

1602D AISS UFOB LOG

REPORT NUMBER AISS-UFOB-95-56	DATE/TIME OF SIGHTING 090412Z Apr 56	RECD AISOP 10 Apr 56
LOCATION OF SIGHTING Curnie, Illinois		LOGGED BY S/Sgt DeRudder
MEANS RECD TT Msg	ACTION TAKEN No formal investigation authorized--164 sent	
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CONCLUSIONS POSSIBLE ASTRO: Venus		

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/U N C L A S S I F I E D/WBOOT 1123 UFOB IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 200-2

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1.

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- B. SIZE OF BASKETBALL AT ARMS LENGTH
- C. ORANGE
- D. ONE (1)
- E. NONE
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- G. NONE
- H. NONE
- I. NONE

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- A. BRIGHT ORANGE COLOR
- B. N/A
- C. SAME
- D. NONE
- E. FADE
- F. 6-8 MIN

3.

- A. VISUALLY
- B. NONE
- C. NONE

4.

- A. 9 APRIL 0421Z
- B. NIGHT

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- A. 42N - 88N
- B. CN 1022

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- A. [REDACTED] POST OFFICE GURNIE ILL TELEPHONE [REDACTED]
GARAGE ATTENDENT -30 YEARS

7.

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- C. 040 DEGS 20 KNTS
- D. 340 DEGS 20 KNTS
- E. 280 DEGS 20 KNTS
- F. UNKN

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3. 10 MILES

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11. SENIOR DIRECTOR

12.

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- B. NONE

13. NONE

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NO NOT AS OF NOW

HEADQUARTERS
4602d AIR INTELLIGENCE SERVICE SQUADRON (ADC)
ENT AIR FORCE BASE
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

Mr. [REDACTED]
Gurnie, Illinois

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

This organization is responsible for analysis and preliminary investigation of unidentified flying object sightings within the boundaries of the United States. We appreciate your cooperation in reporting your sighting, however, additional information is needed for analysis of this sighting.

The inclosed ATIC Form No. 164 (U.S. Air Force Technical Information Sheet) is forwarded for your convenience in supplying this squadron with the needed information. Again our thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

2 Incls:

1. ATIC Form 164
2. Rtn Envelope

Re: AISS-UFDB-95-56

PDS ASTRO

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?

8 4 56
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

9th 20
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 Gurnee City or Town Illinois State or Country
Additional remarks: Lake County - Northeast Corner Illinois -
45 Miles North-Northwest of Chicago

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

10
Hours Minutes 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
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 *clouds*
- 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? | ☒ Yes | No | Don't Know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | Yes | ☒ No | Don't Know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | Yes | ☒ No | Don't Know |
| d. Give off smoke? | Yes | ☒ No | Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness? | ☒ Yes | No | Don't Know |
| f. Change shape? | Yes | ☒ No | Don't Know |
| g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate? | Yes | ☒ 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: _____

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. 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 _____ | | |

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

a. Sound _____

b. Color Bright Orange - Yellow Appearance

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 Can Do - Merely a stationary bright light

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.

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

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? *Fade in color intensity, brighten to full Bloom for a few seconds, then go out abruptly -*

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.

1. A mirror, reflecting the sun on a very hazy day.
2. A bright, very very bright evening star
3. The direct beam of the landing light of a large plane a mile or so distant.

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

- a. Inside a building - G.O.C. Post Hut
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?

Standing, watch as Civilian Ground Observer
for Air Force and Civilian Defense

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 | 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):

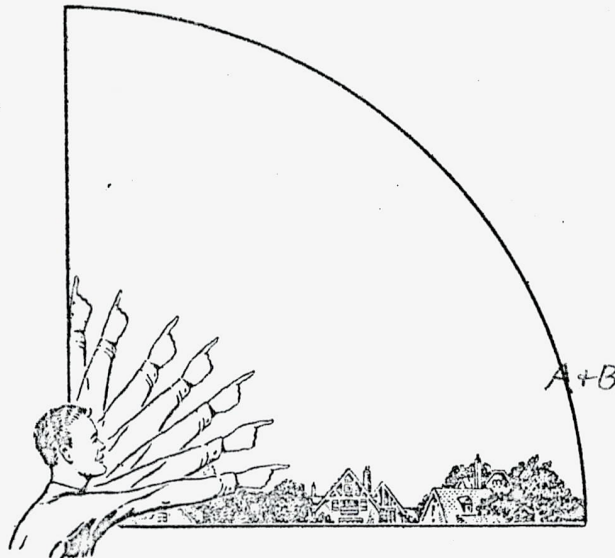
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 280 degrees.
b. From horizon 7 degrees.

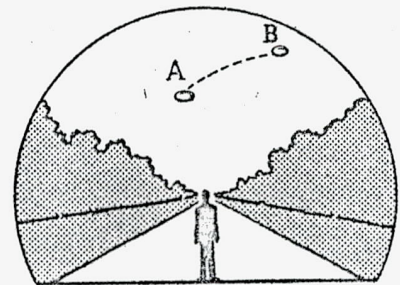
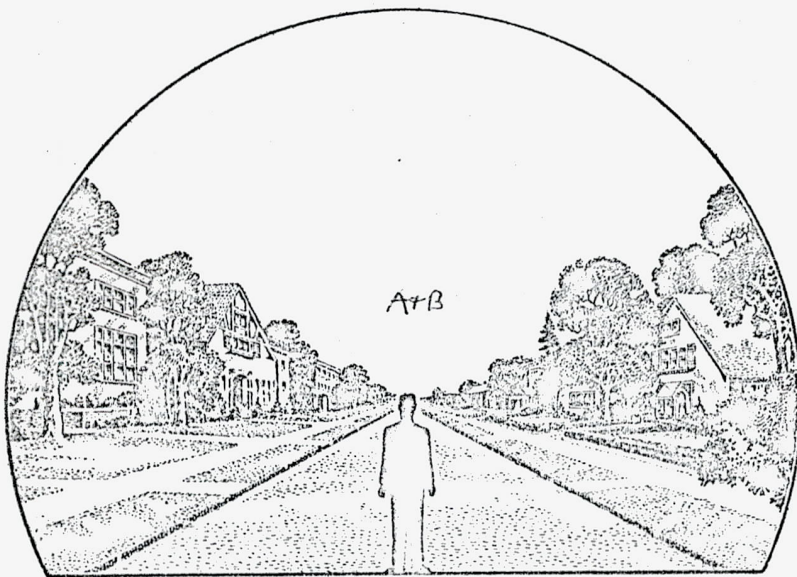
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 280 degrees.
b. From horizon 5 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?

8 4 56
Day Month 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:

[REDACTED] Gurnee, Ill.
[REDACTED] [REDACTED], Wilmette, Ill.

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?

About a year ago, same place, GOC Post, at night, only
a clear sky then. Object first confused with a
star, but stood out because of its brightness. When
object continued to remain motionless, decision (over)

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

? ? ?

(37)

(Continued)

was made that it must be a star despite its brightness, and both observers glanced away for a few seconds. Then objects, same color and characteristics as object discussed in this report, ^{moved westward} at an alternately fast, tremendously fast rate of speed, and then a slower speed. It also changed direction at sharp almost 90° angles, disappearing in the west. No such form as this was filled on that sighting, but Air Defense Filter center at Chicago was given an oral report by phone at that time. It shore sent chills down the spine of this boy, believe me. The way that thing moved after standing still for so long a time was out of this world.

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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? Garage Attendant

Age 29 Sex Male

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school 8 years

b. High school 4 years

c. College 2 1/2 years

d. Post graduate _____

e. e. Technical school Naval

(Type) RM Training, Madison, Wis

f. Other special training _____

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

13
Day

4
Month

56
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

10/4/56

I have been a member of our local ground observer corps post (code name: Charlie November Zero Two Black) for approximately 14 Months. In the third or fourth month of my participation, I and another observer experienced the UO sighting detailed in item #37 of this report. Since then, and since this has been my only type of experience in unusual sky happenings, I have been exceptionall conscious of bright lights in the sky. I have even watched several bright stars in the sky, waiting for them to move, for several minutes on many occasions. On the particular day of the sighting detailed in this report, Skys were

heavily overcast all day. A quarter moon
 came up in the east about 9:00 PM, giving
 just the barest glow to prove beyond a doubt
 that the clouds were still completely overcast
 and that no stars could possibly be observed.
 That's why, when this exceptionally bright,
 motionless light appeared in the west-northwest
 at 9:20 PM, it immediately drew our attention.
 Through binoculars, powerful enough, the same faint
 glow of the moon was seen to prove that this light
 was beneath the complete overcast, and therefore
 to be discounted as any late, evening star. It
 was much, much too bright, anyhow. Continuing to
 observe, and remembering our previous experience
 with such a sight, we pointed our filter
 camera in Chicago. The light did not move
 an inch, and after approximately 10 minutes
 it dimmed for a second, brightened again,
 and then went out. It did not move, this
 time, either left, right, or up or down. If it
 faded out due to distance, it had to move
 on a direct line with our post. This would
 have had to be so geometrically perfect, we
 were unable to see discern.

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