

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 25 July 53 26/0339Z	2. LOCATION Ferrin AFB, Texas
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Seven	There was a scheduled Weather Balloon launched at Ferrin AFB at 0300Z. It is believed that launching personnel tied several lights to the balloon.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 16 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS  Seven spherical object each having a red light on bottom were observed in the NW at estimated altitude of 5,000 ft. The formation of the object changed but the object appeared to stay in relatively the same position. Object were observed directly overhead.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Visual-Aural	
7. COURSE Rising	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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Statement by T/Sgt Robert LeRoy

On the night of 25 July 1953, at 2139 hours, Tower was called by Base Operations and advised of some red light to the East. I went out on the cat walk to have a look and saw seven (7) red light to the East of the tower. I went in the tower and got the camera and took 7 pictures of the red light. I couldn't tell the altitude or how far away they were. The light seem to be going straight up.

*Robert LeRoy*  
Robert LeRoy AF38520083  
T/Sgt., USAF  
Ferris AFB, Texas

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23 November 1953

Dear Capt. Hardin;

We have been so busy with the Black Hawk, S. Dakota case that I've only just now gotten down to looking over the large batch of accumulated reports. I must say that compared with Black Hawk, none of these approaches that incident in interest. There are a few interesting sightings, but on none of these is information sufficient to make a follow-up profitable.

Of the interesting ones, the very similar sightings of 24 July and 1 August at Key West would warrant follow-up if they were more recent. With present information I have no suggested explanation.

The 26 July Perrin AFB Texas also holds possible interest from the standpoint of maneuvers and the fact they were observed from the Control Tower and by civilians of Dennison, Texas.

It is too bad there is not more information on Greola, Ala. These cases cover four separate days. There is possibly pay dirt in these.

Finally, the Sidi Slimane sighting is definitely puzzling and will probably have to remain on the books as unexplained.

As for the remaining 30 or so, there is so little information concerning those which do not have obvious explanations that there is no percentage whatever in considering them seriously.

Thus, out of the total number there are 4 independent sets which, if staff and time were available, would be interesting to pursue. Personally, I vote for sticking with the Black Hawk case until we have squeezed it dry. I feel certain that if this case can be explained, others would follow suit.

Concerning the Black Hawk case, we are proceeding slowly but surely with the investigation. Solid objects are certainly indicated by the evidence. Since the observations covered several hours and sightings were both visual and radar, it is important, in my estimation, that we continue to pursue this since failure to identify pinpoints a possible real weakness in our defense set-up. I hope to have a preliminary report on this case for you soon.

*J. Allen Hynek*

J. Allen Hynek

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**Statement by A/20 Thomas W. Davis Jr.**

Base Operations advised us of the presence of the lights East of the field. There were seven of them. Color was red. They were fairly well grouped together. Looked like an aircraft's port wing light, but didn't flash and no other light (such as an A/C would show on the right wing) was shown though the objects were heading toward us. OGI was advised, but picked up nothing. The lights showed from 2139 to 2155. We took pictures with camera provided. Looked at them through binoculars. Only effect achieved was to make them look bigger. No object other than the light could be seen. At 2155 the objects seemed to just drift up slowly out of sight. About 2200 an unidentified aircraft was picked up by OGI on a 360 heading about 5 miles East of the Base.

*Thomas W. Davis Jr.*

Thomas W. Davis Jr. AF1635123  
A/20, USAF  
Ferris AFB, Texas

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

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? | Yes                                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> 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 | 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?

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

## 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?

25      7      1953  
Day      Month      Year

2. Time of day:

9:00      39  
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

PERRIN AFB

City or Town

TEXAS

State or Country

Additional remarks: In Control Tower

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

Hours

16  
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

FULL MOON

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

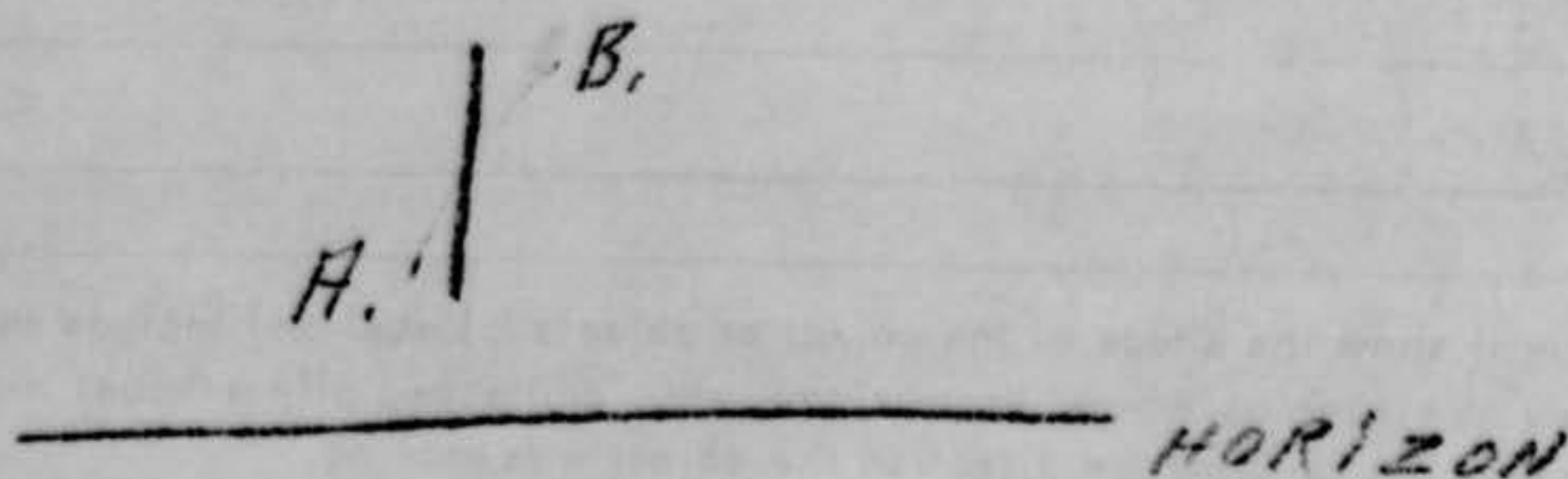
(Circle One): a. In front of you  
b. In back of you  
c. To your right

d. To your left

e. Overhead

f. Don't remember

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.  
\_\_\_\_\_ feet.

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? SEEMED TO CLIMB OUT OF SIGHT.

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.

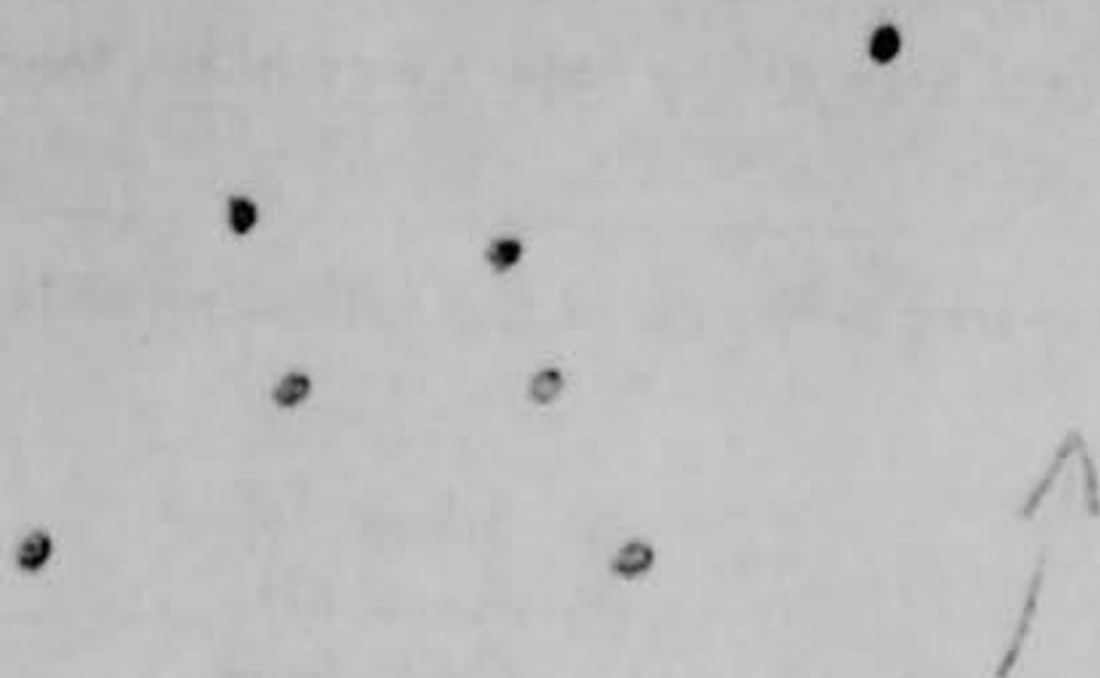
THE LEFT wing tip Light OF AN AIRCRAFT would describe it. SAME COLOR AND INTENSITY. BUT NO RIGHT wing Light WAS SHOWING ON ANY OF THE SEVEN objects Though They WERE headed TOWARD ME.

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

a. Sound NONE

b. Color RED

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.



UP AND TOWARD  
TOWER (MY POSITION)

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 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

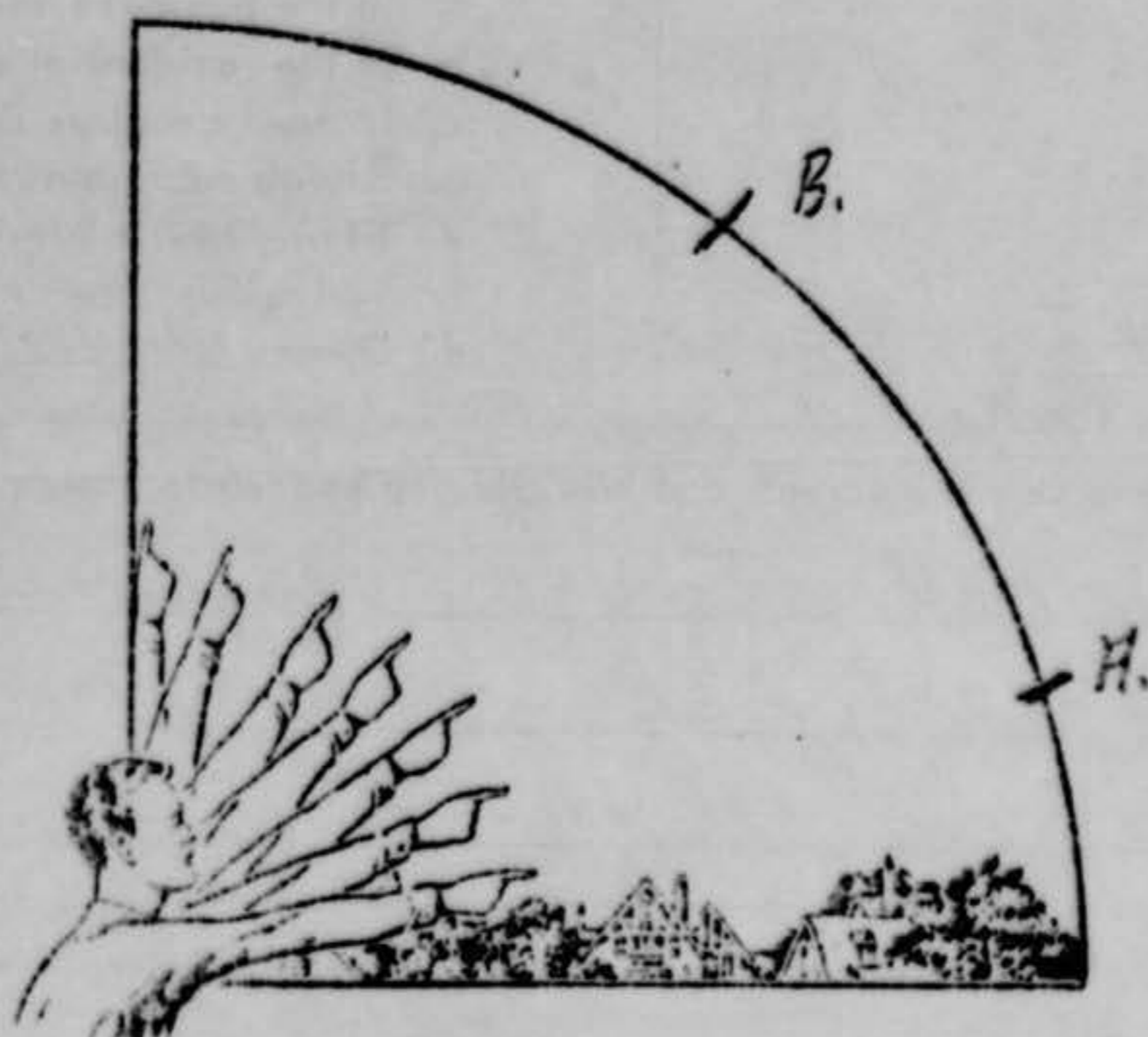
19. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? SEVEN  
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.



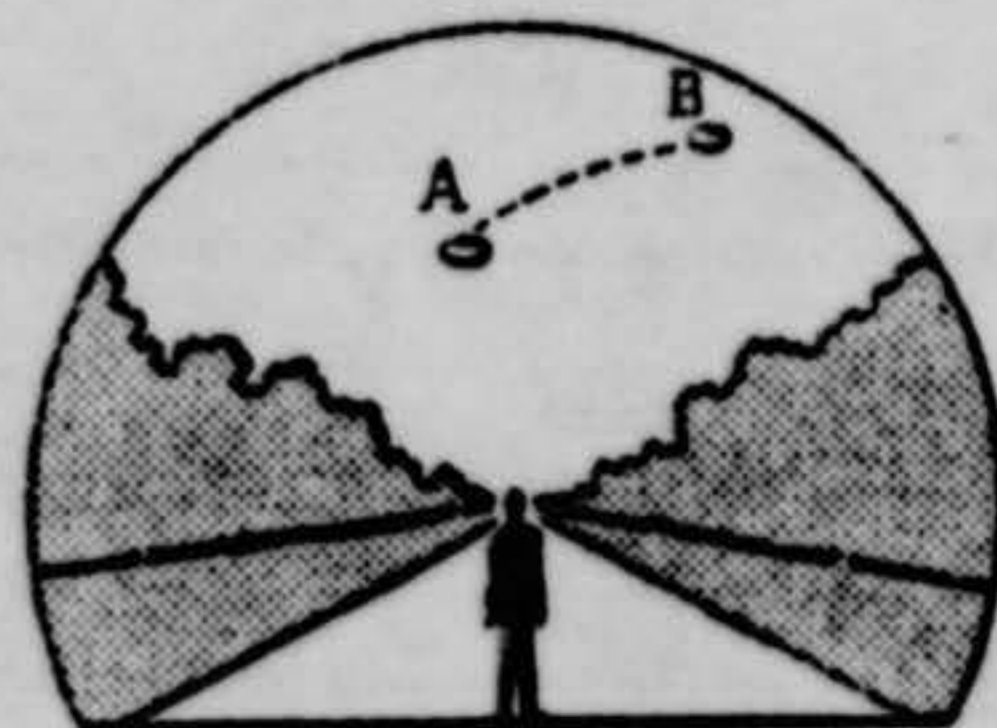
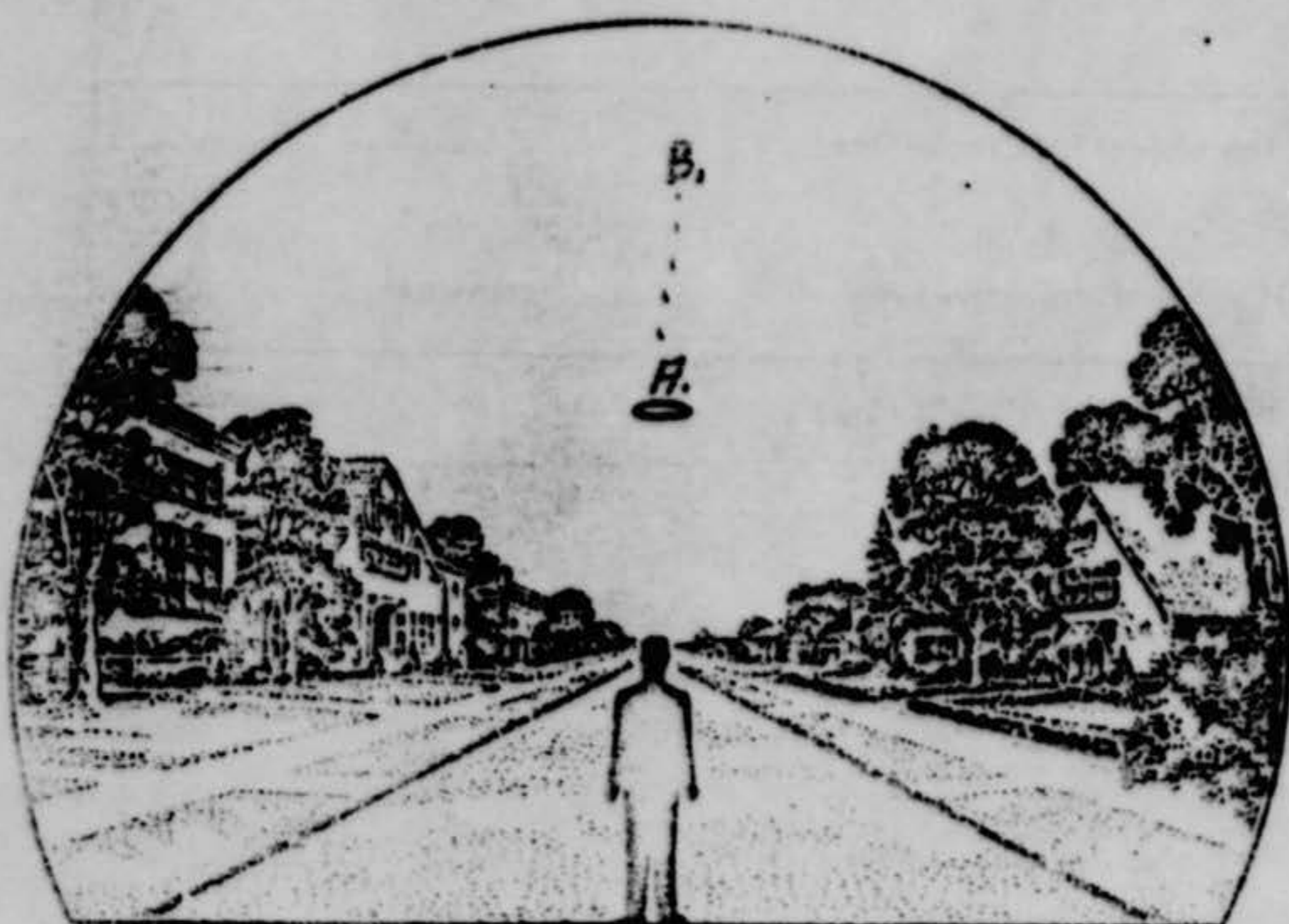
UP AND TOWARD  
ME



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.



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

IN GLASSED IN TOWER AND  
OUTDOORS ON CATWALK

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

ON AIR BASE

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

WORKING IN CONTROL TOWER. WAS NOTIFIED OF  
OBJECTS BY DISPATCHER. NO AIR TRAFFIC MOVING  
SO WE COULD GIVE ENTIRE ATTENTION TO LIGHTS (OBJECTS)

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     | c. East      | e. South     | g. West      |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

28.2 How fast were you moving? \_\_\_\_\_ 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     | <u>c. East</u> | e. South     | g. West      |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast   | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the object? (Circle One)

- |              |                |              |              |
|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. North     | <u>c. East</u> | e. South     | g. West      |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast   | f. Southwest | 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 070° degrees.
- b. From horizon 045° degrees.

31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 070° degrees.
- b. From horizon 050° degrees.



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TO ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO ATTN ATIAA-2C

FROM AF01N 34458 THE FOLLOWING FLYOB REPORT WAS RECEIVED FROM

PERRIN AFB TEXAS AND IS PASSED TO YOU FOR YOUR INFORMATION CLN

"GROUND OBSERVED SEVEN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS WITH ONE BRIGHT

D LIGHT ON EACH OBJECT HOVERING AT ESTIMATED ALTITUDES FROM FIVE

EIGHT THOUSAND FEET PD VISUALLY OBSERVED FROM PERRIN TOWER AND

CITIZENS OF DENISON AND SHERMAN TEXAS PD NO LATERAL MOVEMENT WAS

OBSERVED PD FORMATION WAS IN GROUPS OF THREE WITH ONE TRAILING

AND THEN COMING TOGETHER TO FORM THE LETTER ZEBRA PD FORMATION

WHEN CIRCLED WHILE GAINING ALTITUDE AND FADED FROM SIGHT ONE AT

A TIME PD NO AIR TO AIR

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?

25  
Day

7  
Month

1953  
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:

T/1001  
[REDACTED]  
PERRIN AFB TEXAS

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?

IN SAME TOWER. 2 RED LIGHTS OF SAME TYPE.  
WEATHER WAS 10000 FEET OVERCAST. NO MOON.  
IN AUGUST OF 1952. 3 OTHER WITNESSES

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

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 [REDACTED]  
(Please Print)

(Do Not Write in This Space)

SIGNATURE [REDACTED]

CODE:

DATE 25 July 1953  
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In answer to #38: I can't say what it was, but don't think it was ordinary aircraft. It's not likely that a formation of seven aircraft would lose right wing lights at same time. Objects moved toward me so they couldn't have blocked out any existing right wing lights.

Couldn't estimate distance or speed as the objects were moving toward us and up, and without knowing intensity of the light or the size of it we couldn't estimate distance.

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F. R. ...*

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TINKER AIR FORCE BASE  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

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TINKER AFB, Okla*

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

28 July 1953

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Reporting

TO: Director of Intelligence  
Hq USAF  
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Discard message, this Hq ORO-RT-7-25-53 FLYOBJPT.
2. Object definitely identified as weather balloon.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Copy Furnished:  
 ATIC, W-P AFB, Ohio  
 Comdr, Ent AFB, Colorado  
 Springs, Colorado  
 Comdr, AMC, W-P AFB, Ohio

DAVID A. POWERS, JR  
 Lt Colonel, USAF  
 Chief, Security Indoctrination Office  
 Inspector General's Office

*11 JUL 1953*



CONTACT WAS MAINTAINED FROM 2130C TO 2155C PD VISIBILITY UNLIMITED

WITH CLEAR SKY CONDITION" PD

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**HEADQUARTERS**  
**PERRIN AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS**

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Shannon &  
Perrin, TEXAS 78  
29 JUL 1953

**SUBJECT: PLYOBRT**

**TO: Commander**  
**Headquarters, United States Air Force**  
**ATTN: Director of Intelligence**  
**Washington 25, D. C.**

In accordance with provisions of Air Force Letter 200-5, dated 29 April 1952, attached report is hereby forwarded.

**FOR THE COMMANDER:**

E. F. RODRIGUEZ  
MAJOR USAF  
ADJUTANT

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Comdr, ATTN: Chief, Air Tech Intel Center  
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

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INFO TO: Comdr, ATTN: Chief, ATIC  
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

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- (1) Seven (7) objects were observed by all the sources. Objects were spherical in shape and had a red light which appeared to be on the bottom of the objects; the formation of the objects changed from time to time however they remained in two triangular shaped formations for the longest period of time. The speed of the objects was undeterminedly observers; all stayed in the same relative position during the observation. There was no indication of exhaust or any sound. The objects seemed to fade out of sight and drift upward.
- (2) The objects were sighted at 2139 hours, Central Standard Time, 25 July 1953 and were observed for sixteen (16) minutes. 0389
- (3) Observation was visual from the ground.
- (4) Observation of ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ was from Perrin Air Force Base, Texas, 3346N 9632 W. and observation of Mr. ~~XXXXXX~~ was from Denison, Texas 3350N 9631W and observation of Mr. ~~XXXXXX~~ was from Sherman, Texas, 3344N 9331W. Direction of objects from the observers at Perrin was North East; distance was approximately five (5) miles at an undetermined altitude; direction of objects from the observer in Denison was just East of the town at first sighting and appeared to be at an altitude of 1200 to 1500 feet and were directly overhead at time of disappearance; directional of objects from the observer in Sherman was North East, distance was approximately eight (8) miles at an estimated altitude of 5000 feet.
- (5) With the exception of Airman Davis, none of the observers have previously experienced the observation of unidentified objects, however, all observers are considered to be reliable. Airman Davis stated he had seen similar objects in August of 1952.
- (6) The sky was clear, visibility 15 miles, winds aloft 2000 to 6000 feet from SSE at fifteen (15) to sixteen (16) knots.
- (7) There was no known condition, meteorological or otherwise which would have accounted for the sighting.
- (8) Photographs were taken by observers in the tower at Perrin Air Force Base and have been forwarded with report submitted by 1954-4 AACS Detachment, 14th AACS Squadron.
- (9) At the time of the sighting there were no pilots available at Perrin Air Force Base therefore no interception was attempted. An attempt was made to contact the objects by ECI Radar at Perrin with negative results.
- (10) An unidentified aircraft was detected by ECI Radar at Perrin shortly after the sighted objects disappeared. A plane of the Texas Central Airport due out of Ardmore, Oklahoma was due in the area at that time.

APPROVED *William A. Mason Jr.*  
WILLIAM A. MASON JR.  
Major, USAF  
3555th Eng Op Ops Off

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### AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT <b>FLIGHT</b>
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AREA REPORTED ON <b>Sherman &amp; Denison, Texas</b>	FROM (Agency) <b>Perrin Air Force Base, Texas</b>
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DATE OF REPORT <b>25 July 1953</b>	DATE OF INFORMATION <b>25 July 1953</b>	EVALUATION <b>B-1</b>
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PREPARED BY (Officer) <b>Willard A. Mason, Major, USAF</b>	SOURCE <b>See Below</b>
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REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) <b>Air Force Letter 200-5, dtd 29 April 1952</b>
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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.)

Following reports of unidentified objects in the sky were given by [REDACTED] **The Denison Herald**, [REDACTED] civilian, [REDACTED] T/Sgt, USAF, [REDACTED] all of Perrin AFB, Texas, who observed the objects at approximately 2139 hours, 25 July 1953. Sources are considered usually reliable. See Part II for continuation of report.

- 5 INCL.
1. Statement by Mr. [REDACTED]
  2. Statement by Mr. [REDACTED]
  3. Statements by T/Sgt [REDACTED]
  4. Statement by A/1 [REDACTED]
  5. Statement by A/2 [REDACTED]

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I was sitting in my backyard and spotted these seven (7) red lights at an estimated altitude of four (4) or five (5) thousand feet at 2140 Saturday night, 25 July 1953. These stayed in sight sixteen (16) minutes. For approximately ten (10) minutes, six of these lights stayed in an identical position without raising or lowering. Occasionally some of these lights blinked but one light, approximately two (2) or three (3) thousand feet above the others seemed to blink constantly. At the end of approximately ten (10) minutes, the top light that blinked all the time began an ascent straight up in the air without any swaying from either side. It went straight up. After it reached approximately eight (8) or ten (10) thousand feet, the other six lights began to move in the same relative position to each other, straight up in the same manner in which the first light began its ascent. They ascended up to a considerable altitude at which time the lights began to go out. They seemed to pop out like they were turned out with a light switch with no blinking. Three (3) of the lower six (6) lights remained in sight for another couple of minutes. These three kept ascending in the same vertical position until gradually their lights began to fade and go out of sight as if they were going behind a cloud. When I first sighted these I made an estimate of the angle from my house to where I was looking at them and I estimated my eyelevel was on the 35° angle in relation to the earth. These objects were about a 40° heading from my house. It was difficult to determine the exact altitude. I don't believe they were balloons. They remained in a steady position and remained like that for a good while. The lights looked just like any ordinary red lights, like a light on top of radio station KHRV, but I could see KHRV so I knew it wasn't that.

[REDACTED]  
Sharon, Texas

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STATEMENT BY [REDACTED]

Objects were sighted in the sky Saturday night July 25, 1953 commencing approximately 9:30 P. M. They were first observed by me from the second floor of the Denison Herald Building in down-town Denison and had reached a point of approximately 30 degrees upon the horizon. When first seen they were a little east of south and were strung out in almost a straight line with the point directing straight upward. The objects consisted of several large red lights however when viewed through field glasses, each unit consisted of several smaller lights at least eight or ten in number and these seemed to move slowly more or less in unison within the larger unit.

These objects gave the impression of flying in a sort of tandem formation. From the straight line first seen, the last three objects went into triangular formation and the others changed position position to form a resemblance to the Great Dipper or an inverted question mark. From that formation they stretched into a different formation consisting of triangles at either end. These would vary around in more or less a drifting pattern and finally when they reached a point directly overhead, they again were stretched out in almost a straight line.

At this time, fifteen or twenty minutes later than time objects were first sighted by me, they ones at the rear of the formation started growing dim. The last ones blinked out first and were followed a few seconds later with others disappearing in turn until they were all gone; however, some of them would blink out to appear very dim a few seconds later for a brief period, perhaps three or four seconds. Two of the objects in the middle of the string went out at the same time. These red lights were very bright, similar to warning lights on a radio tower viewed at close distance and I would estimate that these objects were 1200 to 1500 feet up in the sky. The lights traveled in a direction Southeast to Northwest. When they blinked out they were almost directly overhead a few degrees off to the West.

After they disappeared a plane appeared in the sky at approximately 10 P. M. A plane of the Texas Central Airport due out of Ardmore Oklahoma was due over Denison at that time. These objects were sighted by thousands of persons in Denison as it was a very clear night and the telephones of the Denison Herald were kept busy ringing for hours with people requesting the nature of these lights. In fact, the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, who renders service here, had to put on six extra operators to handle the calls.

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Statement by A/1C Larry W. Skinner

At 2139 Base Operations called us in the tower, via intercom, and asked us if we could see any lights east of the tower. At the time we were all watching the landing strip. Looking to the east we did see what appeared to be seven red lights suspended just over Denison. They looked just like my part lights of an aircraft. The only difference was that these lights seemed to be stationary until we saw that they were rising very slowly. We took pictures of them with a stereo-camera we keep in the tower for such purposes. We took about 10 pictures of different lens openings and shutter speeds. The lights kept rising slowly until about 2155 when they faded out. Throughout their ascent, they appeared to keep the same formation except for one, which was to the upper right. That one light drifted farther apart from the others. Just before fading out, each light flickered on and off. But that could have been the atmospheric condition.

Any indication of altitude was practically impossible, since we did not know the size of the lights nor the distance they were from the tower.

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