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Headquarters  
54TH FIGHTER GROUP (AIR DEFENSE)  
United States Air Force  
Greater Pittsburgh Airport  
Coraopolis, Pennsylvania

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4 SEP 1956

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Report

TO: Commander  
Air Defense Command  
Ent Air Force Base  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

The inclosed report is forwarded in accordance with Air Force Regulation 200-2, dated 12 August 1954, and Air Defense Command Regulation 200-7, dated 29 January 1955, for your information and necessary action.

1 Incl  
Air Intelligence Information  
Rept - Unidentified Flying  
Object, 30 Aug 56

*Joe McNay*  
JOE K. MCNAY  
Colonel, USAF  
Commander

Copies Furnished:  
Comdr, 30th Air Div  
Comdr, EADF

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DATE-TIME GROUP... *20/9 340Z Aug 56*  
*DONORA, PENN.*

*1st sent  
2 Sep 56*

*[Faint circular stamp]*

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b. Binoculars were used during the major period of the sighting.

c. N/A

4. Time and date of sighting:

a. Object was initially sighted at 0310Z, 20 August 1956. Clouds obscured the sighting from 0340Z to 0355Z. Contact was re-established at 0355Z until 0445Z when last sight was made. *2310 EST to 0045 EST*

b. Night.

5. Sighting was from 920 McKean Avenue, Donora, Pennsylvania.

6. Identifying information of all observers.

a. Civilians:

(1) [REDACTED], age 38, who lives at [REDACTED] Donora, Pennsylvania, occupation - postmaster.

(2) Mrs. [REDACTED], wife, age unknown, same address.

(3) Mrs. [REDACTED], age unknown, and her 12 year old son [REDACTED], Donora, Pennsylvania. Housewife and school boy.

b. N/A

7. Weather and winds-aloft conditions at time and place of sighting:

a. Generally clear, visibility good and temperature about 39° during time of sighting.

b. Surface wind 360° - 6K; 6M, 280° - 10K; 10M, 270° - 21K; 16M, 260° - 44K; 20M, 270° - 49K; 30M, 270° - 68K; 50M, 260° - 38K.

c. 65 Hundred feet scattered to clear.

d. 15 miles visibility.

e. 3/10 Cloud coverage.

f. None in local area.

8. None.

9. Use of interceptor action not considered appropriate as no radar contact was ever established with the object.

10. A local C-119 aircraft was inbound from Morgantown and was queried with negative results.

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<b>AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT</b>		
SUBJECT UFOB		
AREA REPORTED ON Donora, Pennsylvania	FROM (Agency) 54th Ftr Gru (AD), Gtr Pgh Apct, Pa.	
DATE OF REPORT 30 August 1956	DATE OF INFORMATION 19 August 1956	EVALUATION B-1
PREPARED BY (Officer) Captain McLoyd M. Hollowell, USAF	SOURCE Mr. [REDACTED]	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFR 200-2, ADCR 200-7		
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 113—Part II.)		
<p>11. Assistant Group Operations Staff Officer. Mr. [REDACTED] gave a very accurate detailed account of his sighting. He indicated his normal reluctance in reporting his sighting until he had other witnesses who would verify him. There is not much doubt that what was reported was seen but apparent cause of phenomenon could not be determined. Radar sites which covered this area, both GCI and Tower ASR, had no radar contact. The Allegheny Observatory was not operating during this period and could not verify the sighting or provide any additional data. The Donora Police were asked to investigate and verify the sighting. They visually checked to the east and northeast from their interpretation of information received and may have missed the sighting which was south. They did not know the name or address of the person making the sighting. Negative results.</p> <p>12. Negative.</p>		
INCL.		
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1. Description of the object:

- a. UFOB appeared to be round in shape to the naked eye and triangular in shape through binoculars.
- b. Size was compared to the North Star or a little smaller than a dime held at arms length.
- c. The object appeared to be yellow-white in color.
- d. There was only one object in sight at any one time.
- e. N/A
- f. Binoculars showed the object to be triangular with a tail approximately 1/16 the size of the object midway on one leg. When fading from sight, while watching through binoculars, it appeared round and decreased to the size of a pinhead prior to disappearing. It would re-appear in reverse order.
- g. A reddish brown tail, 1/16 the size of the object, was noticed midway on one of the legs.
- h. N/A
- i. The object moved in a clockwise rectangular pattern and appeared and disappeared approximately six (6) times while under observation. The movement was usually indicated by slight movement plus the disappearance and then re-appearance in a different location. Movement was checked by witness using a flagpole as a stationary reference point. The tail always appeared to the rear similar to a jet exhaust when flying a rectangular pattern and the nose or apex of two legs was pointed in the direction of movement.

2. Description of course of object:

- a. Attention was attracted to the object because it would appear and then disappear from sight.
- b. Approximately 40° angular elevation and 180° in direction.
- c. Approximately 50° angular elevation and 190° in direction.
- d. Object moved approximately 10° down, 30° left, 10° up, and 30° right. This pattern was made three (3) times.
- e. Through binoculars the object would decrease in size triangularly, become round and then fade from sight when about the size of a pinhead. Re-appearance was in reverse order.
- f. The object was under observation for one (1) hour and thirty-five (35) minutes except for 15 minutes when clouds hid it from sight.

3. Manner of observation:

- a. The sighting was made visually.

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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.

*Not the 19th as originally reported.*

1. When did you see the object?

Sat. (18th) August 1956  
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 10 15 past  
Hour Minutes

*APPROXIMATELY*

(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?

[REDACTED] Donora Pa.  
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks: Back porch of home residence

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

1 30  
Hours Minutes Seconds

5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.

- a. Certain c. Not very sure  
b. Fairly certain 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

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

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?:

*Was in the same position practically as the planet Mars and Mars was there in addition to it. Slightly larger than Mars.*

(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 Size of the North Star.

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- |   |                                      |                                     |   |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time?           | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No                                  | Don't Know                                  |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No                                  | Don't Know                                  |
| c. Break up into parts or explode?              | Yes                                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't Know                                  |
| d. Give off smoke?                              | Yes                                  | No                                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness?                           | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No                                  | Don't Know                                  |
| f. Change shape?                                | Yes                                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't Know                                  |
| g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate?                  | Yes                                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> 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:

Cloud formation.

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:

\_\_\_\_\_

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?

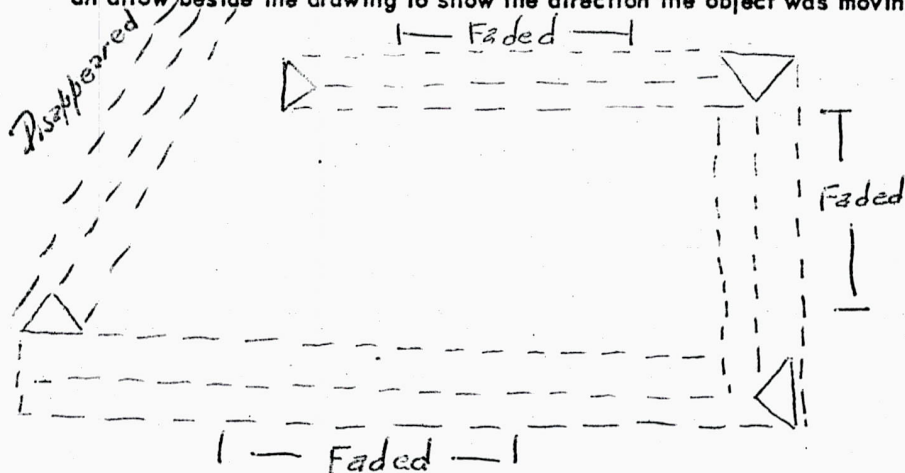
- |                 |                                      |                                     |                |                                      |                                     |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| a. Eyeglasses   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No                                  | e. Binoculars  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No                                  |
| b. Sun glasses  | Yes                                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | f. Telescope   | Yes                                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| c. Windshield   | Yes                                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | g. Theodolite  | Yes                                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| d. Window glass | Yes                                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | h. Other _____ |                                      |                                     |

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

a. Sound None - Too distant

b. Color Yellowish White

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.



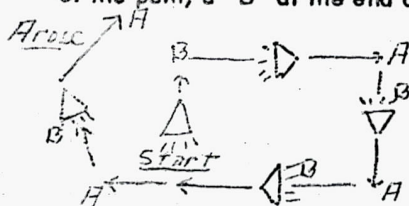
13. The edges of the object were:

- (Circle One):
- a. Fuzzy or blurred
  - b. Like a bright star
  - c. Sharply outlined
  - d. Don't remember

e. Other Tri-angular in shape.

15. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? \_\_\_\_\_  
 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.



Made a rectangular pattern after sighting then arose sometime later disappearing.

21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.  
\_\_\_\_\_ feet. *I wouldn't even venture to guess. - Too distant.*

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. Pea
- c. Dime
- d. Nickel
- e. Quarter
- f. Half dollar

- g. Silver dollar
- h. Baseball
- i. Grapefruit
- j. Basketball

k. Other *Size of the planet Mars and larger at times.*

- 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? Gradually - until it disappeared to nothing. - Got smaller and smaller.

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.

*No idea of material.*

*No idea of actual size.*

*at times it appeared to be the shape of the planet Mars and then again it would appear in traveling to be triangular in shape.*

*Motionless - Circular*

*Moving - Triangular.*

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 on back porch of my house.

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

Sitting on my back porch swing - Just gazing about. -  
No buildings - Parks beyond our yard - Practically open sky  
and distant hills.

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? \_\_\_\_\_ 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     | <input checked="" type="radio"/> 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     | <input checked="" type="radio"/> 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).

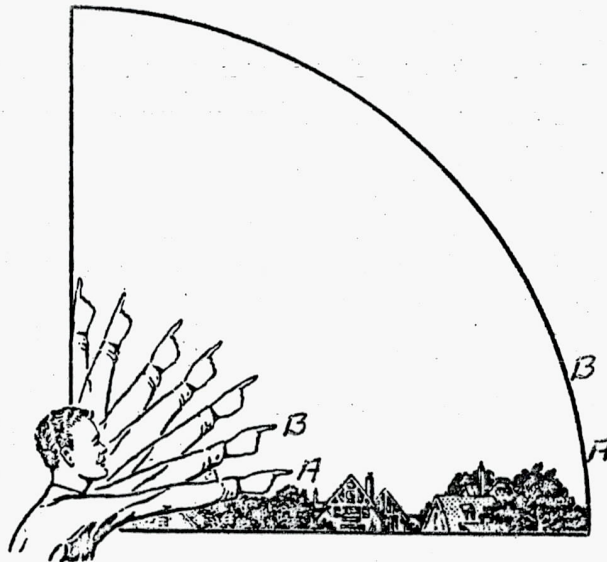
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 135 degrees. (So. East)
- b. From horizon 30 degrees.

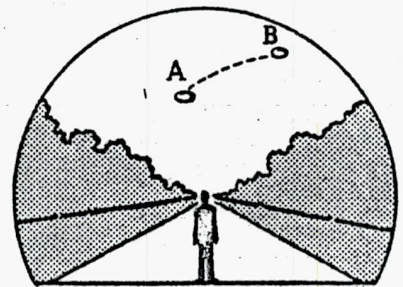
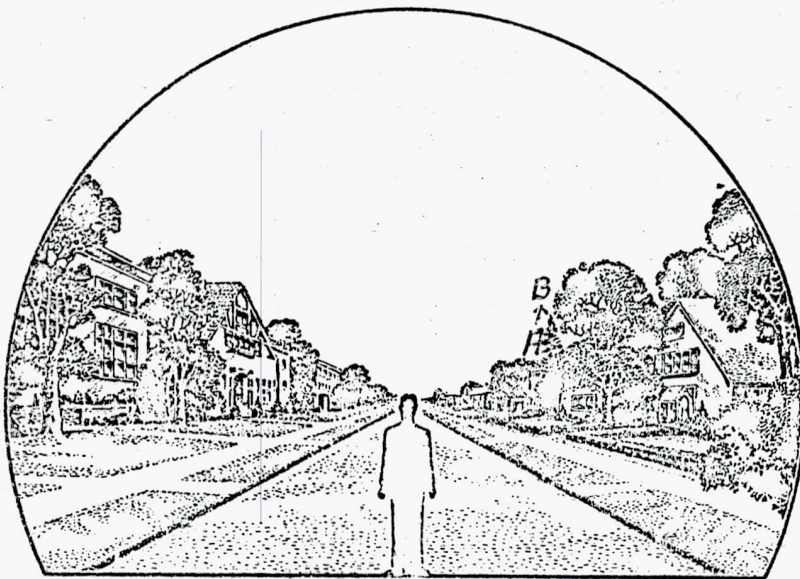
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 135 degrees. (Approximately the same)
- b. From horizon 40 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.



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
- 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?

Sat (18th) Aug 1956  
Day Month Year

Note - 18th, not 19th as originally

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:

Mrs. [redacted] Donora, Pa.  
 Mrs. [redacted] Donora, Pa.  
 [redacted] (son) Same

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 wouldnt have any idea.

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

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 First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

What is your present job? Postmaster

Age 39 Sex M

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

- a. Grade school 8 yrs
- b. High school 4 yrs
- c. College \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Post graduate \_\_\_\_\_
- e. e. Technical school \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type) \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other special training Night school -  
Business

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

Monday (17th) Sept. 1956  
Day Month Year

## U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

## (SUMMARY DATA)

In order that your information may be filed and coded as accurately as possible, please use the following space to write out a short description of the event that you observed. You may repeat information that you have already given in the questionnaire, and add any further comments, statements, or sketches that you believe are important. Try to present the details of the observation in the order in which they occurred. Additional pages of the same size paper may be attached if they are needed.

NAME

(Please Print)

(Do Not Write in This Space)

CODE:

SIGNATURE


DATE

Sept. 17 1956

On the evening of Aug. 18th 1956 a Saturday after dark and time being approximately 10:00 PM - my wife and I were sitting on the back porch swing of our home. - a weird ball of light began to take shape at a far distance to the South-East of us. As it grew in proportion and began to move in jumps or spurts I obtained my set of binoculars to observe more closely. - The object then thru a period of approximately one & one-half hours traveled a rectangular pattern moving up and back at the same time (closer), - then finally arose and disappeared, at one time being obscured by cloud formations. - During all this time my wife called our neighbor and her son to also observe and prove what we actually saw, whereby

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I phoned the Fighter Base near Pgh and reported  
the incidents - phoning twice all told. - Then  
returned for the night at approximately 11:45 PM.

  
9-17-56  
