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1. DATE	2. LOCATION	12. CONCLUSIONS
14 May 1956	Air-Visual over So. Carolina and Virginia	☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP	**4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION**	
14/1400Z May 1956	☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS	**6. SOURCE**	
☐ Yes ☒ No	AF THUNDERBIRDS	☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** / **9. COURSE**	
Thirty-five Minutes	One (1) / Stationary	☐ Other_____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

One (1) cylindrical object, the size of a pencil eraser held at arms length, silvery-white in color. The edges of the object appeared clear and white as compared to the background of the sky. The object appeared on an azimuth of 75 degrees and 25 degrees above the 30,000 foot level. The object did not disappear.

11. COMMENTS

A call by Sgt DeRudder to General Rogers, Commander, 3600th Combat Crew Training Wing at Luke AFB, revealed that the THUNDERBIRDS will be at Luke on 21 May 56, at which time they will call this headquarters. Evaluation of this sighting will follow after investigation.

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35 MINUTES NORTH 77 DEGREES 15 MINUTES WEST/ 30 MI SSW WINSTON SALEM TO QUANTICO. (6) MAJ J M BROUGHTON, FLIGHT LEADER THUNDERBIRDS, CAPT G. D. FLINCHEM, CAPT E. J. ELLIS, LT R. D. ANDERSON, LT W. R. POGUE, ALL MEMBERS OF THUNDERBIRD ACROBATIC TEAM STATIONED AT LUKE AFB RELIABILITY TWO. (7) FORECASTED WINDS 270 DEGREES 60 KNOTS ACTUAL WINDS 280 DEGREES 50 KNOTS CLEAR NO OBSTRUCTION. (8) NEGATIVE. (9) NEGATIVE. (10) NEGATIVE. (11) DIRECTOR OF PLANS AND INTELLIGENCE NEDCOM. THIS OBJECT WAS SEEN BY ALL FIVE MEMBERS OF THE THUNDERBIRDS TEAM FOR A PERIOD OF 35 MINUTES. ITS IMMOBILITY BRILLIANT SILVER COLOR AND EXTREMELY HIGH ALTITUDE INDICATE THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ASTRONOMICAL BODY. MAJOR BROUGHTON STATES THAT HE SAW A VERY SIMILAR OBJECT IN 1949 AT LOS VEGAS AND IT WAS REPORTED BY A COL MARTIN COMMANDER OFTHE GUNNER SQUADRON. ALL STATE THAT OBJECT WAS BRIGHTER THAN A NIGHT STAR.

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"UFOS" RE PARA 7 AFR 200-2. (1) A. ROUND CYLINDRICAL. B. PENCIL ERASER. C. SILVERY WHITE. D. ONE. E. N/A. F. CLEAR AND WHITE EDGES CONTRASTED WITH BLUE SKY. G. NEGATIVE. H. NEGATIVE I. NEGATIVE. (2) A. ROUTINE FLIGHT SURVEILLANCE. B. 25 DEGREES ABOVE 30,000 FOOT FLIGHT LEVEL ELEVATION 70 DEGREES AZIMUTH. C. DID NOT DISAPPEAR. D. STATIONARY. E. N/A. F. 35 MINUTES. (3) A. AIR-VISUAL. B. NEGATIVE. C. FCAF 525771/ B,000/30 DEGREES/ 340 IAS/ 510 TAS/ LUKE AFB. (4) A. 1414 GCAL. B. N/A. (5) 35 DEGREES 10 MINUTES NORTH AND 31 DEGREES WEST TO 38 DEGREES

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SUBJECT: UFOB

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
N/A	Flt 1-D 4602D AISS

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
5 June 1956	14 May 1956	

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
TED W WUERTHNER 2/Lt USAF	Capt Billy J Ellis and 2 others

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

AFR 200-2

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PART THREE: Description of Sighting by 1/Lt William R Pogue, 3600th Air Demonstration Sqdn, Luke AFB, Ariz.

II. SUMMARY:

One (1) unidentified flying object sighted near Gastonia, North Carolina at 14/1410Z MAY 1956, (0910 CDST, 14 May 56). The information was obtained from three (3) members of the five (5) members of this Air Demonstration Flight. The other two (2) members were unable to attend the meeting of the investigator and other members. A full report was given to Major George Taylor, D/I, Bolling AFB, Washington, DC.

III. INVESTIGATOR

SSgt Albert S Rosenberger AF 13353560

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I. SOURCE: Billy Joe Ellis, Capt, USAF

AGE: 27

DUTIES: Demonstration Acrobatic Pilot with USAF Thunderbirds

EDUCATION: College Graduate, Graduate of Pilot Training

QUALIFICATIONS: Pilot

STATION: 3600th Air Demo Flt, Luke AFB, Ariz

II. Reliability: SOURCE was a young man with a nonchalant manner. He seemed to be in a hurry to get the interview over and this may be attributed to the fact he had already filed one report. However, he seemed to be a person of above average intelligence. He gave thought to each question before answering and was sure of his answers.

III. SOURCE's Description of Object:

1. SOURCE was piloting an F-84F type aircraft from Eglin AFB, Fla., enroute to Bolling AFB, Washinton, DC. SOURCE's attention was directed to object by other members of flight and observed the object for approximately thirty (30) minutes.

2. It was a bright day and the light was very brilliant and the sun was located to the pilot's right. SOURCE was flying over open country in a northeast direction. SOURCE was looking in a northeast direction when he first saw and last saw the object.

3. SOURCE could hear no sound from the object and the color was bright and silvery. Edges of the object looked like a bright star. SOURCE did not observe the object make any apparent motion.

4. SOURCE could not estimate the real size of the object but compared it with a star as a common object. Estimated the size to be that of a pea held at arms length.

5. This was the first time SOURCE had ever seen an object such as this. SOURCE could not determine the speed or distance of the object. SOURCE observed object thru sunglasses and the windshield of the aircraft.

6. SOURCE was flying at 30,000 ft when object was first sighted. Object disappeared when SOURCE descended thru cloud cover for landing at Bolling AFB.

7. SOURCE stated that the object could possibly have been a very near star, very luminous and appeared as a star; or it was caused by phenomena of atmosphere which enabled him to see object clearly or a star out of its orbit.

2 Incls: 1. Statement by SOURCE. 2. SOURCES Memory Sketch

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Statement of Capt Billy Joe Ellis

STATEMENT

I was in a flight of five 5 (5) F-84F's enroute to Bolling AFB from Eglin AFB. Flight was conducted VFR at 30,000 ft about 80 nautical miles SSW of Winston Salem when the object was first sighted. I did not see it until past Winston Salem because I was on a different radio channel making a position report. I saw this object, which, was very bright, and silvery and lost sight of it during the descent to Bolling AFB. Reported sighting to Base Operations Officer, Major George Taylor at Bolling AFB.

/s/ Billy J Ellis
Capt USAF

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2/Lt USAF

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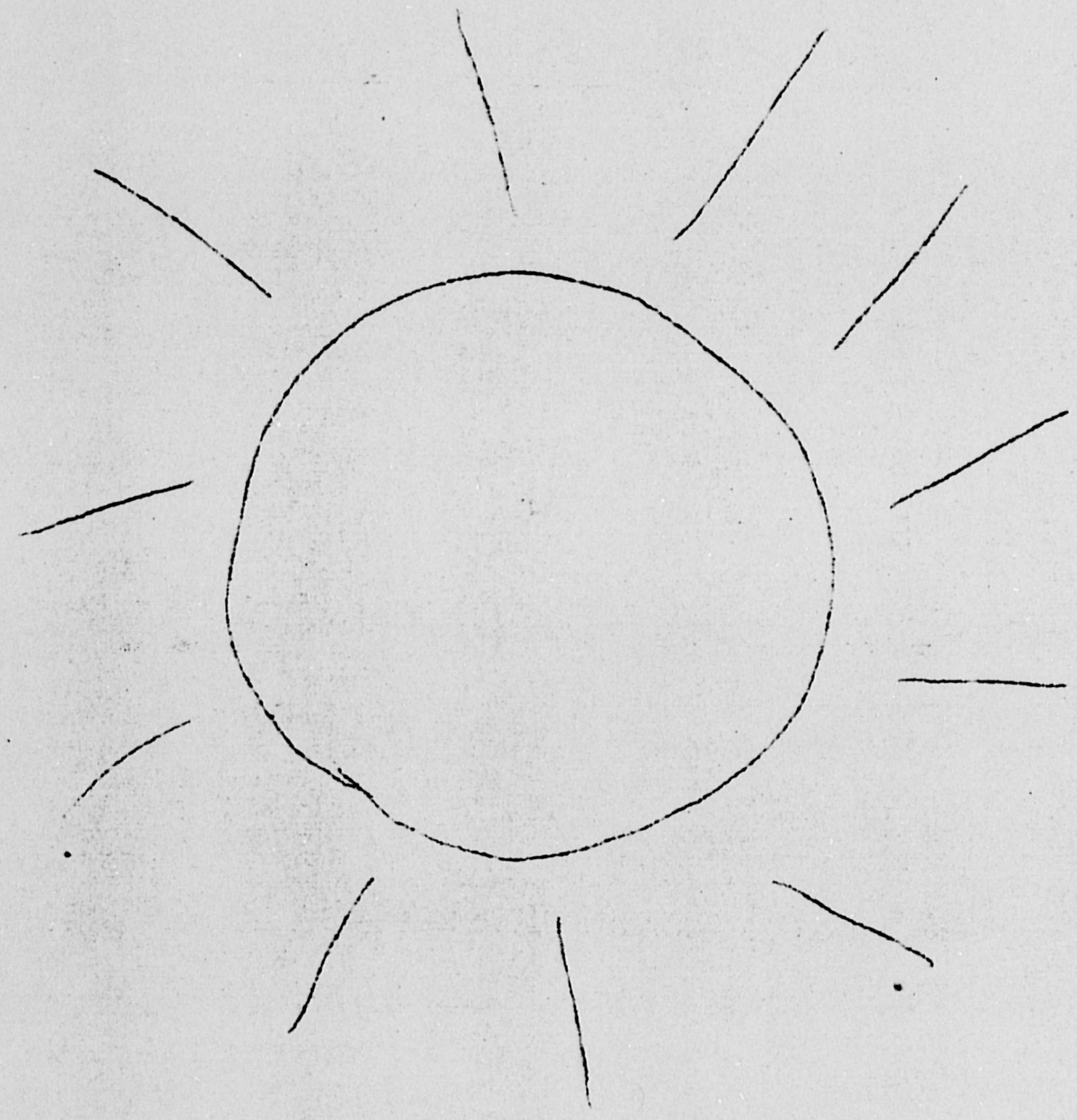
SOURCE's Memory Sketch of Object



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I. SOURCE: Robert Dale Anderson, 1/Lt USAF

AGE: 26

DUTIES: Fighter Pilot with USAF Thunderbirds.

EDUCATION: 3 yrs college and pilot training

STATION: 3600th Air Demonstration Flt, Luke AFB, Ariz

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE was a young man of average build. He apperaed to be of average intelligence. He gave each question asked by the investigator, careful thought and was sure of his answers. The investigator considered the information of the SOURCE to be reliable.

III. SOURCE's Description of the Object:

1. SOURCE was piloting an F-84F at an altitude of 30,000 ft, clear sky, bright sunlight, weather: dry, temperature: -30 deg C. SOURCE's attention was directed to object by another member of the flight. Object was observed for approximately 30 minutes.

2. SOURCE was flying over open country and observed the object for the first time when he looked in an Northeast direction. Object last seen in the same direction. SOURCE was wearing sunglasses and observed object thru the windshield of his aircraft. No apparent motion observed. Object appeared brighter than background of sky and was very sharply outlined.

3. This was the first time SOURCE had ever seen an object like this and estimated the size to be such as a dime held at arms length. No apparent speed to the object and the distance from SOURCE to object could not be estimated. Object appeared to be silvery white in color.

4. SOURCE lost sight of object as the flight let-down from 30,000 ft thru cloud cover in preparation for landing at Bolling AFB.

5. SOURCE states that the object could be compared to a pearl approximately 12 feet in diameter suspended in the sky. Could have been a star, visible due to the existing light conditions.

2 Incls:
1. Statement by SOURCE
2. SOURCES Memory Sketch

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Statement of 1/Lt Robert D, Anderson

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I was flying from Eglin AFB, direct to Bolling AFB and at 30,000 ft and object was called out by Lt Pogue. (We had a flight of five (5) F-84F's). Within 10 minutes all of us picked out the object. (It was sighted about 80 nautical miles SW of Winston Salem) (Approximately 9:10 CDST) It had no apparent movement and we saw it until we let-down at Washington.

/s/ ROBERT D ANDERSON
1st Lt USAF

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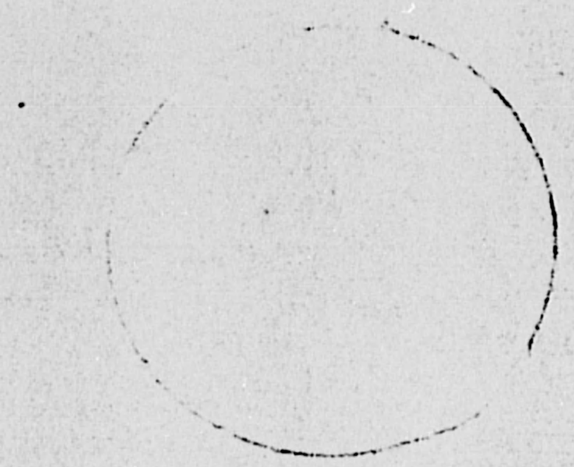
SOURCE's Memory Sketch of Object



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I. SOURCE: William R Pogue, 1st Lt, USAF

AGE: 26

DUTIES: Fighter Pilot

EDUCATION: College Graduate (BS Math)

STATION: 3600th Air Demonstration Flt, Luke AFB, Arizona

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE was a young man of average build. He was quiet and very serious. He seemed to be of above average intelligence. He took a great deal of time to answer the questions put to him by the investigator and he was explicit in his answers. The information received from the SOURCE is considered reliable in the opinion of the investigator.

III. SOURCE's Description of the Object:

1. SOURCE was piloting and F-84F at an altitude of 30,000 ft, flying over open country, clear sky, wind direction: SSW 30-50 kts, temperature: cold. Object observed thru sunglasses and windshield of acraft for a period of 30 minutes.

2. Object appeared to be a solid and appeared on SOURCE's right. Object was brighter than the backgpound of sky and similar in brilliance to a sunglint. SOURCE was looking in a northeast direction when object appeared and when SOURCE last observed object.

3. Bearings from true North when first observed 50 deg and 30 deg from horizon. Object bearing same when last observed.

4. This was the first time SOURCE had ever observed an object such as this and estimated the size to be that of a pin head held at arms length. Very sharply outlined. Real size or distance of object could not be determined. SOURCE states that object appeared to be metallic or highly reflective substance spherical in shape. Comparable to a large balloon with metallic finish.

5. SOURCE states that he thinks the object was a heavenly body reflecting light. Cause: a balloon could have been stabilized in position for a period of time and would have had to be at a great distance and altitude to maintain its relative stable position.

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1. Statement by SOURCE
2. SOURCE's Memory Sketch

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Statement by Lt William R Pogue

STATEMENT

During a cross-country flight from Eglin AFB to Bolling AFB, I sighted an object at about 2:00 o'clock position. We had been airborne approximately 40 minutes and were cruising at 35,000 ft, IAS 500. After first sighting the object, I made sure it was not a refractive glint from the canopy and then called it out to leader. I had some difficulty in properly describing its position so the leader could see but in a few minutes the rest of the flight was able to spot it also. It was relatively very small, held a constant position, was circular or spherical and fully brilliant over its surface, although the suns rays could not have fully covered the surface of the object which we were observing. This led me to believe it was (1) At extreme distance so that any illuminated source as small as it was would appear round and (2) A transparent object i.e. Balloon, which would appear fully lighted.

/s/ William R Pogue
1st Lt USAF

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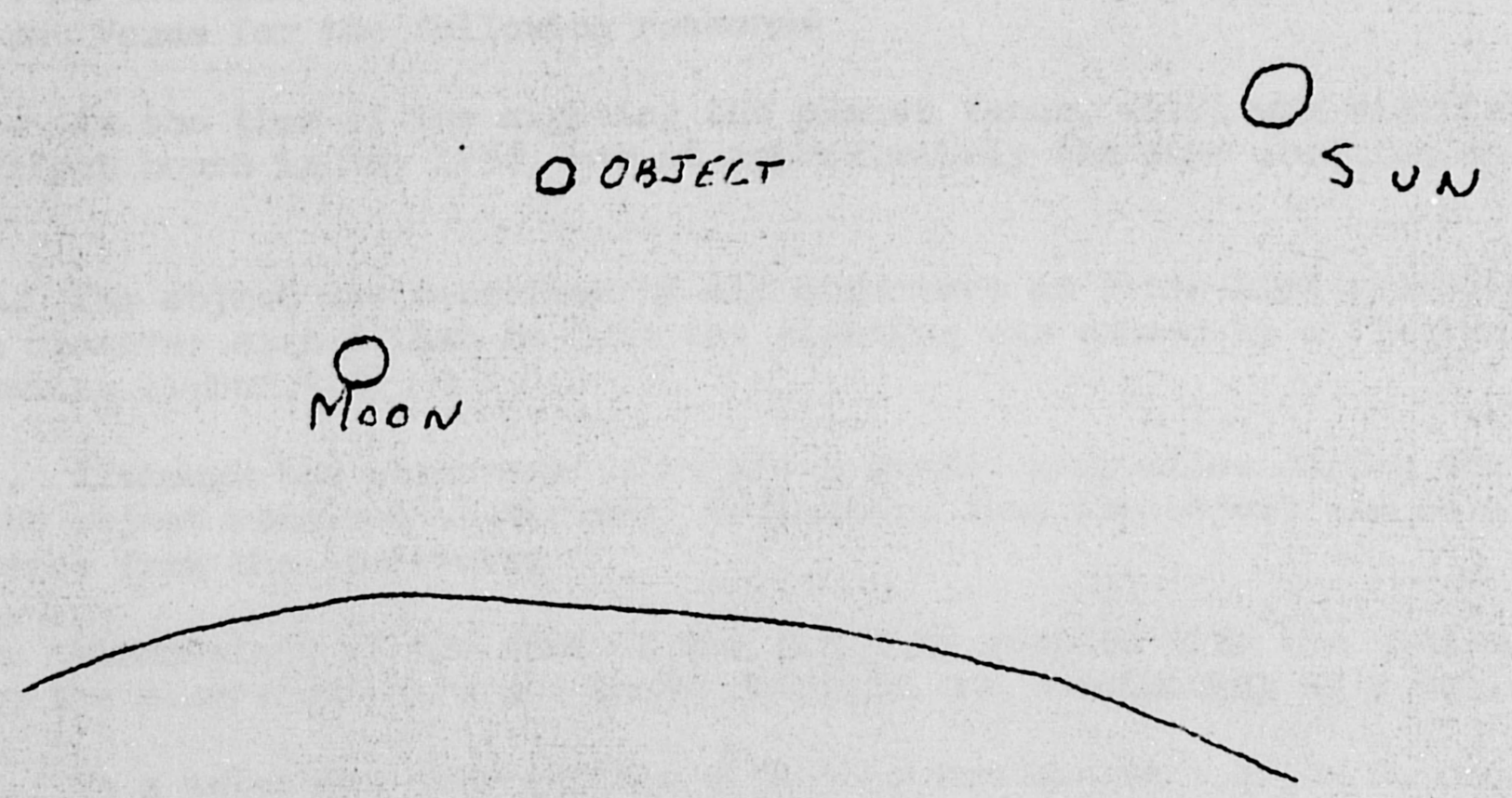
SOURCE's Memory Sketch



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COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

None

COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

1. It is the opinion of this headquarters that this sighting was caused by the planet Venus for the following reasons:

a. At the time of the sighting the planet Venus, which was visible during daylight hours in May 1956, was at approximately the same position as the object.

b. The object was described by all observers as being like a bright star. One observer stated that he felt the sighting was caused by a "heavenly body reflecting light".

c. Although the observers' aircraft traveled many miles during the sighting the object remained stationary, indicating that the object was at a great distance from the observers.

d. Winds-aloft at the time of the sighting coupled with the distance traveled by the observers' aircraft would preclude the possibility of a balloon.

e. In a telephone conversation with this headquarters Major J. Broughton, Flight Leader of the Thunderbirds and an observer of the object in question, stated that from past experience this sighting was not caused by a balloon but felt that it could have been caused by a bright star or planet.

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