

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE April 1956		2. LOCATION 50 Mi South of Bakersfield, California		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 1000 PST GMT /1800Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15-30 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE east	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Bright object slightly E of overhead in view for 15-30 seconds. Appeared as a red-orange light brighter than the sky. Disappeared by being reduced in size piece by piece. Disappeared over mountains. No sound, tail, exhaust. Appeared in front of mountains & disappeared over them. Obsvation fm car driving N. Driver attempted to pull car off road & when he had stopped the object had disappeared. Under obsvation by companion while witness who rptd obj was driving the car.				11. COMMENTS Insufficient Data.	

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East Stanwood, Wash.		FILE DESIGNATION	
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30 June 1956

U.S.A.F.
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio.

Dear ~~1st Lt.~~ Mary L. Storm:

The questionnaire form which you sent has been damaged; therefore, I will attempt to give as nearly as possible, an equal report on this paper.

Unidentified Flying Object.

1. When object was seen - In April, 1955.
(Note: I did not report this heretofore, as I only recently heard of your interest in these reports)
2. Time of day - Approximately 10:00 A.M. Pacific Standard Time.
3. Where located - We were driving north towards Bakersfield, Calif. about 50 miles south of this city on a desert.
4. How long was object seen? - From 15 to 30 seconds.
5. How certain of this? - Very certain.
6. Condition of the sky (Bright) sky was clear - visibility good.
7. Where was sun located? Over head, but slightly eastward.
8. How bright was object? - Brighter than sky but not as bright as the sun. We could look directly at it without difficulty.
9. Was it like an auto headlight? No; it was a weird orange-red light. I have seen neon lights similar to it, but not exactly like it.
10. The object appeared to stand still at first; it did not explode but gradually disappeared like a pie gradually disappearing as piece by piece was cut out of it; only, of course, much faster. It did not give off smoke or change brightness, or flicker. It only changed shape as it gradually disappeared over the mountains.
11. Did the object move behind something? No.

12. Did it move in front of anything?

It was already in front of this mountain range from 25 to 100 miles to the east between the mountains and us, but it did not move in front of anything else.

13. The object appeared to be solid and was not transparent that is, we could not see through it.

14. Did you observe the object through any glasses?

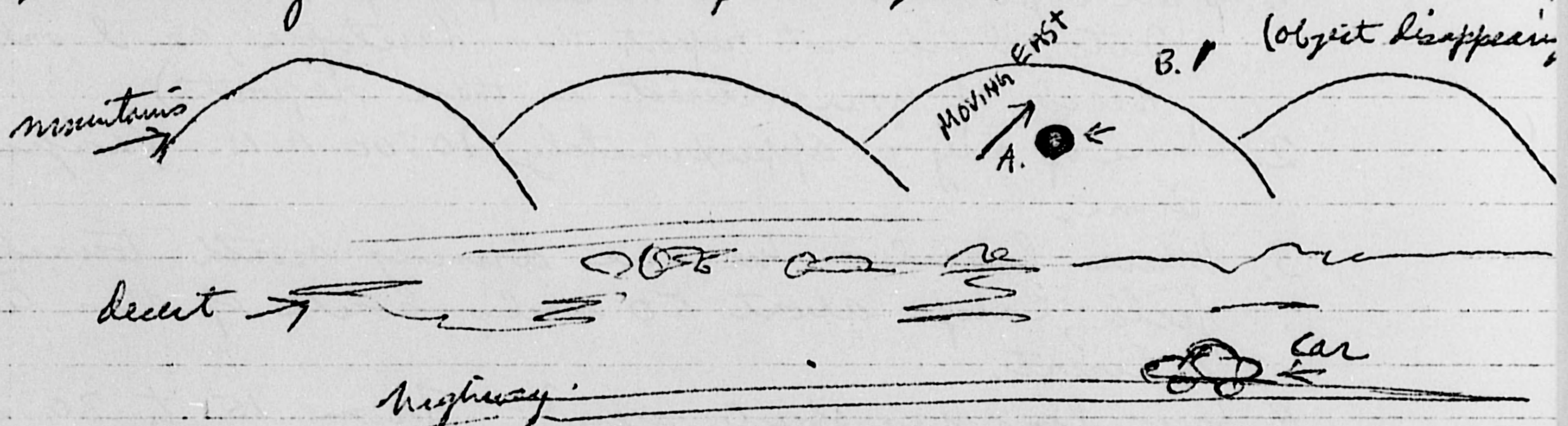
No. We saw the object through an open car window with our naked eyes.

15. Tell in a few words the following things about the object

a. sound - There was no sound reaching our ears.

b. color - weird orange-red unlike any thing I have seen. Some neon signs come close to it.

16. Following is a sketch of the object:



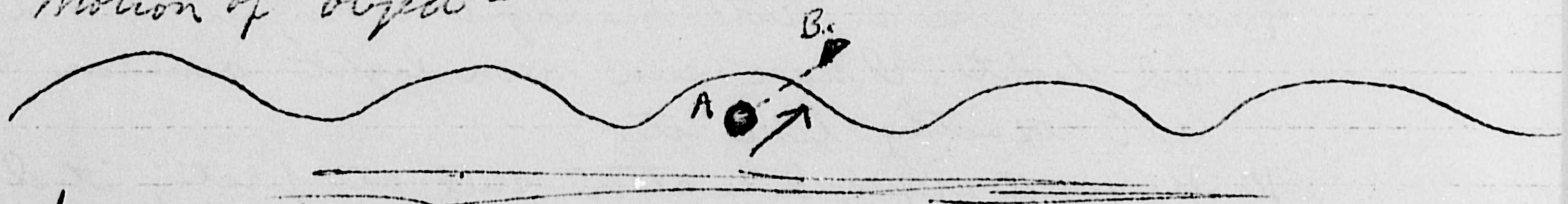
Note: no vapor trails or exhaust - no noise.

17. How about the edges?

Sharply outlined like a ball of fire - smooth edges.

18. How many objects? - Only one.

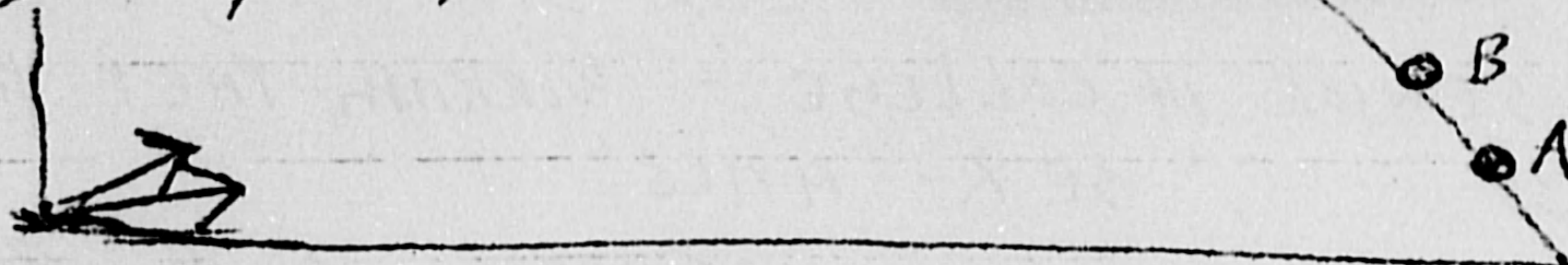
19. Motion of object -



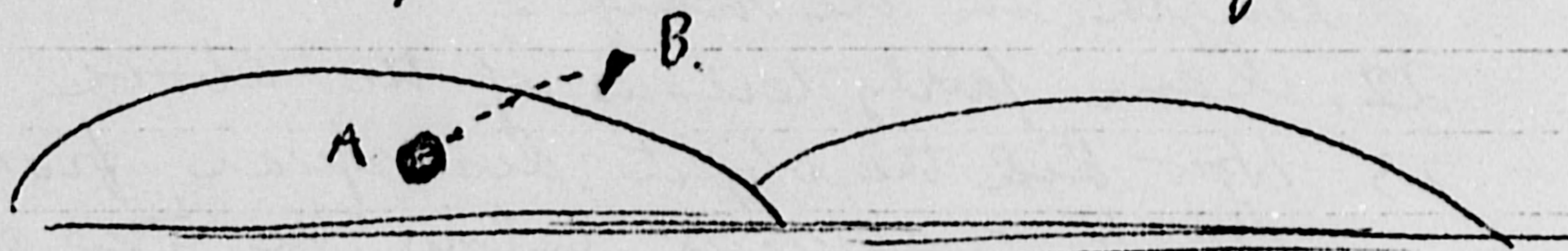
20. Size of object -

The mountains were from 25 to 100 miles away, and the object was between them and us. It was at least a mile away, but I do not know how far. I am not familiar with that part of the country, and do not know that mountain range and how far away from the highway.

21. Compare the object to a nickel held out at an arms length in the hand.
22. I am fairly certain of the above conclusion.
23. How did the object disappear from view?
It first appeared below the tops of the mountains; about half way from ground to top - then disappeared gradually over the tops of the mountains to the east. This happened in a matter of seconds.
24. Construct the object -
This was like a ball of fire - The closest I can explain it, is that it was similar to the sun shining through the smoke of a forest fire in brightness, but the color was different - a weird orange red - Naturally, it was not the sun as it was below the tops of the mountains; it was naturally too low; it also moved above the mountains; the sun was just about overhead - at 10:00 A.M.
25. Where located?
We were in a car.
26. We were in an open countryside.
27. What were you doing at the time?
We were travelling northward on a connecting highway between U.S. 99 and another one toward Bakersfield, and eventually Seattle, our destination.
28. We were moving northwest at approximately 45 M.P.H.
We stopped after first sighting the object.
29. What direction were you looking? Eastward.
30. We were also looking eastward when we last sighted the object.
31. Number of degrees from north?
I cannot estimate this, although it was not far above the horizon when it disappeared and about eastward. It moved a few degrees to the south. It was also a few degrees below the tops of the mountains at first.
32. Angle of object



33. Object's position when first and last seeing it.



34. Weather conditions:

Clear sky - slight breeze - dry - warm.

35. June 6, 1956 - (20 year) (U.S.A.F.) - (First report to official)

36. Was anyone else with you? Yes.

a. ~~He~~ also saw the object.

b. Name and Address:

Mr. ~~James~~

~~James~~

Yucaipa, Calif.

37. Was this first time you have seen such an object?

Yes.

38. In your opinion what do you think the object was?

I have no idea what this was, but am open-minded about the subject. It was unlike anything I have ever before seen, and the details stand out clearly after all this time. My friend and I thought it was either something the U.S. was experimenting with, or some object from outer space. We are open minded, however, I repeat.

39. Estimated speed.

It must have been travelling at tremendous speed, because it disappeared so fast. I cannot say how fast, however.

40. How far away was the object?

I don't know - between 1 and 5 miles, I would say.

41. NAME - ~~James~~

ADDRESS - ~~James~~ - EAST STANWOOD, WASH. NO PHONE

JOB - SENIOR IN COLLEGE - WORKING PART TIME

AGE - 35 SEX - MALE

HAVE been 3 years in U.S.N.R. - had Radio school training for navy and government. Also Bible school

42. Date questionnaire completed - 30 June, 1956.

43. Summary of event.

NAME - ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

SIGNATURE - ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

DATE - June 30, 1956.

On the morning of an April or May day in 1955 while travelling northward with a friend on a highway leading into U.S. 99 about 50 miles south of Bakersfield, Calif. at about 10:00 A.M., I noticed an orange-red ball of fire to the east and on my right; I hollered and poked my friend, who was riding beside me, and pointed in that direction. He was just as amazed as I and we pulled over to the side of the highway to observe it further. My friend saw it gradually disappear, but I had to look ahead while pulling off the road, and the next time I looked, it was just disappearing from view over the mountains. When I first noticed it, it was a round ball, but when later I saw it, it was only partly left. The sun was overhead, and we knew it was not connected with it. It was also between the mountains and us, above the desert, apparently from one to five miles away. We are open-minded about it, and have not told too many about it except mainly friends, as others would think us "crazy". However, we are both honest Christians and would sooner die than lie about it.

We were so amazed that we talked about it the rest of the trip to Seattle and told some friends. We had not seen anything to equal it, although my friend said he saw a silvery disk before that. This, however, as has been noted, was a weird orange-red color unlike any color I have seen. The closest color resembling it is on some neon signs. It was not too bright to look directly at and suffer no ill effects. In fact, one did not even have to squint, but it was much brighter

than the background of sky and mountains.

← This is the approximate color — only somewhat lighter and more orange.

This is about all the information I can give on this subject. I hope this has been an aid in helping you identify this object. You can be assured that this is not a "hoax" or false report, although some of the details may be inaccurate. Remember, there was no noise, no smoke or vapor trails, no tail — just a round object in the sky and moving east as it disappeared apparently, although we are not certain it was moving east, since we were looking east. We did notice that it moved a few degrees southward. As I said before, we are open-minded and don't want to make this appear to be something it was not.

Sincerely yours,

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WITNESSES:

1. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

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YUCAIPA, CALIF.