

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 25 Oct 52	2. LOCATION STEAD AFB NEV		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>25/1030 PST</u> GMT <u>25/1830 Z</u>	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE 2 Tower operators		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 sec	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 2	9. COURSE	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round, orange objects traveling at great speed sighted by tower personnel at Stead AFB. Similar objects reported by civilians in Reno.		11. COMMENTS 1. The report does not make clear whether 1 or 2 objects were seen. They left vapor trails, however, were seen for 4 min, and changed directions - all leading to the conclusion that the object or objects sighted were possible a/c.	

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.

1. When did you see the object?

14 Oct 1952
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 21 55
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?

Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country
ZUNI NEW MEXICO

Additional remarks: AIRBORNE 10,000 FT HEADING -260°

5. Estimate how long you saw the object. 0 35 -
Hours Minutes Seconds

5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.

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

6. What was the condition of the sky?

(Circle One): a. Bright daylight
b. Dull daylight
c. Bright twilight
d. Just a trace of daylight
e. No trace of daylight
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?

(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, 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 BRIGHTER & LARGER -

11. 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? | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | 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 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness? | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No | Don't Know |
| f. Change shape? | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't Know |
| g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate? | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | 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: _____

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: _____

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?

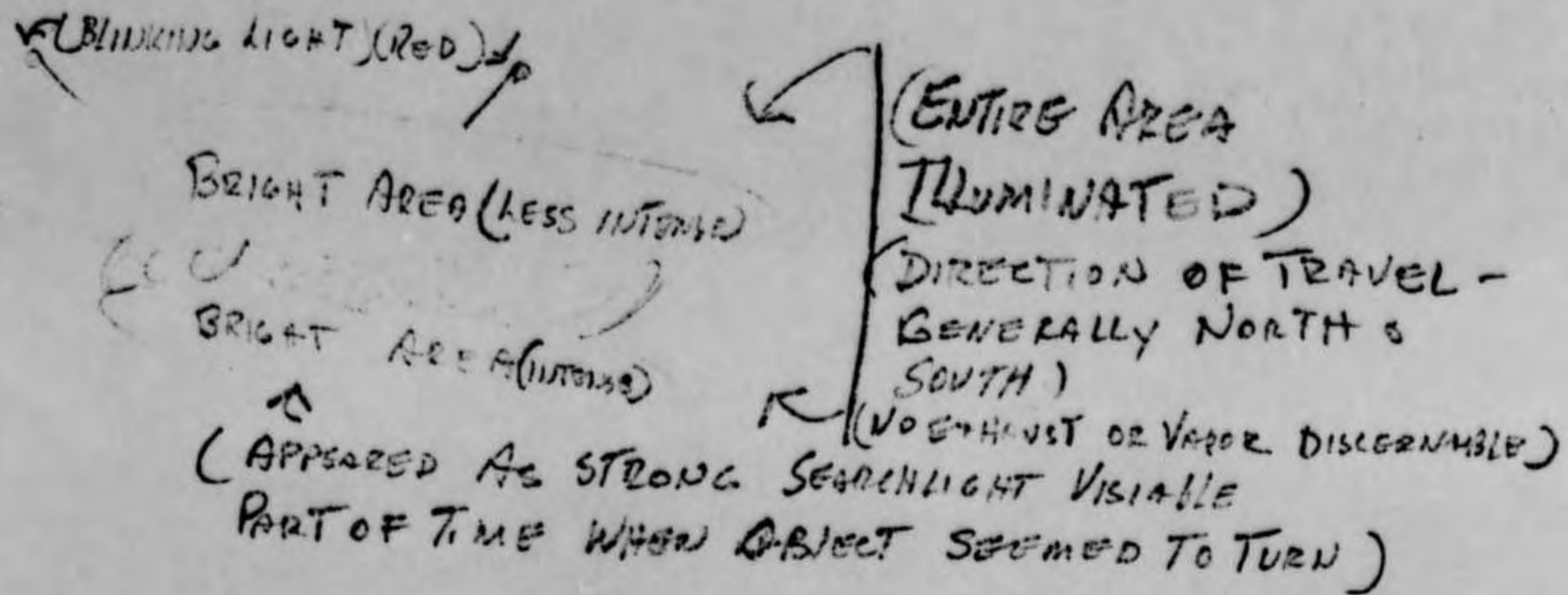
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|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| a. Eyeglasses | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | e. Binoculars | Yes | <input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

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

a. Sound NONE DISCERNIBLE

b. Color NORMAL ELECTRIC LIGHT COLOR -- RED BLINKING LIGHT
APPEARED TO BE ATTACHED TO OBJECT.

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.



18. 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 _____

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 traveling.

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 any changes 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.

500 feet. (GUESS)

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 _____

- 22.1 (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

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? _____

OBJECT FADED FROM VIEW POSSIBLY CHANGE IN COURSE OF OUR A/C - FROM 260° TO 200°

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.

1. METALLIC MATERIAL
2. SIZE AND SHAPE OF LARGE DIRIGIBLE -
3. BRIGHTLY ILLUMINATED DIRIGIBLE - EXCEPT FOR SPEED WITH WHICH ^{OBJECT} ~~IN~~ ^{WORLD}, FAR EXCEEDING ANY KNOWN OBJECT OF THIS SHAPE.

25. 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 _____

26. 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 _____

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

FLYING AT 10,000 FEET HEADING 260° - OBJECT CALLED TO MY ATTENTION
BY COL COX FLYING IN COPILOT SEAT APPROX 5 MIN AFTER HE SPOTTED
OBJECT -

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 260°
g. West
h. Northwest

28.2 How fast were you moving? 190 NAS miles per hour TRUST AS.

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
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest 180°
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).

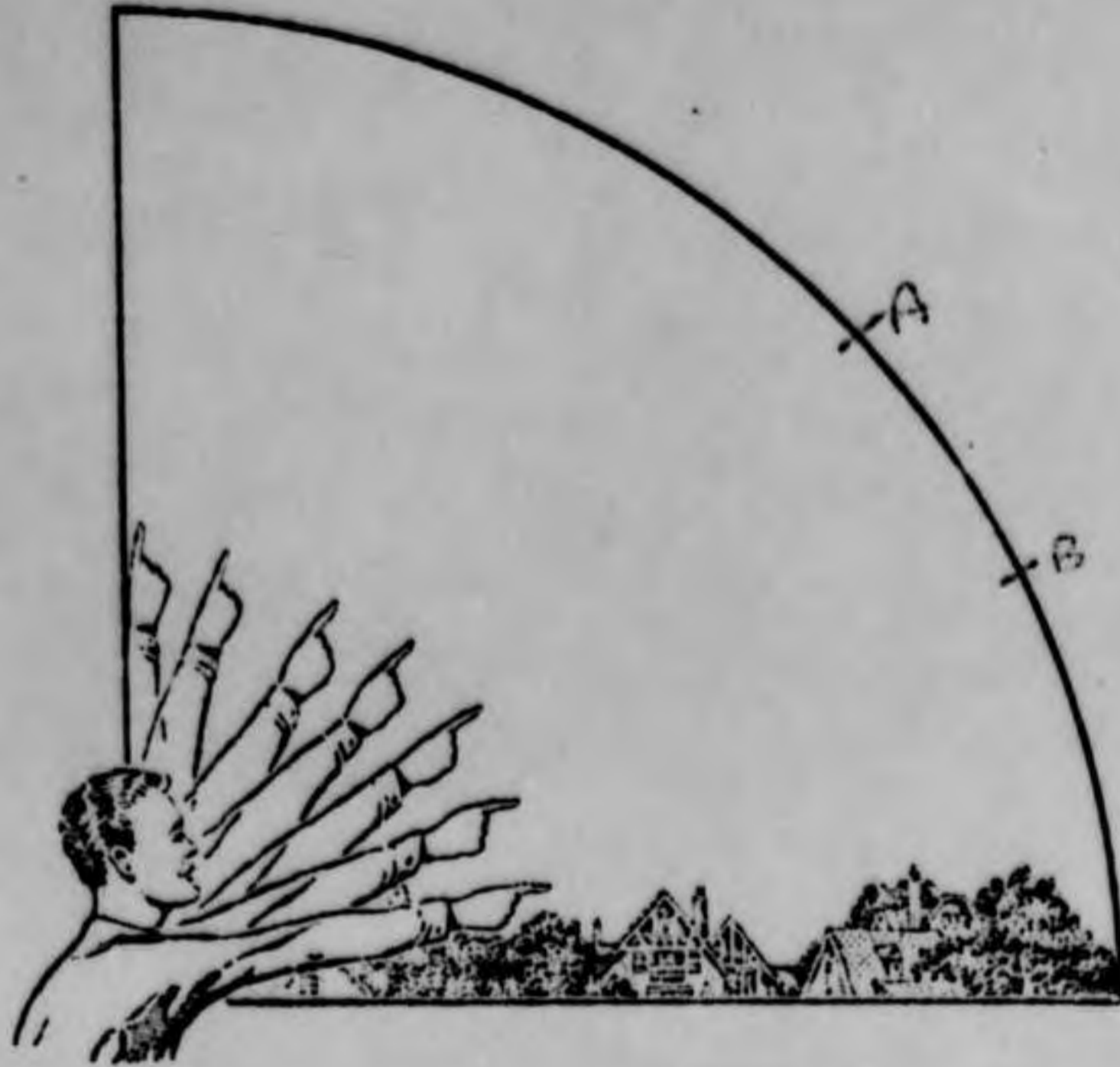
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 30° degrees.
b. From horizon 40° degrees. FROM THE HORIZONTAL PLANE.

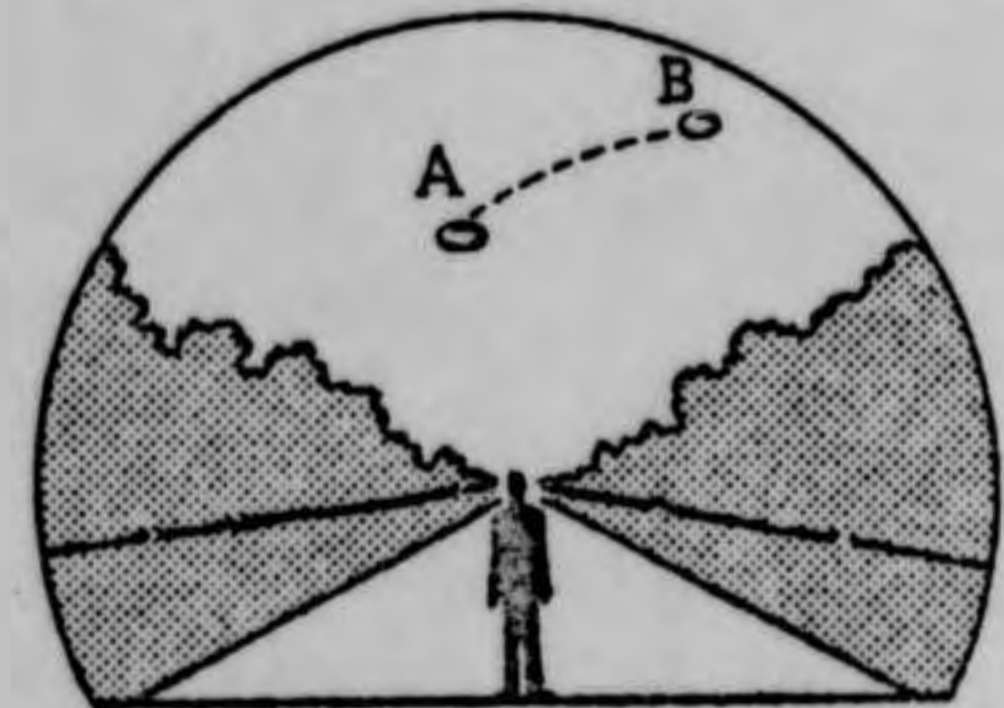
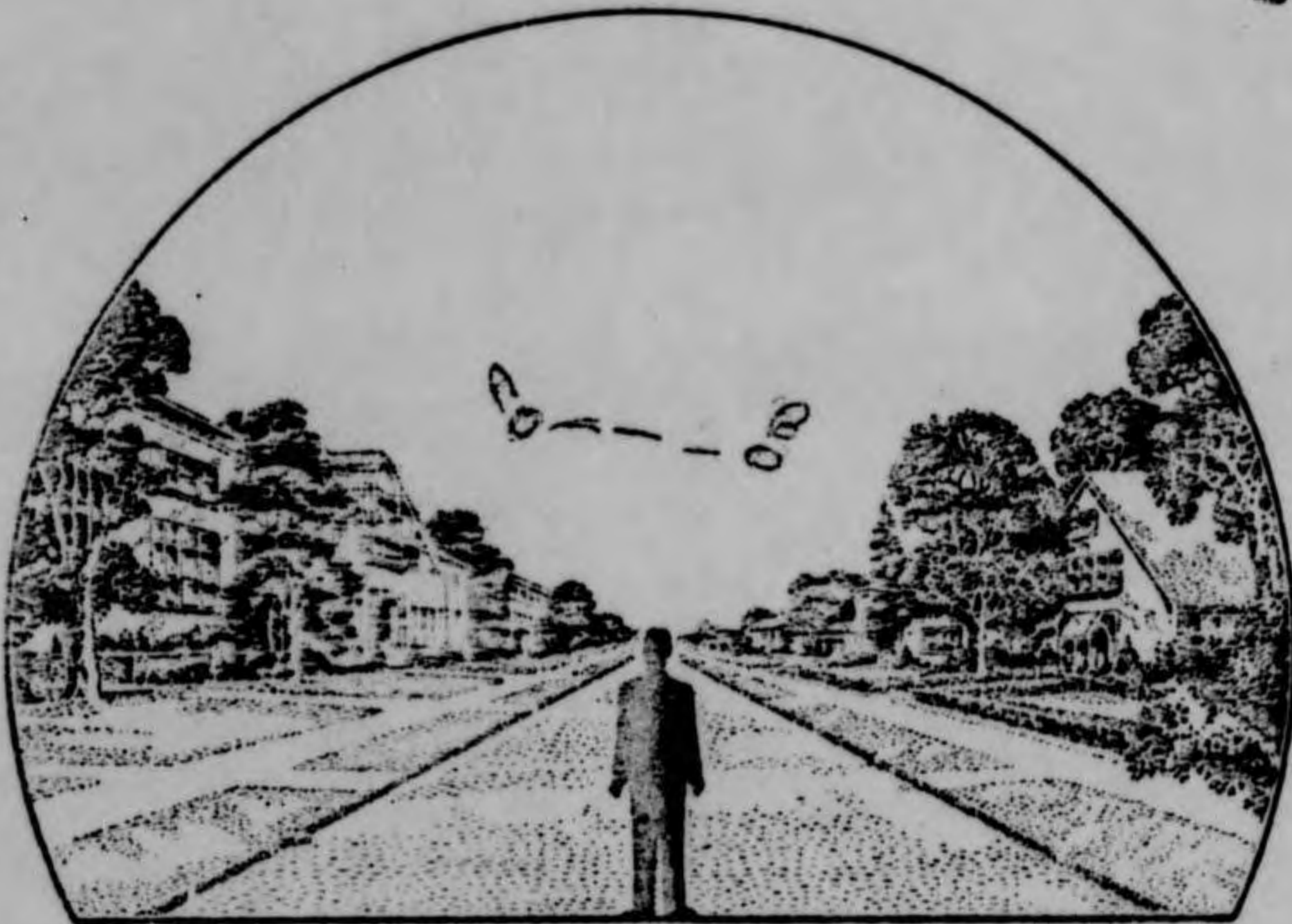
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 320° degrees.
b. From horizon 20° degrees. FROM THE HORIZONTAL PLANE

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 (skyline) when you *last* saw it.



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.



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?

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 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:

Col. [REDACTED] - Hq. USAF - OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LIAISON
 (Pilot)
 Lt Col. [REDACTED] - USAFR - CIVILIAN CONTRACT AIRLIFT - TRAVIS AFB, CALIF.

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?

CONTROLLED, FLYING OBJECT WITH ABILITY TO HOVER AND OBTAIN HIGH SPEEDS. IF PRODUCED BY THIS COUNTRY IT DISPLAYED AERODYNAMIC ADVANCES BEYOND THE KNOWLEDGE OF THIS OBSERVER.

39. 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? IN EXCESS OF 1000 m.p.h.

40. 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? 50 to 150 MILES feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS [REDACTED] ARLINGTON [REDACTED] VA
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

What is your present job? DUTY DIRECTOR, O.L.C., OFFICE OF SEC OF DEFENSE

Age 35 Sex MALE

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

- a. Grade school
- b. High school
- c. College
- d. Post graduate _____
- e. e. Technical school _____
(Type) _____
- f. Other special training PILOT

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

5 Nov 1957
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 _____

SIGNATURE _____

DATE 5 Nov 1952*(Do Not Write in This Space)*

CODE:

The object appeared to be composed of an energized substance that emits light. When stationary, it was very similar to a star with the exception of blinking or revolving lights that appeared from time to time from a position above the main body of the object and at variations in intensity of the light reflected or produced by the object itself.

The object remained to the west of us at all times during the period of observation. Its most significant characteristic was the illumination mentioned above with the main body appearing to be oval in shape with a lower protrusion also oval which appeared to be similar to a large search light. The lower part of the object was only visible when the object appeared to turn, which may account for the variation in intensity of the overall illumination. In other words, when the object turned toward us, the brightly lighted lower portion was visible.

There were two blinking or revolving lights just above the main oval that at times appeared red and green.

The object went through three types of maneuvers - altitude change, hover and horizontal change. The altitude ranged from a roughly estimated 30,000 to 60,000 ft. The object appeared to spend most of its time hovering. The horizontal speed is roughly estimated in excess of 1,000 miles per hour. The distance of the object from the aircraft ranged from a roughly estimated 50 to 150 miles.

The object appeared to hover, change altitude and move horizontally unlike any aeronautical development known to this observer. In appearance, it most closely resembled a large dirigible that has been brightly illuminated.

The red and green lights mentioned above lead this observer to believe that the object was man-made and the manner in which it maneuvered definitely established that the object was controlled.

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2. Atia ✓
3. C. files ✓

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JEDEN/CG ENT AFB COLO SPRINGS COLO

JWPML/CG WESTERN ADC HAMILTON AFB CALIF

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ID 3484. FLYOBAPT. FOR DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE,
 FOR ATIAA-2C. ONE CIRCULAR OBJECT ABOUT SIZE AND COLOR OF A MEDIUM SIZE
ORANGE WAS OBSERVED. IT TRAVELED EASTERLY AT GREAT SPEED AND DISAPPEARED.
THREE TO FOUR MINUTES LATER IT APPEARED GOING WESTERLY, THEN
DISAPPEARED LEAVING A VAPORTAIL. OBJECT WAS SIGHTED AT 1030 PACIFIC PST
TIME, (25 OCTOBER 1952) AND AT NO TIME WAS VISIBLE FOR MORE THAN FIVE
 SECONDS. IT WAS OBSERVED THROUGH PAIR OF 7X50 BINOCULARS AND VISUALLY
 BY TOWER OPERATORS AT STEAD AFB WHO SIGHTED IT AT FIVE MILES SOUTHWEST
 OF FIELD OVER MT PEAVINE. OBJECTS APPEARED TO BE FROM 15-20,000 FEET IN
 ALTITUDE. OBJECTS WERE OBSERVED BY A/IC ALBERT F. FLOWERS AND

Possibly a/c

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A/2C JAMES L. WRIGHT WHO HAVE BEEN TOWER OPERATORS FOR SIX YEARS AND THIRTEEN MONTHS RESPECTIVELY AND WERE ON DUTY AT THAT TIME. SKY WAS CLEAR VISIBILITY 15 MILES PLUS. WINDS ALOFT: RNO 1500Z 51602 61605 1709 81811 2311 32109 22118 42119 62013 82212 82218 32323 52424 82426 52433 82549 --RNO 2100Z 1202 61302 1602 21906 2008 52307 22114 42120 62119 82116 82215 52325. ORIGINAL REPORT CAME FROM UNKNOWN CIVILIAN IN RENO SUBURB OF HOME GARDENS WHO NOTIFIED LOCAL PAPER. PAPER CALLED RENO RADIO WHO CALLED STEAD TOWER. ORIGINAL REPORT IDENTIFIED A FORMATION OF ²⁰ TWENTY OBJECTS WITH TWO OVER STEAD. NO OTHER OBSERVATIONS REPORTED. FIRE OBSERVER ON MT PEAVINE OBSERVED NOTHING. LOCAL AIR TRAFFIC THAT HOUR WAS MILITARY TRANSITION OR COMMERCIAL. NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO REPORT FOLLOWS

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PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE <i>25 Oct '52</i>	2. LOCATION <i>Stead AFB, Nev.</i>	3. TIME Local: <i>1030 P</i> Zebra: <i>1932</i>
4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
<input type="checkbox"/> Naked Eye <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Binoculars <input type="checkbox"/> Telescope <input type="checkbox"/> Theodolite		
5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
<input type="checkbox"/> By One Set <input type="checkbox"/> By Two Sets <input type="checkbox"/> By Three Sets		
6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
<input type="checkbox"/> A/C Observed Object <input type="checkbox"/> Interception Attempted <input type="checkbox"/> No Intercept Attempted		
7. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
<input type="checkbox"/> A/C Scrambled <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Contact Made <input type="checkbox"/> A/I Contact Made <input type="checkbox"/> No Contact Made		
8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Normal <input type="checkbox"/> Violent		
9. IF OBJECT WAS A "LIGHT", WAS IT: <input type="checkbox"/> Blinking <input type="checkbox"/> Steady <i>Not light</i>		
10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT: <input type="checkbox"/> 1-15 Seconds <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-5 Minutes <input type="checkbox"/> Over 10 Minutes		
11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address) <i>C.O. Stead AFB, Nev.</i>		

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED? <i>No</i>		
13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO ARCH DOWNWARD? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
14. DID OBJECT HAVE A TAIL? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
15. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
16. TIME OF SIGHTING RELATIVE TO SUNRISE OR SUNSET (Data From Air Almanac)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Night <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Day <input type="checkbox"/> Sunrise <input type="checkbox"/> Sunset		

III. AIRCRAFT DATA

17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
<input type="checkbox"/> One Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> More Than One Aircraft		
18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
19. WERE THERE INDICATIONS OF HIGH BACKGROUND NOISE? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
20. WAS THE OBJECT VIEWED ABOVE 45° ELEVATION? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA? Yes No

22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE: 3 hr 30 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

<p>21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Unreliable <input type="checkbox"/> Extremely Doubtful <input type="checkbox"/> Hoax</p>	<p>22. DETAILS OF REPORT:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient to Evaluate</p>
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23. FINAL EVALUATION:

<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data For Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
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24. COMMENTS:

HEADQUARTERS STATE AIR FORCE

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FILE NO.	24-184-1

ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET UNCLASSIFIED

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) FLYOBRPT

TO: Topical Intelligence Division, Deputy Director for Estimates, Directorate of Intelligence, DCS/O

DATE 4 DEC 1952

COMMENT NO. 1

FROM: Counter Intelligence Division
Directorate of Special Investigations, IG

Capt Brown/fjm/AFCST-6
Code 192/X-140

Forwarded herewith for your information is a copy of a Spot Intelligence Report by the 1st OSI District, Westover Air Force Base, Massachusetts, dated 29 November 1952, concerning the alleged sighting of two (2) unidentified flying objects.

1 Incl
Spt Intell Rpt dtd 29 Nov 52



LUCIUS L. FREE
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Chief, Sabotage & Espionage Branch

R.I.

26 Oct 52
WEST BARRINGTON,

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS

UPON WITHDRAWAL OF THE INCLOSURES THE CLASSIFICATION ON THIS CORRESPONDENCE

WILL BE Cancelled

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
1st District Office of Special Investigations
Westover Air Force Base, Massachusetts

LD-OSI 49-7

29 NOV 1952

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S):
Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft
at West Barrington, Rhode Island, at
2205, 26 October 1952
POSITIVE INTELLIGENCE

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

SYNOPSIS:

On 26 October 1952, at approximately 2205 hours, [REDACTED], West Barrington, Rhode Island, observed two (2) unidentified airborne objects. No activities or conditions developed to account for sightings. [REDACTED] appears to be a reliable, mature individual who considers it his duty to report such incidents. [REDACTED] made notes of the observation shortly after the sighting, which he referred to in relating the information. (OSI, B-2, Confidential)

DETAILS:

1. At approximately 2205 hours, 26 October 1952, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], West Barrington, Rhode Island, sighted two (2) unidentified airborne objects and reported these sightings to the Commanding Officer, 152d Fighter Squadron, Air National Guard (RI), Hillsgrove Airport, Warwick, Rhode Island. On 25 November, [REDACTED] was interviewed by Special Agent FRANCIS E. BARRETT and gave the following information:

a. Description of objects: Two (2) egg-shaped objects, from a distance of from eight to ten miles appeared to be the size of a small coin. Objects appeared smooth with no ports or tail assembly and did not leave a vapor trail. Objects appeared to move in formation at

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[REDACTED]

a speed much greater than the fastest jet aircraft and covered approximately fifteen degrees in an estimated one-tenth of a second. The course of the objects was estimated to be due south when first sighted by [REDACTED] who was facing a northwesterly direction. Objects were estimated to be two to five degrees above the horizontal and maintained that elevation during the entire time sighted. [REDACTED] described the color of the objects as "silvery light", unlike any star or meteor. [REDACTED] stated the objects appeared to be over Providence, Rhode Island, which is a distance of eight to ten miles in a northwesterly direction. The objects produced no audible noise or vibrations.

b. Objects were sighted by [REDACTED] at about 2205 hours EST, 26 October 1952 and were clearly observed for an estimated one-tenth of a second in the clear and for a fraction of a second through trees which obscured the line of vision.

c. Sighting was by visual observation only.

d. Observer sighted the objects from the yard of his residence at [REDACTED] West Barrington, Rhode Island.

e. Identifying information on observer: [REDACTED] twenty-four years of age, has recently completed five years of active service with the U. S. Navy and is at present a student in a local radio school. [REDACTED] advised that while in the Navy, he underwent extensive training in radar and served as a radar man for about three years. [REDACTED] appeared to be familiar with various types of aircraft and stated that he has never observed a comparable object. [REDACTED] advised that due to the unusual sighting he did not report it immediately because he was afraid of the unfavorable publicity that such a report might create. However, [REDACTED] stated, he reported the sighting within two days to the 152d Air National Guard (RI), Hillsgrove Airport, Warwick, Rhode Island. HILDRETH advised that he inquired of persons in the neighborhood, but that no one had observed the objects. [REDACTED] advised that shortly after sighting these objects, he wrote down all he could recall and he used this information in relating the details of his observance.

f. Weather Conditions: [REDACTED] stated that at the time of sighting, the weather was clear with very little wind and visibility was excellent. The U. S. Weather Bureau, Providence, Rhode Island, advised that weather conditions at 2205 hours, 26 October 1952, were high, broken clouds, no precipitation, visibility excellent, with very little wind.

g. No activity or condition is known that might account for the sighting. [REDACTED] advised that at the time of the sighting, he was casually observing the stars and lights of Providence because of the excellent visibility.

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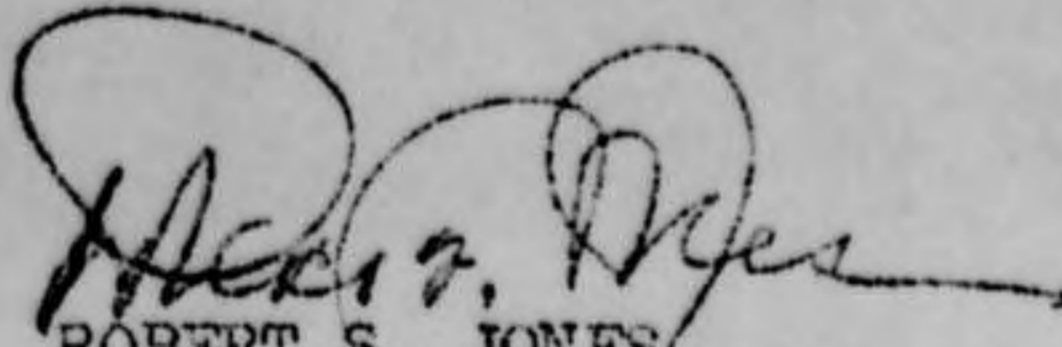
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h. No physical evidence exists and no interception action was taken.

i. Manner of disappearance: Objects moved behind trees located nearby and were observed for a fraction of a second through openings in the trees.

ACTION:

One (1) copy of this report will be forwarded to the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attention: ATIC. No further action is contemplated by this District Office.


ROBERT S. JONES
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District Commander

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Attn: ATIC

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