

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 5 March 1956		2. LOCATION Bridgeport, New York		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☒ Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>0705</u> GMT <u>0600Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 25 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round object yellow in color, size of quarter - was swinging back and forth and up and down. Increased altitude. WX clear.				11. COMMENTS Probably balloon; although, planet Jupiter in position reported.	

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UNCLASSIFIED/ C-OPS 03024 PD FLYOBRPT CLN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

CMM AFR 200-2PD

1. A. ROUND

B. QUARTER

C. YELLOW

D. ONE

E. N/A

F. N/A

H. N/A

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1. SWINGINGBACK AND FORTH. MOVING UP AND DOWN.

2. A. GRIGHTNESS IN SKY

B. N/A

C. ESTWARD

D. SWINGING BACK AND FORTH. MOVING UP AND DOWN.

E. INCREASED ALTITUDE

F. TWENTY-FIVE (25) MINUTES

3. A. GROUND-VISUAL

B. EYES

C. N/A

4. A. 0205Z, 6 MAR 56

D. NIGHT

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C. ESTWARD
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3. A. GROUND-VISUAL
B. EYES
C. N/A
4. A. 0205Z, 6 MAR 56
B. NIGHT
5. PP 5815
6. A. MR. & MRS. [REDACTED], MIDDLE AGE, [REDACTED], BRIDGEPORT, NEW YORK, MECHANIC
B. N/A
7. A. WIND CALM, CLEAR SKY
B. 5,000 FT, 280/20; 10,000 FT, 280/40; 15,000 FT, 280/60; 20,000 FT, 280/70; 30,000 FT, 290/90; 50,000 FT, 280/50.

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C. 24,000 FT.
D. 15 MILES
E. 3/10
F. NONE
8. NONE
9. NONE
10. NONE
11. NONE
12. NONE

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT UFOB		
AREA REPORTED ON BRIDGEPORT, NEW YORK, USA	FROM (Agency) Flight 3-D, 4602d AISS	
DATE OF REPORT 12 March 1956	DATE OF INFORMATION 5 March 1956	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer) JAMES F. BARTON, 2nd/Lt., USAF		SOURCE [REDACTED] and other
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) ATIC Form A, AFR200-2, Sq. Guide 200-2, TT C-OPS 03024, 06/1810Z Mar 56, TT AISOP 0215		
SUMMARY: (Under concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112- Part II.) I. CONTENTS: PART ONE: Description of sighting by [REDACTED], Bridgeport, New York (GJPP 5815). Mechanic PART TWO: Description of sighting by [REDACTED], Bridgeport, New York. Assembly Line Worker PART THREE: Supplementary Investigative Efforts PART FOUR: Comments of Preparing Officer II. SUMMARY: One unidentified flying object was sighted northeast of Bridgeport, New York, on Tuttle Road in the township of Cicero, New York (GJPP 5311) at 06/0155Z Mar 56. Information contained within this report was obtained from persons who observed the object and from a routine investigation conducted by this unit to establish possible cause of this sighting. III. INVESTIGATORS: 2nd/Lt. JAMES F. BARTON AO 3043484 A/1c JEROME C. HULL AF 12411611		
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I. SOURCE: ████████████████████

Address: ██████████, Bridgeport, New York

Age: 44

Occupation: Mechanic

Education: 10 years

Qualifications: Qualified automobile mechanic; former US Army Air Corps aircraft mechanic.

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE was a mild mannered man of middle age. He was sincere in his statements and was very cooperative. Having been in the Army Air Corps during WW II and currently interested in GOC Filter Center activities, he has been alert to all unusual activities or happenings that occur in the skies. His promptness in reporting the sighting to the Filter Center is worthy of mention. SOURCE'S statements are considered to be reliable by the investigators.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: SOURCE, having retired early for the night of 5 March 56, was awakened by his wife at 06/0205Z, who had initially sighted the object at 06/0155Z Mar 56. (See Part II)

During the twenty minute period of sighting by SOURCE, the object appeared to swing to and fro as if attached to a pendulum. Simultaneously, it appeared to rise slowly but sharply. SOURCE likened the object to looking directly into a large incandescent bulb and suddenly closing your eyes. The image that appears in that split second after your eyes close is exactly the appearance that the object in question gave to SOURCE. According to SOURCE, the object had a very bright center, blurred edges and appeared to be about the size of a small pea held at arms length.

During entire period of observation, the sky was dark with a few stars and no moonlight. At no time did the object move behind any visual obstruction. However, the object did at times obstruct SOURCE'S vision of one particularly bright star. This star was positively positioned east by SOURCE as being in the same direction as the sun rises. The night was cool (about 40°F.) with a very slight breeze.

SOURCE heard no sound from object, color remained constant, white center with pinkish yellow exterior and no flickering or fading. No vapor trails or exhaust were visible. Its shape, that of a ball, remained constant at all times during observation. While it never appeared to increase or decrease its speed to any appreciable degree, it was ever moving with a pendulum motion.

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1. Statement of ████████████████████
2. SOURCE'S memory sketch of object

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Incl. #1, Part One, Report # 3D-UFOB-2-56 Statement of Mr. [REDACTED]		
S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T		
After going to bed early I was awoken by my wife watching this object in the sky. Being that I work across from the filter center on Midler Ave. in Syracuse and my interest in the service I went to the window and watched this object for about ten minutes, then made up my mind I should call the filter center and report the same in case it was abnormal. I have been familiar with planes etc. and in the service myself, and had never seen such a thing in all my service night or day flying and it caused me quite a bit of disturbance. I can't add any more to what I told the officer on my report, so I will leave this report the same, just like the image of a light bulb.		
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<i>James F. Barton</i>		
James F. Barton 2/Lt., USAF		

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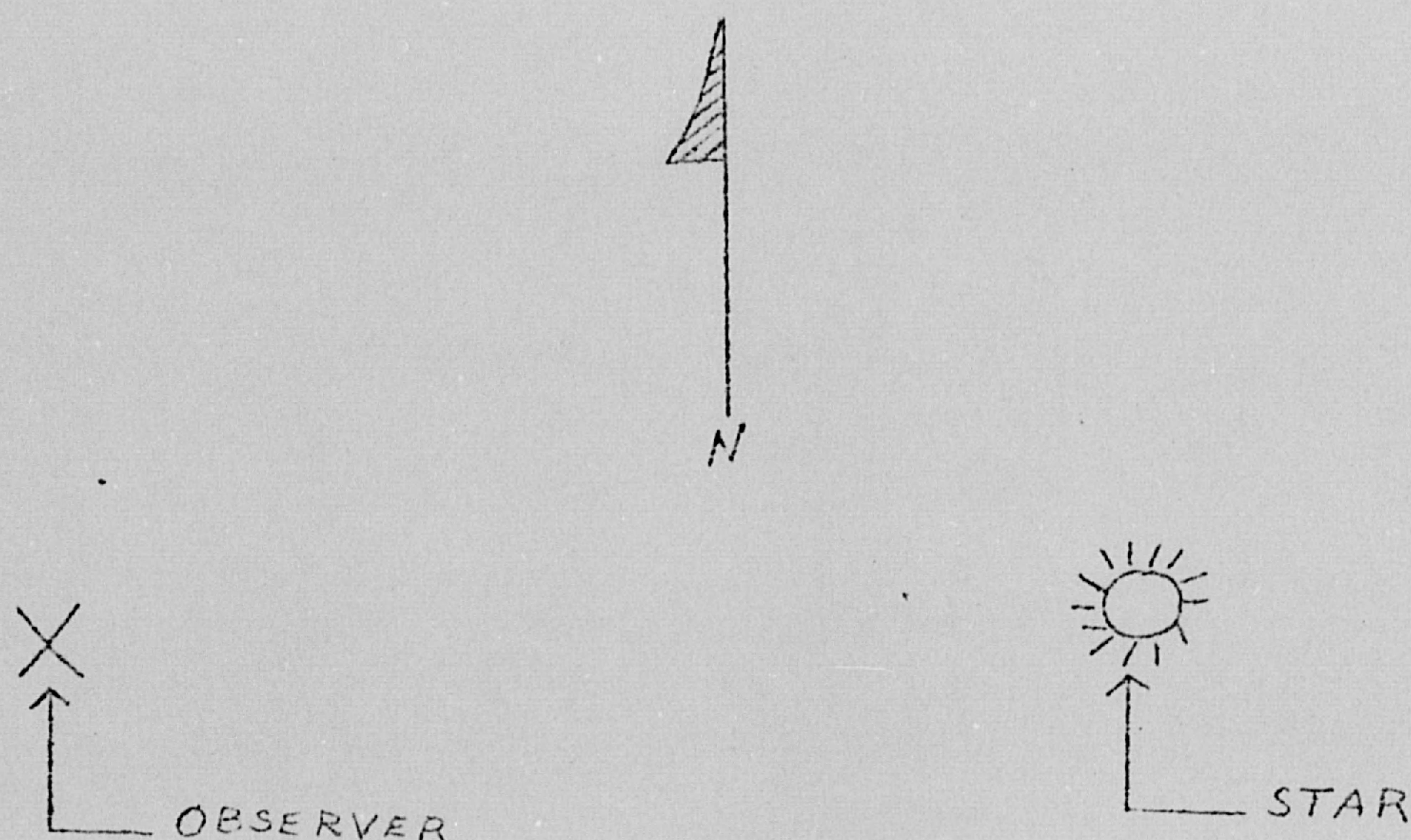
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CLEAN LITE CENTER WITH FRAYED EDGES
LIKE LOOKING AT BRIGHT LITE AND CLOSING EYES
AND SEEING IMAGE.

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I. SOURCE: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED], Bridgeport, New York

Age: 44

Occupation: Assembly line worker, Auto Lite Corp.

Education: 8 years

Qualifications:

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE was a pleasant middle age woman, who appeared to be very sincere and most willing to cooperate with investigators. SOURCE considered the sighting pertinent to the welfare of the nation and answered investigator's questions in accordance with this feeling. In the opinion of the investigator, information received from SOURCE was reliable within the limits of her ability.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: SOURCE, having retired for the night of 5 March 56, noticed a bright light through the bedroom window which gave the appearance of a very bright star. SOURCE estimated time to be 06/0155Z Mar 56. After watching object for a few minutes, SOURCE awakened her husband and both of them decided to investigate the source of light.

During the twenty-five minutes of observing this object, SOURCE stated that there was a few stars out but she did not remember if the moon was visible or not. SOURCE stated that object was brighter than the rest of the sky and had the appearance of an automobile head light approximately one mile away. SOURCE viewed object through ordinary window glass.

SOURCE described object as round, made of solid material, emitting a yellowish glow which seemed to flicker at times. According to SOURCE, edges of object seemed to be fuzzy or blurred. SOURCE stated that object had the appearance of a kite made of material that would glow.

SOURCE stated that object was sighted due east of her home over Oneida Lake (GJQP 0212). SOURCE explained that object seemed to move in a pendulum like motion and then up and down, finally going up to the southeast and fading from her sight. SOURCE was certain the size of the object could be compared to a quarter held at arm's length.

SOURCE described the weather at time of sighting as being dry, cool, little or no wind with scattered clouds. SOURCE, also, stated that her husband had sighted object and reported it to Syracuse Filter Center, Syracuse, New York. According to SOURCE, this was the first time she had seen such an object.

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1. Statement of [REDACTED]
2. SOURCE'S memory sketch of object

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Incl. #1, Part Two, Report # 3D-UFOB-2-56 Statement of E [REDACTED]		
S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T		
After retiring I saw through the window what appeared to be a star. After watching it for a few minutes it seemed to move very slowly up float is a better word and after a few minutes float back down and then it moved back and forth as a pendulum after repeating this several times about 5 in all it moved up and to the right and faded out. TRUE COPY: <i>James F. Barton</i> James F. Barton 2/Lt., USAF		

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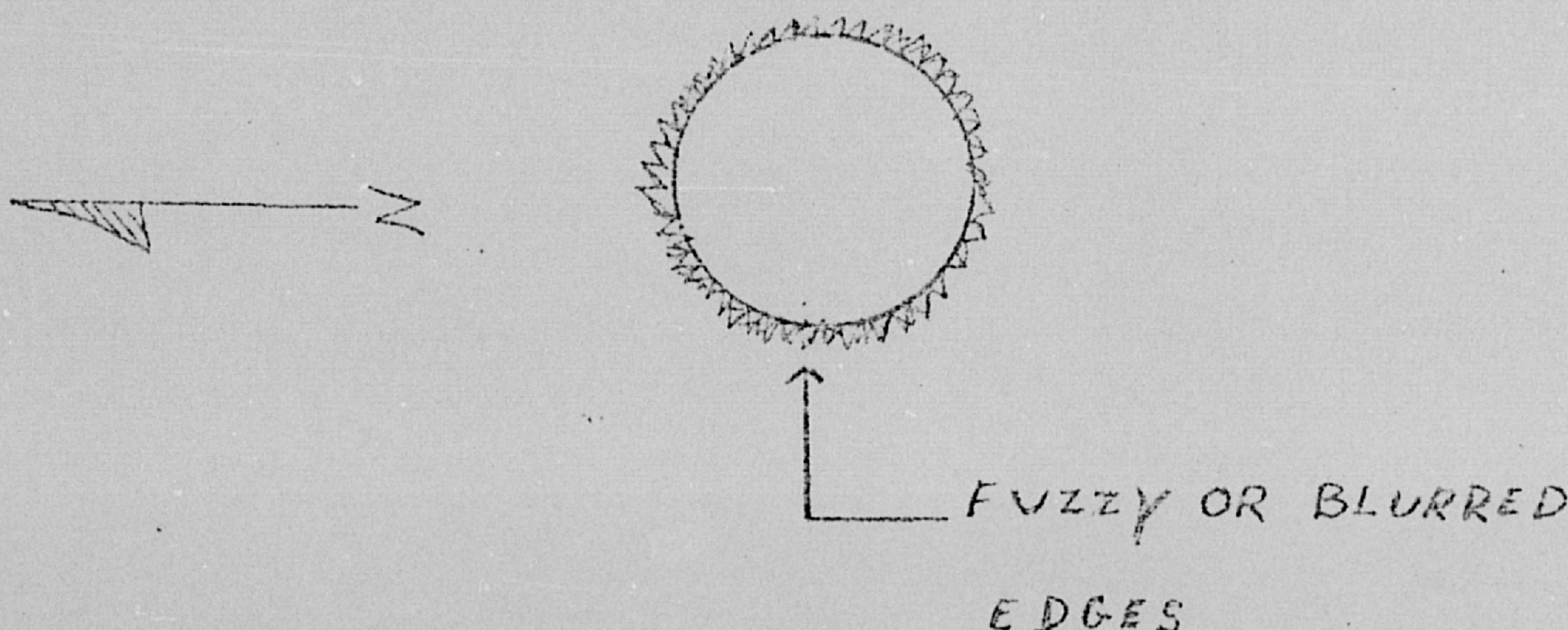
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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

1. A check with Syracuse GOC Filter Center revealed that SOURCE'S report was the only one received concerning the sighting of this object.

2. The 655th AC&W Squadron located at Watertown, New York indicated that there were no aircraft in the area at the time of the sighting. Interception and identification action taken by the 655th AC&W Squadron was negative. Object was not painted on radar screens. According to the 655th AC&W Squadron, SOURCE'S report through Syracuse GOC Filter Center was the only one received during the period of sighting.

3. The information received from the U.S.A.F. Weather Office at Syracuse A.F. Station, Syracuse, New York (GJPP 5204) indicated wind direction and velocity in degrees and knots as follows:

Surface	115° - 3 to 5	20,000' - 280° - 70
6,000'	280 - 20	30,000 - 290 - 90
10,000	280 - 40	50,000 - 280 - 50
16,000	280 - 60	80,000 - 280 - 30

(The above constituted the winds at approximately 06/0200Z Mar 56.)
At 06/0130Z Mar 56, ceiling was 25,000 feet, clouds broken; visibility seven miles.
At 06/0230Z Mar 56, the ceiling was 18,000 feet, clouds broken to 25,000 feet overcast; visibility seven miles.

4. Weather officer at Syracuse A.F. Station stated that due to prevailing winds, weather balloons released from Buffalo, New York (GJMN 1055) area, and other stations west of Syracuse, New York, could have been carried into the vicinity of the sighting.

5. A check with the U. S. Weather Bureaus at Syracuse, New York and Niagara Falls, New York (GJLP 5806), revealed that illuminated weather balloons were released daily at 1430Z, 2030Z, 0230Z, and 0830Z. Mr. G. R. Wright of the U. S. Weather Bureau office at Niagara Falls, New York stated that ordinarily balloons reached 80,000 feet in an hours time, and upon attaining this altitude, burst with recording equipment parachuting to the ground. However, a faulty balloon, which would not attain this altitude, and therefore not bursting, would be subject to prevailing air currents. Mr. Wright further stated that such a balloon could be readily observed up to 10,000 feet on a clear night.

6. A check with Dr. Fredrickson of the Syracuse University Observatory, Syracuse, New York revealed that there were no unusual phenomena observed during sighting period. Dr. Fredrickson further stated that the planet Jupiter was coming up in the east at the time of sighting. Dr. Fredrickson, also, stated that several weeks ago a friend had called him about an unusually bright light in the sky shortly after sunset. Upon investigating the object through the Observatory's telescope, Dr. Fredrickson saw that it was definitely a balloon. Dr. Fredrickson was quite impressed with the brightness that the balloon emitted and its similarity to a star as seen by the naked eye.

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COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

1. Preparing Officer concludes that this sighting was probably caused by an illuminated weather balloon, for the following reasons:

a. Prevailing winds prior to time of sighting could have placed weather balloons in area of sighting released from weather stations as far west as Buffalo, New York, Niagara Falls, New York and vicinity.

b. The description of the balloon hypothesis as described in Squadron Guide 200-2, Part II, page 7, coincides with SOURCE'S description of object.

c. Due to negative radar contact.

d. Possible error in SOURCE'S reported sighting time, could have resulted in object having been a locally released illuminated weather balloon.

e. Although the planet Jupiter rises in the east at this time, it would have been observed for a longer period of time. Likewise, Jupiter would not have faded away as described by SOURCE. Also, it is unlikely that Jupiter would move in a manner as object's movement was described by SOURCE.

f. Although certain aspects of the lighting corresponded to the star hypothesis, I do not consider this object to be a star due to motion and brightness of object as described by SOURCE.

James F. Barton

JAMES F. BARTON
2nd Lt., USAF
Ass't Officer in Charge

COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

Concur with the opinion of the Preparing Officer that this sighting was probably caused by an illuminated weather balloon.

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