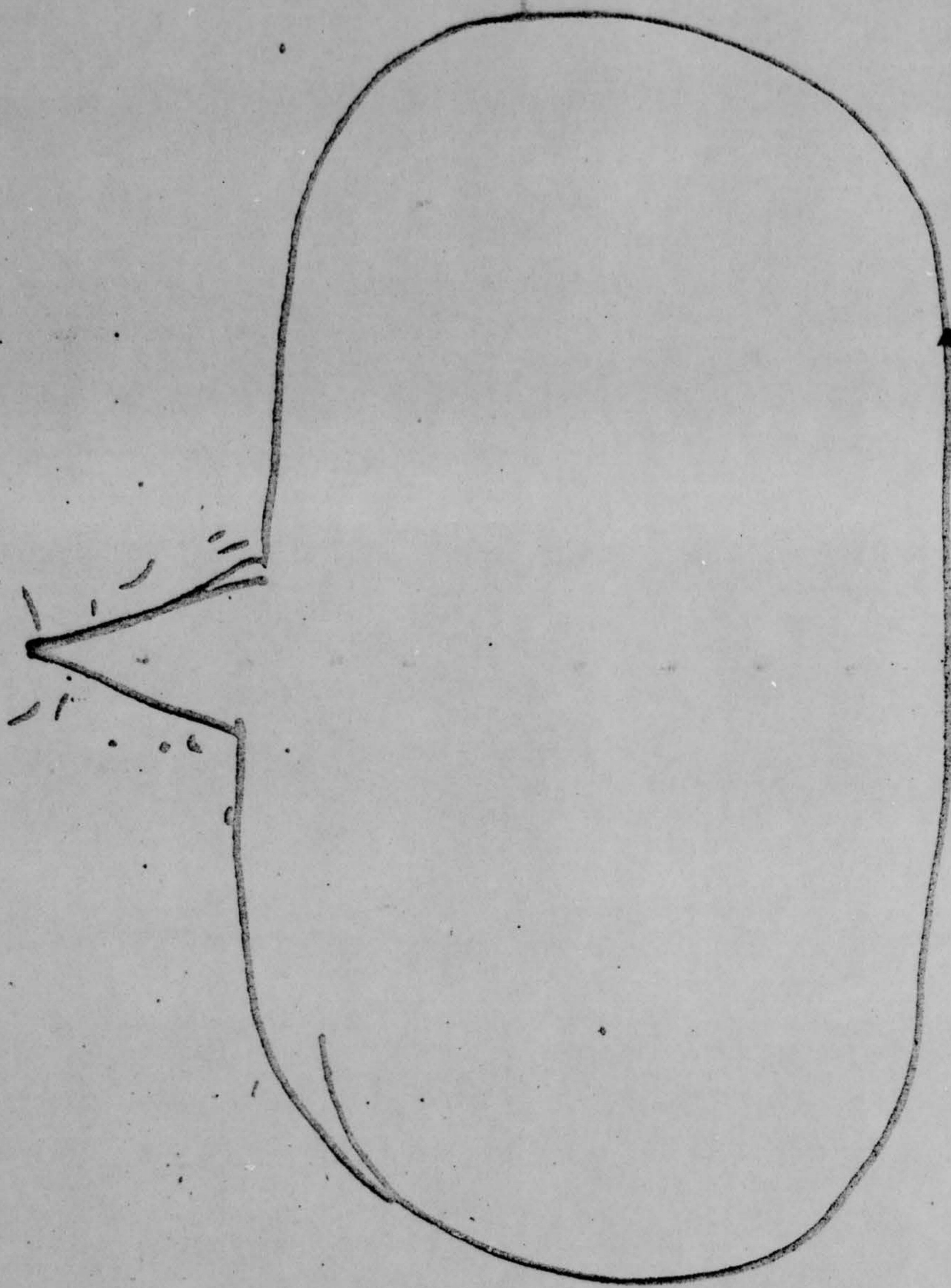


PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 15-24 September 1962	2. LOCATION Oradell, New Jersey		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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Birds</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
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5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not reported	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE south	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round obj w/fin on top & bottom. Body 4 times as large as fins. Size of piper cub at 3/4 miles. No color. Bright lights around body. Moving N to S along Oradell Reservoir. First observed over tree, obj hovered, then moved South, hovered & dropped into water. It rose about 500 ft as it passed obsrvrs. Disappeared heading S. Obsrvd fm bridge. Obsvation at night-calm water, clear moon. (See Case File)		11. COMMENTS This sighting triggered a flurry of rptd sightings fm the N.J. area fm 15-24 Sep. Carried in most UFO publications. Analysis of this particular sighting is based on limited data presented. Case evaluated as birds until further data submitted indicating other evaluation. No attempt at analysis of many other rptd sightings.	



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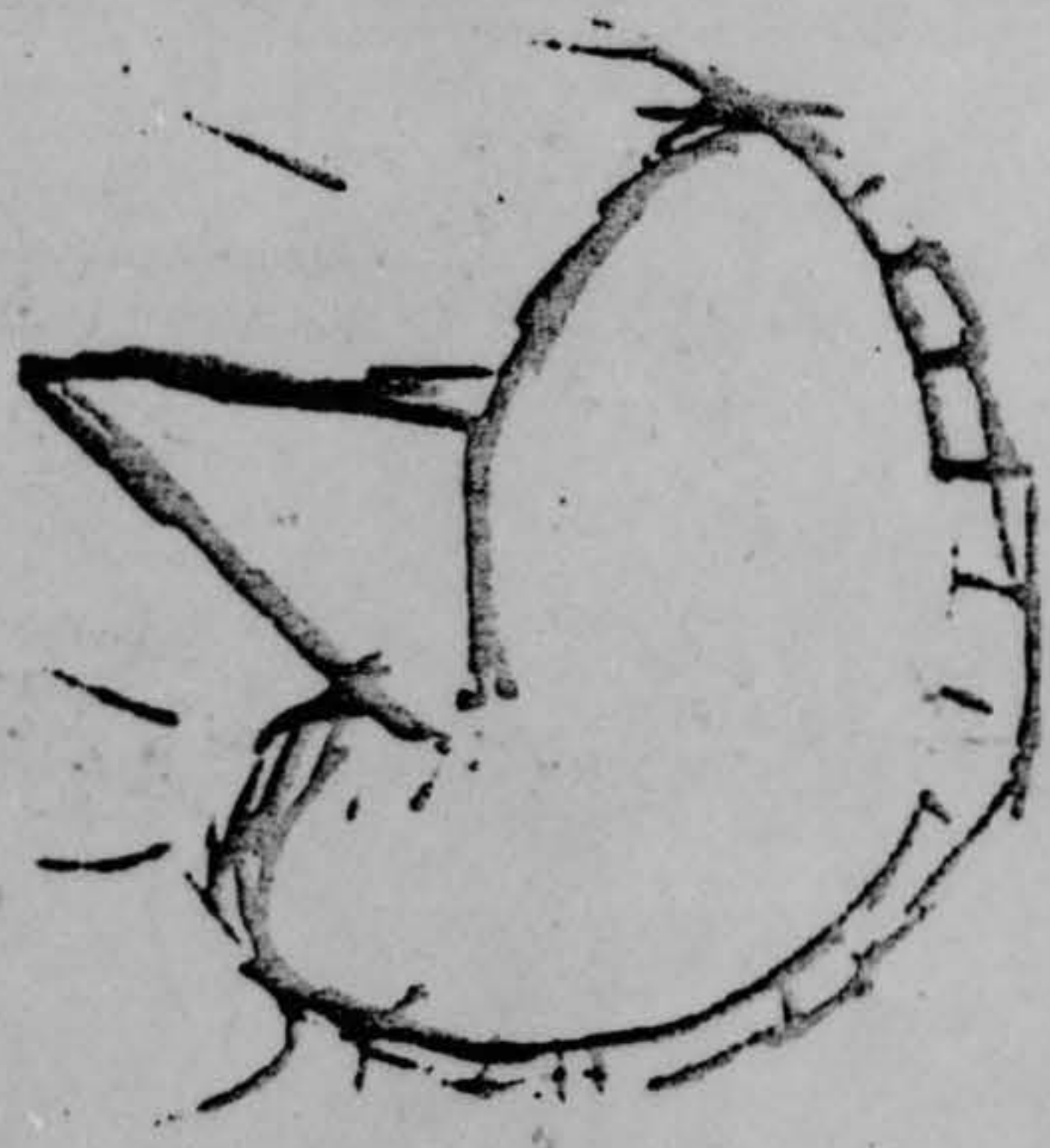
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September 15, 1962

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ORADELL, N. J. POLICE DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATION REPORT

Case # 145

Location _____

Nature of report _____

Complainant's name _____

Address _____

Time reported _____ Date _____

How received _____

Received by _____

Investigated by _____

Details:

_____, Oradell, N.J.

_____, Oradell, N.J.

_____, Oradell, N.J.

10/10/62 8:05 P.M.

Below three boys stated they saw the same object in the sky and it headed straight north over the reservoir towards Hillsdale. All boys were requested to come to Hqtrs. and draw the object they saw in the sky.

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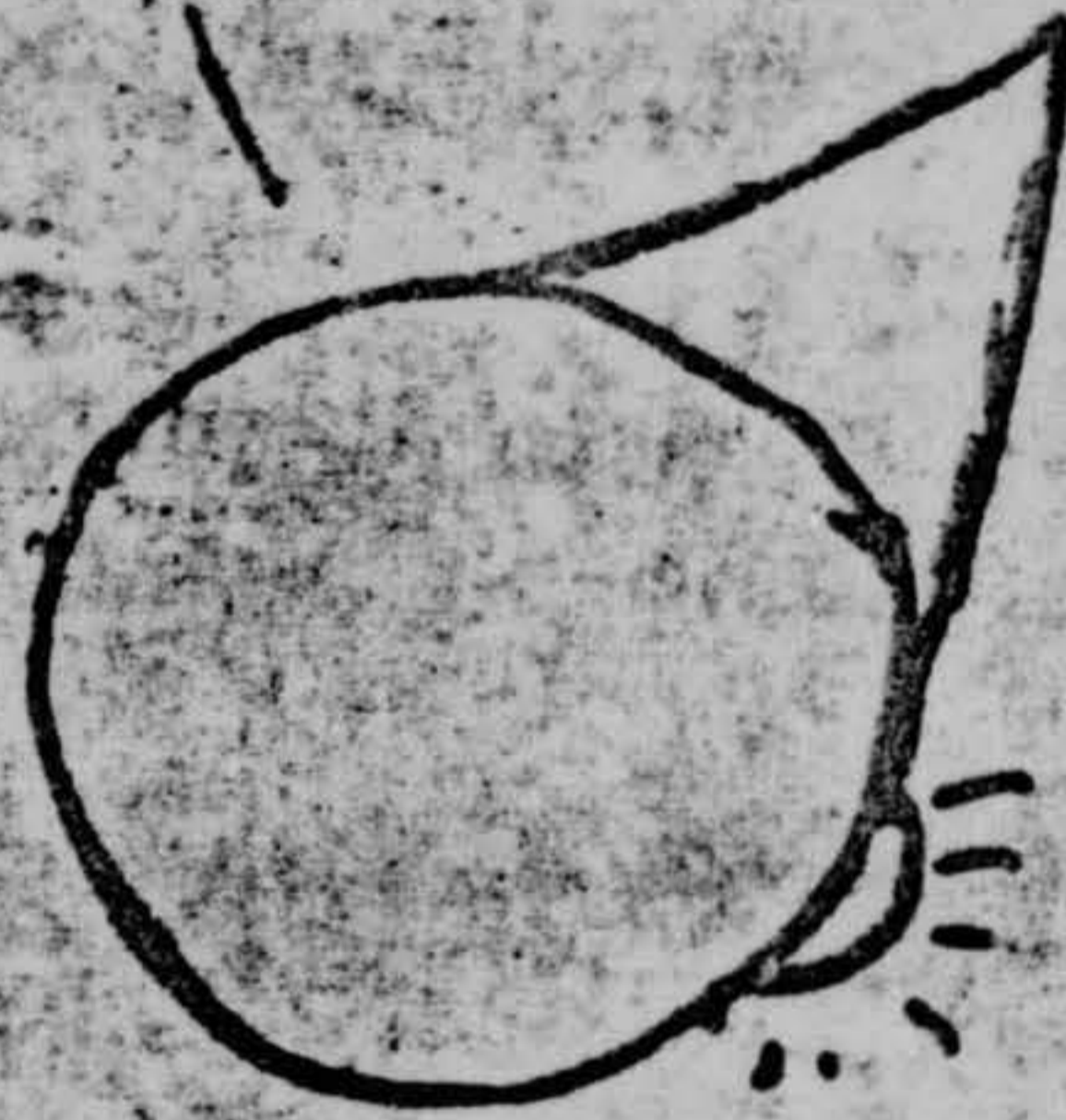
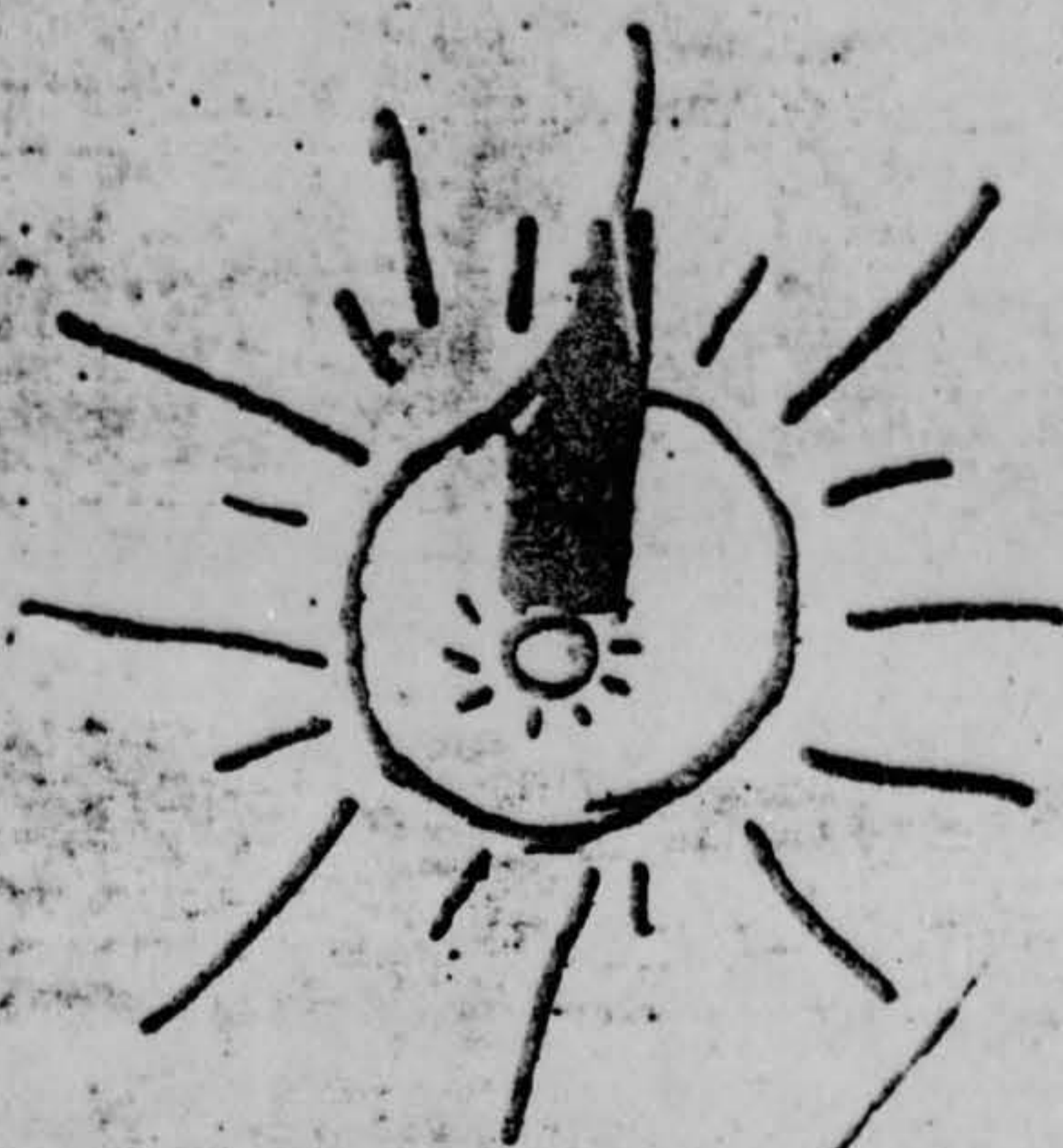
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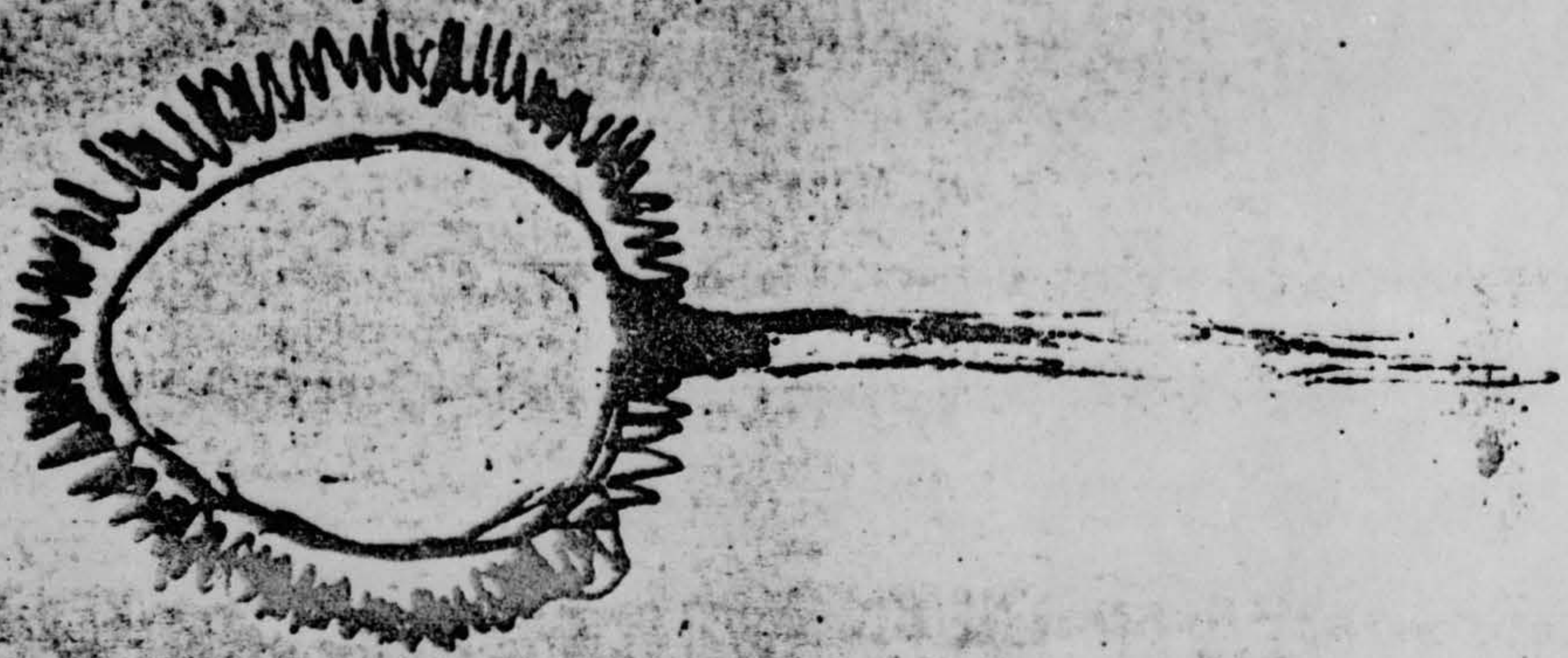
J.P.F.

7/16/67

8:00 P.M.

Sketch of the appearance of our sun
at this time.





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~~...~~ Rev. 100



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UCOS QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Description of object.

Shape. Round with a fin on the top and on the bottom. The bottom fin was four times larger than the top fin.

Size. About the size of a Paper Cube. What was I to describe in relation to know object couldn't give an answer. Located on bridge 1/2 mi. 3/4 mile from observation point.

Color. No color given. Lightly bright light around the center of object. Light seemed to emanate from within around the center of object.

Number. One

Discernible features. The windows described above and the fins.

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Object was moving north to south along the Credell Reservoir.

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When first observed the object was due north.

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Time period of observation was unknown.

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The persons observing the object were on a bridge, oriented east to west, over the reservoir. The bridge is estimated 30 feet off of the water. The reservoir is estimated to be 125-150 feet across at the bridge. The persons were standing in the middle of the bridge on the north side.

The object was observed with the naked eye.

Time and date: 2345Z/15 Sept 62 Reported to WIALS C1082/16 Sept 62

Light time, clear, moon out, water on lake calm.

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U. S. Marshals Service, Newark, N.J. in part 3

3. Identifying information of abductees.

The object was observed by three to four boys and one older person (possibly a woman). The older person, as reported by the boys, was in control of the situation. The names of the boys are as follows:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED], N.Y. Phone COL-4593

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Oradell, N.J. Phone COL-7425

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Oradell, N.J. Phone COL-0529

Contact with FBIHQ was through Patrolman Walter F. Walls, Oradell Police. Oradell Police made investigation of sitting. Patrolman Walls's address etc
Walter F. Walls
473 Grove St
Oradell, N.J. Phone COL-9940 Duty Phone COL-0200

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Last night 3 other boys
saw obj. going North
two buddies - partners.
1 partner.

Checked Peterboro had no phones
relocated had a few papers in car

[REDACTED] Avenue
Brooklyn 30, New York
January 20, 1963

Office of Public Information
Department of the Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Please note that a number of recent letters to this office have gone unanswered. I would appreciate if you would reply to this letter.

Are the Air Force compilations of UFO statistics for 1962 ready for release yet? If so, would you kindly send me the latest Fact Sheet.

On September 15, 1962, several persons saw a UFO at the Oradell Reservoir. At one point the object struck the water then rose up out of sight. As this was probably the most outstanding case to take place during the flurry of sightings in northern New Jersey at that time, would you please inform ^{me} of the Air Force conclusion for this report.

Sincerely yours,
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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15 February 1963

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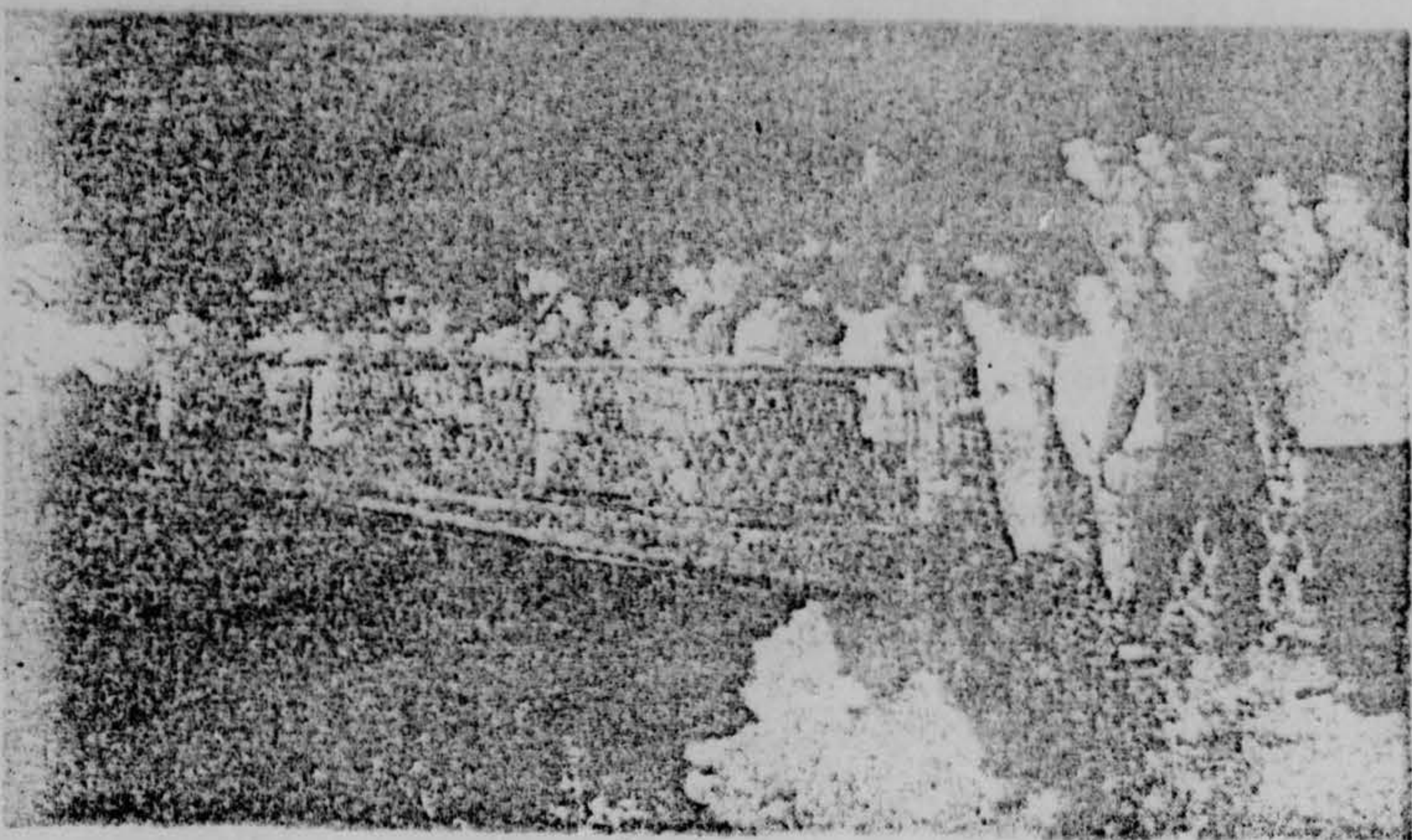
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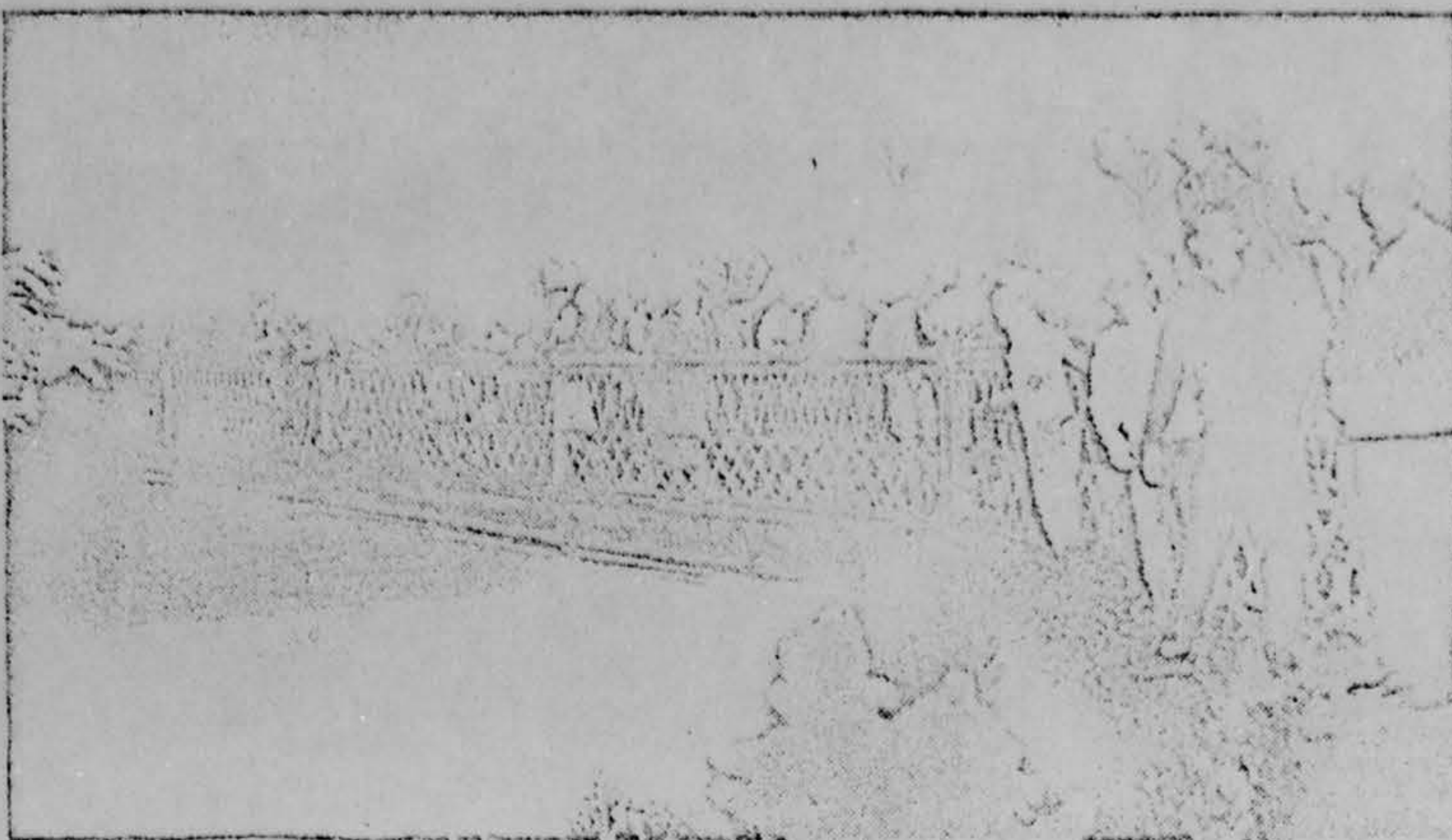
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CRADILL, N.J.....Sept. 15, 1962..5:00 pm..
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These sightings taken from the UFO Investigator published by NICAP (National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena) 1536 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. Washington 6, D.C. - Major Donald E. Keyhoe, R.C. Ret. - Richard H. Hall.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM

February 28, 1963

Dear Colonel Friend:

FTD Forms 164 have been forwarded to the three witnesses of the Oradell, N.J., sighting of Sept. 15, 1962, with the attached letter addressed to each individual.

Sincerely,

A thick, black horizontal bar redacting the signature of the sender.

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<p><i>Suspense -</i></p> <p><i>Submitted 16⁴ to each witness, 28 Feb 63, to be mailed to Col. Friend upon completion.</i></p> <p><i>[Redacted]</i></p>					
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Replaces DD Form 94, 1 Feb 50 and DD Form 95, 1 Feb 50 which will be used until exhausted.

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REPLY TO

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Sgt. Moody: We did not hear back
from these witnesses. The attached is
for your file.

Kitty

UNCS QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Description of object.

Shape. Round with a fin on the top and on the bottom. The top fin was four times larger than the bottom.

Size. About the size of a Piper Cub. When asked to describe in relation to known object couldn't get an answer. Insisted on Piper Cub. Object was 3/4 mile from observation points.

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Number. One

Discernible features. The windows described above and the fins.

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Time and date: 2345Z/15 Sept 62 Reported to NIAAS 0100Z/16 Sept 62

Night time, clear, moon out, water on lake calm.

9. Where located? Answered in part 3

6. Identifying information of observers.

The object was observed by three boys and one older person name unknown. The older person, as reported by the boys, was so scared he ran away. The names of the boys are as follows:

[REDACTED] Age 15
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Emerson, N.J. Phone [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Oradell, N.J. Phone [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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Contact with NYADS was through Patrolman Walter F Wells, Oradell Police. Oradell Police made investigation of siting. Patrolman [REDACTED] address etc
Walter F Wells
473 Grove St
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1 further.*

*Checked Peterson had no phones
overdue had a few papers in air*

CRADLE, E. J. POLICE DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATION REPORT

Case # 425

Location Reservoir Area

Nature of report Unidentified flying object.

Complainant's name See below.

Address _____

Time reported 7:55 Date 9/15/62

How received Person

Received by Ptl. Walla, S.O. Brennan Investigated by Ptl. Walla, S.O. Brennan

Details: At 7:55 PM, 9/15/62, three boys, (listed below), came into Hqs. They were out of breath and appeared to be very frightened. They reported seeing a flying object over the reservoir in the area of the dam. This object seemed to hover in the air, then either the object or something dropped from the object came down and struck the water. It seems it landed in the water south of the dam, in the river. Then the flying object left the area at a high rate of speed.

Car #30, S.O. Brennan responded. He checked the area of the Cradell Ave. bridge, where the boys were standing when they sighted the object, then proceeded to the East side of the reservoir and checked area. Nothing was found.

Merden P.D., Haworth P.D., Hackensack Water Co., notified, they responded and checked their areas, nothing found.

Called Totoboro Airport, they report no missing aircraft, however they will call us later. They still have some aircraft in the air.

Hobuair Air Force Base called, spoke to Operations Officer, he took report of unidentified flying object. A Major Vance, Operations Officer New York Air Defense Command, called from Hobuair A.F.B., took a full report from Ptl. Walla, on object. The Air Force appears to be very much interested in these type reports.

S.O. Brennan spoke to two boys, [redacted] Bergen; and [redacted] West N.Y. These boys reported seeing no flying object. They were fishing on the South side of the bridge. This put the bridge between them and the area in which the object was reported.

This "object" is reported by the boys to be round with a fin protruding, possibly from the back or bottom. It made no sound. The only noise reported was a loud splash when object hit the water. Haworth P.D. reports they spoke to men working on their side of the reservoir and at about the same time they also heard a loud splash.

A full check of the water around the edge of reservoir revealed no disturbance.

Ptl. Walla has three sketches made by boys of object.

The point is stressed that when the boys entered Hqs., they appeared to be very much frightened. One boy became very frightened even later when talking about incident.

The boys said there was a man in the area and they pointed out object to him. He saw it and ran, very fast, in opposite direction. A search revealed no man in area, though this was a bit later.

Ptl. Walter J. Walla #3

S.O. E.N. Brennan #49

Ptl. W. Walla #3

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