1. DATE - TIME GROUP 3 Jul 53 03/1845Z	2. LOCATION  Reno, Nevada
3. SOURCE civilian 4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	10. CONCLUSION ASTRONOMICAL: Venus Obj observed was without a doubt the planet Venú s.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION  2 hours  6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION  ground visual	A white pinpoint of light was observed for two hours. Obj moved very slowly to the West.
7. COURSE west	
8. PHOTOS	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE	

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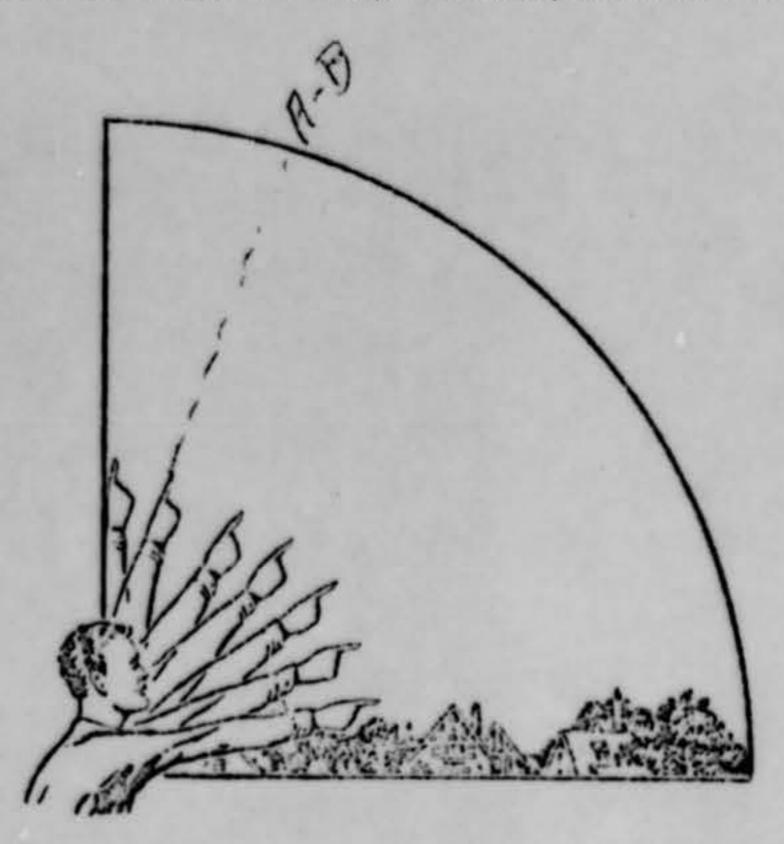
8. IF you saw the object	at NIGHT,	TWILIGH	T, or DAWN,	what did you	notice concernin	g the STARS and MOON
8.1 STARS (Circle	One):			8.2 MOO	N (Circle One):	
a. None				a.	Bright moonligh	•
b. A few					Dull moonlight	
c. Many					No moonlight -	- pitch dark
d. Don't re	momber			d. Don't remember		
9. Was the object brighte	r than the bo	ackaround	of the sky?			
(Circle One):	o. (Ye		b. No		c. Don't remen	nber
10. IF it was BRIGHTER	THAN the s	ky backgr	ound, was the	brightness	like that of an au	tomobile headlight?:
	(	Circle O	a. A mile	or more awa	ay (a distant car)	?
			b. Severa	I blocks awa	ay?	
			c. A bloc	k away?		
			d. Severa	I yards away	/?	
			e. Other	Dista		
1. Did the object:				14/10/10	cle One for each	question)
a. Appear to stand	still at ony	time?		CY03	No	Don't Know
b. Suddenly speed			any time?	Yes	(No)	Don't Know
c. Break up into po		de?		Yes	The state of the s	Don't Know
d. Give off smoke?				Yes	No	Don't Know
e. Change brightne	ss?			Yes	(No)	Don't Know
f. Change shape?				Yes	(NO)	Don't Know
g. Flicker, throb, o	r pulsate?			Yes	(No)	Don't Know
2. Did the object move be	hind someth	ing at an	ytime, particu	larly a cloud	17	
(Circle One): it moved behind:		No	Don't Kno	w.	IF you answered	d YES, then tell what
3. Did the object move in	front of son	nething at	anytime, part	icularly a cl	loud?	
(Circle One): it moved in front of:			Don't Kno	w.	IF you answered	YES, than tell what
4. Did the object appear:	(Circle O	ne):	(a. Solid?)	ь.	Transparent?	c. Don't Know
5. Did you observe the ob	ject through	any of th	e following?			
a. Eyeglasses	Yes	No	0,	Binoculars	Yes	No
b. Sun glasses	Yes	No	f.	Telescope	Yes	No
c. Windshield	Yes	No		Theodolite	Yos	No
d. Window glass	Yes	No	h.	Other		

	Tell in a few words the following things about the object.
	e. Sound
	b. Color "Bright"
	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. T	(Circle One): a. Fuzzy or blurred  (Circle One): a.
19. IF	F there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there?  Praw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

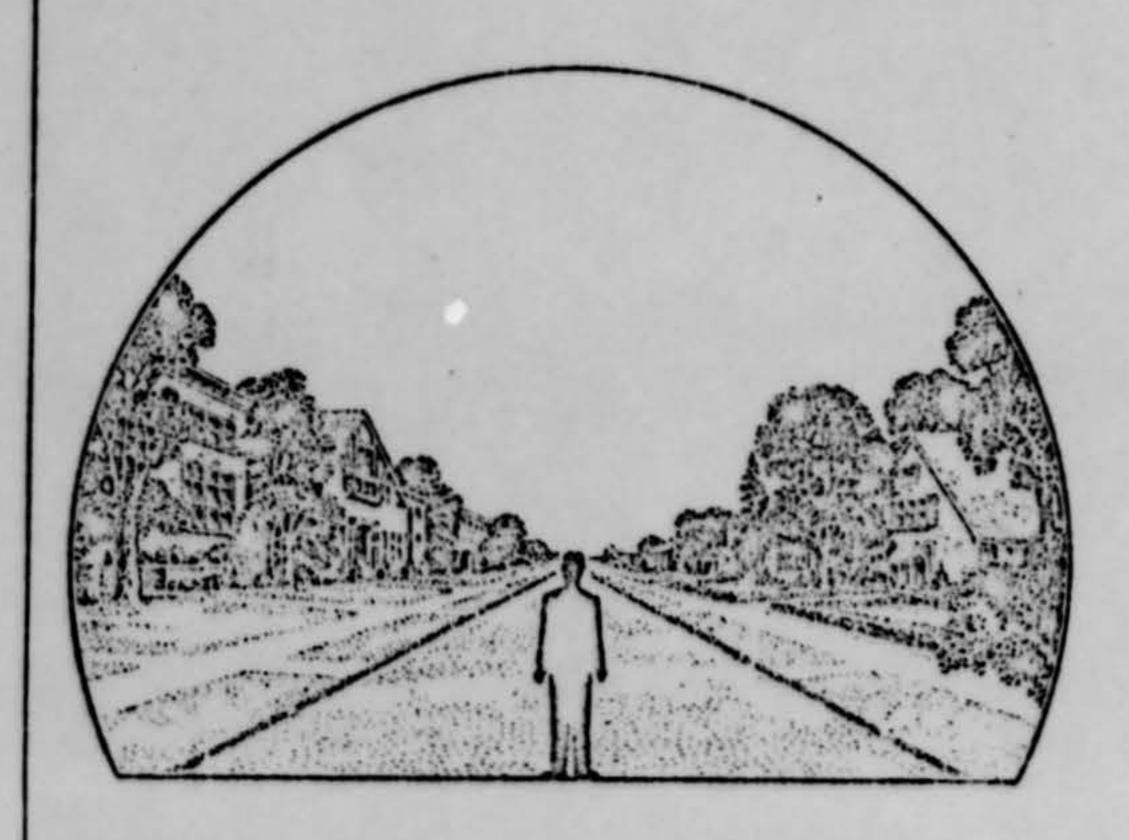
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Head of a pin  b. Pea  c. Dime  d. Nickel  e. Quarter  f. Half dollar	g. Silver dollar h. Baseball i. Grapefruit j. Basketball k. Other	
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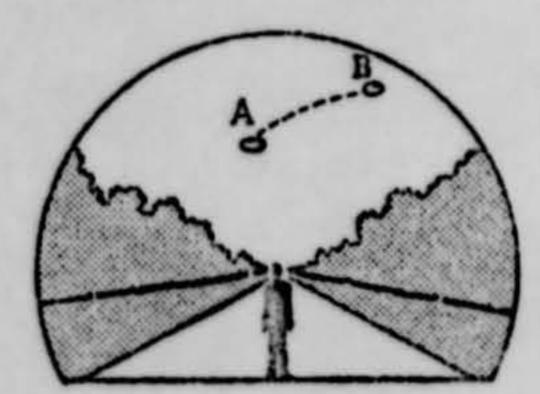
25	Where were you located when you saw the object? (Circle One):  a. Inside a building b. In a car  C. Outdoors d. In an airplane e. At sea f. Other	a. In the business section of a city?  (b) In the residential section of a city?  c. In open countryside?  d. Flying near an airfield?  e. Flying over a city?  f. Flying over open country?  g. Other	
27.	What were you doing at the time you saw the object, an		
	Lake Streets, Reno, Nevada, under	the shade of a tree. In looking	
	up at the sky, the object caught		
28.	IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other ve	hicle at the time, then complete the following question	ons:
	28.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)  a. North b. Northeast d. Southeast  28.2 How fast were you moving?  28.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking (Circle One)  Yes	e. South f. Southwest h. Northwest  miles per hour.  ng at the object?  No	
29.	What direction were you looking when you first saw the	object? (Circle One)	
	a. North c. East	e. South Up and west	
	b. Northeast d. Southeast	f. Southwest h. Northwest	
30.	b. Northeast d. Southeast  What direction were you looking when you last saw the		
30.			

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.

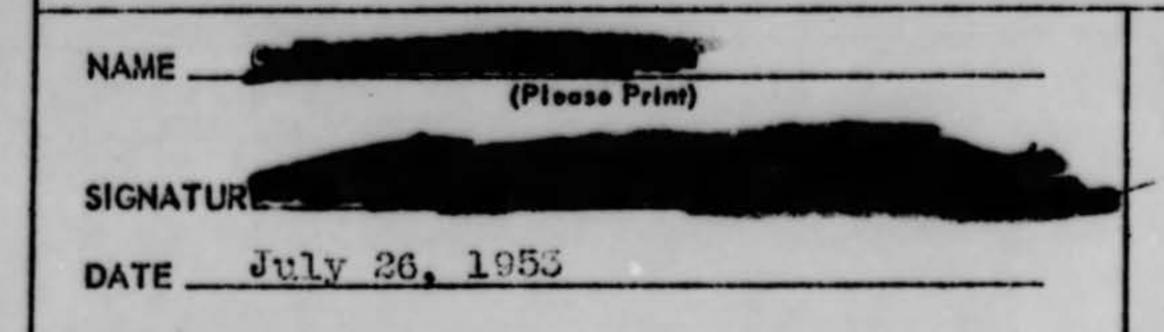




34. What were the weather conditions at the time y	you saw the object?
34.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)	34.2 WIND (Circle One)
@ Clear sky	(a) No wind
b. Hazy	b. Slight breeze
c. Scattered clouds	e. Strong wind
d. Thick or heavy clouds	d. Don't remember
e. Don't remember	
34.3 WEATHER (Circle One)	34.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)
@ Dry	o. Cold
b. Fog, mist, or light rain	b. Cool
c. Moderate or heavy rain	c. Warm
d. Snow	d. Hot
e. Don't remember	e. Don't remember
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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 o	bject too?
(Circle One) (es) No	
36.2 Please list their names and addresses:	
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Prof.	
Profes	sor of Geology
	sity of Merada
37. Was this the first time that you had seen an ob	
(Circle One) (Yes) No	
37.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, a	and under what circumstances did you see other ones?
18. In your opinion what do you think the object we	s and what might have caused it?
No opinion. However, I ha	ve spent 15 years in Airline work
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Object was not a Westher	r balloon or any balloon, or
any co	nventional aircraft, or
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## 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.



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I therefore decided to report it to the nearest policeman, thinking he would have instructions to report through channels. However, he was not interested and suggested I call Police Headquarters, which I did.

Police Headquarters (12:00 Noon) were not interested and suggested I Call Sherriff's Office.

Sherriff's Office said this was outside their jurisdiction and to call Army.

I called 4 Army numbers listed in the telephone book, but no answer.

I then called the FBI, who took my name and address. I told them I could not locate the object anywhere except from beneath the tree at the scene of the sighting, using the tree branch as a reference point. I therepon returned to E. 9th and Lake Sts., where Mrs. Shrader was still watching it. After 20 minutes (12:55P) being somewhat surprised that no one had appeared to verify the sighting, as a result of my report to FBI, and considering the possibility that a mistake might have been made as to the reported location of the sighting, I again telephone them. I was told that they had reported the matter to Stead Air Base.

Becoming aware by this time that it was going to be difficult to get any official gerification while the object was still in view, I obtained from FBI the name of the officer to whom the report had been made.

The name was Col. Damson.

After some difficulty I reached Col Samson by telephone, who advised me that the report had been turned over to Col. Oderkirk. I talked with Col. Oderkirk (time now 12:35 PM), who told me that he was turning the matter over to Col. Worth. I got the impression that someone would come to verify the sighting, and returned to the scene, where the object was still visible. While not appearing to move, it had shifted nosition slightly because it was necessary for us to move, occasionally, to prevent its being obscured by the tree branch.

12:55PM. No one having arrived to verify sighting, I again called Col. Worth to ask him if he could not send someone. He requested that I stand by the telephone and he would call me back. This he did at 1:10 PM, requesting that I obtain a disinterested person to verify the sighting.

At 1:25PM I returned to base, and the object was still visible. I stopped a car and requested the driver to observe it. This he did, giving his name as Prof. Professor of Geology, University of Nevada. The time was now 1:30PM.

I could not reach Col. Worth by 'phone until 1:45PM, when I reported the verification. Col. Worth then stated he would send two enlisted men to our Motel for "depriefing".

1:50 PM. We returned to 9th and Lake Streets, but could not again locate the object.

2:30 PM. 2ximargants Two Sergeants visited us at our Motel, expressing appreciation of our efforts and stating that Army was very interested in all such reports. I pointed out to them that Army had been aware of the sighting for over an hour during which the object could be seen, but hadn't been interested enough to look at it.

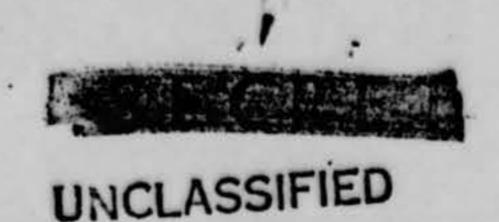
I have spent 15 years in Air Line work as Meteorologist and Radio Communications. (I am not now so engaged).

Any guess as to altitude or size of the object would be subject to wide error from a visual appraisal for reasons well known. I would guess the altitude to have been between 40 and 70 thousand feet -- the latter altitude only if the object was quite large. In size it was somewhat smaller than the head of a pin held at arm's length.

The object was not an airplane, or balloon. Conceivably a star, but this is very doubtful in my mind.

We encountered no interest in this sighting from any of the several Authorities and Army Officers with whom we talked, and this is difficult to understand unless such sightings are a known quantity and fully understood. I don't think I shall again go to so much trouble in attempting to get attention if I should make another sighting.

Sic !!



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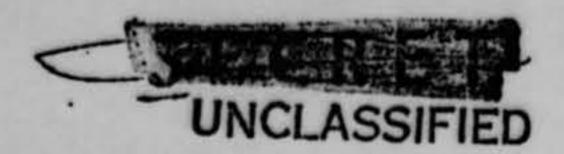
Reno, Nevada

Description

At 1145 A.M. MST 3 June 1953 two civilians were sitting on a lawn Reno, Nevada. One observer was looking up through some tree branches when she saw a pin-point of light at a very high altitude. She called her husband's attention to the object and he watched this object for 8 minutes, thinking it was a weather balloon. He thought that it was not likely to be a star, because the day was bright (hot) and cloudless. However, it neither moved nor changed its apparent size. The observer left his wife to watch the object while he reported it to the authorities. First he reported it to a policeman who referred him to the Police Station. They were not interested and told him to report it to the sheriff's office. The sheriff's office stated that this sighting was out of their jurisdiction and for him to call the FBI. The FBI took his name and address. The observer told the FBI that he couldn't locate the object unless he had this particular tree as a reference point. He then returned to the point of observation where his wife still had the object in view. After 20 minutes, being somewhat surprised that no one had appeared to verify the sighting and considering the possibility that a mistake had been made as to the reported location of the sighting, he again telephoned the FBI. He was told that the matter had been referred to Stead AF Base. The observer becoming aware that it was going to be difficult to get any official verification while the object was still in view obtained the name of the USAF colonel to which the report had been made. After some difficulty, the observer reached this colonel by telephone. This colonel referred the incident to another colonel who in turn referred him to a third colonel. From the last colonel that he talked to, he got the impression that someone would come to verify the sighting and returned to the scene where the object was still visible. While not appearing to move, it had shifted position slightly because it was necessary for him to move occasionally to prevent its being obscured by the tree branches. After waiting 30 minutes, the observer again called the Air Force colonel to ask him if he couldn't send someone to verify the sighting. The colonel requested that the observer stand by the telephone and he would call him back. This the colonel did 15 minutes later, requesting that the observer obtain a disinterested person to verify the sighting. Observer returned to site of observation and the object was still visible. He stopped a car and requested the driver to observe the object. The driver of the car was a professor at the University of Nevada and a very good observer. Observer again called the Air Force colonel and reported the verification. The colonel then stated that he would send 2 enlisted men to the observers' motel for a debriefing. Two sergeants visited the observers at their motel expressing appreciation for the observers' efforts and stating that the Air Force was very interested in such reports. Observer pointed out to the sergeants that the Air Force had been aware of the sighting for over an hour during which time the object could be seen but hadn't been interested enough to look at it.

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Discussion

This sighting is one of the best in Project Blue Book's files as far as civilian observers are concerned. These civilians were very diligent in their efforts to report the sighting and it is unfortunate that the officials in that area were not aware of the procedure for reporting unidentified flying objects. The description of this object, and the length of time observed rules out any conventional objects in our atmosphere. Project Blue Book's contract astronomers were contacted. They stated that this sighting was undoubtedly caused by the planet Venus.

Conclusion

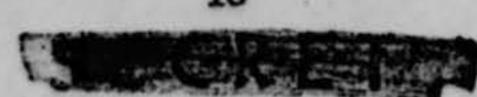
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TWX 3904th CW ID , \*

- 1. Report of an unidentified aerial object observed by Mr. Character his wife, and Professor n 3 July 1953 over Reno, Nevada.
- 2. Significance of sighting cannot be determined. Qualifications of principal observer are significant.

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Lt Col, USAF
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## AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

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3904th Comp Wg, Stead AFB	3904-3-53	PAGE 1	or 1	PAGES

- 1. Mr. and Mrs. first observed object at 1130 Pacific Time over Reno, Nevada (39/32M-119/47W). Observation continued until 1315 hours. At that time they stopped a witness, Professor . They then proceeded to call Stead Air Force Base. Returning to continue observation they found object had disappeared.
- 2. Object observed was a metallic white circular in shape at approximately 20,000 to 30,000 feet. No trail or exhaust was observed; no sound was heard. Estimated speed of object was nil, but would shift slightly at times.
- 3. United Mirlines and Stead Air Force Base weather stations were notified but were unable to confirm sighting. The weather station at Stead Air Force Base does not release any weather balloons. The weather station at United Airlines released balloons at 0700 and 1300 hours on 3 July 1953.
  - 4. Aircraft in the area at time of sighting were as follows:
    - a. Stead Air Force Base:
      - 1 C-47 Airborne all the time of sighting
      - 1 C-54 1127 hours (departing)
      - 1 R-6D 1231 hours (departing)
      - 1 R-6D 1337 hours (landing)
      - 1 C-97 1400 hours (landing)
    - b. United Airlines, Reno, Nevada:
      - 1 DC-3 Landing (this was observed by Mr.
- 5. Weather in the area was clear, no clouds and visibility 15 plus. Wind was east at three miles per hour, temperature 79 degrees relative humidity 12 per cent.

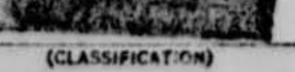
## COMMENTS:

- California. Mr. was employed for twelve years with the United Airlines.
- 2. Mr. Is a professor of Geology at the University of Nevada.
  The professor thought the object may have been a star. The professor was in a hurry and was unable to make observation for more than a few minutes. Mr. disagrees because of the fact that the object moved at times.

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In reply refer to APODI-ATLAB-5

R.M.Olsson/jos/65365

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Prof. Reno, Nevada

Dear Prof.

Your report of unidentified aerial phenomena on 3 July 1953 over Heno has been received by the Air Technical Intelligence Center. Inclosed is a questionnaire, which, when completed by you and returned in the inclosed, self-addressed envelope, will aid in standardizing the data and will provide a complete record of the occurrence. Since you have stated the object may have been a bright star visible in the daytime, ATIC wishes to check this possibility by obtaining your estimates of azimuth and elevation on the object's position.

ROBERT C. BROWN ROBINS SEPT PUBLISHED TO STATE OF THE PORT OF THE Your interest in reporting the matter and your public spirited desire to be of service are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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## 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.

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1. When did you see the object?  3 July 1953  Day Month Year	2. Time of day: 1300 # Minutes  (Circle One): A.M. or P.M.
3. Time zone:  (Circle One): a. Eastern b. Central c. Mountain Pacific e. Other	(Circle One): (a) Daylight Saving b. Standard
4. Where were you when you saw the object?	
Necrest Postel Address  Additional remarks: on the lawn we University of Nevada Campus	Reno Nevada  City or Town Stote or Country  est of the lake satreet steps  (about 30ft west of steps)
5. Estimate how long you saw the object.  observed the object for about 5 arrived and was still there with 5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how c	minution. It was there when I ten I left.  ertain you are of your answer to Question 5.
@ Certain e	Not very sure Just a guess
6. What was the condition of the sky?	
(Circle One): G. 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, TWILIGH the object?	IT, or DAWN, where was the SUN located as you looked at
(Circle One): a. In front of you	d. To your left
b. In back of you c. To your right	Overhead  Don't remember  Overhead  Overhead