PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 12 Apr 59	2. LOCATION Lemoore, 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 1404 GMT 12/2204Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5-10 secs	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS three	9. COURSE South

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Three disc-shaped a/c, metallic appearance, moving in a Southerly direction & making sharp 45° turns including erratic maneuvers. Objs disappeared behind cloud & due to distance.

11. COMMENTS

More information concerning this sighting was requested in Jun 59. As of 4 Jan 60, this information has not been received.

ATIC FORM 339 (REV 26 SEP 52)

12 APRIL ~~[illegible]~~ 59

SAFIS-3/Maj. Tacker/ocf 3554

28 May 1959

Dear [redacted]

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of 7 May 1959 concerning Unidentified Flying Objects you saw recently.

The United States Air Force is charged with the responsibility of investigating and analyzing all cases of unidentified flying object sightings. Further, it is, and has been, the policy of the Air Force to inform the public, through the media of the press, all we learn in pursuit of this program.

To date the Air Force has, in our investigation of many cases, uncovered no physical evidence which would indicate the presence of any extra-terrestrial space vehicles and/or beings, nor has there been any evidence that unidentified flying objects constitute any threat or danger other than the remote possibility of being struck by a meteorite, etc.

For your information, I am inclosing the latest Department of Defense fact sheets on this subject. They plainly state the Air Force position on this matter. I am also inclosing U.S. Air Force Technical Information sheet which you should fill out and forward direct to the Air Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, for evaluation of your recent sightings. When they have completed their analysis of your sightings, we will be happy to forward their evaluation to you.

Sincerely,

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Major, USAF
Executive Officer
Public Information Division
Office of Information Services

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[redacted]
Vice President
[redacted] Corporation
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Downey, California

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[redacted] Corporation

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[redacted] TERMINAL ANNEX
LOS ANGELES 54, CALIFORNIA

May 7, 1959

The Honorable James H. Douglas,
Secretary of the U. S. Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: Identity of Unconventional
Flying Ships.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Congratulations! If these unconventional flying vehicles, I observed recently, are a part of your Air Force you are certainly to be complimented on the magnificent job that has been done in their development. As a veteran of the Air Force of World War II, I am still aghast at the performance of these flying ships!

If they, truly, are not a part of your Air Force, God help us! certainly, you must be interested in what is going on in our air space; and if, truly, these are not secret operations of your Air Force, then is there any section of the Air Force that is set up to handle the evaluation of these ships performances and missions? If so, please advise the procedure for a civilian to report same.

Myself and three other responsible, sober citizens (two, ex Air Force members) observed, in the middle of the day, the performance of three unconventional airships. The writer observed the performance of one with binoculars which left nothing to the imagination. Would appreciate an early reply as to whether these unconventional flying ships are a part of your airforce. If not what are you doing about it?

Most respectfully yours,

[redacted], Vice President

REGISTERED MAIL

[redacted]

REPLY TO: [redacted]
Downey, California
Telephone: [redacted]

[redacted] Corporation

[redacted] - TERMINAL ANNEX Reply To: [redacted]
LOS ANGELES 54, CALIFORNIA

June 18, 1959

Air Technical Intelligence Center,
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base,
Ohio

Gentlemen:

Herewith I forward to you ATIC Form No. 164 (13 Oct 54), which form was furnished by the office of the Secretary, Department of Air Force, Washington D. C. in responce to my communication of May 7, 1959 to the Secretary of the Air Force, the Honorable James H. Douglas, which office requested that I forward it direct to you.

The letter received from the office of the Secretary, signed by Lawrence J. Tacker, Major, USAF, Executive Officer, Public Information Division, Office of Information Services, stated that after you have completed your analysis of my sightings you would be happy to forward your evaluation to me. Would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convience. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

[redacted], Vice President

[redacted]/ph
Enclosures

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?

12 (Day) April (Month) 1959 (Year)

2. Time of day: 2 (Hour) 04 (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) Lemoore (City or Town) California (State or Country)

Additional remarks: _____

5. Estimate how long you saw the object. - (Hours) - (Minutes) 5 to 10 approximately (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

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) ?

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: Cloud ✓

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: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

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?

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 None

b. Color Metallic

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.

The aircraft was disc shaped. Movement was in a southerly direction making sharp 45 degree turn including erratic maneuvers.

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? Three

Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were travelling.

See 17 above.

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.

See question 17.

21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.
200 feet. diameter approximately.

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) with binoculars
i. Grapefruit
j. 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? Behind cloud and distance.

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.

Construct a 200 foot diameter disc made of aircraft materials.

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?

Inspecting a high frequency/radio transmitting antenna mounted on a pole approximately 30 feet from ground level. We were looking straight up.

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)*

Looking straight up.

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)*

Slightly to the South.

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).

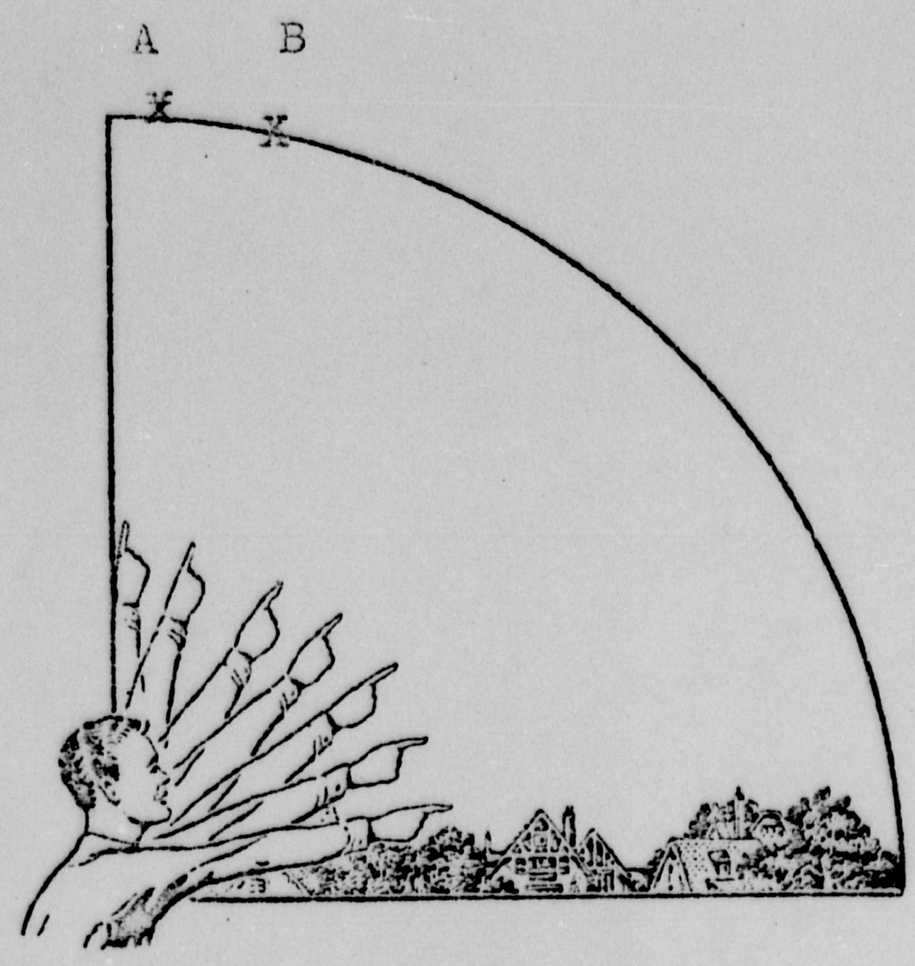
31.1 When it first appeared:

a. From true North various degrees.
b. From horizon 87 degrees. approximately

31.2 When it disappeared:

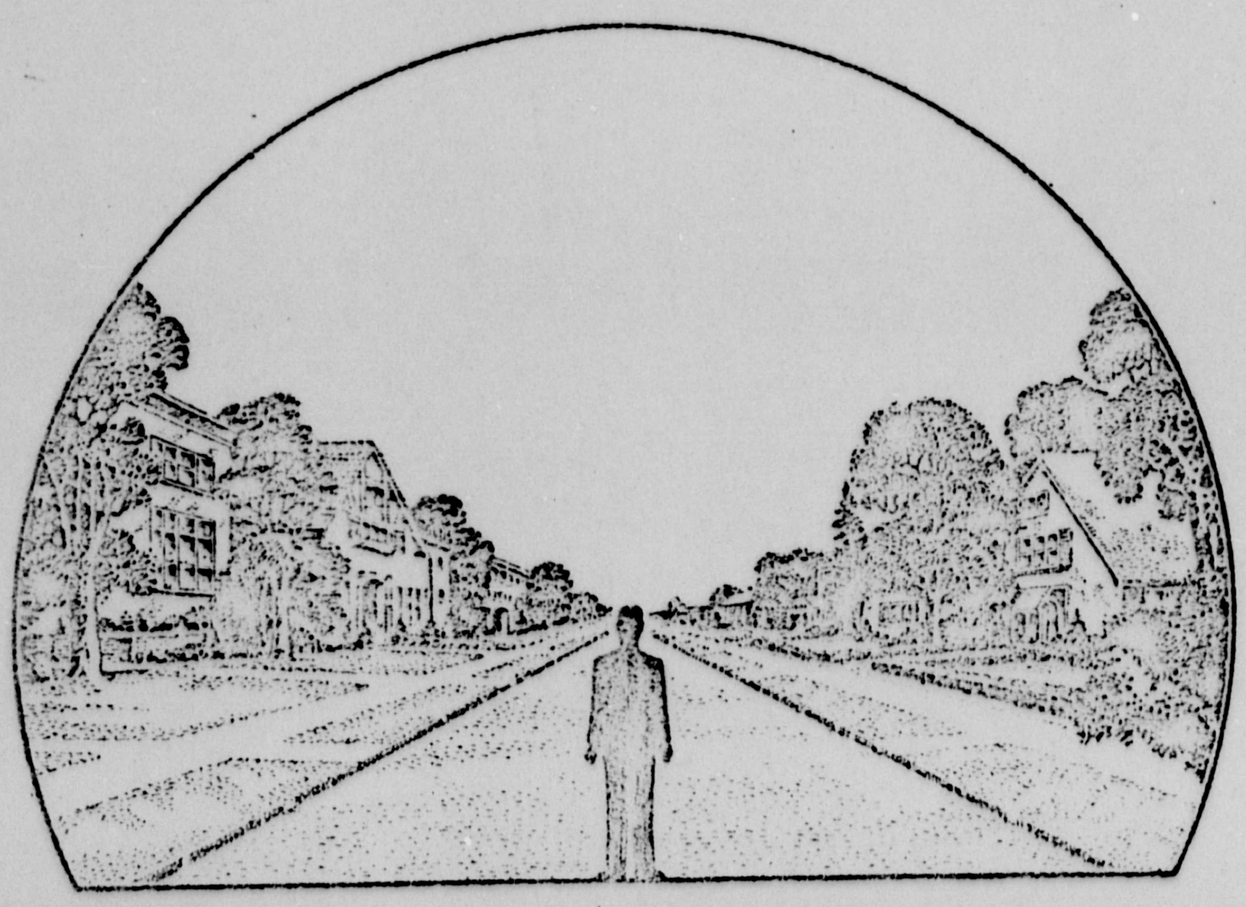
a. From true North various degrees.
b. From horizon 85 degrees. approximately

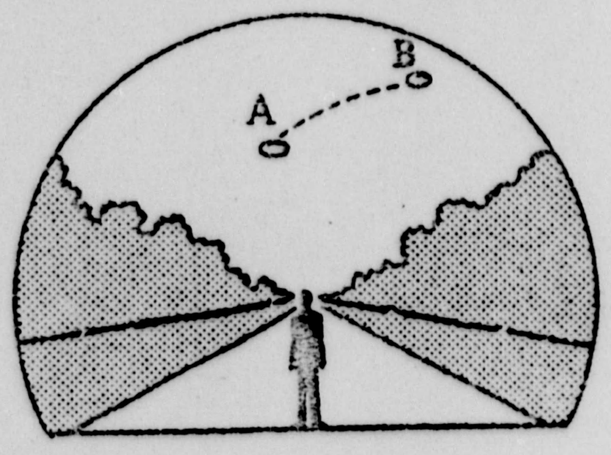
32. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the *same* curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *last* saw it.



33. In the following larger sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you *first* saw it, and a "B" at its position when you *last* saw it. Refer to smaller sketch as an example of how to complete the larger sketch.

Straight Up





34. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

34.1 CLOUDS *(Circle One)*

a. Clear sky
b. Hazy
(c. Scattered clouds) Cirrus clouds 20,000ft or higher visibility 15 mi.
d. Thick or heavy clouds
e. Don't remember

34.2 WIND *(Circle One)*

(a. No wind)
b. Slight breeze
c. Strong wind
d. Don't remember

34.3 WEATHER *(Circle One)*

(a. Dry)
b. Fog, mist, or light rain
c. Moderate or heavy rain
d. Snow
e. Don't remember

34.4 TEMPERATURE *(Circle One)*

a. Cold
b. Cool
(c. Warm)
d. Hot
e. Don't remember

35. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

7 (Day) May (Month) 1959 as per letter to Secretary, U.S. Air Force. (Year)

36. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One) (Yes) No

36.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One) (Yes) No

36.2 Please list their names and addresses:

Will be pleased to furnish their names if I feel this report warrants it.

37. Was this the first time that you had seen an object or objects like this?

(Circle One) (Yes) No

37.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?

38. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

In my opinion I saw advanced aircraft of the U. S. Air Force or that of the U. S. S. R.

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

(Circle One) (Yes) No

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? Well over 1,000 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? 20,000 feet. & over

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [redacted] (Last Name) [redacted] (First Name) [redacted] (Middle Name)

ADDRESS [redacted] (Street) Downey (City) ____ (Zone) Calif. (State)

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted]

What is your present job? Corporation Vice President (Executive)

Age 37 Sex Male

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school Yes
b. High school Yes
c. College Yes
d. Post graduate Yes
e. e. Technical school ____
(Type) ____
f. Other special training U. S. Air Force

42. Date you completed this questionnaire: 17 (Day) June (Month) 1959 (Year)

U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

(SUMMARY DATA)

In order that your information may be filed and coded as accurately as possible, please use the following space to write out a short description of the event that you observed. You may repeat information that you have already given in the questionnaire, and add any further comments, statements, or sketches that you believe are important. Try to present the details of the observation in the order in which they occurred. Additional pages of the same size paper may be attached if they are needed.

NAME [redacted]
(Please Print)

SIGNATURE [redacted]

DATE [redacted]une 17, 1959

(Do Not Write in This Space)

CODE:

My initial reaction of subject observation of aircraft with binoculars was as follows:

I was astonished and amazed at the fabulous advancement of observed aircraft, its size, its distinct, sharp, crystal clear outline, its metallic body of lustres of a varied nature, its graceful movement at high speed and well controlled flight.

Other objects, observed prior to my observation with binoculars, impressed observers with the erratic maneuvering of aircraft and the high speed of flight. It was these objects that caused me to quickly bring out my binoculars and make a more detailed observation.

I verified the weather conditions with the U. S. Department of Commerce, Weather Bureau, which indicated ceiling unlimited with three tenths of Cirrus clouds, high, thin and scattered, visibility 15 miles. Cirrus clouds in that area are normally 20,000 ft. or higher. Winds that afternoon were westerly at 20,000 ft. at about 15 knots.

AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO

REPLY TO ATTN OF: AFCIN-4E4g

8 JUL 1959

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting [redacted]

TO: SAFIS-3 (Major L. J. Tacker)

1. Mr. [redacted]. reported a UFO sighting to the ATIC on ATIC Form Nr. 164. The date of Mr. [redacted] sighting is 12 April 1959. Clarification of the information submitted as answers to questions of the report are required in order to evaluate this case. The referenced numbers are from the ATIC Form Nr. 164:

a. Number 10 - Mr. [redacted] checked "other" as to brightness of the object, but failed to be specific.

b. Number 19 - Mr. [redacted] indicates three objects, but fails to mention if all three were seen at the same time or at different times. If they were seen at the same time, he fails to mention the arrangement or formation.

c. Number 20 - Did not attempt to draw the apparent path of the object.

d. Number 23 - [redacted] states the object disappeared in the distance and in Number 31 points out that the object was only five degrees from the zenith when it disappeared. However, there is no mention of radial velocity in the report.

e. Number 36(2) - It is the ATIC policy to categorize all cases which have only one witness as "insufficient evidence". It should be requested of [redacted] that he provide the names of the other witnesses.

f. Number 39 - [redacted] indicates a speed in excess of 1000 MPH. However, the angular velocity he spells out is only approximately 240 MPH at 20,000 feet.

2. Mr. Lieb states the object was in sight from five to ten seconds, but he had time to get his binoculars for a closer look.

3. Suggest you send [redacted] another questionnaire as a reference with your letter requesting this clarification.

GORDON C. HOFFMAN
Colonel, USAF
AFCIN-4E

14 July 1959

Dear [redacted]

This is to acknowledge receipt of Air Force questionnaire on your UFO sighting of 12 April 1959.

In order to complete the evaluation for this sighting, clarification of some of your answers is needed. In this regard, an additional questionnaire is inclosed for your convenience.

The following questions need clarification:

1. #10 - Since you checked "other" as to brightness of the object you need to be more specific and explain.

2. #19 - Were all three objects seen at the same time? If they were seen at the same time, please indicate arrangement or formation.

3 # 20 - Please draw the apparent path of the object.

4. #23 - You stated the object disappeared in the distance and in question 31 you stated that the object was only five degrees from the zenith when it disappeared. Please give estimated radial velocity.

5. #36 - Please give the names of other witnesses if any.

6. #39 - You indicated the speed in excess of 1,000 miles per hour, however, the angular velocity indicates 240 miles per hour at 20,000 feet.

You also stated that the object was in sight from five to ten seconds, but indicated at the same time that you were able to get your binoculars for a closer look.

Please submit the revised questionnaire direct to the ATIC for evaluation.

Sincerely,

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Executive Officer
Public Information Division
Office of Information Services

[redacted]
Downey, California