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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT FLYOB RPT		
AREA REPORTED ON Tucson, Arizona		FROM (Agency) 43rd Bomb Wing, Intelligence Division
DATE OF REPORT 7 February 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 27 January 1953	EVALUATION B-6
PREPARED BY (Officer) Captain Rudolph H Pestalozzi		SOURCE S/Sgt John E Helmer & Mrs Dorothy Helmer
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFJIN 6/66 2 AFL 200-5, dtd 29 APRIL 52		

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.)

1. At approximately 19:34, MST, 27 January 1953, S/Sgt John E Helmer, AF 1628 6456, of the 63rd Bomb Squadron, 43rd Bomb Wing, Medium, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base and his wife Mrs Dorothy Helmer, of 4351 Eastland Street, Tucson, Arizona, observed an unidentified flying object traveling in a general Southwest direction. The object was traveling at a high rate of speed and appeared to trail a rocket-type exhaust. (See diagram). The object appeared round, brilliant white in color and larger than the largest star in the sky. There was no discernible propulsion noise. S/Sgt Helmer states the object disappeared in about one minute after traveling through about 30 degrees of arc. It faded from view as if due to great distance.

2. Significance - Unknown.

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 Air Force Base and was with Mrs. Dorothy Helmer, of 1321 Eastland Street, Jackson,
 VA 1950, wife of the 13th Bomb Wing, 13th Bomb Wing, Medium, Delta-Mountain
 J. At approximately 10:30, 2/28/53, 13th Bomb Wing, 13th Bomb Wing, Medium, Delta-Mountain

SUMMARY (When concise summary of report. Give significance in brief one-sentence paragraph. Use inclusive in lower left. Refer rest of report as "the report" or "the data".)

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The luminous trail of the object appeared to vary in length. The color of the exhaust from the object to about three times the length of the object in trail, appeared reddish white and solid. (See diagram). From point #1 (in diagram) to point #2, the exhaust appeared to thin out assume a flame colored hue and was spaced at short intervals much like rocket exhaust. (See diagram).

There were no apparent flight control surfaces or silhouette and the object accomplished no maneuvers other than straight line travel from Northwest to Southeast.

2. Time sighted: 19:34 MST 27 January 1953
Length of sighting: Approximately one (1) minute

3. Manner of observation: Visual only

4. Location of observer: 4351 Eastland Street, Tucson, Arizona
32°12'N/110°56'W

5. Identifying information on observer:
S/Sgt Helmer has had 4 years and 8 months of Military Service with 2 years and 6 months on flying status. He is a high school graduate with some college credits, seems to be of average intelligence. Although, Sergeant Helmer wears glasses for reading, his eyes checked 20/20 on his last physical examination. Sergeant Helmer is well thought of by his superiors and contemporaries and is of above average reliability.

6. Weather and Wind Conditions: Weather - Clear Visibility 50 miles
Temperature 60° Humidity 40° Dew Point 36° WNW 12 knots
Wind at 20:00 MST
1505/1404/41103/1403/62103/2707
83119/3123/03024/22530/42445
62448/82535/02439/52448/02354
52473

7. Activities or Meteorological conditions accounting for sighting: None

8. Physical evidence of sighting: None

9. Interception or Identification action taken: None

10. Comments of Preparing Officer:
S/Sgt Helmer appeared to be of excellent character and seemed sincere during the rendition of his report. He has never seen a similar object and although he does not know what he saw, he is certain it was not a meteorological or astronomical phenomenon.
S/Sgt Helmer's training as a gunner qualifies him as a competent observer.

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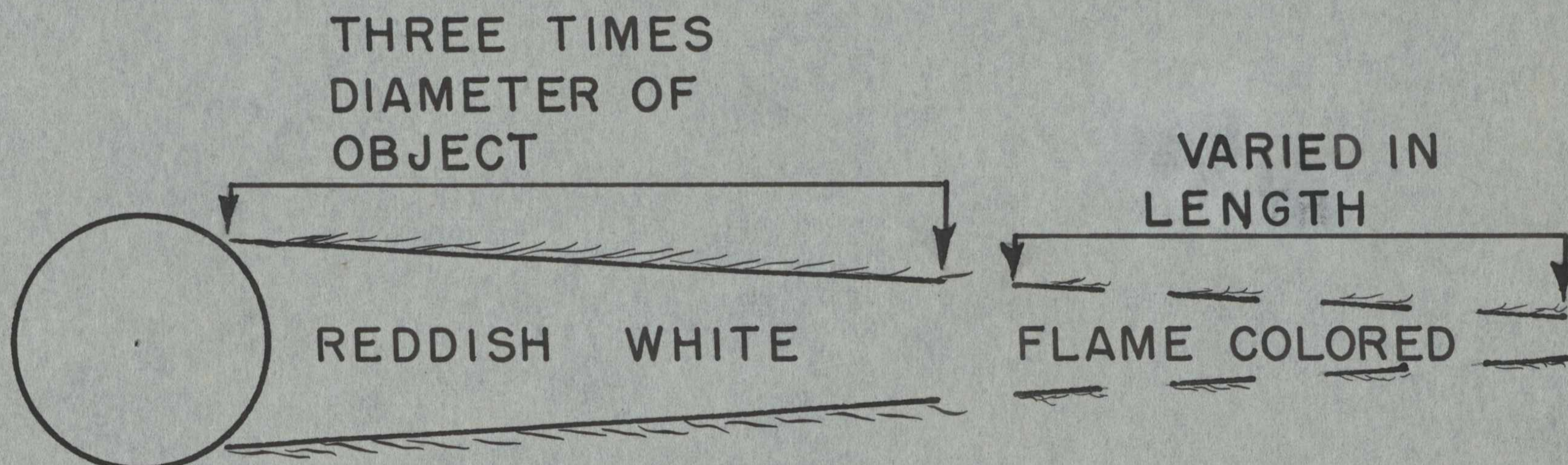
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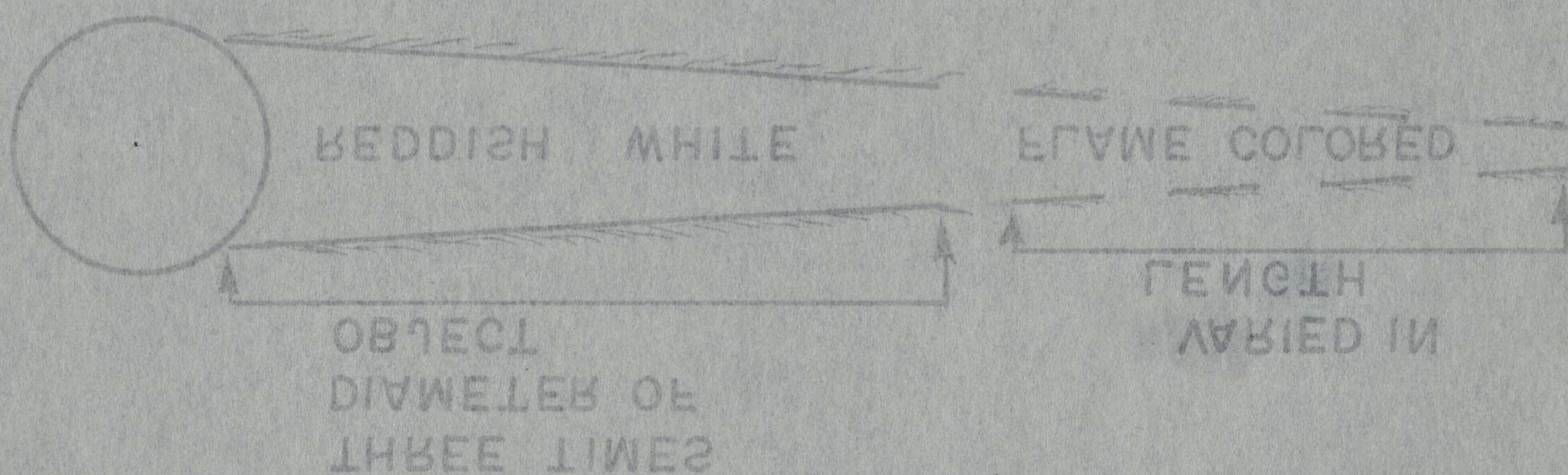
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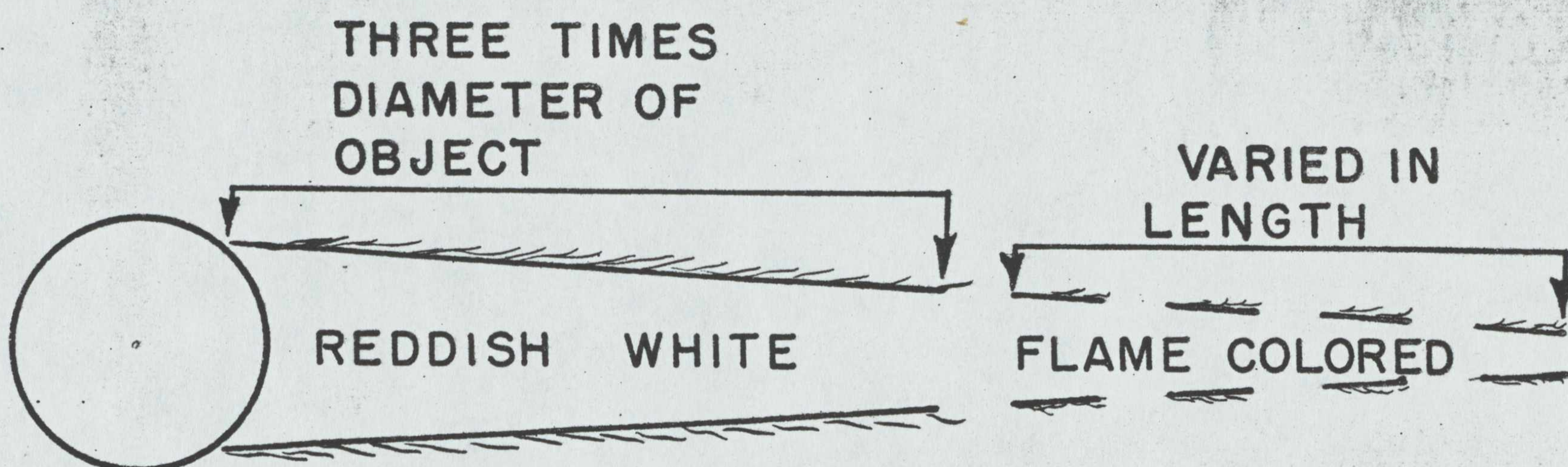
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