

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 4 Feb - 7 Apr 54 night	2. LOCATION Eagle Grove, Iowa Webster City, Iowa
3. SOURCE civilian	10. CONCLUSION PROBABLY ASTRONOMICAL : STAR (PLANET)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 minutes, varied	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ground-visual civilian	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object like star - orange, changing to green and bright red - some movement. 2 reports made, observer has reported same thing before, appears to be star Capella low on horizon or Planet Jupiter.
7. COURSE in NW	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

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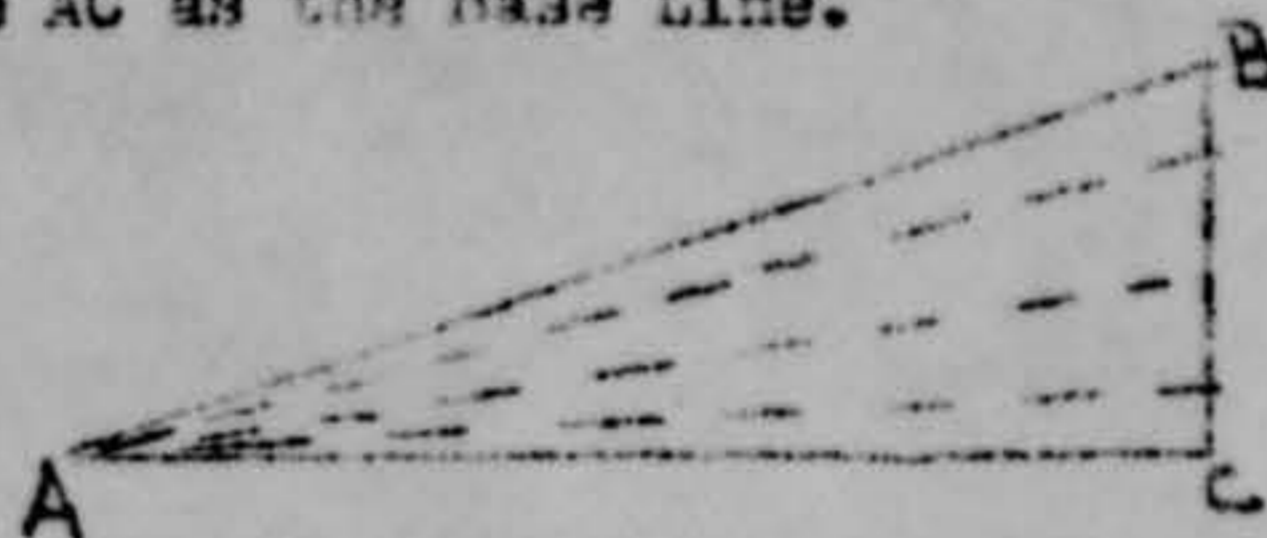
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A
(Webster City)B
(Eagle Grove)

Line AB equals 15.75 miles
 Line BC equals 15.75 miles
 Angle A equals 45
 Therefore Line AC equals 22.27 miles

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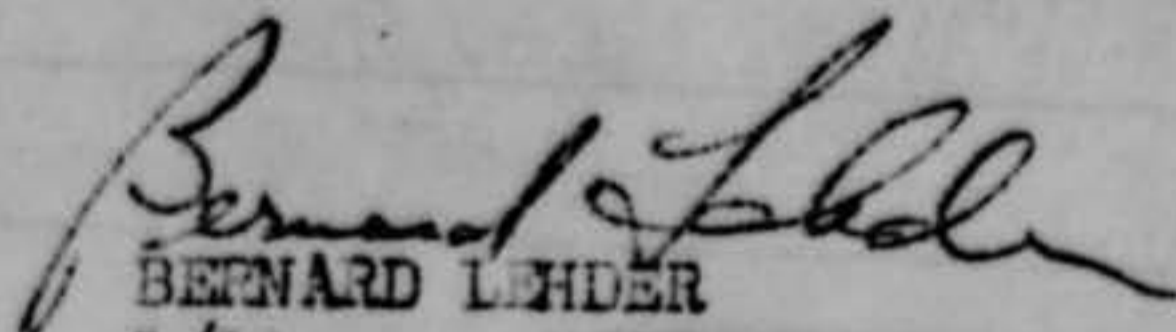


C
Point of
Intersection
Object sighted
at this point.

ANGLE OF ELEVATION	LENGTH OF BASE LINE	ALTITUDE IN FEET
5 degrees	22.27 miles	10,280 ft.
10 degrees	22.27 miles	20,720 ft.
15 degrees	22.27 miles	31,490 ft.
30 degrees	22.27 miles	67,790 ft.
45 degrees	22.27 miles	118,200 ft.
60 degrees	22.27 miles	203,300 ft.

NOTE: FIGURES ABOVE REPRESENT THE "23 FEBRUARY" SIGHTING VIEWED BY SOURCE FROM WEBSTER CITY AND BY ANOTHER SOLDIERMAN FROM EAGLE GROVE.

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Country USA	Report No.	(Leave Blank)
INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
Subject Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object		
Area reported on Webster City, Iowa	From (Agency) D/I, 31st Air Division, (Def)	
Date of Report 11 March 1954	Date of information 28 February 1954	Evaluation
Prepared by (Officer) George S. West Jr.	Source [REDACTED]	
References (Control number, directive, previous report, ect., as applicable)		
Summary: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112- Part II.)		
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. On the night of 27 and 28 February 1954, the Des Moines, Iowa Filter Center received a report of flying objects near Webster City, Iowa.2. Subsequent interview of Source by an Air Force representative revealed the Source had sighted similar objects on several occasions. The last sighting, reported in the following pages, occurred on the night of 28 February - 1 March 1954.		
<p>GEORGE S. WEST JR. Captain USAF Director of Intelligence Hq 31st Air Division (Def)</p>		

Negative

7. Tail, trail, or exhaust, including size of same compared to size of object(s).

Negative

8. Sound. If heard, describe sound.

Negative

9. Other pertinent or unusual features.

Negative

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT(S):

1. What first called your attention to the object(s)?

Observer was driving a patrol car when he noticed a "red star" and stopped to look at it. Then the object started moving.

2. Angle of elevation and azimuth of objects when first observed?

5-10 degrees (elevation) - 45 degrees (azimuth)

3. Angle of elevation and azimuth of object(s) upon disappearance.

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A. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT(S):

1. What was the shape of the object(s)?

Disk shaped with fuzzy edges

2. Size compared to a known object (Use one of the following terms: head of a pin, pea, dime, nickel, quarter, half dollar, silver dollar, baseball, grapefruit, or basketball) held in the hand at about arms length.

Grapefruit

3. Was the object colored? What color?

At nearest point of observation, object appeared orange. As it moved away, the color changed to green then to bright red.

4. How many objects were sighted?

One

5. Were they flying in any particular formation? If so, give brief description of formation.

N/A

6. Any discernable features or details?

2. If the sighting was made under conditions, give type, identification number, altitude, heading, speed, and home station.

N/A

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

2. Zulu time-date group of sighting?

01/0600Z

2. Light conditions (use one of the following terms): night, day, dawn, dusk.

Night

E. LOCATIONS OF OBSERVERS: EXACT LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE OF EACH OBSERVER, OR GROUND POSITION, OR POSITION WITH REFERENCE TO A KNOWN LANDMARK.

NW section of Webster City, Iowa

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF ALL OBSERVERS:

1. Civilian -- Name, age mailing address, occupation and estimate of reliability.

[REDACTED], Police officer, [REDACTED], Webster City, Iowa.

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5-10 degrees (elevation) - 45 degrees (azimuth)		
4. Description of flight path and maneuvers of object(s) Moving in level flight to NW		
5. Manner of disappearance of object(s) Disappeared over horizon		
6. Length of time in sight? 20 minutes		
C. MANNER OF OBSERVANCE		
1. Use one or any combination of the following items: Ground visual air visual, ground electronic, air electronic. (If electronic, specify type or radar.) Ground visual		
2. Statement as to optical aids, (telescopes, binoculars, etc.) used and description thereof. Negative		
To be filled in by the observer while observing. Give type aircraft, ident.		

Negative (according to observer)

5. Thunderstorms in area and quadrant in which located.

Negative (according to observer)

- H. ANY OTHER UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OR CONDITION, METEOROLOGICAL, ASTRONOMICAL, OR OTHERWISE, WHICH MIGHT ACCOUNT FOR THE SIGHTING.

No Information

- I. EXISTENCE OF ANY PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OF THE SIGHTING SUCH AS MATERIALS AND PHOTOGRAPHS

Negative

- J. INTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION TAKEN.

Negative

- K. LOCATION OF ANY AIR TRAFFIC IN THE AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING

No information

- L. POSITION TITLE AND COMMENTS OF THE PREPARING OFFICER, INCLUDING HIS PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF THE POSSIBLE CAUSE OF THE SIGHTINGS.

Observer also claims to have sighted a similar object on 4, 5, 10, 15, 16, 27, and 28 February 1954. Each time the object was sighted in the same area in sky and always disappeared over horizon to NW.
(Evaluation F-2) The cause of the sighting is unknown.

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2. Military-- name grade, organization, duty and estimate of reliability.

N/A

G. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT, CONDITIONS AT THE TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING:

1. Observers account of weather conditions.

Dry, cold, clear sky, slight wind, many stars.

2. Report from nearest AWS or U.S. Weather Bureau of wind and directions and velocity in degrees and knots at surface 6,000', 10,000', 16,000', 20,000', 30,000', 50,000', and 80,000'. If available.

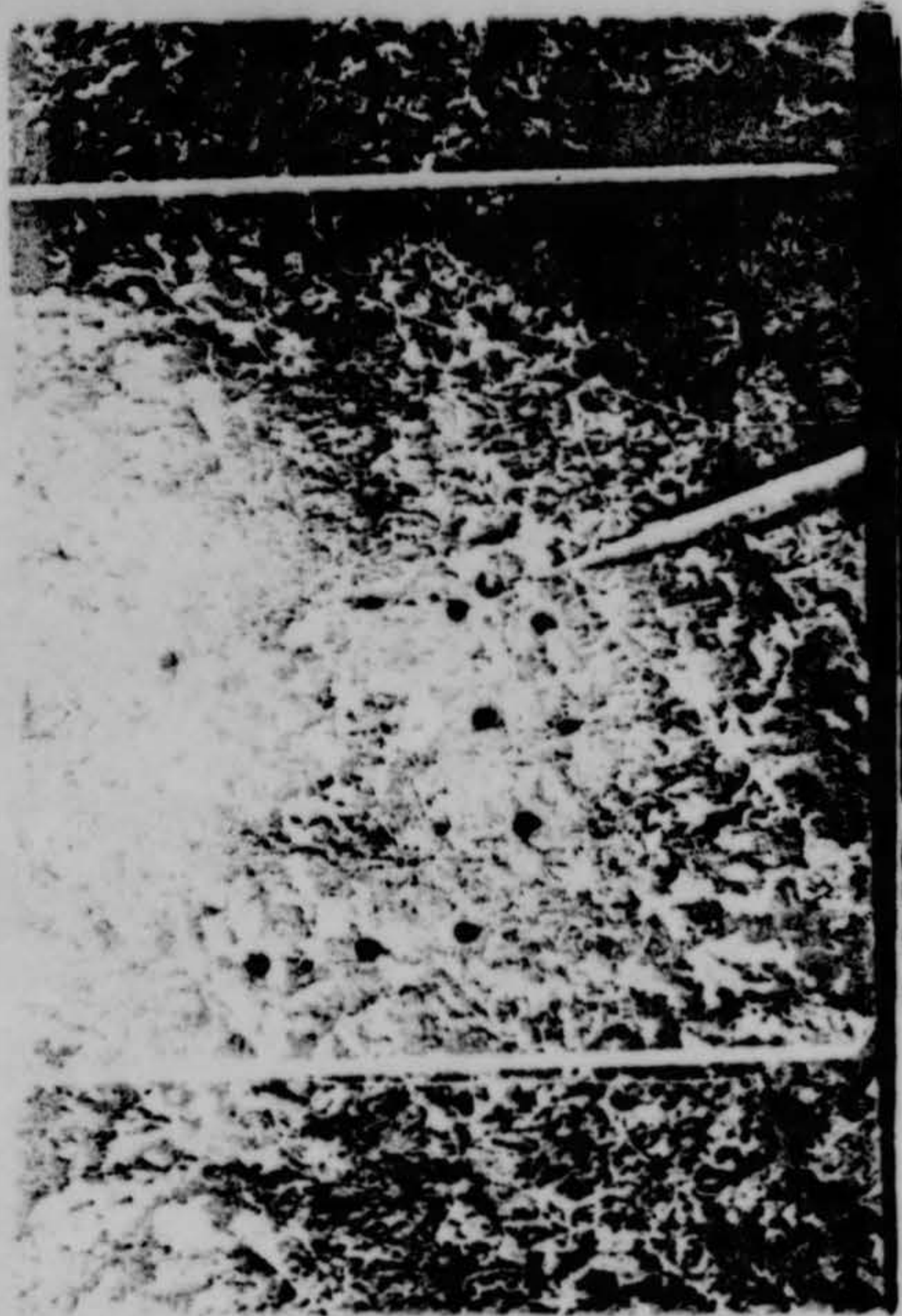
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3. Ceiling

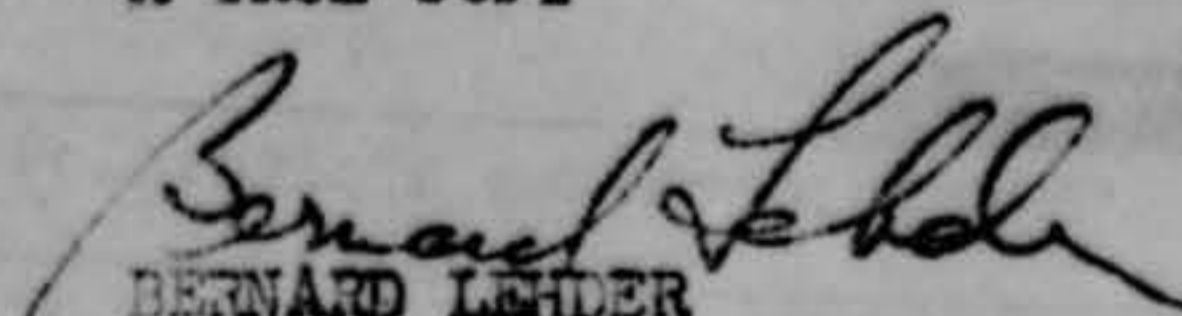
Negative (according to observer)

4. Amount of cloud cover

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INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
Subject SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT		
Area reported on EAGLE GROVE, IOWA	From (Agency) D/I 51st Air Division	
Date of Report 11 March 1954	Date of information 28 February 1954	Evaluation F-2
Prepared by (Officer) George S. West Jr.	Source [REDACTED]	
References (Control number, directive, previous report, ect., as applicable)		
Summary: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112- Part II.)		
<p>1. On the night of 27 and 28 February 1954 the Des Moines, Iowa Filter Center received a report of flying objects near Eagle Grove, Iowa.</p> <p>2. A subsequent interview was arranged with the source by an Air Force representative who obtained the information in the following pages</p>		
<p>GEORGE S. WEST JR. Captain USAF Director of Intelligence Hq 51st ADiv (Def)</p>		



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6. Any discernible features or details?

NEGATIVE

7. Tail, trail, or exhaust, including size of same compared to size of object(s).

8. Sound. If heard, describe sound.

NEGATIVE

9. Other pertinent or unusual features.

OBJECT APPEARED TO PULSATE AND CHANGE BRIGHTNESS.

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT(S):

1. What first called your attention to the object(s)?

TELEPHONE CALL FROM WEBSTER CITY, IOWA REQUESTING OBSERVATION OF OBJECT.

2. Angle of elevation and azimuth of object(s) when first observed?

60° (elevation) — 30° (azimuth)

3. Angle of elevation and azimuth of object(s) upon disappearance?

0° (elevation) — 30° (azimuth)

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A. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJET(S):

1. What was the shape of the object(s)?

OVAL

2. Size compared to a known object (Use one of the following terms: Head of a pin, pea, dime, nickel, quarter, half dollar, silver dollar, baseball, grapefruit, or basketball) held in the hand at about arms length.

QUARTER

3. Was the object colored, what color?

RED, CHANGING TO WHITE, THEN TO AMBER AND BACK TO RED

4. How many objects were sighted?

ONE

5. Were they flying in an particular formation? If so give brief description of formation.

N/A

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4. Description of flight path and maneuvers of object(s).
Object moved to NW direction, at time stood still, at times moved straight up and down and from side to side.

5. Manner of disappearance of object(s)?
Disappeared over horizon to NW.

6. Length of time in sight?
20 minutes

C. MANNER OF OBSERVANCE:

1. Use one or any combination of the following items: Ground visual, air visual, ground electronic, air electronic, (If electronic, specify type or radar.)
Ground visual

2. Statement as to optical aids, (telescopes, binoculars, etc.) used and description thereof.
Negative

3. If the sighting was made while air-borne, give type aircraft, identification, number, altitude, heading, speed and home station.

N/A

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

1. Zulu time-date group of sighting?

28/0715Z

2. Light conditions (use one of the following terms: Night, day, dawn, dusk)

Night

E. LOCATIONS OF OBSERVERS: EXACT LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE OF EACH OBSERVER, OR GEOREF POSITION, OR POSITION WITH REFERENCE TO A KNOWN LANDMARK.

5 miles south of Eagle Grove, Iowa, on Highway 60.

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF ALL OBJECT(S):

1. Civilian -- Name, age, mailing address, occupation and estimate of Reliability.

[REDACTED] 51 yrs, [REDACTED] [REDACTED], Eagle Grove, Iowa.

2. Military -- Name, grade, organization, duty and estimate of Reliability.

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N/A		
G. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT, CONDITIONS AT THE TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING.		
1. Observers account of weather condition		
Dry cold, clear sky, slight wind		
2. Report from nearest AWS or U.S. Weather Bureau of wind and direction and velocity in degrees and knots at surface 6,000', 10,000', 16,000', 20,000', 30,000', 50,000', and 80,000'. If available.		
Not available.		
3. Ceiling		
Negative (according to observer)		
4. Amount of cloud cover		
Negative (According to observer)		
5. Thunderstorms in area and quadrant in which located		
Negative (According to observer)		

H. ANY OTHER UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OR CONDITION, METEOROLOGICAL, ASTRONOMICAL, OR OTHERWISE, WHICH MIGHT ACCOUNT FOR THE SIGHTING.

No information

I. EXISTENCE OF ANY PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OF THE SIGHTING SUCH AS MATERIALS AND PHOTOGRAPHS

Negative

J. INTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION TAKEN.

Negative

K. LOCATION OF ANY AIR TRAFFIC IN THE AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING.

No information

L. POSITION TITLE AND COMMENTS OF THE PREPARING OFFICER, INCLUDING HIS PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF THE POSSIBLE CAUSE OF THE SIGHTING.

This observation was made on request of fellow police officers on duty at Webster City, Iowa. Therefore it is believed that the sighting occurred as reported. The cause of the sighting is unknown. (Evaluation F-2)

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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.

1. When did you see the object?

7 April 1954
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

7:30 + 10:45

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?

Webster City Iowa Iowa
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks: Was standing outside of car

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

_____ 15 _____
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 Night time

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

N/A

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? | <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't Know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't Know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| d. Give off smoke? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness? | <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't Know |
| f. Change shape? | <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't Know |
| g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate? | <u>Yes</u> | 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: it moved away from the stars

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 | Yes | No |
| b. Sun glasses | Yes | No | f. Telescope | Yes | No |
| c. Windshield | Yes | No | g. Theodolite | Yes | No |
| d. Window glass | Yes | No | h. Other | <u>Negative</u> | |

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

- a. Sound No sound
- b. Color Red + White + Blue + Yellow

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.



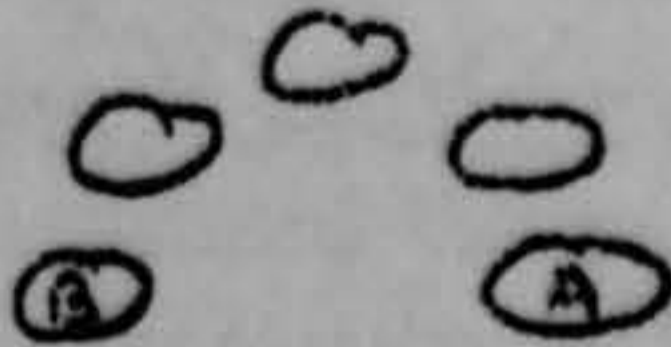
18. The edges of the object were:

- (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? N/A
 Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

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.
50-70 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. Pen
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?

Dropped behind the house.

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.

Metal
30 x 40 feet around


a plate

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?

Was driving around in patrol car + happened
to see object in the sky

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? 30 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 c. East 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 c. East 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).

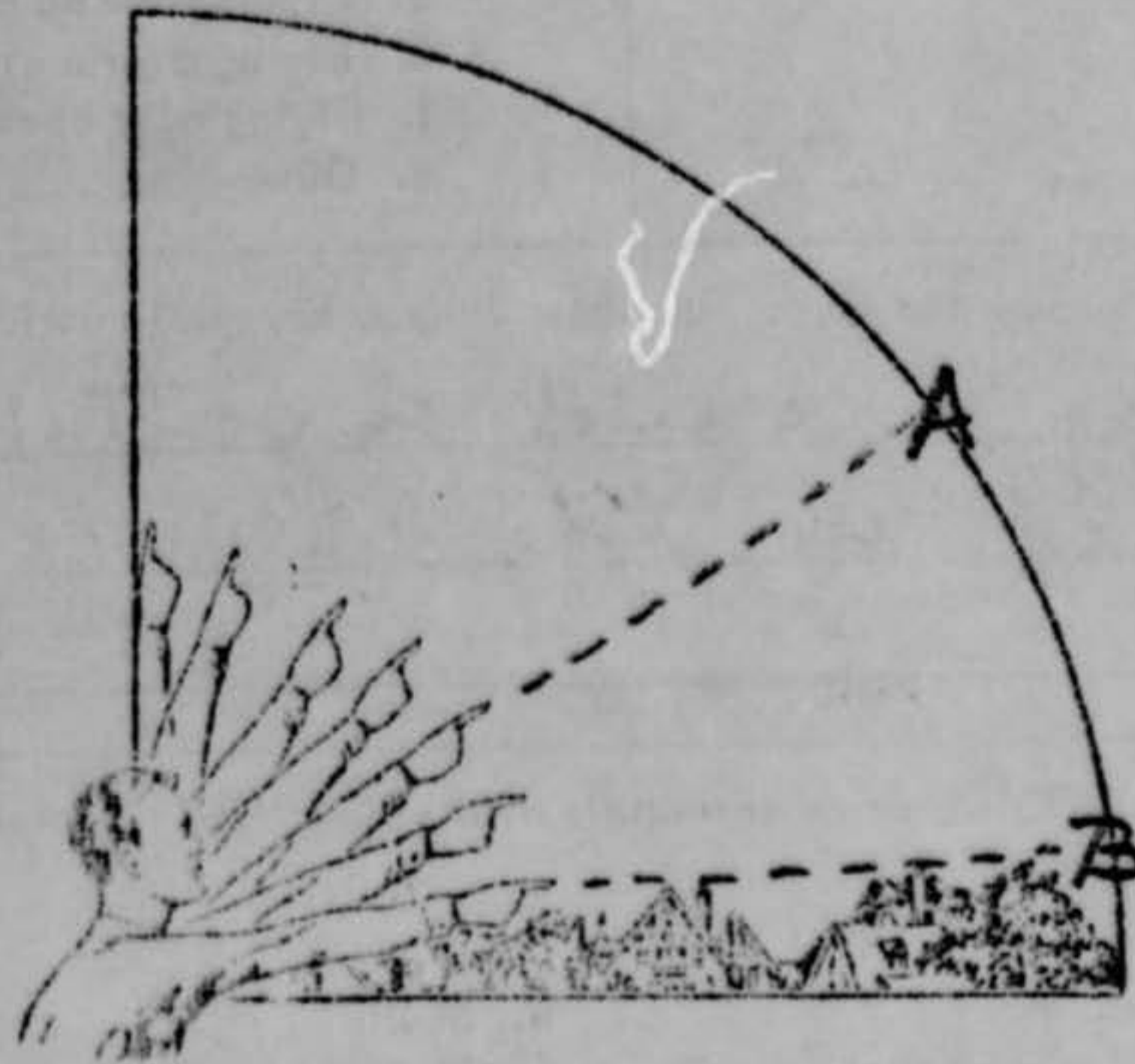
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 290 degrees.
 b. From horizon 40 degrees.

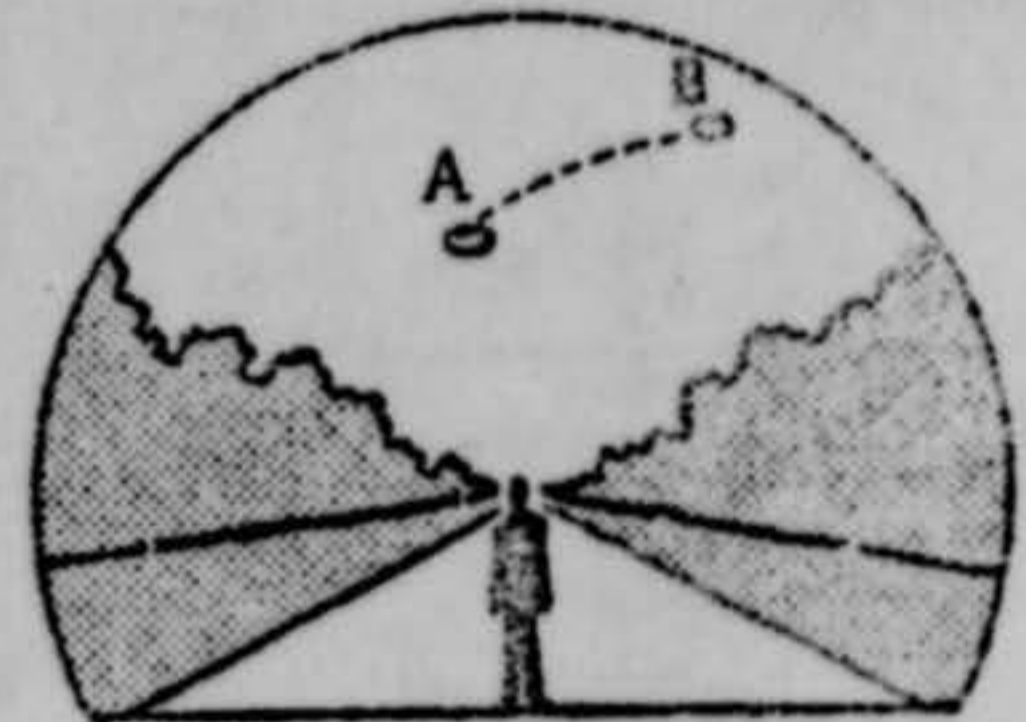
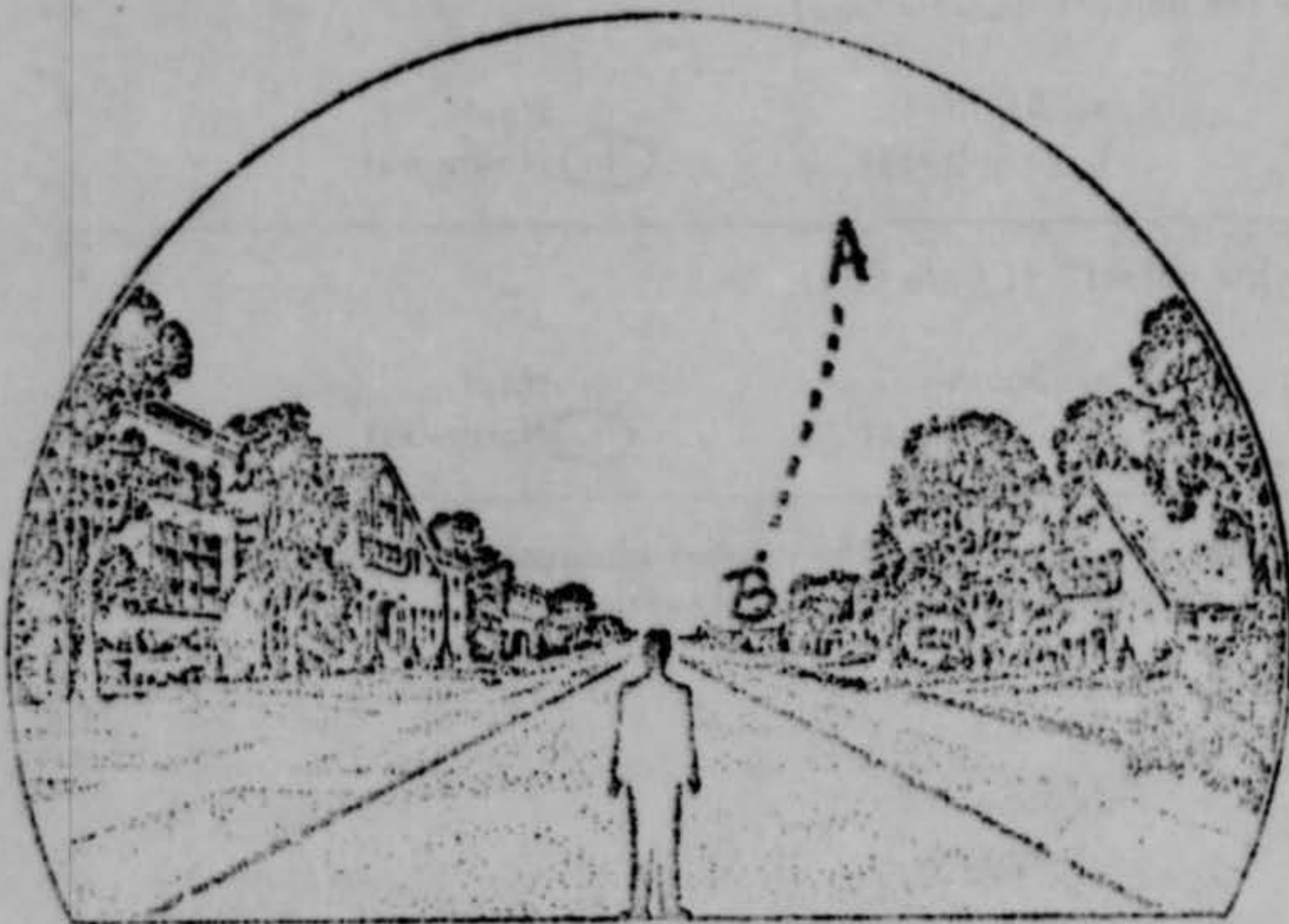
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 290 degrees.
 b. From horizon 0 degrees.

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.



*it also moved
in a circular
movement.*

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? _____ m.p.h.

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

(Circle One) Yes No 25 to 30 miles

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? _____ feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME _____
Last Name Middle Name

ADDRESS _____
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

What is your present job? Police man

Age 31 Sex Male

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

- a. Grade school _____
- b. High school 3 yrs of high
- c. College _____
- d. Post graduate _____
- e. e. Technical school _____
(Type) _____
- f. Other special training _____

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

8 Day April Month 1954 Year

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 15 or 20 MPH
 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 N/A

36.2 Please list their names and addresses:

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?

I have seen the object about
17 times

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

I believe that it is a ship from some
other place

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MEDITERRANEAN SEA

Second Officer P. Fribert of the Danish M. V. *Jane Maersk*, Capt. H. E. Pedersen, Master, reports that at 0411 G. M. T., February 8, 1954, in lat. $39^{\circ}03' N.$, lon. $12^{\circ}42' E.$ he observed a meteor of extraordinary brilliance. It was a pale-green color and lasted about 2 seconds. It passed through *Virgo* and exploded south of *Spica*. Weather clear, wind west-northwest, force 3.

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4602D AIR INTELLIGENCE SERVICE SQUADRON
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado Springs, Colorado

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4 May 1954

SUBJECT: UFOB Questionnaire

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
ATTN: ATIAE-5
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

In accordance with ATIC instructions, the inclosed UFOB report is forwarded for your analysis and evaluation.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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UFOB rpt w/incls

Ray E Jones
RAY E JONES
Major, USAF
Adjutant

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Major Strout, Commander reported no other sightings had been called into the Center on 7 April 1954.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF PREPARING OFFICER: In view of the fact that this particular SOURCE has viewed the object with regularity and the object has been seen by other individuals as well, it is suggested that all Ground Observer Posts (GOC) in the WEBSTER CITY area (20-40 mile radius) be alerted to watch for the object. The basis for this recommendation lies in the fact that in February, the object was sighted on the 4th, 5th, 16th, 17th, 27th and 28th. According to the SOURCE the object appeared with the same regularity in March although no record of the dates or times of sightings was kept by the SOURCE.

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APPROVED

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Capt. USAF

Director of Intelligence
Headquarters, 31st Air Div. (Det)

have seen the object. Preparing Officer interviewed three of these individuals who claim to have seen object. All individuals are law enforcement agents. All stories agree as to size of object, color or colors, speed, sound, type of movement and direction. Length of time object has been viewed varies between fifteen (15) minutes and one (1) hour. SOURCE kept a record of sightings in the month of February of this year. Dates are as follows:

4 FEBRUARY, 5 FEBRUARY, 16 FEBRUARY, 17 FEBRUARY,
27 FEBRUARY and 28 FEBRUARY; no dates for month of March
altho sightings took place.

The 28 FEBRUARY sighting was observed by two individuals at widely separated points. SOURCE viewed object from WEBSTER CITY and a fellow policeman observed it at the same time from EAGLE GROVE, IOWA-- [REDACTED] MO. Radio contact was maintained between the two individuals during the sighting. See inclosures 1, 2, 3.

The 7 April sighting was observed only by SOURCE, sighting took place at 1930 CST and again at 2220 CST. Both times the object appeared in the NORTHWEST sky and disappeared below the horizon turning a deep red in color prior to disappearing. The object was in view approximately 15 to 30 minutes each time. SOURCE claims object was approximately 30 to 40 miles away from observation point. No data available with reference to altitude or speed. See inclosures 4 and 5.

Weather over WEBSTER CITY at the time of sighting was clear.
See inclosure 6.

ADDITIONAL ACTION: The Preparing Officer investigated other sources in order to ascertain what the object sighted might have been.

Contact was made thru D/I, 31st Air Division (Def) to surrounding ACME sites. Radar report was negative as to aircraft or other flying objects. e.i. balloons.

Contact was made with the following civilian agencies in order to determine whether these agencies had launched balloons or conducted experiments in the area the day or night of the sighting.

IOWA STATE COLLEGE--- AMES, IOWA:

Dr. [REDACTED]ox, Chairman, Physics Dept., NEGATIVE REPORT

Dr. [REDACTED]g, Atomic Research Director, NEGATIVE REPORT

DRAKE UNIVERSITY--- DES MOINES, IOWA:

Prof. Philip Riggs, Astronomy Dept., Suggested that object seen might have been the planet JUPITER which is visible in Northern skies at this time. Prof. [REDACTED] also suggested that the star GARPELLEA might be the cause of the sighting. However he disclaimed the idea that these bodies would appear as large as a grapefruit held out at arms length.

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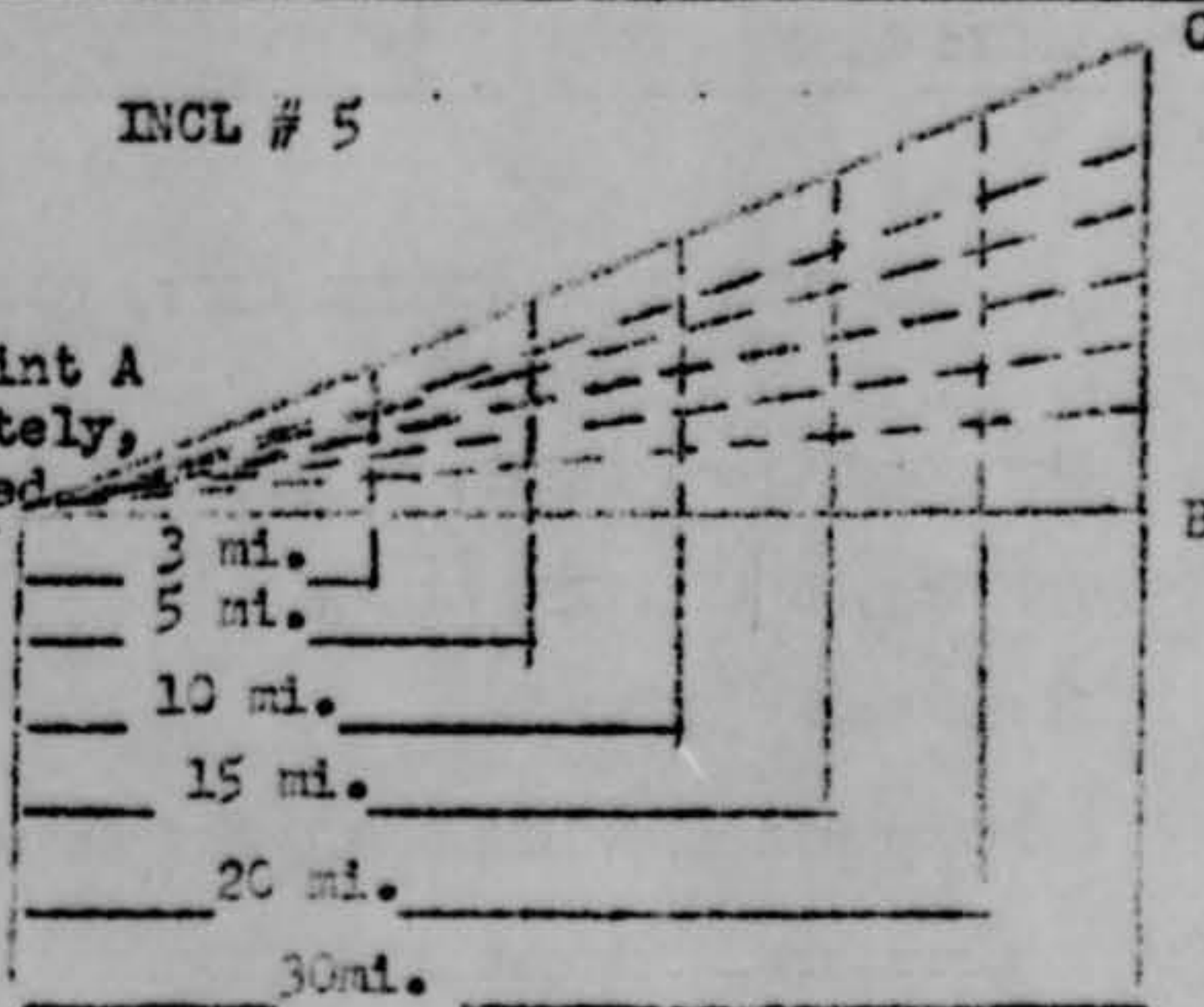
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Because the distance from Point A could not be estimated accurately, the following table was worked out to determine the approximate altitude of the sighted object. The figures in feet represent the altitude of object in relation to distance from Point A and angle of elevation from Point A.



ANGLE OF ELEVATION FROM OBSERVATION POINT (WEBSTER CITY)
IN DEGREES

	20	25	30	35	40	45
3 mi.	5,770 FT	7,384 FT	9,142 FT	11,100 FT	13,270 FT	15,840 FT
5 mi.	9,555 FT	12,350 FT	15,245 FT	18,480 FT	22,140 FT	26,400 FT
10 mi.	19,230 FT	24,630 FT	30,470 FT	36,970 FT	44,310 FT	52,800 FT
15 mi.	28,620 FT	36,880 FT	45,740 FT	55,240 FT	66,440 FT	72,210 FT
20 mi.	38,230 FT	49,290 FT	60,940 FT	73,960 FT	85,590 FT	105,600 FT
30 mi.	57,620 FT	73,830 FT	91,490 FT	110,900 FT	132,800 FT	158,400 FT

POINT OF OBSERVATION (WEBSTER CITY) IN MILES

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WEATHER OVER WEBSTER CITY, IOWA AND WINDS ALOFT

Sky conditions CLEAR, VISIBILITY more than 15 miles

Ceiling, UNLIMITED, CLEAR

Cloud Cover, NONE

Surface winds, NORTH NORTHWEST at 16 MPH

Temperature, 34° at 2000 CST

WINDS ALOFT

6000 feet	40 knots	from 310 degrees
8000 feet	44 knots	from 300 degrees
10000 feet	42 knots	from 300 degrees
14000 feet	62 knots	from 290 degrees
20000 feet	65 knots	from 280 degrees
30000 feet	80 knots	from 250 degrees
38000 feet	90 knots	from 250 degrees
50000 feet	unknown	
80000 feet	unknown	

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WEBSTER CITY, IOWA

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CENTRAL AIR DEFENSE FORCE
GRANDVIEW AIR FORCE BASE, MO.

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19 MAR 1954

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Report

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

Forwarded in accordance with paragraph 6c(2), AFR 200-2, 26

August 1953.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



W. G. SPENCE
1st Lt, USAF
Asst Adjutant

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- 1. UFOB (Courson)
- 2. UFOB (Henry)

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