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SUBJECT: UFOB

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
Detroit, Maine (HJFQ-4347)	Flight 3-G, 4602d AISS, Presque Isle AFB, Me.

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
15 Febuary 1955	31 Jan, 4,8,9,11 Feb. 1955	

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
Daniel J. O'Connell, 2nd Lt., USAF	(see contents below)

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)
AFR 200-2, dtd 12 Aug 54, ATIC Form 164, 4711th ADWG TT MSG DO-INT 136-B dtd 8 Feb 55

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PART THREE: Description of sighting by [redacted] DETROIT, MAINE (HJFQ-4347).

PART FOUR: Related Investigation.

PART FIVE: Comments of preparing officer;

II. SUMMARY: Unidentified flying object was sighted from Detroit, Maine (HJFQ-4347) at 31/0950Z Jan 55 (0460 EST). Object remained visible for two hours. Object reappeared at approximately the same time on 4, 8, 9 and 11 Feb. Practically identical pattern of behavior was repeated on these mornings, except on 11 Feb. when object was obscured by clouds after twenty-minute observation. Interrogation of persons observing object and investigation of related data were conducted in order to determine cause of phenomena.

III. INVESTIGATORS: 2nd Lt. Daniel J. O'CONNELL
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I. SOURCE: RAE E. BUTLER

Age: 66

Education: Grade School, Maine Central Institute (HS)

Mailing address: 38 No. Main St, PITTSFIELD, MAINE

Phone: Pittsfield 440-3

Occupation: Town Selectman, Civil Defense Director, Bail Commissioner.

II. RELIABILITY OF SOURCE: Source was fairly prosperous middle-aged man, active in community affairs. He was a man of average intelligence and obviously a responsible citizen. [redacted]. Source was considered fairly reliable and his information possibly true, although inaccurate in certain details.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING:

a. On 8 Feb 55 at approximately 0950Z SOURCE was requested to visit the residence of [redacted] resident of DETROIT, MAINE, where, together with occupants of the house, he participated in observation of an unidentified object. SOURCE had not seen a similar object before and was very interested in its origin, connecting it at first with some unpublicized experiment conducted by U.S. Armed Forces, and then with the presence of navigational beacon lights situated on a watertank in UNITY, MAINE (HJFQ 4137) and/or DIXMONT MOUNTAIN (HJFQ 5542). SOURCE reported the sighting to Wing Adjutant, 4711th Air Defense Wing at PRESQUE ISLE AFB (HKGB 5740).

b. The edges of the object were sharply outlined as those in a bright star. It resembled an irregular cone, similar to a pine-cone, which gradually changed its shape to a circular object before beginning movement along course indicated in paragraph below. SOURCE was unable to state anything definite with regard to the substance of the object; however, he noted its changes in shape, and advanced a supposition that it was made of metal, most likely tin, had an approximate diameter of four feet, and could be compared with a circular saw blade used on sawing machines. This size diminished gradually during the course of sighting, equaling the size of a pinpoint at final stage of observation. SOURCE was not very sure how large the object would appear when compared with other familiar objects held in the hand and at about arm's length, but suggested comparison with a grapefruit. (Pt 2 & 3, Incl #2)

c. The object emitted a white-bluish light during the entire period of observation, with variable degree of intensity. Since there were no other objects in the area to distract SOURCE'S attention, he was in position to notice that the object did not break up into smaller parts, did not explode at any time and althogh it did flicker, it did not give off smoke, nor did it leave any other trails. He was also quite sure that at no time did the object move behind or in front of a cloud. It was positively brighter than the background of the sky, reaching the intensity of an acetylene torch flame. No sound of any kind were heard by SOURCE during the entire duration of sighting.

d. SOURCE was not aware of the object until he was notified by [redacted] of its existence, and not until he arrived at the other's residence.

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The object when he first noticed it, was located in Southeast direction from Wyman's home, at approximately 135 degrees azimuth and 40 degrees elevation. Considering this position as the apex of an imaginary arc, the object traveled approximately forty degrees to the left of apex, as seen from the position of SOURCE, and then reversed its course travelling approximately eighty (80) degrees along the arc and again returned to its apex. (Pt. 1, Incl. 2). SOURCE stated that he was looking still in Southeast direction when object disappeared from view and estimated its position at that time to be 225 degree bearing and 45 degree elevation. Object did appear to stand still at certain stages of the observation and when in movement it proceded at a steady rate of speed, however, he was not able to estimate the speed, even though he did observe the object for thirty-five (35) minutes. Prior to its disappearance, the object became smaller as dawn approached and finally flickered out.

e. Initial observation of the object by SOURCE was conducted through the window glass from the interior of [redacted] home. Later on, SOURCE went outdoors and used, what he called, "night and day type binoculars" to observe the movement of the object. This equipment proved to be an average commercial type binocular of rather early vintage and considerably less powerful than any similar equipment of Air Force issue.

f. SOURCE observed the object from 08/0950Z Feb 55 to approximately 08/1025Z Feb 55, with no trace of daylight, many stars in the sky and no moonlight, the entire area being pitch dark. During the final stage of observation sun began to rise to the left of SOURCE, who was facing Southeast.

g. During the entire period of observation SOURCE was located at DETROIT (GEOREF: HJFQ 4347), MAINE, inside and outside of [redacted] residence located in open countryside, with both inhabitants of the house, [redacted], being present. The approximate distance to the object as estimated by SOURCE was five thousand (5,000) feet.

h. There was clear sky, dry weather, no wind and rather low temperature in the area of observation, according to SOURCE. He added, that prior to his departure for Detroit, while still at PITSFIELD (GEOREF: HJFQ 3647), MAINE, his attention was attracted to a rather bright star of blue-white color, very large, approaching the size of a grapefruit, stationary, located at approximately 170 degrees azimuth and 45 degrees elevation.

2 Incls
1. Statement of Rae E Butler
2. Retouched Memory Sketch of Location & Appearance of Object

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Statement of [redacted]

S T A T E M E N T

Tuesday, February 8, 1955, I received telephone call from [redacted] stating that a disturbance in the sky was causing his family to be alarmed. The time of call was 0450 EST. Distance to driving was about 5½ miles.

On arriving at the [redacted] home the following I saw:

1. Round object in sky 4 ft. in dia. color blue white.

2. Changes of object, first the shape was like a pine cone, second went back to circle form and started to move to the east and then back to center and then to the west.

Distance from center to east and centerto west about the same, it held the same size at all times while going to east back to center. From time to time when in center of circle it would grow small and then back to the 4 ft. circle.

At no time did while moving throw off sparks or make any noise.

/s/ [redacted]

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DANIEL J. O'CONNELL
2ND LT., USAF

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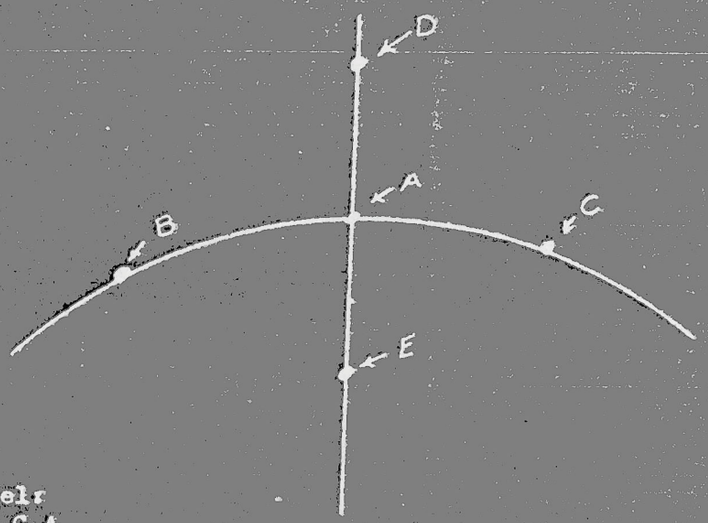
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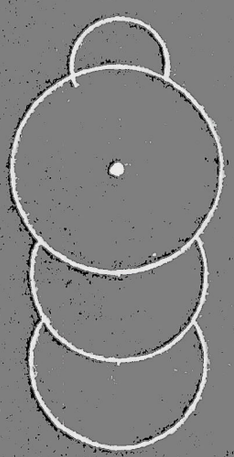
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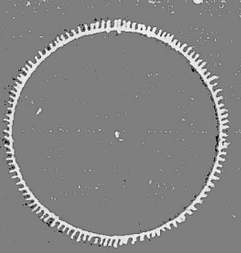


Point #1

Route of Travel:
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Point #2 Shape at Initial Sighting



Point #3 Shape at time of disappearance

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I. SOURCE: [redacted]

Age: 37

Mailing Address: [redacted]

Occupation: Housewife

Education: High School Graduate

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE was a competent housewife and mother of two young children. She was a cheerful, intelligent woman whose stability was evidenced in her obviously efficient domestic management. SOURCE had little technical knowledge, but her answers were clear and well considered. SOURCE was considered reliable and her information probably true.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING:

a. SOURCE was awakened on 31 Jan 55 at approximately 0950Z by a bright light illuminating the interior of her house. She noticed an unidentified shiny object in the sky, awakened her husband and together with him observed the object for a period of approximately two (2) hours until 1150Z 31 Jan 55.

b. Similar observation of the object was made by SOURCE and her husband on 4 Feb 55, whereby the time of initial spotting, duration of sighting and disappearance time, were approximately identical with those noted during the initial sighting.

c. Additional sightings were made by SOURCE on 8 Feb 55, this time in the presence of local Civil Defense Director RAY BUTLER and two other persons living in the immediate vicinity of SOURCE, [redacted], and on 9 Feb 55 with SOURCE and her husband being again principal witnesses. Object was sighted again on 11 Feb 55 at 0930Z, but was hidden by clouds after twenty (20) minutes of observation.

d. The object, when observed by SOURCE from apparently closest distance during the observation, possessed sharply outlined edges and resembled an oversize top with two inverted cones joined together at the base and a distinct circular protrusion forming a brim around the point of junction (Pt. 1, Incl. 2). The object changed its shape during subsequent stage of observation to an irregular triangle and later on, when moving away from the observers, becoming a luminous star-shaped ball.

e. SOURCE was fairly certain about her estimate of the size of object, comparing it in its largest stage to a bucket which gradually diminished to an object the size of a grapefruit and shaped like an irregular triangle. Prior to disappearance it became a luminous ball of the size of a star.

f. Color of the object, as reported by SOURCE, could be compared in the initial stage of sighting to bright headlights of an automobile seen at a distance of several yards away. This color changed occasionally to flashes of green and red, at certain times during sightings.

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g. During each individual sighting made by SOURCE and other witnesses, as stated in paragraphs above, only one (1) object was noted. SOURCE defined it to be brighter than the background of the sky, stating that it moved occasionally behind the tree tops, disappearing temporarily from view and reappearing again, however, at no time did the object move in front of anything, including a cloud. At final sighting it was hidden by clouds after twenty (20) minutes, and did not reappear. Object appeared to SOURCE to consist of solid substance, it was not static, but flickering.

h. During the first sighting SOURCE noticed two strings of very faint sparks on both sides of the object, however at no time any other form of exhaust or trail was noted. Each time, whenever sightings were made, sound of aircraft was heard by SOURCE, however, this sound did not last throughout the entire period of observation and was not associated directly with the object by SOURCE. She was very reluctant to associate it with any other familiar item and only in a vague manner compared it with a star, stressing at same time that its speed during its course was definitely greater than that of a star.

i. SOURCE'S attention to the object was called at first by the unusual radiance of the interior of her house. This occured on two occasions, while on two other occasions she was purposely watching for the object prior to its appearance. SOURCE was facing South when she first noticed the object in the Southeast. The approximate bearing of object, when it first appeared, was 130 degrees with approximate 40 degrees elevation, and 220 degrees bearing and 45 degrees elevation when it disappeared. Approximate position of object to the observer and its course are shown in Pt. 2 & 3, Incl. 2. SOURCE had the impression that the object drifted away and to her right, and while doing so it grew smaller, flickered orange then faded and disappeared suddenly as if switched off. Estimated time of observation ascertained by SOURCE for each separate sighting was not less than two hours.

j. No optical aids of any type were used by SOURCE in the observation, except one instance during the 9 Feb 55 sighting during which she wore glasses. The object then clearly maintained its irregular triangular shape, without rays, until no longer visible. All sightings were made through window glass.

k. No trace of daylight was observed in the sky until the end of observation at each sighting. The sun appeared to the left of SOURCE shortly after each disappearance of object. Bright moonlight and some stars were noted in early part of all sightings. SOURCE was unable to estimate the exact distance to the object. All sightings were made from within her house. Clear skies, dry weather and cold temperatures, accompanied each sighting made by SOURCE, except on 11 Feb 55, when cloud conditions prevailed. Wind data were not remembered by SOURCE.

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1. Statement of SOURCE
2. SOURCE'S Memory Sketch of Objects Appearance and Course

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Statement of [redacted]

S T A T E M E N T

On January 31, 1955, at 0450 EST, I was awakened by a bright light; I looked out and saw an object. I called my husband and we watched it for two hours. The object was at its largest when we first saw it. It seemed to be spinning; it moved away and then back toward us. It then became smaller and moved in an arc in a westerly direction until it became a white pinpoint of light and then disappeared. By then it was 0650 EST, getting quite light.

On 2 February I saw the object in same position. I had arisen purposely to watch for it. The object was not as large and seemed to travel in same direction as before and acted the same way.

On 8 February I was again awakend by light. My husband called Mr Butler and we watched the object until it disappeared in same manner as before.

On 9 February my husband called me at 0415 EST. There was an object in a more easterly direction than that seen before, it changed red and green moving up to same position as before and acting as it had on other occasions. The only difference was that this time I put on my glasses after the cone had changed to star shape. With glasses the star appeared roughly triangular without rays.

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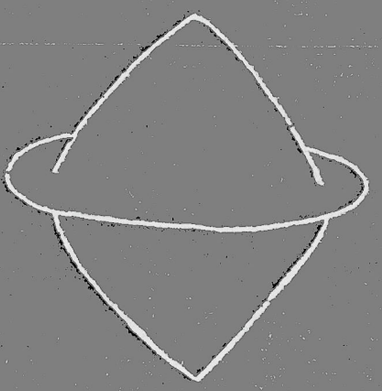
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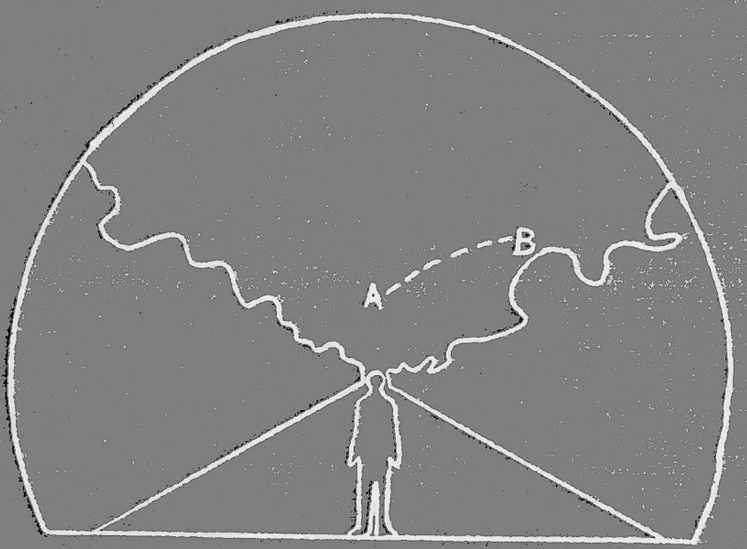
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SOURCE'S Memory Sketch of Objects Appearance and Course

Pt. 1

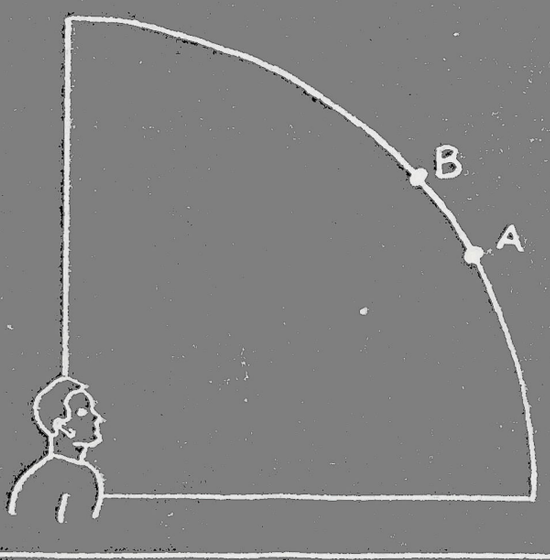




Pt. 2

A - Position of object when first seen

B - Position of object when last seen



Pt. 3

A - Elevation of object when first seen

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I. SOURCE: [redacted]

Age: 34

Mailing Address: [redacted]

II. RELIABILITY OF SOURCE: Source was a World War II veteran whose combat experiences somewhat affected his stability. Although his answers were generally consistent, his reliability can not be properly judged.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTINGS:

a. On the morning of the 31st of January 1955, SOURCE was awakened by his wife at 0950Z and his attention called to the object. The object appeared to be spherical in shape and approximately the same size as a basketball held at arm's length. The object appeared to be orange in color changing to yellow and then to a bright white. As SOURCE observed the object (only one object was visible) it appeared to move in a spinning fashion from left to right; during the course of two hours he observed it, the object appeared to grow smaller. There were no extraneous features other than at times it appeared to drip sparks. No sound was audible. Object appeared as described until 1150Z at which time it reached the end of its route then diminished to the size of a star, simultaneously diminishing in brilliance, then was extinguished.

b. Later sightings on the 4th, 8th and 9th of Feb 55 were the same as described above. Object was sighted again on 11 Feb 55 at approximately 0935Z, but disappeared behind clouds after twenty minutes.

c. At period of first reporting SOURCE was awakened by his wife who was alarmed by strange illumination in their bedroom. The object was at approximate azimuth of 135° and approximate angle of elevation of 35° when first sighted (this applies to all later sightings by SOURCE), and at last point in course object had approximate azimuth of 160° and approximate angle of elevation of 45°. At last sighting, SOURCE stated that clouds blanketed object, and it became impossible to observe. Object from first appearance through all sightings moved in the following manner: Appeared to be quivering, shifting from left to right, but actual movement was cartwheeling glide along path of line given in Incl #2 of this part (135° SE, angle of elevation approximately 35° to 160° SE and angle of elevation of 45°. At last sighting this route was obscured by clouds). During first four sightings, object reached its peak of its route simultaneously with the rising of the sun then diminished to the size of a star and "Abruptly Went Out". At last sighting, object was obscured by clouds. During the first four sightings, length of time of sighting was approximately two hours and last sighting was of 20 minutes duration.

d. The time and dates of sightings are as follows:

SIGHTING	DATE TIME GROUP	TIME DISAPPEARED
1st	31/0950Z Jan 55	1150Z
2nd	04/0950Z Feb 55	1150Z
3rd	08/0950Z Feb 55	1150Z
4th	09/0900Z Feb 55	1150Z

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SIGHTING	DATE TIME GROUP	TIME DISAPPEARED
5th	11/0930Z Feb 55	0950Z

e. Light conditions at the time of sightings were night turning to dawn. SOURCE was at his home in Detroit, Maine (GEOREF HJFQ 4347). SOURCE observed the object from his bedroom window and from a position just outside his house in Detroit, Maine. Manner of observation was ground-visual through a window and from outside of house.

f. SOURCE'S account of the weather conditions: Dry, Cold, Still and clear. SOURCE estimated the distance to the object from him to be approximately 3000 feet. Size appeared to be approximately one and a half feet in diameter.

2 Incls

Incl #1. Statement of Source
Incl #2. Sketch of appearance and location of object

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S T A T E M E N T

On the morning of 31 Jan. my wife awakened me and called my attention to an object. As I went to the window, I noticed the object was very large and was moving. As I watched, it moved and spun, then moved to left and right. In an hour and a half time it was growing smaller, turning orange and yellowish color with a trail of sparks comming from it. I watched until 0650 (EST). It was very bright daylight then. Size was down to the size of a star but still very bright, it went into the south, disappeared and went out.

The other two times it moved same way, same order, and same speed.

[redacted]

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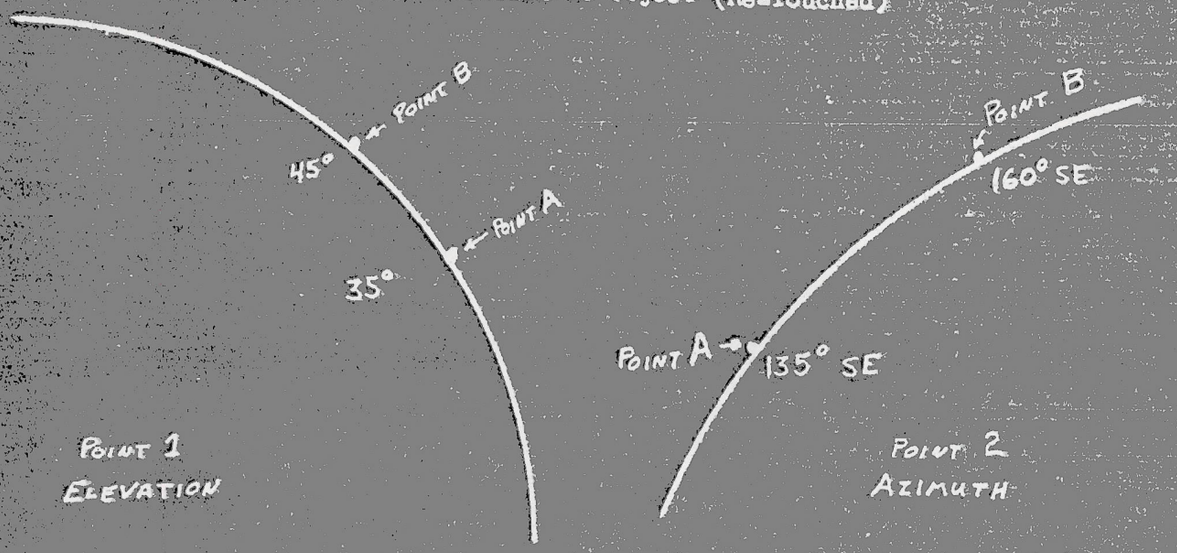
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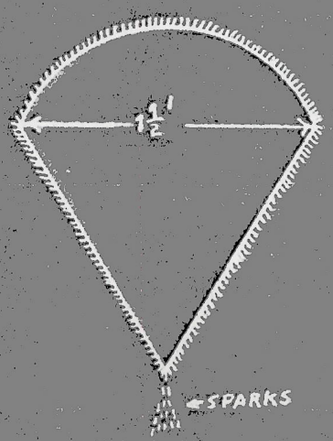
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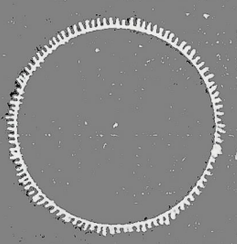
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Sketch of appearance and location of object (Re-Touched)





POINT 3 FIRST APPEARANCE OF OBJECT & MOST OF TIME OBSERVED



POINT 4 SHAPE OF OBJECT AT TIME OF DISAPPEARANCE

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I. Weather and wind conditions on dates of sightings: (EST is given)

a. PORTLAND HJEP, 4240, 31 Jan 55 (U.S. Weather Bureau Office).

Time	Cloud Conditions	Visibility	Temp	Dew Point	Wind
0400	25,000 thin scattered	15 plus	4° F	-2	WNW 3 Knots
0500	6,500 broken	15 plus	5	-4	W 8 knots
0600	6,500 scattered	15 plus	7	-7	NW 7 knots
0800	4,000 scattered	15 plus	7	-7	NW 9 knots

b. AUGUSTA HJTQ 1316 (U.S. Weather Bureau Office), 31 Jan 55

0400	clear	15 plus	7	-9	NW 9 knots
0500	5,000 thin scattered	15 plus	1	-6	NNW 5 knots
0600	12,000 thin scattered	15 plus	-2	-9	N 7 knots
0700	clear	15 plus	-3	-10	NNW 9 knots
0800	clear	15 plus	1	-10	WNW 13 knots

c. BANGOR HJGQ 1348 (AWS), 31 Jan 55

0400	clear	15	1	-10	NNW 14 knots
0500	clear	15 plus	-1	-10	NNW 8 knots
0600	4,000 scattered	15	-2	-15	NW 13 knots
0700	6,000 scattered	15	-4	-15	NNW 14 knots
0800	22,000 thin broken	15	-3	-15	NNW 13 knots

d. PORTLAND, 4 Feb. 55

0400	clear	15 plus	13	5	NNW 14 knots
0500	clear	15 plus	13	3	NW 10 knots
0600	clear	15 plus	13	1	NW 11 knots
0700	clear	15 plus	15	1	NW 12 knots
0800	clear	15 plus	19	3	NNW 14 knots

e. AUGUSTA, 4 Feb. 55

0400	clear	15 plus	11	2	NNW 9 knots
0500	clear	15 plus	9	0	NW 8 knots
0600	clear	15 plus	8	0	NW 5 knots
0700	clear	15 plus	9	2	NNW 4 knots
0800	clear	15 plus	12	-2	NNE 6 knots

f. BANGOR, 4 Feb. 55

0400	clear	15 plus	7	0	NW 4 knots
0500	clear	15 plus	4	-3	NW 3 knots
0600	clear	15 plus	3	-3	calm
0700	clear	15 plus	0	-1	calm
0800	clear	15 plus	7	2	calm

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g. PORTLAND 8 Feb 55

Time	Cloud Conditions	Visibility	Temp.	Dew Point	Wind
0400	clear	15 plus	21	12	NNW 6 knots
0600	clear	15 plus	17	8	N 5 knots
0700	clear	15 plus	17	10	N 5 knots
0800	clear	15 plus	21	11	NNE 8 knots

h. AUGUSTA, 8 Feb. 55

0400	clear	15 plus	14	7	WNW 7 knots
0500	clear	15 plus	13	6	WNW 7 knots
0600	clear	15 plus	12	5	WNW 10 knots
0700	clear	15 plus	13	6	NW 5 knots
0800	clear	15 plus	15	3	WNW 8 knots

i. BANGOR, 8 Feb. 55

0400	clear	15 plus	13	-5	NW 10 knots
0500	clear	15 plus	12	-4	NW 3 knots
0600	clear	15 plus	10	1	NW 8 knots
0700	clear	15 plus	9	0	NNW 8 knots
0800	clear	15 plus	10	-5	NNW 6 knots

j. PORTLAND, 9 Feb. 55

0400	3,500 scattered	15 plus	12	-1	N 12 knots
0500		15 plus	10	1	N 11 knots
0600		15 plus	10	3	NNE 13 knots
0700		15 plus	9	2	NNE 11 knots
0800		15 plus	11	2	NE 8 knots

k. AUGUSTA, 9 Feb. 55

0400	9,000 scattered	15 plus	-1	-5	NNW 5 knots
0500	10,000 scattered	15 plus	-2	-7	NNW 5 knots
0600	clear	15 plus	-6	-11	N 4 knots
0700	clear	15 plus	-2	-10	NNE 4 knots
0800	clear	15 plus	3	-5	NE 5 knots

l. BANGOR, 9 Feb. 55

0400	10,000 scattered	15 plus	-2	-14	N 5 knots
0500	10,000 scattered	15 plus	-3	-17	NW 6 knots
0600	10,000 scattered	15 plus	-3	-16	NW 5 knots
0700	15,000 scattered	15 plus	-5	-20	N 4 knots
0800	clear	15 plus	-3	-24	calm

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II. Weather inversion data on dates of sightings:

a. PORTLAND (U.S. WEATHER BUREAU OFFICE).

Time	Date	Inversion Altitude	Temperature
2200EST	30 Jan 55	4000 - 5000	-24°C to -23°C
1000	31 Jan 55	4600 - 7000	-20 to -19
2200	3 Feb 55	500 - 1000	-10 to -8
1000	4 Feb 55	500 - 2000	-8 to -6
2200	7 Feb 55	no inversion	
1000	8 Feb 55	4000 - 9000	-12 to -11
2200	8 Feb 55	4500 - 6500	-14 to -12
1000	9 Feb 55	0 - 5000	-23 to -13

III. Time of sunrise on day of sightings:

a. 31 Jan 55- 0700 EST
b. 4 Feb 55- 0654
c. 8 Feb 55- 0649
d. 9 Feb 55- 0647
e. 11 Feb 55- 0644

IV. Data from other agencies:

a. GOC: Bangor Filter Station logged single UFOB reports on two days coinciding with sightings of object here considered. Both of these objects were presumed by filter station personnel to have been ballons. Neither corresponds with description of object here considered.

1. Sighting at Lewistown, Maine (HJEQ-3613) 31/0800Z Jan 55

a. shape: round
b. size: 50 to 60 feet in diameter
c. color: blinking red lights
d. altitude: 500 feet
e. light condition: night
f. length of time in sight: 20 minutes
g. course: sailed out of sight

2. Sighting at Greenville, Maine (HJTA-1933) 10/1615Z Feb 55

a. shape: round
b. color: brown
c. discernable: none
d. course: orbit in northwesterly direction
e. length of time in sight: 5 minutes
f. altitude: seen under 3000 foot ceiling

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b. AC&W: Operations officer at Charleston(HKFA-5705) AC&W site stated that no aircraft were detected in the area at time of sightings.

c. AWS: Dow AFB weather station,Bangor,Maine (HJGQ-1348) revealed that no weather ballons had been released from the Dow station or from other stations in the area on the days of the sightings.

d. Weather Forcaster, Presque Isle AFB, Maine was consulted concerning various meteorological phenomena. Although inversions did exist on the mornings of the sightings, he indicated that light wave lengths are too short to refract from an inversion layer. While reflection might result from light meeting the inversion layer, the visual phenomenon would be weak and diffuse, and would thus not correspond with the sources description of the object.A mirage of the sun would not be possible, according to base forecaster, without the use of a lens. A "sundog", he stated would not occur before sunrise, whereas the object sighted faded in brilliance as the sun arose.

e. Colby College: A check with the science faculty of of Colby College, Waterville, Maine (HJTQ-2132) revealed no meteorological or other projects originating from the college which might have a bearing on the sighting.

f. University of Maine: Professor Jordan, Director of the Astronomical Observatory at the University of Maine, Orono (HJGQ-1952) stated that no projects from the university science faculties could have any bearing upon the sighting. He was definate in stating that no bodies such as meteors or comets could have caused the phenomana. The course of a meteor is observed for only a few seconds, while the appearance of a comet would constitute a major astronomical event, and would have been observed in the same latitude around the world. He suggested the planet Venus as an explanation, but could not account for the brillance described by sources. The university observatory was not manned at the time of the sighting. Professor Jordan discounted the possibility of weather phenomena occasioning the sighting described because of the shapness and brillance of the object.

g. CAA: Investigators were informed of existence of rotating aerial navigational light atop Dixmont Mountain (HJTQ 5542), the point over which the object first appeared during sightings. A check with the Old Town CAA Range Reporting Station revealed that the Dixmont Mountain light had been partially inoperative since 8 February. The rotating mechanism was out of order, and at the present writing is awaiting gears for its repair. On 31 January and 4 February, however, light was logged in operation. Light is extinguished after dawn by an electronic eye mechanism which is sensitive to the light of the sun. There is also a navigational beacon light above the water tower at Unity, Maine (HJTQ-4137).

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I. Other individuals observing the object, mentioned in [redacted] report, were not available for questioning. Having interrogated the three SOURCES, investigators remained in [redacted] the night of 10 Feb 55. According to arrangement with [redacted] investigators were summoned to his residence at 0940Z (0440 EST) the following morning, 11 Feb. [redacted] stated that object had reappeared at 0940Z and behaved in fashion similar to that of previous sightings. When investigators arrived in Detroit (EIFQ-4347) at 1000Z (0500 EST), intending to photograph object, it has disappeared behind cloud formation and did not reappear. No sighting of object was made en route. There was no doubt, however, of the sincerity of the SOURCES' testimony.

II. Certain inconsistencies will be noted in comparing the three descriptions of the sightings. [redacted], for example, the object described a definite easterly arc before moving to the west, while [redacted] noticed no decided easterly movement. Butler's observation, however, was made by sighting object against a window frame. His own movement would have affected the observed course of the object. While one SOURCE reports bright moonlight, another states that there was no moon. Allowance must be made for inaccuracy in describing details which might affect the explanation of the sighting, since SOURCES were untrained in reporting such phenomena and could easily have confused circumstances of five separate sightings.

III. An inversion would apparently not result in a reflection in any way corresponding to the clear, bright image described by the sources (ref par IV d, PART FOUR, this report). The Dixmont Mountain light, therefore, even though known to have been stationary at the time of three of the sightings, does not provide a cogent explanation of the sighting, unless the existence of a true reflector can be established.

IV. A more satisfactory explanation is the course of the planet Venus. Reference to the 1955 Air Almanac issued by the U.S. Naval Observatory revealed that from 0500 to 0700 EST on 9 Feb 55, Venus would have been seen in the southeast from Detriot, Maine. It would have risen from fourteen degrees on the horizon to forty-five degrees, moving in a westerly direction. Bearing and course of planet on days of other sightings varied only slightly. The planet diagram in the almanac indicates the apparent size of Venus to be about one third the diameter of the sun and its brightness (minus four magnitude) greater than any celestial body after the sun and moon. Inasmuch as the elevation, bearing, course, and apparent speed of Venus were almost identical with those of the object, this explanation of the sighting is favored. The differing descriptions of the shape of the object and the changes in shape reported by SOURCES might result from the fact that most of the sightings were made through window glass. The changes in color can be ascribed to dust particles in the atmosphere. Sources reported that the object appeared largest when first sighted, and decreased in size as it rose. Venus appears larger when closest to the horizon, due to refraction through the whole atmosphere, just as the sun is much larger in appearance at sunrise than at midday. While one SOURCE [redacted] stated that light from object awakened her, she also reported bright moonlight during the sightings. It seems reasonable to assume that some of the light which illumined SOURCE's bedroom was reflected from the moon. SOURCES agreed that in final stage of observation object resembled a bright star.

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Comments of Approving Officer:

Concur with conclusion of investigating officer that these sightings were probably caused by the planet Venus.

JS.

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6 UNCLASSIFIED/1 $9-INT 136-B PD "UFOB" THIS IS A PRELIMINARY REPORT SUBMITTED IN ACCORD WITH AFR 200-2, PARA 7D. (1) DESCRIPTION OD OBJECT: WKA) ROUND CHANGING TOCONE SHAPE AND BACK TO ROUND SHAPE9 (B) FIRST OBSERVED ABOUT THE SIZE OF A STAR AND ENLARGED TO APP-ROXIMATELY 4 FFEET IN DIAMETER AT LARGEST POINT. (C) BLUEWHITE CHANGING TO REDDISH IN COLOR. (D) ONE. (E) N6A. (F) NONE. KG) NONE. (H) NONE. (I) OBJECT REVOLVEED SLOWLY AND SMALL BEAMS OF LIGHT PROJECTED FROM THE OBJECT . (2) DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT: (A) INTENSE LIGHT THAT LIT UP THE INSIDE OF THE HOUSE . (B) 15 DEGREE ANGLE 140 DEGREES. (C) SAME. (D) SWUNG FROM EAST TO SOUTH

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SLOWLY AND BACK AGIN IN HALF CIRCLE. RAISED AND LOWERD SERERAL TIMES. (E) DADED AWAY TO PINPOINT AT SUNRISE. (F) 1 HR FC (A) GOUND-VISUAL. (B) BINOCULARS - DAY AND NIGHT TYPE. (C) N/A. K(4) TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING: (A) 1000Z 8 FEB 55. (B) NIGHT. (5) LOCATION OF OBSERVER: A(A) APPROX44- 47' N- 69 24' W PITTSFIELD, MAINE. SIGHTING AT DETROIT VILLAGE APPROXIMATELY 4 MILES SOUTHEAST OF PITTSFIELD, MAINE. (6) IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF ALL [redacted] OCCUPATION UN-KNOWN AND [redacted] LOCAL CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR. (B) N/A. (7) WEATHER AND WINDS - ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING : (A) CLEAR. (B) FROM NORTH 360 DEGREES AT 12 KNOTS. (C) CLEQR ALL OVER. (D) 15 PLUS. (E) NONE.

(F) NONE. (8) NONE . (9) NONE . (10) NONE. (11) NONE. (12) NONE. REMARKS:/1. THIS OBJECT WAS SIGHTED BY [redacted] 4 FEB 55 AND HE CALLED MR BUTLER CONCERNING THE INCIDENT. BY THE TIME [redacted] ARRIVED AT THE SCENE OF THE SIGHTING IT WAS DAYLIGHT AND THE OBJECT HAD FADED. THE SIGHTING IN THIS REPORT OCCURRED AS INKICATED IN BASIC FORMAT AND [redacted] WAS AGAIN CALLED TO THE SCENE AND THIS TIME VIEWED THE OBJECT HIMSELF. 2. THIS HQS DOES NOT HAVE PERS ASSIG-NED WHO ARE QUALIFIED TO CONDUCT PROPER INVESTIGATION. FLIGHT3G,

4602ND AIR INTELL SVS SQ IS LOCATED AT PRESQUE ISLE AFB , MAINE AND INDICATES THEY WILL MAKE INVESTIGATION WHEN DIRECTED BY THEIR HIGHER HQS. 3. LOCAL CIVILIAN FAMILY AND NEIGHBORS ARE THOROUGHLY ALARMED. THIS HEADQUARTERS RECOMMEND FURTHER INVESTIGATION BY LOCAL AISS DUE TO THIS FACTOR AND WHICH WOULD HELP TO ALLAY FEARS. PD END
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ROUTINE MAIL

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BT DET-3 (REG MAIL)

UNCLASSIFIED (AISOP 145) PD UR TT MSG AIS# 3G-36-B-11 CMM ON SGT HEINER

PD SEND REQ FOR ORDERS ON THE TRIP MADE OR NOTIFY HQ IF TRIP DID NOT EXCEED

24 HOURS PD END

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/UNCLASSIFIED/AIS3G-B-13 PD REF UR TT MSG AISOP 126 DTD 09/1550Z FEB 55 CMM UFOB REPORTING PD TWO FLT 3-G MEMBERS ARE INVES REPT PD LT O'CONNELL WAS DIRECTED TO ASSIST S/SGT HEINER PD SIGHTING OF UFOB WAS ON 4 DIFFERENT DAYS PD LATEST SIGHTING WAS 9 FEB 55 PD OBJECT WAS VIEWED FROM ONE TO TWO HOURS AT EACH SIGHTING PD SIGHTING WAS ONLY FROM RESIDENCE OF [redacted] PD NO OTHER PERSONS SAW OBJECT CMM EXCEPT MR BUTLER CMM LOCAL CD OFFICIAL CMM WHO WAS CALLED OUT TO VIEW THE OBJECT PD FLT 3-G INVESTIGATORS ARRANGED TO HAVE OBJECT PHOTOGRAPHED IF IT APPEARS ON 11 FEB 55 PD FLT MEMBERS EXPECTED TO RTN 11/2200Z FEB 55 PD FULL REPT WILL FOLLOW PD HQS WILL BE ADVISED OF ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS PD END
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