

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE Oct 59	2. LOCATION Telephone Ridge, Oregon		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other <u>UNIDENTIFIED</u> ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☒ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ CMT <u>0515Z</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION over 30 mins	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>1</u>	9. COURSE up	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Letter from witness to light which was stationary for about $\frac{1}{2}$ hr rising suddenly through clouds and out of sight in 2 seconds. Rptd to Air Force by letter 5 yrs after sighting.		11. COMMENTS UNIDENTIFIED.	

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Director
 Aerospace Studies Inst
 ATTN: Archives Branch
 Maxwell AFB, Alabama

RETURN TO:

K243.6012-1
 1-16 Oct 1959

Oct 59

August 12, 1964

Dear [REDACTED]

This is in response to your recent letter to Captain Hector Quintanilla of the Project Blue Book Office at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, on the subject of an Unidentified Flying Object you observed in October of 1959.

Your UFO sighting cannot be related to any conventional phenomenon such as an aircraft, balloon, or astronomical body. The brightness and clearness of the object and the locale of the sighting tend to rule out mirages and reflections. Therefore, from the information presented, we are unable to identify or evaluate your observation.

Thank you for reporting this unusual sighting to the Air Force. Unfortunately, it will have to be listed as an "unknown" observation unless or until additional information is received.

Sincerely,

MASTON M. JACKS
Major, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

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[REDACTED]
Newport, Oregon

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Newport, Oregon



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Capt. H. Quintanilla Jr.
U.S.A.F.
Wright Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

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HEADQUARTERS
FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION
AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: TDEW

SUBJECT: Request for UFO Indormation ([REDACTED])

TO: Hq USAF SAFOI PB (Mrs. [REDACTED])

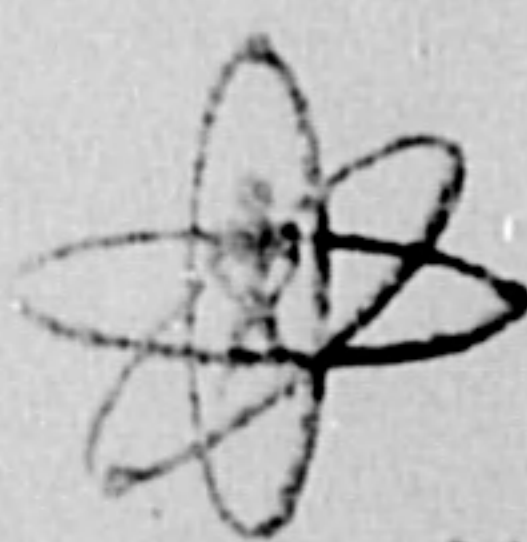
1. A letter from Mr. [REDACTED] Newport, Oregon, to Capt Hector Quintanilla contained a report of an observation in October 1959. Mr. [REDACTED] requested an evaluation of his observation. Mr. [REDACTED] sighting cannot be related to any conventional phenomenon such as an aircraft, balloon or astronomical body. The brightness and clearness of the object and the locale of the sighting tend to rule out mirages and reflections. From the information presented, we are unable to identify or evaluate his observation.

FOR THE COMMANDER

[Signature]
ERIC T. de JONCKHEERE
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology
and Subsystems

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YOU - THE NUCLEUS OF SECURITY!

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Newport, Oregon

Captain Hector Quintanilla Jr.
U.S. A.F.
Wright Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Captain Quintanilla:

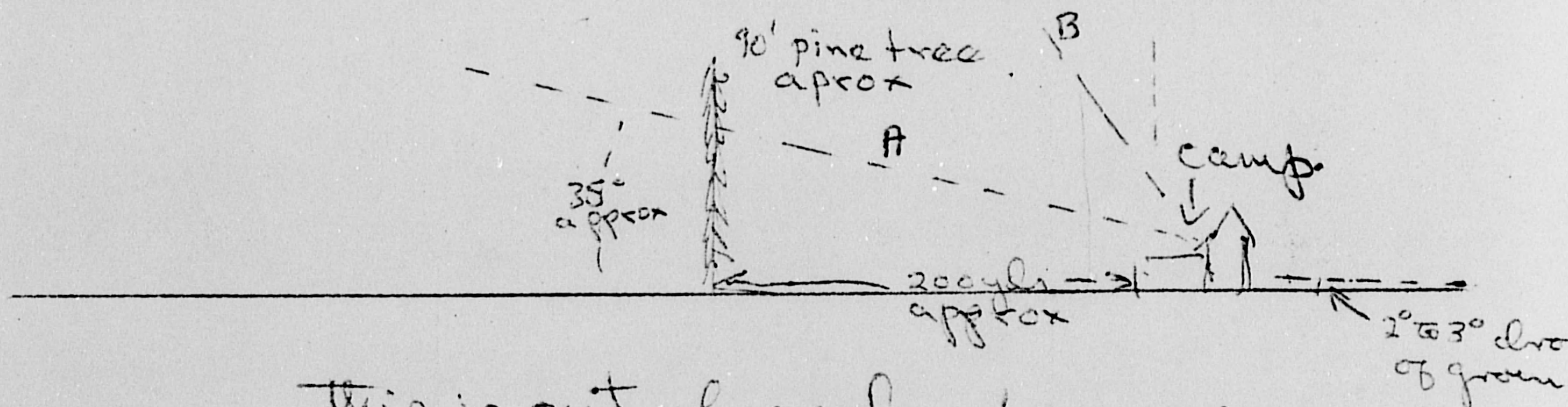
Reading an article in the Sunday Oregonian this morning, reminds me of an incident that took place while I was hunting in eastern Oregon in October 1959. This cannot be of any interest to you, but since I have to clean the garage out this morning, I thought that I would delay it. First let me say that I have never seen a flying saucer, a space ship, or anything with green heads, or portholes on it. I am the manager of a department store, have a college education, as has my wife, am 41 years old, and am not a "nut" so keep this under your hat.

In October 1959, the exact date escapes me at the present, but it was during the third or fourth week of the month(I could find out the exact date with some little hunting around) My wife, young son and daughter, and I went hunting with a rancher in eastern Oregon, the exact spot was Telephone Ridge, and is about 40 miles east of Enterprise, Oregon. The children were in bed, the time was about 9:15 P.M. and my wife, I and the other couple were sitting around the camp fire drinking coffee. Don't get any ideas, because we do not drink anything but coffee on hunting trips, we hunt. The moon was out and almost directly overhead. Broken cumulous clouds were in the sky, and they may have covered about one fourth of the sky in broken patches. We were camped at about 5,000 feet and we estimate the clouds to have been at about 10,000 to 12,000 feet. From our camp sight which was in an open meadow we observed from about 10 miles away what appeared to be headlights on a car or truck come over the top of a hill. As we watched we could see that they were not truck lights since they were up in the sky as they came closer. I say they, but mean it, since we saw just one light in the sky. It came to within approx two or three miles of us taking a period of about fifteen minutes to reach this spot. It then stayed in this spot for almost half an hour. We looked at it thru our rifle scopes. and could see nothing but this bright light. It was as bright and clean as a carbon arc light, and it seemed to pulse just a little as though it were caused by an engine of four cycle origin, but it did pulse. At no time did we ever see anything but the bright light. We could not see anything around the edge nor a shape, nor anything that the light came from. The bright light was the third point of a line. Our camp was one, a pine tree approx 90 feet high and about 200 yards away was the second, and the light was the third. We could see enough of the tree by the moonlight so we could see that the light did not move. After about half an hour during which time we talked about shooting at it but how do we explain to the government, or to little green men that you thought you were shooting at flying saucers? After the half hour with the angle of the light being at almost 35 degrees from the ground thru our line of sight with the tree, the light shot straight up in the air, passed thru the broken cloud layer, and as it did so, it made a large reflection flare across the bottom of the clouds. We did not see it after that, yet the clouds were not solid, and we should have had a glimpse of it after it passed thru the clouds. This light passed thru an angle of about 45 degrees in one and a half seconds! I would like to see something that could accelerate at that speed from a standing start, and the color of the light did not change except when it was going up it did not seem to have the slight pulse that it did while it was standing still. Maybe it was moving so fast we could not see it pulse. About two minutes after the light disappeared, two jets, I suppose from Moses Lake, came

pretty fast because we did not hear them until they were at about 2 o'clock, and then the sound was at 12 o'clock. At no time did we ever see anything but the one light. There was no wind, the clouds were broken, and we have talked since about seeing this, but know that it could not have been a weather balloon, or any other object wind driven, because there was no wind. I would certainly like to have you explain this one, and if you people come up within the next couple of years with a flying saucer propelled by light, or using light as a force to drive it, you had better let me know, because I would hate like hell to shoot down one of these things and see the familiar Air Force insignia on the side. I don't know that this will do anything but add to all of the other stuff you have on UFO's but at least it may make it more interesting. I thought of writing to Moses Lake and asking them if they sent up two jets on that night, and what for, but figured that I would get a wise reply from some PR man who thought I was a nut. All of this information is true Captain, and there are four of us who saw exactly the same thing. Just to give you a little something more to work on below is a small sketch of our camp, and of the distance and angles as I remember them. My college mathematics is too rusty for me to figure out the distances so I leave it to you. I would like to hear from you though, as to what speed you come up with for this "light" that we saw.

Cordially yours,

[REDACTED]



this is out of scale of course.

- (B) final sight as light went thru clouds angle est. with ground. Time count by saying 1001, pause (didn't get to 1002).
- (a) stationary for approx 1/2 hr.