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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
12 August, 1960

2. LOCATION
Quincy, Massachusetts

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local 0105
GMT 12/0605Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
- [x] Ground-Visual
- [ ] Ground-Radar
- [ ] Air-Visual
- [ ] Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
- [ ] Yes
- [x] No

6. SOURCE
Civilian

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
10 minutes

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
One

9. COURSE
Varied

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING
Dark object with red and white lights. Disappeared by fading out. Two to four hundred feet thick and shaped like two plates one inverted on top of the other. Top plate had a bell shaped dome on top of it. Appeared 92 deg from true North 40 deg elevation. Disappeared 102 deg from true North at 30 deg elevation from horizon.

11. COMMENTS
Witnesses were probably viewing a helicopter red flashing lights being the anti-collision lights and white lights being the running lights. The fact that this object was viewed with optical aids is not being discounted but the distance and haze could be responsible for lack of identification (or misidentification) not to mention the contribution of excitement of the young witnesses. The movement of the object and the location of a Naval station in the direction of the sighting tends to substantiate this conclusion.

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)

[redacted]

August 13, 1960

Commanding Officer
Hanscom Air Force Base
Bedford, Massachusetts

Dear Sir;

This letter refers to the telephone call that you received on 12 August, 1960, concerning a probable U.F.O. sighting over the Quincy, Massachusetts area. Enclosed is a copy of the U.S. Air Force Technical Information Sheet, Form A.

Would you please foreward this report to the Air Technical Intelligence Center. Thank-you.

Sincerely yours

[redacted]

[redacted]ts
August 13, 1960

Air Technical Intelligence Center

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herein is a copy of the U.S. Air Force Technical Information Sheet, Form A.

The U.F.O. was sighted in 12, August, 1960, at 1:05 A.M. in the southeastern quadrant of the sky, approximatly 40° above the horizon.

It was sighted by the following 6 persons, while observing the Perseids Meteor Shower:

[redacted]

At first the object was thought to be an airplane, but because it lacked both sound and a specific course, we observed it with 7 power, 50 millimeter binoculars, which were being used to observe meteors. In the binoculars, which have a 71° field, the object filled ¼ of the apparent field of view. At the time, 1:05 A.M., the object was in a darker portion of the sky. The object appeared as 2 bright lights which were red, one on the front of the object, and the other one was on the back of the object. White lights appeared in pairs, on either side of the craft.

The object was then viewed in a 3" F. 10.5 Reflecting Telescope and the same was seen in the binoculars.

It moved steadily at a low angle, about 40° above the horizon, and when it was in the southwestern section of the sky, it stopped, and the r ed lights on the bottom started to revolve steadily, and increased the number of r.p.m. This was first seen with the binoculars by [redacted] and subsequently by the rest of the group. When [redacted] observed it, the back right side was tilted up and a portion of a dark disk was seen, also an indication of white light. The object leveled off so the disk was once more invisible.

Then the object gradually speeded up the rpm. of the red lights decreased, and it headed from the west to the north, and then to the east, completing its first circle .

The object then ~~completed~~ headed from the east to south, but this time it was caught in the moon's glare. The reflected sunlight dimmed the red light and also the white light and the profile of the object was visible.

This complete profile was first seen b[redacted], and [redacted] Jr. did n ot see the profile as by the time they had the binoculars, and telescopes in the area the object had moved out of the moon's glare. I did not see it because I was in the front of the house, under a streetlight setting my camera, so I could take a picture of the object. The object then headed south where I photographed it using a 10 second exposure.

The object then headed west where we tried to signal it with a high powered flashlight. We signaled it in a series of dots and dashes, signaling either faster or slower according to the r.p.m. of t e red lights. Then the object headed north and from there it headed east where it faded out rapidly as if by increasing distance.

This extra report was made to give a brief summary of the entire sighting.

I think there is an excellent possibility that I obtained a photograph of the object. If so the object will be elongated as I used a ten second exposure, without tracking, so the object crossed the field. The camera uses 616 film, and has either time or instant exposures.

I will not have the film developed, so that if you need it in the future, you can send for it, and process it yourself, to avoid carlessness.

Yours truly,

[redacted]

HEADQUARTERS
3245TH OPERATIONS GROUP
3245TH AIR BASE WING
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
LAURENCE G. HANSCOM FIELD, BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

REPLY TO ATTN OF: CWOB/MSgt McLennan/3309 9 Sep 1960

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Report

TO: Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

The inclosed UFO Report is forwarded for evaluation in accordance with paragraph 14 b, AFR 200-2, for further analysis.

Kenneth J. Benoit
KENNETH J. BENOIT, Major, USAF
Chief, Base Operations Division

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1. USAF Tech Info Sheet
2. Ltr fr[redacted]
3. UFO Summary, 12 Aug 1960

U.S. Air Force Technical Information Sheet

Form A

Sighting of U.F.O. on August 12, 1960 by the following:

[redacted]

[redacted]

COPY

U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET FORM A

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? 12th (DAY) August (MONTH) 1960 (YEAR)

2. Time of day: 0100 (HOUR) 5 (MINUTES)
(Circle One): A.M. or P.M.

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

(CircleOne): a. Daylight Saving
b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

[redacted] (NEAREST POSTAL ADDRESS) [redacted] (CITY OR TOWN) Mass (STATE OR COUNTRY)

Additional remarks: In backyard sprinkled from artificial lights.

5. Estimate how long you saw the object. — (HOURS) 10 (MINUTES) — (SECONDS)

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

a. Certain (Wristwatch)
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, ~~or *DAYLIGHT~~ or TWILIGHT, or DAWN, WHERE was the Sun located as you ~~located~~ 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 any time, particularly, a cloud?

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

13. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly, a cloud?
(Circle One): Yes No Don't Know. If you answered YES, tel 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?

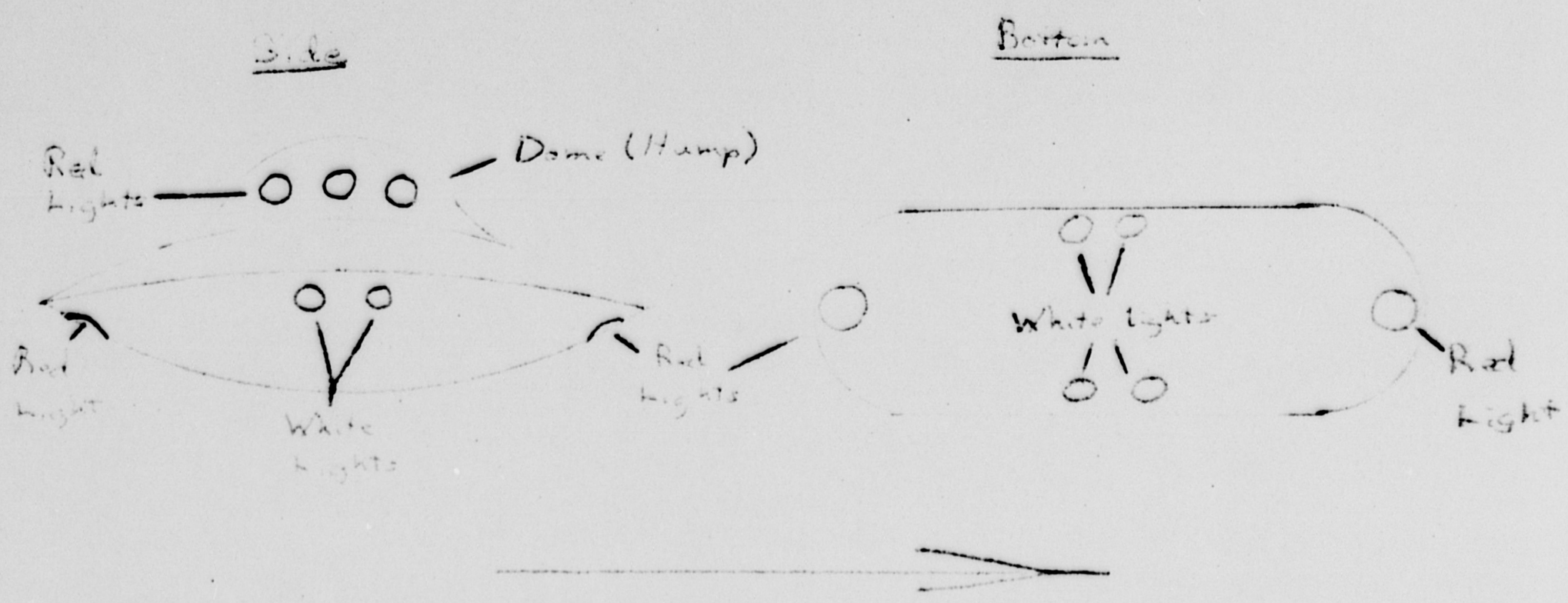
a. Eyeglasses	Yes	No	e. Binoculars	Yes	No
b. Sunglasses	Yes	No	f. Telescope	Yes	No
c. Windshield	Yes	No	g. Theodolite	Yes	No
d. Window glass	Yes	No	h. Other Naked eye		

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

a. Sound None

b. COLOR Object was dark, Had red + white lights

17. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include 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.



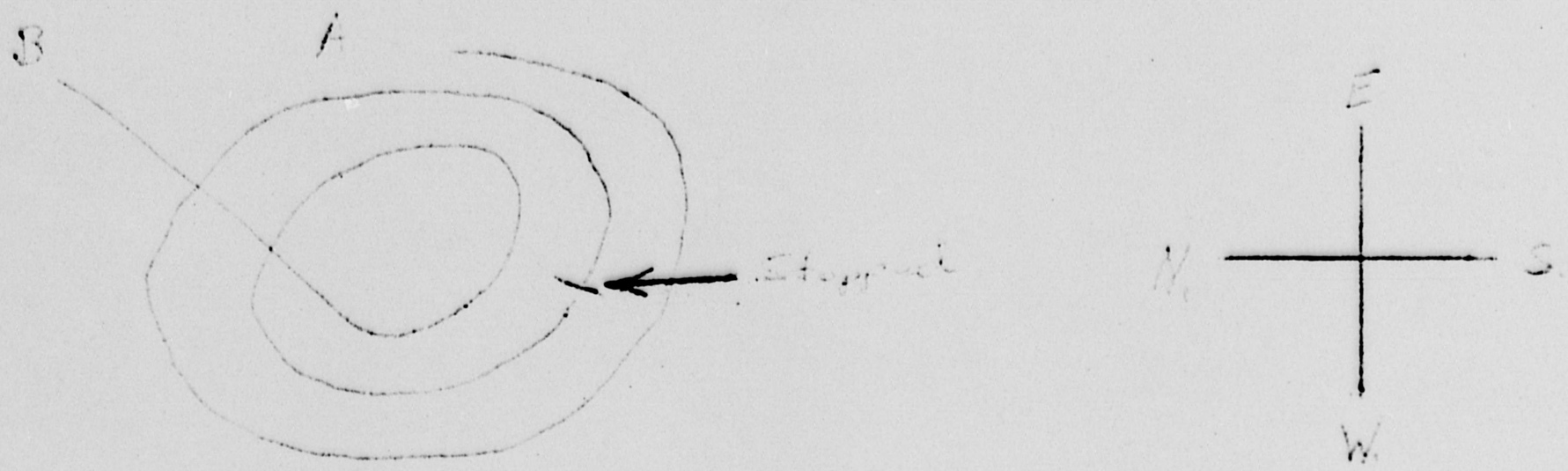
18. The edges of the object were:

(Circle One): a. Fuzzy or blured
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?_____

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

20. Draw a picture that will show the motion t at 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.



21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimention. 100 to 400 feet.

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. Base ball
i. Grapefruit
j. Basketball
k. Other_____

22.1 (Circle One of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question ~~2-22-~~ 22.

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

23. How did the object or objects dissappear from view? 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?

A. Some type of metal. And fifty feet long and some fifty feet wide. It was shaped like two plates, one inverted ontop of the other, the plates curved a bell shaped dome on top of it.

B. Two to four hundred feet thick

25. ~~Where~~ Where were you located when you saw the object?

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 the city
(26)b. In the residential section of the 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? 6 of us were watching the Perseid Meteor Shower when [redacted] spotted a group of fast moving red lights

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

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

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

31. If you are familiar with bearing terms(angular directions), 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).

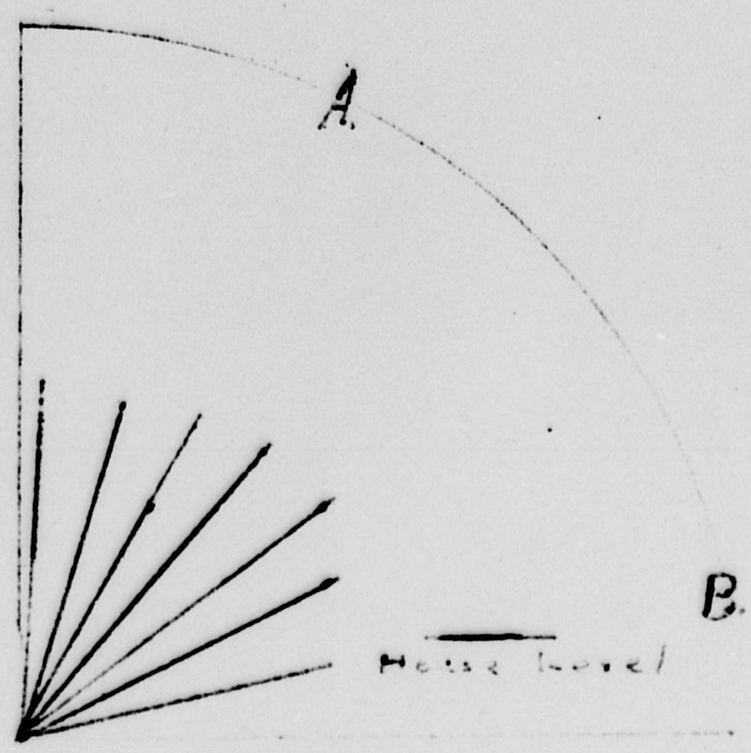
31.1 When it first appeared:
a. From true North 92 degrees.
b. From horizon 40 degrees.

31.2 When it disappeared:

a. From true North 168 degrees.
b. From horizon 32 degrees.

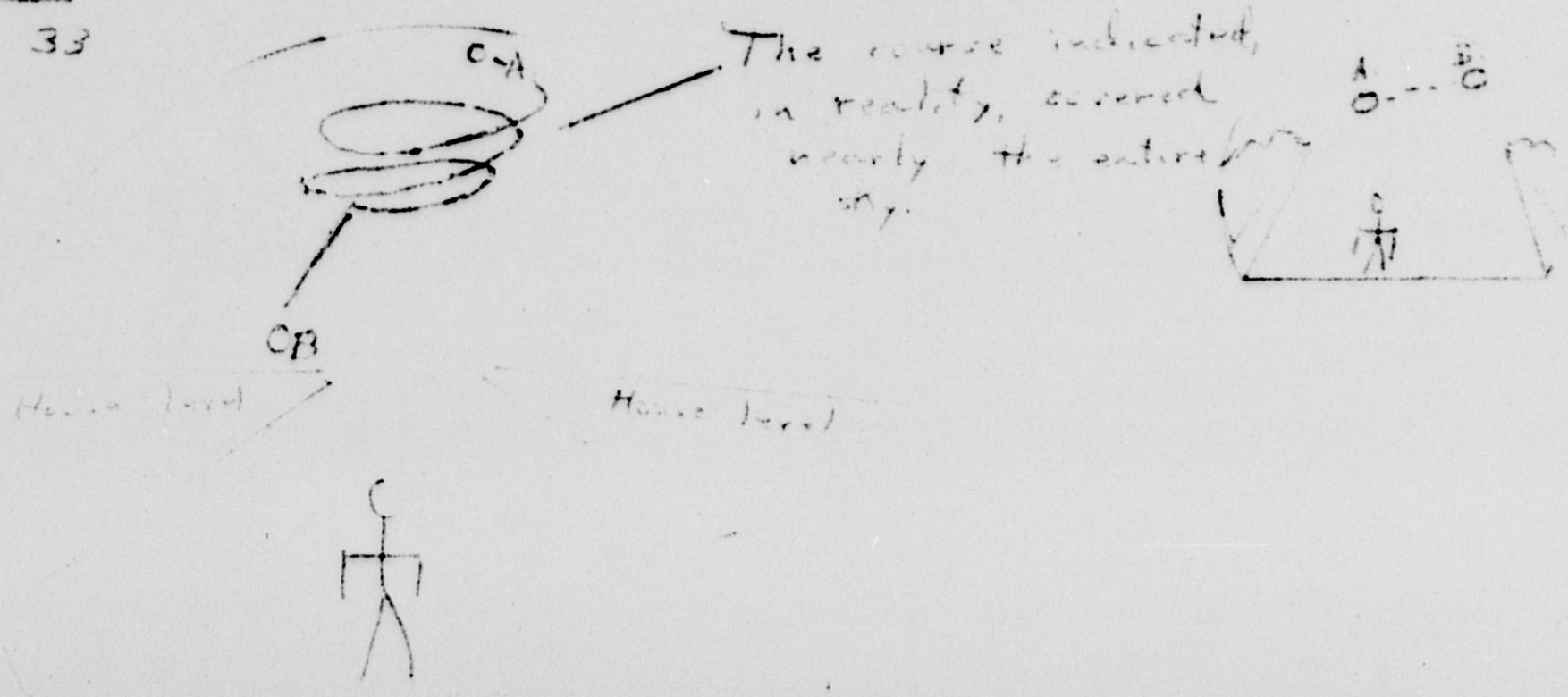
32. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon(skyline) wh you first saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the obje was above the horizon(skyline)when you last saw it.

This is a rough copy of section 32 in your student information sheet.



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.

The following is a rough copy of section 33



The course indicated, in reality, covered nearly the entire bay.

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
- 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 lightrain
- 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?

12th	August	1960
Day	Month	Year

36. Was anyone else with you when 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 addre[redacted] Mass.
[redacted] Mass.
[redacted] Mass.
[redacted] Mass.
[redacted] Mass.

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

(Circle One) Yes No

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

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

We think it was an alien craft for the following reasons:

A. A static flight, stopping and hovering, speeding up. It was not following any kind of flight plan whatever, such as used by conventional aircraft

B. Lights that were visible in each, continuous revolving, constantly. The reason is the red lights only.

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? _____ m.p.

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

(Circle One) Yes (No)

IF you answered Yes, how far away would you say it was? _____ feet

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NA[redacted]

Last Name | First Name | Middle Name

ADDRE[redacted] 69 Mass.

Street | City | Zone | State

TELEPHONE [redacted]

What is your present job? _____

Age 45 Sex Male

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school _____
b. High school _____
c. College _____
d. Post graduate _____

e.e. Technical school _____
(Type) _____
f. Other Special training _____

42. Date your completion of this questionnaire: 29th (Day) August (Month) 1969 (year)

Names and Ages of Other Observers

		Phone No.
[redacted]	13 years	[redacted]
	8 years	
	11 years	
	12 years	
	14 years	

(GR*2, GR-9 = Granite, PR-3 = President)

Note

Started in summer I have a possible sighting of the UFO which I am keeping undeveloped, so I'll do and when you report it you can send for it and because it would be so to avoid a costly mistake.

UFO ANALYSIS SHEET

Location Quincy, Mass

Date (Local) 12 Aug 60 Hour (Local) 0105

Hour (Z Time Group) 1206052 Aug 60

Satellite: (Det 5 ATIC, Ext 3279) ----------

Astronomical Phenomena (Meteor, Comet, Planet, etc) ----------

Radar Analysis (AFCIN-4E1) N/A

Natural Phenomena (Ball Lightning, etc) ----------

Aircraft, Balloons, Airships, etc. ---------- POSSIBLY HELICOPTER

Other Prob overactive imagination

Evaluation of Source Reliability Unknown

Analysis and Conclusions: The sky conditions was reported to be hazy with mist, and dull moonlight with many stars showing. . .
IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THESE WITNESSES WERE VIEWING A HELICOPTER.. THE RED FLASHING LIGHT BEING THE ANTI-COLLISION LIGHT AND THE WHITE LIGHTS THE RUNNING LIGHTS. THE FACT THAT THIS OBJECT WAS VIEWED WITH OPTICAL AIDS IS NOT BEING DISCOUNTED - BUT DISTANCE AND THE HAZE COULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR LACK OF IDENTIFICATION — NOT TO MENTION THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE EXCITEMENT OF THESE YOUNG WITNESSES. THE ANTICS OF THE OBJECT, THE LOCATION OF A NAVAL STATION IS THE DIRECTION OF THE OBJECTS FROM THE BOYS TENDS TO SUBSTANTIATE THIS CONCLUSION —

[illegible]

Red Bluff Area, California

12-20 Aug 60

Separate Folder