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771ST AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND WARNING SQUADRON
Cape Charles Air Force Station
Cape Charles, Virginia

13 January 1955

SUBJECT: UFO Report

3 Jan 55
Williamsburg, Va.

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

1. In accordance with AFR 200-2, par 7a(2), dtd 12 August 1954,
The inclosed report is forwarded. No further information on this in-
cident is available at this unit.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

1 Incl:
U.S. Air Force Technical
Information Sheet

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FILE NO.

SUBJECT

USAF Technical Information Sheet

TO Commander, 771st AC&W Sq
Cape Charles, VaFROM Det #7, 4670th GOS
Broad St Sta, Rich 20, Va

DATE 6 Jan 55

COMMENT NO. 1

Transmitted herewith USAF Technical Information Sheet received from our Ground Observer Post at Cheatham Annex, PH 21 R.

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1 Encl

USAF Tech Info Sheet

for LEONARD R. STOWERS
Captain, USAF
Commander

Inc #1

Address reply to:

Officer in Charge
Cheatham Annex
Naval Supply Center (Norfolk)
Williamsburg, Virginia

CHEATHAM ANNEX
U. S. NAVAL SUPPLY CENTER (NORFOLK)
WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA



In reply refer to:

21H10:BHB

5 January 1955

Detachment No. 7
4670th Ground Observer Squadron
Broad Street Station
Richmond 20, Virginia

Gentlemen:

Enclosure (1) is forwarded herewith as a matter under your cognizance.

The sighting reported on in detail by enclosure (1) was reported to the
Filter Center, Richmond, Virginia at 0415, 3 January 1955, by the observer
at this activity.

Very truly yours,


W. G. NICOL
Commander SC USN
Officer in Charge

Encl:

(1) U. S. Air Force Technical Information Sheet

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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? Day 3 Month 1 Year 55
2. Time of day: Hour 0400 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): Daylight Saving b. Standard
4. (Where were you when you saw the object:
NSC NORVA, CHEATHAM ANNEX DEPOT Williamsburg Virginia
Nearest Postal Address City or Town: State or County
Additional Remarks: On guard, Post #4, at offshore (end) of Supply Pier at the
above activity
5. Estimate how long you saw the object: Hours 4 Minutes 30 Seconds
- 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 last d. Just a trace of daylight
b. Dull daylight seen 0830 e. No trace of daylight first sighted 0400
c. Bright twilight 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 c. To your right e. Overhead
b. In back of you d. To your left 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 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

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

a. Appear to stand still at any time?	<u>Yes</u>	No	Don't Know
b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?	<u>Yes</u>	<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?	<u>Yes</u>	No	Don't Know
f. Change shape?	Yes	No	<u>Don't Know</u>
g. <u>Flicker</u> , throb, or pulsate?	<u>Yes</u>	No	Don't Know

Red lights appeared off and on, on opposite sides.

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: Clouds after daylight

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	Yes No	e. <u>Binoculars</u>	<u>Yes</u> 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	

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

a. Sound None

b. Color Bright white oval or spherical light by darkness and bright silvery oval or sphere by daylight.

(Don't Know)

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.

no protrusions or trails

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

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.

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.

B

Slow steady ascent and movement toward the west

21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension. large 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 | g. Silver dollar |
| b. Pea | h. Baseball |
| c. Dime | i. Grapefruit |
| d. Nickel | j. <u>Basketball</u> |
| e. Quarter | k. Other _____ |
| f. Half dollar | |

22.1 (Circle One of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to question 22.)

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

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? Last viewed at 0830 in same location as viewed at 0745, was unable to locate object at 0845

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 you saw.

25. Where were you located when you saw the object? (Circle One)

- | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| a. Inside a building | d. In an airplane |
| b. <u>In a car</u> | e. At sea |
| c. <u>Outdoors</u> | f. Other _____ |

26. Were You (Circle One)

- | | |
|---|------------------------------|
| a. In the business section of a city? | e. Flying over a city? |
| b. <u>In the residential section of a city?</u> | f. Flying over open country? |
| c. <u>In open countryside?</u> | g. Other _____ |
| d. Flying near an airfield? | |

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it? Standing watch as pier guard, making visual observations of my

post and surroundings, when my attention was attracted by the bright light.

28. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions: No

- 28.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)
- | | |
|----------|--------------|
| a. North | b. Northeast |
| c. East | d. Southeast |
| e. South | f. Southwest |
| g. West | 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 | e. South |
| b. Northeast | f. Southwest |
| c. <u>East</u> | g. West |
| d. <u>Southeast</u> | h. Northwest |

30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the object?

(Circle one)

- | | |
|--------------|-----------------|
| a. North | e. <u>South</u> |
| b. Northeast | f. Southwest |
| c. East | g. West |
| d. Southeast | 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).

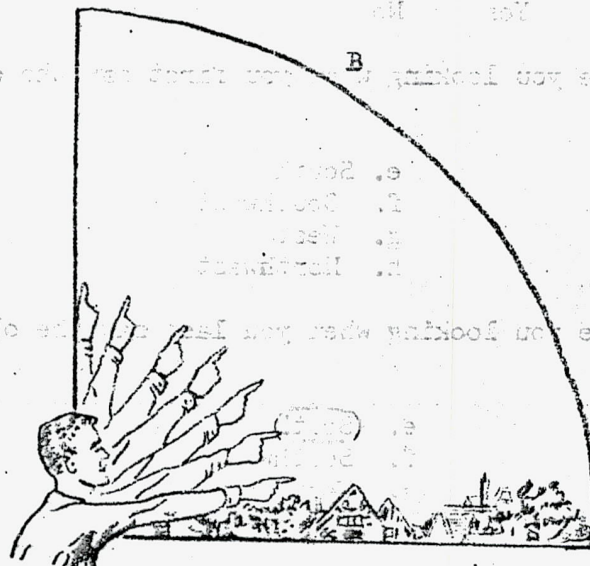
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 160° degrees.
- b. From horizon 20° or 30° degrees.

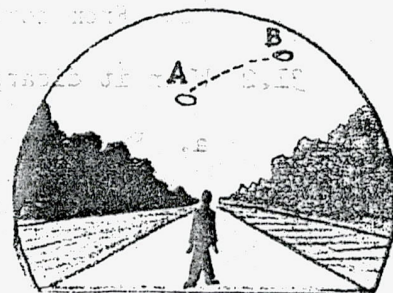
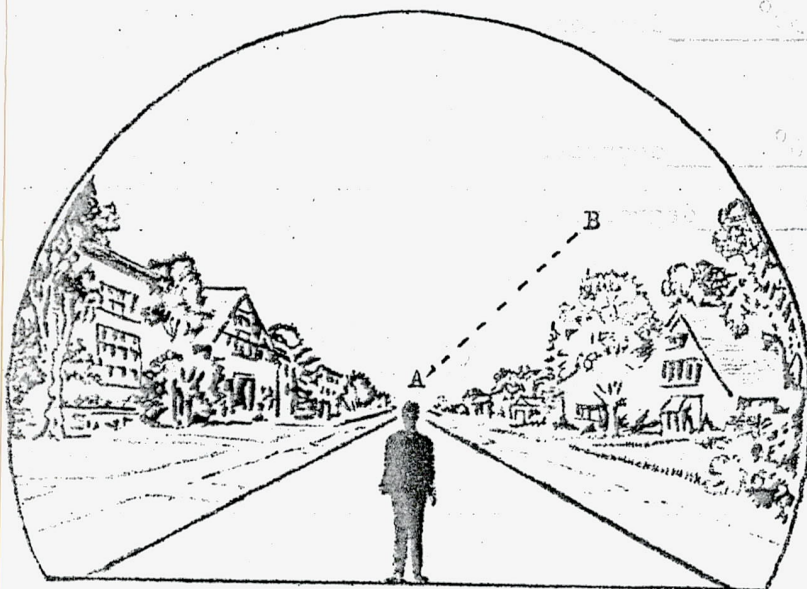
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 190° degrees.
- b. From horizon 70° 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? (Circle One)

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?

Day Monday 3rd Month January Year 1955

36. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object? (Circle One) yes no
P. A. Deal was present and C. E. Arnett a short time later and both saw the object.

36.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One) Yes No

36.2 Please list their names and addresses:

[REDACTED] Williamsburg, Va.

CDR W. G. Nicol SC USN, CAD, Williamsburg, Va.

LT P. A. Tremblay SC USN, MSC, CAD, Williamsburg, Va.

[REDACTED] Williamsburg, Va.

[REDACTED] Williamsburg, Va.

[REDACTED] Williamsburg, Va.

[REDACTED] Williamsburg, Va.

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 the other ones?

38. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it. No opinion

(Circle One) (Yes) No

(Circle One) (Yes) No

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? _____ mph

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? _____

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. Technical school (Type) f. Other special training

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)

SIGNATURE

CODE:

DATE 3 January 1955

While on duty on the 0000-0800 watch on the offshore end of the Supply Pier, I had been on duty for four (4) hours, when at about 0400 in process of making my routine report to Headquarters, my attention was attracted by an unusually bright light down river or south of my position. This light appeared to be just above the surface of the water and was bright enough and low enough to be reflected in the surface of the river. [REDACTED], on roving patrol was present and also witnessed this light, which we judged to be about the size of a basketball. Thinking it might be an approaching craft, I focused my binoculars on the object but was unable to detect the outline of any craft. The object was low enough so that I was able to view it and the surface of the river at the same time in the perimeter of the binoculars. After [REDACTED] and I had viewed this light several minutes, during which there was no apparent motion I reported the incident to Police Headquarters and in a few minutes [REDACTED] arrived at the pier. The three of us observed the object for about five (5) more minutes, during which time the light appeared to fade and gain in brightness off and on. We all witnessed what appeared to be blinking red lights which appeared alternately on opposite edges of the object. This information was transmitted to the Ground Observer Post at the Main Gate of this activity and the Filter Center, Richmond, Virginia, was notified of the appearance and position of the object at 0415, 3 January 1955.

The object was under observation by me and other members of the Police Branch until relieved from duty at 0800. During this time the object seemed to rise gradually and move slightly west or northwest of its original position. As the sky brightened with approaching daylight the object took on the appearance of a silvery ball or disk and remained in view until 0830 when it was last observed in the position indicated by the information sheet, however, it could not be located at 0845. Those persons listed observed the object in various phases of darkness and daylight, but were unable to give any concrete identification to the object, but were all positive as to seeing and the position of this object.

