

4602D ATSS UFOB LOG

REPORT NUMBER ATSS-UFOB-126-56	DATE/TIME OF SIGHTING 14/1400Z May 56	RECD AISCP 14 May 56
LOCATION OF SIGHTING Air-Visual over Virginia		LOGGED BY S/Sgt DeRudder
MEANS RECD TT Msg	ACTION TAKEN Investigation authorized	
INVS UNIT Hq	DATE INVS ASSIGNED 14 May 56	ASSIGNED BY S/Sgt DeRudder
DATE IR RECD HQ	DATE IR APPROVED	DATE IR TO ATIC
DATE AISOP FORM 5 15 May 56		
COMMENTS See attached correspondence. Under investigation by this hq. Evaluation as indicated below:		
CONCLUSIONS		

AISOP FORM 7 (2 APR 55)

AISOP

Long Distance Telephone Call

Comdr, 4602d AISS

AISOP

21 May 56

1440 hours

AISS Log #22

S/Sgt DeRudder/4498

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

1. Telephone conversation between S/Sgt DeRudder, this headquarters, and Lt Jowell, Flight 1-D.

2. Lt Jowell was informed of the conversation between the undersigned and Major Broughton. It was requested that Flight 1-D contact Major Broughton and the four members of his team to complete ATIC Forms 164 with each and to obtain other important data from each UFOB observer. Lt Jowell was given a list of questions to ask each observer in addition to the ATIC Form 164.

3. Lt Jowell stated he would immediately call the THUNDERBIRDS.

Ronald D. DeRudder, S/Sgt, USAF
AIC, UFOB Program

AISOP

Long Distance Telephone Call (Incoming)

Comdr, 4602d AISS

Lt Jowell
Flt 1-D22 May 56
0830 hours
Collect AISS #23
S/Sgt DeRudder/1498MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

1. Telephone conversation between Lt Jowell, Flight 1-D, and S/Sgt DeRudder, this headquarters.

2. Lt Jowell called to inform this headquarters that Kirtland AFB had requested that he (Lt Jowell) refrain from making any long distance calls to Luke AFB due to the shortage of money at Kirtland AFB for such calls.

3. The undersigned questioned Lt Jowell as to the location of S/Sgt Rosenburger who is presently on TDY in Arizona and could perhaps be contacted so that he in turn could contact the THUNDERBIRDS at Luke AFB. Lt Jowell stated that S/Sgt Rosenburger would be in Phoenix on 25 May 56 and that he could forward the forms and questions to S/Sgt Rosenburger at a known address in Phoenix. It was determined that this course of action would be the best and Lt Jowell stated that he would immediately initiate action.

Ronald D. DeRudder, S/Sgt, USAF
AIC, UFOB Program

DISPOSITION FORM

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION (if any)

FILE NO.

AISLD

SUBJECT

Unidentified Flying Object

TO Comdr, 4602d AISS
ATTN: AISOPFROM OIC, Flt 1-D, 4602d AISS
DATE 22 May 56
Lt Jowell/2224

COMMENT NO. 1

1. Reference telephone conversation of 21 May 56 between OIC of this Flight and Sgt DeRudder, your section. Follow up investigation of UFOB sighted by Maj J W Broughton, Flt Ldr, Thunderbirds, Luke AFB, Ariz on 14 May 56 could not be conducted as thoroughly by telephone as was directed due to the fact that KAFB is presently on an austerity program under which only emergency long distance calls can be released. All long distance telephone calls must be approved by the base adjutant, stating purpose and estimated duration of call.

2. OIC was informed by base adjutant upon requesting approval of long distance call that base funds were severely limited and base took a dim view of approving a call of the duration required for such an investigation. Call was approved as long as duration would be held to a minimum.

3. Telephone call was placed to Maj Broughton to obtain the information required by Hq and keeping in mind that the conversation had to be held to a minimum to conform with current base policies. The following information was obtained from Maj Broughton:

- a. Location of observer at time of sighting: Over Winston-Salem, N.C., at an altitude of approximately 30,000 ft.
- b. Type of observation: Air visual sighting.
- c. Duration of sighting: Approx. 20 min.
- d. Azimuth from observer's location to object at time of initial sighting: Approx. 70°.
- e. Azimuth at end of sighting: Apparently still 70°.
- f. Angle of elevation of object above horizon from observer's position; at initial sighting and end of sighting: 25°.
- g. Radar track: As far as he knew, object was not picked up on radar.
- h. General: Maj Broughton stated that the object had no apparent movement during the major portion of sighting, but that it appeared to slightly change position just before visual contact was lost. He also stated that this movement may have been his imagination, that the vision grew hazy, and contact was lost.

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COMMENT NO. 1 (Cont'd)

as group began letdown due to low fuel. Attempt was made to sight object from ground with negative results. He stated that object was exceptionally bright, round shape, and appeared very clearly until vision grew hazy during letdown. Maj Broughton stated that he is very familiar with weather balloons and that object was definitely not a weather balloon or an aircraft. Maj Broughton stated that sighting was very similar to one he observed over Las Vegas, Nev. in 1949, and which was reported by his commander at the time, Col. M. L. Martin. He never learned of the evaluation of that sighting.

4. No more information was obtained due to the fact that Maj Broughton informed OIC that a complete and detailed report was made to Maj Miller, Intelligence Officer at Bolling AFB by each observer immediately upon landing at Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C. Exact longitudes and latitudes were given at that time and report was conducted IAW AFR 200-2. He stated that information he gives now may conflict with that given in report and requested an attempt be made to obtain an copy of that report.

5. As directed by Hq, this unit will send all information already obtained to Sgt Rosenberger, this unit, who is performing a TDY liaison trip in central, southern and eastern Arizona, and is scheduled to be in Phoenix, Ariz. o/a 25 May 56; hence a personal interview with each observer can be made to complete ATIC Forms 164. This information is being passed to Hq, 4602d AISS until a more complete investigation can be performed.

T/Sgt Ralph H. Gottschalk

For and in the absence of

JACK H JOWELL, 1st Lt, USAF
OIC, Flt 1-D

AISOP

Long Distance Telephone Call

Comdr, 4602D AISS

AISOP

15 May 56
 0810 hours
 AISS Log #12
 S/Sgt DeRudder/4498

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

1. Telephone conversation between S/Sgt DeRudder, this headquarters, and General Rogers, Commander, 3600th Combat Crew Training Wing, Luke AFB, Arizona.

2. The undersigned called General Rogers to ascertain the location of the Air Force's aerial acrobatic team, the THUNDERBIRDS. General Rogers stated that the THUNDERBIRDS are at present at Bolling AFB, Washington, DC, but were expected to return to Luke AFB on 20 or 21 May 56. General Rogers was given the name and telephone number of this organization and stated that he would have the leader of the THUNDERBIRDS call us with respect to the UFOB they sighted on 14 May 56 as soon as possible after their return to Luke AFB.

Ronald D. DeRudder, S/Sgt, USAF
 AIC, UFOB Program

4602D AISS UFOB REPT. 126
 DATE-TIME GROUP 1411400Z May 56

AV over Virginia

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General Rogers

Definitely not at
Dulles

Comdr 3600th Combat Crew Training Wing (FM)

THUNDERBIRDS

1. Maj. J.M. BRIGHTON - Flt leader
2. Capt E.D. PARMGREN
3. Lt R.R. Andersen
4. Lt W.R. POGUE
5. Capt B.T. ELLIS

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COUNTRY USA	REPORT NO. 1D-UFOB-1	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT UFOB		
AREA REPORTED ON N/A	FROM (Agency) Flt 1-D 4602D AISS	
DATE OF REPORT 5 June 1956	DATE OF INFORMATION 14 May 1956	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer) TED W WUERTHNER 2/Lt USAF	SOURCE Capt Billy J Ellis and 2 others	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFR 200-2		
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 Capt Billy J Ellis, 3600th Air Demonstration Sqdn, Luke AFB, Ariz. PART TWO: Description of Sighting by 1/Lt Robert D Anderson, 3600th Air Demonstration Sqdn, Luke AFB, Ariz. PART THREE: Description of Sighting by 1/Lt William R Pogue, 3600th Air Demonstration Sqdn, Luke AFB, Ariz. II. SUMMARY: One (1) unidentified flying object sighted near Gastonia, North Carolina at 14/1410Z MAY 1956, (0910 CDST, 14 May 56). The information was obtained from three (3) members of the five (5) members of this Air Demonstration Flight. The other two (2) members were unable to attend the meeting of the investigator and other members. A full report was given to Major George Taylor, D/I, Bolling AFB, Washington, DC. III. INVESTIGATOR SSgt Albert S Rosenberger AF 13353560 <i>Ted W. Wuerthner</i> TED W WUERTHNER 2nd Lt USAF OIC, Flt 1-D 6 INCLS. (See Individual Reports)		
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FROM (Agency)

Ft 1-D 4602D AISS

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APPROVED:

FOR AND IN THE ABSENCE OF

Ray L Jones
JOHN M. WHITE JR
Colonel, USAF
Commander

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I. SOURCE: Billy Joe Ellis, Capt, USAF

AGE: 27

DUTIES: Demonstration Acrobatic Pilot with
USAF ThunderbirdsEDUCATION: College Graduate, Graduate of
Pilot Training

QUALIFICATIONS: Pilot

STATION: 3600th Air Demo Flt, Luke AFB, Ariz

II. Reliability: SOURCE was a young man with a nonchalant manner. He seemed to be in a hurry to get the interview over and this may be attributed to the fact he had already filed one report. However, he seemed to be a person of [REDACTED]. He gave thought to each question before answering and was sure of his answers.

III. SOURCE's Description of Object:

1. SOURCE was piloting an F-34F type aircraft from Eglin AFB, Fla., enroute to Bolling AFB, Washinton, DC. SOURCE's attention was directed to object by other members of flight and observed the object for approximately thirty (30) minutes.

2. It was a bright day and the light was very brilliant and the sun was located to the pilot's right. SOURCE was flying over open country in a northeast direction. SOURCE was looking in a northeast direction when he first saw and last saw the object.

3. SOURCE could hear no sound from the object and the color was bright and silvery. Edges of the object looked like a bright star. SOURCE did not observe the object make any apparent motion.

4. SOURCE could not estimate the real size of the object but compared it with a star as a common object. Estimated the size to be that of a pea held at arms length.

5. This was the first time SOURCE had ever seen an object such as this. SOURCE could not determine the speed or distance of the object. SOURCE observed object thru sunglasses and the windshield of the aircraft.

6. SOURCE was flying at 30,000 ft when object was first sighted. Object disappeared when SOURCE descended thru cloud cover for landing at Bol ing AFB.

7. SOURCE stated that the object could possibly have been a very near star, very luminous and appeared as a star; or it was caused by phenomena of atmosphere which enabled him to see object clearly or a star out of its orbit.

2 Incls: 1. Statement by SOURCE. 2. SOURCE'S Memory Sketch

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Statement of Capt Billy Joe Ellis

STATEMENT

I was in a flight of five 5 (5) F-34F's enroute to Bolling AFB from Eglin AFB. Flight was conducted VFR at 30,000 ft about 80 nautical miles SSW of Winston Salem when the object was first sighted. I did not see it until past Winston Salem because I was on a different radio channel making a position report. I saw this object, which, was very bright, and silvery and lost sight of it during the descent to Bolling AFB. Reported sighting to Base Operations Officer, Major George Taylor at Bolling AFB.

/s/ Billy J Ellis
Capt USAF

STATEMENT

TRUE COPY:



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2/Lt USAF

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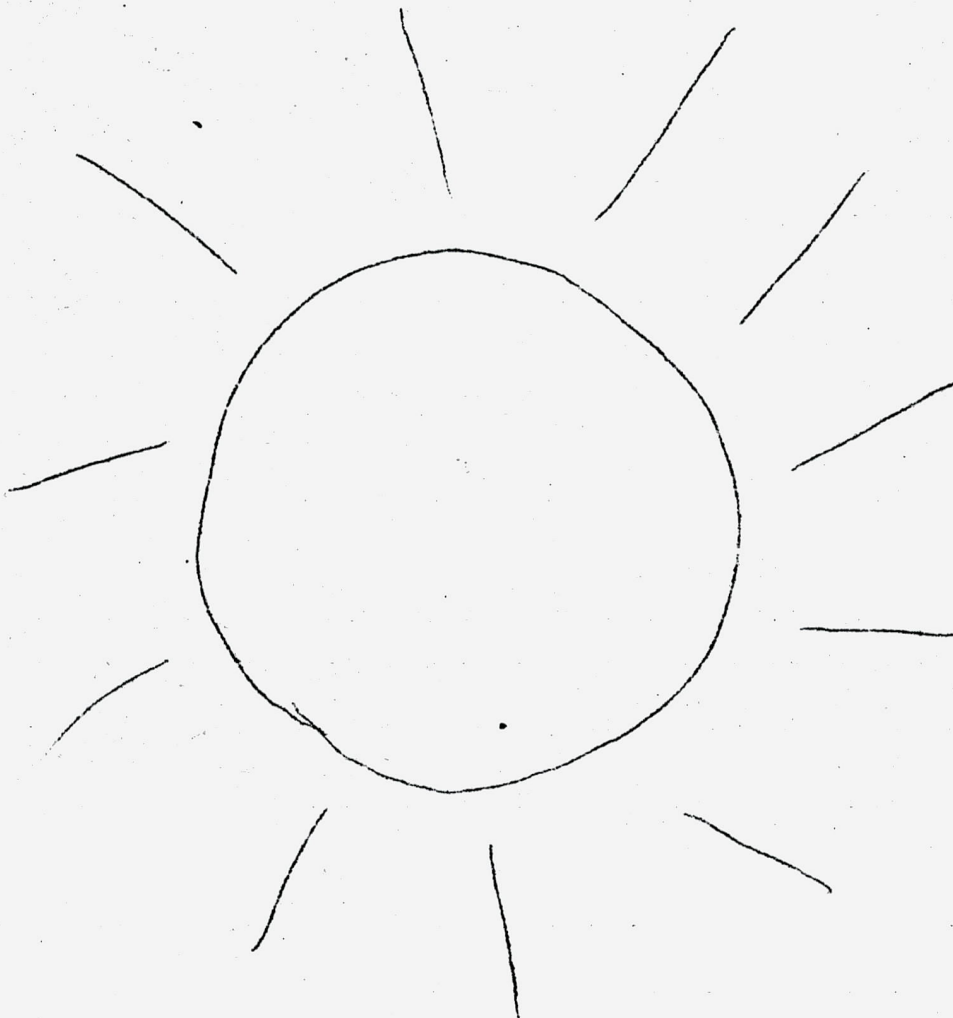
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SOURCE's Memory Sketch of Object



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I. SOURCE: Robert Dale Anderson, 1/Lt USAF

AGE: 26

DUTIES: Fighter Pilot with USAF Thunderbirds.

EDUCATION: 3 yrs college and pilot training

STATION: 3600th Air Demonstration Flt,
Luke AFB, Ariz

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE was a young man of average build. He appeared to be of [REDACTED] He gave each question asked by the investigator, careful thought and was sure of his answers. The investigator considered the information of the SOURCE to be reliable.

III. SOURCE's Description of the Object:

1. SOURCE was piloting an F-84F at an altitude of 30,000 ft, clear sky, bright sunlight, weather: dry, temperature: -30 deg C. SOURCE's attention was directed to object by another member of the flight. Object was observed for approximately 30 minutes.

2. SOURCE was flying over open country and observed the object for the first time when he looked in an Northeast direction. Object last seen in the same direction. SOURCE was wearing sunglasses and observed object thru the windshield of his aircraft. No apparent motion observed. Object appeared brighter than background of sky and was very sharply outlined.

3. This was the first time SOURCE had ever seen an object like this and estimated the size to be such as a dime held at arms length. No apparent speed to the object and the distance from SOURCE to object could not be estimated. Object appeared to be silvery white in color.

4. SOURCE lost sight of object as the flight let-down from 30,000 ft thru cloud cover in preparation for landing at Bolling AFB.

5. SOURCE states that the object could be compared to a pearl approximately 12 feet in diameter suspended in the sky. Could have been a star, visible due to the existing light conditions.

2 Incls:

1. Statement by SOURCE
2. SOURCE'S Memory Sketch

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Incl #1. PART TWO, Rept 1D-UFOB-1
Statement of 1/Lt Robert D, Anderson

STATEMENT

I was flying from Eglin AFB, direct to Bolling AFB and at 30,000 ft and object was called out by Lt Pogue. (We had a flight of five (5) F-34F's). Within 10 minutes all of us picked out the object. (It was sighted about 80 nautical miles SW of Winston Salem) (Approximately 9:10 CDST) It had no apparent movement and we saw it until we let-down at Washington.

/s/ ROBERT D ANDERSON
1st Lt USAF

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SOURCE's Memory Sketch of Object

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I. SOURCE: William R Pogue, 1st Lt, USAF

AGE: 26

DUTIES: Fighter Pilot

EDUCATION: College Graduate (BS Math)

STATION: 3600th Air Demonstration
Flt, Luke AFB, Arizona

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE was a young man of average build. He was quiet and very serious. He seemed to be of [REDACTED]. He took a great deal of time to answer the questions put to him by the investigator and he was explicit in his answers. The information received from the SOURCE is considered reliable in the opinion of the investigator.

III. SOURCE's Description of the Object:

1. SOURCE was piloting and F-34F at an altitude of 30,000 ft, flying over open country, clear sky, wind direction: SSW 30-50 kts, temperature: cold. Object observed thru sunglasses and windshield of aircraft for a period of 30 minutes.

2. Object appeared to be a solid and appeared on SOURCE's right. Object was brighter than the background of sky and similar in brilliance to a sunlint. SOURCE was looking in a northeast direction when object appeared and when SOURCE last observed object.

3. Bearings from true North when first observed 50 deg and 30 deg from horizon. Object bearing same when last observed.

4. This was the first time SOURCE had ever observed an object such as this and estimated the size to be that of a pin head held at arms length. Very sharply outlined. Real size or distance of object could not be determined. SOURCE states that object appeared to be metallic or highly reflective substance spherical in shape. Comparable to a large balloon with metallic finish.

5. SOURCE states that he thinks the object was a heavenly body reflecting light. Cause: a balloon could have been stabilized in position for a period of time and would have had to be at a great distance and altitude to maintain its relative stable position.

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1. Statement by SOURCE
2. SOURCE's Memory Sketch

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Statement by Lt William R Pogue

STATEMENT

During a cross-country flight from Eglin AFB to Bolling AFB, I sighted an object at about 2:00 o'clock position. We had been airborne approximately 40 minutes and were cruising at 35,000 ft, IAS 500. After first sighting the object, I made sure it was not a refractive glint from the canopy and then called it out to leader. I had some difficulty in properly describing its position so the leader could see but in a few minutes the rest of the flight was able to spot it also. It was relatively very small, held a constant position, was circular or spherical and fully brilliant over its surface, although the sun's rays could not have fully covered the surface of the object which we were observing. This led me to believe it was (1) At extreme distance so that any illuminated source as small as it was would appear round and (2) A transparent object i.e. Balloon, which would appear fully lighted.

/s/ William R Pogue
1st Lt USAF

STATEMENT

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2nd Lt USAF

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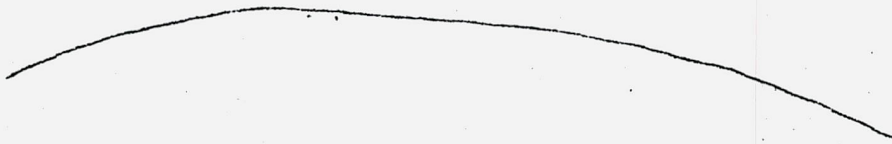
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COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

None

COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

1. It is the opinion of this headquarters that this sighting was caused by the planet Venus for the following reasons:

a. At the time of the sighting the planet Venus, which was visible during daylight hours in May 1956, was at approximately the same position as the object.

b. The object was described by all observers as being like a bright star. One observer stated that he felt the sighting was caused by a "heavenly body reflecting light".

c. Although the observers' aircraft traveled many miles during the sighting the object remained stationary, indicating that the object was at a great distance from the observers.

d. Winds aloft at the time of the sighting coupled with the distance traveled by the observers' aircraft would preclude the possibility of a balloon.

e. In a telephone conversation with this headquarters Major J. Broughton, Flight Leader of the Thunderbirds and an observer of the object in question, stated that from past experience this sighting was not caused by a balloon but felt that it could have been caused by a bright star or planet.

[Signature]

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 ____ Month ____ Year

2. Time of day: ____ 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: _____

5. Estimate how long you saw the object. ____ 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?:

(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 _____

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 _____

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.

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? _____

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.

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?

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).

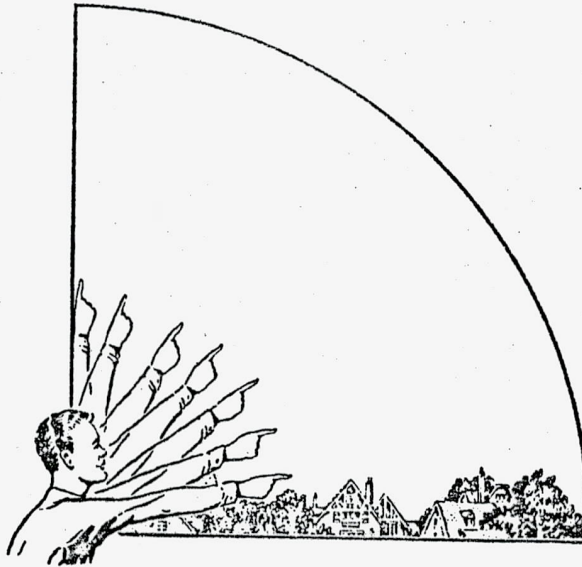
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North _____ degrees.
- b. From horizon _____ degrees.

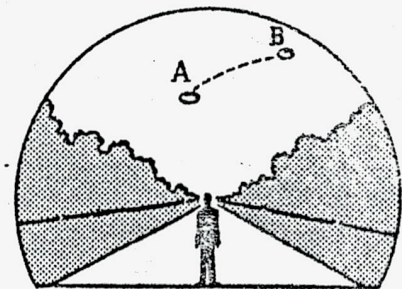
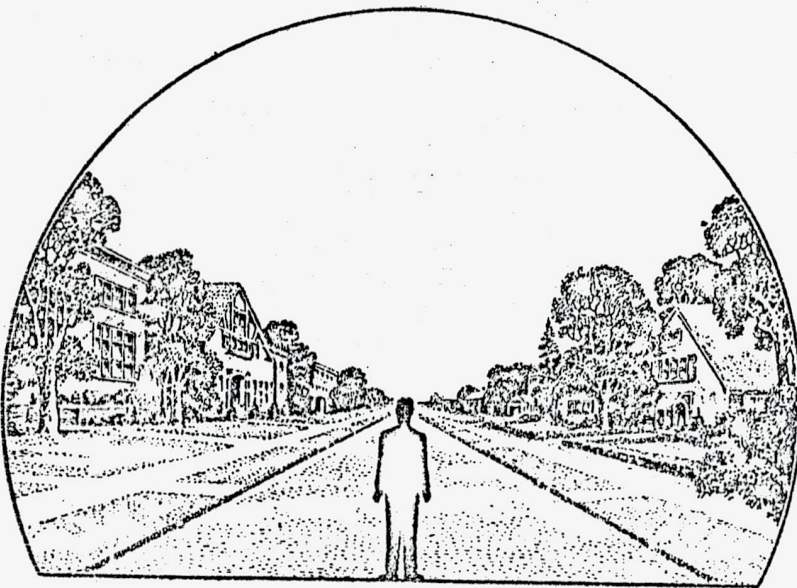
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North _____ degrees.
- b. From horizon _____ 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?

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:

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?

(Circle One) Yes No

(Circle One) Yes No

NAME _____
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS _____
Street
City
Zone
State

What is your present job? _____

Age _____ Sex _____

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 _____
(Type) _____

f. Other special training _____

42. Date you completed this questionnaire: _____
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)

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

(Do Not Write in This Space)

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