

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 29 February 1966		2. LOCATION Buffalo, Hamburg, New York		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Venus ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 01/0208Z Mar		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian & Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION four hours		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Noticed due to brilliance of object. Used evasive action against fighter a/c F-86-D. Color red and white. At times, very bright then dim, different altitude, different speeds, finally faded out. No radar contact. Only visual sightings.				11. COMMENTS Astro (Venus).	

28 Feb 01/02082

Multi

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ACTION

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WPD139 TYB117 TDF030DGA033

OO RJEPHQ RJEDWP

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O 010535Z

FM COMDR 763D ACWRON LOCKPORT AFSTA LOCKPORT NY

TO RJEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLORADO SPRINGS COLORADO

RJEPSN/COMDR 32D AIR DIV SYR NY HANCOCK FIELD

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AFR 200-2

(1) A NO POSITIVE SHAPE

B VERY LARGE

C RED AND WHITE

D ONE

E NEGATIVE FORMATION

F AT TIMES VERY BRIGHT, AT TIMES VERY DIM. DIFFERENT ALTITUDES

DIFFERENT SPEEDS

G NEGATIVE

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H NONE

I NONE

(2) A BRILLIANCE OF THE OBJECT

B UNKNOWN

C UNKNOWN

D EVASIVE ACTION AGAINST FIGHTER AIRCRAFT

E FADED

F 41 MINUTES

(3) GROUND VISUAL, PILOT OBSERVATION

B BINOCULARS, GOC

C F86D, BUCKET 19, 1700 TO 32000, HEADING VARIED, NIAGARA FALLS
AFB

(4) A 010208Z

B NIGHT

(5) A MN 0853 BUFFALO CITY HALL

B MN 0943 HAMBURG NY

(6) A. [REDACTED] 15 YEARS OLD, STUDENT, [REDACTED] LACKAWANNA NY

PHONE [REDACTED] GOC,

[REDACTED] 52 YRS OLD, HOUSEWIFE, [REDACTED] HAMBURG, NY

A 00:

REPEATING ABOVE LINE ALL

PHONE EM 1365

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A. CAPTAIN SOLON, 47TH FIGHTER INTERCEPTOR SQ., PILOT, EXCELLENT

(7) A CLEAR

E 6000	290DEG	35K
10000	310DEG	30K
16000	300DEG	40K
20000	320DEG	70K
30000	340DEG	75K
50000	300DEG	70K
80000	070DEG	15K

C ETPP SCATTERED

D 10 MILE VISABILITY

E SCATTERED TO CLEAR

F NONE

(8) NONE

(9) SCRAMBLED ONE AIRCRAFT

(10) NONE

(11) LT RICHARD J ROUCE AP 2206120, SENIOR DIRECTOR 763D ACWRON

LOCKPORT AFSTA LOCKPORT NY

NO RADAR CONTACT ONLY VISUAL SIGHTING BY GOC AND THE FIGHTER PILOT

(12) NONE

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SUBJECT U F O B			
AREA REPORTED ON BUFFALO, NEW YORK, USA		FROM (Agency) Flt 3-D, 4602d AISS	
DATE OF REPORT 6 March 1956	DATE OF INFORMATION 29 February 1956	EVALUATION	
PREPARED BY (Officer) JACK TEBO, 1st Lt., USAF		SOURCE See Contents Below	
REFERENCES (Cite number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFR 200-2 dtd 12 Aug 54; 4602d AISS Sq Guide 200-2; AF TT Msg - Initial Rept - DTG01/0135Z Mar 56			
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.)			

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II. SUMMARY: One (1) or two (2) unidentified flying objects were sighted southeast of BUFFALO, N.Y. (GEOREF GJMN 1055) over HAMBURG area (GEOREF GJMN 1042) and LAKE ERIE, N.Y. (GEOREF GJLN 5045) at 29/2350Z Feb 56. The information contained in this report was obtained from the persons observing these objects and an investigation by this organization to determine possible causes of the sightings.

III. INVESTIGATORS: 1st Lt. JACK TEBO, AO 3008158
2nd Lt. JAMES F. BARTON, AO 3043484

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I. SOURCE: [REDACTED] (Civilian)

Address: [REDACTED], Hamburg, New York

Age: Fifty-five (55)

Present Position: Accountant, Ben Otto Motors

Education: Twelve (12) years, Accounting (extension course)

Qualifications: Accounting

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE was mild mannered, and appeared to give much thought and consideration to questions of investigators. He attempted to give concise and pertinent details of the sighting. Mr. White is well liked and considered a responsible member of his community. Due to his mild mannerism and responsible character, it is the investigator's opinion that information given by SOURCE was reliable to the best of his ability.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING:

1. SOURCE was working at Ben Otto Motors on the corner of Clark and McKinley Parkway, Hamburg, New York, (GJMN 1042). He was called out on the street by a friend to observe a bright light glowing in the sky at 01/0100Z Mar 56.
2. The night was clear with scattered clouds and a slight breeze during the thirty minutes that SOURCE observed the object. Object seemed to swing with a pendulum motion due west from the observer's location. Object gave off an unusually brilliant white glow with northerly portion of object at greater intensity than the rest. Mr. White described the object as round except for a slight flatness on the bottom.
3. SOURCE heard no sound from the object. At times object did appear to stand still to him, but never suddenly accelerate in any direction. Glow of object seemed to change in intensity at various times during observation. However, the perimeter appeared to be fuzzy or blurred during entire observation.
4. Observation was made over a period of one and one-quarters hours, but was actually seen for only thirty minutes due to cloud obstructions at various times. Similar observations had been made by SOURCE during the past week.

2 Incls:

1. Statement of SOURCE
2. SOURCE'S Memory Sketch of Object

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Statement of Mr. [REDACTED]

S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T

At approximately 8 PM Feb. 29, 1956 I was working at Ben Otto Motors, Clark & McKinley Pkwy Hamburg when the station attendant [REDACTED] called me to come outside to observe a brilliant light in the sky to the west of us. I observed a large brilliant light in the western sky appearing to be out over Lake Erie or Canada. It appeared to slowly move in a pendulum fashion from North to South. Shortly a cloud obscured the object and later perhaps 15 mins. I again saw it but more to the NE towards Buffalo. I came home about 9:15 and it still was in the sky but appeared farther away.

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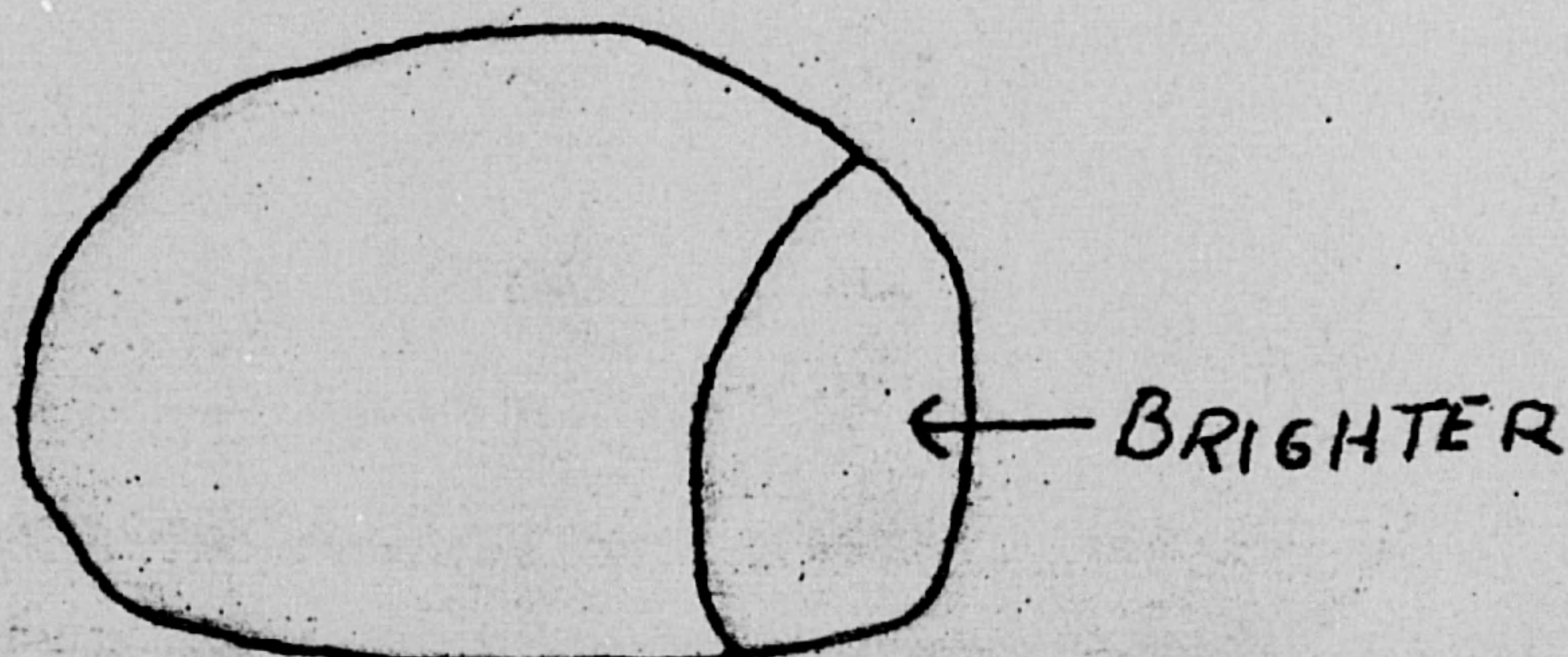
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I. SOURCE: [REDACTED] (Civilian GOC Observer)

Address: [REDACTED], Lackawanna 18, New York

Age: 15

Present Position: High School Student

Education: Ten (10)

Qualifications: GOC observer (1½ years)

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE was a serious minded youth who appeared very interested in the GOC program. SOURCE's ability to identify configurations of various aircraft seemed to be high in accordance with that required of GOC observers. SOURCE was very cooperative and made every attempt to give accurate information. Information given by him is considered to be fairly reliable.

III. SOURCE's DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING:

1. On 29/2350Z Feb 56, SOURCE was walking down South Shore Boulevard toward his home in Lackawanna, New York (GJMN 0949) when he spotted a bright light in the sky. After observing the object for approximately five minutes, SOURCE brought his mother's attention to it. It was learned through SOURCE that a gas station attendant also observed the object.
2. SOURCE stated that he observed one object for a period of three hours and forty minutes. SOURCE sighted a second object approximately twenty five to forty miles East of the first object. This object was sighted for approximately one hour during his observation of the first object.
3. The first object gave off a bright white glow during the entire observation. The second object gave off a bright glow but also had a green halo around the perimeter. Both objects had a fuzzy outline to their appearance.
4. During this observation of nearly four hours, SOURCE was in and out of his home, talked with his mother about objects and phoned Buffalo Filter Center and reported this sighting.
5. SOURCE has seen a similar type phenomenon during past week while carrying out his duties as GOC observer. SOURCE heard no sound from either object and stated that objects seemed to flicker, change intensity at times and although they did not accelerate to any appreciable speed, both objects did move South across the sky.

2 Incls:

1. Statement by SOURCE.
2. SOURCE's memory sketch of object.

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Statement ~~REDACTED~~

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On Feb 29, 1956 at 6:50 P.M. I had spotted a bright light in the sky, which I watched for about 5 mins before drawing it to anyone else's attention of which when I did this person also saw the bright-lighted object. After I left this person I continued to walk up the street, and when I reached the top of our street and the object was still there I then went into a gas station and brought it to the attention of the attendant when I was sure he had also seen the object I then called it into the Filter Center. After I left the gas station I continued to observe this strange light when I noticed that was also another one of the same description except for one detail which was that it had a green - haze around the outside also in the sky about 25-40 miles away from the first one, when I was sure that it was not the same object I made a second call into the Filter Center and reported the second one. I had observed the lights for about 4 hrs. before going into a building. At about that time I went into the house for about 15 min. I returned outside to find both objects still in the sky, one overhead, and one about 4 or 5 miles to the S.E. The second light disappeared about 15 - 20 mins after I came out the second last time, although I did not see it go, it was gone. But the first one was still at about the same distance as it was all night. It was quite low when I last saw the first one. I then went into the house and went to bed; so as I did not see it after that. Both my mother and several witnesses saw the object.

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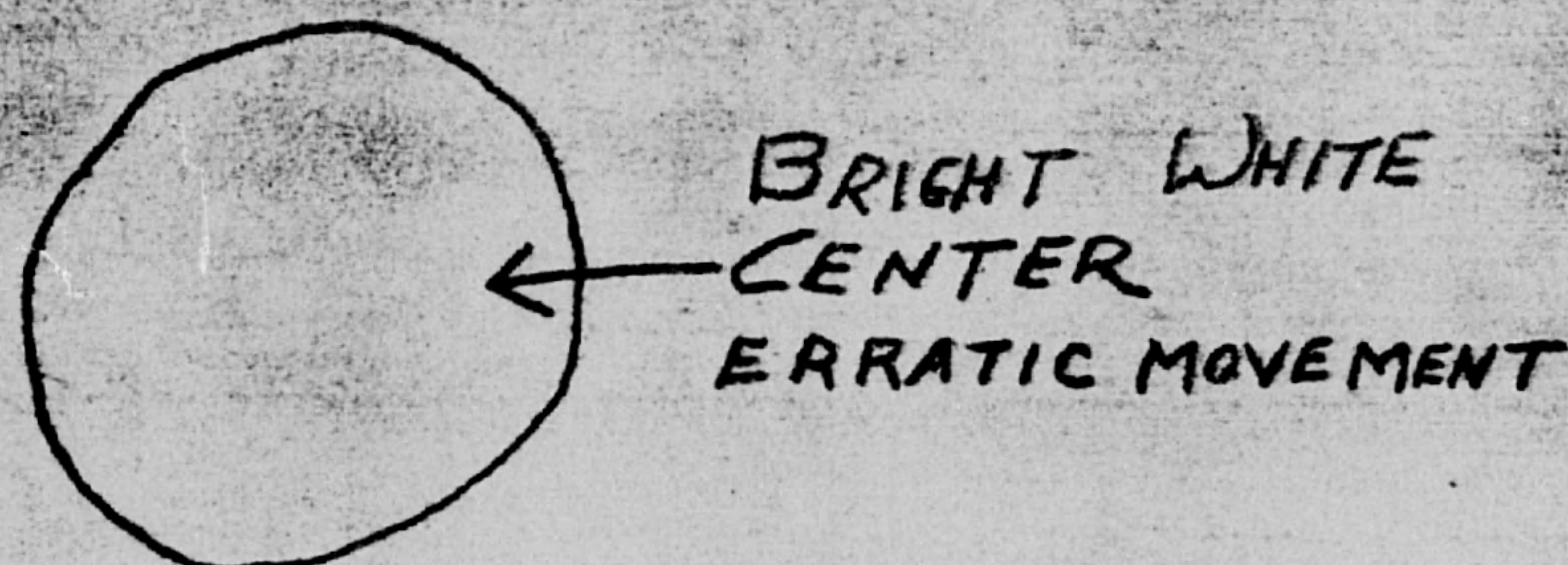
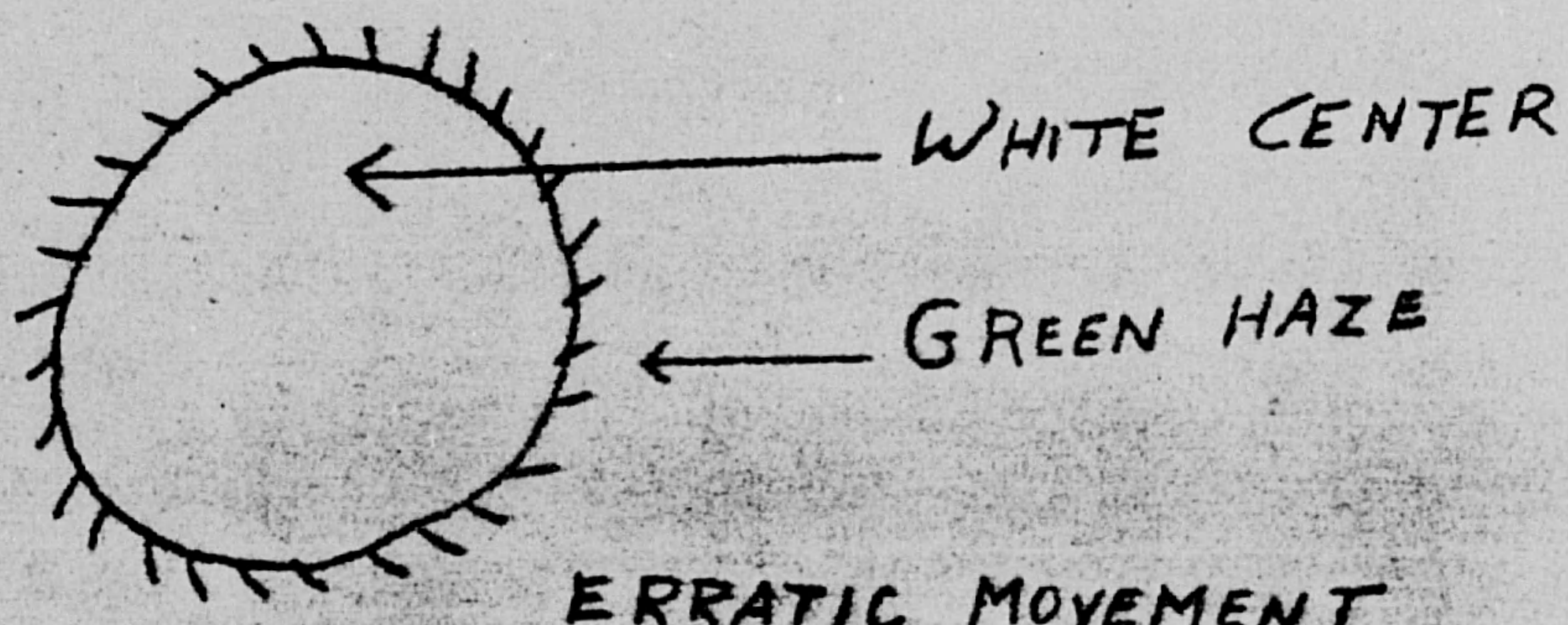
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SOURCE'S Memory sketch of Objects



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I. SOURCE: [REDACTED], Captain, USAF

Age: 30

Duties: Fighter Pilot, 47th FIS, A/C Electronics Officer

Education: 12 Years

Military Tech Schools: Officer's Communications School
Scott AFB
Air Electronics School
Keesler AFB
F-86D Advanced Interceptor School

Qualifications: Pilot - Electronics Officer

Station: 47th FIS, Niagara Falls AFB, N. Y.

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE was relaxed, self-confident, and very precise in his manner as well as in his answers. SOURCE stated that this was his first experience with anything of this nature and expressed a desire to do anything possible to help in identification of the object. Other personnel in both the 763rd AC & W station and the 47th FIS stated that Capt Solon was an excellent officer, a capable pilot and a man of high integrity. SOURCE appeared to be the type of person who would employ the good reasoning powers he possessed in evaluating this situation. Therefore, in the investigator's opinion, information given by SOURCE is considered to be reliable.

III. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT BY SOURCE:

1. SOURCE was on standby duty at 47th FIS, Niagara Falls AFB (GEOREF GJLP 5806) when he was scrambled by the 763rd AC & W station to intercept an unidentified flying object in the Hamburg, N.Y. (GEOREF GJMN 1042) area. The 763rd AC & W had been notified of this object by the Buffalo GOC Filter Center. SOURCE scrambled in an F-86D type aircraft at approximately 01/0210Z Mar 56 and flew to the Hamburg area.

2. SOURCE then made visual contact with the object and retained his contact for the next 40-50 minutes. During the time of observation there were many stars, no moonlight, no clouds from 4,000 feet up, and no trace of daylight. SOURCE estimated actual size of the object to be larger than an aircraft, but at no time did it appear larger than a half dollar held at arm's length.

3. SOURCE seemed to be greatly impressed with the brightness of the object. It always appeared to him to be of a white luminous color except for the red light seen in the object when he was at an altitude of 32,000 feet. The actual brightness of the object was never constant and it continually changed in intensity. SOURCE described the object as being similar to roving type searchlights without a beam reflector.

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III. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT BY SOURCE: (Continued)

4. SOURCE had no definite opinion as to identity of the object, however, he was absolutely sure that it was not a contemporary aircraft. SOURCE did state that object could possibly be a refraction of light, but the processes causing such a phenomenon were unknown to him.

5. Object seemed to have the ability to maneuver with the aircraft and still maintain its distance. SOURCE tried to close on object several times with no apparent results.

2 Incls:

1. Description of sighting
by SOURCE
2. Memory Sketch

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Statement of [REDACTED] CAPT., USAF

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1. Departed Niagara Falls AFB at approximately 2110-29 Feb 56 after being notified by GCI that G.O.C. had reported some unidentified lites in the Hamburg Area of Buffalo, N.Y.

2. After leveling out at 4000' indicated and contacting GCI, -I was vectored into the Hamburg Area of Buffalo, N.Y.

3. When I arrived over the Hamburg Area I did not notice any lites, but I did notice a large bright lite that appeared to be directly over the down town portion of Buffalo, N.Y. At this time I started to investigate. My heading was 300 degrees magnetic - at first I thought it was a transport or a bomber - but I could not decrease my range from this object. At this time I thought this must be a star so I reported back to the Hamburg Area - with the intentions that this star would stay in the same relative position.

4. When arriving over Hamburg I look outside and there this was again - off my left wing. At this time I was a little confused. I then took up a heading of north and reaching the south shore of Lake Ontario I did a 180 degree turn and flew about 15-20 south of Buffalo - still this bright object was off my right wing - never any azimuth separation. After passing Buffalo I decided I would determine if this was my imagination, a star or an object. I concluded that if this was a star by pointing my aircraft directly at this object and climbing to the maximum altitude of the F-86D I would stall out with the object in the same position. I started climbing and it was always up and ahead of me. But while I was climbing it appeared that I was getting closer in range. The object definitely got brighter and finally at 32,000' I was level with the object - because at this point instead of looking up at it, I was looking out and level with it at my flight altitude. This was the first time I seemed to be getting closer, then I notice a flashing red lite - intermittently flashing from this object. At this time I was 91 N-miles W-NW of home plate - all of a sudden it seemed to increase the gap between me and the object, at this time I was running low on fuel - and called it quits - after turning back for home I kept this object in sight with the rear view mirror in the A/C - I decided to take one last look, -I banked the A/C around and there was behind me - then, all of a sudden it disappeared -I banked the A/C around and returned to my Base, landing at 2230 est. At no time did I even get a radar contact with my radar equip. -that was operating very satisfactorily.

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SOURCE'S Memory Sketch of Movement of Object

① SIGHTED OBJECT
AT 4080' GAVE CHASE -
ALWAYS AHEAD OF ME -
BROKE OFF CHASE AT X

② FLYING NORTH - OBJECT
WAS OFF LEFT WING - ALWAYS
IN SAME POSITION

③ OFF MY NOSE - GAVE
UP CHASE AND RETURNED TO
BASE.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

1. A check with the 47th FIS Intelligence Section, Niagara Falls AFB, Niagara Falls, N.Y. (GEOREF GJLP 5806), revealed that Capt. [REDACTED] had been scrambled in his F-86D to intercept or observe the UFOB. No further information could be immediately gained, as Capt. [REDACTED] was off duty and could not be reached by the Intelligence Section by phone. He was fully interviewed on the following day at 02/1230Z Mar 56 for two (2) hours.

2. A trip was made to the Buffalo Filter Center, Buffalo, N.Y. (GEOREF GJMN 1055), where a check revealed that they had relayed information to the 763rd AC & W Squadron on the UFOB the previous night. Lt. Charles Stout, Adjutant, and Capt. Charles Turner, Commander, were interviewed. Neither had seen the object, and had no opinion on what it was, but vouched for Mr. White and Mr. Smith as to their reliability.

3. Lt. Rouce from the 763rd AC & W Squadron was contacted. He had scrambled the F-86D on the basis of the report received from the Buffalo Filter Center. He had also sent out the initial report. It was learned from him that similar type reports had been called in intermittently during the week, concerning unidentified lights over Eastern LAKE ERIE (GEOREF GJLN 5045).

4. Capt. Earle Flagg, Buffalo Filter Center, explained that the Buffalo News was carrying news articles on the "strange lights" over Lake Erie. The conclusions of the newsmen seemed to lean towards the idea that the object was a normal aircraft in the area.

5. A check with local weather station substantiated the winds aloft report given in the initial report. The following additional information was also gained:

Niagara Falls

1900 - 2100 Hours EST - Scattered clouds to 3500 feet
2100 - Remainder of Night - Clear

Buffalo

Same as Niagara Falls

Both Areas

No smog or smoke in area where data was obtained (Niagara Falls).
No Moon - Set at 1300 EST, 29 Feb 56. Rose 0318 EST, 1 Mar 56.

6. A check was made with Division Operations, which revealed locations of lights and beacons shown in Incl. #1.

7. A check was made with Division AAA representative, Lt. Col James N. Lewis, and Fort Niagara Operations Officer, Maj. John Scott. It was learned that two (2) radar sets were on surveillance on the night of the 29th, and a third was put in operation when the calls from Capt. Solon in his F-86D were heard. These people from Fort Niagara at NIAGARA FALLS (GEOREF GJLP 5806) did not actually observe the object. Attempts at radar pick-up proved negative.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS (Continued):

8. After interviewing the SOURCES and analyzing the responses, it became quite apparent that the sighting was not one of the following:

- a. Airplane - It did not react like an airplane in its movements. It was too bright. No radar returns could be gained from it. The F-86D could not close on it. Its configuration was circular.
- b. Balloon - It could not be caught by an F-86D. It remained approximately the same size, regardless of position of F-86D. It gave no return on the radar scopes. It was too bright. It remained in the same location too long.
- c. Star - It was too big. It was brighter than any normal star.

9. Investigators consulted Lt. G. Dornier, MIT graduate, and Mr. B.A. Manning, Syracuse University Physicist. These men could not give positive identification to the object, but explained a possibility. This was that it could have been caused by a glob or cloud of gasses, ionized by the sun or an electrical charge of unknown source. Apparent altitude and position of object could have been caused by refraction effects due to the varying or unusual density changes in the lower atmosphere. This refraction could also explain the apparent acceleration or movement of the object to the pilot, while the ground observers saw little or no movement. The changing of color noticed by the pilot could have been due to the selective absorption of the air caused by the density situation.

10. A check was made with Dr. Fredrickson, head of the observatory at Syracuse University. It was his opinion that Venus could have been the object in question. According to Dr. Fredrickson, Venus is the brightest object in the sky, and is normally seen quite dim, and most often no higher than 15 - 55 degrees, during this time of the year, and on a clear night. Venus sets this time of the year sometime around 2200 and 2230 EST, according to the day of the year, etc. Venus shows up a brilliant white in the early evening, and later, just prior to setting, takes on some red coloring, similar to the setting sun. Venus can always be seen in the West, and as the night goes on, Venus will swing into the West as it sets. Capt. Solon's observation was explained to Dr. Fredrickson, and he believed that because of the 60 million miles between the Earth and Venus, along with Venus's setting motion towards the horizon, that Capt. [redacted] observations could plausibly have been the planet Venus.

1 Incl: Location of Dragons

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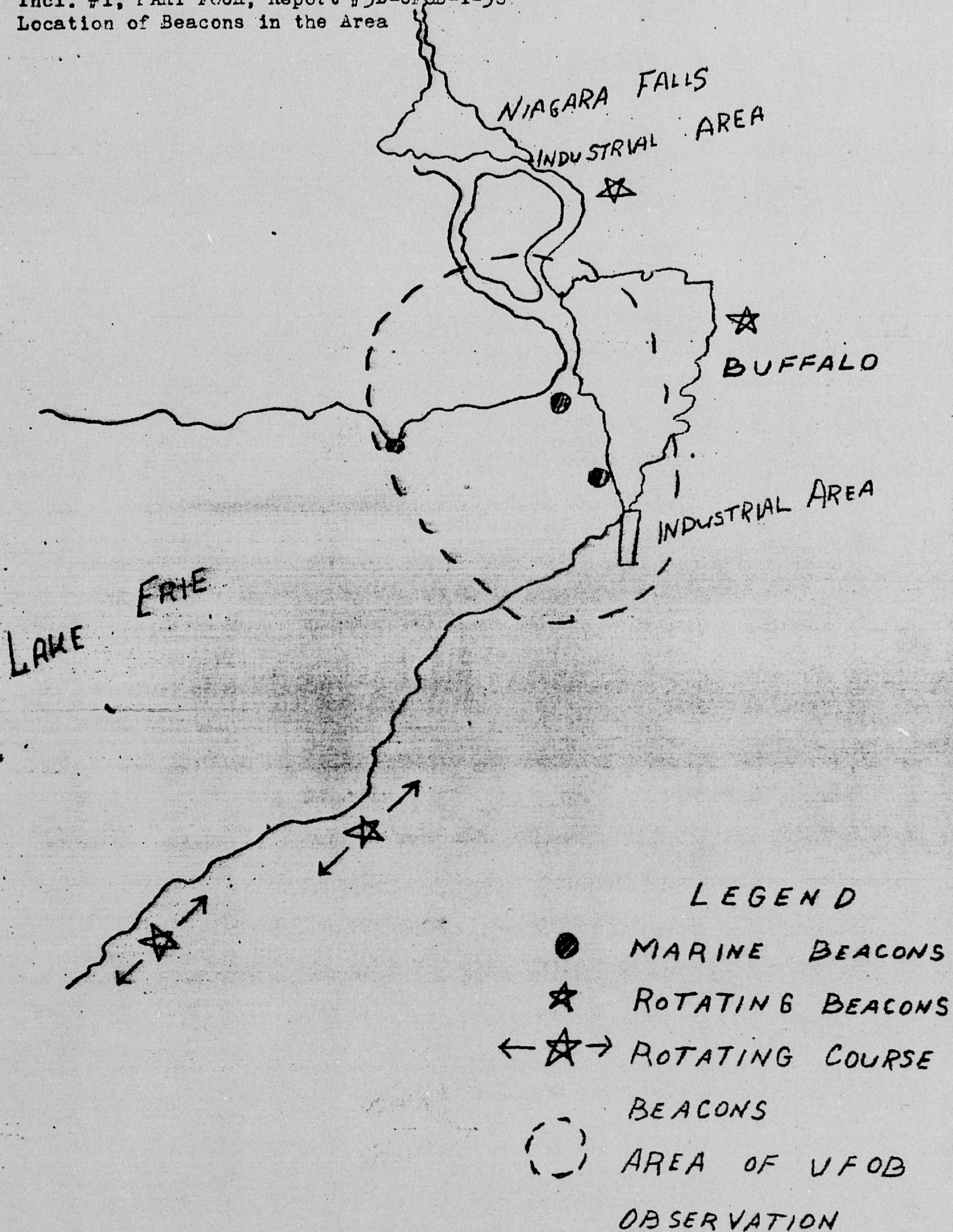
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COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER:

1. It is the opinion of the Preparing Officer that the object was probably the planet Venus for the following reasons:
 - a. Using the process of elimination, the object was no doubt not an airplane, balloon, or star, as explained in Part Four, par. 8 of this report.
 - b. B. A. Manning and Lt. G. Derner tend to support the possibility that the object could have been a glob of ionized gasses, but it is also their opinion that such a theory would be very difficult to prove. The Venus hypothesis seemed more probable.
 - c. As stated by Dr. Fredrickson (Part Four, par. 10), Venus is the brightest object in the sky during this time of year. It would definitely be setting around 2200 - 2230 EST, during which time it would give off a red color similar to the setting sun. A pilot would certainly not be cognizant of any notable closure on the planet Venus due to its distance from the Earth - 60 million miles.
 - d. The object was observed by one (1) observer for four (4) hours. Venus can be seen for at least four (4) hours at night prior to setting. During setting, Venus would appear further away due to decreased intensity. The object was seen in the West, which is the direction which Venus can always be seen this time of year.

Jack Tebo
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1st Lt., USAF
Officer in Charge

COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

1. It is the opinion of this headquarters that this sighting was definitely caused by the planet Venus. The following is given in support of the above hypothesis:
 - a. The planet Venus was located at the same position as the UFOB at the time of the sighting and was the brightest heavenly body in the sky.
 - b. The long duration of the sighting.
 - c. Failure of airborne radar as well as three (3) ground radar sets to pick up the object.
 - d. At the time of the attempted air intercept by Captain Solon, Venus was "setting" in the west and would have therefore appeared to be level with, or lower than, his aircraft. Captain ~~██████████~~ heading while attempting to overtake the object was the approximate azimuth of Venus.

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