PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
6 November 1957

2. LOCATION
Abington, West Virginia

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local 1730
GMT 06/2235Z

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

5. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☒ No

6. SOURCE
Civilian

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
5 minutes

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
one

9. COURSE
NE

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Object shaped like a projectile, flying at a speed less than that of an airliner, orange to red in color. Appeared 12 1. ft in length and 2 ft wide at the widest end, tapering to a point at the opposite end. Seemed to be at a higher altitude than an a/c could be.

11. COMMENTS

U.S. aero charts show Abingdon is almost directly under major air way traffic lane. Often considerable traffic. This airway runs NE. There is no reason to believe object was other than a high flying a/c. The shape and color caused by specular reflection due to the setting sun.

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

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

6/2235Z
Witness

73 ~~E~~

AF FORM 112
APPROVED 1 JUNE 1948

[redacted]

UNCLASSIFIED

COUNTRY US	REPORT NO. IR-1-57	(LEAVE BLANK)

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Object		
AREA REPORTED ON		FROM (Agency) Hq, 345th Bomb Wing, TAC, Langley AFB, Va.
DATE OF REPORT 25 November 1957	DATE OF INFORMATION 6 November 1957	EVALUATION F-6
PREPARED BY (Officer) Clarke E. Johnston, Major, USAF		SOURCE Hq, 21st District OSI, Langley AFB, Va.
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFR 200-2, 12 Aug 54		

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)

1. [redacted] and [redacted], all residing in Abingdon, Virginia, advised they sited a glowing object high in the sky above Abingdon on 6 November 1957. Object appeared somewhat differently to each viewer. All advised object observed for approximately five (5) minutes and traveled in a northeast direction.

2. Special Agent W. D. Stone, Hq region 6, CIC, U.S. Army, Richmond, Va., informed Special Agent Clifford C. Mars, Commander, Detachment 2102, 21st District OSI, Richmond, Va. that Special Agent William K. Little, CIC in Abingdon, Va., was informed by Mr. [redacted], Clerk Circuit Court, Abingdon, Va. that he, [redacted] had observed at 1730 hours, 6 November 1957, an unidentified flying object traveling northeast of Abingdon at a speed less than that of a commercial airliner; shaped like a projectile; orange to red in color. This information was relayed to Mars 7 November 1957 and in turn relayed by him to 21st District OSI, and reported to Major Johnston, Intelligence Officer, 345th Bombardment Wing, Langley AFB, on 9 November 1957, at which time Major Johnston stated that he did not have any method or personnel with which to assemble additional data concerning the unidentified flying object. Major Johnston requested that the 21st District OSI assemble the data as required by paragraph 7d, AFR 200-2.

3. Report is submitted on obsolete AF Form 112 because no current forms are available on this base.

Classification Cancelled
Auth. Director TDP
By J Quintanilla
Date 3 MAY [illegible]
14 FR 2051, par 2-17a

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS; 3 Jan 68
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS
DOD DIR 5200.10

Clarke E Johnston
CLARKE E. JOHNSTON
Major, USAF
Wing Intelligence Officer

APPROVED BY:

Albert W Satterwhite
ALBERT W. SATTERWHITE
Colonel, USAF
Commander

[redacted]

1 Incls.
Illustration of sited object.

~~Page ____ of ____ pages~~
Copy 1 of 1 copies

DISTRIBUTION BY [illegible]
Original to [illegible]/I, [redacted]
Copy to Comdr, ATIC
Copy to Comdr, 10D

1006TH AISS Classified
Document Log # 57 2283

NOTE: THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE ESPIONAGE ACT, 50 U. S. C.—31 AND 32, AS AMENDED. ITS TRANSMISSION OR THE REVELATION OF ITS CONTENTS IN ANY MANNER TO AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. IT MAY NOT BE REPRODUCED IN WHOLE OR IN PART, BY OTHER THAN UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AGENCIES, EXCEPT BY PERMISSION OF THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, USAF.

48772

660-7

[redacted]

UNCLASSIFIED

[redacted]

(CLASSIFICATION)

AF FORM 112—PART II
APPROVED 1 JUNE 1948

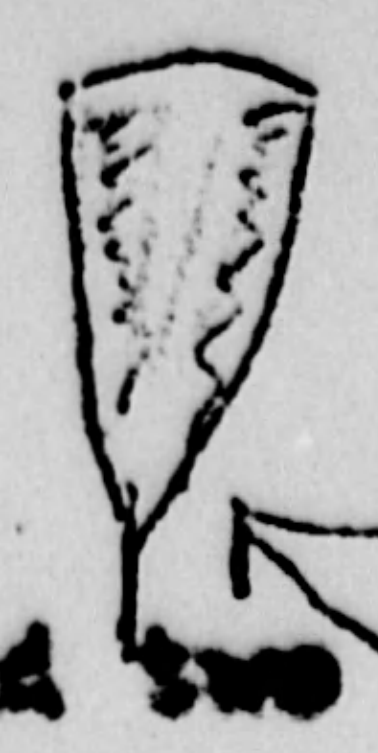
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency)	REPORT NO.	
Hq 345th Bomb Wing, (TAC) ACC Langley AFB, Virginia	IR-1-57	PAGE 2 OF 6 PAGES

1. Special Agent John R. McNeill, DO #21, obtained the following information from three individuals who stated that they had observed the object:

a. On 13 November 1957, [redacted], [redacted], N. Hop Arlington, Va., was interviewed concerning his sighting of an unidentified object on 5 November 1957. [redacted] furnished the following information:

(1) Description of Object:



Carrot shaped

(a) Carrot shaped

(b) Appeared 12-14 feet in length, and two feet wide at the widest end, tapering to a point at the opposite end.

(c) Bright red-orange, similar to the light given off by a star.

(d) Only one (1) object observed.

(e) The object was void of shape, except for the previously mentioned carrot shape, no projections of any description observed.

carrot shaped

(f) See above.

(g) No sound of any sort was heard at the time of the sighting.

(h) None

(2) Description of course of object:

CLUES

(a) Upon arriving home from work and after debarking from his auto, [redacted] happened to look up into the sky, immediately observing the object. The object appeared to follow a straight course and did not vary from that course.

1st seen overhead

(b) The object was first observed almost directly overhead.

(c) The object was observed for a good five minutes during which it seemed to maintain its position descending gradually toward the horizon and eventually disappearing below the horizon.

seen for 5 minutes

gradually descending!

(d) The object remained in a vertical position with the narrow end up and maintained this attitude during during its flight.

(e) Slowly descending eventually behind the horizon.

(f) Observed object for a full five minutes, object came from Southwest proceeding in a Northeasterly direction, predominantly North.

Note: slowly descending

[redacted]

57 2 2 8 3

NOTE: THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE ESPIONAGE ACT, 50 U. S. C.—31 AND 32, AS AMENDED. ITS TRANSMISSION OR THE REVELATION OF ITS CONTENTS IN ANY MANNER TO AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. IT MAY NOT BE REPRODUCED IN WHOLE OR IN PART, BY OTHER THAN UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AGENCIES, EXCEPT BY PERMISSION OF THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, USAF.

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS;
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS.
DOD DIR 5200.10

[redacted]

(CLASSIFICATION)

UNCLASSIFIED

[redacted]

(CLASSIFICATION)

AF FORM 112—PART II
APPROVED 1 JUNE 1948

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency)	REPORT NO.	
Hq, 345th Bomb Wing, (TAC) Langley AFB, Virginia	IR-1-57	PAGE 3 OF 6 PAGES

(3) Manner of Observation:

(a) None

(b) None

(c) N/A

(4) Time and date of sighting:

(a) 1735 hours EST. 6 November 1957

(b) [✓ Day] ← Close to Dusk.

(c) Residence, backyard, [redacted] Abingdon, Va. estimated age of Observer 50-55 years. Occupation, [redacted], Washington County, Va.

(d) N/A

(5) Weather and wind conditions at time and place of sighting. (the following weather conditions were given by observer BOOTH):

(a) N/A

(b) N/A

(c) Ceiling very clear, almost unlimited

(d) Visibility very good

(e) There were no cloud formation observed at time of sighting.

(f) No thunderstorms in the area at time of sighting.

(6) Any other unusual activities or conditions:

(a) None

(7) Interception or identification action.

(a) None

(8) Location of any air traffic in area at time of sighting

(a) [✓ None observed] ← Does this mean "known shown from immediate records"?

(9) N/A

(10) None

[redacted]

57 2 2 83

NOTE: THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE ESPIONAGE ACT, 50 U. S. C.—31 AND 32, AS AMENDED. ITS TRANSMISSION OR THE REVELATION OF ITS CONTENTS IN ANY MANNER TO AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. IT MAY NOT BE REPRODUCED IN WHOLE OR IN PART, BY OTHER THAN UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AGENCIES, EXCEPT BY PERMISSION OF THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, USAF.

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS;
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS.
DOD DIR 5200.10

[redacted]

UNCLASSIFIED
[redacted]
(CLASSIFICATION)

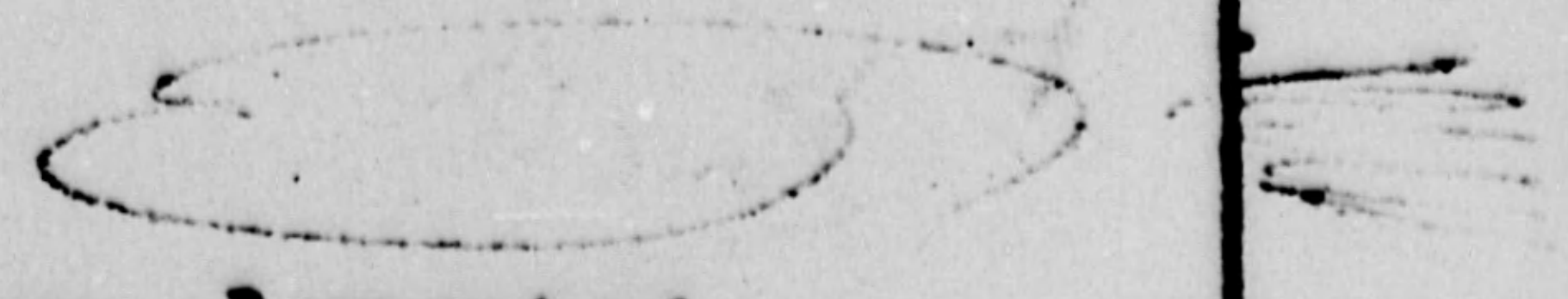
AF FORM 112—PART II

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

	REPORT NO.	
[illegible] (FOC) [illegible], Virginia	13-1-57	PAGE 4 OF 6 PAGES

5. On 23 November 1957, [redacted], No. E., Abingdon, Va., was interview concerning his sighting an unidentified object, November 1957. [redacted] furnished the following information:

(1) Description of object:



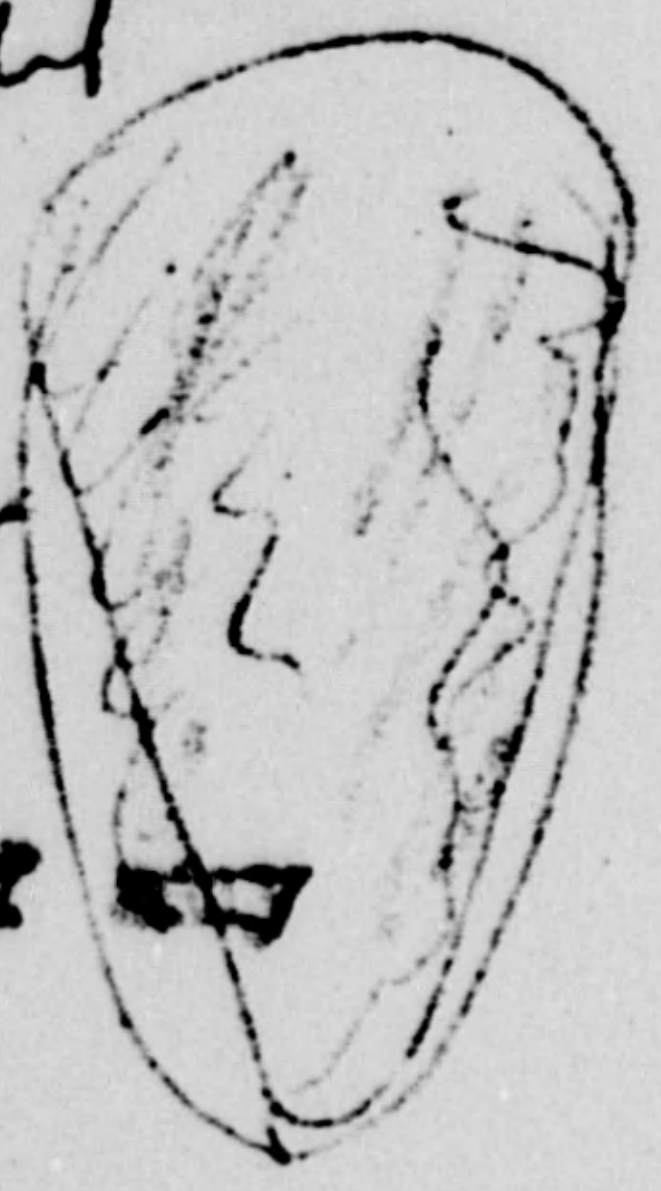
(a) The object appeared to be the shape of an elongated egg. A portion of which appeared to be a short blast area trailing. [redacted] explained that this blast area did not resemble what is known as a "con trail" normally seen in the sky above Abingdon. It appeared to be that which would be expected trailing a rocket. The blast appeared to be about one third the length of the overall size of the object.

(b) Unable to estimate size due to what appeared to be extreme altitude. The object appeared to be flying at an altitude far above that which normal aircraft traffic is observed.

(c) The color appeared as a glowing red-orange of such a magnitude as a bright star.

Extreme Height

(d) Only one object observed.



(e) None

(f) Due to its extreme height the object was void of any shape other than the previously described elongated egg shape.

(g) Approximately one-third of the object appeared to be a blast area similar to that which would be expected from a rocket. There was no trail following the object.

(h) There were no sounds of any kind heard during the sighting which could have come from the object.

(i) None

(2) Description of course of object:

(a) [redacted] attention was drawn to the object by a comment made by [redacted] who resides across the street, "Look at the Sputnik". COMS observed the object for a period of three to four minutes then went into the house and brought his wife and child out to view the object, and again viewed the object for an additional two to three minutes, until it disappeared below the horizon.

(b) The object was first observed approximately 45 degrees above a level plane of the earth.

(c) The object proceeded in a straight and apparently level path across the sky from the time it was first observed until it disappeared below the horizon. ← which direction? Bearing? Azimuth?

(d) See (c) above Disappeared to the N, E. 45 [illegible]

[redacted]

57 2283

NOTE: THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE ESPIONAGE ACT, 50 U.S.C.— 31 AND 32, AS AMENDED. ITS TRANSMISSION OR THE REVELATION OF ITS CONTENTS IN ANY MANNER TO AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. IT MAY NOT BE REPRODUCED IN WHOLE OR IN PART, BY OTHER THAN UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AGENCIES, EXCEPT BY PERMISSION OF THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, USAF.

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS;
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS.
DOD DIR 5200.10

[redacted]
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

[redacted]
(CLASSIFICATION)

AF FORM 112—PART II
APPROVED 1 JUNE 1948

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency)	REPORT NO.	
[illegible] Bomb Wing, (TAC) Langley AFB, Virginia	IR-1-57	PAGE 5 OF 6 PAGES

(e) Disappeared below the horizon

(f) Observed for a full five or six minutes ← Apparently not meteor

(3) Manner of observation:

(a) N/A

(b) N/A

(c) N/A

(4) Time and date of sighting:

(a) 1735 Hours, 6 November 1957

(b) Day ← DUSK (See HQ, - Astro tables)

(5) Location of observer:

(a) [redacted], Abingdon, Virginia (residence)

(6) Identifying information of all observers:

(a) [redacted], estimated age 35-40 years, civilian, occupation accountant.

(b) N/A

(7) Weather and winds aloft conditions:
(The following conditions were observed by COOMS)

(a) N/A

(b) N/A The nearest weather station is located at TRI CITY Airport, between Bristol, Tenn. and Kingsport, Tenn.

(c) Ceiling very clear

(d) Visibility clear

(e) There were no cloud formations in the sky at time of sighting. No clouds

(f) No thunder storms in the area as far as could be observed.

(8) Any other unusual activities or conditions:

(a) None

(9) Interception or identification actions:

(a) N/A

[redacted]

57 2 2 83

NOTE: THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE ESPIONAGE ACT, 50 U. S. C.—31 AND 32, AS AMENDED. ITS TRANSMISSION OR THE REVELATION OF ITS CONTENTS IN ANY MANNER TO AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. IT MAY NOT BE REPRODUCED IN WHOLE OR IN PART, BY OTHER THAN UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AGENCIES, EXCEPT BY PERMISSION OF THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, USAF.

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS;
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS.
DOD DIR 5200.10

[redacted]

UNCLASSIFIED

[redacted]

AF FORM 112—PART II
APPROVED 1 JUNE 1948

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency)	REPORT NO	
Hq, [illegible] Bomb Wing, (TAC) Langley AFB, Virginia	IR-1-57	PAGE 6 OF 6 PAGES

(10) Location of any air traffic in area at time of sighting.

(2) None observed.

b. On 13 November 1957, Miss [redacted], Abingdon, Virginia, was interviewed and advised substantially the same as [redacted]. In addition, [redacted] stated that at the time she sighted the object she was just coming out of a store on Main Street, Lebanon, Va., when she happened to look up and saw what appeared to be a bright orange light very high in the sky. [redacted] stated that she saw the object 1735 hours EST, 6 November 1957, also that the object appeared to her as an elongated diamond shape light. Miss [redacted] is employed in the bookkeeping department of the Abingdon Grocery Co., Abingdon, Va. and is estimated to be 42 to 47 years of age. [redacted] stated that the object appeared to come out of North Carolina enroute to St. Paul, Virginia, which would be a Northerly direction.

[redacted]

57 22 83

NOTE: THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE ESPIONAGE ACT, 50 U. S. C.—31 AND 32 AS AMENDED. ITS TRANSMISSION OR THE REVELATION OF ITS CONTENTS IN ANY MANNER TO AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. IT MAY NOT BE REPRODUCED IN WHOLE OR IN PART, BY OTHER THAN UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AGENCIES, EXCEPT BY PERMISSION OF THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, USAF.

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS;
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS
DOD DIR 5200.10

[redacted]

(CLASSIFICATION)

UNCLASSIFIED

[redacted]

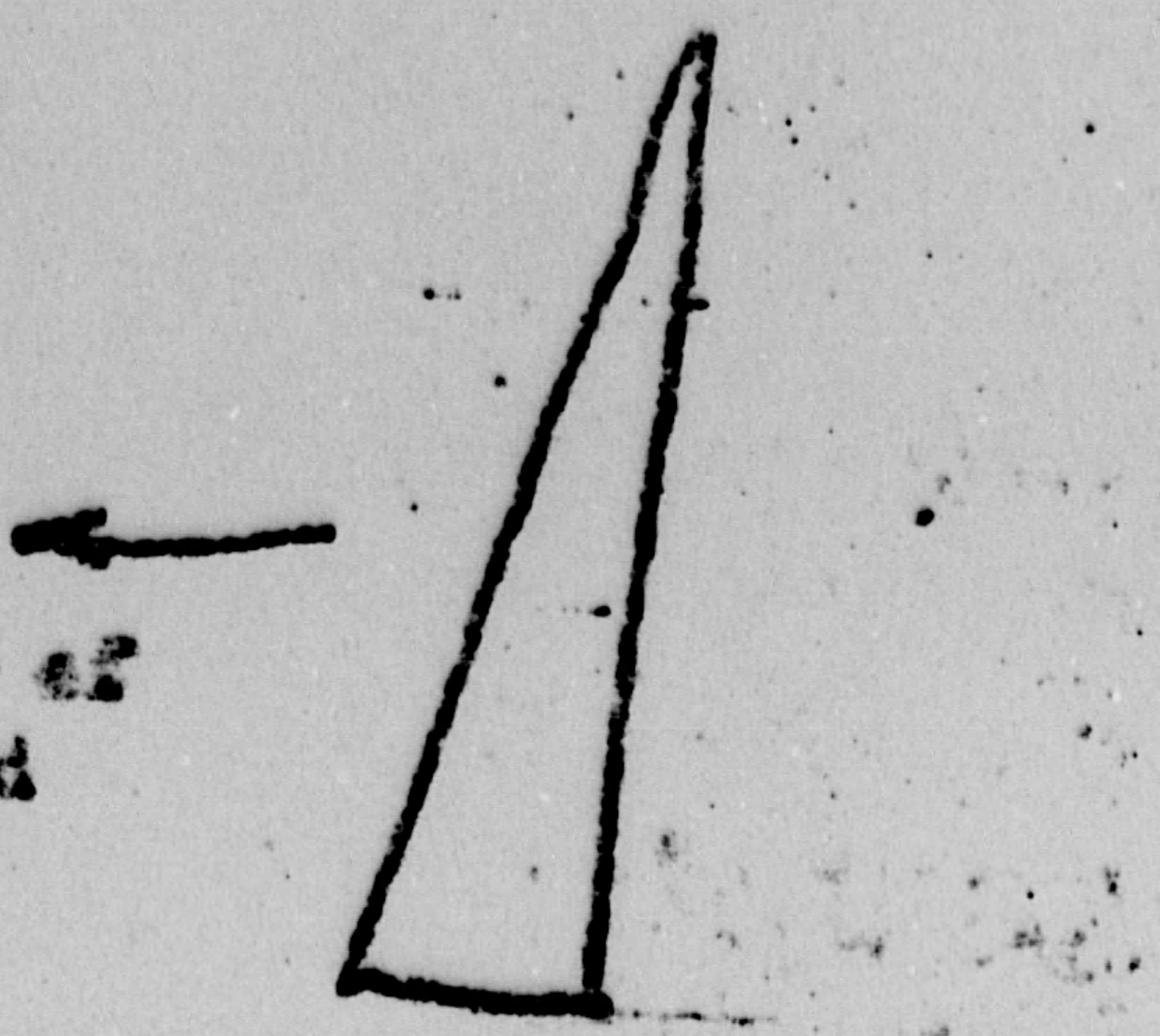
AF FORM 112—PART II
APPROVED 1 JUNE 1948

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency)	REPORT NO.	
[illegible] 345th Bomb Wing, (TAC) Langley AFB, Virginia	13-1-57	PAGE OF PAGES

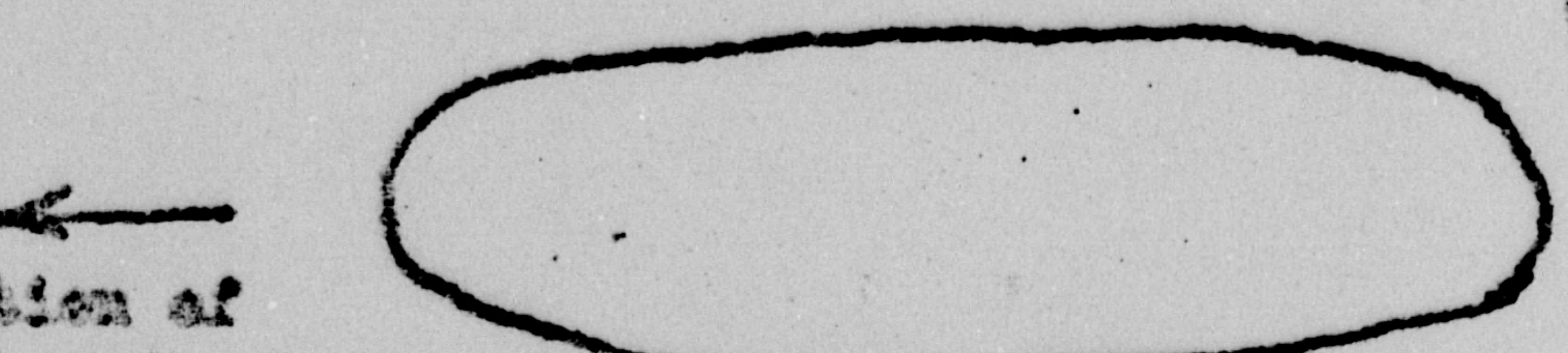
The object, as seen by each of the aforementioned interviewees was described and illustrated as follows:

Booth:



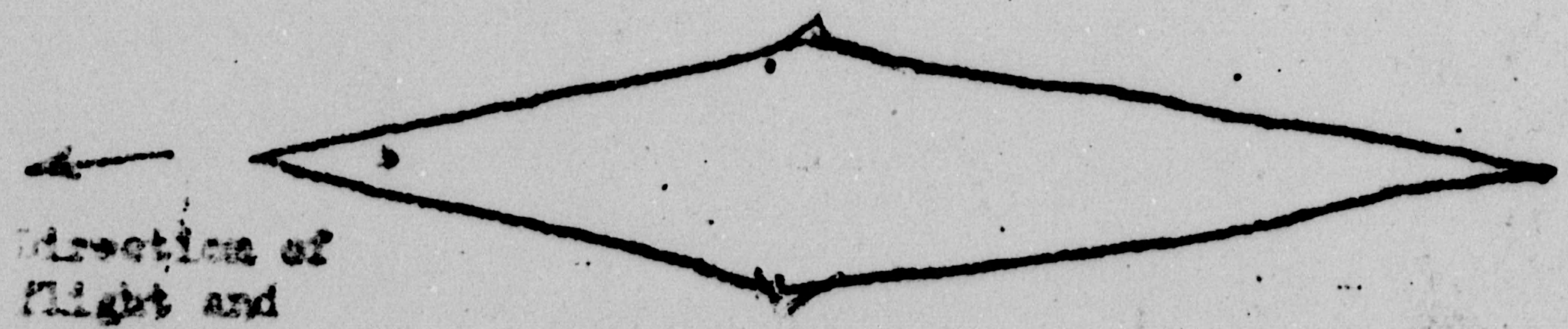
Definitely not Same object - all 3 diff

Coombs:



Note none of the same supposedly objects seen by the three observers resemble each other.

[illegible]
[illegible] T. [illegible]
[illegible] AFIL
[illegible], ADC



Incl # 1

[illegible]
[illegible] T. [illegible]
[illegible] AFIL
[illegible], ADC

[redacted]

57 2283

NOTE: THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE ESPIONAGE ACT, 50 U. S. C.—31 AND 32, AS AMENDED. ITS TRANSMISSION OR THE REVELATION OF ITS CONTENTS IN ANY MANNER TO AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. IT MAY NOT BE REPRODUCED IN WHOLE OR IN PART, BY OTHER THAN UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AGENCIES, EXCEPT BY PERMISSION OF THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, USAF.

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS;
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS.

[redacted]

UNCLASSIFIED

— COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS —

1st Observer:	Direction of Travel	Time Seen	Duration	Color	Shape
C.N. Booth	N.E.	1735 (EST)	5 MIN.	Br. Orange	Const. shape
A.L. Cooms	NE [illegible]	1735 (EST)	4 min	Red-orange	Egg
[illegible] MAST	North [illegible]	1735 (EST	[illegible]	Br.-orange	Diamond
	N-NE	Consistent	Consistent	Consistent in Description of Color	Inconsistent in shape

Summary: An orange-colored light (or shape) of varying shape was observed in a generally NE heading. Observed for about 4 minutes.

ATIC Conclusions: U.S. Aero chart [illegible] (No. 358-J6) shows ABINGDON is almost directly under major airway traffic lane #5, Green. Often considerable traffic. Note - this airway runs NORTHEAST! Time of obs. - near dusk. Objects apparently at high altitude.

The effect of the sun's slant rays (when it is near the horizon — as in this case) on aircraft at high altitudes has been known to analysts for years. The general color from the specular reflections of the a/c surfaces is generally RED - ORANGE.

Therefore, there is no compelling reason to believe that the object observed on a general NE path was other than a high-flying a/c, the diverse shapes caused by specular reflection due to the setting sun.

Check showed no UFOs seen by:

a. Radar units
b. GOC Posts
c. airline/airops
d. Others

} in that area at that general time