

1. DATE & TIME GROUP 2 October 53 - 2/0600Z	2. LOCATION Tinker AFB, Oklahoma
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION AIRCRAFT Possibly aircraft in area.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 8 - 10 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS A bright bluish white light was first observed traveling at high speed, then a few seconds later it appeared to slow up. When last observed it appeared to be hovering.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE East	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

FORM
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SUBJECT: Report on an Unidentified Object in Flight

TO: Commander
Attn: Air Intelligence Division
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

The following report on an unidentified aerial object sighted about 0200 hours, 2 October 1953, is submitted for your evaluation and information:

FACTUAL DATA

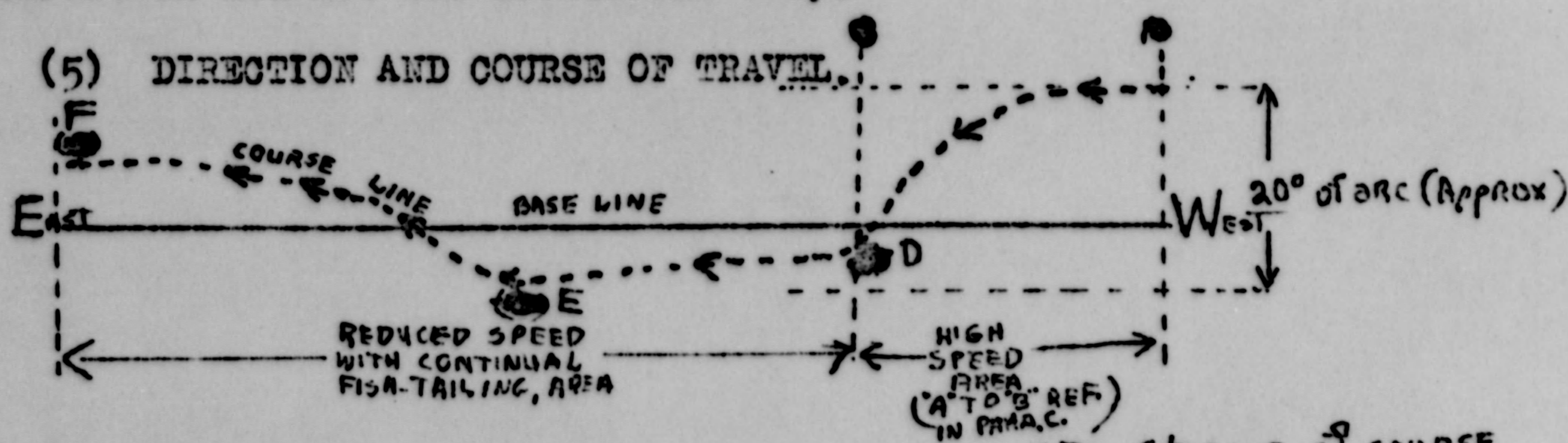
(1) LOCATION OF SIGHTING PERSONNEL. Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

(2) TIME. 0200 hours, 2 October 1953.

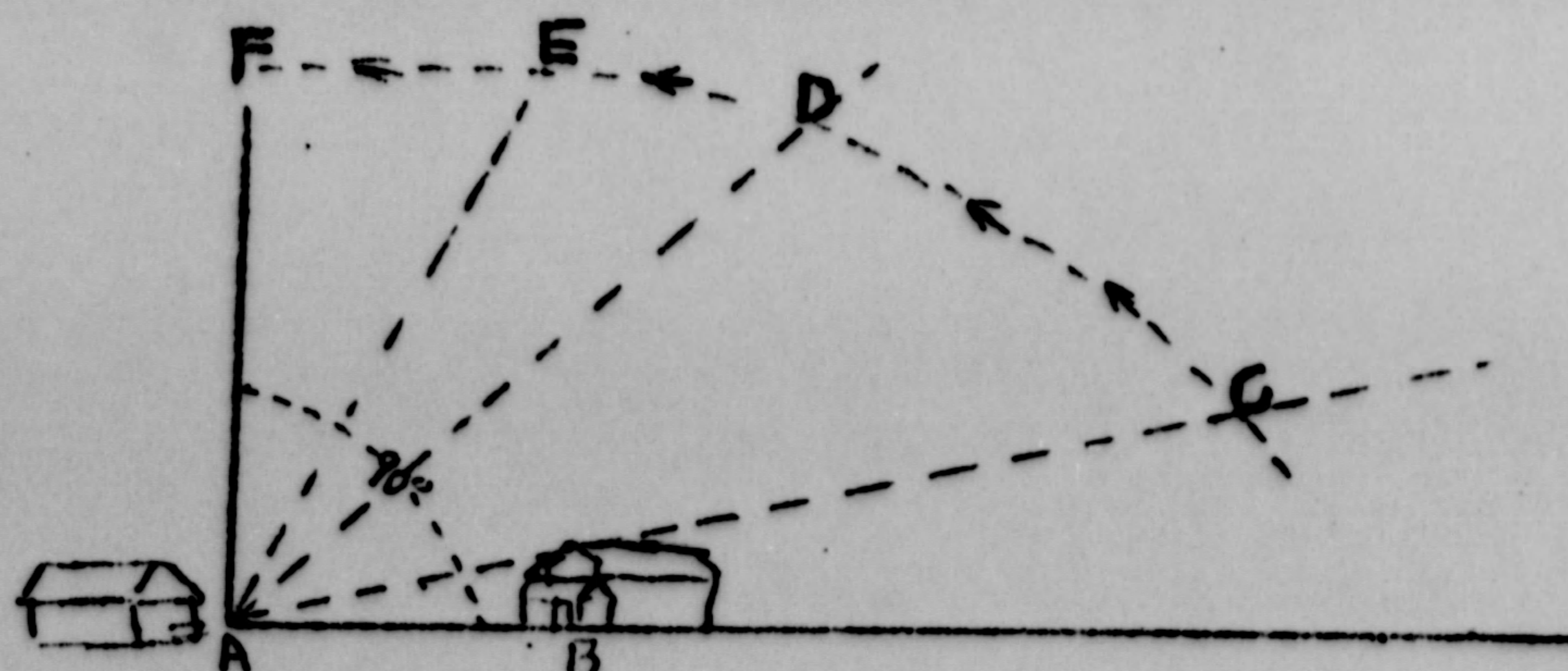
(3) WITNESSES. S/Sgt Dale E. McCombs, AF-15468837, Hq Sq Sect, 2854th Air Base Wing, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma City, Okla., and PFC Charles E. Brown, U.S. Army, Serial No. RA-18378191, Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

(4) DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT SIGHTED. A bright blueish-white light, with a degree of brightness and color very remarkably similar to that of the planet Venus (compared at the time of sighting as it passed, on its course, within 10 to 15° of arc of this planet). Its size appeared to be approximately twice as large as the brightest 1st magnitude star or planet visible in the sky at that time. Its brightness from the time of sighting until last observation did not noticeably vary.

(5) DIRECTION AND COURSE OF TRAVEL.



(6) DESCRIPTION OF TRAVEL.



NOTE: Change of course
after each hovering
action

A. Location of witnesses (Barracks No. T-511)
B. Horizon obstruction (Base Post Exchange)
C. Object travelled from "C" to "D" in approximately two (2) seconds, on course "A" to "B" described in paragraph (5).
E. At point "D" the object slowed to practically a stop, then moved on in a fish-tailing motion at a drastically reduced speed, stopping at point "E" for approximately 15 to 30 seconds, taking approximately three to four minutes to reach point "F". It was observed hovering at point "F" for approximately two minutes, then the writer proceeded to the Hq Sq Section, 2854th AB Wing, orderly room, to call the field control tower, which, could not be reached as phone was not answered. Upon return to point of initial observation, about three or four minutes later, the object could no longer be seen. PFC Brown, who had remained to watch object, while the writer attempted to call field control tower, had gone into the barracks to obtain additional witnesses. Therefore, neither of the witnesses observed the objects departure.

DISCUSSION

The writer is thoroughly familiar with all conventional aircraft lights, meteors, etc., of which he is certain that it was neither. The objects altitude is unknown, but from appearance in relation to a thin scattering of cirro-stratus clouds (about 5 to 10%) of which it was above, it is believed that it ranged in the stratosphere or higher. The speed could not be estimated due to lack of triangulating reference points, and unknown altitudes, but, from past aircraft flight observation experience, it's speed, other than the three hovering positions, was in all probability in excess of a thousand miles per hour at all times. The first portion of sighted flight, "C" to "D" referenced in paragraph (6), had to be in the thousands of mph category. It emitted no audible noise. Surrounding area noise level was exceptionally quite, as a result of early morning hours. PFC Brown, and the writer, are positive that this was an intelligently controlled object, unusual in maneuvering performance capabilities, and in short, "like nothing we've ever seen before".

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