

4602D AISS UFOB LCG

1 REPORT NO. AISS-UFOB-246-55	2 DATE/TIME OF SIGHTING 26/2134 Z July 1955	3 RECD HQ 4602D 29 July 1955
4 LOCATION OF SIGHTING Over Kansas City, Kansas		
5 MEANS RECD TT Msg	6 ACTION No/ ^{Formal} investigation authorized (ATIC Form 164)	
7 INVES UNIT Hqs	8 DATE INVES ASSIGNED 29 July 1955	9 ASSIGNING OFFICER Capt Bronstein
10 DATE IR RECD HQ N/A	11 DATE IR APPROVED N/A	12 DATE IR TO ATIC N/A
13 AISOP FORM 5 29 July 1955		
14 COMMENTS Due to the lack of information on the original report an ATIC Form 164 has been sent to the observer for completion and return this headquarters. Upon receipt of the above form and the analysis thereof, the conclusions of this hqs will be forwarded to ATIC. A check was made with COC Weather for possible balloon activity in the area and a check of wind direction and speed, both with negative results.		
15 CONCLUSIONS		

AISOP FORM 7 (2Apr 55)

*Balloons in area?
Winkles over K.C.?
on 26th*

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2802D MISS UFOB REPT.....
DATE-TIME GROUP

Day

26/2134Z Jul 55

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PP RJEDEN RJEDWP RJEPHQ

DE RJWFHW 4H

P 282140Z

FM COMDR 796TH ACWRON BARTLESVILLE AFSOKLA

TO RJEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLO SPRINGS COLO

RJEDWP/COMDR AIR TECHNICAL INTELL CENTER WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJEPHQ/DIR OF INTELL HQDS USAF WASHDC

BT

/UNCLASSIFIED/ DP 086 PD ATTN DIR OF INTELL PD THIS IS AN INITIAL
UFOB REPORT PD

SAFEWAY 43 PILOT OF B-47 REPORTED TO OFFSIDE AT 2134Z 26 JULY 55 OF A
VISUAL SIGHTING OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT PD HE STATED OBJECT
WAS ROUND IN SHAPE CMA WHITE IN COLOR CMA FORMATION OF ONE CMA HEADING
SOUTHWEST CMA LEAVING NO CONTRAILS OR EXHAUST CMA SAFEWAY 43 REPORTED
HIS ANGELS AT 36,000 CMA AND SPEED BETTER THAN 500 KTS CMA AND SAID
OBJECT WAS 30,000 ABOVE HIM CAM AND ESTIMATED SPEED OF 800 KTS FASTER
THAN SAFEWAY 43 ON A RECIPROCAL COURSE PD SAFEWAY 43 HAD VISUAL CONTACT
FOR APPROX ONE MINUTE WHEN HE WAS OVER KANSAS CITY PD HE ESTIMATED

Wind at feet
degrees knots

PAGE TWO RJWFHW 4H

OBJECT TO BE JUST OUT OF OKC AT THE TIME HE CALLED OFFSIDE PD
ELECTRONIC CONTACT OF OBJECT COULD NOT BE MADE BY THIS STATION CMA
SAFEWAY 43 WAS ON A NORTHEASTERLY HEADING AT TIME OF SIGHTING PD LIGHT
CONDITIONS WERE EXCELLENT PD

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28/2145Z JUL RJWFHW

B/ltr 796th AC&W Squadron, Bartlesville AF Station, Oklahoma, Subj:
ATIC Form 164, dated 8 Aug 55

DINC (8 Aug 55)

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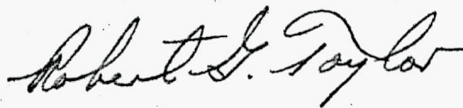
26 SEP 1955

HEADQUARTERS STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska

TO: Commander, 4602d Air Intelligence Service Squadron (ADC), Ent
Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Forwarded as requested in inclosure 2.

FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF:



2 Incls
n/c

ROBERT G. TAYLOR
Major, USAF
Actg Chief, Collection Division
Directorate of Intelligence

B/ltr 796th AC&W Squadron, Bartlesville AF Station, Oklahoma, Subj:
ATTC Form 164, dated 8 Aug 55

DINC (8 Aug 55)

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23 SEP 1955

HEADQUARTERS STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska

TO: Commander, 4602d Air Intelligence Service Squadron (ADC), Ent
Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Forwarded as requested in inclosure 2.

FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

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487th ACFT M. P. DONALD
DOT

796TH AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND WARNING SQUADRON
Bartlesville Air Force Station
Bartlesville, Oklahoma

8 AUG 1955

SUBJECT: ATIC Form 164

TO: Commander
340th Bomb Wing
Sedalia Air Force Base
Knobnoster, Missouri

1. An unidentified flying object was sighted and reported to this station at 2134Z, 26 July 1955, by the pilot of Safeway 43 (B-47).
2. Request the inclosed ATIC Form 164 and letter Headquarters 4602d Air Intelligence Service Squadron (ADC) be forwarded to the reporting pilot for necessary action.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

John T. Duncan
JOHN T. DUNCAN
CAPTAIN USAF
ADJUTANT

2 Incl
ATIC Form 164
Letter Hq 4602d Air Intelligence Service Squadron

Not in 10 Aug.

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Ltr 796th ACSW Squadron, Bartlesville AF Station, Oklahoma, Subj: ATIC
Form 164, dtd 8 Aug 55

DOI (8 Aug 55)

1st Ind

31 AUG 1955

HEADQUARTERS, 340TH BOMBARDMENT WING (M), Sedalia Air Force Base,
Missouri, 30 August 1955

TO: Commander, Eighth Air Force, ATTN: Director of Intelligence,
Westover Air Force Base, Massachusetts

The completed ATIC Form #164 is forwarded in compliance
Air Force Regulation 200-2.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

2 Incls:
n/c

Robert O Corson
ROBERT O CORSON
Captain, USAF
Adjutant



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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, Westover Air Force Base, Mass, 12 SEP 1955

TO: Commander in Chief, Strategic Air Command, Offutt Air Force Base,
Nebraska

[Signature]

2 INCL
No change

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A-ISOP

29 JUL 1953

TO: Commander
769th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron
Bartlesville Air Force Station, Oklahoma

Reference: TT Msg DP 086, your activity. Request the inclosed ATIC Form 164 be forwarded to pilot of B-47, Safeway 43, for completion and return to this Headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

1 Incl
ATIC Form 164

RICHARD B. RANDLE
Major, USAF
Assistant Adjutant

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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.

1. When did you see the object?

26 JULY 1955
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 15 30
Hour Minutes

(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?

Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks: WAS FLYING AT 36000 FEET.

5. Estimate how long you saw the object. _____
Hours Minutes Seconds 40

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

a. Certain

b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure

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?:

(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 Silver Metallic object

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

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

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: _____

The moon was up and it moved in front of it.

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

Yes

No

e. Binoculars

Yes

No

b. Sun glasses

Yes

No

f. Telescope

Yes

No

c. Windshield

Yes

No

g. Theodolite

Yes

No

d. Window glass

Yes

No

h. Other

Canopy

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

a. Sound NONE

b. Color SILVER COLORED.

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.



18. 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 Object was round
and after calling G.C.I.
we assumed it to be
a moly-dick Balloon

19. 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.

no

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.

A ————— B OUT OF SIGHT

EAST ← MY AIRCRAFT

21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.
20 feet.

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 _____

- 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? GOING SOUTH WEST AT A
TERRIFIC SPEED.

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.

aluminum, it would be round, exact size
 I couldn't say. a large balloon,

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 _____

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

As Kansas City has a bomb plot and we were passing through it, we were watching for other aircraft. The Co pilot noticed it first.

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? 425 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
- ☒ 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
- 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).

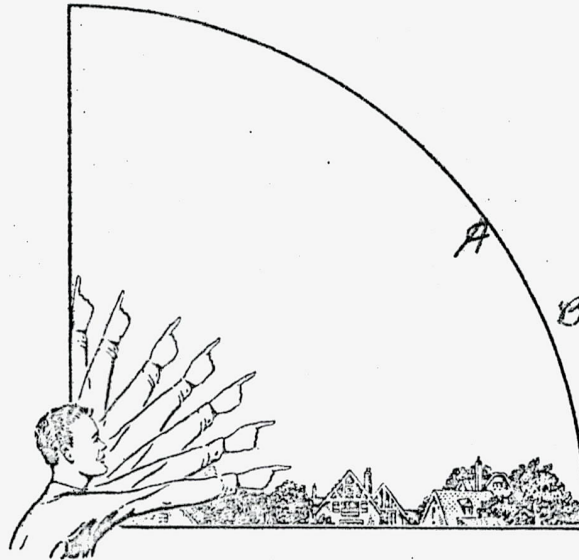
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 090° degrees.
- b. From horizon 30° degrees.

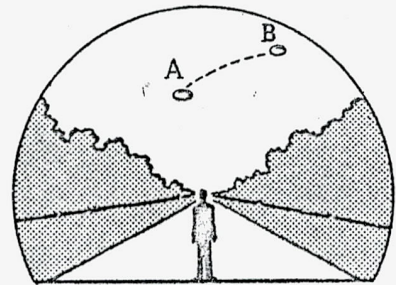
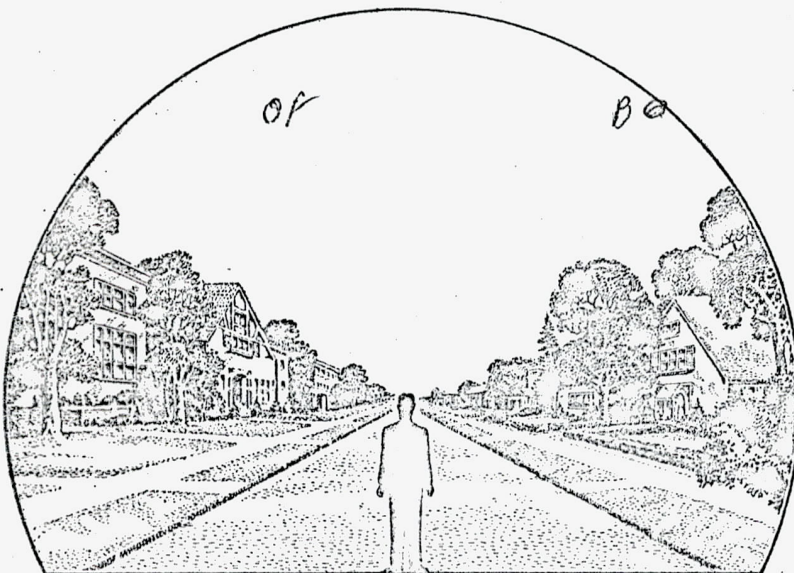
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 240° degrees.
- b. From horizon 20° ~~30°~~ 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?

26
Day

JULY
Month

1955
Year

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:

CAPT. MARVIN GARDNER
487 Bomb Sqd.
SEBASTIA, AFB. MD

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?

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

I was pretty certain it was a moby dick
balloon after taking it over with Capt. Gardner.

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? 800 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? 10000 feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

What is your present job? Aircraft Commander in S.A.C.

Age 34 Sex Male

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school ☒

b. High school ☒

c. College ☒

d. Post graduate ☐

e. e. Technical school mechanics (military)
(Type) _____

f. Other special training Pilot - Radar

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

12 Aug 1955
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 [REDACTED]
(Please Print)

(Do Not Write in This Space)

SIGNATURE [REDACTED]

CODE:

DATE 12 Aug 1955

We were flying east at an altitude of 36,000 feet. We were being especially careful in watching for other aircraft as we were over a bomb plot. The co-pilot Capt. Gardner noticed it first. It appeared to be heading Southwest and was high above us and to the south. It was round in shape, left no trails or plazes. We watched it for about 40 seconds. It did no maneuvering. I was tuned to a GCI site and I informed them of the object. Since Grandview, AFB, Mo, has a money-buck Project we assumed it to be a balloon after notifying G.C.I. That is the reason no earlier report was made.