

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE

3 Aug 52

2. LOCATION

MANITOU BEACH, MICH.

12. CONCLUSIONS

- Was Balloon
- Probably Balloon
- Possibly Balloon

3. DATE-TIME GROUP

Local 03/0215 CST
GMT 03/0815Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

- Ground-Visual
- Ground-Radar
- Air-Visual
- Air-Intercept Radar

- Was Aircraft
- Probably Aircraft
- Possibly Aircraft

5. PHOTOS

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5. SOURCE

AIRMAN

- Was Astronomical
- Probably Astronomical
- Possibly Astronomical

6. DURATION OF OBSERVATION

5-6 sec.

7. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

1

- Possibly Reflecting
- Unidentified
- Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF OBSERVATION

Airman driving alone saw two bright lights pass over his car and disappear. Lights did not appear together, but followed 40 secs apart.

11. COMMENTS

SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object? _____ Hours _____ Minutes 30 Seconds

12.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 12:

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

13. Did the object look: (Circle One) **Solid** or Transparent?

14. Did the object at any time:

(Circle One for each question)

- | | | | | |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|-----------|-------------------|
| 14.1 | Change direction? | <u>Yes</u> | No | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.2 | Change speed? | <u>Yes</u> | No | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.3 | Change size? | <u>Yes</u> | No | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.4 | Change color? | <u>Yes</u> | No | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.5 | Break up into parts or explode? | <u>Yes</u> | No | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.6 | Give off smoke? | <u>Yes</u> | No | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.7 | Change brightness? | <u>Yes</u> | No | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.8 | Flicker, throb, or pulsate? | <u>Yes</u> | No | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.9 | Remain motionless? | <u>Yes</u> | No | <u>Don't know</u> |

15. Did the object give off a light? (Circle One): Yes **No** Don't know

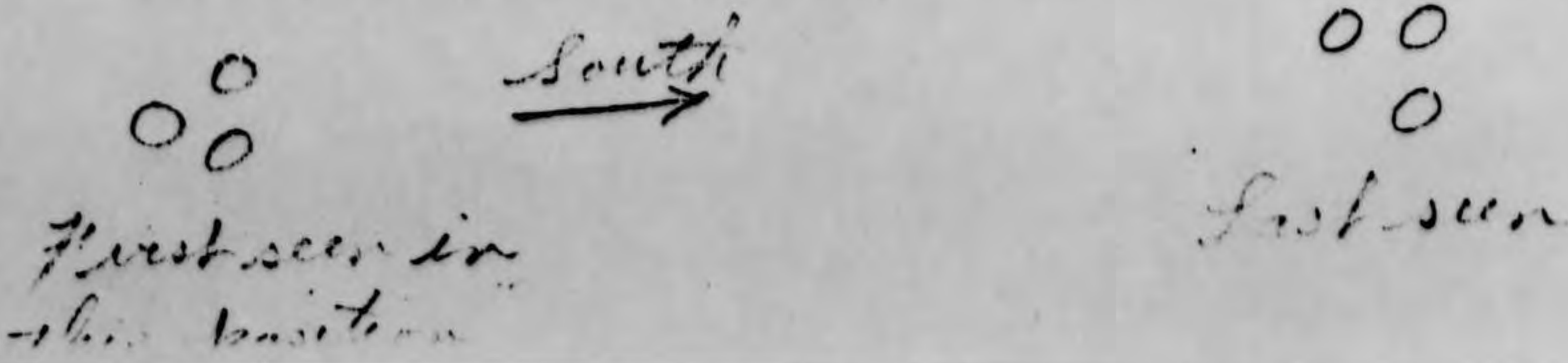
15.1 IF you answered YES, what was the color of the light? _____

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

16.1 Sound None

16.2 Color light grey

17. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? 3
 Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction they were traveling.



18. Did the object at any time:

18.1 Move behind something? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind.

18.2 Move in front of something? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved in front of.

18.3 Blend with the background? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

19. Which of the following objects is about the same actual size as the object you saw? (Circle One):

- a. Pea
- b. Baseball
- c. Basketball *smaller*
- d. Bicycle wheel
- e. Office desk
- f. Automobile
- g. Small airplane
- h. Large airplane
- i. Dirigible
- j. Other _____

19.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 19.

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

20. Try to tell the following things about the object:

20.1 How high above the earth was it? _____ feet.

20.2 How far was it from you? _____ feet or _____ miles

20.3 How fast was it going? _____ miles per hour.

20.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above questions:

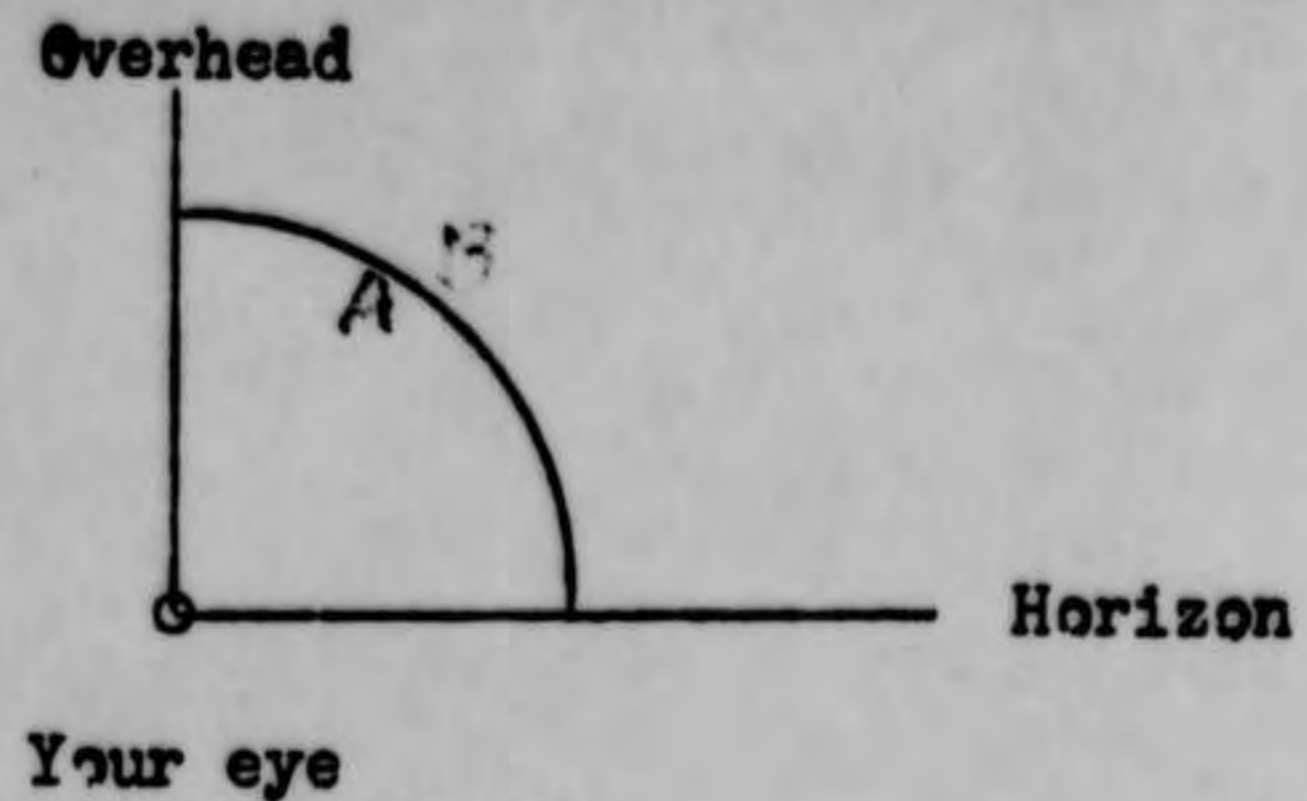
- a. Certain
- b. Fairly certain
- c. Not very sure
- d. Just a guess
- e. *No Idea*

21. How did the object disappear from view?

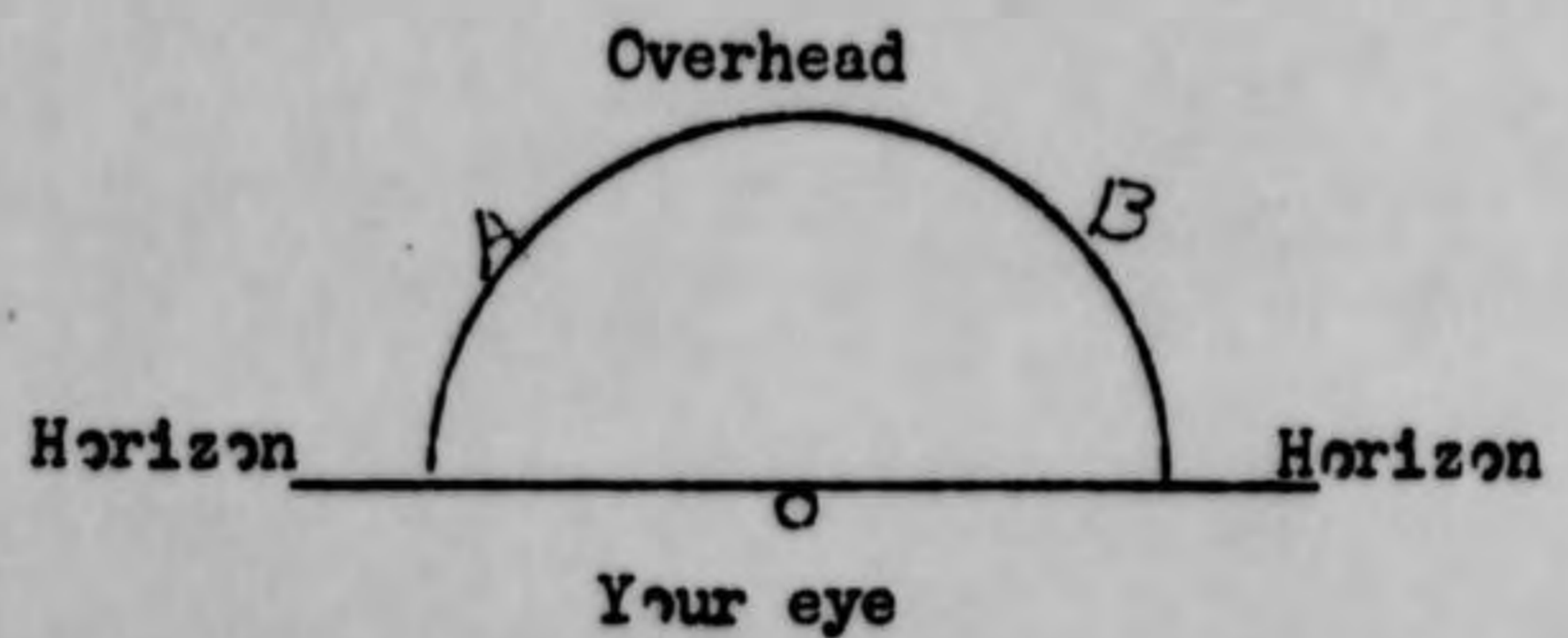
- (Circle One): a. Suddenly
- b. Gradually
 - c. Other _____
 - d. Don't remember

SECTION D

22. In the following sketch, imagine your eye at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon when you first saw it. Place a "B" to show where it was when you last saw it.



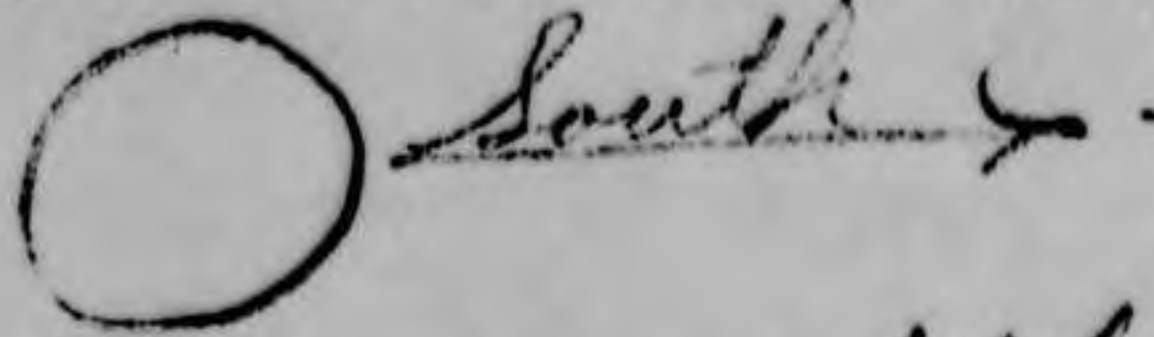
23. In the following sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you first saw it, and a "B" at its position when you last saw it.



24. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object made. Place an "A" at the beginning of its path and a "B" at the end of its path.

A ————— B
 Flew in straight line from North to South

25. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw, and place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.



Seemed to turn completely over several times just before going out of sight. Also in turning they sparkled in the sunlight and looked to be silver in color

SECTION E

26. Was this the first time that you have seen an object like this?
(Circle One): Yes No

26.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what conditions did you see other ones? _____

27. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

I have no idea

28. Give the following information about yourself:

NAME [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [Redacted]

What is your present job? City Mechanic

Age 17

Sex Male

Last School Attended Linncoln High School

Year of last attendance at this school 1926

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

(Circle One): Yes or No

29.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One): Yes or No

29.2 Please list their names and addresses:

~~_____~~ -----Wife
~~_____~~ -----Son
~~_____~~

Sparks, Nevada

30. Please add here any further comments which you believe are important. Use additional sheets of the same size paper if necessary.

I want to assure you we are not confused as to the color of the objects. The largest part of the time we watched them they looked to be a very light grey, then a few seconds before they left our sight, (possibly 6 or 7 seconds) they turned over two or three times and that's when they reflected the sunlight which caused them to sparkle and look silvery. I wish I could estimate the height and speed of the objects for you, but as I told Captain Evans of the Stead Air Base, without knowing the actual size his guess would be as good as mine.

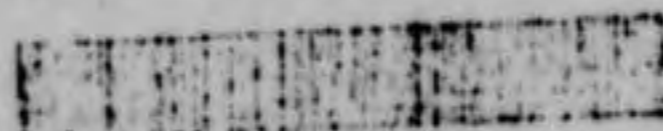
Now that I have answered your questions, I would like to ask you one. Don't you know more about these objects than you are letting us know?

Sincerely,

~~_____~~ / ~~_____~~

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TO JEPHQ/CSUSAF WASH DC

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[REDACTED] ID WQTT PD FLYOBRPT PD FOR DIR OD INTEL

CMA FOR ATIAA-2C PD [REDACTED] CMA [REDACTED] CMA SPARKS

CMA NEV CMA HOME PHONE [REDACTED] CMA OFFICE PHONE [REDACTED] TOGETHER

WITH WIFE AND SON VISUALLY OBSERVED THREE OBJECTS ROUND AND FLAT IN
TRIANGULAR FORMATION EACH SMALLER THAN A BASKET BALL CMA LIGHT IN COLOR
LIKE SUN OR AN ELECTRIC LIGHT BUT NOT WHITE OR SILVER CMA SEEMING CMA
INDIVIDUALLY CMA TO FLOP OR TURN OVER LIKE A DISCUS OR CAN TOP SAILED
INTO THE AIR CMA MOVING FOR AN ESTIMATED THIRTY SECONDS FROM THE
NORTH-EAST TO THE SOUTH AT A CONSTANT ESTIMATED ELEVATION OF FIFTY
DEGREES CMA UNTIL THEY SUDDENLY AND SIMULTANEOUSLY IN A CLEAR SKY
CMA LEAVING NO SOUND CMA VAPOR TRAIL OR SMOKE CMA DISAPPEARED FROM
THE SIGHT OF THESE THREE OBSERVERS PD TIME OF OBSERVATION WAS 1553
HOURS 3 AUGUST 1952 PD OBSERVATION TOOK PLACE FROM HOUSE PORCH FACING
EAST AT SPARKS NEAR RENO NEV PD REPORT WAS BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF
OFFICER OF THE DAY CMA STEAD AFB CMA WHO NOTIFIED HAMILTON AFB PD F-6
SOURCE PD NO OTHER INFOUMATION AVAILABLE PD NO REPORT FOLLOWS

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ID 2306 PD CITE PROJECT BLUE BOOK PD WINDS ALOFT 3 AUGUST RNO 21 0905

61307 1611 81919 1921 01818 22017 42119 62032 82041 02141 02140 32107

52025 02047 32260 PD HUBBARD FIELD PAREN COMMERCIAL PAREN RELEASED

SINGLE BALLOONS PD TIMES DIRECTIONS TIME ALOFT AS FOLLOWS PD 0151 SW

WNW N ESE SW 30 MIN ALOFT CMA 0655 CALM NW N NE E SE S SW 34 MIN ALOFT

CMA 1245 E SE S SSW 31 MIN ALOFT CMA 1843 W SW S SW 32 MIN ALOFT PD

STEAD AFB REPORTS. FOUR CONVENTIONAL ACFT LANDING OR TAKING OFF THAT

DATE PD HUBBARD FIELD REPORTS EXTREMELY BUSY DAY WITH PRIVATE AND

COMMERCIAL FLYING TOTALING 260 ACFT PD GEORGE HALE CMA CAA TOWER

OPERATOR THAT DATE HUBBARD FIELD CMA RECALLS SIGHTING TWO BRIGHT

JOINT MESSAGEFORM

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INFO:

FROM: AFOIN-ATIAA-5-12-3

FOR DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE

Reference your FLYOBRPT dated 5 Aug 1952 of sighting on 3 Aug 1952 by Mr. M. I. Stewart. Request information of local balloon releases on date of sighting, time of release, what station, path, time of burst, winds aloft. Request also local air activity.

In reply cite Project Blue Book.

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DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required)

LT R. H. OLSSON/jos

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

SYMBOL

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OFFICIAL TITLE

ROBERT E. KENNEDY, Major, USAF
Air Adjutant General

OBJECTS TO NORTH IN MIDAFTERNOON 3 AUGUST PD USE OF BINOCULARS
IDENTIFIED OBJECTS AS B-29 OR B-50 WITH VERY BRIGHT SUN REFLECTION
FROM WINGS PD ACFT WAS ON A NORTH TO SOUTH HEADING AT FIFTEEN THOUSAND
APPROX PD ACFT INVISIBLE TO NAKED EYE DUE TO BRIGHTNESS OF LIGHT SPOTS
ON WINGS

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Reporting of Information on Unidentified Flying Objects

Michigan

Director of Intelligence, Hqs Tenth AF

8 Aug 52

6 Aug 52

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2ND LT. GEORGE H. JANCZENSKI

A/SC GARY L. DAMON
HQS TENTH AF, SELFRIDGE AFB, MICH.

AFOIN-C/CC-2, 19 December 1951 and AFL 200-5, AFXOI 1456

This report contains information on an unidentified flying object as observed by AIRMAN THIRD CLASS GARY L. DAMON, AF 16 401 512, HEADQUARTERS TENTH AIR FORCE, SELFRIDGE AIR FORCE BASE, MICHIGAN on 3 August 1952.

APPROVED:

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M. M. ZEINE
Lt Col, USAF
Assistant Deputy for Operations

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1. A/SC DAMON'S signed statement
2. Sketch of A/SC DAMON'S point of observation

D/I, USAF - original
ATIC, Wright-Patterson - 1 cy
D/I, ADC - 1 cy

D/I, ConAC - 1 cy
D/I, Tenth AF - 1 cy

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1. At 0815Z, 3 August 1952, AIRMAN THIRD CLASS GARY L. DAMON was returning to ADRIAN, MICHIGAN, from MANITOU BEACH along the MANITOU BEACH ROAD in his car when he observed a brilliant, white light flash past in the same direction as he was going. AIRMAN DAMON was heading east and was about one (1) mile from the junction of highway 223 at ROME CENTER, MICHIGAN. The light or object was south of his position, about three hundred (300) feet from the road and appeared to be approximately twenty (20) feet in diameter travelling at an altitude of twenty-five (25) to thirty (30) feet parallel to the ground. AIRMAN DAMON states that he watched the light or object for probably two (2) seconds and that in this time, it travelled about two hundred (200) feet in a horizontal course to the east and disappeared from sight. There seemed to be no trail and there was no sound. The light or object passed so rapidly that AIRMAN DAMON was unable to determine the speed or exact shape although it seemed to be circular.

2. AIRMAN DAMON stopped his car at the approximate location that he last observed the light or object and investigated to see if any damage had been done to the vegetation as might be caused by heat, but there was none.

3. Approximately forty (40) seconds later, another light or object appeared about three hundred (300) or four hundred (400) feet up the road from AIRMAN DAMON'S position and travelled in the same direction. This light or object was identical to the first observed but appeared to dive to an altitude of twenty-five (25) or thirty (30) feet, travel horizontally for four hundred (400) to five hundred (500) feet and then disappear. This light or object was observed for about five (5) or six (6) seconds and appeared to be six hundred (600) feet south of the road.

4. AIRMAN DAMON states that there was no vegetation, hill or any object that could have been responsible for the appearance or disappearance of the lights or objects. The disappearance of the lights or objects was such as a light being suddenly turned off.

5. AIRMAN DAMON states that there were no farm houses in the vicinity and no passing motorists to verify his sightings.

TENTH AIR FORCE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE COMMENT:

1. AIRMAN DAMON is assigned as DRAFTSMAN for the DEPUTY FOR OPERATIONS and is considered by his superiors to be both conscientious and reliable.

2. No local aircraft were in the vicinity at the time of sighting.

3. The 661st AC&W SQUADRON at SELFRIDGE AIR FORCE BASE indicated no unusual radar observations.

4. Weather and winds at time of sightings:

a. Weather

(1) Visibility - 4 to 5 miles; ground fog in patches

(2) Clouds - Negative

b. Winds

- (1) Surface - Calm
- (2) 5,000' - 290°/16 knots
- (3) 10,000' - 300°/18 knots
- (4) 15,000' - 300°/28 knots
- (5) 20,000' - 310°/30 knots
- (6) 25,000' - 330°/47 knots
- (7) 30,000' - 330°/54 knots
- (8) 35,000' - 330°/66 knots
- (9) 40,000' - 320°/52 knots
- (10) 50,000' - 310°/36 knots

5. The undersigned officer interprets the sighting as a reflection of man-made light which was suddenly turned off, appeared again and was turned off again.

George H. Janczewski

GEORGE H. JANCZEWSKI
2nd Lt. USAF
Director of Intelligence

7 August 1952

At approximately 0815Z, 3 August 1952, while returning to Adrian, Michigan, in my car, I noticed a brilliant white light or object flash past travelling in the same direction as I. I was heading east on the Manitou Beach road, approximately one (1) mile from Junction 223 at Rome Center, Michigan. The light or object was south of me about three hundred (300) feet from the road. It's diameter appeared to be about twenty (20) feet and it travelled at an altitude of twenty-five (25) to thirty (30) feet parallel to the ground.

During the few seconds, probably not more than two (2), it travelled about two hundred (200) feet in a horizontally straight course eastward and disappeared from sight. The light was very brilliant; there seemed to be no trailing; and there was no sound. The light or object passed so rapidly that it was impossible for me to determine its speed or its exact shape but it seemed to be circular.

I stopped immediately, at the approximate location I last observed the light or object, and investigated to see if any damage was done to the vegetation as might be caused by heat. There was none.

About forty (40) seconds later, another light or object appeared three hundred (300) feet to four hundred (400) feet up the road. It travelled in the same direction and at the same altitude as the first, approximately six hundred (600) feet from the road. This light or object, identical to the first, was observed by me for about five (5) or six (6) seconds. It seemed to dive to an altitude of twenty-five (25) to thirty (30) feet and travelled parallel to the ground for four hundred (400) to five hundred (500) feet and then disappeared.

I further wish to state that no vegetation, hill, or man-made object was responsible for the lights or objects disappearing from sight but it was as if the light had been suddenly turned off.

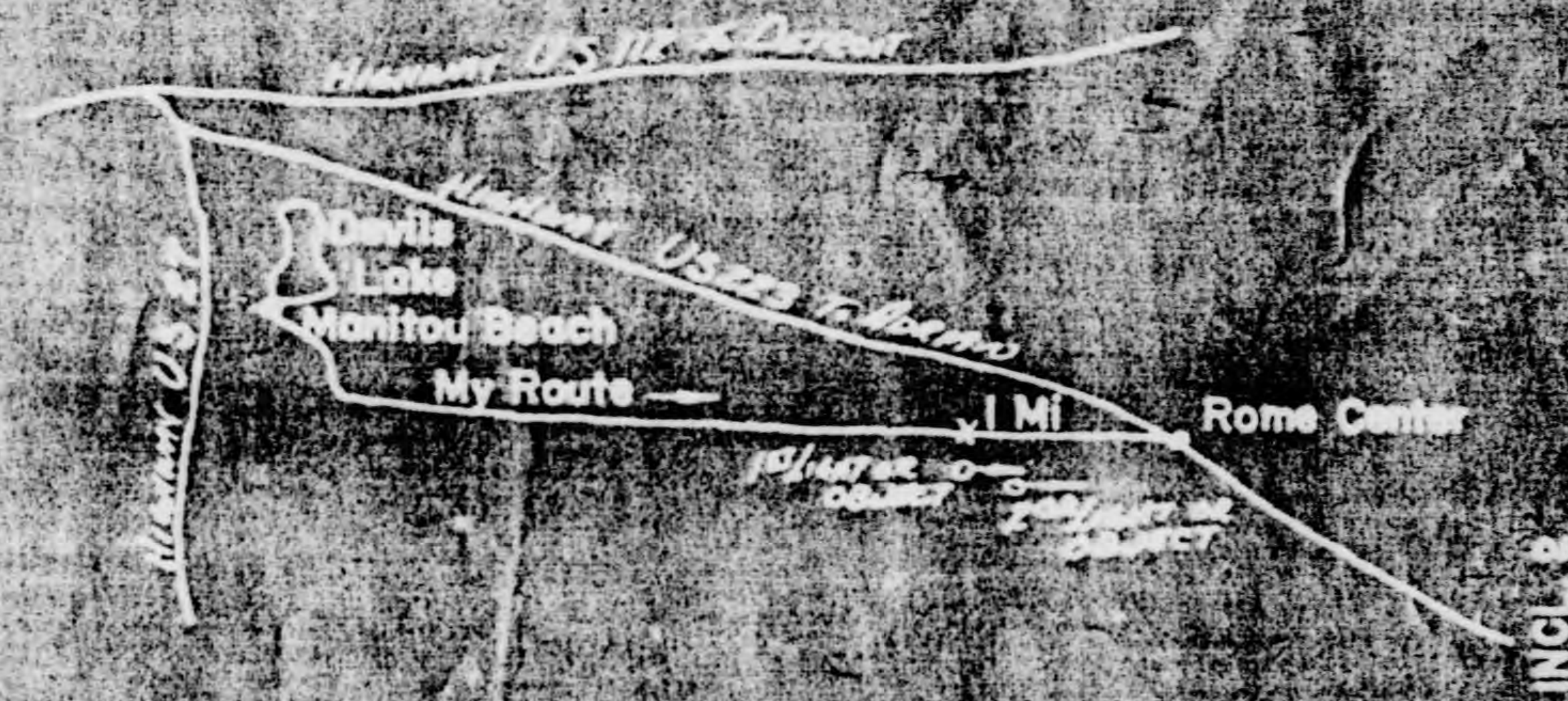
There were no farm houses in the vicinity and no passing motorists for verification of these sightings.

Gary L. Damon
GARY L. DAMON, AF 16401512
A/3C, Hq Sq Sec, Hq Tenth AF

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Diagram of Damon Setting



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OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE

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SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: 3 August 1952
Day Month Year

1.2 Time of day: 3 53 A.M. or (P.M.) (Circle One)
Hrs. Min.

1.3 Time Zone: (Circle One):

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

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

1.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above question 1.2:

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

2. Where did you see the object?

[Redacted] Shasta Shasta U.S.A.
Postal Address City or Town State Country

3. Where were you located when you saw the object:

(Circle One): a. Inside a building
b. In a car
(c.) Outdoors
d. In an airplane
e. At sea
f. Other _____

3.1 Were you:

(Circle One): a. In the business section of a city?
b. In the residential section of a city?
(c.) In open countryside?
d. Flying near an airfield?
e. Flying over a city?
f. Flying over open country?
g. Other _____

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8. What direction were you facing when you first saw the object?

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|---|--------------|
| a. North | e. South |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> b. Northeast | f. Southwest |
| c. East | g. West |
| d. Southeast | h. Northwest |

8.1 What direction were you facing when the object disappeared?

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|---|--------------|
| a. North | e. South |
| b. Northeast | f. Southwest |
| c. East | g. West |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> d. Southeast | h. Northwest |

8.2 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above two questions. (8 and 8.1).

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

9. Were you wearing eye glasses when you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or No

10. How was the object seen?

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|-------------------------|--|
| a. Through window glass | e. Through theodolite |
| b. Through windshield | f. Through sun glasses |
| c. Through binoculars | <input checked="" type="radio"/> g. Through open space |
| d. Through telescope | h. Other _____ |

11. What do you remember about the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

11.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

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

11.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

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

11.2 WIND (Circle One)

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

11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

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

4. How did you happen to notice the object? _____

I just happened to look up

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

3 August 1952
Day Month Year

SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? _____

Sitting on my front porch

6.1 What had you been doing for the 30 minutes before you saw the object? Try to list the activity or activities, and the approximate amount of time spent on each.

Sitting on my front porch talking
to my dog

7. Were you moving at any time while you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or No

IF you answered YES, then complete the following questions.

7.1 What direction were you moving?

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | e. South |
| b. Northeast | f. Southwest |
| c. East | g. West |
| d. Southeast | h. Northwest |

7.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

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

(Circle One): Yes or No