

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

Incident #136

01764 (02051)

ATIC NO. -----

DATE OF INFO 30 June 48

AF NO. -----

LOCATION S Knoxville, Tenn

REPORT NO. -----

SOURCE Civilians

DATE OF REPORT -----

DATE IN TO ATIC -----

TIME OF SIGHTING 2140 local

COLOR Orange

SHAPE Ball

SPEED 1,000 mph

Estimated

Measured

Estimated

SIZE -----

ALTITUDE 30,000'

Measured

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED 3 Min (1 report) 3 sec (2nd report)

COURSE W

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground

NO. IN GROUP 1

MANEUVERS -----

SOUND -----

PHOTOS ----- SKETCHES -----

Temporary ATIC Form 329  
(2 Jan 52)

*Fireball*



Dr HYNEK'S EVALUATIONS EXTRACTED FROM PROJECT GRUDGE REPORT.

INCIDENT INDEX

1. Astronomical

a. High probability:

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95, 96, 97, 98, 101, 102, 103, 104, 116, 119, 132, 136, 140,  
147, 148, 158, 174, 184, 185, 187, 197, 203, 204, 208, 216,  
219, 238.

b. Fair or low probability:

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199, 202, 205, 220, 230, 240.

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200, 201, 209, 210, 217, 222, 235, 237, 239.

b. Rockets, flares or falling bodies:

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229, 232, 233.

b. Evidence offered suggests no explanation:

#1, 2, 10, 17, 21, 29, 37, 40, 51, 52, 58, 61, 62, 64, 68, 71,  
75, 76, 77, 79, 84, 105, 111, 122, 135, 151, 152, 154, 162,  
168, 172, 176, 183, 186, 193, 207, 215, 223, 224, 225, 226,  
227, 236, 241, 242, 243, 244, 134.

NO CASE INFO ONLY

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## U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U.S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object?  <u>April-13</u> <u>1949</u> Day Month Year		2. Time of day: <u>12-PM</u> <u>9</u> <u>00</u> <u>00</u> Hours Minutes Seconds  (Circle One): A.M. or <u>P.M.</u>	
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? <u>[REDACTED]</u> <u>Altoma</u> <u>Blair Co</u> Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or County			
5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration) <u>3 or 10 minutes</u> Hours Minutes Seconds  a. Certain b. Fairly certain c. Not very sure d. <u>Just a guess</u>			
5.1 How was time in sight determined? <u>3 to 10 minutes</u>			
5.2 Was object in sight continuously? <u>Yes</u> No			
6. What was the condition of the sky?  DAY NIGHT a. Bright a. Bright b. Cloudy b. Cloudy			
7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?  (Circle One): a. In front of you b. In back of you c. To your right d. To your left e. Overhead f. Don't remember			

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8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS (Circle One):

- a. None
- b. A few
- c. Many
- d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON (Circle One):

- a. Bright moonlight
- b. Dull moonlight
- c. No moonlight—pitch dark
- d. Don't remember

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

CLOUDS (Circle One):

- a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds

WEATHER (Circle One):

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

10. The object appeared: (Circle One):

- a. Solid
- b. Transparent
- c. Vapor
- d. As a light
- 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:

It was silver color, no noise

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

It looked like

It was 20- or 25 feet  
long

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 | <input type="radio"/> Don't know            |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Don't know            |
| c. Break up into parts or explode?              | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Don't know            |
| d. Give off smoke?                              | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Don't know |
| e. Change brightness?                           | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Don't know            |
| f. Change shape?                                | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Don't know            |
| g. Flash or flicker?                            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Don't know            |
| h. Disappear and reappear?                      | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Don't know            |

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14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how?

It stopped half way between two mts.  
+ then took off over Brush mountain

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

It made no sound.

b. Color

Silver

18. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head?

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.



That same day a lady who  
lives in Sinking Valley, Saw it she  
said it sounded like thunder - was  
she reported to the Altoona Mirror  
our news paper the same paper  
reported my seeing

They later reported it to me  
they acted as if I were crazy + then  
I never reported to the other two times  
I saw the others.

# UFO form continued

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? 500 feet above camp

22. Where were you located when you saw the object?

(Circle One):

- a. Inside a building
- b. In a car
- c. Outdoors on Gave. perovata
- 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
- b. Northeast
- c. East
- d. Southeast
- e. South
- f. Southwest
- g. West
- h. Northwest

24.2 How fast were you moving? Walking miles per hour.

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

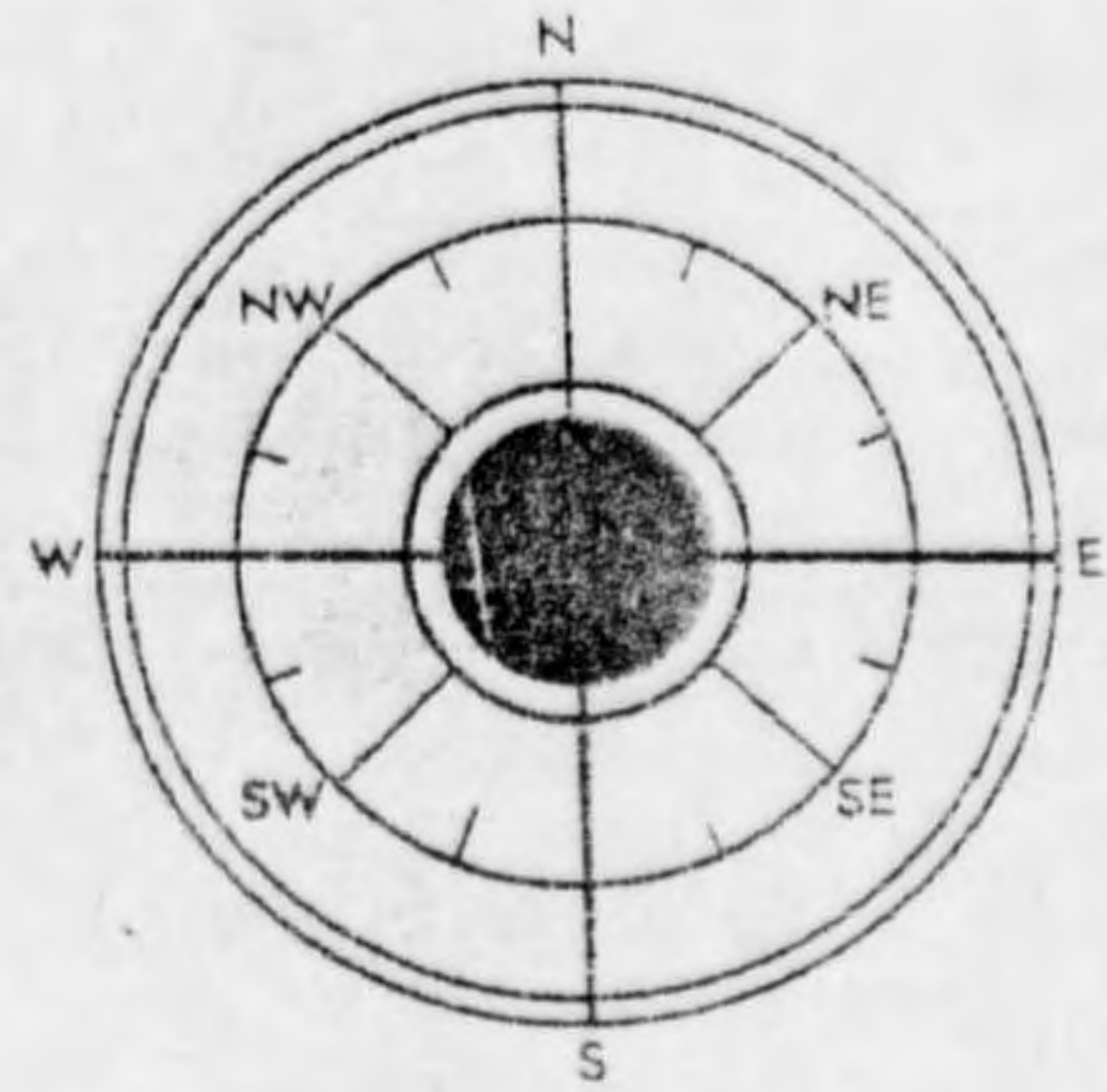
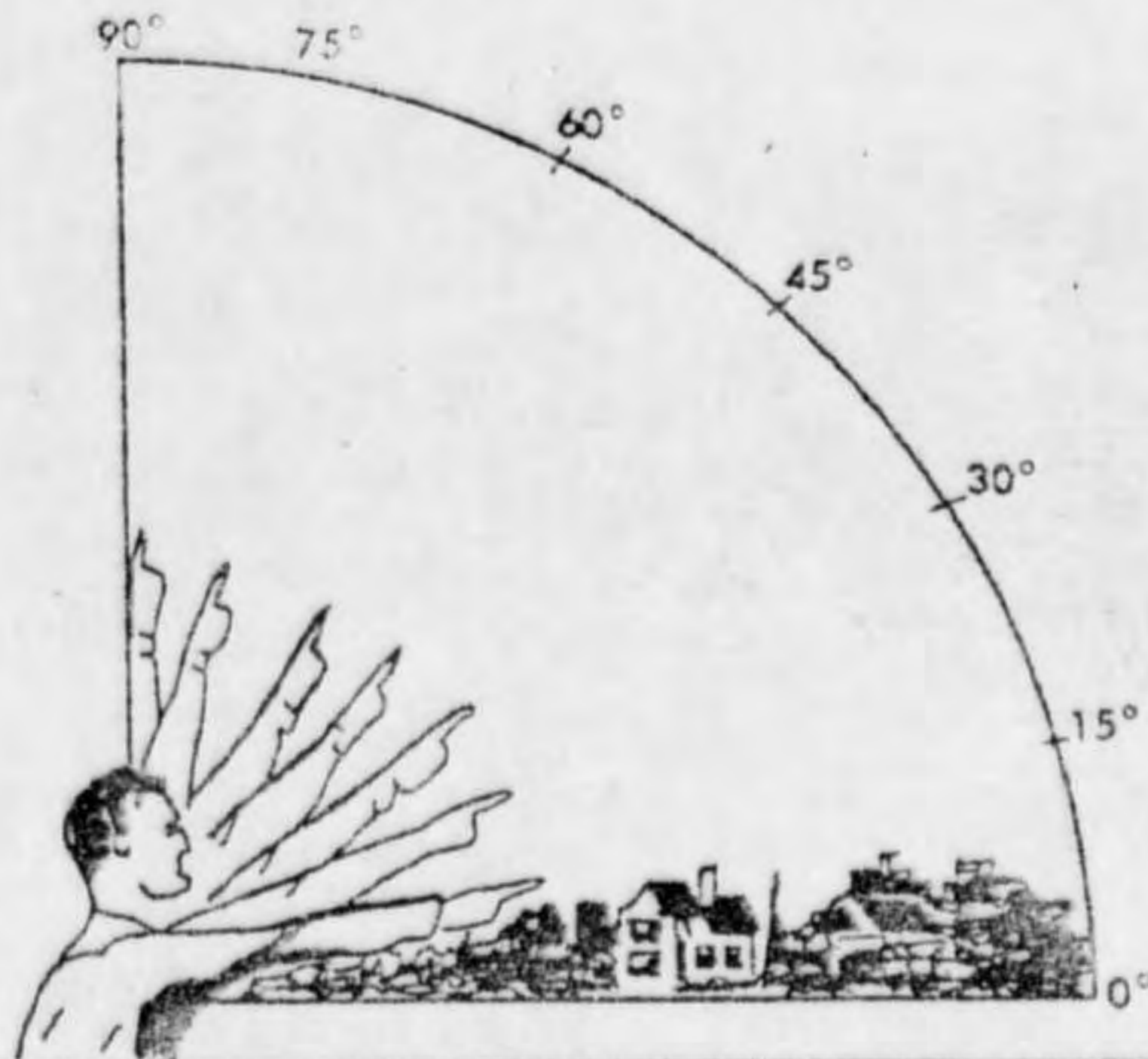
(Circle One) Yes  No

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

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

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

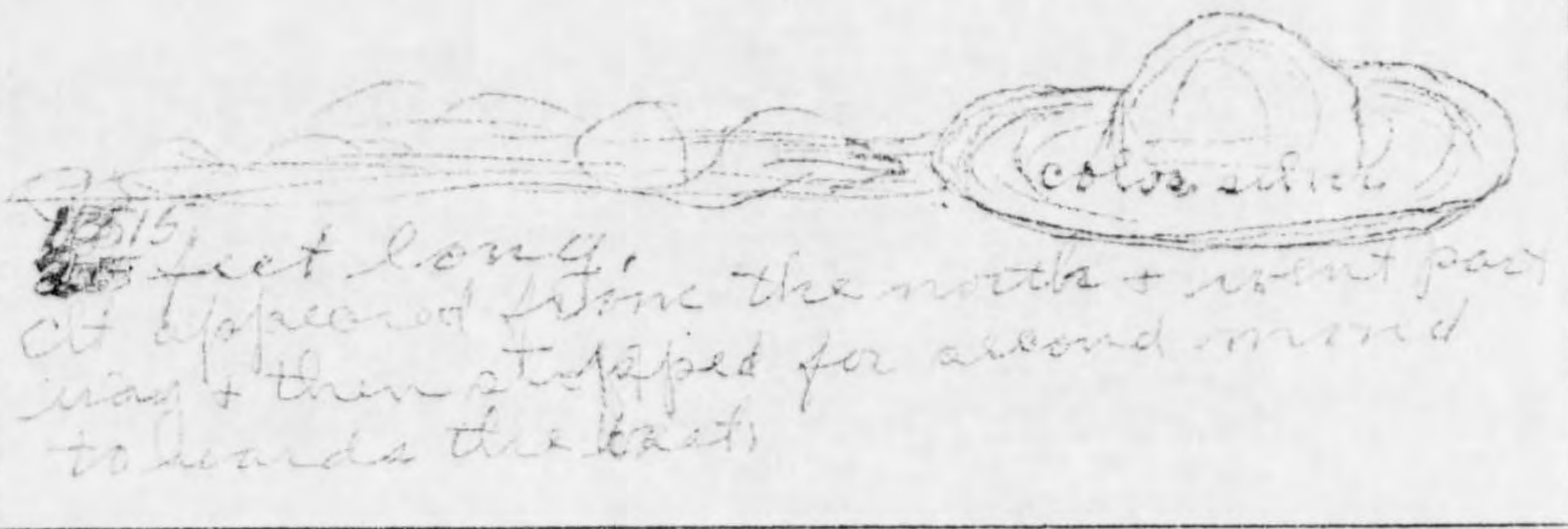
27. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you first saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you last saw it.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



Can sending you the piece that was in the paper  
 Please send it back to me  
 Mrs. [redacted]

# UFO form continued

30. Have you ever seen this, or a similar object before. If so give date or dates and location.

I never seen one before there's one but  
I see that more after I seen that one

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. [REDACTED], Peterburg Michigan  
I moved away from here & one  
has passed away.

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [REDACTED]

ADDRESS [REDACTED]  
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] AGE 31 SEX female

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any special experience, which might be pertinent.

I seen one about two weeks after  
I seen the first one. About 7-30 in  
in evening. I stopped my car & looked  
at it for 3- or five minutes & it  
passed away.

33. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?

April 73 Day Month 1948 Year  
1948

have lost my  
re misspelled  
have moved since then:  
at Valley Blvd  
Altoona Pa.



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34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

9      June      1967  
Day      Month      Year

35. Information which you feel pertinent and which is not adequately covered in the specific points of the questionnaire or a narrative explanation of your sighting.

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ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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# INCOMING MESSAGE

IN 090359Z

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April 1948  
Secret Correspondence  
Per para 511 and 60a (4) AR 380-5\*

FROM: CINCPAC TYKYO JAPAN 080731Z.

TO: DEPT OF ARMY WASHINGTON DC FOR CSGID, COMGENAMC WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB  
DAYTON OHIO ATTN MCI RPT MCI

INFO: COMGENFEAF

*See [redacted]*

IN REPLY CITE: CX 59769

Report control is A-1917. Pilot, 13 Air Force, at 0955, 1 April 48, Flying P-47 aircraft heading 180 degrees altitude 1500 feet indicated at 124 degrees 3 minutes East, 12 degrees 52 minutes North, weather scattered CFMULUS Rpt CUMULUS 3/10 base three thousand, top 600, visibility unlimited sighted flying object approximately 3 miles East LA heading 360, altitude estimated one thousand feet below him. Unidentified object estimated speed at time of sighting 200 miles per hour. Pilot turned left attempting to intercept unidentified flying object for more positive identification. At this time flying object made a turn of 90 degrees left, leveled out and accelerated disappearing in approximately 5 seconds, heading of 270 degrees. Pilot had phenomena under observation for about 60 seconds. Described as having a turtle back and an indistinct dorsal fin. The shape of the object was that of a half moon closely resembling a flying wing type aircraft, estimated wing span 30 feet, estimated length 20 feet, color silver, no rpt no exhaust trail was observed. Five seconds elapsed time for disappearing would indicate exceedingly high speed and great

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# INCOMING MESSAGE

acceleration. Reporting Officer is considered sincere and non-excitabile type and firmly believes he sighted object. A report will be forwarded upon completion of an investigation of this incident.

CM-IN-1563-E HSM 091500Z

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~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ correspondence  
per paragraph 51 i and 60a (4), AR 380-5\*

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Incident #136, 136a -- S. Knoxville, Tennessee -- 30 June 1948

This incident answers well to the description of a typical fireball: color -- orange; apparent construction -- fire; exhaust -- "streamer of bluish color trailing"; manner of disappearance -- "over horizon"; and (in remarks) "streamer emitted sparks."

All of the above fit the typical phenomena associated with a night-time fireball.

One witness states that the object was in sight for three minutes and the other states for three seconds. The lower time estimate is clearly more in keeping with meteoric phenomena. It is also probably far more nearly accurate, since one is much more likely to grossly overestimate than underestimate intervals of time.

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HEADQUARTERS  
AIR MATERIEL COMMAND  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio

MCIAKO-3/HWS/ra  
Jan 5 1949

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SUBJECT: Project "SIGN"

TO: Chief, Air Weather Service,  
Andrews Air Force Base,  
Washington 25, D. C.  
ATTN: DSS

1. Project "SIGN" is responsible for the collection, investigation and interpretation of data relative to sighting of unidentified flying objects. Attached Incident Summaries 1 thru 172 from the files of Project "SIGN" are forwarded for study and recommendations as to which of the incidents may be eliminated as balloons released on routine synoptic ascents by the Air Weather Service, the Navy Aerological Service or the United States Weather Bureau. The summaries attached may be retained in your headquarters for working and reference purposes.

2. The Air Weather Service is the only agency of its type that has been asked to assist in the accomplishment of Project "SIGN" except that the United States Weather Bureau has provided information on ball lightning. Research projects in which balloons are used and which are conducted or sponsored by the Army, Navy or United States Air Force are checked by the Intelligence Department of this Command. These checks are usually made direct from the Project "SIGN" Office, MCIAKO-3. These checks are distinct from the check of synoptic balloon flights made by weather service stations of the Air Force, the Navy and the Department of Commerce. (U. S. Weather Bureau) requested of Air Weather Service.

3. It is the opinion of this office that the below listed incidents are those having the greatest possibility of being balloons. This list does not eliminate the possibility that many of the remaining incidents are balloons.

2	24	50	91	113	155
3	25	52	92	115	156
4	28	72	96	128	157
11	30	73	104	141	159
14	31	81	105	143	163
16	32	87	107, 8, 9	151	167
22	33	89	112 (See 122)	154	169
23	44				

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Hq AWC, Chief, Air Weather Service, Washington 25, D. C.  
Subj: Project "SIGN"

4. The form used in interrogating witnesses to sightings is inclosed as a matter of interest. Comment as to possible improvement of the "Essential Elements of Information" in regard to routine synoptic balloon flights is invited.

5. It is requested that correspondence be forwarded to the Commanding General, Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, attention MCIAXO-3.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

2 Incls:  
Summaries 1-172 incl  
"EEI"

/s/ W. R. Clingerman, Col; USAF  
for H. E. McCoy  
Colonel, USAF  
Chief, Intelligence Dept

Copies furnished:

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Capt Trakowski, Geophysics Lab  
Major Kodis, MCREEP  
Colonel Neal, MCLAWS

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FM: CSAF WASH DC

TO: CG AMC WRIGHT PAT AFTB OHIO

SUBJ: REG A-2 CONF

CLASS: BY ITEM

FRES: LT COL MCGINNIS  
LT HUMNICUTT

ROGER IT IS SPECIAL A200

SORRY IT IS SPECIAL A-2 CONFERENCE

CSAF ITEM 1 (SECRET)

THE FOLLOWING REPORTS HAVE BEEN  
RECEIVED REGARDING FLYING OBJECTS  
AND ARE FORWARDED FOR PROJECT "SIGN"  
RECORDS:

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DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS.  
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1. ITEM FROM TURKISH NEWSPAPER YENI  
SABAH, ISTANBUL, 5 MAY 1948. "THERE  
HAVE BEEN REPORTS LATELY TO THE EFFECT  
THAT SHINING OBJECTS LIKE METEORS, HAVE  
BEEN SIGHTED IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE  
COUNTRY. SOME PEOPLE SUGGEST THAT THESE  
MIGHT BE ROCKETS. INFORMATION RECEIVED  
FROM AUTHORIZED CIRCLES REVEALS  
THAT SUCH A THING PASSED OVER ADASIZARI  
AND WAS SEEN TO EXPLODE IN THE AIR.  
PARTS OF IT FELL INTO A VILLAGE NEARBY,  
AND KILLED A SHEEP DOG. THE THING WAS FOUND

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TO BE A ROCKET, AND THE DEBRIS WILL BE  
INSPECTED BY EXPERTS. OBSERVERS SAY THAT  
THE ROCKET, WHICH IS CLAIMED TO HAVE COME  
FROM THE NORTHWEST, WAS FLYING AT AN ALTITUDE  
OF 200 METERS OVER ADAPAZARI BEFORE IT FELL.

"ACCORDING TO RUMORS, IT IS POSSIBLE  
THAT THE ROCKET IS CONNECTED WITH THE FLY-  
ING DISC EXPERIMENTS BEING CONDUCTED BY  
THE RUSSIANS AT THE STATION ON MOUNT  
ALAGOZ CLOSE TO OUR EASTERN FRONTIER."

SOURCE: HA, ANKARA, TURKEY, 10 MAY  
1948, SERIAL 26-48, EVAL. F-4.

RECOMMENT: AIR ATTACHE, ANKARA, TURKEY,  
HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO INVESTIGATE THIS  
INCIDENT FULLY AND ENCOURAGE TURKISH  
GENERAL STAFF TO DO LIKEWISE. WHETHER  
INCIDENT CAN BE CONFIRMED OR NOT AIR ATTACHE  
HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO DETERMINE SOURCES  
FOR INFORMATION CONTAINED IN YENI SAHAH  
ARTICLE.

DECLASSIFIED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS;  
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS.  
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2. MOSCOW, USSR. " AT ABOUT SUNSET  
ON 3 AUGUST 1948, ABOUT 25 KILOMETERS  
NORTHWEST OF MOSCOW, AN EXPERIENCED  
AMERICAN NEWSPAPER REPORTER SAW AN  
UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT AT A VERY HIGH  
ALTITUDE. IT WAS LONG AND NARROW AND  
PROCEEDED AT A HIGH BUT NOT EXCESSIVE  
SPEED IN A GENERALLY SOUTHWEST-NORTHEAST  
DIRECTION. IT SHONE VERY BRIGHTLY,

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PROBABLY FROM REFLECTED LIGHT. NO WINGS COULD BE SEEN AND NO SOUND WAS HEARD/ IT LOOKED LIKE A RIGID AIRSHIP, AND WAS SO IDENTIFIED BY A RUSSIAN ACQUAINTANCE WHO SAW IT AT THE SAME TIME. THE REPORTER, HOWEVER, IN SPITE OF THE APPEARANCE OF THE OBJECT, WAS OF THE OPINION THAT IT WAS NOT A RIGID AIRSHIP, DUE PRINCIPALLY TO ITS HIGH SPEED. HE HAD NO THEORY TO OFFER, AND COULD ONLY SAY THAT IT WAS A MYSTERY, LIKE THE AMERICAN 'FLYING SAUCERS'.

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MA COMMENT: "THIS OBJECT MIGHT HAVE BEEN ANYTHING. ITS SPEED SEEMS INSUFFICIENT FOR A GUIDED MISSILE, BUT IT COULD HAVE BEEN EITHER A JET OR CONVENTIONAL AIRPLANE, AS UNUSUAL LIGHT CONDITIONS AND FORE-SHORTENING FREQUENTLY GIVE AIRCRAFT A FREAKISH APPEARANCE. THE POSSIBILITY THAT IT WAS A DIRIGIBLE, AS SUGGESTED IN REFERENCE (A), SHOULD NOT BE EXCLUDED, (4-BANVAT

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7, & 85-00-43,5 SPEED FROM

WINDS.

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REFERENCE (A), SHOULD NOT BE EXCLUDED, OBTAINING ITS APPARENT SPEED FROM HIGH WINDS. THE UPPER WINDS IN RUSSIA ARE NOT PUBLISHED, BUT IT WAS NOTED THAT ON THE FOLLOWING MORNING THERE WERE HIGH SURFACE WINDS WITH GREAT IRREGULARITY.

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SOURCE: N MOSCOW, USSR, SERIAL  
123-43, 4 AUGUST 1943, EVAL. B-2.

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3. MOSCOW, USSR. "WHILE IN  
MOSCOW THE FRIEND HAD MET WITH MEMBERS  
OF THE MOSCOW IZVESTIYA EDITORIAL STAFF,  
AT WHICH TIME HE HAD LEARNED THAT THE  
CENTRAL PARTY COMMITTEE IS MAKING A  
SPECIAL, SECRET STUDY OF THE AMERICAN  
"FLYING SAUCER" STORY AND THE "ROCKETS  
OVER SWEDEN" INCIDENT. SOURCE HAD NOT  
HEARD OF THE "FLYING SAUCERS" IN  
AMERICA AND SO WAS COMPLETELY IN THE  
DARK AS TO WHAT THE "SECRET STUDY"  
MIGHT IMPLY.

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SOURCE: NA, MOSCOW, USSR, SERIAL  
35-S-43, 10 JUNE 1943, EVAL. F-3.

REQUEST AMC CONTINUE ANY FOLLOW-UPS  
DEEMED NECESSARY UNDER THE PROVISIONS  
OF PROJECT "SIGN". INFORMATION RECEIVED  
BY HEADQUARTERS, USAF, REGARDING FOLLOW-UPS  
ON TURKISH REPORT WILL BE FORWARDED TO AMC.  
END CSAF ITEM 1 (SECRET)

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Dr HYNEK'S EVALUATIONS EXTRACTED FROM PROJECT GRUDGE REPORT.

INCIDENT INDEX

1. Astronomical

a. High probability:

#26, 27, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 48, 49, 59, 60, 66, 69, 70, 94,  
95, 96, 97, 98, 101, 102, 103, 104, 116, 119, 132, 136, 140,  
147, 148, 158, 174, 184, 185, 187, 197, 203, 204, 208, 216,  
219, 238.

b. Fair or low probability:

#19, 20, 23, 24, 28, 35, 35, 46, 50, 63, 67, 80, 82, 93, 100,  
112, 120, 121, 129, 130, 144, 153, 155, 165, 167, 175, 192,  
199, 202, 205, 220, 230, 240.

2. Non-astronomical but suggestive of other explanations

a. Balloons or ordinary aircraft:

#3, 11, 22, 41, 42, 53, 54, 73, 81, 83, 91, 92, 113, 114, 115,  
126, 131, 138, 141, 145, 155, 156, 157, 159, 160, 161, 163,  
169, 171, 173, 178, 180, 182, 188, 190, 194, 195, 196, 198,  
200, 201, 209, 210, 217, 222, 235, 237, 239.

b. Rockets, flares or falling bodies:

#4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 25, 56, 65, 78, 106, 107,  
108, 109, 133, 170, 211, 218.

c. Miscellaneous (reflections, auroral streamers, birds, etc.):

#39, 89, 123, 124, 128, 146, 164, 181, 189, 214, 221, 231, 234.

3. Non-astronomical, with no explanation evident

a. Lack of evidence precludes explanation:

#38, 44, 45, 47, 55, 57, 72, 86, 87, 88, 90, 99, 110, 117, 118,  
125, 127, 137, 139, 149, 150, 177, 179, 191, 206, 212, 213,  
229, 232, 233.

b. Evidence offered suggests no explanation:

#1, 2, 10, 17, 21, 29, 37, 40, 51, 52, 58, 61, 62, 64, 68, 71,  
75, 76, 77, 79, 84, 105, 111, 122, 135, 151, 152, 154, 162,  
168, 172, 176, 183, 186, 193, 207, 215, 223, 224, 225, 226,  
227, 236, 241, 242, 243, 244, 134.

JULY - AUGUST 1948 SIGHTINGS

<u>INCIDENT NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
<u>JULY</u>				
140	July 1	Columbus, Ohio (Case Missing)	Civilian	Astro (Refraction of Sun)
	1	Gahanna, Ohio (Case Missing)	Civilian	Astro (Meteor)
	4	⑤ Longmont, Colorado (NO CARD)	<del>██████████</del>	A/C
160	4	Dravesburg, Pennsylvania	<del>██████████</del>	A/C
137	7	Chapel Hill, North Carolina	<del>██████████</del>	Other (Not a UFO Sound C)
214	7	West Ridge, New Hampshire	<del>██████████</del>	(PHYSICAL SPECIMEN) Other (Iron)
138	8	Columbus, Ohio (Case Missing)	Civilian	A/C
161	8	McKeesport, Pennsylvania (XIXMI)	<del>██████████</del>	A/C
139	9	Osborn, Ohio (Case Missing)	USAF Pilot	Insufficient Data
145	9	Fielding Lake, Washington	<del>██████████</del>	Other (Insects)
146	17	San Acacia Dam, N.M. (Case Missing)	Military	Other (Birds)
168	20	Arnheim, Holland (Case Missing)	Civil Official	Insufficient Data
163	21	Van Nuys, California	Multiple	Balloon
	21	Altoona, Pennsylvania (Case Missing)	<del>██████████</del>	Astro (Meteor)
Info	24	Yakima, Washington (News Clipping)	<del>██████████</del>	
		(SEE FOLLOWING)		
144	24	Alabama (FOLDER)	<del>██████████</del>	"Fireball"
165	26	Chamblee, Georgia	Multiple	Astro (Meteor)
Info	27	Asbury Park, N.J. (News Clipping)	Balloon Launch from Princeton.	
147	27	Springfield, Ohio (Case Missing)	<del>██████████</del>	Astro (Meteor)
143	27	Springfield, Ohio (Case Missing)	<del>██████████</del>	Astro (VENUS)
	28	Camp Hood, Texas (Case Missing)	Multi Military	Astro (Meteor)
151	29	Indianapolis, Indiana	<del>██████████</del>	UNIDENTIFIED
159	30	Worthington, Ohio	<del>██████████</del>	Balloon (Hot Air)
155	31	Columbus, Ohio	<del>██████████</del>	Balloon (Hot Air)
156	31	"	<del>██████████</del>	
157	31	" (PHYSICAL SPECIMEN)	<del>██████████</del>	
152	31	Indianapolis, Indiana	<del>██████████</del>	UNIDENTIFIED
	Jul-Aug	Marion, Virginia	<del>██████████</del>	UNIDENTIFIED

AUGUST

	Aug 1	Salt Lake City, Utah (NO CASE)	Civilian	A/C
158	1	Groveport, Ohio	<del>██████████</del>	Other (Meteor & Mail)
154	2	Columbus, Ohio	<del>██████████</del>	Balloon
171	3	Moscow, USSR	Newspaper Report	Insufficient Data
230-a	4	North Powder, Oregon (NO CASE)	<del>██████████</del>	Astro (Meteor)
153	4	Richland, Georgia (NO CASE)	<del>██████████</del>	Astro (Meteor) Report
161		Amel, Minnesota	<del>██████████</del>	Other (Metal)
137	19	Godman TAB, Kentucky	Military	Astro (VENUS)
169	21	Maplewood, Ohio	<del>██████████</del>	Other (Soldier Mess)
166	30	Los Angeles, California	<del>██████████</del>	Astro (Meteor)
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⑤ CASE MISSING

At approximately 2140 hours, 30 June, a ball of fire of orange color with a streamer of bluish color trailing, traveled thru the sky in a westerly direction and disappeared over the horizon to the west. The object traveled at a very fast rate of speed. No sound was heard.

Witnesses: Mrs. [REDACTED], wife of Maj. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Tennessee  
ORC instructors, Knoxville, Tenn.  
Mr. [REDACTED] (See Incident 136a)

Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that the object remained visible for approximately 3 minutes and that the streamer emitted sparks.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that the object was visible for about 3 seconds and traveled at an estimated speed of 1,000 miles per hour at an altitude of about 30,000 feet.

CHECK LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident: 136

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1. Date: 30 June 1943
2. Time: 2140
3. Location S. Knoxville, Tenn.
4. Name of Observer: Mrs [REDACTED]
5. Occupation of observer: wife of Maj [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED], ASU, 3319 Tennessee
6. Address of observer: see above
7. Place of observation South Knoxville, Tenn
8. Number of objects: 1
9. Distance of object from observer: N/S
10. Time in sight: 3 minutes (according to Mrs [REDACTED])  
3 seconds (according to ORC instructors)
11. Altitude: 30,000 ft
12. Speed 1,000 MPH
13. West Direction of flight: West
14. Tactics: N/S
15. Sound N/S
16. Size: N/S
17. Color: orange
18. Shape: Ball
19. Odor detected: N/S
20. Apparent construction "fire"
21. Exhaust trails "streamer of bluish color trailing"
22. Weather conditions: N/S
23. Effect on clouds: N/S
24. Sketches or photographs: none
25. Manner of disappearance: Over horizon
26. Remarks: (over)

CHICAGO TEST UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

136a

1. Date 30 June 1948
2. Time 2140
3. Location S. Knoxville, Tenn
4. Name of observer Dr [REDACTED]
5. Occupation of observer N/S
6. Address of observer Oakridge, Tennessee
7. Place of observation Knoxville, Tenn
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight 3 seconds
11. Altitude ~~10,000-15,000 ft~~ 30,000 ft
12. Speed 1,000 MPH
13. Direction of flight Westerly
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound N/S
16. Size N/S
17. Color Orange Color
18. Shape Ball
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction Fire
21. Exhaust trails Bluish Color
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance Over horizon to West
26. Remarks

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HEADQUARTERS THIRD ARMY  
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

AJACI-9 452.S

8 July 1948

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

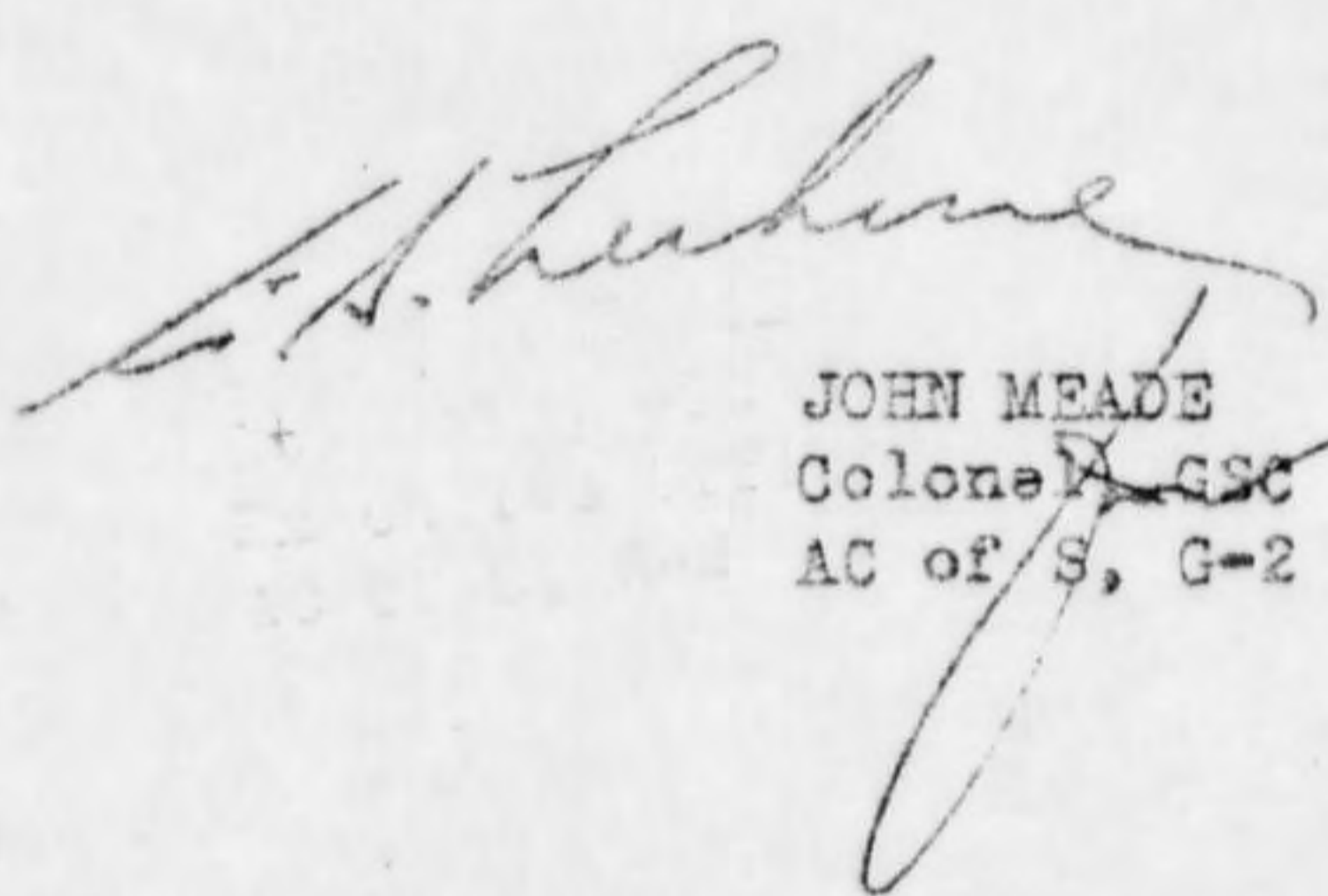
TO : COMGENAMC  
Wright-Patterson AFB  
Dayton, Ohio

ATTN: MCI (Control No. A-1917)

Inclosed is report supporting TWX, this headquarters, dated 6 July 1948.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl:  
Report

  
JOHN MEADE  
Colonel, GSC  
AC of S, G-2

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ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
SIC FIELD AREA OFFICE #3  
(Headquarters or Office)  
Post Office Box 372  
(Place)  
Knoxville, Tennessee.

File No.

2 JUL 1948  
(Date)

SUBJECT: Unidentified Fireball in Sky South of Knoxville, Tenn.

Summary of information:

At approximately 2140 hours, 30 June 1948, a ball of fire, of orange color, with a streamer of bluish color trailing, passed through the sky, rising from the horizon in the east, traveling in a westerly direction, it disappeared over the horizon to the west. The object passed to the south of Knoxville, Tenn.

On 1 July 1948, Major [redacted], Commanding Officer, [redacted] Knoxville, Tenn., was interviewed and stated that he had no knowledge of the subject matter and that the article printed in one of the local newspapers was the first he had heard of the case.

On 1 July 1948, Major [redacted], Commanding Officer, [redacted] Knoxville, Tenn., was interviewed and stated that he had no report on the subject matter, except that when he returned to his home, which is approximately four miles south-east of Knoxville, at 2200 hours, 30 June 1948, Mrs. [redacted], stated that at approximately 2130 hours, while she was seated on the porch of their home, a ball of fire, of orange color, with a streamer of bluish color, had passed through the sky, to the south, that she felt it came from over the horizon from the east and disappeared over the horizon to the west. That the object traveled at a very fast rate of speed, did not disintegrate in the sky like meteoric objects generally do, that a bluish streamer remained visible in the sky for approximately three (3) minutes, during which time it appeared as though the streamer was emitting sparks, and that there was no noise which she could hear of.

On 1 July 1948, Mr. [redacted], Security Division, Oak Ridge, Tenn., was interviewed and stated that their Division had no information relative to the subject matter, except what Mr. [redacted], Oak Ridge, Tenn., had reported. (Mr. [redacted] is an employee of the Security Division). Mr. [redacted] was interviewed and stated in substance: At approximately 2140 hours, 30 June 1948, while he was seated on the porch of his home, he saw a ball of fire come from over the horizon, to the east, travel completely across the sky, and disappear over the horizon to the west, leaving a complete arc of bluish color, which remained visible for about three (3) seconds, and that it appeared to be over Knoxville, Tenn., or maybe farther south.

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SIC FIELD AREA OFFICE #8  
(Office of Headquarters)

Post Office Box No. 379, Knoxville, Tennessee.  
(Place)

2 July 1948  
(Date)

Subject: Unidentified Fireball in Sky South of Knoxville, Tenn.

Summary of Information:

described the ball of fire as being orange color, with a streamer of bluish color, that the streamer and the ball of fire were connected, that the object traveled at what he estimated to be approximately 1000 miles per hour, and at an altitude of about 30,000 feet, that he heard of no sound and that he had never before seen meteoric objects which resembled the same.

To my knowledge this object has not been identified. This agent did not see this phenomenon.

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DOD DIR 5200.10

*Sam F. Doring*  
SAM F. DORING, Sr., 111th CIC Det.

Evaluation

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