

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>11 Jun 52</u>		2. LOCATION <u>Chicago, Illinois</u>		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☒ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>0644</u> GMT <u>1144</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE <u>Civilian</u>			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>30-45 seconds</u>		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>2</u>		9. COURSE <u>NE</u>	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING <u>Dark blue, grey center. Globular. Flow in trail.</u>				11. COMMENTS	

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT
FLYOB RPT

AREA REPORTED ON
Chicago, Illinois

FROM (Agency)
Hq 4706th Defense Wing

DATE OF REPORT
21 July 52

DATE OF INFORMATION
11 June 1952

EVALUATION
F-6

PREPARED BY (Officer)
Capt. Neil M. MacLachlan, USAF

SOURCE
Telephone Call

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)
INTEL MSG 10217 FLYOB RPT 10/0505Z Jul

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.)

Two globular dark blue objects appearing six inches in diameter, with gray centers, observed in trail at estimated 500 MPH at estimated six angles over NW Chicago. Number two assumed lead, passing number one to left before disappearing to North-east. Observer was emphatic that objects were not conventional aircraft, and wrote down his observations as to speed, maneuvers, weather, size and distance, although his report was not made to Air Force until after a "Flying Saucer" newspaper story appeared in Chicago papers.

This report is forwarded in compliance with AFL 200-5, dated 20 April 1952.

Neil M MacLachlan
NEIL M. MacLACHLAN
Captain, USAF
Intelligence Officer

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This report is forwarded in compliance with AFL 200-5 dated 20 April 1952.

1. Two globular objects, dark blue with grey centers, appearing six inches in diameter, at estimated 6000 feet, were observed in hazy outline without visible trail or sound. Objects passed in trail from Southwest to Northeast at estimated 500 miles per hour. Number two assumed lead after passing number one to left before disappearing.

2. Date and time of sighting: 0644 CDST (1144Z) 11 June 1952. Sighting lasted for 30 to 45 seconds.

3. Observation was visual from surface.

4. Observation was made from out-of-doors in North-west Chicago, seven miles east of O'Hare International Airport. Objects were overhead and passed from Southwest to Northeast just in or below broken clouds at 6000 feet.

5. Observer, Mr. [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois delayed his report until newspaper article on "Flying Saucers" prompted him to telephone. His description of weather tallied exactly with forecasters report for period of sighting. He appeared to have had experience in judging altitudes and speeds of aircraft.

6. Weather at time of sighting: Scattered clouds at 6000 feet, broken ceiling at 12000 feet, overcast at 25000 feet with visibility 15 miles.

The winds aloft were: S 140/09, 50 240/12, 10 290/29 15 280/35, 20 310/35, 25 310/55.

7. There is no known condition or activity which could account for the sighting.

8. No photographs were known to have been taken.

9. No interception action was taken.

10. Air traffic is unknown.

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PAREN ONE PAREN TWO GLOBULAR OBJ APPEARING SIX INCH DIAM CMA EST 6000 FT
CMA DARK BLUE WITH GREY CENTER CMA IN HAZY OUTLINE WITHOUT VISIBLE TRAIL
CMA PRPLN OR SOUND MOVED IN TRAIL FR SW TO NE AT EST 500 MPH PD NO TWO
ASSUMED LEAD PASSING NO ONE TO LEFT BEFORE DISAPPEARING PD PAREN TWO
PAREN 0644 HRS CDST 11 JUN 52 PD PAREN THREE PAREN VISUAL FR SURFACE PD
PAREN FOUR PAREN SEVEN MILES EAST OHARE FLD IN NW CHICAGO PD PAREN FIVE
PAREN CIV OBSR STATED OBJS DEFINITELY NOT CONVENTIONAL ACFT SMCLN HIS WX
DESCRIPTION TALLIED EXACTLY AND WAS SPECIFIC AS TO TIME PD PAREN SIX
PAREN 6000 SCATTERED EST 12000 BROKEN CMA 25000 BROKEN CMA NE THREE CMA
THUNDER AND LIGHTNING TO WEST AND SW AT 0730 HRS PD

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PAREN SEVEN THRU NINE PAREN NEG PD

PAREN TEN PAREN UNK PD

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8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 9. COURSE

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11. COMMENTS

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10. *Proton, A. 10.*

Prepared by J. R. Smith

C. J. ASHBY, JR.

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2. Other

D. Indefinite Date for Eviction

20 Unknown

12 June 52
Ft Smith
Arkansas
4 June 1968

T33's that were flying in the immediate vicinity of the observers. To have such apparent motion the piball balloon would have to be very close by, at which time it would have been recognized as such, and even then could hardly have flown directly against a surface wind of 25 miles per hour.

Proper interrogation by competent persons at the time might have cleared up the situation. As it is, the only logical evaluation is "unidentified".

6. 12 June 1952, Ft. Smith, Arkansas.

Agree with present evaluation, "unidentified", and classed as $\Sigma 3$ C7. Sighting can have a rational explanation if there were extremely high-flying jets in 1952. Observation took place near sundown at which time the jet might be brilliantly reflecting sunlight and the contrail likewise. It would appear odd that a lieutenant colonel and a major both observing with binoculars for 10 to 15 minutes would not have identified a high-flying jet in that interval of time. Were there very high flying jets in 1952? There could have been better followup in this case also.

7. 13 June 1952, Middletown, Pennsylvania

I give this single-witness case a $\Sigma 3$, C4. The witness had the good sense to hold a penny out at arm's length to judge the size and noted that it was slightly smaller than the penny. This means that the object was larger by about a factor of two, than the full moon.

This could have been a balloon on its way down. No upward motion was detected only downward and horizontal. Although the man had experience as a control tower operator, his statement that he has "some knowledge of astrology" and that he thought it was an exploded star does not rate him high in my book as a competent witness. I believe insufficient information would be a better classification than unknown in this case.

8. 23 June 1952, Iowa.

I do not have in my files.

9. 26/27 June 1952, Michigan,

I do not have in my files.

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Office of the AC of S, G2

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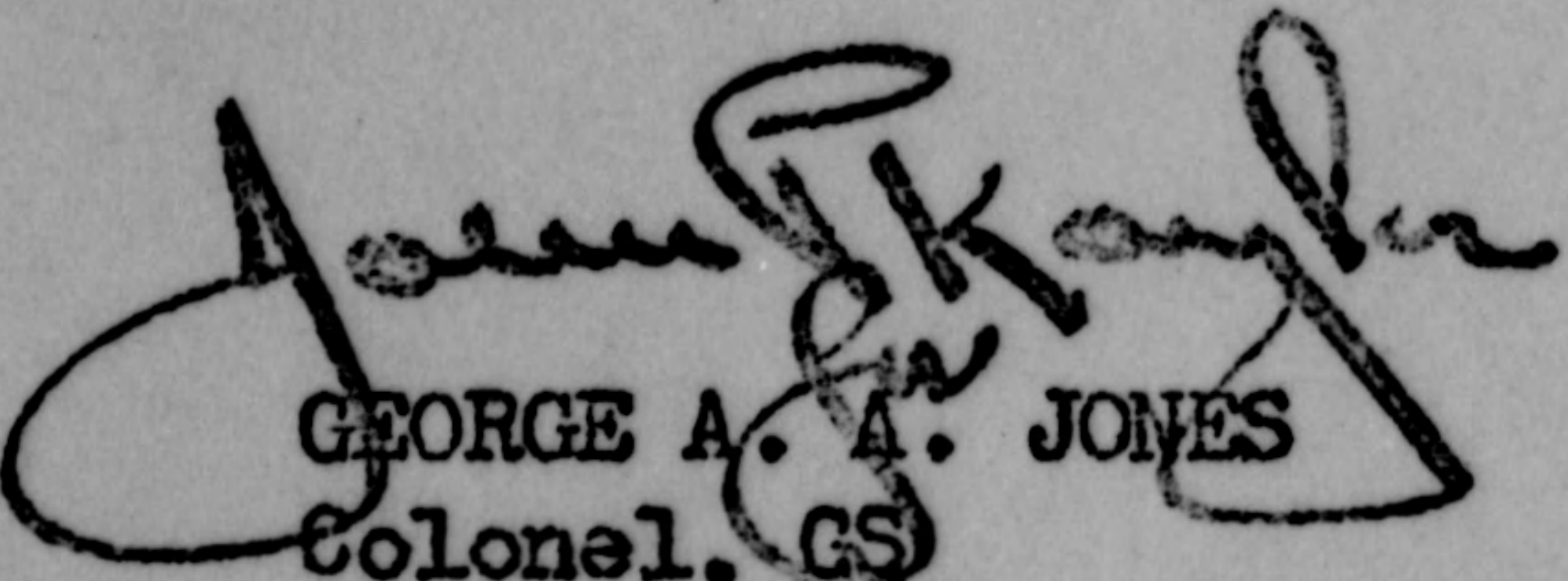
SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIS

Attached for your information are reports on unidentified aerial phenomena forwarded to this office by the AC of S, G2, Headquarters Fifth Armored Division, Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, with substantiating statements.

4 Incls

1. TWX, AKDCH-DB 6-142
132300Z Jun 52
2. Ltr, AKDCH-DB 350.09
Hq 5th Armd Div, 16 Jun 52
3. Statement: LtCol W.L.
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4. Statement: Maj K.W. Wash-
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TWO OFFICERS THIS COMMAND OBSERVED STRANGE PHENOMENA
JUST PRIOR TO SUNDOWN ONE TWO JUNE ONE NINE FIVE TWO IN SKY
NORTH OF FORT SMITH CMM ARKANSAS PD PRELIMINARY REPORTS INDICATE
OBJECT OBSERVED WAS A GLOWING BALL WITH A LONG GLOWING TAIL PD
RATE OF MOVEMENT FROM EAST TO WEST BELIEVED MUCH SLOWER THAN A
METEOR PD COMPLETE WRITTEN REPORT WILL FOLLOW

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HEADQUARTERS 5TH ARMORED DIVISION
CAMP CHAFFEE, ARKANSAS
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff G2

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AKDCH-DB 350.09

16 June 1952

SUBJECT: Unusual Incident

TO: Commanding General
Fourth Army
Fort Sam Houston, Texas
ATTN: AC of S, G2

1. In compliance with par 6a, ltr AG 350.09, AKADB-I, subject, Intelligence Activities, Headquarters Fourth Army, dated 2 February 1951, the following information is submitted in addition to our TWX AKDCH-DB 6-142.
2. Attached hereto as inclosure number 1 is a verbatim transcript of statements made by [REDACTED] Executive Officer of Hq & Hq Btry, Division Artillery, 5th Armored Division.
3. Attached hereto as inclosure number 2 is a resume of statements made to the undersigned by [REDACTED], Assistant Chief of Staff, G1, this headquarters.
4. Both officers had extreme difficulty in describing in words what they actually saw. Both are definitely of the opinion that the object was not a celestial body and that it was caused by "man-made" forces.
5. From my personal observation of the thermite lighting devices used by the 9th Air Force on Operation Long Horn, the object described by these two officers would not appear to resemble any experiment with this new type lighting device. There may be other experiments being conducted similar to thermite night lighting that might possibly explain the occurrence on the evening of 12 June 1952. If such experiments are being conducted they are unknown to personnel of this office.
6. If additional information is desired, this office will attempt to secure it for you.

Eugene H. Manley

EUGENE H. MANLEY

Lt Col GS
AC of S, G2

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The following information was received from [REDACTED], Executive Officer of Hq & Hq Btry, Division Artillery, this station, on 14 June 1952:

"On Thursday, 12 June 1952, I was preparing to depart from my residence at 4323 North "N" Street, Fort Smith, Arkansas when I observed an object in the northern sky, this was at about 1930 hours. The object was travelling generally in a western direction and when I first discovered it, it was almost due north of my position. It was at an angle of approximately 30 degrees above the horizon and appeared to maintain a constant altitude during the time I was observing it. The object resembled a meteor, in that it appeared to have a glowing or firey head and a long well defined tail of smoke or vapor. The weather was clear, the visibility was unlimited, there were no clouds in the area and it was still broad day-light, although the sun was setting. There were no aircraft or other distructing influences in the sky during the period of observation. I observed the object with a naked eye for approximately one (1) minute and then procured a pair of binoculars and observed it for two or three minutes, at that time I went to the residence of [REDACTED] the Assistant Chief of Staff, G1, this headquarters, who lives only two doors from me at 4209 North "N" Street. [REDACTED] likewise procured a pair of binoculars and he and I watched the object for approximately 10 to 15 minutes until it finally disappeared in the western sky. The object either moved at a slow speed or was at a considerable distance from us, because the motion of the object was not apparent to the naked eye, however through binoculars and with reference to a stationary object, such as a telephone wire, motion could be observed, although insufficient factors were present to make a calculation of distance impossible. It was my impression that the object was at a considerable distance and that it was moving at a high rate of speed. This is believed

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so, because of the fact that a certain amount of speed would be necessary to sustain flight and the fact that even though such speed would be necessary it was not apparent to the observer and indicated a considerable range. I would estimate, purely as a guess, that when I first saw the object it was from 15 to 25 miles distance and that it diminished and must have been at a much greater distance, perhaps 100 to 200 miles. The object, itself, had a very definite luminous appearance as far as the head was concerned, and the tail remained constant in size and appearance during the entire flight. The tail would appear to shorten as the object proceeded but this is believed due to the fact that the object was receding from the observer. The course appeared to be a constant one with no variations of any kind, although I have never observed any object which resembled this one to any degree, it is my impression and is unlikely that it was a meteorite or some such celestial body because of the extended time the object remained in the air and of the deliberate manner in which it proceeded. My observation of meteorites has been that they burn out in a matter of seconds, on the other hand I have never seen any man-made craft which in any way resembled this particular object, although I understand that some of the experimental air craft which used a thermite lighting apparatus for reconnaissance purposes may resemble such an object in the appearance. I am certain that the smoke trailing the object was not the vapor trails that are sometimes seen at high altitude, because I have seen those on several occasions and there appears to be no such resemblance. The tail of the object had a distinct choppy and broken appearance toward the rear end, as if the tail were composed of some light substance, it broke up and disappeared as the object passed on. The head of the body was a pale orange, the tail as I recall was of a rosy or orange color, perhaps becoming paler towards the rear of the tail. It is possible that the coloring of the object and its tail could have been

caused by a reflection from the setting sun but it was evident that the head of the object was much brighter than the remainder of it. The object was very easily visible and I was able to follow it in its entirety through my field glasses at all stages of its flight. My glasses are 6 power (6 x 30) and the glasses that [REDACTED] were somewhat stronger, they were 7 power. I don't recall the angle. The course followed by the object apparently was not perpendicular to our line of vision. It appeared to be following a course slightly west of northwest, this accounted for the fact that the object looked much larger when I first saw it than it is later on. The only witnesses other than [REDACTED] and myself, that I know of, were our wives, who did not pay much attention to the object, and neighbor-hood children who would not be able to give any clear description."

The following information was received from [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] S, Assistant Chief of Staff, G1, this headquarters on
14 June 1952:

About darkness on Thursday, 12 June 1952, [REDACTED] called his attention to an object in the sky at approximately 1930 or 1940 hours. At that time he was watering the shrubbery at his home, 4209 North "N" St, Fort Smith, Arkansas. He first noticed the object when it was generally west of northwest and travelling in a generally western direction. He estimated that the speed was about 40 degrees above the horizon. The object was of a slender formation with a head and a long tail that appeared to rise slightly from the head. The head was a light orange color which seemed to glow, and the tail was lighter in color, but about the color of a candle light. The object did not exactly glow because there was no glare, but it had an even orange color. It is estimated that the object was approximately one-quarter of a mile long and approximately twenty to thirty miles from the observer. There was no fuzz from the object and it seemed to maintain its shape, which was generally a straight, smooth form but it appeared to break up a little at the end. It did not appear to dissipate into smoke or clouds. The object was observed for a period of time (from 10 to 15 minutes) until it disappeared below the horizon to the west. The object was viewed through a pair of German Field glasses 7 x 50 and the color appeared a little deeper in view than when observed by the naked eye. All of the object could be seen with the field glasses and it would appear to be about one-half the thickness of a pencil. There did not appear to be any definite enlargement of the head. There were no clouds in the sky and the object was estimated to be moving very rapidly.

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Lt Col GS
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| DATE OF REPORT | 4 August 1952 | DATE OF INFORMATION | 12 June 1952 |
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An unidentified flying object was reported observed on radar equipment at the RBS site at Marrakech, Morocco (French Zone). This report was not electrically transmitted due to the untimeliness of the report reaching this Headquarters. However, in compliance with AFL 200-5 (Short Title: FLYORRPT) and in view of an intelligence report (IR 5-31C-6) submitted by this Headquarters 26 July 1952, it is believed this written report will be of value to interested agencies. The Preparing Officer interviewed [redacted], Radar Maintenance, at the Marrakech RBS site.

COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

[redacted] a Radar Mechanic with four (4) years experience. With T/Sgt Adams in the Control Room at the time of the sighting were [redacted] controller; [redacted] plotter; A/1c [redacted] plotter; and [redacted] operator.

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The following report of an unidentified flying object was given to the Preparing Officer by T/Sgt Harold D. Adams on 4 August 1952.

An unidentified flying object was observed on the radar screen at the Marrakech RBS site (31° 36' 34" N - 8° 1' 21" W) 12 June 1952 at 1126 hours. The type of radar equipment used at the site is SCR-584 (modified) and was in operation 12 June 1952 between 1000 and 1400 hours. Aerial object observed was above 60,000 feet and the air speed was calibrated at 652 knots. The compass heading was 180°; then changed to approximately 165°. VFR conditions existed at the time of sighting, but no other sightings were reported. The only other aerial activity reported in this area was a Navy aircraft flying towards the RBS site at 346 knots.

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
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~~Mr. [redacted]~~
~~[redacted]~~
Wichita 17, Kansas

Dear Mr. ~~[redacted]~~:

Your recent report of unidentified aerial phenomena has been received by the Air Technical Intelligence Center. Inclosed is a questionnaire, which, when completed by you and returned in the inclosed, self-addressed envelope, will aid in standardizing the data and will provide a complete record of the occurrence.

Your interest in reporting the matter and your public spirited desire to be of service are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Robert E. Kennedy
ROBERT E. KENNEDY
Major, USAF
Air Adjutant General

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TENTATIVE
OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE

SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: 12 JUNE 1952
Day Month Year

1.2 Time of Day: 4 10 A.M. or (P.M.) (Circle One)
Hrs. Min.

1.3 Time Zone: (Circle One):

- | | |
|---------------------|----------------|
| a. Eastern | d. Pacific |
| <u>(b.)</u> Central | e. Other _____ |
| c. Mountain | |

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving
(b.) Standard

1.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above question 1.2:

- | | |
|---------------------|------------------|
| <u>(a.)</u> Certain | c. Not very sure |
| b. Fairly certain | d. Just a guess |

2. Where were you when you saw the object:

MUNICIPAL AIRPORT WICHITA KANSAS
Postal Address City or Town State Country

Additional Remarks: AT DEPARTURE RAMP.

3. Where were you located when you saw the object:

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

3.1 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 <u>AT DEPARTURE + ARRIVAL RAMP</u> |

4. How did you happen to notice the object? WHILE SCANNING
NORTH AND EAST SKY, ~~WATCHING~~ WATCHING FOR
A TWA FLIGHT, WHICH WAS LATE.
5. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?
- 7 JULY 1952
 Day Month Year

SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? TALKING TO A
MR. ~~REDACTED~~, ASSOCIATED WITH BEECH AIRCRAFT.

- 6.1. What had you been doing for the 30 minutes before you saw the object?
 Try to list the activity or activities and the approximate amount
 of time spent on each.

MOSTLY WAITING AT TERMINAL AS FLIGHT
WAS ALMOST HOUR LATE. DUE AT 335 PM.
I WAS AT AIRPORT FROM 3.15 PM.

7. Were you moving at any time while you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes

or

No

IF you answered YES, then complete the following questions:

- 7.1 What direction were you moving?

(Circle One): a. North e. South
 b. Northeast f. Southwest
 c. East g. West
 d. Southeast h. Northwest

- 7.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

- 7.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One): Yes or No

8. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object?

(Circle One): a. North e. South
 b. Northeast f. Southwest
c. East g. West
 d. Southeast h. Northwest

8.1 What direction were you looking when the object disappeared?

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|----------------|--------------|
| a. North | e. South |
| b. Northeast | f. Southwest |
| <u>c. East</u> | g. West |
| d. Southeast | h. Northwest |

8.2 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above question and preceding question (8 and 8.1).

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| <u>a. Certain</u> | c. Not very sure |
| b. Fairly certain | d. Just a guess |

9. Were you wearing eye glasses when you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or No

10. How was the object seen?

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| a. Through window glass | e. Through theodolite |
| b. Through windshield | <u>f. Through sunglasses</u> |
| c. Through binoculars | g. Through open space |
| d. Through telescope | h. Other _____ |

11. What do you remember about the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

11.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

- a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds
- e. Don't remember

11.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

- a. Dry
- b. Fog, Mist, or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

11.2 WIND (Circle One)

- a. No wind
- b. Slight breeze
- c. Strong wind
- d. Don't remember

11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

- a. Cold
- b. Cool
- c. Warm
- d. Hot
- e. Don't remember

→ 25 MILES PER HR.

SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object?

| | | |
|-------|---------|---------|
| _____ | _____ | 30 - 40 |
| Hours | Minutes | Seconds |

(GLANCED AT WATCH, +

12.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 12:

- a. Certain c. Not very sure
b. Fairly sure d. Just a guess

13. Did the object look: (Circle One) Solid or Transparent

14. Did the object at any time:

(Circle One for each question)

- | | | | | |
|------|---|------------|-----------|-------------------|
| 14.1 | Change direction? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.2 | Change speed? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.3 | Change size? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.4 | Change color? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.5 | Break up into parts or explode? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.6 | Give off smoke? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.7 | Change brightness? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.8 | (Flicker) throb, or (WHEN LEAVING) pulsate? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.9 | Remain motionless? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |

15. Did the object give off a light? (Circle One): Yes No Don't know

15.1 IF you answered YES, what was the color of the light? _____

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

16.1 Sound NONE

16.2 Color WHITE & GLOBULAR WHEN FIRST SIGHTED

17. 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 they were traveling.

18. Did the object at any time:

18.1 Move behind something? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind.

18.2 Move in front of something? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved in front of.

18.3 Blend with the background? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

19. Which of the following objects is about the same actual size as the object you saw? (Circle One):

- a. Pea
- b. Baseball
- c. Basketball
- d. Bicycle wheel
- e. Office desk

- f. Automobile
- g. Small airplane
- h. Large airplane
- i. Dirigible
- j. Other _____

19.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 19.

- a. Certain
- b. Fairly certain

- c. Not very sure
- d. Uncertain

20. Try to tell the following things about the object:

20.1 How high above the earth was it? 5 to 7000 feet.

20.2 How far was it from you? _____ feet or 3 miles.

20.3 How fast was it going? 400 miles per hour.

20.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above questions:

- a. Certain
- b. Fairly certain

- c. Not very sure
- d. Just a guess

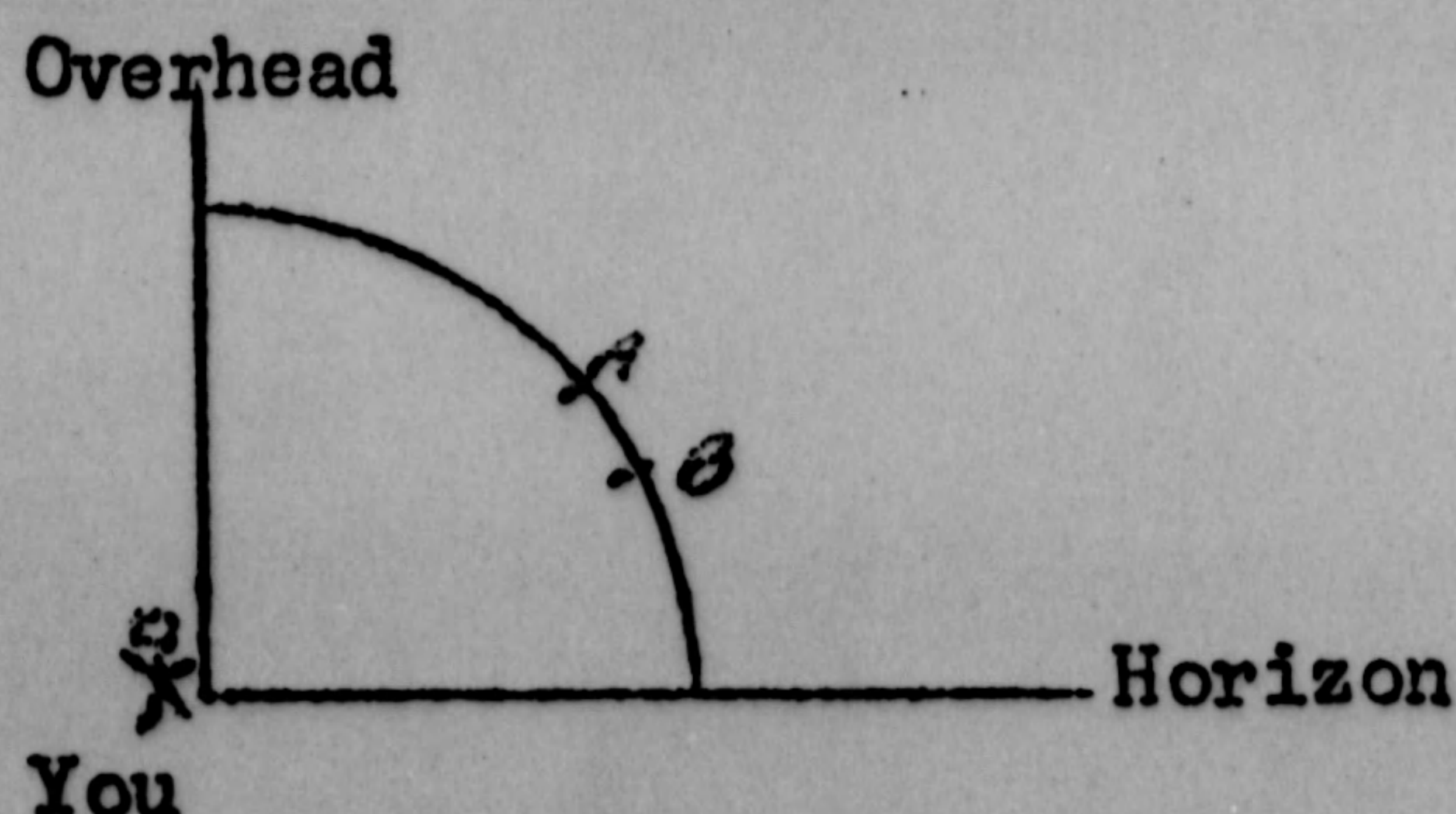
21. How did the object disappear from view?

(Circle One): a. Suddenly
b. Gradually

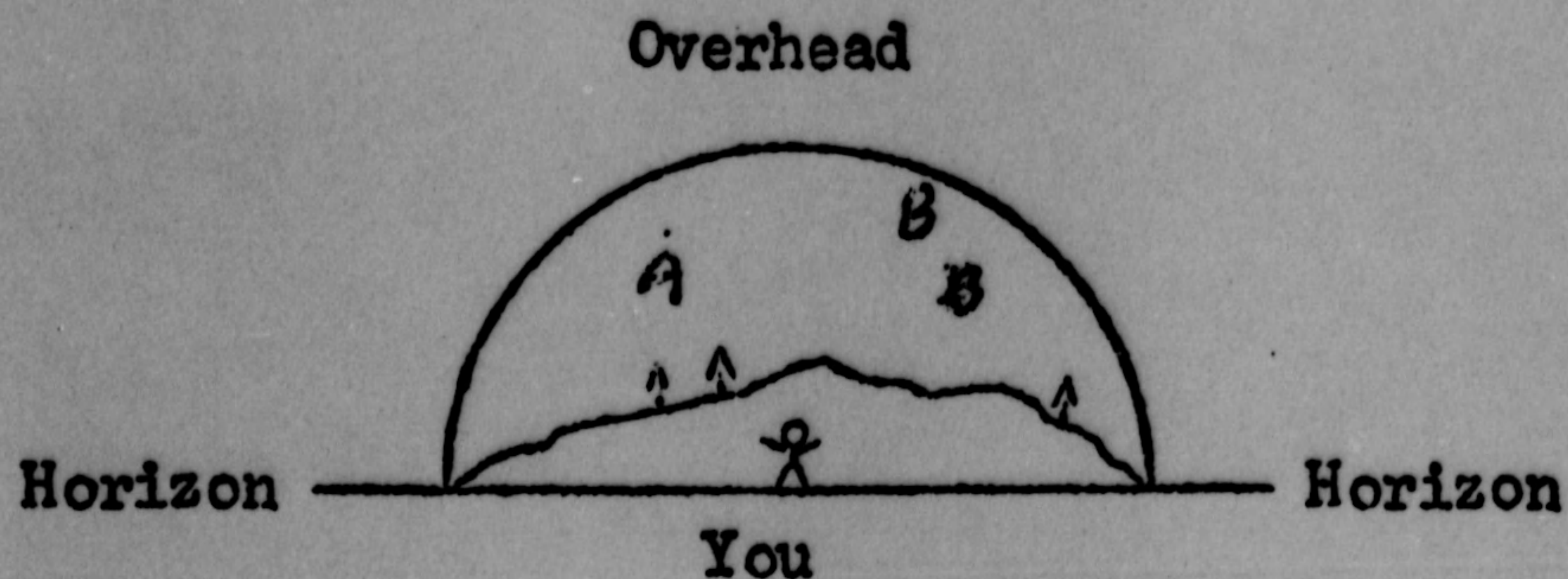
c. Other Flew away fairly fast
d. Don't remember

SECTION D

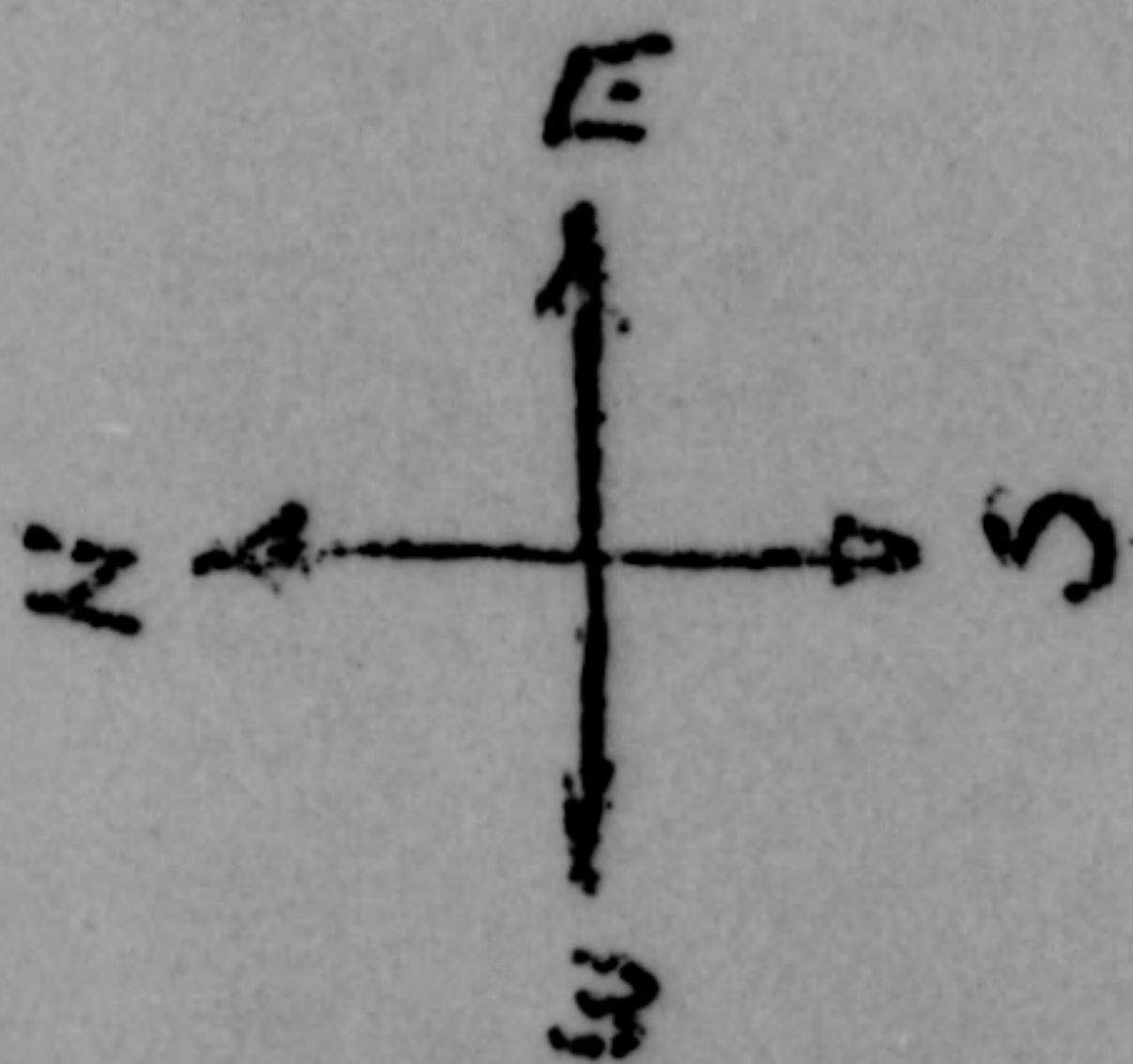
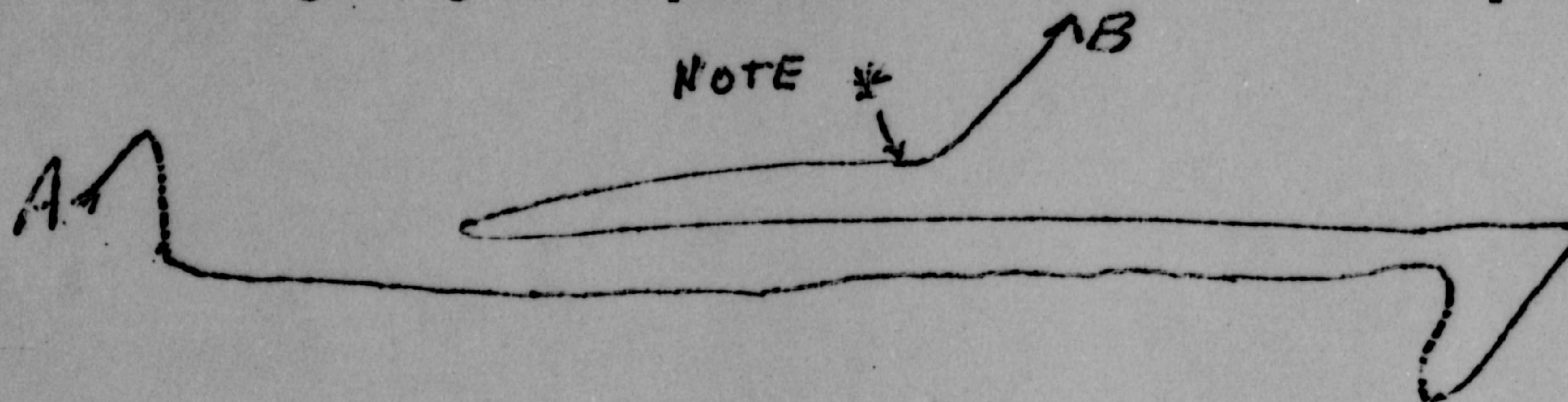
22. In the following sketch, imagine your eye at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you first saw it. Place a "B" to show where it was when you last saw it.



23. In the following 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.

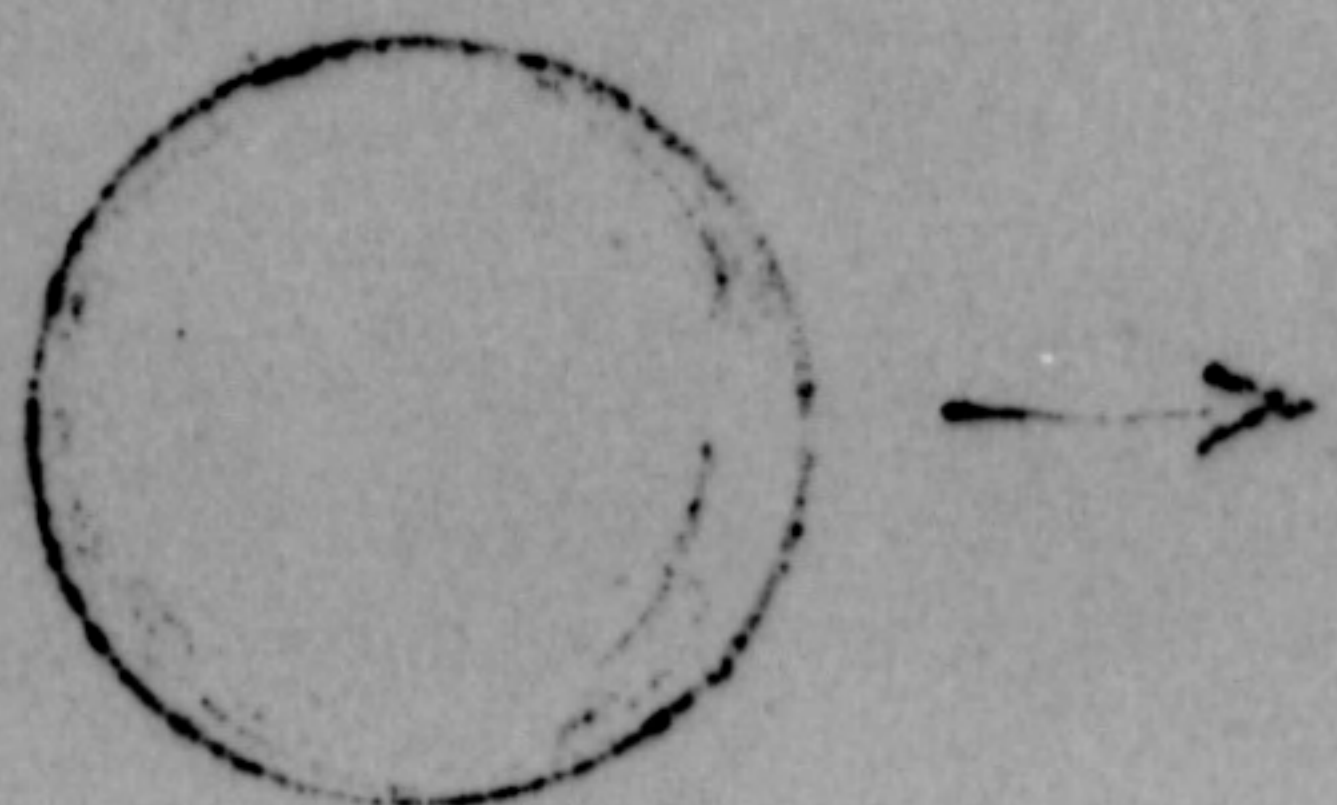


24. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object made. Place an "A" at the beginning of its path and a "B" at the end of its path.



WIND WAS 25 PER HR. FROM S.W.

25. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw and place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.



* NOTE: IN ABOVE ~~REF 24~~ (REF 24) PT. OF FLIGHT OBJECT CHANGED
~~REF~~ SHAPE & OUTLINES APPEARED VAGUE & SEEMED TO FLICKER,

AS WOULD A PROPELLER REVOLVING AT HIGH SPEED.
 THIS WHEN LEAVING ~~REF~~ AND HEADING DIRECT EAST

SECTION E

26. Was this the first time that you have seen an object like this?

(Circle One): Yes or No

26.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what conditions did you see other ones? _____

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

DO NOT KNOW

28. Give the following information about yourself:

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

ADDRESS [REDACTED] NICHITA 17 KANSAS
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

What is your present job? REPRESENTATIVE FOR BELL AIRCRAFT CORP

Age 35

Sex M/LE

29. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One): Yes or No

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

(Circle One): Yes or No

29.2 Please list their names and addresses:

M/R [REDACTED], WHO I BELIEVE IS ASSOCIATED WITH TRAINING DEPT, BEECH AIRCRAFT. (ONLY INTRODUCED OURSELVES WHILE WAITING FOR PLANE

30. Please add here any further comments which you believe are important.
Use additional sheets of the same size paper, if necessary.

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Wichita, Kansas

4 August 1952

Intelligence Section, 3520th Flying
Tng Sq., Wichita Muni Aprt, Wichita, Kansas

12 June 1952

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Major John J. Ford, Intelligence Officer [REDACTED], Bell Aircraft
Corporation's Resident Representative

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SUMMARY: On 12 June, 1952, Mr. [REDACTED] the source of this report, was standing at the passenger entrance gate south of the Municipal Airport Terminal. At 1610, [REDACTED] was waiting for a scheduled airliner which was then overdue. He noticed in the East a round white object hovering in the sky. The object remained almost motionless for 10-15 seconds, then moved southwest at a fast rate of speed. The object stopped, made several maneuvers, and reversed its field until it reached its original position, stopped and took off directly East at an estimated speed of 400 miles per hour. At this time the object appeared to change from a globular to a saucer shape. Mr. [REDACTED] the second observer says that the shape was not discernible, but that the object appeared to glint like metal. He describes numerous reversals of direction and says the object was moving faster than T-33's flying in the immediate vicinity of the observers. 2110Z

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Description of Object: Color white - round globular appearing object. Diameter approximately 30 feet. Object hovered for about a period of 10 or 15 seconds. Suddenly object moved across the sky at a fairly fast rate of speed in a southwesterly direction. It stopped suddenly, hovered for a moment, then went thru a series of maneuvers, gained altitude, flashed down, and then flew back into its original point where first sighted. No noise, trails, or exhaust were apparent to the observer. Impression of speed 400 miles per hour or faster. Altitude 500 feet, distance two to three miles.

Time of Sighting: Object sighted at 1610. Entire observation took about 30 to 40 seconds.

Manner of Observation: Visually from the ground. No optical or electronic equipment used.

Location of Observer: The observers were located at 37°33'N - 97°16'W. Altitude of object approximately 500 feet, distance 2 to 3 miles and headed in a southwesterly direction.

Identifying Information of Observer: One of the observers is associated with the Beech Aircraft Corporation, in the Training Department. The second observer is the Bell Aircraft Corporation's Resident Representative at the Boeing Airplane Company, Wichita, Kansas.

Atmospheric Conditions: Sky clear, no cloud formations, wind velocity 25 miles per hour from southwest (observer checked this by car radio which was close at hand)

Metacological Conditions: None

Existence of Physical Evidence: None

Interception or Identification Action Taken: None

Location of Air Traffic in General Area: Two T-33 aircraft were noted by the observers, one flying south, and another some distance away in the northern part of the sky, but neither near the object.

This report was not sent by electrical means since too much time had elapsed between the sighting and the receipt of the report by this office.

COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

The local Weather Bureau reported at 1612 that cloud cover was scattered with tops at 18,000 feet, wind SSW at 24 knots with gusts to 29 knots, altimeter 0977, temperature 91°, Dew point 70. Both observers are employed in the aircraft industry. It seems probable that they did see some airborne object which behaved erratically, but which could have been a T-33 practicing acrobatics, although it is the opinion of both observers that the maneuvers were much too abrupt for a T-33.

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*12 June 52
Wichita, Kansas*
4 June 1968

Should the files of Blue Book ever be thoroughly examined by competent scientists, this incorrect statistical procedure will surely be pointed out as being most unscientific. Though more cumbersome, the proper thing to do is, of course, to carry in the statistical records the number of, let us say, aircraft, probable aircraft, and possible aircraft cases as separate entries.

4. 5 June 1952, Lubbock, Texas.

Properly classed as unknown. It would be straining things to call these possible aircraft in view of the experience and reliability of both observers. I feel, however, much more information could have been extracted from the original observers. For instance, what did they mean by "lights appeared to be spherical and six inches in diameter?" They estimated the objects to be 40,000 feet high. Did they mean six inches at arm's length, etc? Very obvious information bits have been repeatedly overlooked in these cases. It is obviously too late to go back for this information in 1952 cases, etc., but in view of the continued interest in the UFO phenomenon in this and other countries, it behooves us to correct the mistakes of the past in the investigation of the truly puzzling cases of the present. The great handicap that Project Blue Book works under arises not only from lack of staff in Dayton, but far more importantly, in the gross lack of support at the originating airbases. Also, what is meant by "two objects were approximately 100 yards apart?" At 40,000 feet, this would mean a subtended angle of approximately one-half degree. Things like this could have been checked out by an intelligent interrogation officer.

5. 12 June 1952, Wichita, Kansas.

EC 06. The past evaluation, "probably balloon" has a low probability, even though a pi-ball was reportedly launched 10 minutes earlier in that general area. There were two witnesses and with the wind 25 miles per hour from the southwest it is unlikely that a balloon could perform the maneuvers as reported. It was stated that the object remained almost motionless for 10 to 15 seconds then moved southwest at a fast rate (against the wind) whereupon it stopped, made several maneuvers, reversed its field until it reached its original position, stopped and took off directly east at an estimated speed of 400 miles per hour, at which time the object changed from globular to saucer-shaped. Observers stated that the object was moving faster than

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T33's that were flying in the immediate vicinity of the observers. To have such apparent motion the piball balloon would have to be very close by, at which time it would have been recognized as such, and even then could hardly have flown directly against a surface wind of 25 miles per hour.

Proper interrogation by competent persons at the time might have cleared up the situation. As it is, the only logical evaluation is "unidentified".

6. 12 June 1952, Ft. Smith, Arkansas.

Agree with present evaluation, "unidentified", and classed as E3 C7. Sighting can have a rational explanation if there were extremely high-flying jets in 1952. Observation took place near sundown at which time the jet might be brilliantly reflecting sunlight and the contrail likewise. It would appear odd that a lieutenant colonel and a major both observing with binoculars for 10 to 15 minutes would not have identified a high-flying jet in that interval of time. Were there very high flying jets in 1952? There would have been better followup in this case also.

7. 13 June 1952, Middletown, Pennsylvania

I give this single-witness case a E3, C4. The witness had the good sense to hold a penny out at arm's length to judge the size and noted that it was slightly smaller than the penny. This means that the object was larger by about a factor of two, than the full moon.

This could have been a balloon on its way down. No upward motion was detected only downward and horizontal. Although the man had experience as a control tower operator, his statement that he has "some knowledge of astrology" and that he thought it was an exploded star does not rate him high in my book as a competent witness. I believe insufficient information would be a better classification than unknown in this case.

8. 23 June 1952, Iowa.

I do not have in my files.

9. 24/27 June 1952, Michigan,

I do not have in my files.