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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
22 Aug 60

2. LOCATION
Durenville, Texas

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local 0145
GMT 22/0745Z

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

5. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☒ No

6. SOURCE
Civilian

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
10 min

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
one

9. COURSE
NNW

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING
Bluish-white light which changed to yellow. Size of street light 3-5 miles away.

11. COMMENTS
It is impossible to determine from the information provided by the witness what he saw or if he actually saw anything. It is obvious that the witness has the desire to see objects in our upper atmosphere and in space; it is therefore possible that this sighting is a complete figment of his imagination or some natural occurrance to which his imagination has added considerable fringe.

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)

September 30, 1960

Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]t
San Antonio 1, Texas

Dear Mr. [redacted]:

We thank you once again for another fine observation report.

It is, of course, virtually impossible to determine the nature of the object you saw with only one report to evaluate. We are therefore forwarding your letter to:

Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center
United States Air Force
(AFCIN-4E2x)
Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio

so that your report may be compared with any others which may have been received there.

If you should experience further sighting of the object, please report directly to the above address.

Thank you for your time and interest.

Respectfully,

Warren W. McCurdy
Public Information

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cc: ATIC
info: SPACON
SPATRK

This case includes one (1) photocopied page of narrative. 8½" x 10".

ATIC

[redacted]
San Antonio, 1, TEX.

Sept. 27, 1950

Smithsonian Institution
Astrophysical Observatory
60 Garden Street
Cambridge 38, Mass.

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Thank you for your reply of September 23, regarding my letter of 24 August. Also the info on the Star Charts.

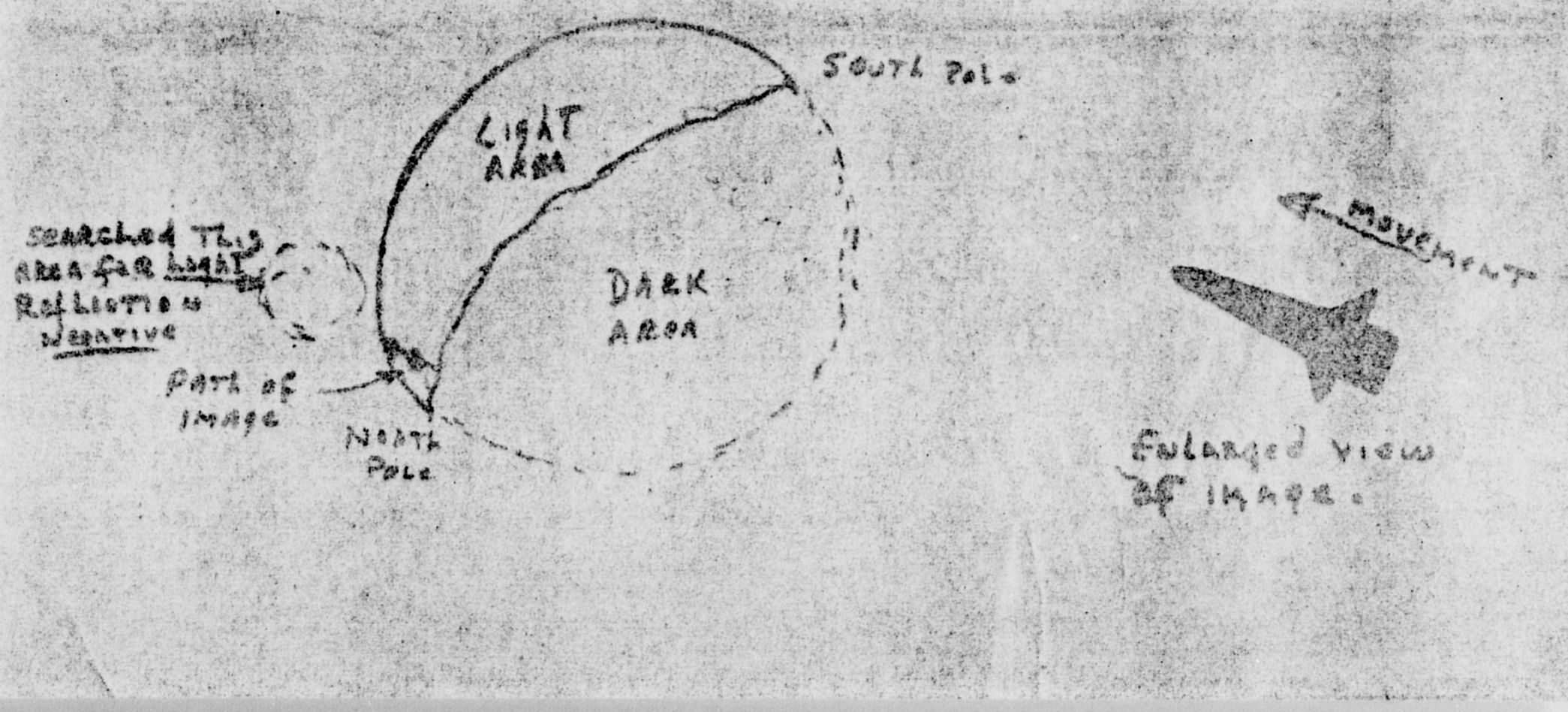
This may be of interest to you. Last night September 26 at between 7:35 and 7:40 PM while observing the North pole of the Moon a perfect image of a dark stubby winged rocket nose passed over this area. I am not sure whether it was a shadow on the moon or the actual rocket orbiting the moon. I will sketch the area. It was retro to the earth rotation. It could be a rocket on the way to the Moon. This was observed at 250 power. The place of observation was here in San Antonio. This is all the info I have. Cloud cover prevented observation for three hours. I watched after that for an hour but not able to see it again. Cloud cover is preventing observing tonight. I want to get this info to you as soon as possible so that you can have a look.

Thank you I am deeply interested in ths hobby and the welfare of this Nation.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

The Sketch:
As viewed THRU Scope.



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AFCIN-4E2x

5 OCT 1960

UFO Sighting (Mr [redacted])

SAFOI-3d (L/Col Tacker)

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2. The Harvard Observatory forwarded this letter to Spacetrack who in turn forwarded it to ATIC and informed Mr Schrader of their action.

3. The information provided in Mr [redacted] letter is not extensive enough to allow an analysis. Suggest you forward ATIC Form #164 to Mr [redacted] with instructions to forward the completed document directly to ATIC.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

PHILIP G. EVANS
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Science and Components

2 Atch:
1. Cy ltr 23 Sep 60, sgd Warren W. McCurdy
2. Cy ltr 24 Aug 60, to Harvard College Observatory fm [redacted]

COORDINATION:

AFCIN-4E2x James O. Baker Date 4 Oct 60

AFCIN-4E2 H E Marlin Date 10/4/60

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10 October 1960

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of 24 August addressed to the Harvard Observatory concerning the sighting of an unidentified flying object by you has been referred to me for reply.

Your letter contained insufficient information for a valid conclusion. Therefore, we ask that you fill out the attached Air Force questionnaire and forward the completed document to the Commander, Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio for their analysis and evaluation.

Sincerely,

Inclosure

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. [redacted]
San Antonio 1, Texas

Comeback OI-3d
Reader OI-1

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

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: AFCIN-4E2x

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September 23, 1960

Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
San Antonio 1, Texas

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Thank you for your letter of 24 August, which was referred to us by Harvard Observatory.

We have not been able to determine the nature of your observation, and are therefore forwarding your report to:

Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright - Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

Any further correspondence regarding this matter should be sent directly to them.

You can get star charts for $1.00 each by writing to:

Sky Publishing Corporation
Harvard College Observatory
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Thank you for your time and interest.

Respectfully,

Warren W. McCurdy
Public Information

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cc: ATIC
BCC: Mr. [redacted]
Mrs.

[redacted]

San Antonio 1, Tex.

August 24, 1960

Harvard College Observatory
Cambridge 38, Mass.

Dear Sirs:

I am rather interested in knowing what I observed, can it be verified? Since I am an Amateur observer there are many things I do not know. I do scan the skies with my 3 inch Refractor, used on a FFT 20X.

On the morning of August 22, 1960 - 1:45 AM CST - Lat. 32 Degrees - (while waiting for Echo I) A light appeared in the area of Declination 65 degrees, SHA 270, rising at a fast rate when it reached the positionof approx. Declination 52 degrees, SHA 300, it slowed down, during its slowing down it appeared to have a slight lateral motion, after that it moved very slowly and almost motionless, in the position of PERSEUS. It moved past MIRFAK and took a position in the MIRFAK, ALGOL and ALMACH area. Its Magnitude at the beginning was of 2 to 3, after its lateral motion its Magnitude became 0 to 1, at itsmotionless position its Magnitude was that of SIRIUS.

I was unable to observe on August 23 because of cloud cover. I have not been able to find it again.

There are four possibles (1) U.S.A. Balloon (2) U.S.A. Echo II fixed position above earth (3) USSR Satellite fixed over USA (4) USSR Space Cabin which carried the dogs returning to earth.

The latter I feel was what I was observing. This was probably the time the Retros were fired, as it approached the dense atmosphere. There were two other people observing this and noting the same motions.

I wonder if you may have some nice Star Charts, Northern and Southern. What is the price for those. In case you do not have them could you tell me where I could obtain them.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

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?

22 (Day) AUGUST (Month) 1960 (Year)

2. Time of day: 1 (Hour) 45 (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?

GOLDTHWAITE (Nearest Postal Address) GOLDTHWAITE (City or Town) TEXAS (State or Country)

Additional remarks: THE ACTUAL SIGHTING WAS AT DURENVILLE 2 MILES NORTH OF GOLDTHWAITE ON HIGHWAY TO BROWNWOOD. ITS AN ALL NIGHT GAS STATION & CAFE.

5. How long was object in sight? OBSERVED ONLY FOR _____ Hours 10 Minutes _____ Seconds

5.1 How was time in sight determined?

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

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY	NIGHT
a. Bright	(a. Bright)
b. Cloudy	b. Cloudy

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, 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

ATIC FORM FEB 60 164 This form supersedes ATIC 164, 13 Oct 54.

8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, 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. The object appeared:

(Circle One): (a. As a light) b. Shiny c. Dark d. Don't remember

10. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? AT FIRST IMPRESSION IT WAS LESS BRIGHTER THAN MARFAK BUT AS IT WENT THRU ITS LATERAL MOTION AND SLOWED DOWN IT BECAME BRIGHTER, IN ITS MOTIONLESS POSITION IT WAS AS BRIGHT OR BRIGHTER THAN SIRRIUS.

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. Flash or flicker?	Yes	(No)	Don't Know
h. Disappear and reappear ?	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, then tell 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, then tell what in front of: _____

14. Did the object appear: *(Circle One)*: a. Solid b. Transparent c. Vapor (d. 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 AS A Bluish-white Light at first Then at Last looks yellowish

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.

WASNT THAT Close

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

Only One

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 PAGE 10 for
MOVEMENT THRU SKY

21. How large did the object appear to you as compared to an object with which you are familiar?

UNABLE TO SAY - SINCE IT WAS ONLY A LIGHT

22. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head?

WOULD PROBABLY HAVE COVERED THE HEAD OF MATCH

23. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? NO, I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO IT. I HAD TO DEPART for SAN ANTONIO. 10 MINUTES WAS ALL I OBSERVED.

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, 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.

THE LIGHT SIZE PROBABLY AS A STREET LIGHT 3 TO 5 MILES AWAY.

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 (type)
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. 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?

I WAS ON MY WAY BACK TO SAN ANTONIO, I STOPped TO HAVE A CUP of Coffee AND get GAS. I Looked AT the clock when I WALKed OUT of CAFE. IT WAS 1:40 AM I pulled my CAR TO the GAS pumps. I thought IT WAS TIME for Echo I TO PASS OVER. I first WAS looking NORTHWEST AS I Looked NORTHEAST I SAW THIS LIGHTS I WALKed AWAY FROM THE STATION Lights behind a TRUCK which put ME IN DARKNESS.

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 - NORTHEAST)
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest
i. Overhead

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
i. (Overhead ALMOST)

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

31.1 When it first appeared:

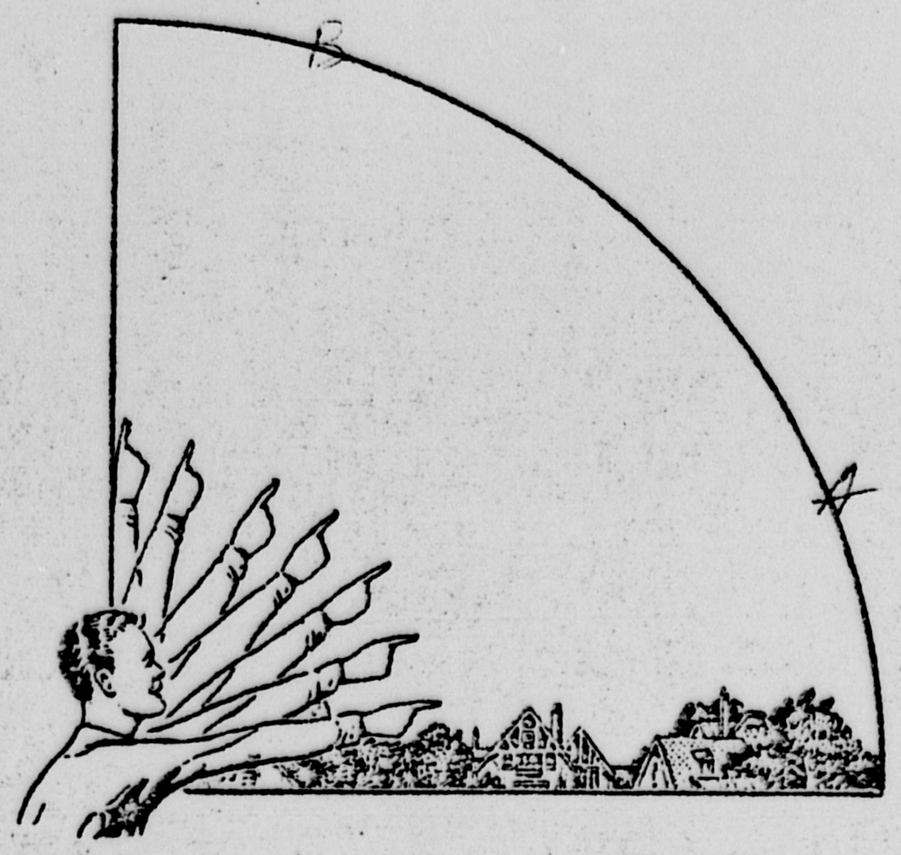
a. From true North_____degrees.
b. From horizon _____ degrees.

See page #10

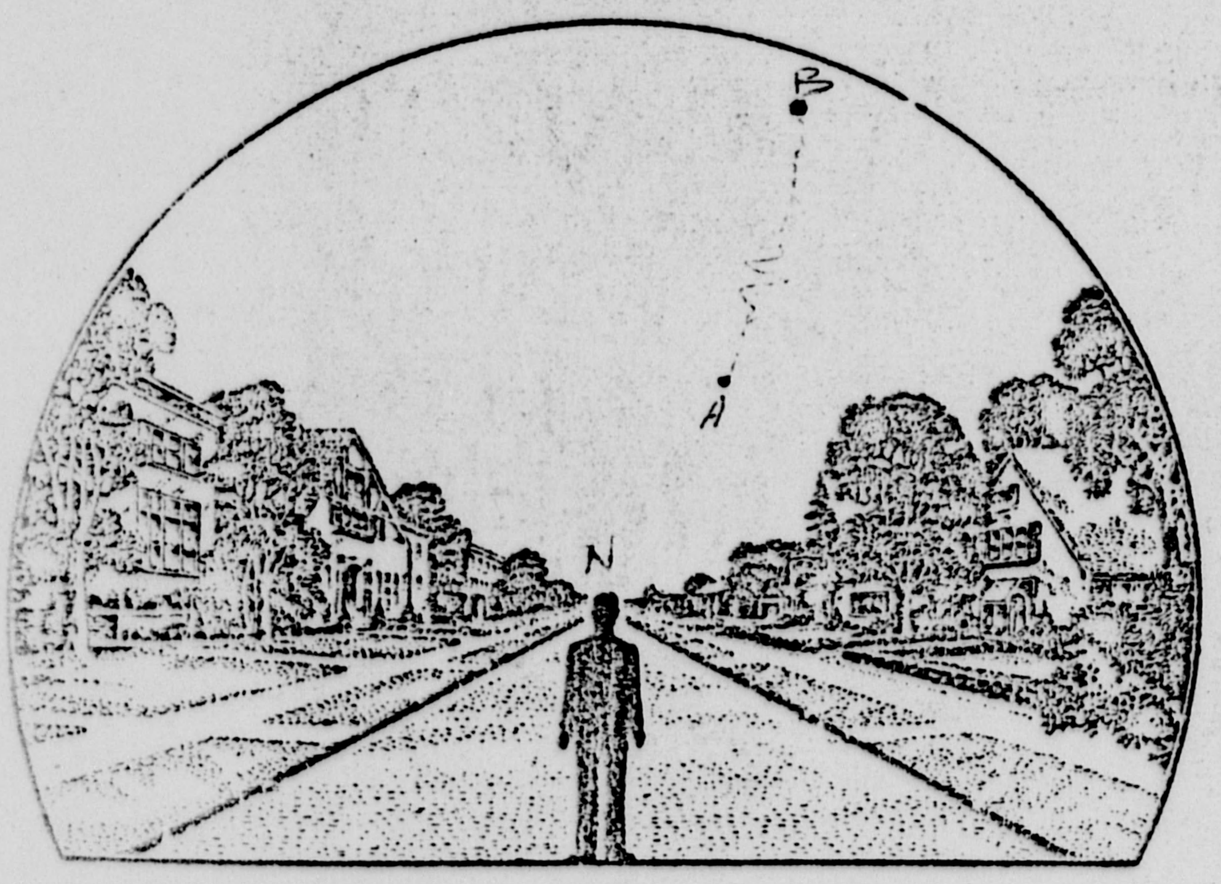
31.2 When it disappeared:

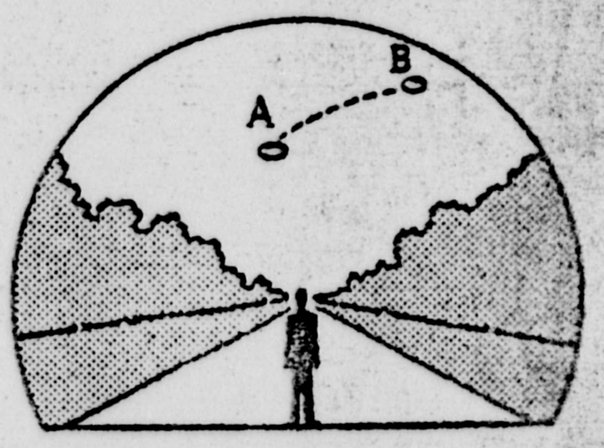
a. From true North_____ degrees.
b. From horizon _____degrees.

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) 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.





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

CLOUDS (*Circle One*)

(a. Clear sky)
b. Hazy
c. Scattered clouds
d. Thick or heavy clouds

WEATHER (*Circle One*)

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

35. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?

24 (Day) AUGUST (Month) 1960 (Year)

HARVARD College OBSERVATORY
CAMBRIDGE 38, MASS.
(Thought possible other Reports would go there)

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:

[redacted] RT 4, COMANCHE, TEXAS (NEPHEW)

THERE WAS ANOTHER MAN BUT I DON'T KNOW HIS NAME OR ADDRESS.

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?

15 OCT. 1952, OTTAWA, KANSAS, DAYLIGHT CLEAR SKY (VERY NICE SIGHTING)
25 JUNE 1954, PRIDDY, TEXAS, NIGHT, 2:10AM - 2:50AM CST (VERY EERIE AWESOME SIGHT)
NOV. 1959 (3) 2 BETWEEN FREDERICKSBURG & ELDORADO, TEX HY. 16. ONE AT PRIDDY, TEXAS
15 JAN 1960 GOLDTHWAITE, TEXAS (2)

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

MY OPINION IS IT WAS A USSR ROCKET THAT WAS ~~FIRED~~ FIRED RETRO TO THE EARTHS ROTATION OVER THE POLES. IT COULD HAVE BEEN THE SPACE CABIN THEY BROUGHT BACK. I FEEL RUSSIA IS PUTTING UP A FLEET OF THESE RETRO ROCKETS TO CONTINUE ORBITING WITH ATOMIC WARHEADS TO KEEP US OUT OF SPACE WITH OUR SPY ROCKETS OR MAN. THESE ROCKETS SEEK OUT OR MEET OUR SATTELITES WHICH ARE ORBITING WITH THE EARTH ROTATION. I AM SETTING UP A PROJECT TO SEE HOW MANY OF THESE I CAN CATALOG AS THEY CROSS THE MOON.

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

(Circle One) Yes (No) VARIABLE

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? _____

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

(Circle One) (Yes) (No) I THINK IT WAS ON THE OUTER fringe of the stratosphere.

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

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

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

ADDRESS [redacted] (Street) SAN ANTONIO (City) 1 (Zone) TEXAS (State)

TELEPHONE NUMBER None

Age 42 Sex MALE

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any education, which might be pertinent.
4 High School - 2 yrs College - 6 years Electronics Tech. 6 years as field service engineer - of these 3 yrs in service of Link Aviation, Celestial Navigation Trainers, as well as instruction of Celestial Navigation - Licensed Radio Amateur - 20 years. 5 years Military Service & lived on the FARM for 20 years - AT present we are employed with Southwest Research Inst. as Sr. Electronics Tech. - Built our own Telescope from a Link Collimator.

42. Date you completed this questionnaire: 17 (Day) October (Month) 1960 (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] (1st)

SIGNATURE [redacted]

DATE 7 October 1960

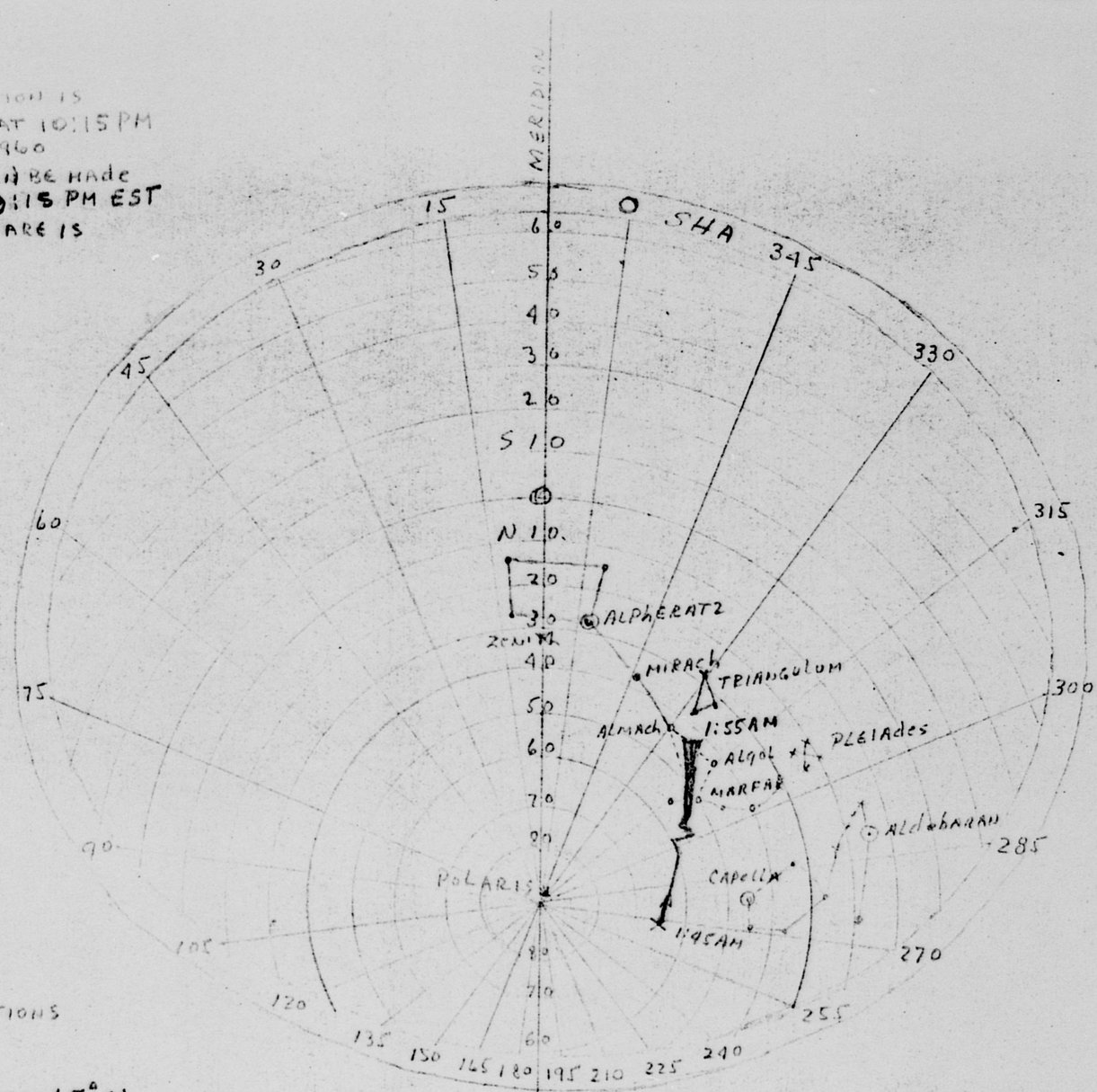
(Do Not Write In This Space)

CODE:

Refer to my Letter of 24 august 1960 from Harvard College Observatory, which was forwarded to ATIC.

NOTE:

SAME STAR POSITION IS OCCURING NOW AT 10:15 PM CST 17 OCT. 1960
COMPARISON CAN BE MADE OUT DOORS AT 9:15 PM EST
THE GREAT SQUARE IS OVERHEAD



APPROX. POSITIONS

1:45 AM
SHA 270° Dec. 65° N

1:55 AM
SHA 325° Dec. 42° N

SHA - SIDEREAL HOUR ANGLE
DEC. - DECLINATION

STAR POSITION
Showing MOVEMENT of Light
This is the WAY I observed IT, this is the best WAY I AM Able to show IT.

27

UFO ANALYSIS SHEET

Location DURENVILLE, TEXAS

Date 22 AUG 60 Hour (Z) 0145 (LOCAL)

WX CLEAR AND DRY

Description APPEARED AS A LIGHT — BRIGHTER THAN SIRIUS — BLUISH-WHITE THEN YELLOW — STAR LIKE. — ONE OBJECT — SIZE OF MATCH HEAD AT ARMS LENGTH. — DURATION 10 MINUTES.

Direction of Motion NORTH-NORTHEAST TO OVERHEAD —

Satellite: (AFCIN-4F3, Phone 69219)

Astronomical Phenomena (Meteor, Comet, Planet, etc)

Radar Analysis (AFCIN-4E1)

Natural Phemomena (Ball Lightning, etc)

Aircraft, Balloons, Airships, etc.

Other

Evaluation of Source Reliability UNKNOWN —

Analysis and Conclusions: IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE FROM THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE WITNESS WHAT HE SAW OR IF HE ACTUALLY SAW ANYTHING. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE WITNESS HAS THE DESIRE TO SEE OBJECTS IN OUR UPPER ATMOSPHERE AND IN SPACE, IT IS THEREFORE POSSIBLE THAT HIS SIGHTING IS A COMPLETE FIGMENT OF HIS