



Coal bridge, Brown on No. 97, one of train crew who watched UFO's. He is a former Air Force man with 400 hours of heavy bomber time and knows what planes look like. We see planes every night, lots of them," bridge in fact. "They were an airplane"

UFO BUZZES TRAIN

The Crew of Monon No. 91 had strange company on their way to Indianapolis—four conspicuous, curious UFO's.

By Frank Edwards

WITNESSES IN Danville, Ind., saw the things in the east as they moved 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.

Witnesses near Kokomo saw them as elliptical lighted objects that streaked in from the north at street-level, hovered for a few seconds and then darted away, single file, to the west.

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 Kirilin (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 watching at Frankfort they staved away back up the tracks, just hovered there until we moved on. Then they followed us again. When they finally went away at Kirkton 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 the 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 H. 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 H. Air Force base has installed a special

UFO BUZZES TRAIN

They both of Indianapolis I talked to Robinson and told him what we had seen. During the time we watched their things from Waco to K. A. W. 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 boys also decided not to report these unusual experiences to the Air Force in order to avoid being subjected to ridicule. But Snyder and Robinson felt that the incident deserved to be made known so they contacted the Air Force on Friday night, October 1, 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 low, white 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 light 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.

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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 10 or 20 miles an hour. It was hard to tell a fellow out down) 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 of an airplane would have made. I think they were silent or nearly silent at least.

"They flew over us once after the other but around white thing that looked about the color of fluorocent lights and no buzz around the wheels. They didn't flare and they didn't light up things as they went over. They just came back toward us over the top of the train one after the other. Then they went on down the tracks maybe a short half a mile and seemed to stop.

"Mr. and Mrs. Snows 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 blue headed or not. They were... they're we know that we could see them behind us... they're over the train. Then they went off again from the tracks and went back... and to the east. When they... and up speed their light got a lot brighter.

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of us familiar with planes and with their operations both as a pilot and an observer. We are—all of us on the train. We are planes every night lots of them. These things were not planes!

"About that time the lights were at west. They circled the tracks ahead of the train about a half a mile ahead of us. We estimated. They were moving pretty slowly but at not more than about 10 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 36 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.

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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 31st. We had just pulled past a little spot called Waco. 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 stars but we realized they weren't stars because they were coming—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'—started 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 switched the lights, too.

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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—the 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—we and Sosbey—that they were about 40 feet in diameter and maybe 20 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

Case 1,118

early morn
3 OCT 58

6 April 1959

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,

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

Mr. Herbert S. Taylor
1507 Union Street
Brooklyn 13, New York

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The following was taken from A. 47955, AF 105907.

31 Aug 49

From: District Intelligence Officer
 Eleventh Naval District.

To: Director of Naval Intelligence.

Subject: Flying Objects - Unidentified.

Reference: a. O'I Evaluation Slip (op av-32-NAI-139, #0-15017
 dtd 6 July 1949, same sub).

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.

L. J. Shultz.

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White Sands Proving Ground, ... A. P. 2 -

...ing saucers--or at least mysterious flying "objects"--have been
observed by service personnel at this vital center of America's upper
air research.

... with three men, two senior officers and an enlisted technician,
... reported seeing strange objects in the sky, one as ...
Friday during preparation ...

... all fairness, it must be ... to ... officers and ...
... White Sands scoff at the reports and put them down to ...
weather balloons, dual images in high-powered optical equipment, or pos-
sibly distant planes reflecting sunlight.

Experienced Observers - Yet the men who gave these reports presumably are
familiar with such possibilities and well acquainted with the ...
of balloons and planes and the quixotic results of staring at a fixed
point in the sky for long ...

... officer ... and declared that a ...
a photo theodolite ... to ...
shaped" craft of fantastic ... 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 evorted 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
... as he was tracking the course of a V-2 test
... observation telescope, an instrument that can follow
a ... miles or more.

"I don't know what it was, but I had never seen an ... 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."

... 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 ... UNCLASSIFIED



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DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS
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Last night's object was seen by a soldier of the 1st Cavalry Division. He reported to the unit commander. The observer was looking for a missile firing and scanning the skies through binoculars.

"I don't know what it was, but it came out of the forest in a shallow dive and turned west. So, 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. "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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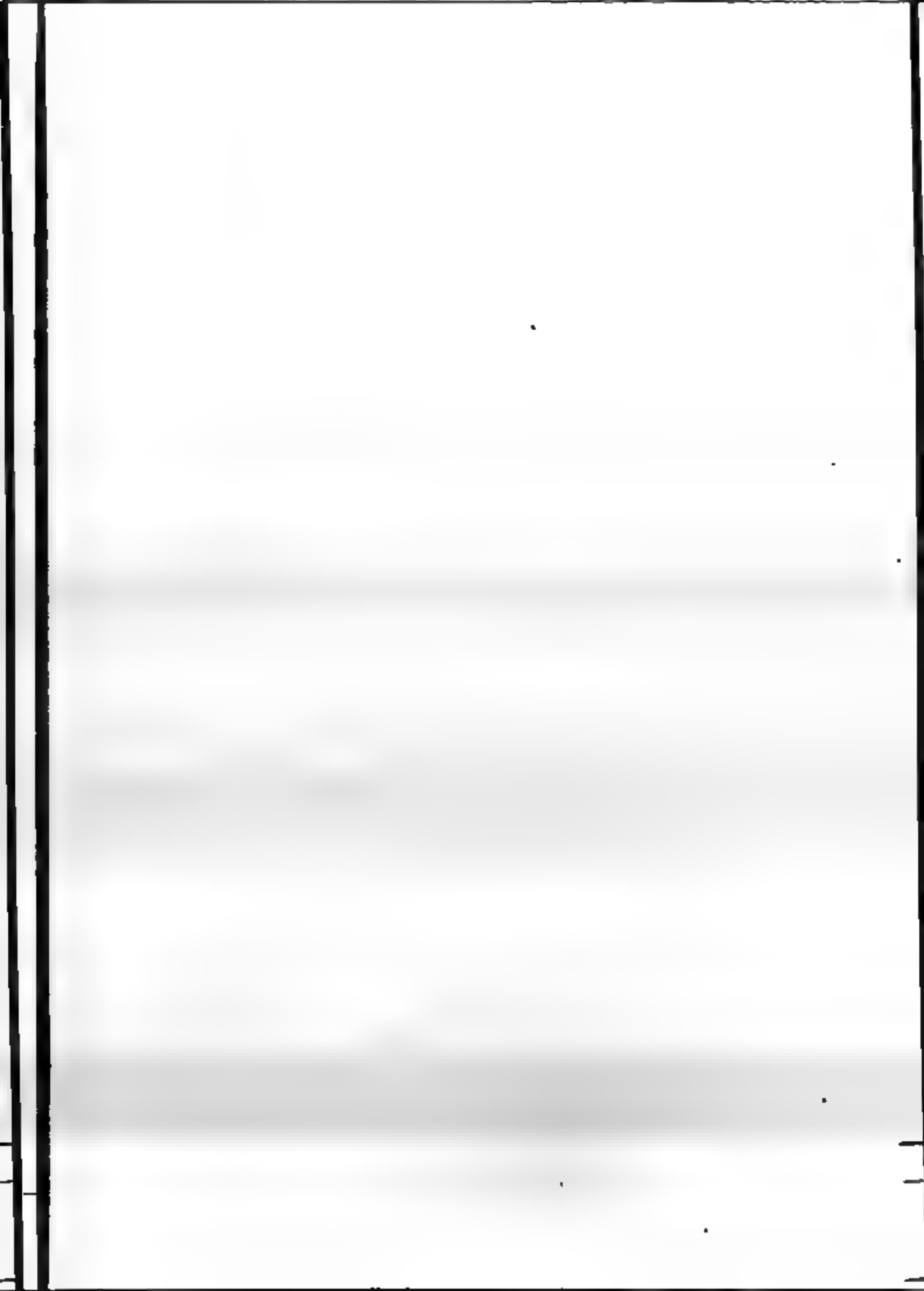
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Charleston N. Va - Atlanta

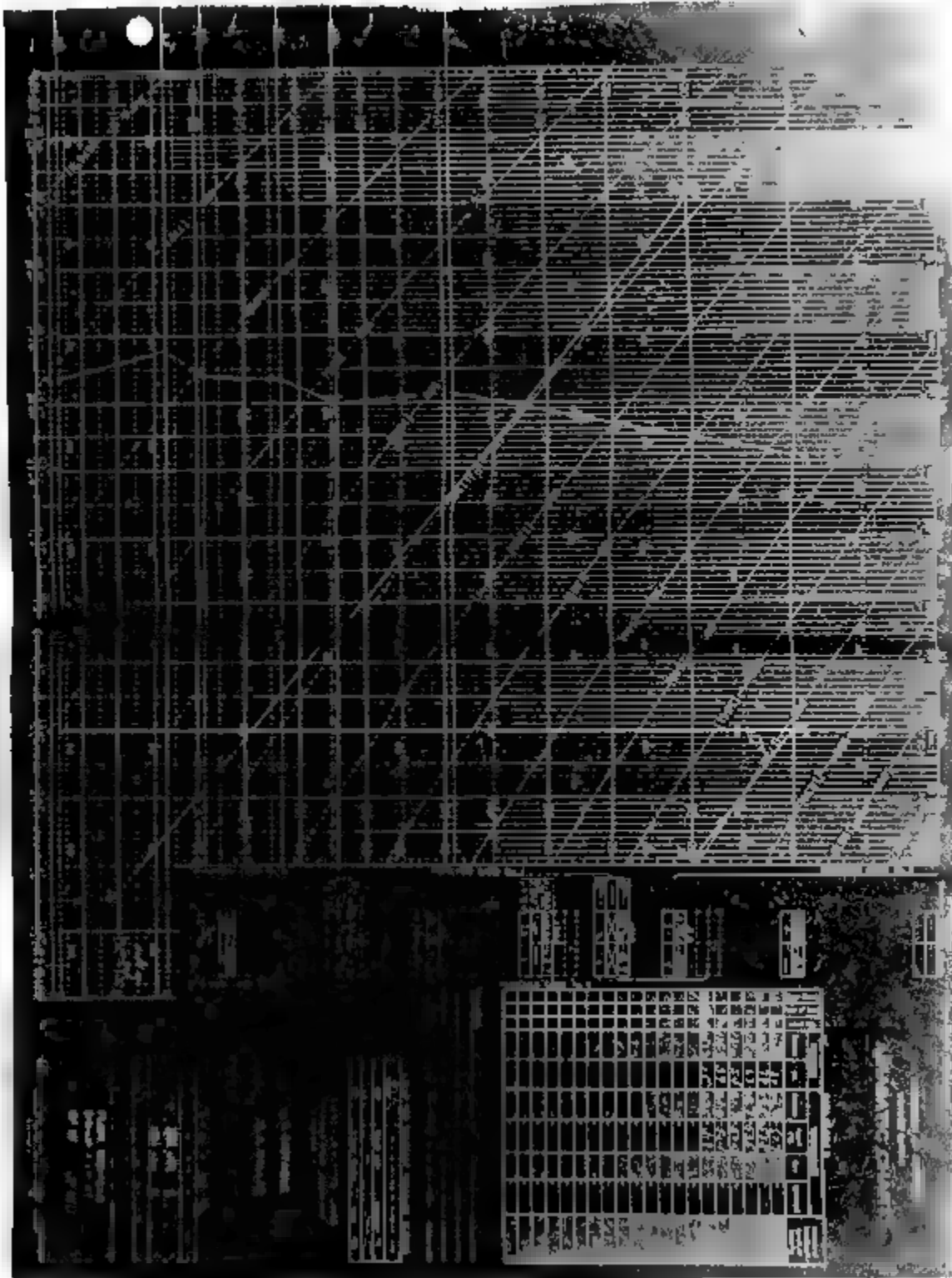
SCIENTISTS WHO HAVE SEEN UFOs

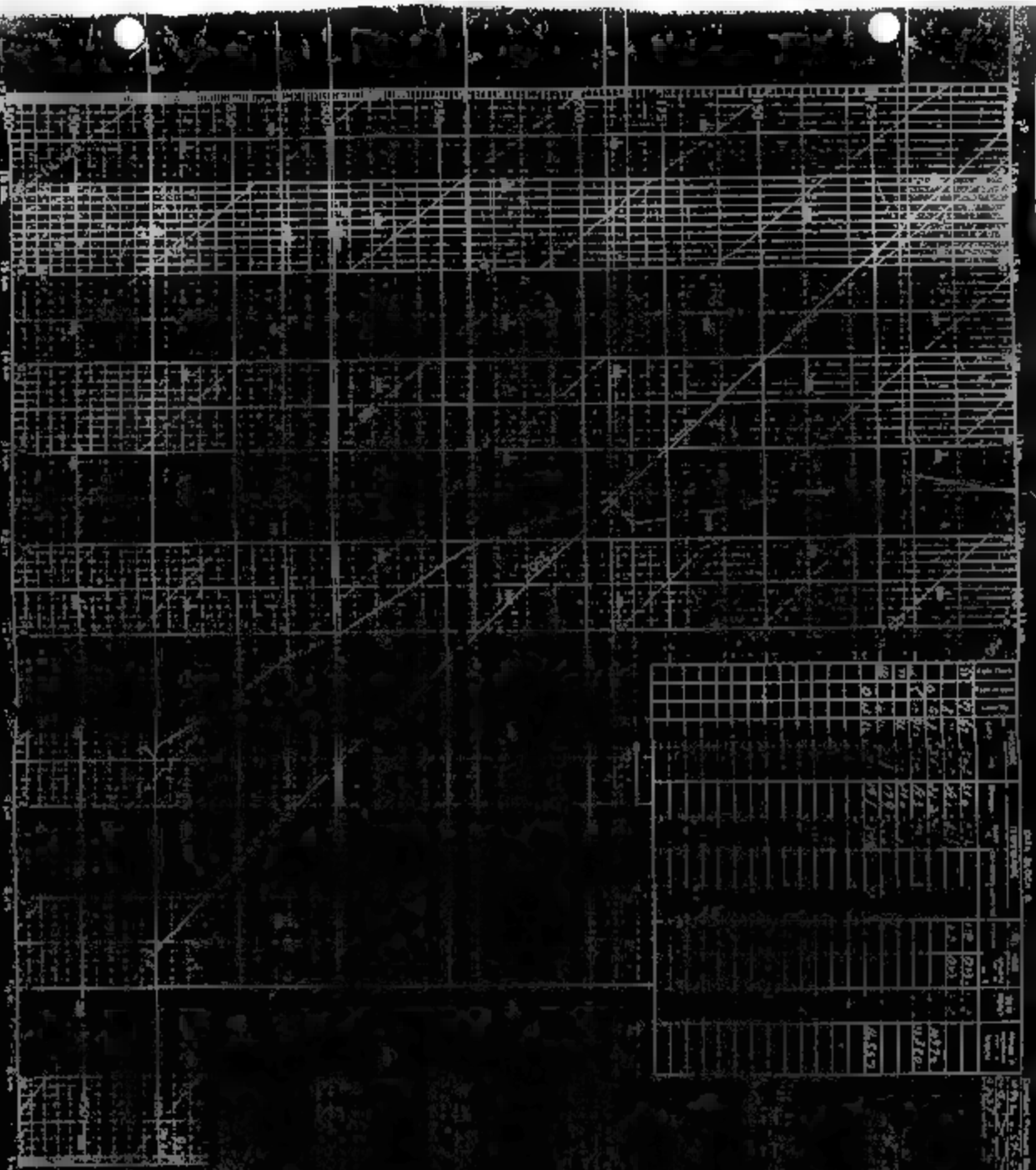
Dr. H. Percy Wilkins, a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, and a top notch authority. (deceased - 1961)

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 hover 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. As 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.









DATA BOOK A

Altitude	Temperature	Pressure	Wind	Clouds	Visibility	Remarks
10000	-55	29.92	000	0	10	
8000	-45	29.52	000	0	10	
6000	-35	29.12	000	0	10	
4000	-25	28.72	000	0	10	
2000	-15	28.32	000	0	10	
1000	-5	27.92	000	0	10	
Sea Level	5	27.52	000	0	10	

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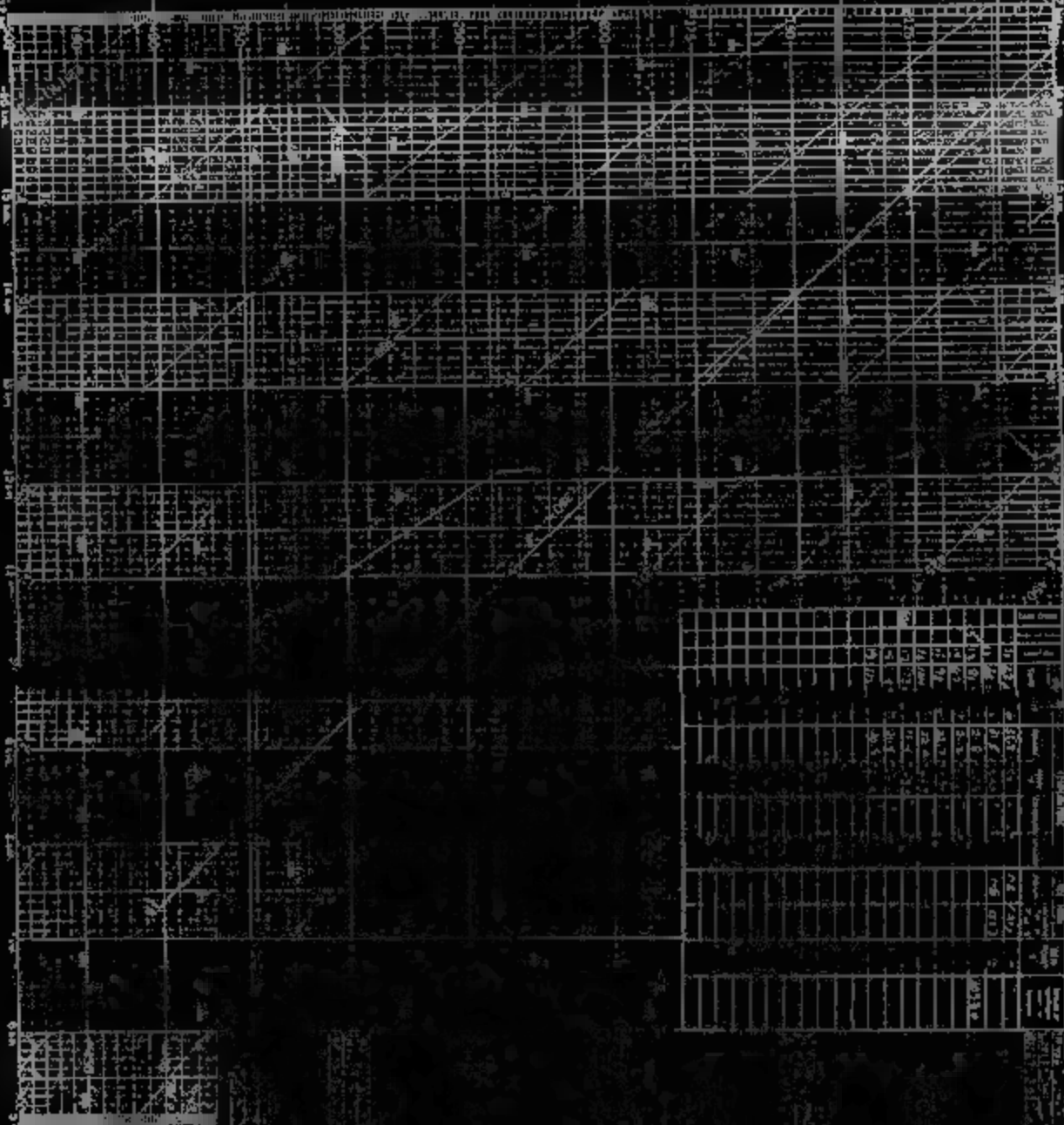
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14.7	520	13.75	128.3	1.70	1.4
10	480	10.0	115.0	1.65	1.4
7.5	450	7.5	105.0	1.60	1.4
5	400	5.0	85.0	1.50	1.4
3	320	3.0	55.0	1.35	1.4
2	240	2.0	35.0	1.25	1.4
1	160	1.0	15.0	1.10	1.4

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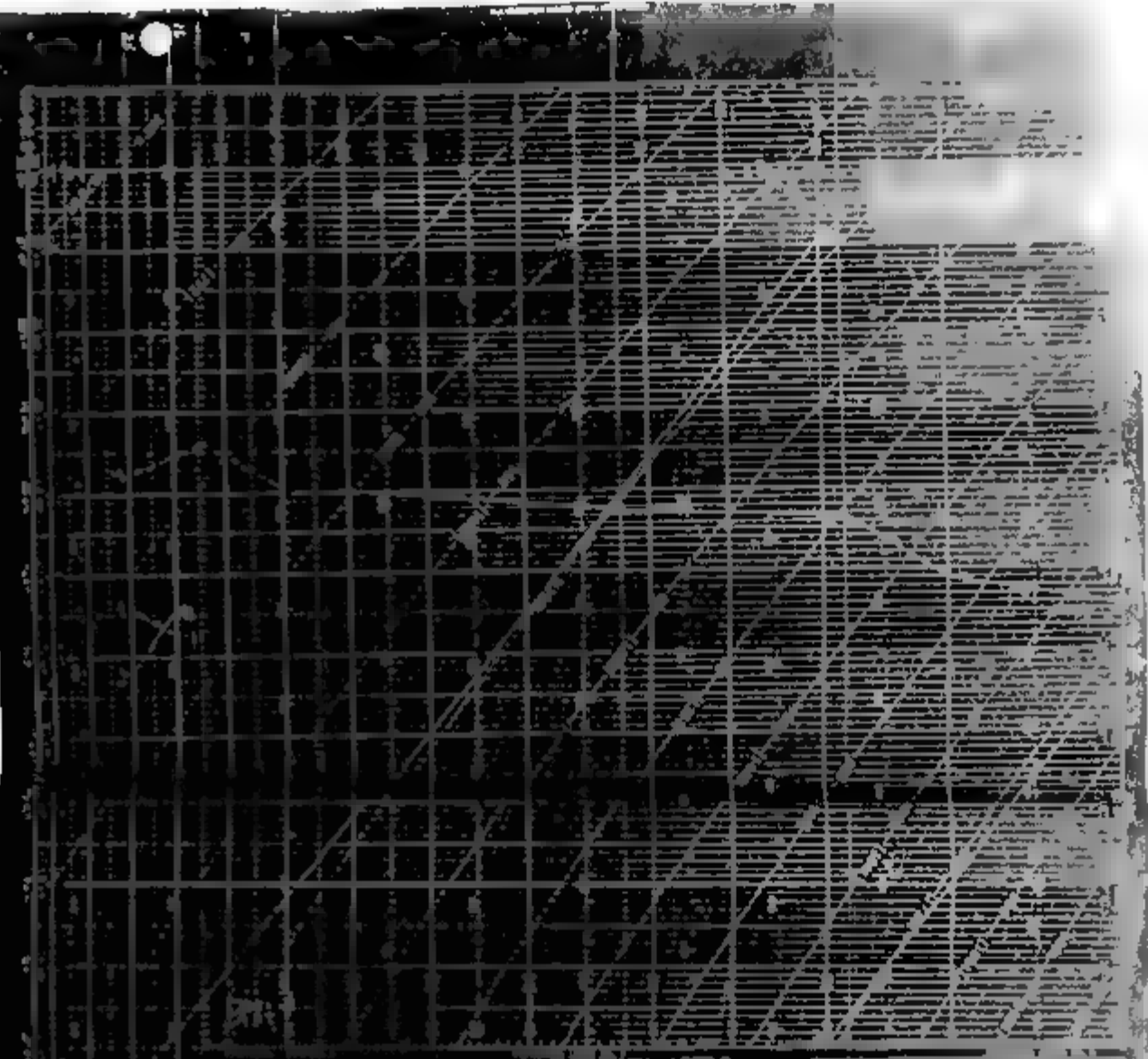
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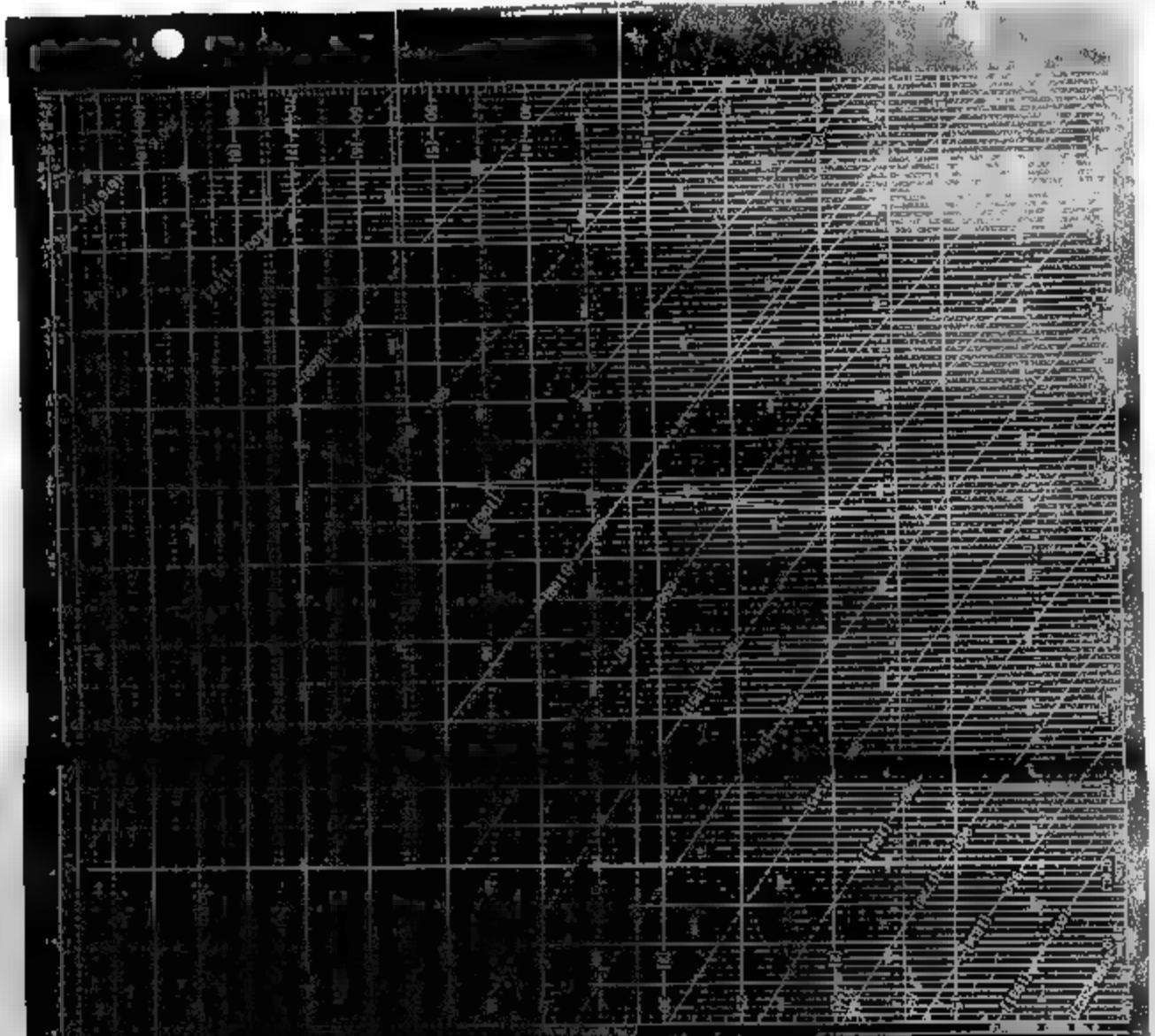
ADIABATIC CHART
 FOR AIR
 (GAS CONSTANT = 53.35 FT-LB/°R-LB)
 (SPECIFIC HEAT RATIO = 1.4)

This chart is for use in conjunction with the
 thermodynamic tables for air published by the
 National Bureau of Standards. The chart is
 based on the assumption that air is a perfect
 gas with a constant specific heat ratio of 1.4.
 The values of the thermodynamic properties
 are given in the tables and on the chart.
 The chart is used to determine the
 thermodynamic properties of air at any
 state, given any two of the properties
 pressure, temperature, volume, enthalpy,
 and entropy.

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Category	Value 1	Value 2	Value 3	Value 4	Value 5	Value 6	Value 7	Value 8	Value 9	Value 10
1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0
2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1
3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2
4	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3
5	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4
6	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5
7	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6
8	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7
9	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.8
10	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9



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91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

Item	Quantity	Unit	Value	Total
1	10	kg	100	1000
2	5	kg	50	500
3	2	kg	20	200
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DAEWON CHEM

425 July 1961

RECORDED COPY - A.A. 3 July 1961 At 10:15 p.m., on July Fourth, Ernie Stedves, owner-operator of Stedves 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 120 degrees azimuth (ZNY) 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 GIFFON member) doesn't say whether Stedves 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 action for a first magnitude star to perform.

RECORDED COPY 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 is a 17-year old girl in Westlake, Ohio reported seeing a red-orange object at 10:15 pm; Air object was picked up on radar at the Cleveland Hopkins Airport tower at about the same time as Stedves saw the greenish object.

The most important item was a statement given to the US Research Committee (who sent the data to us) by Mr. Stedves 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 suggestion that (we) saw a refraction of the star Capella was strictly a gutting for 'strews' 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 phenomenon. 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 newsmen 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 newsmen 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 $\frac{1}{2}$ deg C
From 10,500 up Normal

4 July 1961
7,800 to 8,100 Warmed up from $\frac{1}{3}$ deg C to $\frac{1}{4}$ deg C
Other altitudes Normal

5 July, 1961 Normal all altitudes.

6 July 1961
7,800 to 8,100 Warmed up from $\frac{1}{3}$ deg C to $\frac{1}{4}$ 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

POPOWICH

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 Friedd. 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 -

ERNE STADUAC REPUBLIC - 3-6241

PILOT - STADUAC AVIATION COMPANY

4 JULY 1961.

(MR STADUAC CHECKING OUR OBJECT ON 7 JULY 1961).

5000' ALT N.W. HEADING 335°

HAZE - 8000 10-12 MILES. VIB.

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' 17 MILES S.E. CLEVELAND

HAZE 7000 10-12 MILES VIB

CLEU - 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
CAYDE SKELTON - PRIVATE PILOT

HARLOW BOWERS - STUDENT PILOT

101 Long Lake Blvd.
Akron 19, Ohio
October 5, 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 19 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 Kiefer
Tom Kiefer

*Atmospheric refraction of a star -
probably Alpha Auriga (Capella) -
E.H.H.*

20 October 1961

I have your letter of October 6th concerning the Akron sighting of July 7th.

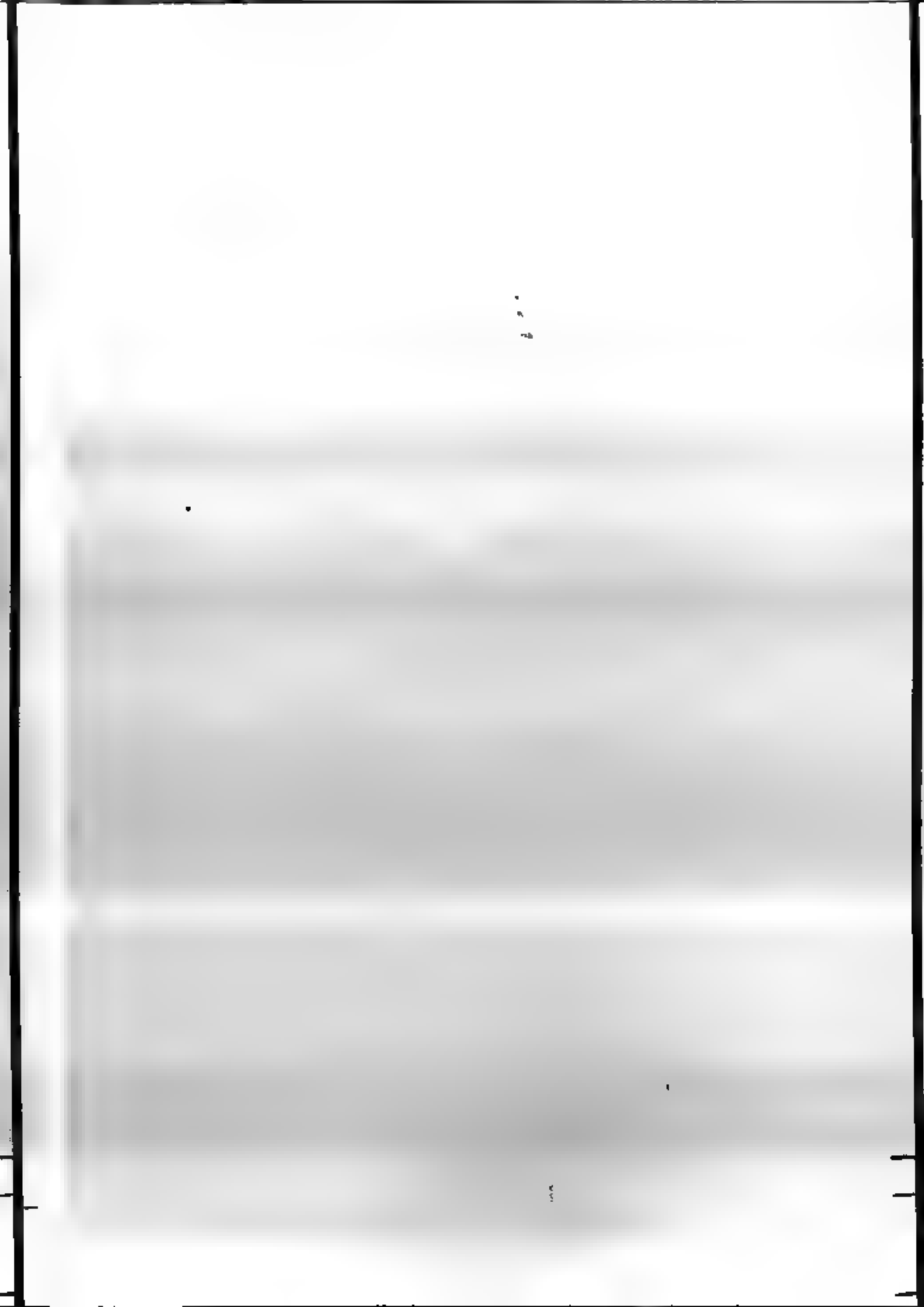
The conclusion on this case was that Mr. Stedree and others probably witnessed an atmospheric refraction of the star Alpha Auriga (Capella). About a month ago I was returning from St. Louis in a two-engine jet at night, flying at 29,000 feet. In the rear seat I had a veteran pilot (jet) who has logged 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 give 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 Star chart (Jan 61) is enclosed.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM F. O'NEILL, JR.
Major, USAF
WFO Project Officer
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. Tom Knifor
101 Long Lake Blvd.
Akron 19, Ohio



July 10, 1961
101 Long Lake Blvd.
Akron 19, Ohio

H-5 Jul 61
OHIO 69216

Dear Col. Knight

On both the fourth and the fifth of July of this year Akronite Ernie Stadvec saw a so-called UFO. This sighting received both radio and newspaper coverage.

Yesterday a friend told me that he had heard on a radio newscast that the Air Force released a statement concerning the sighting.

The Air Force said that Mr. Stadvec had seen the refraction of the star Capella. Since I did not hear the newscast concerning the Air Force's statement could you tell me if this is right. If it was, could you please tell me who arrived at this answer for the Air Force.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

Tom Keifer

Tom Keifer

Keifer

2 June 1964

28 July 1964

Dear Mr. Knight:

Your letter of July 16th to Colonel Knight has been referred to this office.

The investigation of the sighting near Akron has not been completed and as Mr. Tocco's conclusions apparently cannot yet be reached. This investigation, being conducted by the Foreign National Intelligence Center at Wright Patterson AFB, cannot be completed until complete weather data is received - a period of 60 days from additional weather data.

Early indications are that this sighting could be a refueling of the Star Capella, but as definite information can be made until the entire, detailed investigation is completed.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM F. KEIFER, JR.
Major, USAF
AFS Project Officer
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. The Editor
101 Long Lake Blvd.
Akron 19, Ohio

Jul 10, 1964
101 Long Lake Blvd.
Akron 19, Ohio

Dear Col. Knight

On both the fourth and the fifth of July of this year Airman Wade Goodwin saw a so-called UFO. This sighting received both radio and newspaper coverage.

Yesterday's friends told me that he had heard on a radio newscast that the Air Force released a statement concerning the sighting.

The Air Force said that Mr. Goodwin had seen the reflection of the star Capella. Since I did not hear the newscast concerning the Air Force's statement could you call me if this is right. If it was, could you please tell me who arrived at this answer for the Air Force.
Thank you.

Yours truly

W. F. Keifer, Jr.

Major USAF

to file

8 June 1961

18 July 1961

Dear Mr. Seifer:

Your letter of July 10th to Colonel Knight has been referred to this office.

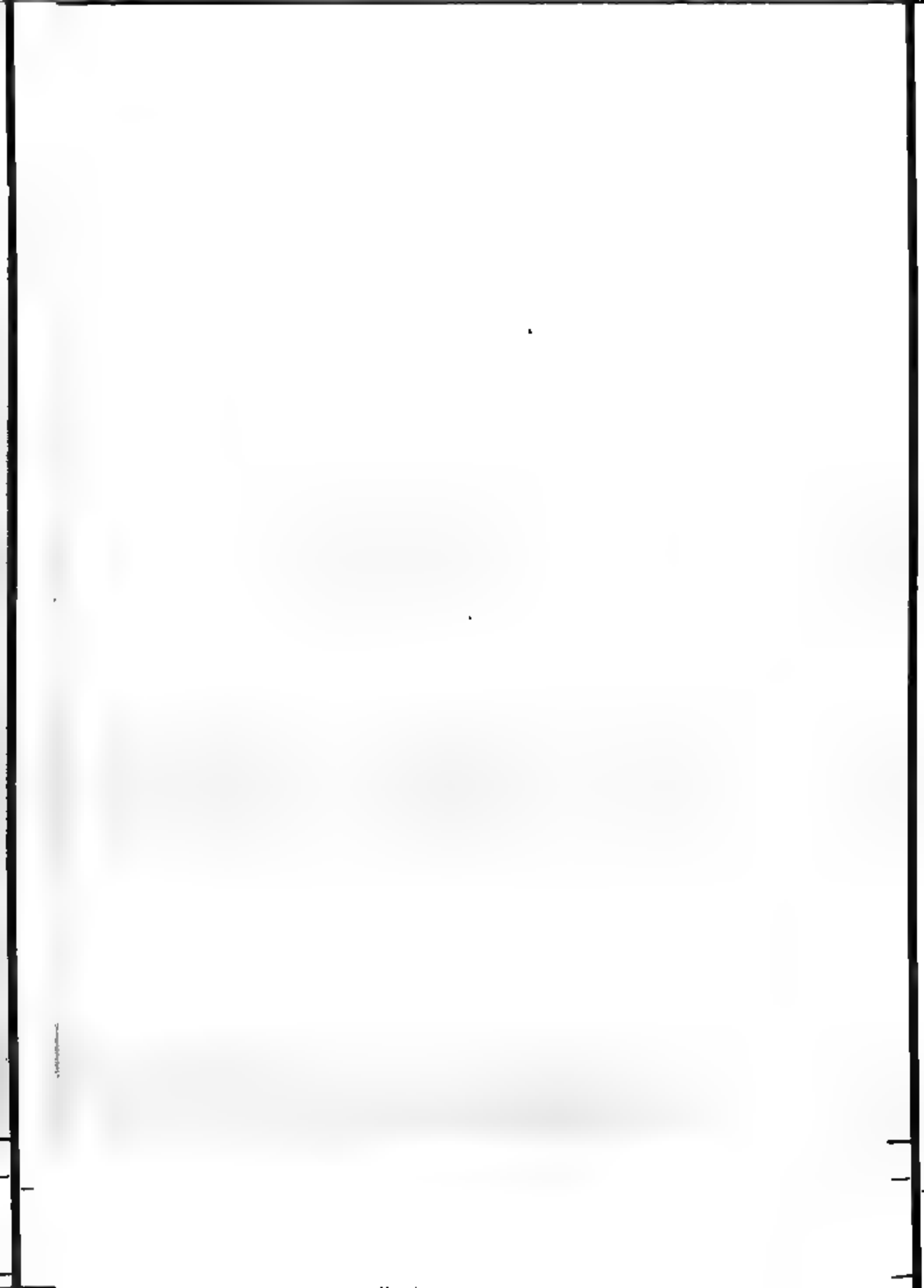
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WILLIAM T. COLEMAN, JR.
Major, USAF
UFO Project Officer
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. Tom Seifer
101 Long Lake Boulevard
Akron 19, Ohio



Over City Two Nights

Akron Flier Sights Mystery Object

A veteran Akron flier has reported spotting an unidentified flying object on successive nights over Akron this week.

Ernie Stader, operator of Stader Aviation Inc. and a former World War II pilot, described "a brilliant green and white object" which he saw as he flew over Akron Tuesday and Wednesday nights. He said a flight Thursday night "he suspected" he could get another look at whatever it was "before it was" turned up.

Friday, July 1, 1951

Ernie Is Sure He Saw 'Object'

By WALTER WOODRUFF

Ernie Stader, operator of Stader Aviation Inc., is so sure of his sighting of a mysterious flying object that he is willing to bet \$100 that he saw it. He said he was flying over Akron Tuesday and Wednesday nights and saw a "brilliant green and white object" which he said he was sure was an unidentified flying object.

The two sightings of the object were reported to the Akron Beacon Journal. Stader said he was flying over Akron Tuesday night and saw the object at about 10:30 p.m. He said he was flying at about 10,000 feet and saw the object at about 10,000 feet.

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Akron Flier Tells of Strange Bright Green Light in Air

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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 WIFE 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. ...

6-20-48 *ORIGINAL COPY 4-5-50-48*
 TWO CLOSE SIGHTINGS BY COMIC 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 Stedee, 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 Stedee 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.

Stedee stated that the object he saw on the night of the 4th was 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 Stedee 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 cosmic investigation group in Akron, Stedee disagreed sharply with Major Friend's explanation of the sightings. Said Stedee: "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, Akron, O. Confirmation of greenish-glowing UFO which former AP bomber pilot Ernie Stedee reported diving at his plane.

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EX-AF PILOT MITS 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 ram 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 reached the airport, however, he was told that they were watching the aircraft which was carrying the four of us to the airport. Tower operators had no explanation as to what it was.

Some of the airport operators' supervisor, John M. Gable, 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, passing 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 "goshing for a cause." He added:

"I have been flying since 1942, and I operate a flying business that requires me 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 pilot 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.

MCAP 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 crossed 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.

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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
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A spelling course that normally took 34 weeks, took only
22 weeks when given to second and sixth graders on a teaching
machine.

7 JULY 1961 THE DAYTON DAILY NEWS
PROBABLY STARLIGHT

Greenish Object Reported In Akron, Checked by AF

Remember this source? The Foreign Technology Division of the Air Force Intelligence Center here is checking out two sightings of unidentified flying objects made last week by an Akron man.

Investigating officers think that one of the sightings was a sighting of a flying saucer. The other was the refraction of a star. But they were not sure until they got data last week from Akron probably by Wednesday.

STADVEK 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. It was the second sighting of the first night about the same time.

Mal Robert Freund of the Technology & Space Agency, Fairport Air Force base, said he thinks Stadvek saw the atmospheric refraction of the first magnitude star Capella.

EVERYTHING in his report points to this Freund said. The first was the first and ever thing else.

Freund added that he does not give any other reports of atmospheric refraction made in the past.

STADVEK said he had never spotted a greenish object that came down from about 2,000 feet in a civilian plane with his plane. He added he did not see it in the sky in the past and stopped again before

showing straight ahead and disappearing.

Stadvek is a World War II pilot and he would not identify the object.

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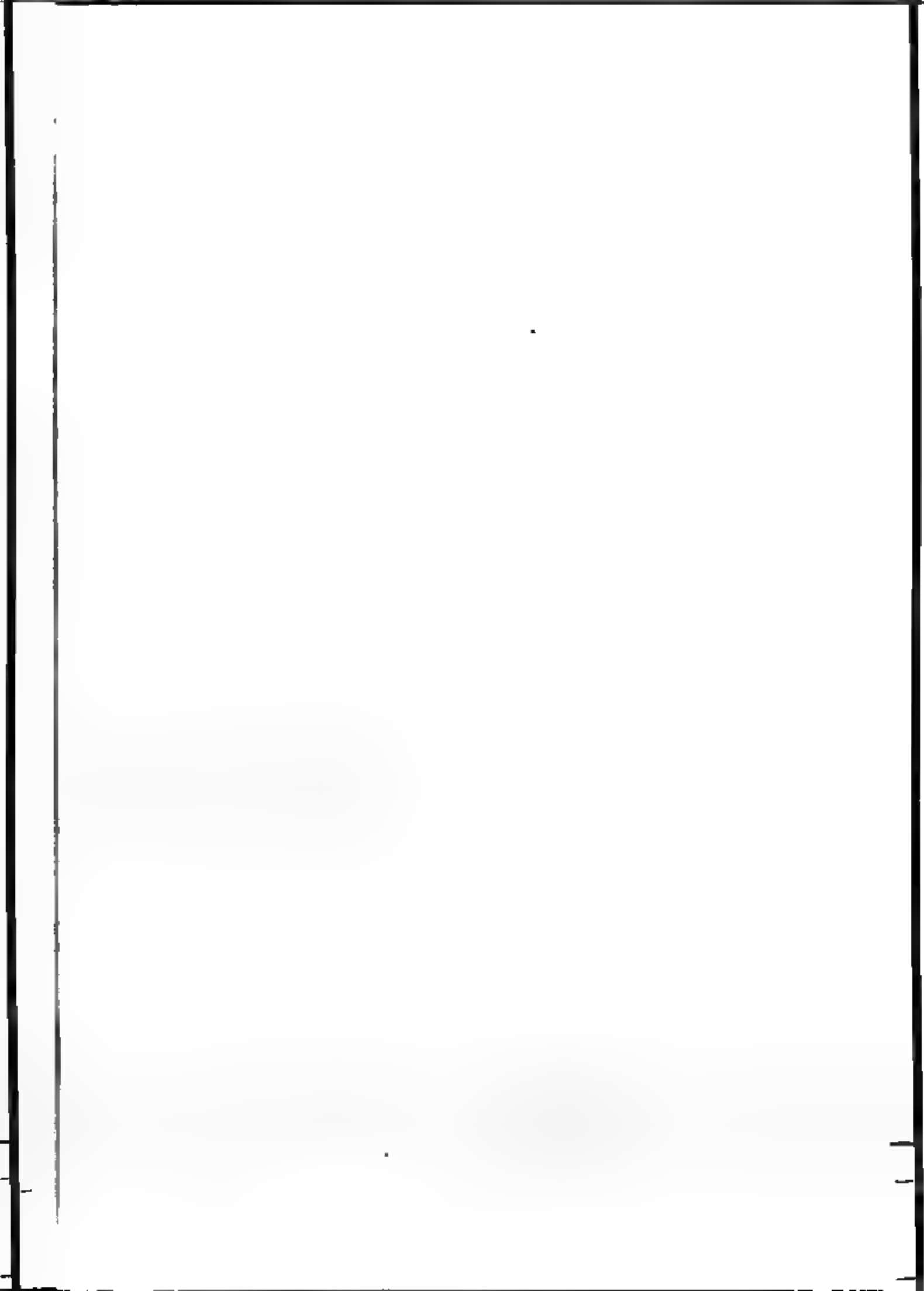
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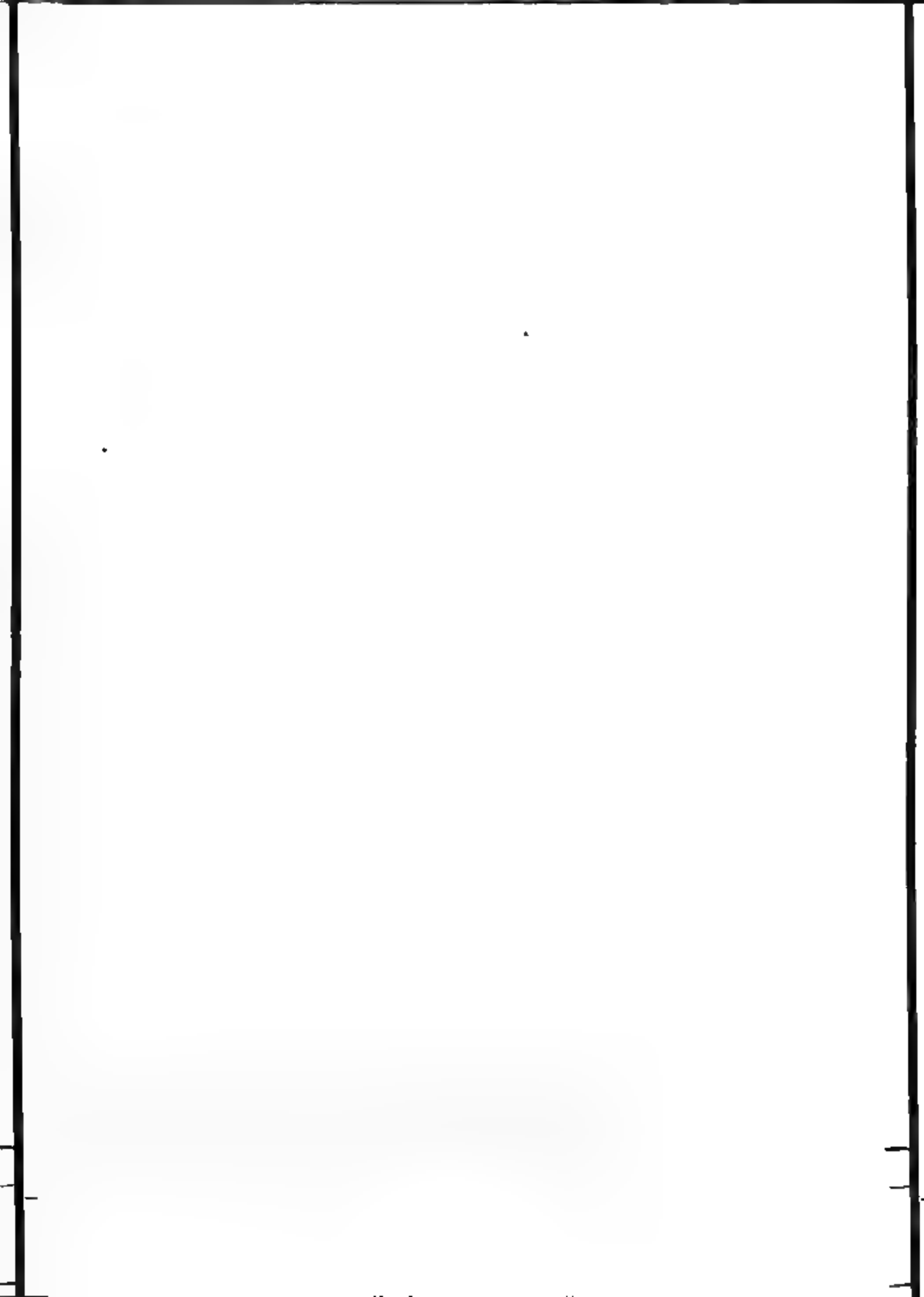
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10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Greenish objt that came down fm about 1 o'clock high on a collision course with plane. It stopped, moved to the and stopped again before shooting straight upward and disappearing.		11. COMMENTS Direction, time, etc., point toward identification of objt as Capella, a first magnitude star.	



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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF OBSERVATION 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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(7) NONE

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INCOMING

AF IN : 58034 (19 Apr 62)

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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 DURING TIME OF SIGHTING.
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REPLY TO
ATTN OF ADCIO-P

SUBJECT Request for Information

HEADQUARTERS
AIR DEFENSE COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
ENT AIR FORCE BASE COLORADO



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
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31 Aug 62

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Journal 31, 1962

Office of Public Information
Air Defense Command
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Dear Sirs,

This letter is in reference to the sighting of a brilliant object (no?) at or near the Nevada test site on April 8, 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 Tufan

18 APR 1962

September 21, 1962

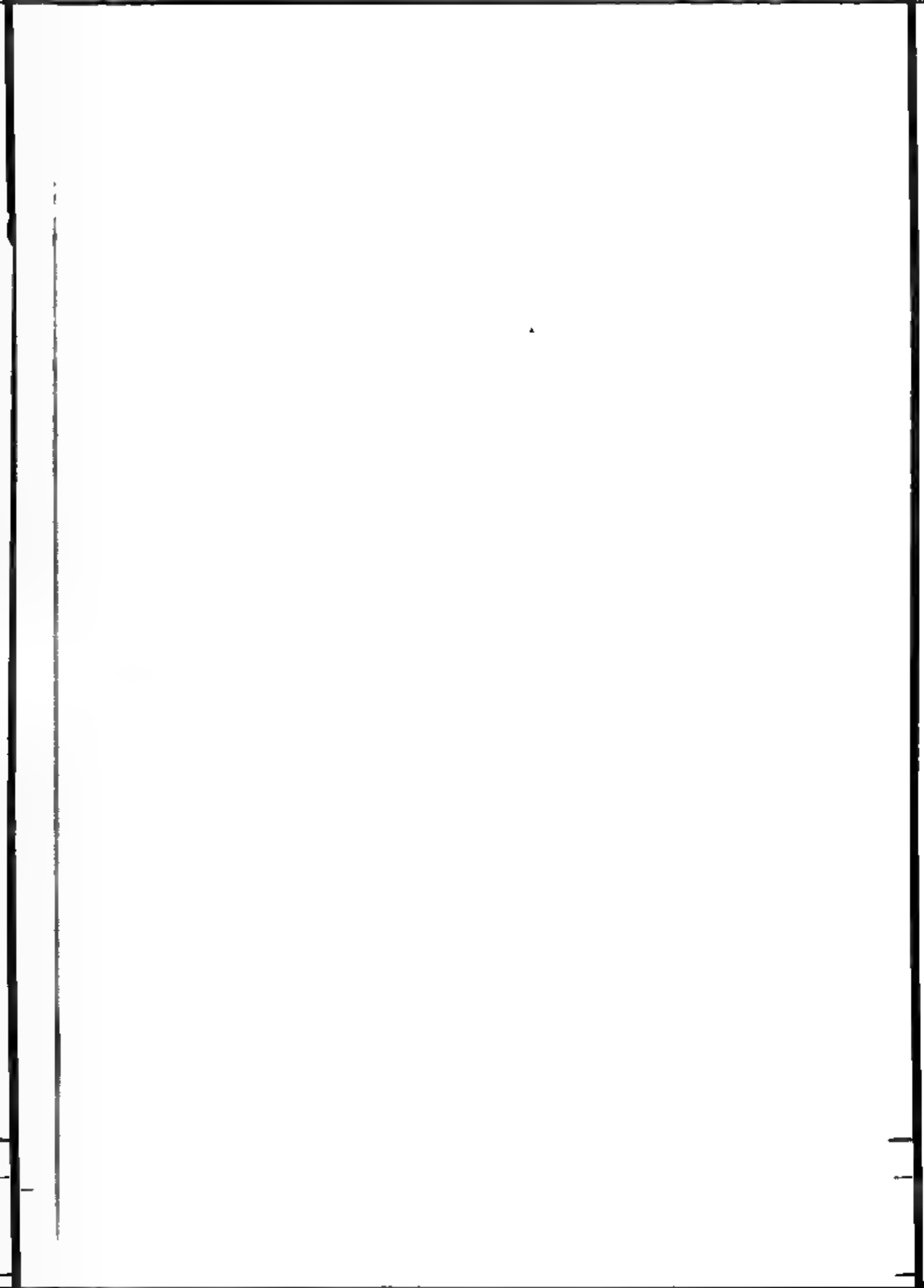
Dear Mr. Trifon:

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

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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 photoelectric 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 former 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.

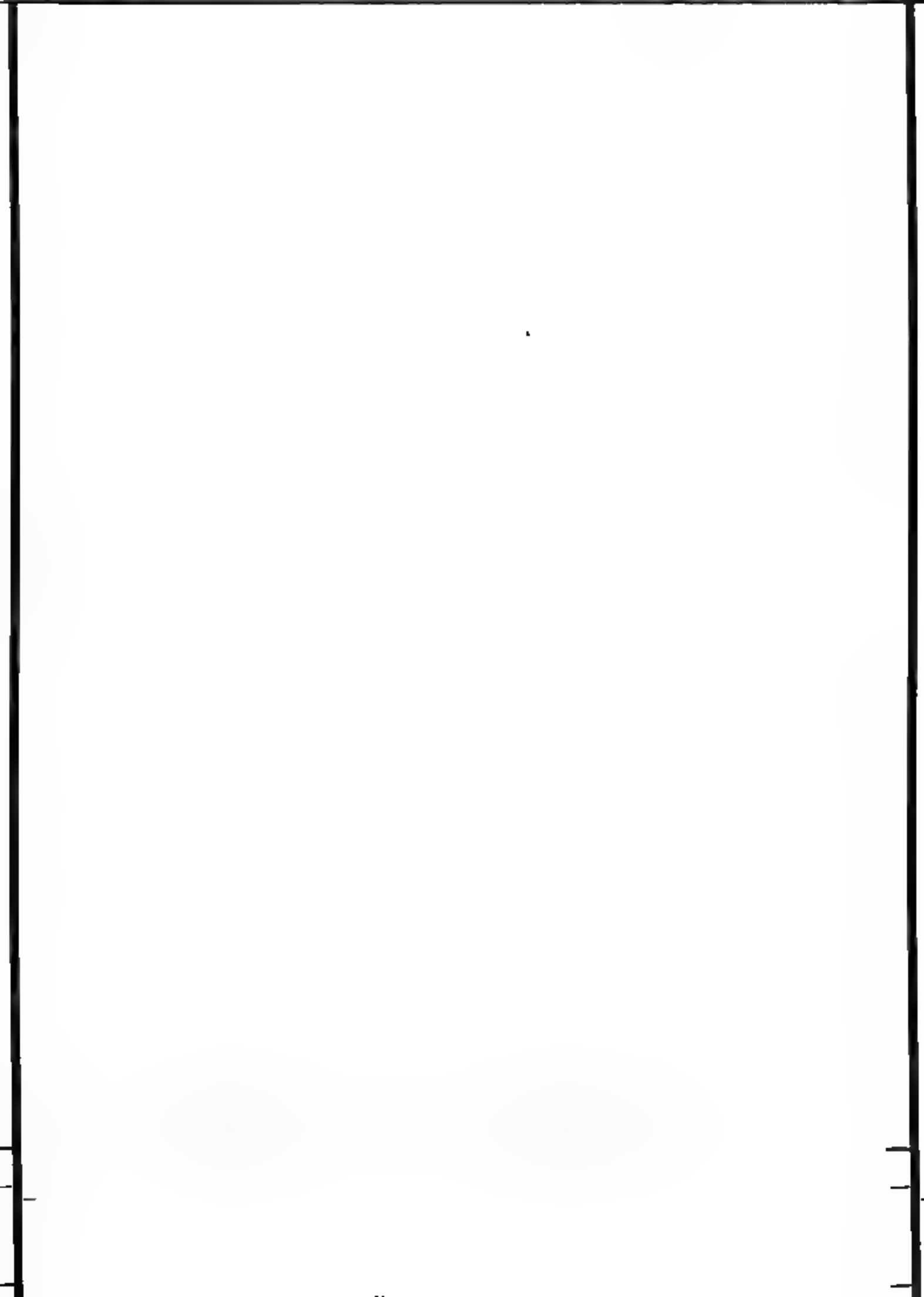
Air Force officers from Hill AFB at Ogden, Utah, questioned sheepherders in the hills south of Eureka, Utah, who said they saw a "ball of fire" over the hills. Robinson of Eureka said it first looked like a "polliwog" with its tail on fire, going east to west in "sort of jerks." He said it suddenly exploded 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 6 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.

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, 1966 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 3-300 feet. I ran 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.

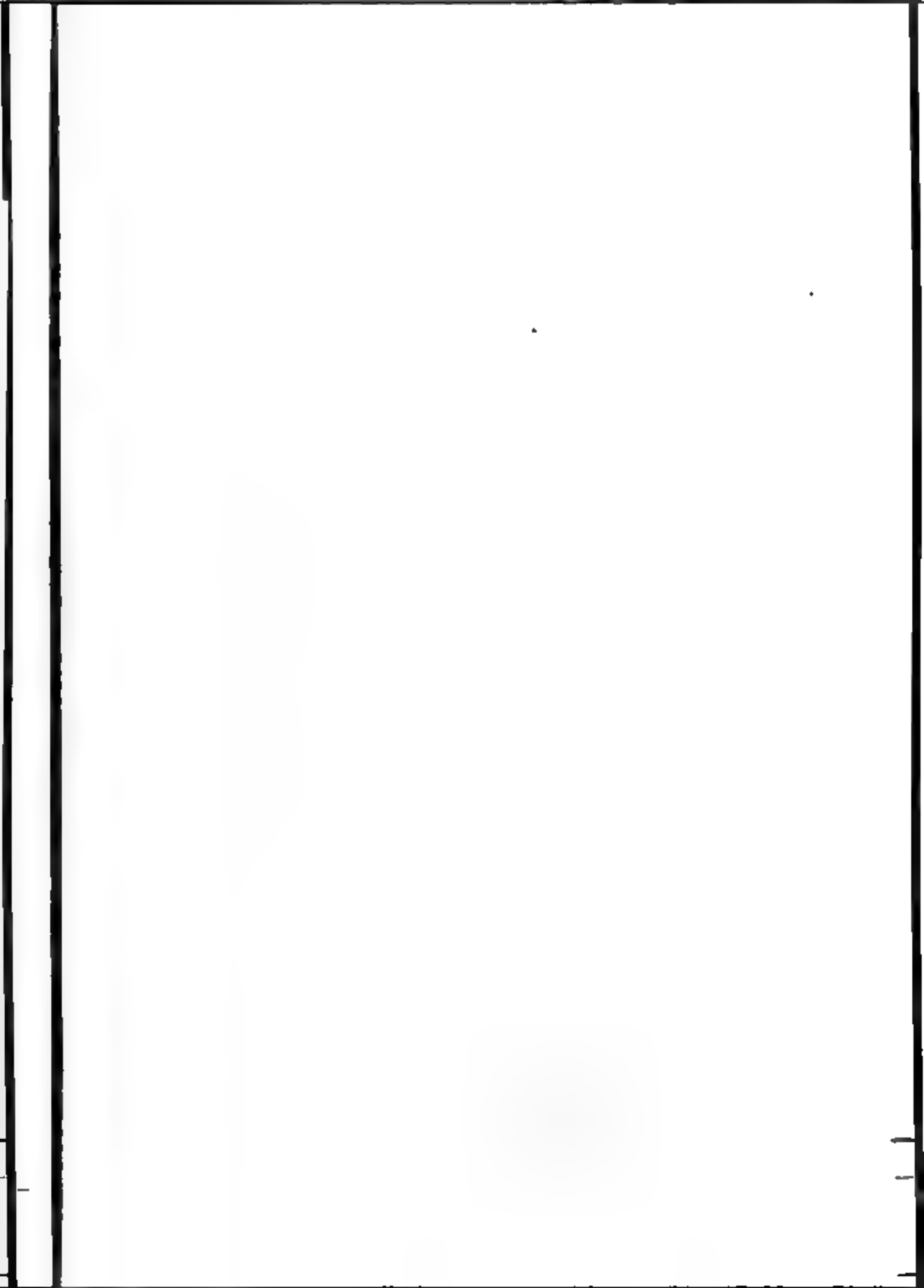
Were there any clouds?

Very few, only a very light accumulns 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 is accordance with AFM 300-3 taped at the Security and Law Enforcement Office, Hill AFB, Utah at 2320 hours on 18 April 1962 by Douglas E. Crofts, 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 2210341. 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, would 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 2500 feet?

That is affirmative.

And the heading prior to the turn and heading of the new course?

Approximately 068 degrees to a heading of 185 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.

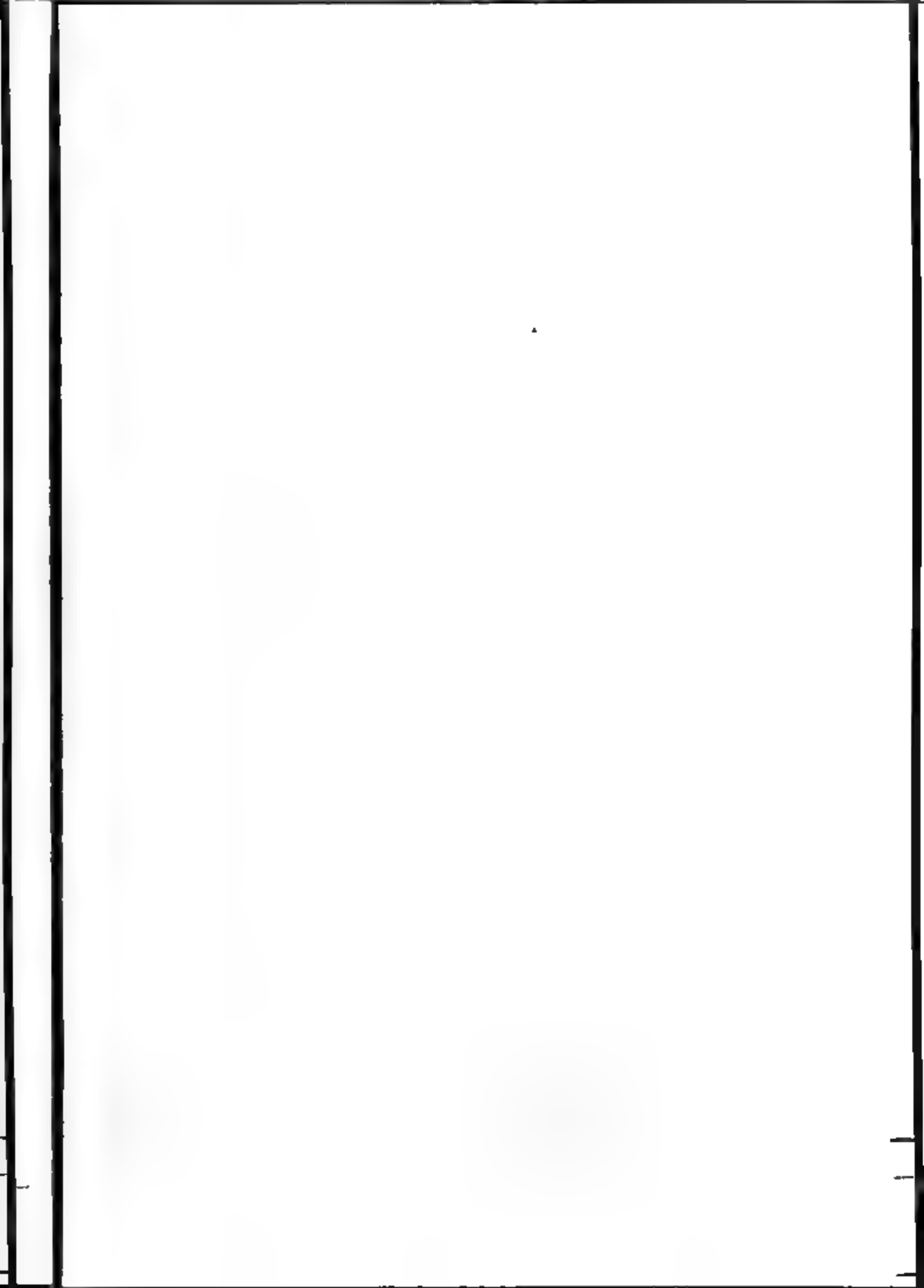
You mentioned other crewmen. Would you give me their rank, name and also duty station.

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.



OFFICE

WD-2/1a Col Friend

WFO Sighting (Week 19 April 1960)

8 August 1960

In USAF
SAPM-30 (Major Hart)
Wash 25 DC

1. An OXISE WFO of April 1960 and unidentified flying object, described by WFO 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. AFB 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 1960 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 element 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 AFB 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 complete the analysis of findings.

5. The number of reports generated by the 19 April 1960 sighting, and the fact that the Air Force investigation came to a negative conclusion regarding the WFO, they indicated it couldn't have been a meteor (Attachment #1), prompted further investigation by FTD. This case was investigated by 1a Col Robert J. Friend, FTD, and Mr. J. Allen Lynch, Air Force Consultant to the WFO program, on 7 May 1960. This investigation was completed in one full day and it was concluded that the object was a meteor. 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

for Edward E. Wirth

EDWARD E. WIRTH
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Science
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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
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3. A. AIR VISUAL
B. [REDACTED]
C. F100C 54759 25,000 132 DEG HEADING, SPED 85 M BUCKLEY ANGB
4. A. 19 APR. 62 0319Z
B. [REDACTED]
5. 130 DEGREES RADIAL 60NM FROM CHEYENNE TACAN 104 DEG 00 MIN
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6. A. N/A
B. CRAVER E. E. 1LT, 128TH TFS PILOT COMPLETELY RELIABLE
7. A. 1-015 WINDS 310 DEG/25
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SIGHTING AND COULD ONLY GUESS AS TO IT'S CAUSE OR SOURCE

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SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE SUN. HE THOUGHT IT TO BE AN
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THE CLOUDS

19/0325Z 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 (WOCAD) 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 Air Academy. USAF indicated reports coming in from Utah, 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 i.e. south to north. An "Air Force Colonel" reported that object hit the western range but there was no noise. Denver center reported at 0332 Z 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 I SPADAT object # 700. He suggested I call the USAF CP base and offer that information. Also, I requested the CP to determine the duration of the sighting and check the direction of travel.

Time: 0610 hours EST

Who: Lt Col James R. Howell

AFLC CP

Lt Col Howell called to inform me 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 maps all night but nothing
appeared regarding this activity.

Howell A. Dennis
Captain USAF

UPI 4413M

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 CHICAGO, ILL., AND IN NEVADA TO THE WEST, ACCORDING TO THE STAR 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 BUBBLING SOUNDS AND EXPLOSIONS.

OBSERVERS IN HEPHI, UTAH--ABOUT 80 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 TODAY SAID THEY SAW THREE SEPARATE FLASHES OF LIGHT--THE LAST ONE "AS BRISK AS DAY."

THE SOUND HEARD IN HEPHI WAS DESCRIBED "LIKE A SONIC BOOM." WHILE RESIDENTS IN SPRINGVILLE--43 MILES TO THE NORTH--REPORTED SEPARATE EXPLOSIVE SOUNDS. IN HEBARDY PROVO, THE SOUND WAS DESCRIBED AS A BUBBLING REVERBERATION WHICH FOLLOWED THE FLASHES BY APPROX. 30 AND 12 MINUTES.

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH PROF. ROBERT MADSEN SAID THE EXPLOSION COULD HAVE BEEN THE DISINTEGRATION OF A METEOR IN THE AIR. HE DESCRIBED SUCH EXPLOSIONS AS A COMMON PHENOMENA. HE SAID THE OTHER EXPLOSIONS COULD HAVE BEEN REVERBERATIONS OF THE FIRST.

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Reward Offered

For Finding

April 17 Meteor

By SAM ALBERTA, STAFF WRITER
Special News Correspondent

SEARCH -- A graduate of the University of Utah, who has offered a \$100 reward to anyone finding the meteorite, has been asked to search south of Provo after speaking through the radio on April 17.

Prof. J. Albert Madson, who directed a search of the area last Tuesday with two Air Force men and three University students, has been asked to search the area.

"We covered a lot of ground and had no luck, but we intend to try again," the professor told. The search was confined to an area about 5 to 10 miles in length and about 10 miles wide. Prof. Madson said he had the meteorite was probably over 1000 years old and worth \$100.

He said he believed that the meteorite was somewhere in the area and would eventually find it. He said he would search the area for an hour or so. He said he would search the area for an hour or so. He said he would search the area for an hour or so.

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ASTROPHYSICAL OBSERVATORY

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ASTROPHYSICAL OBSERVATORY
80 GARDEN STREET
CAMBRIDGE 38, MASSACHUSETTS

May 15, 1962

Dear Bob - Came across this old
stationery tonight - old memories!

The enclosed Polaroid shot
tells the story quite well I think.
The dark clock represents the sun. The
earth is set for April 19 in its
orbit (approx) and the globe itself
is turned to correspond to 3:17 P.
The points depict the orbit of the
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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.
Some difference - I come to
Dayton or you come here.
Any repercussions yet from
the public re the X-15 incident?
I'd be most interested.
Cheers,
Allen

Reward Offered For Finding April 27 Meteor

By NELL 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 shepherders 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.

Utah 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, Elmer Peterson, Thomas Hynearson, 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 to the event.) 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 stony meteorite, which is extremely heavy, the other a stony meteorite with nodules, with metallic inclusions.

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

P S The day my wife and I went to Vernon we went about 30 miles further west onto the desert in hopes we might find someone to talk to that might have some information but it was a dry run. This is in the general direction you figured it to be traveling and I think it may be out a little further than at first believed. I make regular trips out in the area and will make it a point to make inquiries every chance I get. We went to what is known as River Bottom, you may be able to find it on your map.

Pete

25 May 1962

████████ Sheriff Gerald Petersen
Bureau,
Utah

Dear Peter:

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 Bureau 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 Bureau 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. Petersen and to the others of our "search gang".

Cordially,

J. Allan Hynek
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Boise, Idaho
May 1, 1955

1212 West 1st St. -
Boise, Idaho

I understand you are in line for
the meteorite which fell in Utah on
the night of April 13. My husband & I
some and I left Salt Lake City Utah
Wednesday evening April 12 at about
5:30 p.m. traveling east on highway
50. We traveled at 40 or 50 m.p.h. and
then and you can probably guess about
where it fell soon after crossing our route.
The meteorite came in from right beyond
the side of highway (not on drive side) about
50 feet from roadbed about 1/2 way out
of Salt Lake City. It was quite low in
my mind & I just looked out the pickup
window (a son was driving) & didn't have to
look up to see it possibly. 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.

Mrs. Pebble Cox
4855 Fenton St
Boise, Idaho

25 May 1962

Mrs. Fethia Cox
4855 Penton Street
Boise, Idaho

Dear Mrs. Cox:


Thank you for your letter of May 11. The information you have supplied us will be of help, I am sure, in eventually locating the meteorite.

Thank you again for your kindness.

Sincerely yours,

J. Allen Hynek


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REQUEST AND AUTHORIZATION FOR TEMPORARY DUTY TRAVEL OF MILITARY PERSONNEL <i>(If more space is required continue on reverse, identifying sheets by number)</i>		DATE	
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		3. PHONE NO. 69216	
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SEC AIR FORCE WASH DC. THE FOLLOWING UFOB REPORT IS SUBMITTED IAW
AFR 200-2.

1. A. NONE DISTINGUISHABLE
- B. 1/2 PENCIL SIZE IN WIDTH ABOUT 3 INCHES IN LENGTH
- C. ~~■■■■■~~
- D. NO DEFINITE OBJECT SIGHTED
- E. ~~■■■~~
- F. APPEARED AS BRIGHT FLASH AND EXPLOSION
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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

A01 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. NOHT

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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TELEPHONE 366-5363 EXT 251 DENVER

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C. CLEAR AT BUCKLEY THIN CIRRUS AT 20,000

D. 60 MILES

E. THIN SCATTERED CONDITION

F. NONE

8. NONE

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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

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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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<p>We had a need for this at one time, please forgive the delay in returning.</p> <p>Kitty</p>					
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Replaces DD Form 94, 1 Feb 48 and 37D Form 95,
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MEMORANDUM
FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION
AIR FORCE SYSTEM COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WARRANT PATTERSON FIELD OFFICE

TD-3/Lt Col Friend

UFO Sighting (Utah 19 April 1962)

2 August 1962

Hq USAF
SAFOI-3b (Major Hart)
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FROM: SAC & SA, Memphis
(Re: MURKIN, et

- 13a(1) Shape - A bulky form, a little wider than long.
- 13a(2) Size - If the dimensions about the size of a basketball.
- 13a(3) Color - A white color with a black tint. Like the color of burning metal or white metal.
- 13a(4) Texture - Smooth.
- 13a(5) Description - None.
- 13a(6) Discernible Features - None he could see.
- 13a(7) Tall, build or stature - A long trail of flame approximately 300 feet long. (This flame seen by them was a trail of dark grey smoke).
- 13a(8) Sound - Object had a "whizzing" sound as it went over. After object went over, approximately 20 sharp explosions were heard in regular like dynamic explosion set off at close intervals.
- 13a(9) Particular Features - None he could see.
- 13a(10) What called attention to object - The lighting effect in garden when entire valley lit up as bright as day. Looked up to locate source of illumination and saw object.
- 13a(11) Angle, elevation and azimuth - Traced overhead about 300 feet east of his location. Estimated object was 300 to 500 feet above him when it passed over going in a westerly direction.
- 13a(12) Angle, elevation and azimuth at time of disappearance - Appeared to be descending in a shallow glide on a north west heading at the time object passed to turn east.
- 13a(13) Description of flight path - A flat trajectory from the north east to north west in a slightly descending glide. No maneuvers.
- 13a(14) How did object disappear - Seemed to burn out while going over north north west.
- 13a(15) How long was object visible - Was in three seconds.
- 13a(16) Number of observations - About four.
- 13a(17) Optical aids - None.
- 13a(18) Distance sighting - N/A
- 13a(19) Date time date group - 0335 to 0336 on 19 April 1964.
- 13a(20) Light conditions - Night.
- 13a(21) Location of observer - North end of Lynch Rd, Oak (7) St, MS 22 (A/B).
- 13b Information on observer - Sgt. WILSON, age 50, Lynch Rd, Memphis and District Operator. Singshore has a high regard for the honesty and capacity of WILSON. Informer and operator in position of disclosure indicate WILSON may be a poor judge of distance.
- 13a(22) Weather and other - Wind reported as light, with some clouds initially and a few high overcast cumulus clouds.

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- 6. Two witnesses and witnesses located at location. When (7) St, MS 22 were interviewed on 19 April 1964 with regard to the object. The four individuals concurred that the object passed east of Memphis on a north-south heading. After their attention was attracted by the brilliant illumination, the witness observed the object and described it substantially as a bright white object which kept a level of dark grey smoke. Also that the object seemed to burn and or have 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 previously agreed with the noise likened to that of anti-aircraft fire.
- 7. On 19 April 1964 Mr. Ben WILSON was interviewed at the Silver City Mine at Silver City, Tenn. and the following information obtained:
 - 13a(1) Shape - Round ball of flame.
 - 13a(2) Size - About the size of a soccer ball.
 - 13a(3) Color - White with a reddish tint and a bright yellow jagged flame coming from the rear of the object.
 - 13a(4) Texture - None.
 - 13a(5) Description - None.
 - 13a(6) Discernible Features - None he could see.
 - 13a(7) Tall, build or stature - The object had a bright yellowish flame coming from the rear. After object passed overhead, a dark grey smoke trail remained in the sky.
 - 13a(8) Sound - Object emitted a popping sound three or four times when it passed over in flight and then stopped as usual. After object had burned out, approximately 20 sharp explosions were heard in direction from which object came.
 - 13a(9) Particular Features - Yellow jagged flame at rear of object. After object had stopped and stopped ahead three or four times, the flame at the rear of object changed from yellow to blue, and jagged ends of trailing flame turned into a sharp pointed flame at the rear.
 - 13a(10) What called attention to object - Bright illumination overhead caused him to look up and see object.
 - 13a(11) Angle, elevation and azimuth - Object traveled northeast over mountain east of his location on a flat trajectory. Could not estimate altitude.
 - 13a(12) Angle, elevation and azimuth at time of disappearance - Traveling north west with descending angle. Below top of mountain to west (3,000 feet).
 - 13a(13) Flight path and maneuvers - Object passed over Memphis. It showed down in air and after getting upward and heard. The object started ahead again. After this procedure was repeated three or four times, the object stopped over and burst. This procedure was repeated three or four times, the object stopped over and burst. This procedure was repeated three or four times, the object burst high miles and then burst out at descending to north after which the object burned bright miles and then burst out at descending to north. After object began to show down it began to sparkle or "flitter" in its path.
 - 13a(14) How did object disappear - After beginning to get near toward the ground, the object turned left or turned out, still on a northeast heading.
 - 13a(15) How long object visible - Two or three seconds.

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DETAILS REPORT

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT

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FILE: Sec & Law Enforcement
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 was developed for the brilliant illumination of the area, the object itself, or the explosions in the wake of the object.

Douglas M. Crouch

DOUGLAS M. CROUCH, Chief
Criminal Investigation Section
Sec & Law Enforcement Div

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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

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ATTN: MR. LAVECCHIA

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COMMENTS:

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 flash 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 24th AFB at Ogden, Utah, questioned sheepherders in the hills south of Eureka, Utah, who said they saw a "ball of fire" which Robinson of Eureka said it "did not look like a 'poitwag' with its tail on fire, going east to west in 'snet of jerks.'" He said it suddenly exploded into a "sodum 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.

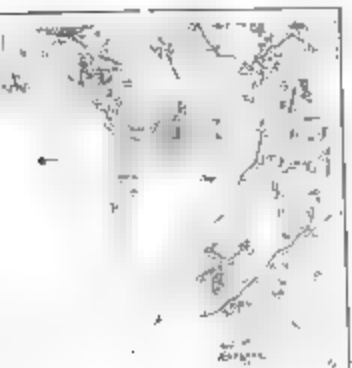
The thought occurs that this object was a perfect high-altitude flare—illuminating most of a two-state area to a point of daylight brightness. It so happens that the two states receiving most of the light were Utah and Nevada, both locations of U. S. Missile and nuclear test sites.

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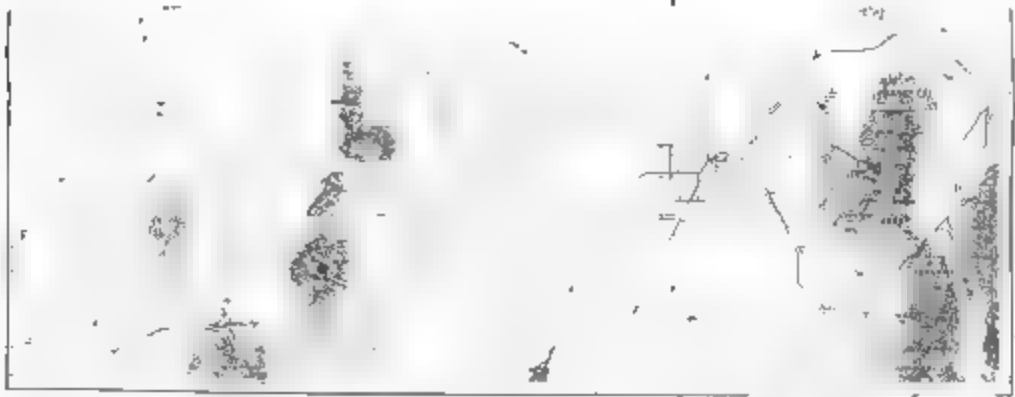
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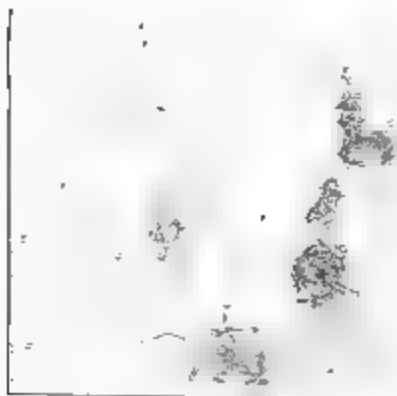


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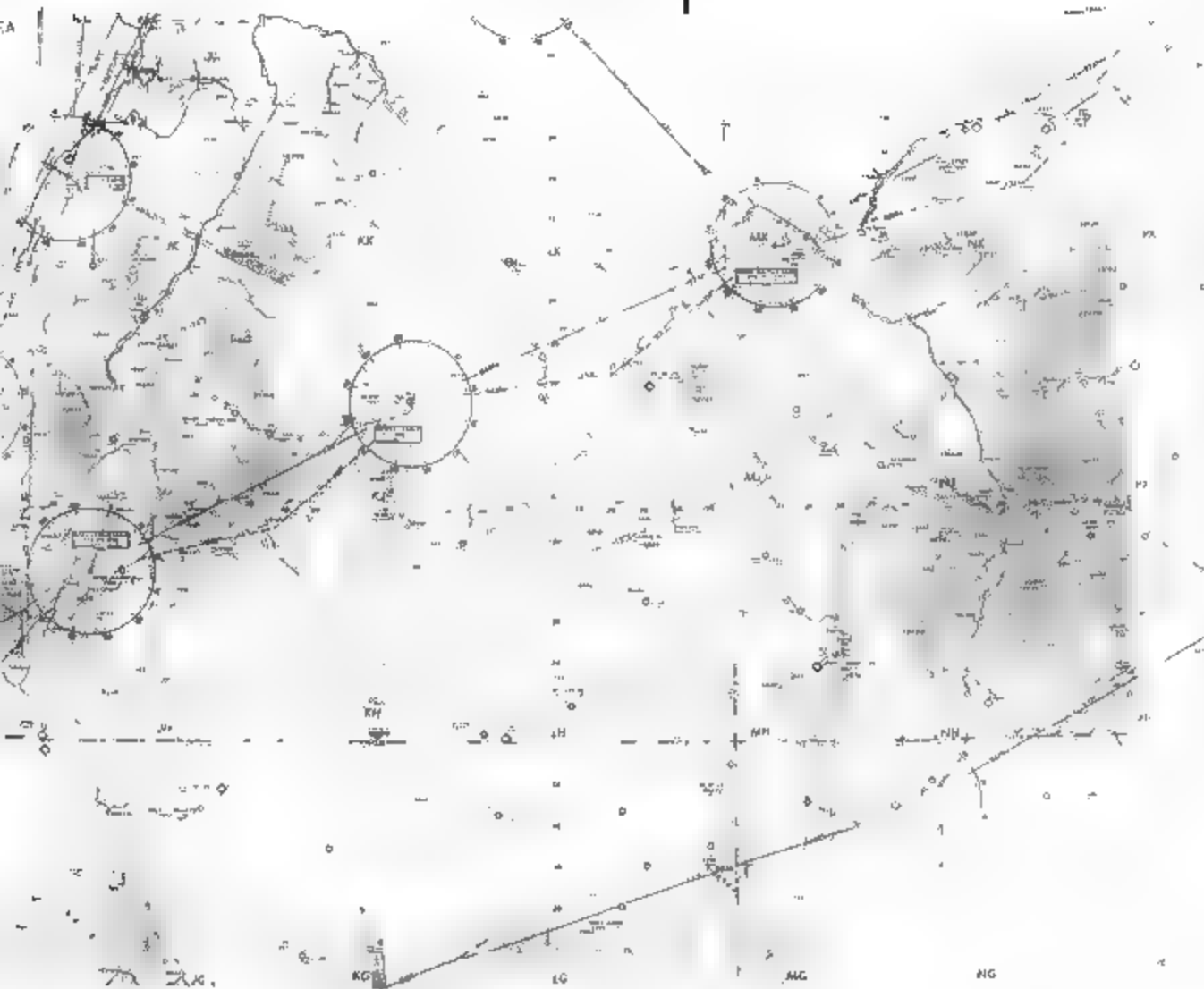
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SAFLL-1/Mr LaVecchia/njm/57394/8 Aug 62
SAFLL: 217652

AUG 10 1962

LaVecchia/njm
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- No ddt - Ltr fr const to Rep.
- 27 Jul - Ltr fr Rep to C/S.
- 30 Jul - Read in LI/fwd.
- 31 Jul - Read in Tm D/fwd to SAFOI-3 w/ee 7 Aug.
- 6 Aug - Date of Memo fr SAFOI/Maj Hart/

Sincerely,

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