

4602D AISS UFOB LOG

REPORT NO.	DATE/TIME OF SIGHTING	RECD HQ 4602D
AISS-UFOB-255-55	31/0230Z July 1955	4 August 1955
LOCATION OF SIGHTING		LOGGED BY
Queens, New York		A/IC DeRudder
MEANS RECD	ACTION	
TT Msg	Investigation authorized	
INVS UNIT	DATE INVS ASSIGNED	ASSIGNING OFFICER
Detachment #3	4 August 1955	Capt Bronstein
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DATE OF FORM 5		
8 August 1955		
COMMENTS		
This sighting investigated by Detachment #3, 4602d AISS with the following conclusions:		
CONCLUSIONS		

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NM RJEDEN RJEPNY RJEDWP RJEPHQ

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M 031930Z

FM COMDR 2230TH AREC NY NAS BKLYN NY

TO RJEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLORADO SPRINGS COLO

RJEPNY/COMDR 26TH AD ROSLYN AF STA ROSLYN NY

RJEDWP/COMDR AIR TECH INTELLIGENCE CENTER WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJEPHQ/DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF WASHINGTON 25 D C

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RESNYAIRP 8-15 PD FOL INFO SUBM ON REPT UFOB 1AW PARA 7D AFR 200-2

PD PAREN 1 PAREN A PAREN ROUND CIRCULAR PAREN B PAREN PEA PAREN

C PAREN NEGATIVE COLOR - RESEMBLED MOONS CMA LIGHT BULBS PAREN D PAREN00

FOUR PAREN 4 PAREN E PAREN IN PAIRS CMA ONE APRX 500 FT ABOVE OTHER

PAREN F PAREN NEGATIVE PAREN G PAREN TRAIL REPT BUT COULD HAVE BEEN

REFLECTION ON CLOUDS PAREN H PAREN NEGATIVE PAREN I PAREN NEGATIVE

PAREN 2 PAREN A PAREN GLANCED UP CMA ONLY ILLUMINATION IN SKY PAREN B

PAREN APRX 45 DEGREE ANGLE PAREN C PAREN UFOBS WERE IN PAIRS TRAVELING

WEST TO EAST AND EAST TO WEST PD THEY DID NOT TRAVEL IN AN ARC BUT

RATHER A PARALLEL COURSE AND REPEATED MANOUVER ROUGHLY EVERY 15 TO 20

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SECONDS FOR ABOUT 30 MINUTES PD THEY WOULD FADE IN TO CLOUDS AT EITHER
 END OF THEIR FLIGHT PATH THEN REAPPEAR IN 15 SECONDS AND REVERSE COURSE
 IN OTHER DIRECTION PAREN D PAREN SEE PAREN C PAREN E PAREN SEEMED
 TO FADE IN TO CLOUDS PAREN F PAREN ABOUT 20 TO 30 MINUTES PAREN 3 PAREN
 A PAREN GROUND VISUAL PAREN B PAREN NO AIDS PAREN C PAREN NEGATIVE
 PAREN 4 PAREN A PAREN 310230Z PAREN 30 JULY CMA 2230 EDT PAREN B PAREN
 NIGHT PAREN 5 PAREN FURMANVILLE RD AND 64TH PLACE IN REGO PARK CMA
 QUEENS CMA NEW YORK PAREN 6 PAREN MR CMA AGE 24 CMA
 CMA CMA OCC CMA PD ALSO
 OBSERVED BY CMA AND CMA CMA PAREN B
 PAREN NEGATIVE PAREN 7 PAREN A PAREN OVERCAST CMA NIMBUS OR CUMULUS
 CLOUDS PAREN B PAREN SURFACE WINDS EASTERLY AT 10 KNOTS PD BETWEEN
 4'000 AND 10'000 FEET CMA 10 TO 15 KNOTS PD PARENC PAREN AT NYNAS
 -4'000 FEET PAREN D PAREN 7 MILES PAREN E PAREN OVERCAST PAREN F PAREN
 NO THUNDERSTORMS CMA FOG OR RAIN IN NY AREA PAREN 8 PAREN NEGATIVE
 PAREN 9 PAREN NEGATIVE PAREN 10 PAREN ONE TRANSPORT TYPE ACFT SEEM BY
 OBSERVER BETWEEN HIMSELF AND UFOBS TRAVELING EAST PAREN 11 PAREN AIR
 POLICE OFFICER -OBSERVER SPEAKS INTELLIGENTLY AND WITH CONVICTION PD
 REQ IT BE KNOWN THAT HE DOES NOT VELIEVE IN FLYING SAUCERS PD ACFT THE
 OBSERVER NOTICED WAS PROBABLY IN LAGUARDIA PATTERN PAREN 12 PAREN
 NEGATIVE PD

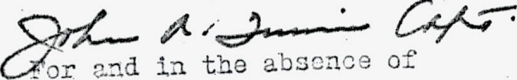
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COUNTRY USA	REPORT NO. D3-UFOB-4-55	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT UFOB		
AREA REPORTED ON N/A	FROM (Agency) Det 3, 4602d AISS	
DATE OF REPORT 10 Aug 55	DATE OF INFORMATION 8 Aug 55	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer) John Wrona, Major, USAF		SOURCE [REDACTED]
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFR 200-2 dtd 12 Aug 54; ATIC Form A; ADCR 200-7 dtd 29 Jan 55; Telecon AISOP 6 Aug 55		
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.)		
I. CONTENTS PART ONE: Description of sighting by [REDACTED] PART TWO: Investigators Summary II. SUMMARY: At 06/1930Z AUG 55, Det 3 was notified by Headquarters, 4602d AISS to conduct a follow-up investigation of a UFOB sighting in Rego Park, New York (GROREF HJBL 0843) at 31/0230Z JUL 55. SOURCE had immediately notified the New York Daily News who referred him to the Commander, 2230th ARFC, Brooklyn Navy Yard, New York. The Commander, 2230th ARFC forwarded the initial report through normal military channels. SOURCE estimated that the sighting, which consisted of four (4) spherical objects, was approximately five (5) miles north of his back-yard. These objects moved in groups of two, one group moving east to west, and the other, west to east. They changed directions every twenty (20) seconds. The total time of sighting was approximately thirty (30) minutes. The sightings were also observed by the wife, and the landlady of the SOURCE. The landlady was not available at the time of the interview, and the wife was of little assistance, taking the role of a "yes-man" for all of her husbands' statements. SOURCE was of the opinion that the four (4) spherical objects were searchlight beams but could not positively identify them as such because there were no visible shafts of light supporting them. The probability of the fact that the sightings were beams of light was substantiated by a statement from Mr. Irving Rosenthal, Secretary-Treasurer of the Palisades Amusement Park Company, Palisades Park, New Jersey (See Incl #5). III. INVESTIGATOR: A/IC Raymond J. Swider, AF 12403072  For and in the absence of JOHN WRONA Major, USAF Officer in Charge		
5 INCL. 1. Arrangement of Objects 2. Motion of Objects 3. Position of Objects 4. Statement by SOURCE 5. Statement by Mr. Rosenthal 6. Overlay map of N.Y.C.		
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I. SOURCE: [REDACTED]

Age: 24

Occupation: [REDACTED]

Education: College degree with one year post graduate work

Address: [REDACTED]

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE was a nervous, but cooperative young man who was performing what he considered his civic duty. He made no mention of the sighting to his neighbors, relatives or friends. The fact that he was not a publicity seeker was evidenced by his request, over the phone, that the investigator call at his home in civilian clothing in order to prevent any possible embarrassment to him and his wife. On the basis of the SOURCE's intelligence, education and sincerity at the time of the interview, it is the opinion of the investigator that the SOURCE be considered reliable.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING:

1. SOURCE, together with his wife and landlady, was standing in the back-yard of his home in [REDACTED] at 31/0230Z JUL 55.

2. SOURCE glanced up and observed four (4) spherical objects, grouped in pairs. The first pair moved east to west and the second pair in a west to east direction every fifteen (15) or twenty (20) seconds.

3. The objects were observed for approximately thirty (30) minutes before disappearing. The sky was cloudy with no moon or stars visible. The temperature was relatively high.

4. SOURCE described the objects as being "the color of a light bulb" and that they reminded him of "spotlight beams" except that there were no visible shafts of light supporting them." At all times the objects remained constant, neither being obstructed from view, nor fading from sight.

5. The objects were estimated by the SOURCE to be approximately five (5) miles from him in a NNW direction (approximately 315°).

6. SOURCE stated that the objects were about the size of a pea held at arm's length.

7. SOURCE's opinion as to the cause of this phenomenon was that "it could have been a searchlight hitting overcast clouds and moving back and forth.

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Incl. #1

SOURCE'S Memory Sketch of
Arrangement of Objects

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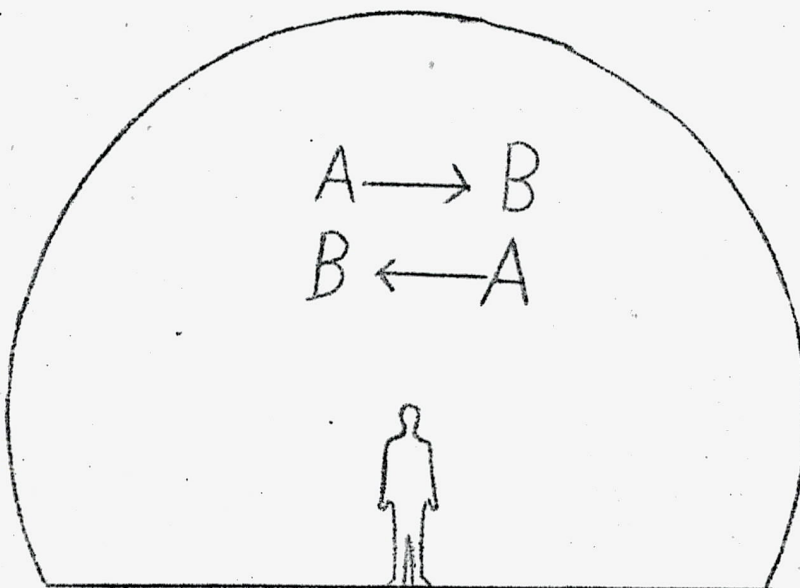
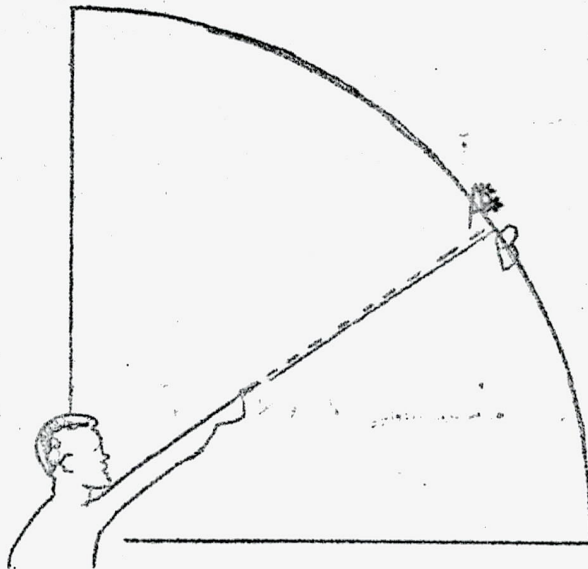
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 Motion and Position of objects as seen by SOURCE.

- A. Position of objects when SOURCE first saw them.
 B. Position of objects when SOURCE last saw them.
 A.* Shows how high the objects were from the horizon when first seen.
 B.* Shows how high the objects were from the horizon when last seen.



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Incl #4, PART ONE, Rept D3-UFOB-4-55
Statement by SOURCE

S T A T E M E N T

At approximately 10:30 we saw four (4) spherical objects. They were grouped in pairs, crossing each other as they moved west to east and east to west. These spheres changed course about every 15 or 20 seconds, and after a half hour finally disappeared.

~~REDACTED~~

S T A T E M E N T

A TRUE COPY: *John A. J. J. J. J.*

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Incl #5, PART ONE, Rept D3-UFOB-4-55
Statement of [REDACTED]

S T A T E M E N T

All four of my sixty inch power searchlights were operating on the evening of the 30th of July, between sunset and midnight. They are operated on separate electrical rotor units of varying speeds, thus making possible an infinite number of combinations of various patterns. It is not uncommon for these beams of lights to be visible for several miles.

/ [REDACTED]

S T A T E M E N T

A TRUE COPY:

John A. Jamin Capt.

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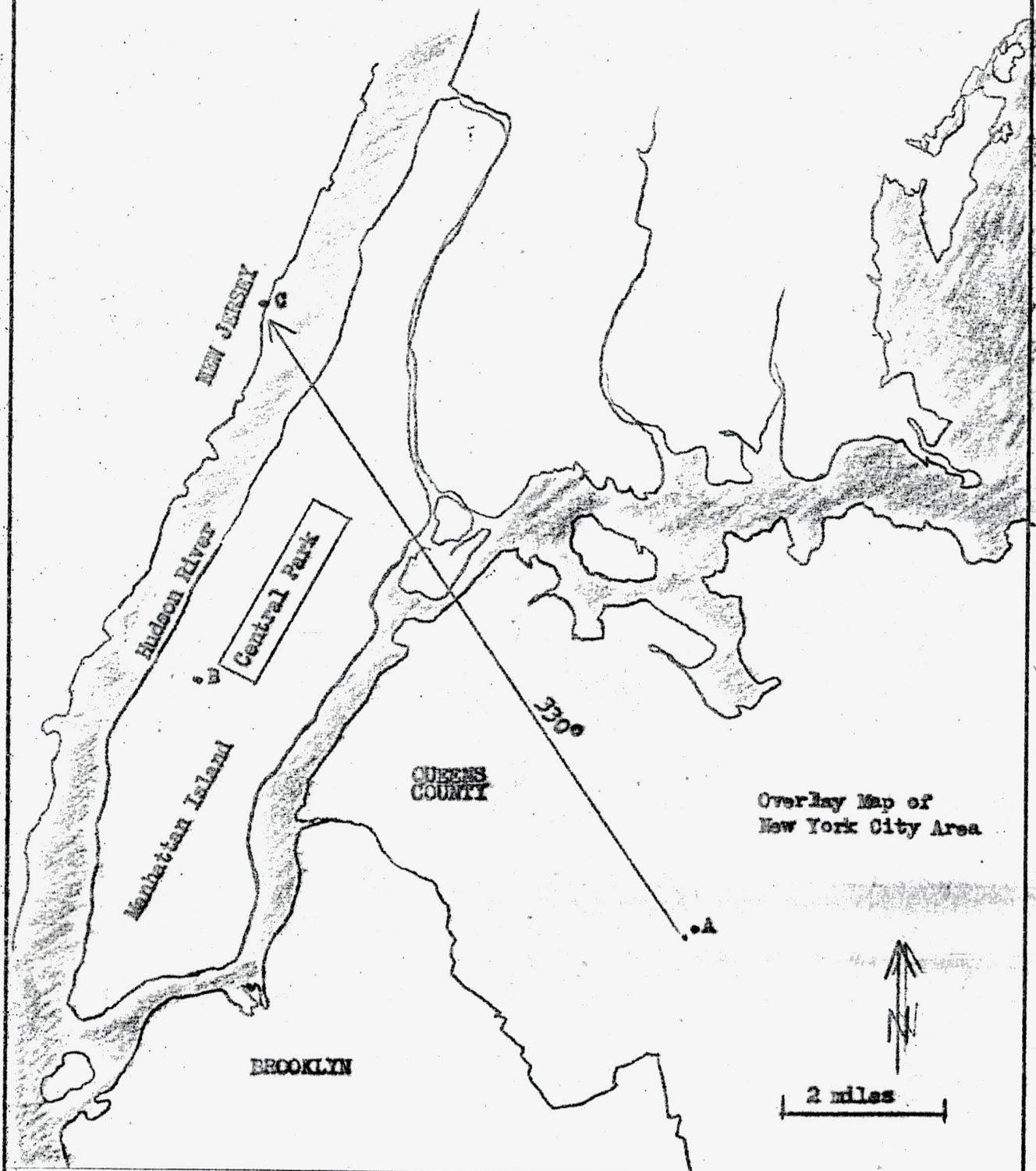
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- A. Point of "sighting"
 B. 16th Precinct Police Headquarters
 C. Location of Four (4) Power Searchlights



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INVESTIGATORS SUMMARY

1. Telephone calls to the 26th Air Division, Roslyn AFB, Roslyn, New York and to COB, EADF, Stewart AFB, Newburgh, New York, revealed that there was no unusual aircraft, balloon or searchlight activity in the New York metropolitan area at the time of the sighting.

2. After the interview with the SOURCE, these facts were known to the investigator:

- (a) The objects moved in pairs from east to west and west to east; this pattern never changed during the sighting.
- (b) The color was similar to that of a light bulb.
- (c) Total duration of sighting covered approximately thirty minutes.
- (d) The cloud conditions at the time consisted of overcast Nimbus and Cumulous clouds.

It was logical to assume that the sighting was caused by wither of the following:

- (1) The beams of two power searchlights illuminating one cloud layer, and reflecting on to another, thus giving the impression of four beams.
- (2) The beams of four power searchlights operating within reasonable proximity of each other.

3. A possibility existed that there was a slight error in the SOURCE's estimate of azimuth of onjects relative to true North. The investigator, at the time of the interview, noted that the SOURCE was somewhat vague as to the distance and exact location of the UFOB. Applying a creditable latitude of error to the azimuth of the sighting, the investigator explored the possibility that this (presumed) searchlight activity had originated in the Times Square area of New York City where movie premieres, sporting events, etc. are prevalent, particularly on Saturday nights, at which time the sighting had occurred.

4. A check with the 16th Police Precinct, located at 47th Street between 8th and 9th Avenues, New York City (GEORGE HJBL 0101), whose area of jurisdiction includes Times Square, revealed that there was no multiple searchlight activity in their area on the evening of the 30th of July. The officers, however, were kind enough to give the investigator the telephone number of [REDACTED] owner of the [REDACTED]. A phone call was put through to [REDACTED] who checked his files, and informed the investigator that only single searchlights were in operation on that particular evening, and these were all widely scattered throughout the city. Before hanging up, [REDACTED] remembered that [REDACTED] operated a battery of four searchlights quite frequently at the Palisades Amusement Park, Palisades Park, New Jersey. An appointment was made to see [REDACTED] made a statement (See Invl #5) which substantiated the investigators theory, certifying that his four searchlights were in operation at the time of the UFOB sighting. He also

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stated that a pattern as described by the SOURCE was very possible, and it was not unusual for his lights to be visible from the relatively short distance of approximately 10½ miles.

5. It is the investigator's conviction, therefore, that these lights were the four spherical objects observed, notwithstanding slight miscalculations on the part of the SOURCE concerning distance and azimuth.

John P. J. J. J. J.

For and in the absence of

JOHN WRONA

Major, USAF

Officer in Charge