UFOB INDEX CARD

AISS-UFOB-341-56

1. DATE	2. LOCATION	12. CONCLUSIONS
3 ~~4~~ Sep 56	Kalispell, Montana	☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP	**4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION**	☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
04/0420Z Sep 56	☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	☒ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
5. PHOTOS	**6. SOURCE**	☐ Other_____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
☐ Yes ☒ No	Civilian (GOC) Military (GOC)	

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	9. COURSE
Seven hours	One	In orbit

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

One bowl or tear-shaped object, the size of a dime at arm's length. Color varied from red to green to white. Object had a fuzzy and hazy tail. Object was initially sighted SSE at 35° elevation. Object was observed visually and through binoculars for 7 hours and disappeared over the horizon near dawn.

11. COMMENTS

Full investigation of this sighting was assigned to Flt 1-B, 4602d AISS on 5 Sep 56. This headquarters concurs with Flt 1-B investigating officer that sighting was caused by the Planet Mars. AF Form 112 will be reproduced and will be forwarded through normal channels.

AISOP Form 5 (15 Oct 54)

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE

3 September 1956

2. LOCATION

Kalispell, Montana

3. DATE-TIME GROUP

Local _____

GMT 04/0420Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar

☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS

☐ Yes

☒ No

6. SOURCE

Civilian & Military BOTH GOC

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

seven hours

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

one

9. COURSE

in orbit

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

One bowl or tear-shaped object, size of dime at arm's length. Color varied fm red to green to white. Obj had a fuzzy & hazy tail. Obj was initially sighted SSE at 35 dgr elevation. Object was observed visually & through binoculars for 7 hrs & disappeared over the horizon near dawn.

11. COMMENTS

Concur w/Flt 1-B investigating officer that sighting was caused by planet Mars.

12. CONCLUSIONS

- ☐ Was Balloon
- ☐ Probably Balloon
- ☐ Possibly Balloon
- ☐ Was Aircraft
- ☐ Probably Aircraft
- ☐ Possibly Aircraft
- ☒ Was Astronomical Mars.
- ☐ Probably Astronomical
- ☐ Possibly Astronomical
- ☐ Other _____
- ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
- ☐ Unknown

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

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FM COMMANDER 4602ND AISS ENT AFB COLO

TO COMMANDER ATIC ATTN: AFOIN 4E4

WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

INFO HEADQUARTERS USAF ATTN COL JOHNSON AFOIN-X

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/UNCLAS/ AISOC 0822 PD REFERENCE IT MSG AFOIN 4E-9-1186-E DATED 5 SEP 56 PD UFOB SIGHTING IN KALISPELL MONTANA ON 3 SEP 56 IS SUBJECT PD IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 200-2 THE FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY REPORT IS SUBMITTED CLN

1. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:

A. BOWL OR TEAR SHAPED

B. DIME

C. RED TO GREEN TO WHITE

D. ONE

E. N/A

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F. FUZZY AND HAZY TAIL

G. NONE

H. NONE

I. NONE

2. DESCRIPTION OC COURSE

A. NOTIFIED BY GOC POST

B. SOUTHSOUTH-EAST AND 35 DEGREES ELEVATION

C. SCUTH-SOUTH -WEST

D. IN ORBIT

E. DISAPPEARED NEAR DAWN

F. SEVEN HOURS

3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

A. GROUND VISUAL

B. LOW POWER BINOCULARS

C. N/A

4. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

A. 04/0425Z SEP 56

B. NIGHT

5. LOCATIONS OF OBSERCATIONS--EKFC 4113

6. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVERS

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A. MR AND MRS [redacted] STREET, KALISPELL

MONTANA, CERAMIC TILE CONTRACTOR AND HOUSEWIFE; MR [redacted]

GOC COUNTY SUPERVISOR; MRS [redacted], GOC POST SUPERVISOR PD

B. (1) [redacted]

LT COL US ARMY(RET), 525 THIRD AVE WEST KALISPELL, MONTANA,

COUNTY DIRECTOR, CIVIL DEFENSE, CONSIDERED USUALLY RELIABLE PD

2() T/SGT KARL A. CLARK, 4773D GOC, KALISPELL, MONT, GOC

NCOIC, CONSIDERED USUALLY RELIABLE PD

3) S/SGT JOHN J DALESSIO, GOC, HELENA MONTANA, GROUND RADIO

OPERATOR , CONSIDERD USUALLY RELIABLE PD

7. WEATHER

A. COLD, DRY, VERY GUSTY WINDS

B. 5,000/350/10

10,000/330/20

16,000/320/75

20/, 000/320/25

25,000/300/75

C. 03/0600Z SEP 56-- 6,000FEET

03/0900Z SEP 56-- 25,000FEET

D. TEN TO FIFTEEN MILES

E. 23/1646Z SET 56-- SCATTERED

23/1930Z SEP 56--SCATTERED CIRRUS

F. NONE

8L PROXIMITY OF MARS TO THE EARTH

9. AT APPROXIMATELY 24/1300Z SEP 56 AN L-25 TYPE AIRCRAFT FLEW A CIRCLE OF ABOUT 200 MILES IN THE AREA PD NOTHING UNUSUAL WAS OBSERVED DURING FLIGHT PD F-86D AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED FROM MARSTROM AND GIEGER AFB AND REPORTED NO RADAR OR VISUAL CONTACT WITH THE OBJECT

10. NONE

11. COMMENTS OF PREPARINT OFFICER, CAPTAIN PATRICK SHERE, 98: FLT 1-B 4602ND AIR INTELLIGENCE SERVICE SQUADRON MALSTROM AFB, MONTANA CLN IN THE OPINION OF THE PREPARING OFFICER THIS SIGHTING WAS CAUSED BY THE PLANET MARS PD

12. NONE

THE ABOVE PRELIMINARY REPORT HAS BEEN EXTRACTED FROM AN AF FORM 112 SUBMITTED TO THIS HEADQUARTERS BY FLIGHT 1-B , 4602ND AISS, MALSTROM AFB, MONTANA PD FLT1-B ACCOMPLISHED A COMPLETE FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION OF SUBJECT UFOB ON 4 SEP 56 PF CARBON COPY OF AF FORM 112 WILL BE FORWARED TO ATIC AS SOON AS POSSIBLE PD

TENTATIBE ANALYSIS BY THIS HEADQUARTERS OF AF FORM 112 CONFIRMS OPINION OF PREPARING OFFICER THAT SIGHTING WAS CAUSED BY PLANET

MARS PD END

ET

.1/1721Z SEP RJEDEN

An astro plot and charts show the planet Mars was in the exact position reported by observers.

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JOINT MESSAGEFORM

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FROM: (Originator)
CMDR ATIC

DATE-TIME GROUP: 061500 SEPT 56
SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
PRECEDENCE FOR: ACTION: PRIORITY INFORMATION: PRIORITY

TO:
COMDR
MALMSTROM AF BASE
GREAT FALLS, MONTANA RJWPQC

☐ BOOK MESSAGE ☐ ORIGINAL MESSAGE
☐ MULTIPLE ADDRESS CRYPTOPRECAUTION ☐ YES ☐ NO
REFERS TO MESSAGE:
IDENTIFICATION CLASSIFICATION

INFO:
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ENT AF BASE
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UNCLASSIFIED/ FROM: AFOIN-4E4 -9-1186-E

ALLEGED UFO SIGHTING ON NIGHT 3 SEPT 56 IS SUBJECT. REFERENCE AFR 200-2 REGARDING REPORTING OF UFO'S. NO OFFICIAL REPORT RECEIVED RELATIVE THIS SIGHTING. BROUGHT TO ATTENTION THIS CENTER UNOFFICIALLY THROUGH INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE PUBLIC PRESS RELEASE DATED 4 SEPT 1956. FOR YOUR INFORMATION THIS RELEASE QUOTED:

"CMN34 "SAUCERS" GREAT FALLS, MONT., SEPT. 4--(INS)--OFFICERS AT MALMSTROM AIR FORCE BASE SENT REPORTS TODAY TO WASHINGTON DESCRIBING ATTEMPTED INTERCEPTIONS OF FLYING SAUCERS SEEN NEAR KALISPELL, MONT., LAST NIGHT. FIVE F-94C JET FIGHTERS OF THE 29TH AIR DIVISION AT THE BASE TOOK TO THE AIR THIS MORNING AFTER NUMEROUS REPORTS WERE RECEIVED OF A "TRIANGULAR-SHAPED LUMINOUS OBJECT" IN THE SKY SEVEN MILES WEST OF KALISPELL. THE"OBJECT" REPORTEDLY APPEARED ABOUT 10 P.M. (MST) LAST NIGHT AND DISAPPEARED BETWEEN 5:30 AND 6 A.M. THIS MORNING. NUMEROUS RESIDENTS OF THE AREA REPORTED SEEING THE "OBJECT." THE FIVE JET PILOTS FILED REPORTS WHICH

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INFORMATION REGARDING THIS SIGHTING REQUESTED IN ANTICIPATION OF POSSIBLE PUBLIC OR OFFICIAL QUERIES TO ATIC. THIS IS A NORMAL OCCURRENCE IN EVENT OF THIS TYPE. FULL REPORT ALSO REQUIRED TO FULFILL OUR FUNCTION UNDER AFR 200-2. IF UFO REPORT SUBMITTED OR FORTHCOMING, DISREGARD THIS MESSAGE. IN REPLY REFER TO AFOIN-4E4.

COORDINATION:

AFOIN-4E4 Hamley DATE 9/6/56
Dr. H.A.Miley

AFOIN-4E H.K. Gilbert DATE 9/6/56
Col H.K.Gilbert

AFOIN-4K1 A.F. Archer DATE 9/6
Mr. A.F.Archer

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DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required)
Capt G. T. Gregory George T. Gregory

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE
Robert E. O'Connor

SYMBOL	TELEPHONE	OFFICIAL TITLE
AFOIN-4E4	69216	ROBERT E. O'CONNOR Captain, USAF Assistant Adjutant

7 SEP 1956

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HEADQUARTERS
4602D AIR INTELLIGENCE SERVICE SQUADRON (ADC)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
ENT AIR FORCE BASE, COLORADO

AISOC

11 September 1956

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

1. The attached Air Intelligence Information Report (AF Form 112) as submitted by OIC, Flight 1-B, 4602d Air Intelligence Service Squadron, Malstrom AFB, Montana, is forwarded for your information and necessary action.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

CHARLES W. GODSEY
Captain, USAF
Assistant Adjutant

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KALISPELL, MONTANA, USA Flight 1-B, 4602d AISS

6 September 1956 3-4 September 1956

PATRICK O. SHERE, Captain, USAF GIL FRANDSEN and others

FONECON AISCM, 4 September 1956

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II. SUMMARY: An unidentified flying object was sighted in the vicinity of Kalispell, Montana (EKFC 4112) at 0420 Zebra hours, 4 September 1956 (2120 hours, MST, 3 September 1956. The information contained in this report was obtained from five persons observing the object, and from an investigation conducted to determine the possible cause of the sighting.

III. INVESTIGATORS: CAPT PATRICK O. SHERE, AO-1639638
TSGT HENRY D. MILLER, AF-19124076

3 (See Individual Parts)

PATRICK O. SHERE
Capt USAF
Officer in Charge

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I. SOURCE: [redacted]

Address: [redacted] Street, Kalispell, Montana

Age: 45

Occupation: Ceramic Tile Contractor

Education: 14 years

Qualifications: GCC County Supervisor for two years, nine months; served as 1/Lt with the Army during World War II.

II. RELIABILITY: Source, a pale gaunt man, was recently in an automobile accident, and did not appear to be physically robust or strong. He was completely certain that he had witnessed an object which he believed to have been looking for something; he is equally certain that the object will return. He was able to make a sketch of the object (refer to Incl 1) and was able to give more complete description of it than any of the other Sources. His description did not coincide with other descriptions. His reliability is considered to be "E".

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: Source was at his home with his wife when they were notified by the Kalispell GCC observation post that an unusual object was visible in the south-southeastern sky. This was approximately at 040515Z Sep 56(2215 hours MST, 3 Sep 56.) Source and his wife stepped out on their back porch and instantly spotted a brilliant light at an angle of approximately 70 degrees above the horizon.

2. The night was cold, dry, and with very gusty winds. There was no moon, but many stars were visible, despite scattered clouds.

3. Source stated that he could clearly distinguish the shape of the object; he described it as a bowl shaped, with five "fingers" or rods of light protruding from the leading, or concave, edge. These rods of light were the same length as the diameter of the object, and glowed brillantly, changing color with the object, from white to yellow. A tail in the form of a "Y" was attached to the other end, but this tail, Source stated, was green.

4. Source stated that the brilliance of the object varied constantly, as though it were controlled by a rheostat. At times it would be intensely brilliant, and then dim as though the voltage were being reduced. There seemed to be no set time pattern for this change in intensity; the change would occur in a matterof a few seconds.

5. Source stated that the object was accompanied by a cloud, which he described as being like a dense, very clear mist, and which he compared to the exhaust visible on an automobile which is burning oil. Source was positive that the object and the cloud were related, and that at times the object would disappear within the cloud.

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6. The object moved erratically, and with great speed. Source compared its movements to a yo-yo, although he added that it also moved horizontally as well as vertically. The object at all times moved directly against the prevailing winds, which were predominantly from the east.

7. Both Source and his wife observed the object and the cloud through low power binoculars, but stated that glasses were not really necessary, due to the clarity with which it could be observed. (Source did not wear spectacles during the interview.)

8. Source was reluctant to estimate the size of the object, but later compared it to the size of a dime held at arms length. He estimated the object to be from six to eight miles distant.

9. Source and his wife continued to observe the object from their back porch throughout the remainder of the night. Source could see the slow progression in a south-southwesterly direction by comparing its relative positions from points along the ridge pole of a neighboring house.

10. No sounds were heard at any time.

11. Source was asked if he had any ideas as to what the object might be, or what it would be doing in that area. He replied in the negative, but added that it might be looking for a landing area in a remote portion of the U.S. He was positive the object was not a planet.

12. The object disappeared suddenly as dawn was approaching, and seemed to disappear in the south-southwest.

1 Incl:
Source's memory sketch of object.

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I. SOURCE: Ester (Mrs. [redacted]

Address: [redacted] Street, Kalispell, Montana

Age: 49

Occupation: Housewife

Education: 14 years

Qualifications: GOC post supervisor, Kalispell, Montana; has been with GOC for two years and nine months; served during World War II in the WAC, with rank of corporal.

II. RELIABILITY: Source was a vigorous, alert woman, eager to volunteer all the information at her disposal. She spoke with authority, and was never hesitant to answer any question. When her impressions were at variance with those of her husband (Refer to Part One, this report) she so stated. Source is an energetic worker in the GOC and is fully aware of the importance of this program. The investigators have the opinion that Source is inclined to magnify certain details; however, her reliability is considered to be "C".

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING:

1. Source was at her home when she was notified by the Kalispell GOC observation post that an unusual object was visible in the south-southwestern sky. This was approximately at 040515Z Sep 56 (2215 hours MST, 3 Sep 56). Standing on her back porch, Source immediately saw a brilliant light at an angle of approximately 70 degrees above the horizon.

2. The night was cold, dry, and with very gusty winds. There was no moon, but many stars were visible, despite scattered clouds.

3. The object was, according to Source, tear shaped, and at least two inches greater in diameter than the full moon. In color it changed at varied intervals from white to yellow.

4. Source stated that she had frequently observed the planet Venus when she was stationed in the South Pacific, and that this object was infinitely brighter than any other planet she had ever observed. She was emphatic that it was not a planet. Source stated that the brilliance of the object changed rapidly, dimming from the intense brilliance to a mere glow.

5. Source stated that the object was accompanied by a cloud, which she was convinced had some connection with the former. She described the cloud as a thick mist, and compared it to the vapor arising from dry ice. She frequently saw the object disappear within this cloud.

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6. The object moved erratically and made sharply angled turns; the distance the object moved during one of these turns was estimated to be ten times the diameter of the object.

7. Source estimated the height of the object to be between 6,000 and 10,000 feet. This estimate was based on information she received from the U.S. Weather Bureau, Flathead County Airport.

8. Source stated that the object was observed through low-powered binoculars. Source customarily wears spectacles.

9. Source continued to observe theobject during the rest of the night, watching a slow progression in a south-southwesterly direction, until it disappeared near dawn at 041247Z Sep 56(0547 hours MST, 4 Sep 56).

10. No sounds were heard, although Source stated that when she first began her observations, she thought she detected a faint, low hum; she later decided this was distant highway traffic.

11. Source stated that she had never before encountered anything like this; she had no idea as to the identity of the object.

I. SOURCE: [redacted]

Address: [redacted] Avenue West, Kalispell, Montana

Age: 56

Occupation: County Director, Flathead County, [redacted]

Education: 7 years

Qualifications: Lt Col, US Army (Ret)

II. RELIABILITY: Despite a lack of formal education, Source impressed the investigators as being distinctly above average intelligence and ability. Friendly and courteous, he carefully weighed the answers to all questions, considering them thoroughly before giving a reply. He gave the impression that although he knew that sightings of such objects should be reported, he was a little uncomfortable and self-conscious that it should have happened to him. He may be considered to be completely reliable.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING:

1. Source was in his residence when the GCC Post Supervisor telephoned him at approximately 040330Z Sep 56 (2030 hours MST, 3 Sep 56) and informed him that an unusual object was clearly visible in the south-southeastern sky and inquired his opinion as to its identity.

2. Source stated that on stepping outside his house, he immediately observed a brilliant glow in the sky, in a south-southeasterly direction, and at an angle of approximately 75 degrees from the horizon.

3. The night was cold, dry, and with very gusty winds. There was no moon, but many stars were visible, despite scattered clouds.

4. Source, who wore spectacles during the interview, observed the object through a pair of binoculars (power unknown) but could detect no sharp outlines. He stated that the object seemed to have no shape at all, but later decided that the trailing edge was very slightly more convex than the leading edge.

5. The object was red, but later appeared to turn to white. This change in color continued during the periods of his observations. The object itself would disappear at varied intervals, and then reappear. During the intervals of disappearance, Source stated the sheen of it was visible through the clouds.

6. Source declined to estimate the size of the object, stating frankly that he could not do so. He stated that the best description he could give of it was that it was similar to a brilliant light, and that it seemed to pulsate intermittently.

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7. Source did not see the object move, although at one time after he had returned inside the house, the object seemed to have moved to the right, or to the south.

8. No sounds were heard at any time.

9. Source would not theorize as to the possible identity of the object, but he was certain it was not a planet. He apologized for not being able to describe it more accurately or completely.

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I. SOURCE: Karl A. Clark, T/Sgt, USAF

Address: 4773rd GCC Squadron, Kalispell, Montana

Age: Approximately 30

Duties: GCC NCOIC, Kalispell, Montana

Education: High School

Length of Service: Eleven months with GCC

II. RELIABILITY: Source, a very pleasant, affable and conscientious non-commissioned officer, was friendly and eager to be of any assistance he could offer. He impressed the investigators as being a man of excellent common sense and above average intelligence. He was very serious and concerned about the object sighted, and self-conscious about his inability to explain it. Source is considered to be usually reliable.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTINGS:

1. Source was notified at approximately 040530Z Sep 56 (2230 hours MST 3 Sep 56) that a brilliant object had been reported south-southeast of Kalispell; he viewed it from the back porch of the local GCC Post Supervisor (Refer to Parts One and Two, this report) until approximately 041200Z Seo 56, a time span of seven and one quarter hours.

2. Source, observing through low-powered binoculars, described it as a brilliant light operated with a rheostat; it would increase in brilliance until full intensity was attained, and would then dim down to a dull glow within three of four seconds.

3. The night was pitch dark but with many stars visible, and the object appeared to be brighter than the background of the sky. There were gusty winds; the night was dry and cold. There were many scattered clouds.

4. Source stated that the object was constantly moving in an erratic manner, and progressing slowly in a southwesterly direction. He estimated it to be approximately 35 degrees from the horizon, and that the object seemed to be dodging in and out of a misty cloud which appeared below it. At times, the object was completely hidden by this misty cloud. At times, the object appeared fuzzy and blurred, and at other times was clearly outlined. (Refer to Incl 1 for memory sketch by Source). In his own words, Source stated that it looked to him like "Half grapefruit with Oldsmobile rocket emblem behind it so that the point of the rocket was ahead of the grapefruit, and the tail fins to the rear of the grapefruit."

5. Source estimated the size of the object to be comparable to a dime held at arm's length. The colors varied from red to green to white. No sound was noted at any time.

6. At approximately 041300Z Sep 56, Source was a passenger in an L-20 type aircraft which flew a circle of about 200 miles in the area. Nothing unusual was observed during the flight.

7. Source stated that he had never previously observed anything similar to this object, and has no theory as to its identity.

1 Incl:
Source's memory sketch of object.

I. SOURCE: [redacted], SSgt, USAF

Age: 22

Length of Service: With GCC for 23 months

Education: High School

Tech School: Ground Radio Operator

Station: GCC, Helena, Montana (EKHB 5936)

II. RELIABILITY: Source was on a three-day pass from his duty station in Helena, Montana, visiting with the NCOIC of the GCC in Kalispell, Montana when he observed this object. He was completely cooperative and anxious to be of any assistance he could render. Source was convinced that he had seen something unusual, but was self-conscious about being involved, and inquired several times if the investigators thought he was "nuts". He appeared to be somewhat shy about answering questions, but was positive and definite when he did answer. Source is considered to be usually reliable.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING:

1. Source first observed an unusually brilliant object in the southeastern sky at approximately 0411002 Sep 56 (0400 hours, MST 4 Sep 56) in the vicinity of Kalispell, Montana. He continued to observe it for an hour and a half, until it disappeared around dawn, when it seemed to rapidly descend.

2. The night was pitch dark but with many stars visible, and the winds were very gusty. The weather was dry and cold.

3. Source stated that theobject glowed with a brilliant radiance, which seemed to pulsate at irregular intervals. He described its color as being a bright golden hue, and that it appeared to have a sharp clear outline except for a fuzzy and hazy tail. He compared its brightness to that of an automobile headlight approximately one block away.

4. Source stated the object appeared to be something metallic, and said it was comparable in size to a basketball held at arms length.

5. Source was certain that there was no cloud connected with this object. He never observed any unusual clouds in the vicinity of the object, nor did he observe the object disappearing and reappearing among clouds.

6. Source estimated the object was at an angle of 45 degrees from the horizon when he first sighted it. When it disappeared at dawn, it appeared to Source to have descended to an angle of approximately 15 degrees from the horizon.

7. Source stated that he had never previously observed anything like this, and had no theory as to its identity.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

1. A check with the weather forecaster at Malmstrom AFB, Montana (EKJC 4931), revealed the following information about conditions at Kalispell:

Wind at 030900Z 3 Sep 56:

Altitude	Direction (Degrees)	Velocity (Knots)
5,000	350	10
10,000	330	20
16,000	320	25
20,000	320	25
25,000	300	75

Ceiling and Cloud Cover:

030600Z Sep 56 — 6,000 feet, scattered
030900Z Sep 56 — 25,000 feet, scattered cirrus

Visibility:

Kalispell: 10-15 miles throughout the night
Surrounding stations: 30-50 miles throughout the night

Three-hour reports at 030600Z Sep 56 and 030900Z indicated the appearance of Northern Lights at the following stations:

Geiger AFB (EKEC 2337)
Ephrata Airport, Washington (EKAC 3013)
Butte, Montana (EKHB 2900)
Havre, Montana (EKLD 2033)
Livingston, Montana (EKKA 2640)
Mullan, Idaho (EKEC 1328)

2. F86D type aircraft scrambled from both Malmstrom AFB and Geiger AFB reported no radar or visual contact with the object.

3. Reference material available to this flight indicates that the planet Mars is closer to the earth than it has been since 1924, and will in consequence be of highest brilliancy.

1 Incl:
Newspaper clipping

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COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER:

1. In the opinion of the Preparing Officer, this sighting was caused by the planet Mars for the following reasons:

a. On 7 September 1956, the planet Mars will be closer to the earth than it has since 1924; it is particularly brilliant in the evening sky even now.

b. Sunset at 040203Z Sep 56 (1903 hours MST 3 Sep 56); sunrise at 040247Z Sep 56 (0547 hours MST 4 Sep 56). These hours are consonant with the sightings of the object.

c. The position of the planet Mars is consistant with that reported in the sightings.

d. Although all Sources reported the object as having appreciably larger size than other stars or planets, I believe this general impression to be exaggerated, possibly induced by their excitement and eagerness to be of service to the GCC.

e. Prolonged observation of any star or planet through a pair of hand-held binoculars will give the impression of erratic movement.

f. All Sources had thoroughly discussed the object among themselves prior to being interviewed and had completely compared their impressions and opinions; these impressions, although differing in minor aspects, are basically the same.

g. It is significant and indicative of the power of observation of Source [redacted] that he reported the wind as being from the east; this is not consistant with the report from the weather forecaster at Malmstrom AFB.

h. No other hypothesis of UFOB's meets identification criteria.

PATRICK O. SHERE
Capt USAF
Officer in Charge

COMMENTS OF THE APPROVING OFFICER:

September 3,1956.-Montana.- An unexplained UFO, described by seperate witnesses as a shining triangle and an orange bell hovered in the sky near Kalispell,Montana. It finally disappeared in a westerly direction.

Air Force and civilian officials viewed the object and were not able to explain it away as a natural phenomenon.

It was first sighted at 10 p.m. and dissapeared at 5:30 a.m..

At times during the night the object became brighter and dimmer. Once in a while it faded out of sight entirely always to return into view.

At no time was the object picked up on radar.

Case 209, Kalispell, Mont., Sept. 3 and 4, 1956—A UP report told of a "shining triangle" surrounded by a yellow glow which hovered in the sky throughout the night. It disappeared *westward* early Tuesday. Said the report, five jet interceptors from Malmstrom AFB were scrambled in an attempt to sight the object, but were thwarted by low clouds. Air Force and civilian officials viewed the object, but were unable to explain it away as a natural phenomenon.-[13]

Ed: Mars is suspected, but certainly the AF and at least one of the civilian officials should be able to recognize Mars, and jets do not scramble to chase a planet 35 million miles away. According to the Great Falls *Tribune*, which contradicts the UP accounts, the object was seen in the sky southwest of Kalispell . . . then it faded *into the east* when the sun came up."

1956,Sept.4-Montana-A triangle-shaped UFO & an orange Ball-of-Light; seen by hundreds. AF Jets couldn't locate them or get them on Radar... (Monitered off Radio)

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
4 September 1956

2. LOCATION
Dayton, Ohio

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local 0505
GMT 04/1005Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar
☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☒ No

6. SOURCE
Civilian

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
55 minutes

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
one

9. COURSE

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING
One round object, size of softball. Color of reddish orange.

11. COMMENTS
Astro (Mars).

12. CONCLUSIONS
☐ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon
☐ Was Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☐ Possibly Aircraft
☒ Was Astronomical Mars
☐ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical
☐ Other
☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☐ Unknown

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

MARS

Dayton Ohio, Sept.4th 1956.

Air Technical Intelligence Center,

Area A Wright Patterson Field,

Dayton Ohio.

Dear Sirs:

Following the instruction of Lt. Weber,with whom I talked on the telephone this morning,I am sending you sketches of the unknown object that appeare d in the sky almost over our home in Dayton View at 5-05 this morning.

Since the Lt. has all the details I need not go into the whole description of the appearance of the object except to emphasize-

1

The beams of light which awakened me were not a white light (as I believe the Lt. thought I said) The light was bright and shimmering and to be thought of more as reddish than white.

The object appeared to be about the size of a soft ball (baseball) which has a circumference of about twelve inches. For by the time I reached the window and could view the object there was no longer light beaming from it and I could see the shape. Trusting that this description may be of some use in detecting the phenomena should it again appear, I remain

In the interest of Civil Defense.

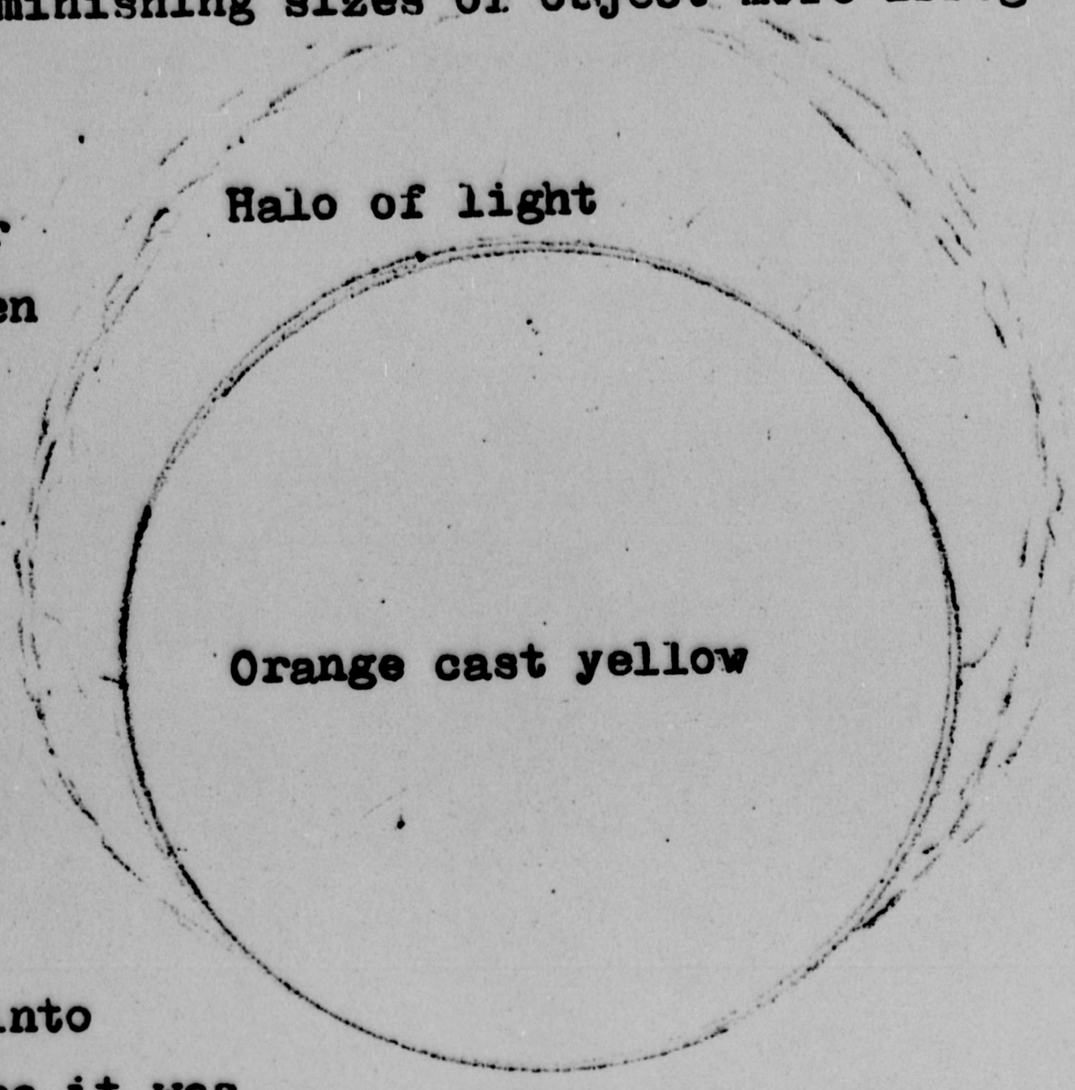
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[redacted]

The diminishing sizes of object more irregular in outline than these sketches.

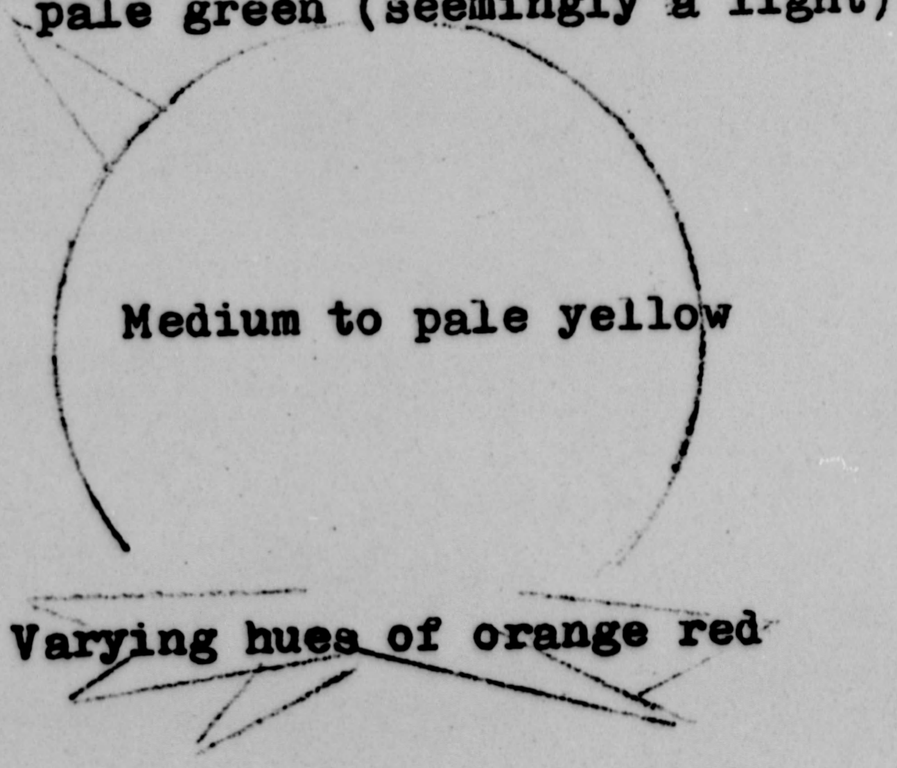
#2 View of object.

Immovable in sky for several minutes. Then veered sharply to north where it was lost to sight behind trees for several minutes.



Coming slowly back into almost the spot where it was first seen it then moved slowly upward and westward. No halo.

#3 Viewed high and westward it appeared to develope in this manner.



#4 Viewed while talking to Lt. Weber th object was far west and nearer the horizon seemingly.



Extract from SDO Report - UFO

AFOIN-4E4 AFOIN-4X2a

5 Sep 56
Maj Connair/meg
59117/B263/P A37

Following are extracts from SDO Capt Martin's report 4-5 Aug 56 for your information and necessary action:

"2100 hrs Received report of UFOB (Report attached).

"2230 hrs Received report of UFO from Mrs [redacted] Ave, Dayton, phone Randolph [redacted] Report stated same sighting as mailed to ATIC this date."

1 Incl
ATIC Form 164

T. J. CONNAIR, JR
Major, USAF
Adjutant

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MARS

U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U. S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes, and will be regarded as confidential material. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that, if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object?

4 (Day) Sep (Month) 56 (Year)

2. Time of day: 0500 (Hour) 05 (Minutes)

(Circle One): (A.M) or P.M.

3. Time zone:

(Circle One): a. Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other _____

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving
b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

[redacted] (Nearest Postal Address) Dayton (City or Town) Ohio (State or Country)

Additional remarks: _____

5. Estimate how long you saw the object. _____ (Hours) 55 (Minutes) _____ (Seconds)

5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.

(a.) Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

(Circle One): a. Bright daylight
b. Dull daylight
c. Bright twilight
(d) Just a trace of daylight
e. No trace of daylight
f. Don't remember

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One): a. In front of you
(b) In back of you
c. To your right
d. To your left
e. Overhead
f. Don't remember

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8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS *(Circle One)*:

a. None
(b.) A few
c. Many
d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON *(Circle One)*:

a. Bright moonlight
b. Dull moonlight
(c) No moonlight — pitch dark
d. Don't remember

9. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky?

(Circle One): (a.) Yes b. No c. Don't remember

10. IF it was BRIGHTER THAN the sky background, was the brightness like that of an automobile headlight?:

(Circle One) a. A mile or more away (a distant car)?
b. Several blocks away?
c. A block away?
d. Several yards away?
e. Other VERY BRIGHT

11. Did the object: *(Circle One for each question)*

a. Appear to stand still at any time?	(Yes)	No	Don't Know
b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?	(Yes)	No	Don't Know
c. Break up into parts or explode?	Yes	No	Don't Know
d. Give off smoke?	Yes	No	Don't Know
e. Change brightness?	(Yes)	No	Don't Know
f. Change shape?	(Yes)	No	Don't Know
g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate?	Yes	No	Don't Know

12. Did the object move behind something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes (No) Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind: _____

_____

13. Did the object move in front of something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes (No) Don't Know. IF you answered YES, than tell what it moved in front of: _____

_____

14. Did the object appear: *(Circle One)*: (a.) Solid? b. Transparent? c. Don't Know.

15. Did you observe the object through any of the following? WEAK DON'T KNOW POWER

a. Eyeglasses	Yes	No	e. Binoculars	(Yes)	No
b. Sun glasses	Yes	No	f. Telescope	Yes	No
c. Windshield	Yes	No	g. Theodolite	Yes	No
d. Window glass	Yes	No	h. Other _____		

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

a. Sound Not sure.

b. Color White - grew brighter then turned to red-orange.

17. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

1. [illegible].

2.

[illegible] to an landing
[illegible] AFB.
[illegible] related to AF

18. The edges of the object were:

(Circle One): (a) Fuzzy or blurred
b. Like a bright star
c. Sharply outlined
d. Don't remember

e. Other _____

19. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? just one.
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

20. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.



~~about~~ above 60°. Then 45°

behind trees

21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.
_____feet. Looked ~~like~~ like airplane light.

22. How large did the object or objects appear as compared with one of the following objects *held in the hand* and at about arm's length?

(Circle One):

a. Head of a pin
b. Pea
c. Dime
d. Nickel
e. Quarter
f. Half dollar
g. Silver dollar
~~h. Baseball~~
h. Grapefruit
i. Basketball
k. Other _____

22.1 *(Circle One of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22.*

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Uncertain

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? Slowly faded out

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could construct the object that you saw. Of what type material would you make it? How large would it be, and what shape would it have? Describe in your own words a common object or objects which when placed up in the sky would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

25. Where were you located when you saw the object? *(Circle One):*

(a) Inside a building
b. In a car
c. Outdoors
d. In an airplane
e. At sea
f. Other _____

26. Were you *(Circle One)*

a. In the business section of a city?
(b) In the residential section of a city?
c. In open countryside?
d. Flying near an airfield?
e. Flying over a city?
f. Flying over open country?
g. Other _____

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

Asleep

28. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

28.1 What direction were you moving? *(Circle One)*

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

28.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

28.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?
(Circle One) Yes No

29. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object? *(Circle One)*

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
(f.) Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the object? *(Circle One)*

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
(f.) Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

31.1 When it first appeared:

a. From true North _____ degrees.
b. From horizon _____ degrees.

31.2 When it disappeared:

a. From true North _____ degrees.
b. From horizon _____ degrees.

39. Do you think you can estimate the *speed* of the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

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IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? _____ m.p.h.

40. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One) Yes (No)

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? _____ feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

Mrs.

NAME _____ (Last Name) _____ (First Name) _____ (Middle Name)

ADDRESS _____ (Street) _____ (City) _____ (Zone) _____ (State)

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

What is your present job? HOUSE WIFE

Age 67 Sex W

Please indicate any ~~special~~ educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school _____
b. High school X
c. College X
d. Post graduate 2 yrs.
e. e. Technical school _____
(Type) _____
f. Other special training _____

42. Date you completed this questionnaire: _____ (Day) _____ (Month) _____ (Year)