PROJECT 1001 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 1[illegible] 54	2. LOCATION RAPID CITY AFB S D	10. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation XXX Unknown
3. TIME OF OBSERVATION 17/2100 MST 18/0500 Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION XXX Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Airborne-Radar	
☐ Yes XXX No	5. SOURCE Airman	
6. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5-6 sec	7. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 12-14	8. COURSE
9. [illegible] OF LIGHTING	11. COMMENTS	

[illegible] observed 12-14 objects in two V formations. Seen from car at drive-in movie.

1. Reports similar to these have turned out to be ducks.

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SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Transmittal of AF Form 112 (Flying Object Report)

17 July 52
Rapid City, S.D.
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TO : Chief,
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
Attn: ATIAA-2c

Attached is one (1) copy AF Form 112, Air Intelligence Information Report, in compliance with Air Force Letter 200-5, dated 29 April 1952.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

RAY P. STEWART
Major, USAF
Asst Adj Gen

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USA IR-73-52

FLYOBJECT UNCLASSIFIED

3½ miles east of Rapid City, S Dak 28th Strat Rcn Wing Hvy

18 July 1952 18 July 1952 D-2

GEORGE W. MAKEOVICH, Lt. Col. USAF M/Sgt 28th Armament and Electronics Sqdn.

M/Sgt [redacted] 28th Armament and Electronics Squadron, 28th SRW, RCAFB, Weaver, South Dakota observed 3½ miles east of Rapid City, 12 to 14 unidentified flying objects. Were visible in two (2) "V" formations.

(See text of report AF Form 112 Part II).

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28th Strat Ren Wg Hqy IR-73-52

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3. Were seen from a car, parked in drive-in theater. Windows of the car were down.

4. Three and one half miles east of Rapid City, S. Dakota. Objects were east of observer at about 5 miles, altitude between 12,000 to 15,000 feet, traveling in an easterly direction.

5. Observer is considered reliable; he has had previous experience as aircraft crew member and is presently working in Armament and Electronics. Observer was accompanied by a young lady who verifies seeing objects.

6. Weather was clear. No wind.

7. None

8. None

9. None

10. One C-47 aircraft was flying southwest, appeared to be in flight pattern for Rapid City Air Force Base.

GEORGE M. MARKOVICH
Lt. Col., USAF
Wing Intelligence Officer

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DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
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RED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
GEORGE M. MARKOVICH, Lt. Col. USAF	1/Sgt 28th Armament and Electronics Sqdn.

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

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[illegible] officer [illegible] 6-week period.
[illegible] too brief to [illegible].

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TENTATIVE
OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE

SECTION A

17 Jul - 8 Aug 52
Washington, D.C.

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: ~~Thursday~~ (Day) July 17 (Month) 1952 (Year)

1.2 Time of day: Between 12:30 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. (Hrs.) _____ (Min.) A.M. or P.M. (Circle One)

1.3 Time Zone: (Circle One):

a. Eastern X
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other _____

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

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

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

2. Where did you see the object?

[redacted] N. W. (Postal Address) Washington (City or Town) D. C. (State) _____ (Country)

3. 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 On side porch attached to our residence. ([redacted] St., N.W.)

3.1 Were you:

(Circle One): a. In the business section of a city?
b. In the residential section of a city? X
c. In open countryside?
d. Flying near an airfield?
e. Flying over a city?
f. Flying over open country?
g. Other _____

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4. How did you happen to notice the object? My oldest daughter, [redacted] 16 years of age, was lying on a porch sofa and had been watching this for approximately 5 minutes thinking it was a swarm of lighting bugs, and called my attention to the light in the sky.

5. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

Thursday, July 17, 1952
Day Month Year

(After viewing this object for fully five minutes, I recalled having x read an article in Life Magazine some months previous, wherein it was stated that in the event one happened to see anything unusual in the heavens, to report it to your nearest Air Force Base, that being the Pentagon Bldg.

SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? I was relaxing with my family on our porch discussing the happenings of the day, and attempting to get relief from the heat of the day before retiring.

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.

Ditto No. 6 above.

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 facing when you first saw the object?

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

8.1 What direction were you facing when the object disappeared? PLEASE SEE PAGE 8, Question 30

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

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

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

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

~~Yes~~ No (I do not wear glasses)

10. How was the object seen?

(Circle One):
a. Through window glass
b. Through windshield
c. Through binoculars
d. Through telescope
e. Through theodolite
f. Through sun glasses
g. Through open space
h. Other Through a screen.

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

11.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

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

11.2 WIND (Circle One)

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

11.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

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

11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

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

SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object? _____ Hours _____7_____ Minutes _____ Seconds

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

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

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

14. Did the object at any time:

(Circle One for each question)

14.1	Change direction?	Yes x	~~No~~	~~Don't know~~
14.2	Change speed?	Yes x	~~No~~	~~Don't know~~
14.3	Change size?	Yes x	~~No~~	~~Don't know~~
14.4	Change color?	Yes x	~~No~~	~~Don't know~~
14.5	Break up into parts or explode?	Yes	No	Don't know
14.6	Give off smoke?	Yes	No	Don't know
14.7	Change brightness?	Yes	~~No~~	~~Don't know~~
14.8	Flicker, throb, or pulsate?	Yes	No	Don't know
14.9	Remain motionless?	Yes	~~No~~	~~Don't know~~

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 N ONE

16.2 Color BRIGHT GOLD and (IN CHANGING POSITION) STEEL BLUE

17. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? ~~One object~~
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.

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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 A small dirigible but not in shape.

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

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain x
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? 3500 feet.

20.2 How far was it from you? _____ feet or approx. 20 miles

20.3 How fast was it going? See Page 8 (30) miles per hour.

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

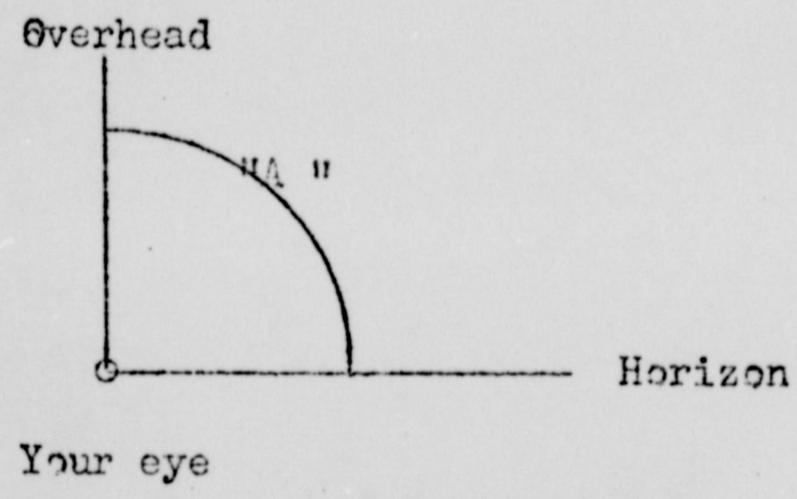
a. Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess x

21. How did the object disappear from view?

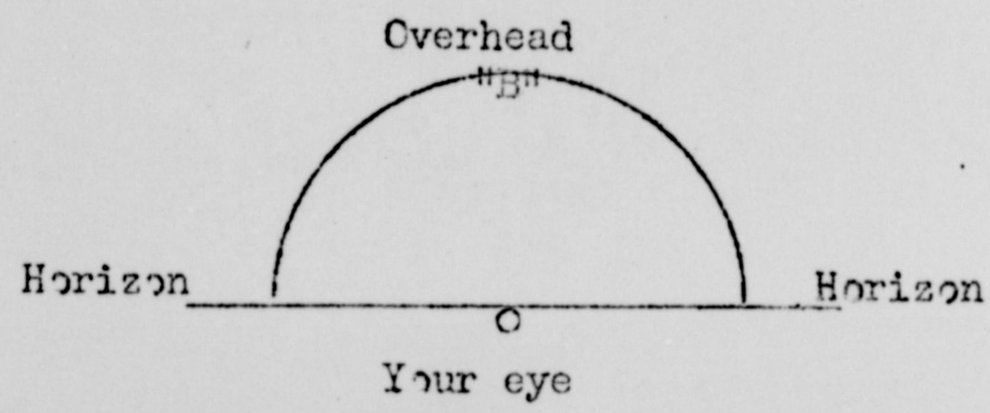
(Circle One):
a. Suddenly
b. Gradually
c. Other See Page 8 Question 30
d. Don't remember

SECTION D

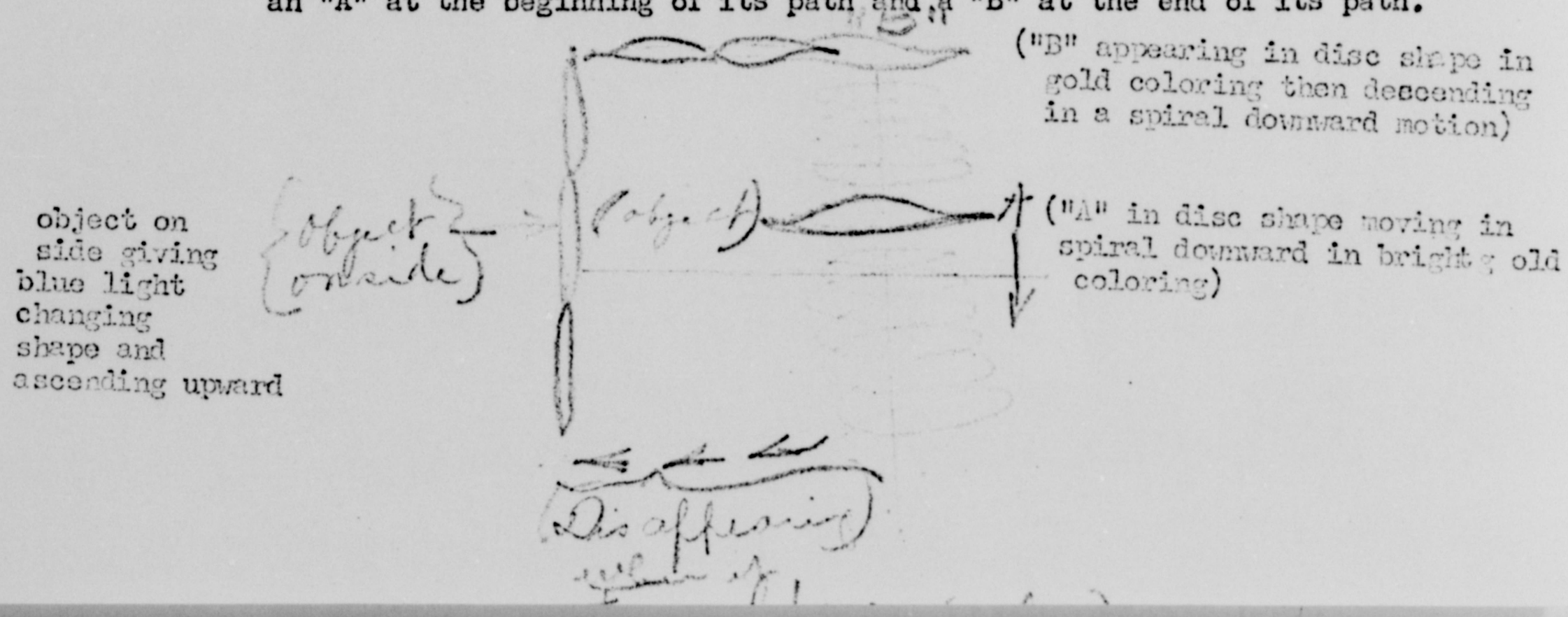
22. In the following sketch, imagine your eye at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon when you <u>first</u> saw it. Place a "B" to show where it was when when you <u>last</u> saw it.



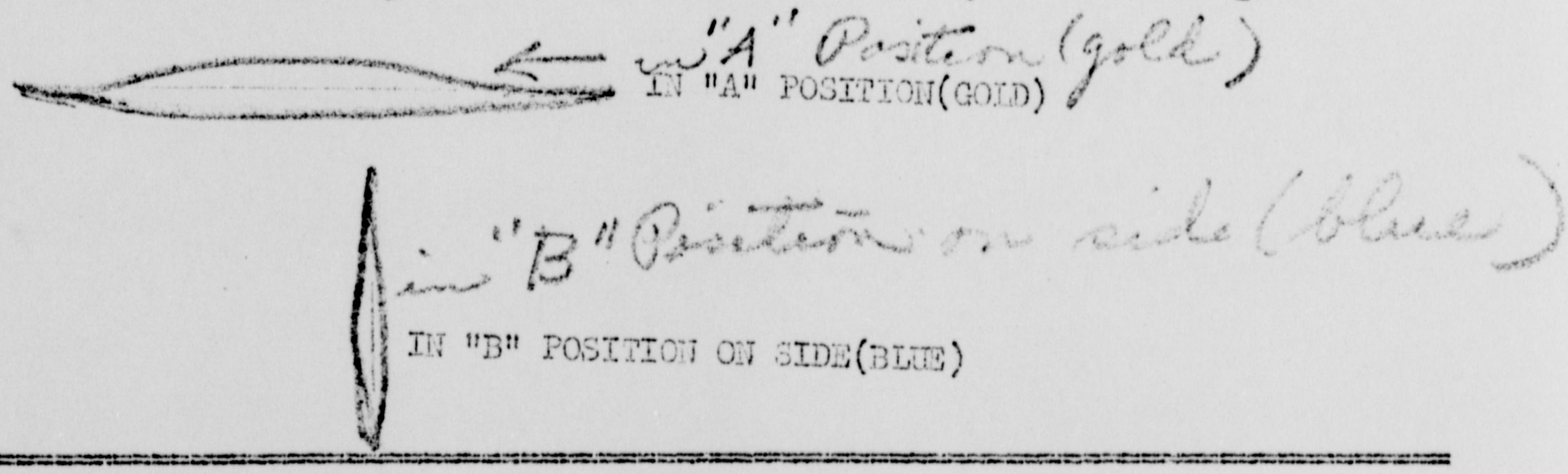
23. In the following sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you first saw it, and a "B" at its position when you last saw it.



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.



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.



SECTION E

26. Was this the first time that you have seen an object like this? (Circle One): Yes 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?

It was definitely a solid object and was not caused by any atmospherical condition. What it actually is, I do not know.

28. Give the following information about yourself:

NAME [redacted] [redacted]
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS [redacted] St., N.W. Washington, D.C. 15 _____
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted]

What is your present job? (Secretary-stenographer to Nalls, Ficklin & Co.Inc

Age 37

Sex Female

Last School Attended Central High and Washington School for Secretaries

Year of last attendance at this school Graduated from Central High in 1933 from Washington School For Secretaries 1934

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:

Mr. [redacted] - 37 years old(Husband) [redacted], N.W.
[redacted] - 16 Years old(daughter) " " " "
[redacted] - 15 " " " " " " "

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

I was on the phone with the officer at the Pentagon Bldg. after I had viewed the object for at least seven minutes - the other three members of family listed above, remained on porch and described to me the motions, color changing and disappearance, while I r elayed this info to officer on phone. I did not see disappearance of object.

At times object seemed to be hanging in sky and not moving. It would be very difficult to estimate the speed at which it was spiralling.

[redacted] N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

INFO JEDEN/COMMANDING GENERAL AIR DEFENSE COMMAND ENT AFB COLO

[redacted] FROM: AFOIN 53915 ATTN: ATTIAA-2C IN ACCORD WITH AFL 200-5 CMA FOLG MSG IS SUBM. UNIDENTIFIED OBJ SIGHTED BY MRS [redacted] CMA [redacted] ST NW. CMA WASHINGTON CMA D.C. CMA HER HUSBAND AND TWO DAUGHTERS CMA AGES 15 AND 18 CMA 18 JUL 52 AT 0045 HOURS. FOLG INFO SBM FROM PRELIMINARY TELEPHONIC INTERROGATION OF MRS [redacted]. SHAPE: ROUND CMA VERY BRIGHT GOLDEN COLOR CMA EST ONE FT ACROSS CMA ABOUT 1500 FT ALT CMA OBJ APPEARED TO GO AROUND AN ORBIT CMA RIGHT TO LEFT CMA THEN RISE RAPIDLY TO ABOUT 2000 FT CMA [illegible] IN BRIGHTNESS AS IT ASCENDED CMA WHILE MOVING SEEMED TO TRAIL LIGHT BEHIND CMA AT TIMES HAD STEELY APPEARANCE AS IT DESCENDED TO ABOUT 15[illegible] FT AT WHICH TIME BRIGHTNESS DIMINISHED CMA AFTER SHORT PERIOD WOULD MOVE

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AROUND SAME TYPE ORBIT INCREASE IN BRIGHTNESS AND ZOOM UP TO APPROX 2000 FT. OBJ OBSERVED NORTHWESTERLY DIR CMA BOUT 15 TO 20 MILES OFF CMA ABOUT HEIGHT OF

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SUN ONE HOUR BEFORE SETTING. UNDER OBS FOR APPROXIMATELY TEN MINUTES CMA DISAPPEARED IN NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION. WEATHER CLEAR CMA VISIBILITY EXCELLENT CMA NO LIGHTNING OR CLOUDS CMA STARS VISIBLE STATES MRS [redacted]. BOLLING CMA ANDREWS AND WASH NATL STATES NO UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS CMA WASH NATL STATES NO RADAR ACTIVITY AT TIME REPORTED. FLASH EVALUATION BY ESTIMATES DUTY OFFICER: NO FURTHER INFO CAN BE ADDED TO REPORTED SIGHTING AT PRESENT TIME. FURTHER EVALUATION WILL BE FORWARDED WHEN AVAILABLE.

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BY: 755TH ACW SQUADRON
BY AUTH: CO, 30DI AD (DEF)
DATE: 23 JUL 1952

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: Report of Unusual Flying Objects

AREA REPORTED ON: Northeast Illinois	FROM (Agency): 755th ACW Squadron, Willow Run, Mich.	
DATE OF REPORT: 23 July 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION: 18 July 1952	EVALUATION: B-3
PREPARED BY (Officer): Capt. Frank J. Radzuikinas	SOURCE: Individuals as listed below	

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable): ADC Letter 200-1, 11 April 51

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.)

On the 18th of July 1952, at approximately 2045 CST until 2110 CST the following members of Able Crew:

Captain Moore, Lt. Williams, A/1C Vonash, A/1C Duncan, A/1C Crespell, A/1C Shreves, A/1C Wilson and others saw several lights in the sky, moving west to east about 15-20 degrees above the horizon, between azimuths 350 degrees and 080 degrees at various speeds, mostly singly, sometimes in groups of two, and once as a group of three objects. It resembled lights formed by a search light on the clouds, however, no one of the group saw the beam of light at its source. The lighting was called to Cawlerds at 2145 CST. Sky condition at time of sighting was about 4/10 light altocumulus with some traces of ground fog. There was an Aurora Borealis with steady white light to north and northwest, and rosy glow to northeast.

At 2215 CST, A/3C Roll stated that he saw a beam of light with no source for the light. At 2120 CST A/2C Ellnrvalt stated he thought he saw traces of a beam before the time of the reported sighting. Both men were on outdoors guard, during this time.

Captain F.J. Radzuikinas, Intelligence Officer, conducted a check at the Yerkes Observatory on the 22nd of July 1952. The latest Aurora Borealis on record, occured 20 July 1952, at 2120 CST. No record of above incident.

Frank J. Radzuikinas
FRANK J. RADZUIKINAS
CAPT. USAF
INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

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4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

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5. SOURCE

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6. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

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Elliptical object with pinpoint of flame in the rear which would periodically "flare" was observed by two airmen. Object had a peculiar noise, or resonant "beat". Object moved across sky at high speed.

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166TH FIGHTER-INTERCEPTOR SQUADRON
4708TH DEFENSE WING
LOCKBOURNE AIR FORCE BASE
Columbus 17, Ohio

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21 July 1952

SUBJECT: Transmittal of FLYOBRPT Report 18 July 52 Lockbourne AFB, Ohio 19/0210Z

THRU: Commanding General
4708th Defense Wing
Selfridge Air Force Base
Mt. Clemens, Michigan

TO: Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center
ATTN: ATIAA-2c
Wright-Patterson AFB, Chio

Transmitted herewith is a narrative report of an unidentified flying object sighted at this station on 18 July 1952.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

ANDREW F. MARTIN JR.
Major, USAF
Adjutant

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None

This is a narrative report of the sighting of an unconventional object. It was observed by two men of this squadron while on duty. The observation was made under ideal weather conditions by two men who previously were sceptical of "flying saucers". These men were so impressed by the observation that both are now convinced that some type of unexplained object was observed.

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SUBJECT: FLYOBRPT

1. The subject object was elliptical in shape, and the larger end was in front. It was in the approximate shape of an egg. It was two to three times as large as Venus, and it was amber in color. It glowed somewhat like a flashlight when looking at it from a distance.

There was a steady pin-point of flame at the rear end, which was brighter and lighter in color than the object itself. About every three (3) seconds a burst of flame came out the rear from the pin-point of flame. The burst of flame was smaller in diameter than the object, but it was approximately 150 per cent longer. They were light yellow on the inside and darker in color on the outside. The flame came out the rear with a force similar to a blow-torch. It also was similar in nature to the flame on a gas stove when the burner is turned up rapidly, and the flame at first does not receive enough oxygen. Approximately thirty (30) separate bursts were observed.

The sound emitted is very difficult to describe. It was heard for the short period the object was overhead. It was distinctively audible, and was similar to the sound of a jet engine, but without the whine. It was also similar to a V-1 Buzz Bomb. Had it not been from an object so high, it could have been confused with a very high speed jet passing overhead at a very low altitude. Besides the general sound of the object, there was also a resonance beat noise. However, there was no apparent change in the tone, volume, or rapidity of the sound or its resonance with relation to the periodic emission of bursts of flame from the rear. One of the observers stated that, for no reason of which he can understand, the sound reminded him of a flowing liquid, such as might be heard from a small butter churn. Although both men admit it was similar to a jet engine, both state that it was not a jet engine, and that they never before had heard a sound exactly like it. Both of the observers found it extremely difficult to describe.

The object was first observed at a 30 degree angle to the horizon, at 260 degrees from the point of observation, which was on the ramp at Lockbourne Air Force Base, Ohio. It travelled overhead in an exceedingly straight line and disappeared in one and a half minutes, about 25 degrees to the horizon at 090 degrees from the observation point. The observers estimate its speed at a minimum of 900 miles per hour. There was not change in speed due to bursts of flame. They state that this speed may not be correct, but that the object travelled so fast that they could not follow it with their eyes alone, but that they found it necessary to move their heads. They believe the object to have been very high, at least 20,000 feet.

2. The time of observation was 2210 EST, and it was observed for ninety (90) seconds.

3. The object was observed from the ground.

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4. The point of observation was on the ramp at Lockbourne Air Force Base, Ohio. It first appeared at 30 degrees from the ground at 260 degrees. It passed overhead and disappeared at 25 degrees to the ground at 090 degrees.

5. The two observers were: T/Sgt. Thurman C. Mahone, NCOIC of Operations, 166th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron; and A/3c Gene A. Jennings, Corporal of the Guard, 166th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron.

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Both of these men are completely reliable and sincere in their opinions. Sergeant Mahone has been in the Air Force and the Air National Guard for ten (10) years. He is a qualified observer. A/3c Jennings is just as sincere, but is less qualified as an observer only because of his lesser amount of military service. Both men were on duty at the time of the observation.

6. The weather was CAVU, and the winds at 20,000 feet were 20 knots at 270 degrees.

7. None

8. None

9. No interceptions were attempted.

10. There was no local traffic at the time of sighting, and Repent, the local GCI station, observed nothing on the scope.

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STATEMENT OF SIGHTING UNCONVENTIONAL OBJECT

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On the evening of 18 July 1952, I was on duty in the Operations Section of the 166th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron at Lockbourne Air Force Base. At approximately 2155 EST, I received a call over the hot line from Repent, our local GCI station. They asked if we had any aircraft airborne at 2147 EST. I replied that we had none airborne, and a check with Base Operations revealed that they had three (3) RB-45's on round-robin flights, but had none in the local area. Repent told me that the Ground Observer Corp Filter Center in Columbus, Ohio had just notified them that several people in the northern part of Columbus had reported seeing "flying saucers". I was somewhat sceptical of these sightings, and stated such to Repent.

However, in approximately five (5) minutes, Base Operations called to have me ask Repent if they had anything on the scope, because they had been receiving calls on unconventional objects from civilians in Columbus.

The Corporal of the Guard came in to see me about then, and I told him of what had been going on. He seemed a little sceptical also. We went outside and discussed and joked about flying saucers. All at once we heard an odd noise to the north-east. It sounded similar to a jet, but lacked the whinning noise of a jet engine. It was lower in tone than a jet engine, and I knew it was not a jet aircraft. It was also similar in sound to a V-1 Buzz Bomb.

A/3c Jennings, the Corporal of the Guard, and I talked about the noise for about five (5) minutes when he saw this strange light in the west. It took me a few seconds to sight it, but when I did it was very distinctive. It was travelling east at a high rate of speed and disappeared in the east in about one and a half (1½) minutes. It appeared to be at a high altitude. For about twenty (20) seconds while it was overhead, it made a noise exactly like we had heard previously. As it passed to the east, but still almost overhead, the noise faded.

I was amazed at having seen such a thing, and I immediately called Repent to inquire if they had had any object on their scope which passed over the base. They replied that they had had nothing on the scope at all.

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STATEMENT OF SIGHTING UNCONVENTIONAL OBJECT

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On the evening of 13 July 1952, I was on duty as Corporal of the Guard for the Security Section of the 166th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron. While I was at Operations, Sergeant Mahone received a call from the local GCI station in reference to the presence of several "mysterious" unidentified aircraft in the area. I scoffed at the thought of "flying saucers". On Sergeant Mahone's suggestion we went outside to view the sky.

After several minutes we heard a noise unlike anything that I have recollection of. We saw nothing. As a result we became more alert. As Sergeant Mahone watched in a south-easterly direction, I was looking directly west. I spied a moving light. As I looked again, I saw two lights; one a steady glow, and the other an intermittent flash. As the object came overhead we heard the same noise as previously experienced. After the object reached a position nearly overhead, the sound disappeared. Sergeant Mahone left to call Base Operations and Repent, and I watched the object until my eyes became unable to focus upon it. The time elapsed between sighting and disappearing could not have been more than one and a half minutes.

Gene A. Jennings

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LEAST 20,000 FEET. TRAVELED IN EXCEEDINGLY STRAIGHTLINE. OBSERVED FOR 90 SECONDS. SPEED ESTIMATED AT LEAST 900 MPH. SOUND HEARD WHEN DIRECTLY OVERHEAD FOR 20 SECONDS. SIMILAR TO LOW FLYING, HIGH SPEED JET, WITH A BEAT RESONANCE IN BACKGROUND NOT ASSOCIATED WITH A JET. NO CHANGE IN TONE, VOLUME, OR RAPIDITY WITH RELATION TO BURSTS OF FLAME. ALSO NO CHANGE IN SPEED. (PART TWO) 2210EST. OBSERVED FOR 90 SECONDS. (PART THREE) VISUAL FROM GROUND. (PART FOUR) ON RAMP AT LOCKBOURNE AFB, COLUMBUS, OHIO. FIRST APPEARED AT 260 DEGREES AT 30 DEGREES FROM HORIZON. PASSED OVERHEAD AND DISAPPEARED AT 090 DEGREES AT 25 DEGREES FROM HORIZON. (PART FIVE) T/SGT THURMAN C. MAHONE, NCOIC OPERATIONS, 166TH FIGHTER INTERCEPTOR SQ, A/3C GENE A. JENNINGS, CPL OF GUARD, 166TH FIS. BOTH COMPLETELY RELIABLE AND SINCERE. SGT MAHONE VERY QUALIFIED, A/3C JENNINGS LESS QUALIFIED. (PART SIX) CAVU, WINDS ALOFT 270 DEGREES AT 20 KNOTS AT 20,000 FEET. (PART SEVEN) NONE. (PART EIGHT) NONE. (PART NINE) NO INTERCEPTION ATTEMPTED. (PART TEN) NO LOCAL TRAFFIC KNOWN.

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