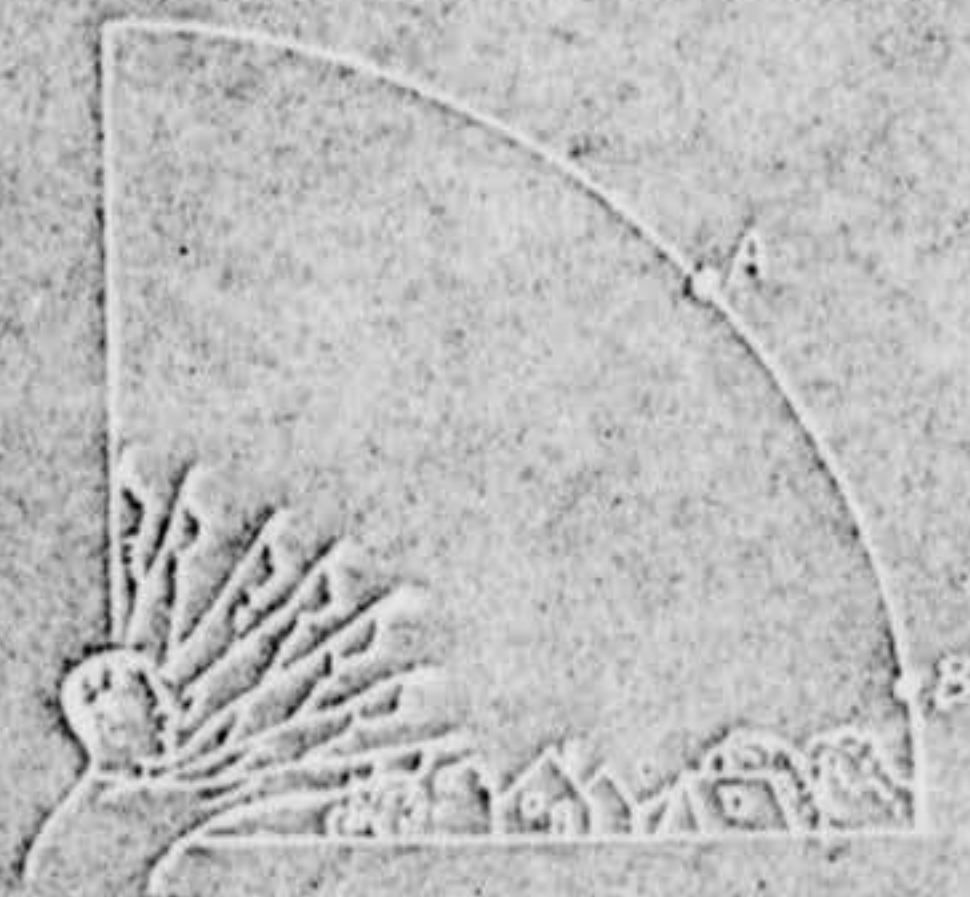


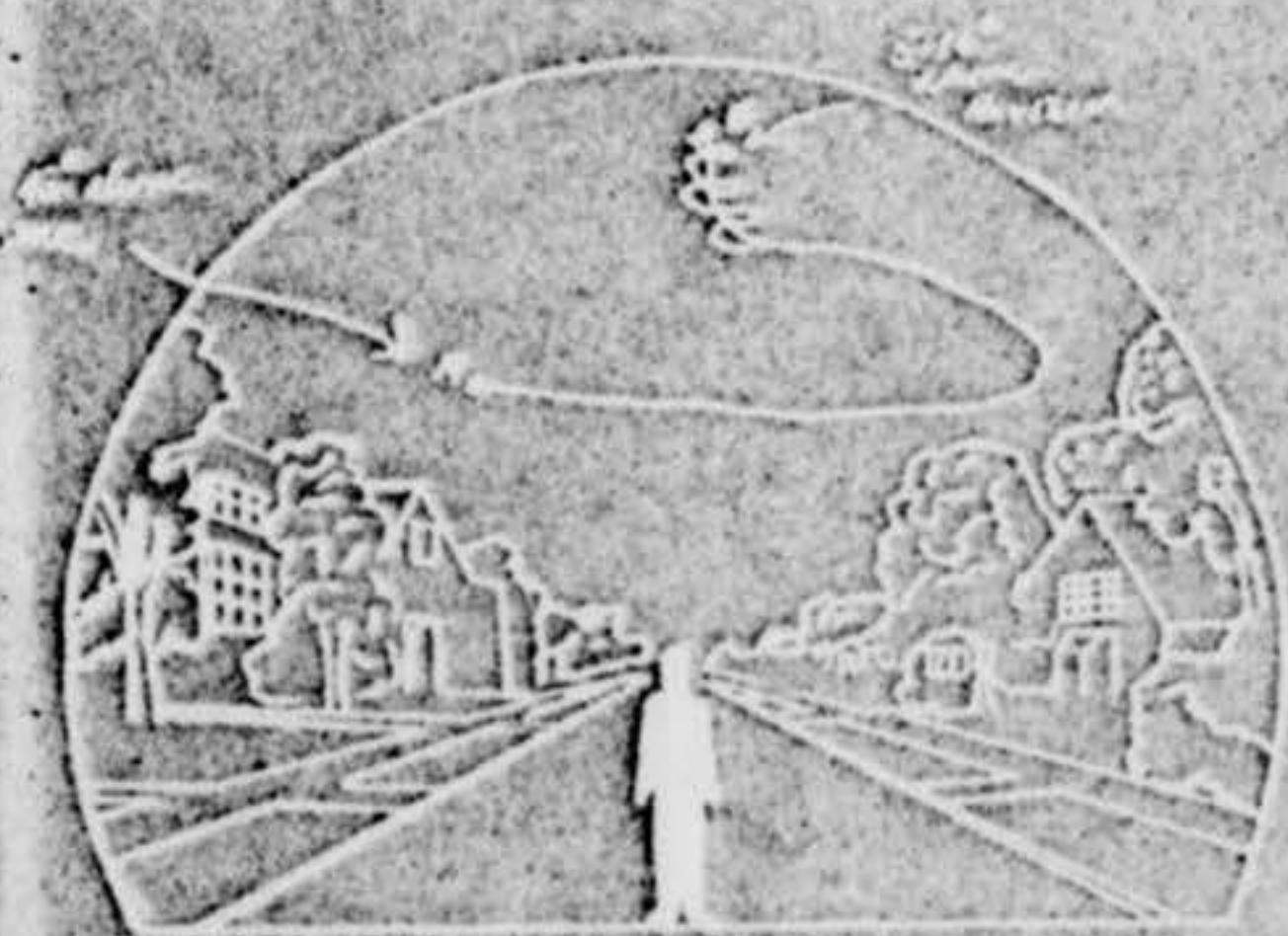
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3. SOURCE AF Pilot		10. CONCLUSION Astro (1. VENUS 2. DENEK)	
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Two			
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1st-10 Min. 2nd-15 Min.		11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS  Bright white object green around the edges was observed traveling same direction as C-47 (300 <sup>0</sup> ) at same altitude. Then object dived approx 1000' at about 75 <sup>0</sup> angle & climbed perpendicular to its original position. Another similar object appeared & was observed approx 15 min.  COMMENTS: 1. The object's maneuvers were similar to that of Venus. 2. It is believed that objects were astronomical bodies. 3. Extract of this document is being sent to Dr. Hynek for his comments.	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Air-Visual			
7. COURSE Northwest			
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			



22. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point above. 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.



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

21.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

- a. Clear sky (no clouds)
- b. Bsky
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thin or heavy clouds
- e. Don't remember

21.2 WIND (Circle One)

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

21.3 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

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

21.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

- a. Cold + 50 degrees
- b. Cool
- c. Warm
- d. Hot
- e. Don't remember

4. UNKNOWN

22. How did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

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

(Circle One)  Yes

23.1 If you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One)  Yes

23.2 Please list their names and addresses:

[REDACTED]

24. Was this the first time that you had seen an object of this kind?

(Circle One)  Yes

24.1 If you answered NO, how many, where, and under what circumstances had you seen other ones?

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25. In your opinion, was the object a natural or man-made object?

UNKNOWN - The fact that the object was seen in the sky  
 cannot be proved unless it is seen from the  
 ground and not just through binoculars  
 and not through a lens or mirror - therefore it is  
 believed it could be a reflection

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27. 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? \_\_\_\_\_

28. 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? \_\_\_\_\_

29. Please give the following information about yourself.

NAME [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

ADDRESS [REDACTED] NY [REDACTED] NY

TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

What is your present job? in German - Business German

Age 32 Sex M

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had:

- a. Grade school  \_\_\_\_\_
- b. High school  \_\_\_\_\_
- c. College  \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Post graduate HS AE
- e. Graduate school MAST
- f. Other special training MAST

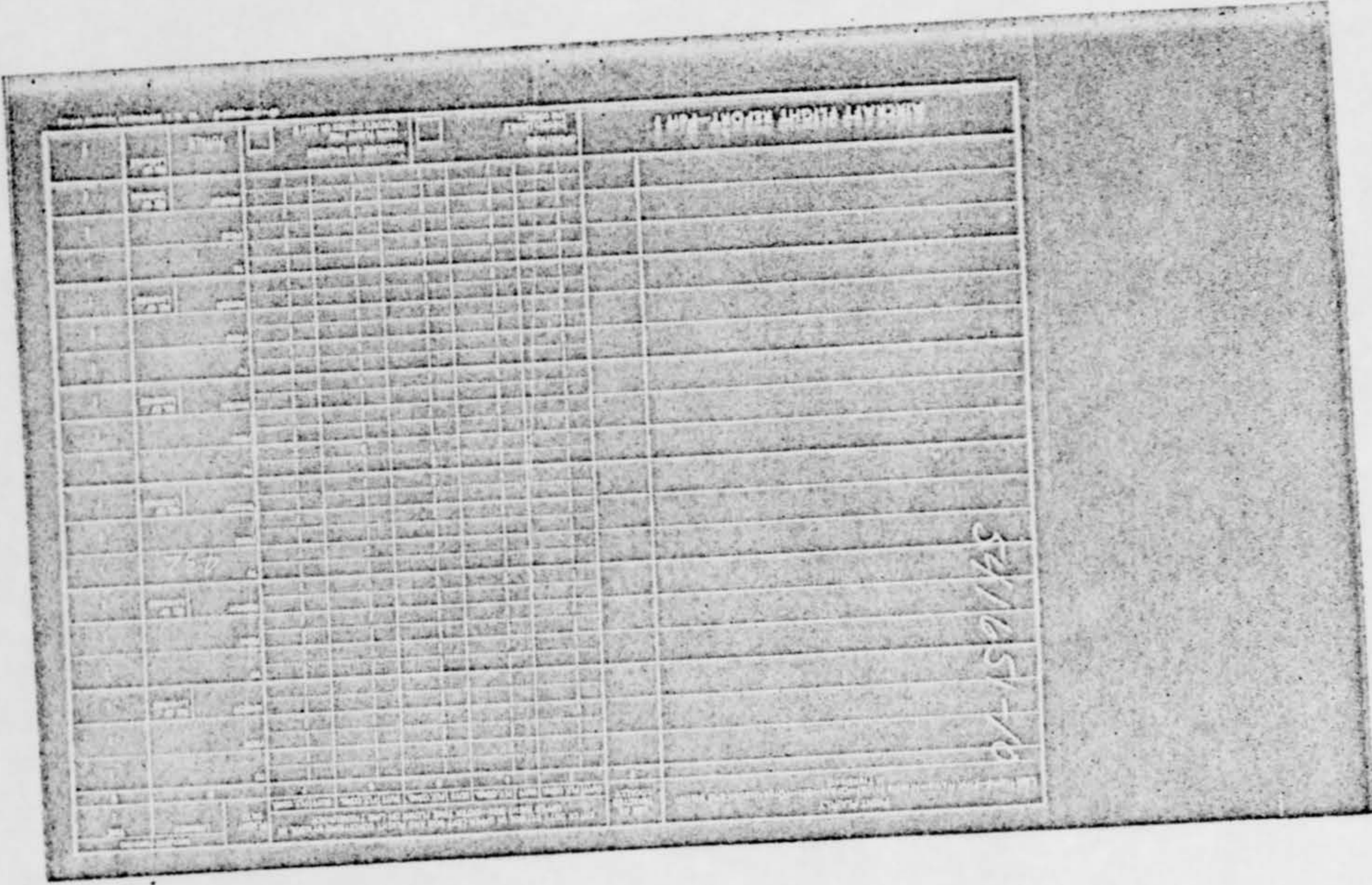
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NAME (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_ (to last name in this space)

STATION \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

*Immediately after the object was spotted and observed I wrote up a part of the report from the following statement. It is recognized that the statement could be in better form but to possibly no change has been made in order to prevent any misstatement of the facts surrounding the incident.*

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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 all your 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?

28 28 52  
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 10 50  
Hour Minute

(Circle one) Day or  Night

1952

3. Time zone:

(Circle one) a. Eastern  
b. Central  
c. Mountain  
d. Pacific  
e. Other: Central European

(Circle one) a. Daylight Saving  
b. Not Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

Frankfurt/Main City or town Germany State or country

Additional Remarks: Flying against a radar beam south of Rhine/R  
radar range of 1500 ft. Flight above clouds.

5. Estimate how long you saw the object. 1-30  
Hours Minutes

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. Not a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

Clear sky - Moon & stars shining brightly

(Circle one) a.  Bright daylight  
b. Half 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 DARK, where was the object located as you looked at the object?

(Circle one) a. NA  
b. In front of you  
c. In back of you  
d. To your right  
e. To your left  
f. Overhead  
g. Don't remember

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8. IF YOU SAW THE OBJECT AT NIGHT, DUSK, OR DAWN, WHAT DID YOU NOTICE CONCERNING THE STARS AND MOON?

8.1 STARS (Circle One):

- None
- A few
- Many
- Don't remember

8.2 MOON (Circle One):

- Bright moonlight
- Full moonlight
- No moonlight - pitch dark
- 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?

- (Circle One):
- 1 mile or more away (a distant car)
  - Several blocks away
  - A block away
  - Several city blocks away
  - Other

11. 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. Flicker, throb, or pulsate?  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?

*Only as a steady white light*  Don't know

15. Did you observe the object through any of the following:

- a. Eyeglasses Yes  No
- b. Sun glasses Yes  No
- c. Smoking in  Yes  No
- d. Window glass  Yes  No
- e. Binoculars Yes  No
- f. Telescope Yes  No
- g. Periscope Yes  No
- h. Other  Yes  No

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

a. Sound Heard none within 1000 feet

b. Color Bright white light

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.

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Only saw brilliant white light whose size appeared to decrease constantly, as any light would, as it moved rapidly away from you.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

19. If there was more than one object, then how many were there? One only  
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

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20. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, and an "B" at the end of the path, and show any 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. Longer elliptical than sphere or cube had close light constant

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. Root of a pin of brass like a brilliant star, but larger
- |                |                  |
|----------------|------------------|
| b. Pin         | e. Silver dollar |
| c. Dime        | f. Baseball      |
| d. Nickel      | g. Baseball      |
| e. Quarter     | h. Baseball      |
| f. Half dollar | i. 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? It faded away as it was leaving at high speed

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 number of other objects which when placed up in the sky would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

At first I thought it was a brilliant tail light on an airplane passing much too close to us. Looked like brilliant star, but larger, then it apparently passed close by.

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COUNTRY Germany	REPORT NO. ATI-527-53	(LEAVE BLANK) AF 540651
<b>AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT</b>		
SUBJECT "FLYOBHPT"		(Page 1 of 2 Pages)
AREA REPORTED ON Germany/ West Zone	FROM (Agency) Hq, USAFE, ATI Branch	
DATE OF REPORT 5 March 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 23 Jan 53	EVALUATION A-1
PREPARED BY (Officer) GERALD M. JONES, Capt.	SOURCE Lt. Col. M.O. Mitchell & Major D.W. Pearsall	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AF Letter 200-5, PIR-60W-1-53		

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)

1. The information contained in this report concerns the sighting by two USAF officers of an unidentified flying object near Frankfurt/Main, Germany on 23 January 1953. The officers, Lt. Col. Max O. Mitchell and Major David W. Pearsall, both members of the ATI Branch, are rated pilots and have been on flying status for several years. They are considered to be exceptionally reliable.

2. Information concerning their experience is presented in reproduced copies of the U. S. Air Force Technical Information Sheet attached as Inclosures 1 and 2. Immediately after the sighting Lt. Col. Mitchell wrote on a blank AF Form 1 a description of the event. This description, a good summary of the sighting, is quoted verbatim in order to prevent any misstatement of facts surrounding the incident.

"On the night of 23 January 1953 at 1952 hours I observed the following phenomena. We were on top of an overcast at 7500 ft. flying on a heading of 0°. Visibility was for all practical purposes unlimited. Temperature was 5° C. I sighted a very bright light passing in front of us at a slight (45°) elevation above us from our left to right. I called Major Pearsall's attention to the light and we both watched it move to our right simultaneously remarking that the light was moving at an extremely high rate of speed. In a few seconds it turned to the North (very high acceleration turn evidently) and then turned again in front of us climbing slightly until it was directly ahead of us again, where it seemed to linger. The light was judged at that time to be 8-10 miles ahead of us. Then the light made several violent maneuvers from just above the horizon to 15° above the horizon. Then it paused for a few seconds, made several more maneuvers (as though in a dogfight) and then disappeared at a very high rate of speed to the North. We reported this phenomena to Frankfurt airways and Cornbeef. The object was in sight for only a total of approximately 1-1/2 minutes. I held a heading of 0° all of this time."

3. It has come to the attention of the reporting officer that an unidentified flying object was sighted at about the same time and location by another USAF officer. This sighting was reported in PIR-60W-1-53, dated 30 January 1953, from the 60th Troop Carrier Wing, Medium at Rhein Main AF Base, Frankfurt/Main Germany.

4. The 1900 hours Zebra weather reported at Rhein Main Air Base was:
- a. No precipitation
  - b. 8/8 stratocumulus cloud coverage, base 3000 ft., tops 8000 ft., 3/8 stratus cloud coverage at 1200 ft., scatter clouds at 20,000 ft.

2 INCL.

- 1. U.S. AF Tech Info Sht - Lt. Col. Mitchell
- 2. U.S. AF Tech Info Sht - Major Pearsall

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

- a. Inside a building
- b. In a car
- c. Outside
- 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 country, rural
- d. Flying near an airfield
- e. Flying over a city
- f. Flying over open country
- g. Other Flying Over An Object

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

banked out by Lt Col Mitchell as it appeared to be coming very close to us.

28. If you were driving 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? 150 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
- 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 10 degrees East
- b. From horizon 10 degrees

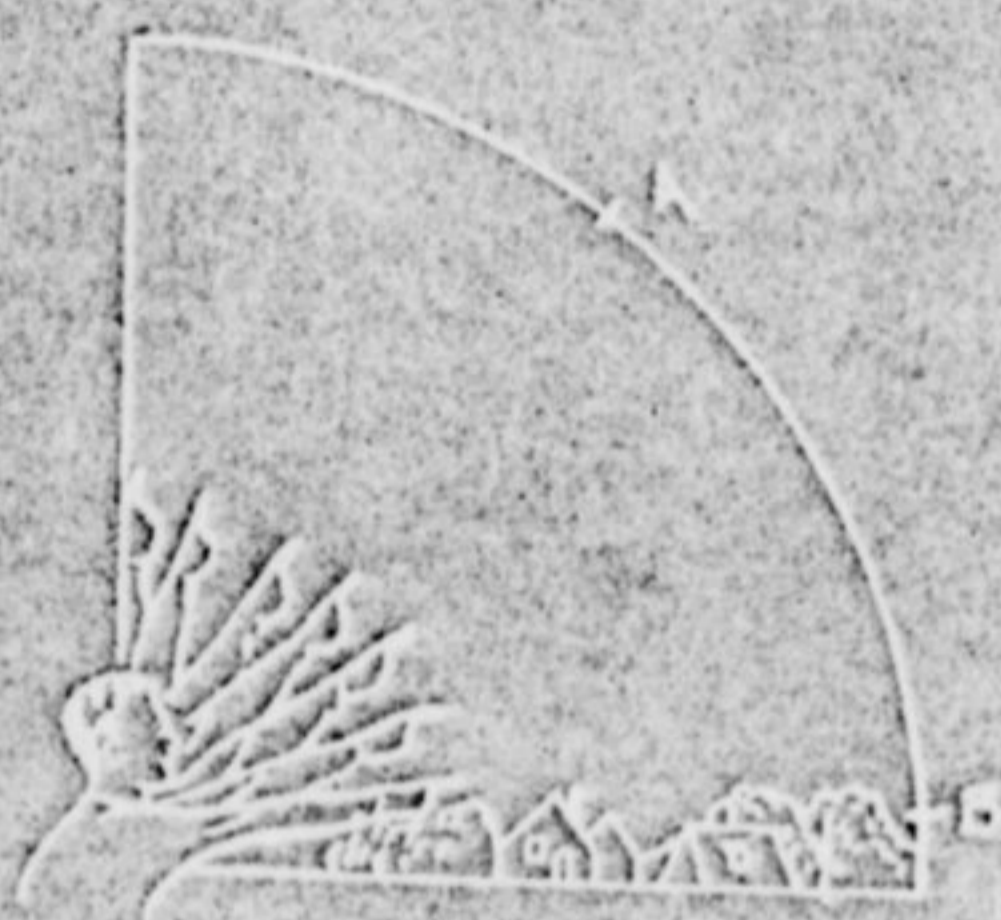
31.2. When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 25 degrees
- b. From horizon 10 degrees

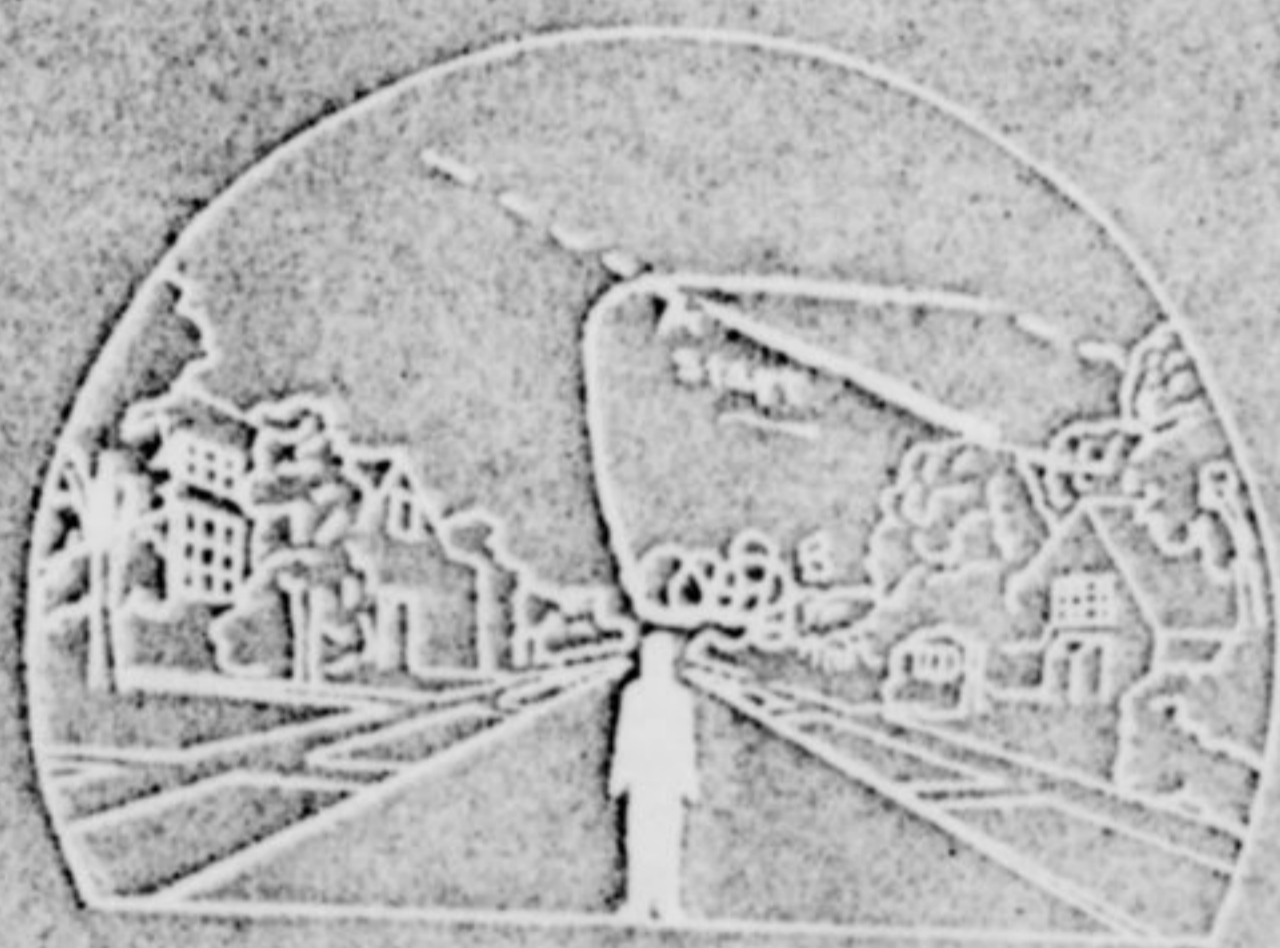
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22. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you first saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object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



23. 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. Thin 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 haze
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

34.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle one)

- a. Cold  $-5^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $75^{\circ}\text{F}$
- b. Cool  $75^{\circ}\text{F}$  to  $85^{\circ}\text{F}$
- c. Warm  $85^{\circ}\text{F}$  to  $95^{\circ}\text{F}$
- d. Hot  $95^{\circ}\text{F}$  or above
- e. Don't remember

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35. How did you report to some official that you saw the object?

*23*

*Jan*

*1963*

*Immediately by radio to radar*

36. Were anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle one)

No

*No*

36.1 If you answered "No", did they see the object too?

(Circle one)

No

*No*

36.2 Name last, first name, and address:

[Redacted]

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37. Was this the first time that you had seen an object or objects like this?

(Circle one)

No

*No*

37.1 If you answered "No", how many, when, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?

[Blank lines for answer]

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

*Don't know. Light moved apparently at great speeds (aged by great angular rate of change and rapid fading of light as it moved away in front of our airplane). Light moved very slowly (aged by failure of light to continue fading and long time remaining apparently motionless). Light moved through angular accelerations imperceptible for conventional aircraft (particularly in oscillations just about*



17. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the objects?

(Circle one) Yes  No  If you answered No, how do you consider it? Not on an experimental airplane  
If you answered Yes, what speed would you estimate? 2000 mph

18. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle one) Yes  No  If you answered Yes, how far away would you estimate? 1000  
10000

19. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
Last name First name Middle name  
ADDRESS: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
Street City State Zip

TELEPHONE NUMBER

What is your present job? Air Technical Liaison Officer

Age 34 Sex Male

Please indicate any previous educational training that you have had:

a. Grade school  b. Technical school   
c. High school  d. College   
e. Post graduate MS AE f. Other (specify) Addressing of Airplane  
1000 hours in flight simulator

20. Have you completed this questionnaire?  Yes  No  Other

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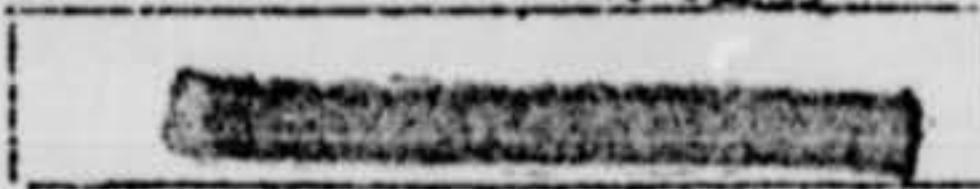
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On the night of 24 January 1953 at 1900 hours I was flying as pilot of a C-47 aircraft at 7000 ft MSL above a solid overcast whose top was approximately 6500 ft. Visibility was for all horizontal purposes unlimited by the very thin haze. The stars and moon were shining brightly. We were making a rough check on the wind direction and velocity using drift a few minutes before directly north of our main radio range. At 1925 hours Lt. Col. Mitchell, the copilot, called my attention to a light approaching us from the east and passing in front and above our heading. When I saw the light it was almost directly in front and at an angle of approximately 50° above the horizon. I noted that it appeared to be very bright and passing quite close to us. At first I thought it was a bright tail light of a jet fighter in an interception pass over our airplane. I looked away for a moment and when I saw the light again it was above us slightly to the east and heading north-west. It gradually changed its course to almost directly north. All of this movement was made at extremely high speed. That is to say at a speed much higher than I have ever seen a fighter airplane fly. The bright light gradually faded as my light would do in seeing from nearby to several miles away. Then the light appeared to stop falling and remained motionless. Until this time the movements of the light had been in fairly straight lines similar to that which I would expect of a jet fighter, but now its motions became fantastic. (Lt. Col. Mitchell later told me of his high acceleration turn nearer our airplane which I did not see.) It began to oscillate in a series of motions somewhat similar to a World War I "dog fight", however, the speeds and accelerations involved were far beyond that of which any conventional aircraft or pilot is capable. All during this time, approximately two minutes, our heading was 0°. These unusual maneuvers were accomplished between about 2° and 10° above the horizon and within a horizontal arc of approximately 10°. The horizon and the light were clearly visible at all times. Following the "wild" series of maneuvers the light appeared to move very rapidly and fade out in the direction of North. It was just at this time that our five minute "dog fight" was finished and we turned to a heading of 150°. As the "wild" maneuvers of the light were finished we called "fighter away" and about five radar scans of the area. Before our heading was completed the light faded away. Radar reported no jet or unusually fast aircraft in the area.

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Date: 28 January 53

L.C.T.: 9:20 pm

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Stuttgart, Germany

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REMARKS:

Most probably Venus



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Frankfurt/Main, Germany, 28 Jan 53, ATIC Document 111619

Air-visual sighting by two USAF pilots flying a C-47 over this locality state that both pilots sighted a very bright light passing in front of them at an elevation of about  $45^{\circ}$  moving from their left to right. Appeared to be moving at a very high rate of speed. In a few seconds it turned to the North and then turned again in front of the observers, climbing slightly until it was directly ahead of them, where it seemed to linger and then go out of sight. The object was sighted for a total of approximately  $1\frac{1}{2}$  minutes. The pilot was on a heading of  $0^{\circ}$  during the entire period of sighting. Weather was clear with a slight temperature inversion between 3 to 4,000'. A check with the Frankfurt Flight Service by the pilots revealed the information that no jet aircraft were operating in the vicinity of Rhein Main at the time of sighting. However, other C-47's were flying in the vicinity and might account for the sighting.

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SUBJECT

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS NEAR RHEIN MAIN, GERMANY

AREA REPORTED ON

U.S. ZONE OF GERMANY

FROM (Agency)

60TH TROOP CARRIER WING, MEDIUM

DATE OF REPORT

30 JANUARY 1953

DATE OF INFORMATION

29 JANUARY 1953

EVALUATION

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PREPARED BY (Officer)

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SOURCE

SORGE, MARLOWE B., 1stLT., USAF

REFERENCES (Cited number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)

1. SOURCE, 1st Lt Marlowe B. SORGE, 17885A, USAF, 60th Air Police Squadron, was pilot of USAF C-47 aircraft No. 3734 returning to RHEIN MAIN Air Base, GERMANY from the vicinity of STUTTGART the night of 28 January 1953.

a. Lt. SORGE is well known to me, and is a conscientious and capable officer whose judgement may be relied upon. He stated that he has been skeptical of reports of unidentified flying objects, so took necessary action to determine if the lights reported below could be a reflection from the instrument panel or stars shining through the clouds.

2. At approximately 2020Z, 28 January 1953, Lt SORGE noticed a bright light ahead and slightly to the right of his aircraft. These lights appeared to be about three to five miles distant and at the same altitude as the aircraft, approximately 8500 feet.

a. The light was a bright white light with green around the edge, and no size or shape could be determined. SOURCE at first thought the lights were on an aircraft, so he flashed his landing lights, but received no response.

b. The light appeared to be traveling the same direction (300°) as the aircraft and at approximately the same speed. The light made no violent maneuvers, but drifted to the right a distance estimated to be one half mile and then returned to its original position. It also dived approximately 1000 feet at about a 75 degree angle and then climbed perpendicularly to its original position. This maneuver consumed only 4 or 5 seconds.

c. This light was visible for approximately ten minutes.

3. At approximately 2030Z, another light appeared, this one ahead and slightly to the left of the aircraft.

a. The light was bright and white, but no size or shape could be determined.

b. The light appeared to vary in distance from three to five miles as evidenced by the fact that the light would grow brighter and then dimmer and the relative positions would change from 11 o'clock to 10 o'clock and then back to its original position.

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e. This light was visible for approximately fifteen minutes.

4. Both of the above lights were visible at the same time, but shortly after the second light appeared, the first one disappeared.

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5. Lt SORGE reported both lights to "CORNBLET and FRANKFURT AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL. The second light was visible until the aircraft started a procedure turn at STADEN Beacon (IKJF 5518). When the light disappeared the aircraft returned to its original heading of 300° and attempted to resight it, with no success.

6. Weather sequence for 2030Z, 28 January 1953 at RHEIN MAIN was as follows:

Ceiling - 1600 ft. Broken  
Visibility - 5.4 Naut Miles with continuous drizzle  
Winds - 250 degrees at 23 knots with gust to 36 knots.  
Temperature - 6° centigrade  
Dew Point - 4° centigrade  
Altimeter Setting - 1021.6

a. Lt SORGE stated that the clouds were in two layers. The top of the layer at 6000 to 7000 feet. The upper layer was light an at approximately 10,000 feet.

b. All observations were between the cloud layers.

7. Aircraft was flying on a heading of 300° at 3500 feet. TAS approximately 150 knots. Ground Sp ed 110 knots.

8. No conditions or activity that might affect the sighting were apparent.

9. No evidence is available at this station.

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- c. Ground visibility - 7 NM
- d. Winds: At surface - 250° at 26 knots  
5000 ft. - 300° at 10 knots  
10000 ft. - 300° at 55 knots
- e. Surface temperature 6° C  
Dew point 4° C
- f. Temperature at each 1000 ft. to 10,000 ft.
  - 2000 ft. - 3° C
  - 3000 ft. - 2° C
  - 4000 ft. - 3° C
  - 5000 ft. - 1° C
  - 6000 ft. - 0° C
  - 7000 ft. - -1° C
  - 8000 ft. - -2° C
  - 9000 ft. - -3° C
  - 10000 ft. - -4° C

5. A check with Frankfurt Flight Service revealed the information that no jet aircraft were operating in the vicinity of Rhein Main at the sighting. However, other C-47 were flying in the vicinity.

6. This information will be of interest to the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

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U-3. 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 phenomena 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?  
2. Time of day: 14 01  
Hour Minute  
(Circle one): A.M. or  P.M.

28 JAN 1953  
Day Month Year

3. Time zone:  
(Circle one): a. Eastern  b. Central  c. Mountain  d. Pacific  e. Other NEW GALTHER (CENTRAL STANDARD TIME)  
(Circle one): a. Daylight Saving  b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?  
FRANKFURT, MISSOURI MISSOURI MISSOURI  
Street Postal Address City or town State or country  
Additional Remarks: FLYING IN CLEAR WEATHER

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.  
Hour 1 Minute 00  
Second 00  
6. 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?  
IMMEDIATELY (DARK) AS CENTER OF OBSERVATION  
(Circle one): a. Bright daylight  b. Full 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 Dusk, where was the sun located as you looked at the object?  
NOT APPLICABLE  
(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, DUSK, 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. Dim moonlight
- c. No moonlight - pitch 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?

- (Circle One)
- a. A mile or more away (a distant car)
  - b. Several blocks away
  - c. A block away
  - d. Several feet away
  - e. Other

11. Did the object:

(Circle one for each question)

- |                                                |                                  |                                  |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time           | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> Don't know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> Don't know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode              | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> Don't know |
| d. Give off smoke                              | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> Don't know |
| e. Change brightness                           | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> Don't know |
| f. Change shape                                | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> Don't know |
| g. Flicker, vibrate, or pulsate                | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> 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. How did the object appear? (Circle One): a. Solid b. Transparent

c. Don't know. (ONLY BRIGHT LIGHT)

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

- |                 |     |                                  |               |     |                                  |
|-----------------|-----|----------------------------------|---------------|-----|----------------------------------|
| a. Eyeglasses   | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | f. Binoculars | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| b. Sun glasses  | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | g. Telescope  | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| c. Window glass | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | h. Microscope | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| d. Other        | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | i. Other      | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |

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

a. Sound

b. Color Bright yellowish green

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.

SAW NO OBJECT - ONLY CONSIDERED SOURCE OF LIGHT

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

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

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21. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object 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.



22. It is possible for you to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension. Approx 5 inches - 6 inches

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 | G. Silver dollar      |
| B. Pen           | H. Baseball (circled) |
| C. Disc          | I. Basketball         |
| D. Nickel        | J. Other              |
| E. Quarter       |                       |
| F. Half dollar   |                       |

22.1 (Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to question 22.)

- |                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| A. Certain        | C. Not very sure |
| B. Fairly certain | D. Uncertain     |

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? SEEMED TO BE GOING AWAY AT RAPID SPEED - LIGHT FLASH LIGHT

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.

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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. Where 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
- k. Other FLYING OVER THE

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it? FLYING IN FORMATION - AT 5000 FEET ALTITUDE

100 YD IN FRONT OF US (SEE PAGE 16)

28. If you were driving in an automobile or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions: 649

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? 150 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
- 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 17-2 degrees
- b. From horizon 45 degrees

31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 45 degrees
- b. From horizon 15-17 degrees

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