

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 14 Oct 60	2. LOCATION Abilene, Texas		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical  <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 0010 GMT 14/0610Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not given	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE SE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Light object moving rather rapidly across sky. Appeared to be of about fourth or fifth magnitude. Crossed Milky Way about half way between Cygnus and Cassiopeia. Passed close to the great nebula of Andromeda, a little south of the Pleiades and south of the Hyades.		11. COMMENTS The original report contained very little information, and a questionnaire was sent to the witness to complete. The witness declined giving any other information, claiming he answered all the questions, when in reality he hadn't. There is insufficient data in the report, precluding an evaluation.	

HEADQUARTERS  
819TH AIR DIVISION  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
DYESS AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS



REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: BC

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object

13 OCT 1960

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

Inclosed is a letter received by this base on 17 Oct 1960 for  
your information.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

IRVING E. BERK  
Major, USAF  
Director of Administrative Services

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a/s



October 14, 1960

Dyess Airforce Base  
Abilene, Texas

Dear Sirs:

At 0:10, or possibly a minute or two later, C.S.T., this morning, I was sighting my telescope on the great nebula of Andromeda when I became conscious of a light object moving in the sky, rather rapidly, in that immediate area. The object appeared to be of about fourth or fifth magnitude, and I judge that it had crossed the Milky Way about half way between Cygnus and Cassiopia. It was traveling in a direction somewhat south of east, and passed close to the great nebula of Andromeda, a little south of the Pliades and south of the Hyades. At this point I took my eyes away from it and could never find it again. Its course would have taken it very close to Rigel, possibly just a little to the south of it.

When I first noticed it I thought that it was an air plane and took my head away from my telescope to watch it better. It was moving too fast to be an airplane flying at an altitude great enough to be inaudible. Its velocity was not as great as that of most meteors. After taking my head away from the telescope and finding the object, and then watching it an instant, I was still able to count to ten or twelve (not rapidly, but at a faster rate than one-second intervals) before losing it among the stars.

Sincerely yours,

c.c.-- McDonald Observatory

AEROSPACE TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE  
OHIO



REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: AFGIN-4E2x

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting (J. [REDACTED])

26 OCT 1960

TO: SAFOI-3d (L/Col Tacker)

Suggest questionnaire be forwarded to Mr Eoff for his completion and forwarding directly to ATIC, Attn: AFGIN-4E2x.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

*for: Philip G. Evans*  
*Deputy for Science and Components*

PHILIP G. EVANS  
Colonel, USAF  
Deputy for Science and Components

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Cy ltr 14 Oct 60, fr  
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*Send letter  
insufficient info  
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Tacker*



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

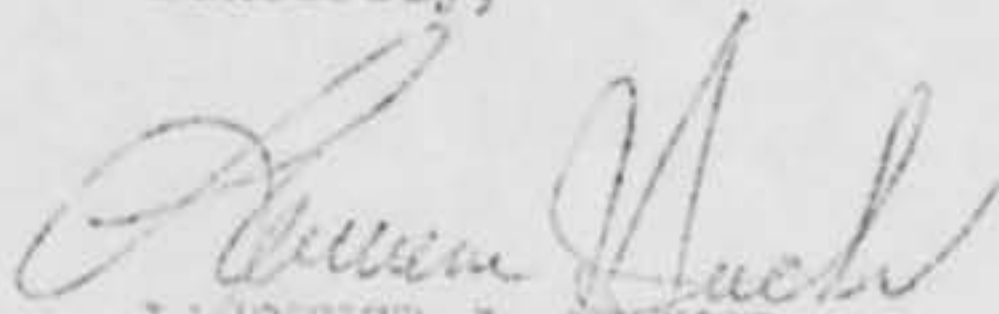
31 October 1960

Dear [REDACTED]

This will acknowledge your letter of 14 October 1960 concerning your sighting of an unidentified flying object.

Your letter was most interesting but contained insufficient information for a valid conclusion. Therefore, we ask that you fill out the attached Air Force questionnaire and forward the completed document to the Commander, Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio (Attn: AFCIM-4E2x) for their analysis and evaluation.

Sincerely,



LAWRENCE J. TUCKER  
Lt. Colonel, USAF  
Public Information Division  
Office of Information

Inclosure

[REDACTED] Goff  
[REDACTED]  
Ballinger, Texas

Your questions are answered in my letter. Please refer to it.

## U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

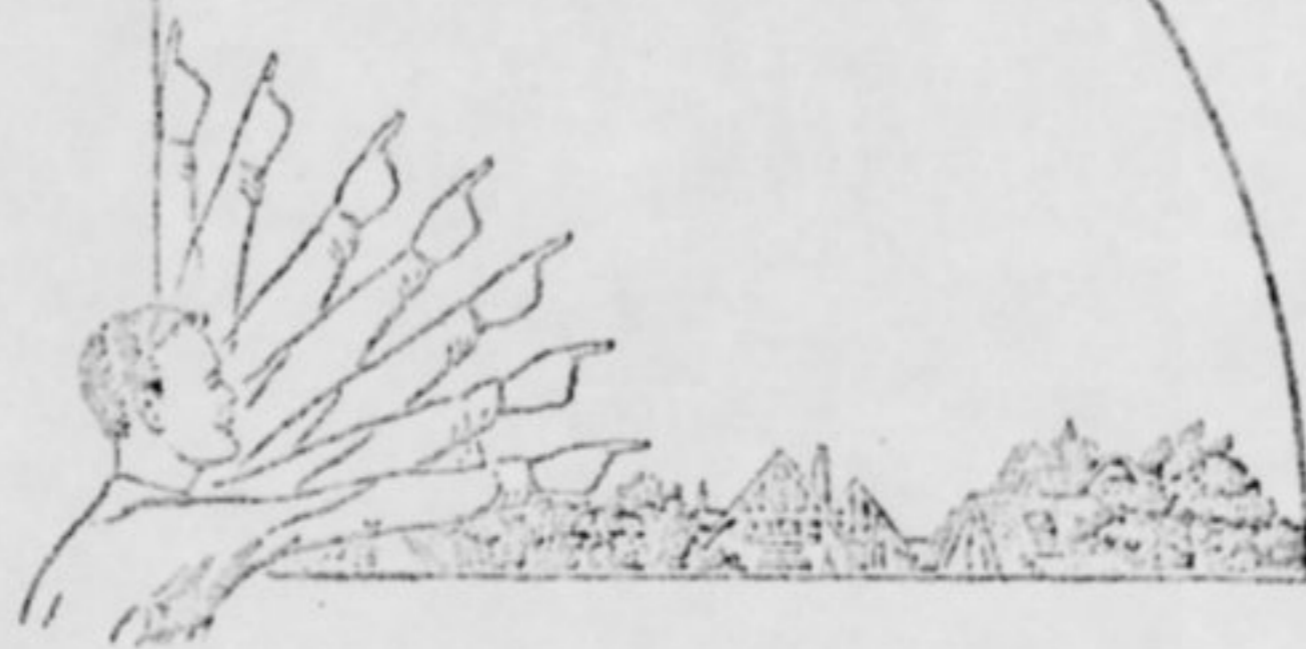
This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U.S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes, 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.

<p>1. When did you see the object?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <span style="margin-right: 40px;"><u>13</u> Day</span> <span style="margin-right: 40px;"><u>10</u> Month</span> <span><u>1955</u> Year</span> </p>	<p>2. Time of day: _____ Hour                      Minutes</p> <p>(Circle One):            A.M. or P.M.</p>						
<p>3. Time Zone: (Circle One):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Eastern</li> <li>b. Central</li> <li>c. Mountain</li> <li>d. Pacific</li> <li>e. Other _____</li> </ul>	<p>(Circle One):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Daylight Saving</li> <li>b. Standard</li> </ul>						
<p>4. Where were you when you saw the object?</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nearest Postal Address                      City or Town                      State or Country</p> <p>Additional remarks: _____</p>							
<p>5. How long was object in sight?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ Hours                      _____ Minutes                      _____ Seconds</p> <p>5.1 How was time in sight determined?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="width: 50%;">a. Certain</li> <li style="width: 50%;">c. Not very sure</li> <li style="width: 50%;">b. Fairly certain</li> <li style="width: 50%;">d. Just a guess</li> </ul>							
<p>6. What was the condition of the sky?</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">DAY</td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">NIGHT</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">a. Bright</td> <td style="text-align: center;">a. Bright</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">b. Cloudy</td> <td style="text-align: center;">b. Cloudy</td> </tr> </table>		DAY	NIGHT	a. Bright	a. Bright	b. Cloudy	b. Cloudy
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b. Cloudy	b. Cloudy						
<p>7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?</p> <p>(Circle One):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="width: 50%;">a. In front of you</li> <li style="width: 50%;">d. To your left</li> <li style="width: 50%;">b. In back of you</li> <li style="width: 50%;">e. Overhead</li> <li style="width: 50%;">c. To your right</li> <li style="width: 50%;">f. Don't remember</li> </ul>							

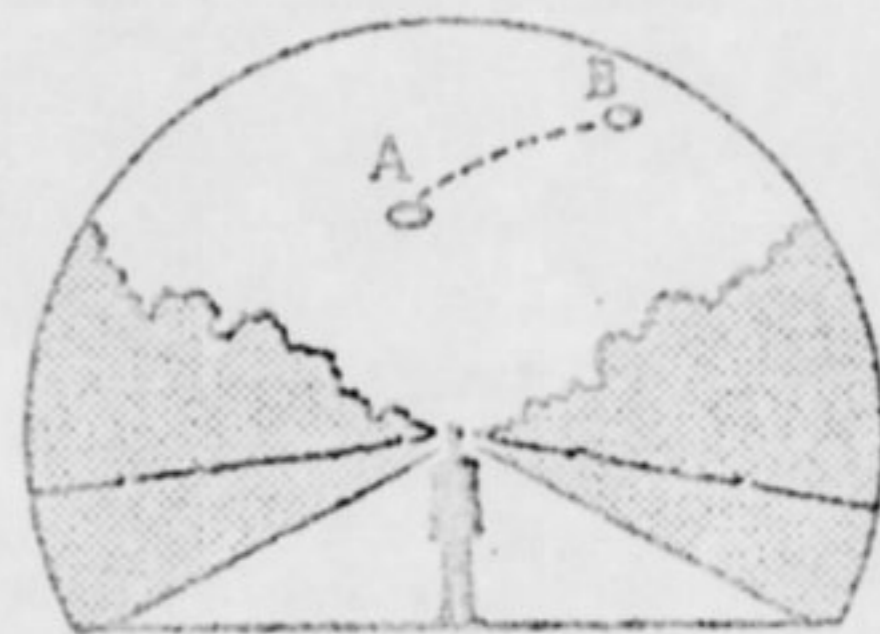
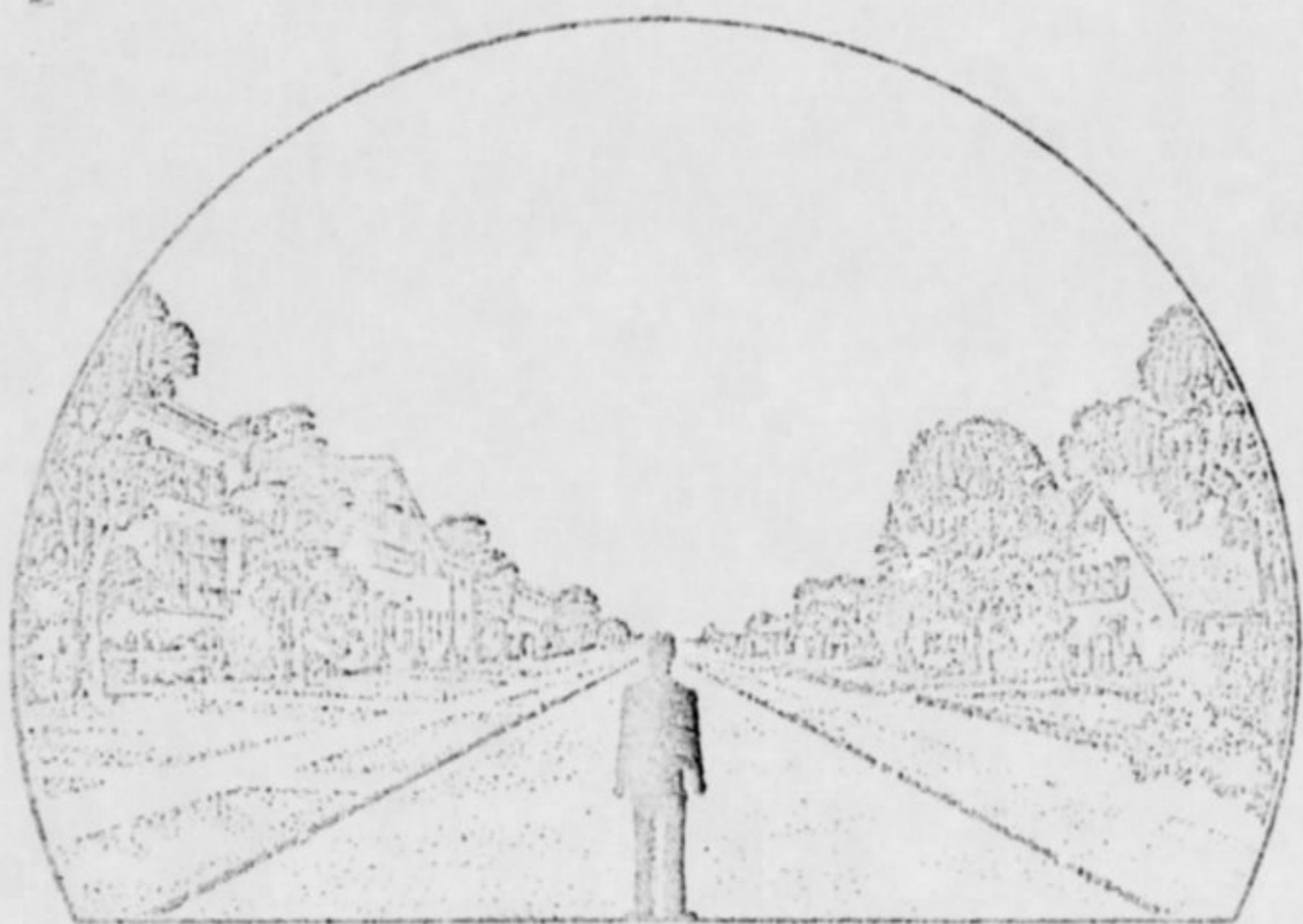


32. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *last* saw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

*off the definite location  
was given*



33. In the following larger sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you *first* saw it, and a "B" at its position when you *last* saw it. Refer to smaller sketch as an example of how to complete the larger sketch.



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

CLOUDS (Circle One)

- a. Clear sky  
 b. Hazy  
 c. Scattered clouds  
 d. Thick or heavy clouds

WEATHER (Circle One)

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

35. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?

\_\_\_\_\_ Day

\_\_\_\_\_ Month

\_\_\_\_\_ Year

*Air Force*

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:

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?

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

I have no way of knowing. It might have been a fragment of one of the artificial satellites, or anything else that a man might have put up there. It was not a natural object.