PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 1961	2. LOCATION Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
3. SOURCE	10. CONCLUSION INFORMATION ONLY
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS This case was reported in March-April 1966. Since the actual sighting had occurred some time ago it is almost impossible to check it out. Also due to the time lag the pertinent data has probably become distorted. Therefore this case is considered Information Only.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION	
7. COURSE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☐ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☐ No	

FTD FORM SEP 63 0-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

Info only
other (Cloud)

U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION

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. 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?

THANKSGIVING DAY (Day) / (Month) / 1961 (Year)

2. Time of day: 11 (Hour) 30 (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) CUYAHOGA FALLS, (City or Town) OHIO (State or County)

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration) _____ Hours _____ Minutes _____ Seconds

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

5.1 How was time in sight determined? _____

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes X No ____

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY
a. Bright
b. Cloudy

NIGHT
a. Bright
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

FTD FORM OCT 62 164 This form supersedes FTD 164, jul 61, which is obsolete.

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

CLOUDS (*Circle One*):

a. Clear sky
b. Hazy
c. Scattered clouds ALMOST CLEAR
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

10. The object appeared: (*Circle One*):

a. Solid
b. Transparent
c. Vapor → LIKE A CLOUD THAN AS SOLID BRIGHT METAL
d. As a light
e. Don't remember

11. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? (*Circle One*):

a. Brighter
b. Dimmer
c. About the same
d. Don't know

11.1 Compare brightness to some common object:

_____

12. 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 _____

13. 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

14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how?

15. 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: _____

16. 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: _____

17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

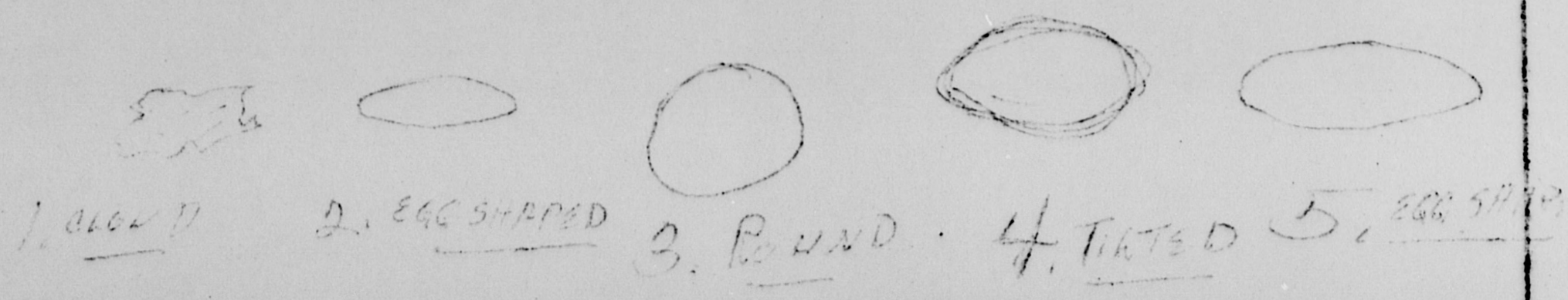
a. Sound NO SOUND

b. Color WHITE VAPOR ASA CLOUD, THEN SHINY LIKE STAINLESS STEEL

18. 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?

ALL OF IT

19. 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.



20. 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? SPEED VARRIED

21. 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? _____

22. 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 _____

23. 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 _____

24. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

24.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

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

24.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

24.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

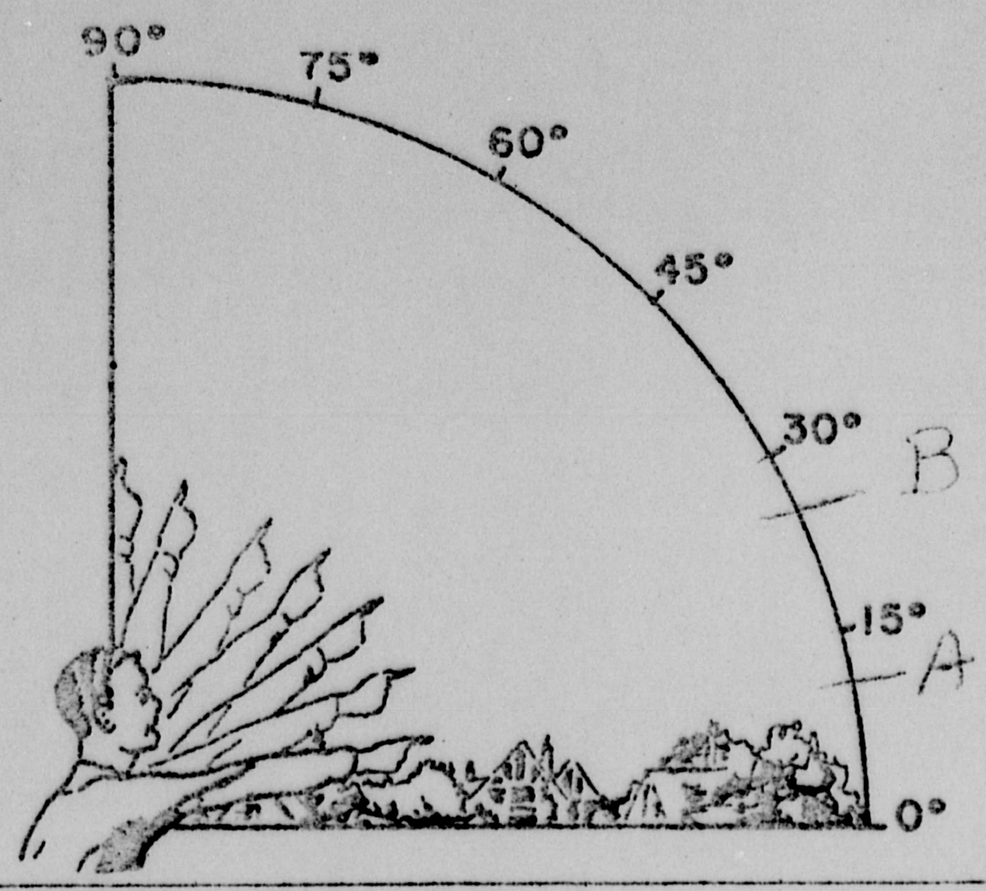
25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

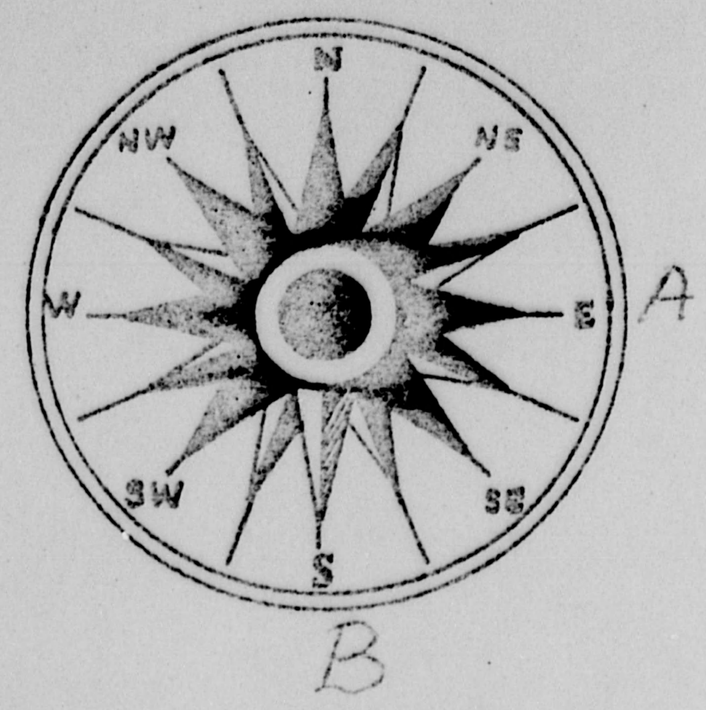
a. Eyeglasses	Yes	(No)	e. Binoculars	Yes	(No)
b. Sun glasses	Yes	(No)	f. Telescope	Yes	(No)
c. Windshield	Yes	(No)	g. Theodolite	Yes	No
d. Window glass	Yes	(No)	h. Other NAKED EYE		

26. 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.

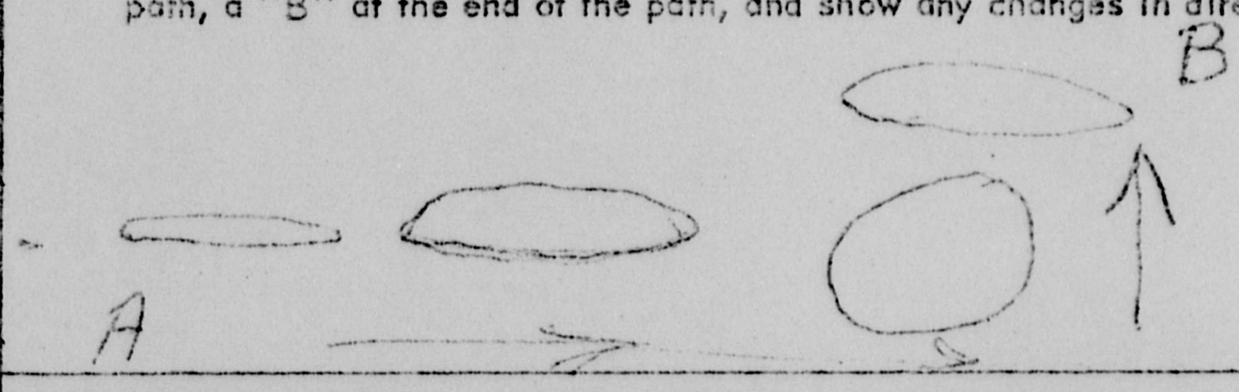
A NEW HALF DOLLAR TILTED UP JUST A LITTLE AND THEN UP ALL THE WAY

27. 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. Place an "A" on the compass when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the compass where you *last* saw the object.





28. 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.



29. 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.

30. Have you ever seen this, or a similar object before. If so give date or dates and location.

31. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object? *(Circle One)* Yes No

31.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too? *(Circle One)* Yes No

31.2 Please list their names and addresses:

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [redacted]
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS [redacted] CUYAHOGA FALLS OHIO
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted] AGE 42 SEX MALE

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any special experience, which might be pertinent.

2 1/2 YEARS IN NAVY (W.W. II) AS RADIO MAN AND GUNNER ON TORPEDO BOMBERS AND DIVE BOMBERS. LAST RATE; AVIATION RADIOMAN 2C.

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

Day Month Year

34. Date you completed this questionnaire: 6 (Day) 11 (Month) 1965 (Year)

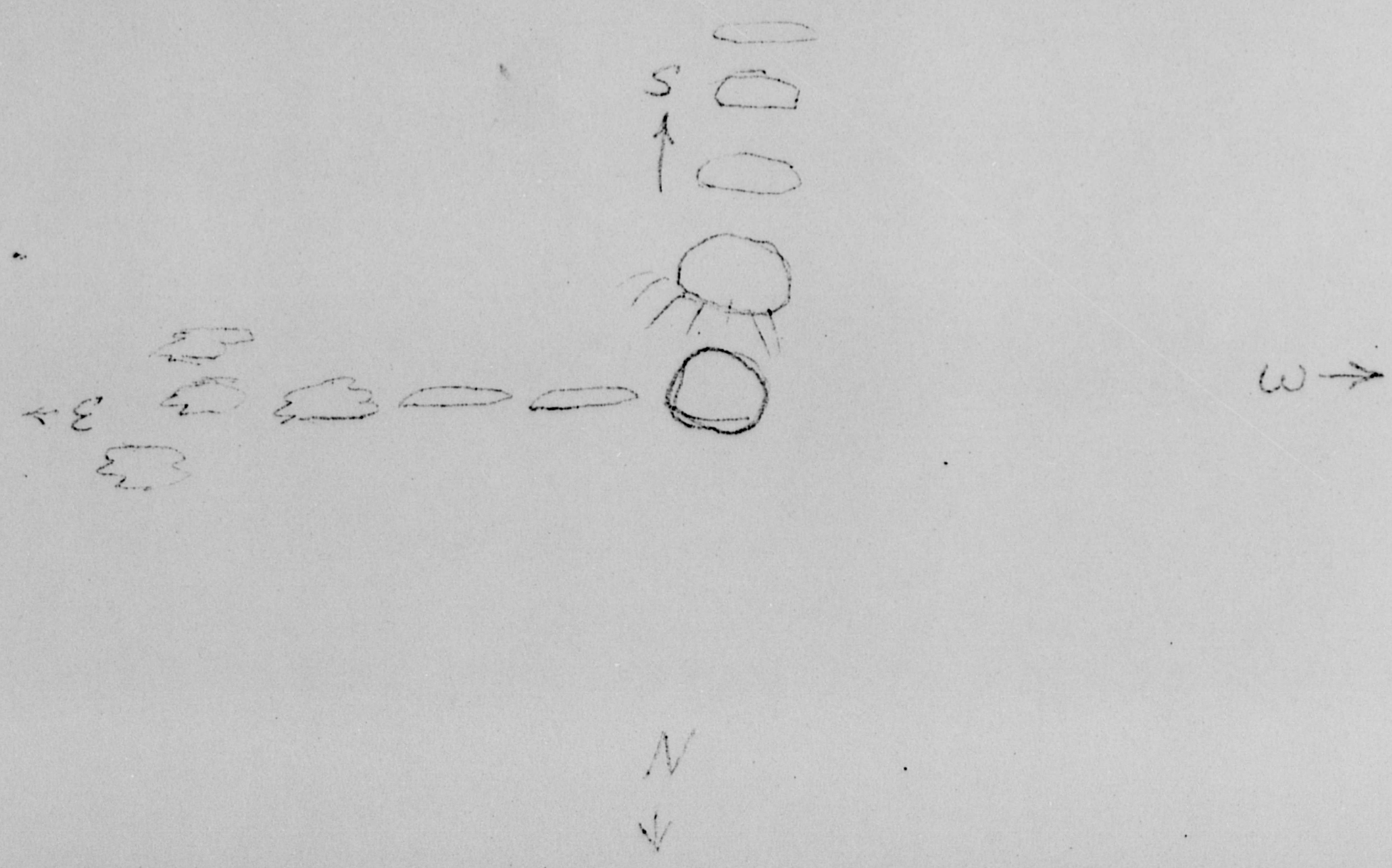
35. Information which you feel pertinent and which is not adequately covered in the specific points of the questionnaire or a narrative explanation of your sighting.

I STARTED FROM THE HOUSE ABOUT 11:15 A.M. WITH MY BIRD DOG TO HUNT. WE WERE ABOUT 700 FEET BACK IN THE FIELD HEADING SOUTH. WHEN I LOOKED UP AHEAD IN THE SKY AND SAW 3 SMALL CLOUDS THEN I WENT BACK TO HUNTING I TOOK 4 OR 5 MORE STEPS AND THOUGH SOMETHING WAS PECULIAR SO I GLANCED BACK UP AT THE CLOUDS THEN I REALIZED WHAT IT WAS. THE TOP AND BOTTOM CLOUDS WERE GOING FROM WEST TO EAST WITH THE WIND BUT THE ONE IN THE MIDDLE WAS GOING FROM EAST TO WEST AGAINST IT.

THEN I STOPPED AND WATCHED REAL CLOSE, AS I WATCHED THE ONE IN THE MIDDLE CONTINUED TO MOVE TO THE WEST THEN THE CLOUD SEEMED TO DISAPEAR OR FORM INTO A METALIC ELONGATED EGG SHAPED OBJECT STILL MOVEING TO THE WEST AGAINST THE WIND VERY SLOW THEN IT TILTED UP AND THE SUN GLINTED FROM IT TILL IT STOPPED STILL IN THE AIR FOR A FEW SECONDS. THEN IT SEEMED TO TILT BACK A LITTLE AND MOVED UP AND AWAY FROM ME (DUE SOUTH) IT MOVED VERY SLOWLY AND WOBBLED UP AND DOWN SLIGHTLY THEN FROM THE EDGE OF IT CAME WHAT SEEMED TO BE RAYS OF LIGHT WHICH WERE ALTERNATELY BRIGHT

(OVER)

LIKE A SPOT LIGHT AND DARKOR BLACK. AFTER A FEW SECONDS OF THIS IT TILTED FURTHER BACK AND WOBBLED A LITTLE MORE THEN CONTINUED TO MOVE UP AND AWAY FROM ME SLOWLY. THEN I LOOKED AROUND TO SEE IF ANYONE ELSE WAS OUT. SEEING NO ONE AROUND I CALLED MY DOG AND RAN FOR THE HOUSE, WATCHING THE OBJECT OVER MY SHOULDER AS I WENT, I WAS CALLING FOR MY WIFE. BUT COULDN'T GET HER OUT OF THE HOUSE AT FIRST SO I CAME DOWN OFF A SLIGHT RISE BEHIND THE HOUSE, CALLED HER AGAIN, THEN WENT RIGHT BACK ON THE RISE BUT IT WAS GONE.



NO CASE (INFORMATION ONLY)

EARLY JANUARY L(1961)
RUSHVILLE, NEBRASKA

Civilian U. F. O. Research

[redacted]S,

4134 NORTH DRAKE AVENUE
CHICAGO 18, ILLINOIS
KEYSTONE 9-6238

Transcript of article appearing in the Sheridan County (Nebraska) STAR 12 January 1961. Taken from transcript sent to Civilian UFO Research by a member living in the area.

The mysterious fascinates us all. And there was a mysterious object in the heavens over Rushville several nights ago which was seen and smelled by many responsible people in and near Rushville.

Those who saw it reported it looked like a big round light globe that was very bright and visible for a time only to disappear and pop up in some other part of the sky. Some smelled a strong odor of gase, described by Sheriff Hills as very much like tear gas.

Mrs [redacted], her son [redacted] and [redacted] were walking toward [redacted] home. The gas odor was so strong they could only take it for a few minutes and by the time they got [redacted] the boys eyes were so affected they watered for a couple of hours.

When Mrs. [redacted] went to the phone to report it to Sheriff Hills, she looked out the window and saw a very brilliant light that seemed to be floating in the sky over the school house. It was not a flame and did not drop quickly as a meteor or any falling object might, but just weaved its way toward town and suddenly disappeared.

Sheriff [redacted] went down town and the gas odor was so strong he at first thought it was tear gas but when he checked his supply, no gas was missing.

The same night [redacted] and [redacted] driving back from [redacted] saw the object near what [redacted] thought was the [redacted] pasture. He started in that direction but before he could get there the light faded, later appearing to the north of them.

[redacted] and other boys driving towards [redacted] on Highway 20 saw what looked like a bright globe hovering just at the crest of a hill but as they speeded up to get closer it turned to sort of a rosy glow and faded out.

Near the Rushville hospital [redacted] and the two [redacted] boys, [redacted] and [redacted] saw the same or a like object in the sky.

[redacted] told the story to his science teacher [redacted] who, one time not long ago, had seen a classified report on "flying saucers" and other unidentified flying objects being seen all over the nation. Some people and some scientists think that other worlds out there in space may be inhabited and that it is possible they are trying to contact us just as we are trying to reach them. Even the Air Force, which investigated all reports of flying objects (and which sent a major from Rapid City to interview the folks who saw this one) admits that even careful checking fails to turn up any known explanation for about 5% of these reports even though 95% are explainable.

So, keep your eyes on the heavens, some "little men" from outer space might just want to drop in for supper some evening!

I would appreciate comment on this incident.

6 June 1961

Dear [redacted]

I have your letters of 26 May and 1 June in hand.

Regarding the Trinidade Island sighting, we know of no photographs being sent to the Brazilian Navy for comparison purposes. However, if you will look closely at the photographs (from your letter I assume you have seen them) you will note that shadows on the ground are the reverse of those on the object. We can only conclude that the photograph was a double exposure.

We have no knowledge of the Rushville, Nebraska, sighting. Perhaps you could furnish more detail. As you know, lightning and fireballs leave a pungent odor (ozone).

Regarding the cited publications in your letter of June 1st, I must point out to you that the Air Force cannot prevent civilians from doing what they will. We must warn them should their acts or intentions involve the Espionage Laws and should they not heed this warning, then we immediately notify the Federal Bureau of Investigation which does have jurisdiction. Whenever a report involves vital intelligence and the civilian concerned is aware that it is vital intelligence, then he is subject to the applicable laws so passed by the Congress of the United States; however, I must emphasize that the Air Force or any defense department is not the enforcing agency. Other federal agencies so constituted would be the body concerned with the prevention of compromise of the security information.

I trust this information explains the questions brought forth in your letters.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM T. COLEMAN
Major, USAF
UFO Project Officer
Public Information Division

Mr. [redacted]
Chicago 18, Illinois

Civilian U. F. O. Research

DAVID L. DAUGHTERS,
DIRECTOR

[redacted]
CHICAGO 18, ILLINOIS
KEYSTONE 9-6238

26 May 1961

Office of Information Services
United States Air Force
Pentagon Building
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

You are probably aware that, durihg late 1957 and early 1958, Brazilian Navy personnel observed a number of unidentified flying objects at and near the Island of Trindade, in the Atlantic. One of the people involved in the case has been quoted as saying that U.S. officials sent photographs to Brazilian officials for comparison with photos taken on 16 January 1958 at Trindade.

Since the U.S. Air Force, by virtue of AFR 200-2, has control of UFO research in this country, and therefore would have been the American agency involved, I would like to have this statement confirmed or denied.

In another case, several people in and around Rushville, Nebr., reported seeing a luminous globe early in January, 1961, that emitted a pungent odor. An Air Force major from Rapid City, S.D. (probably Ellsworth AFB), investigated the sighting.

I would like to know the results of his and any other investigations of this particular sighting.

You immediate attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely;

[redacted]

Civilian UFO Research

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Civilian U. F. O. Research

DAVID L. DAUGHTERS,
DIRECTOR

[redacted]
KEYSTONE 9-6238

1 June 1961

Office of Information Services
United States Air Force
Pentagon Building
Washington 25. D.C.

Gentlemen:

In March, 1960 I wrote to you asking for a "reading" on certain phases of the CIRVIS system, as outlined in JANAP-146; particularly in regards to charges that the Air Force can prevent civilian pilots from discussing CIRVIS reports with others.

In his reply of 18 Mar 61, Lt. Col. (then Major) Tacker said that the answer was a "definite 'no'."

May I point out that Section III, para. 210, of JANAP 146(c) states that "all persons aware of the contents or existence of a CRIVIS report" are governed by the Communications Act of 1934 and Espionage Laws. And that "the unauthorized transmission or revelation of the contants of CIRVIS reports in any manner is prohibited."

I understand, of course, that these restrictions are intended for reports of aircraft formations, missles, submarines, etc. and most likely were not intended for UFO reports. I continue to be confused, however, by the general character of the security provisions; if they did not pertain to one phase of the information desired (UFO's) why was this not specified within the body of the instructions? It certainly would not have required an undue amount of effort.

Would you, for sake of clarification, please inform me as to what extent the security provisions cover UFO's?

Sincerely yours,
[redacted]
Director
Civilian UFO Research

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Civilian U. F. O. Research

DAVID L. DAUGHTERS,
DIRECTOR

[redacted]
KEYSTONE 9-62[redacted]

3 October 1961

Major William T. Coleman
UFO Project Officer
Public Information Division, USAF
Pentagon Building
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Major Coleman:

On 10 June 1961, at your request, I sent you information regarding a sighting of an unidentified flying object over Rushville, Nebraska early in January, 1961. I would appreciate knowing, in accordance with AFR 200-2, section 8, the outcome of the official study into this sighting.

Would you please send my a copy of the latest DOD News Release on the subject?

On 7 August 1961, I requested information regarding two Chicago-area sightings. (4 Nov 57, Elmwood Park; 19 Jul 58, Des Plaines, Ill.) I have been trying to obtain information about these incidents for over a year. If I cannot get it through normal channels, I may be forced to seek assistance, as I have done before.

On 11 September 1961, I requested information regarding a series of UFO reports (30 Aug 61; 5 Sep 61) over Cincinnati, Ohio. I would like to know the official conclusion in this case, in accordance with AFR 200-2, section 8.

Major, I have a considerable amount of patience and I feel you are competent for the work you are doing. I hope you will provide the information requesting, thereby insuring ~~the in~~ that both these chracteristics will remain unchanged.

Sincerely;

[redacted]
Director
Civilian UFO Research

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6 October 1961

Dear Mr. [redacted]

In an earlier letter I replied to you concerning the sightings you mentioned in previous correspondence.

The latest Department of Defense release on the subject of UFOs is enclosed. I had forwarded your data reports several months back. It will be several weeks before the new fact sheet is published.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM T. COLEMAN, JR.
Major, USAF
UFO Project Officer
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. [redacted]
Chicago 18, Illinois

No Case (Information Only)

1 January 1961
Andean Highway, Venezuela

One other tragedy and another near tragedy UFO encounter occured in Venezuela. On January 1, 1961 Mr. [redacted] a government topographer in Merida, Venezuela was driving his car from La Victoria to El Vigia on the Andean Highway. Suddenly a brillant metallic disc colored like polished blue steel swooped down at incredible speed and crossed close to the hood of a passing truck. The object rose into the sky immediately and was lost to sight in seconds. When the disc rose above the truck, the truck also rose a few feet in the air and overturned in the direction of the object. The truck overturned in a nearby sandbank and rolled over with its wheels in the air. The driver of the truck escaped with minor scratches and nervous shock.

JANUARY 1961 BETWEEN LA VICTORIA + EL VIGIA (LORENZEN P 250) 2 WITNESSES

[redacted] A GOVERNMENT TOPOGRAPHER IN MERIDA, VENEZUELA, WAS DRIVING ALONG THE ANDEAN HIGHWAY FROM LA VICTORIA TO EL VIGIA. HE COULD SEE THE HIGHWAY STRETCHING OUT BEFORE HIM AND THE SKY WAS CLEAR. AWARE OF A TRUCK APPROACHING FROM THE REAR, HE PULLED HIS JEEP OFF THE HIGHWAY TO ALLOW IT TO PASS. SUDDENLY A BRILLIANT METALLIC DISC WITH THE APPEARANCE OF POLISHED BLUE STEEL SWOOPED DOWN AT INCREDIBLE SPEED AND CROSSED PERILOUSLY CLOSE TO THE HOOD OF THE TRUCK. THE OBJECT ROSE IMMEDIATELY INTO THE SKY AND WAS LOST TO SIGHT WITHIN SECONDS. WHAT SHOCKED PISANI, HOWEVER, WAS THAT WHEN THE DISC ROSE ABOVE THE TRUCK, THE VEHICLE ALSO ROSE A FEW FEET IN THE AIR AND OVERTURNED IN THE DIRECTION OF THE OBJECT. FORTUNATELY THERE WAS A SANDBANK WHERE THE TRUCK OVERTURNED AND THE VEHICLE FOUND A COMPARATIVELY SOFT LANDING PLACE AS IT ROLLED OVER, ITS WHEELS IN THE AIR. THE DRIVER WAS THE ONLY OCCUPANT AND ESCAPED WITH MINOR SCRATCHES AND NERVOUS SHOCK. BOTH WENT FOR HELP TO GET THE TRUCK RIGHTED.

No Case (Information Only)

12 January 1961
Ellington AFB, Texas

On January 12, 1961 1st Lt. [redacted] of Ellington Air Force Base, Texas was killed in a UFO pursuit near Alvin, Texas. In his 28-F-102 jet the National Guardman's plane was sent up on a 'hot scramble' "loaded for Bear" when his plane crashed in bad weather. ?

No Case (Information Only)

13 January 1961
Pacific Ocean

On January 13, 1961 a "mystery object" was tracked over the Pacific Ocean by a USAF radar station on Shemya Island, off Alaska. As there was no advanced international warnings as in previous Soviet Pacific shots, as Russian ships were a days sailing time from the impact area, as there was no splash noted and no further visual/or radar or transmittions reported, this object could have been a UFO or another one of those objects from outer space.

15 - 31 JANUARY 1961 SIGHTINGS

DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
15	60 Mi NNE Duluth, Minnesota	Military & Civilian	Astro (METEOR)
15	Holt, Minnesota	[redacted]	Astro (METEOR)
15	El Portal, Florida	City Police	Aircraft
15	Cannon AFB, New Mexico	Military	Astro (VENUS)
15	SE Payne Field, Washington	Military	Astro (METEOR)
16	Southern California	Multi	Astro (METEOR)
16	40 Mi W Santa Rosa Isl & La.	Military & Civilian	Astro (METEOR)
16	Fitchburg, Massachusetts	Multi/[redacted]	Aircraft (REFUELING OPR)
17	Troy, Ohio	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
19	42.39N 42.12W (Azores)	Military	Satellite
19-21	NE Coast U.S.	Military	Astro (MARS)
20	38.55N 95.40E (Kansas)	Military	Astro (METEOR)
21	Akron, Ohio	[redacted] SLIDES ⊛	Astro (MOON)
22	Weston, Missouri	[redacted]	Aircraft
23	Maxwell AFB, Alabama	Multi	Astro (METEOR)
24	E of U.S. (Atlantic)	3 Reports	Other (MISSILE)
27	Russell, Salina, Kansas	Multi	Astro (METEOR)
28	Midway Island	Military	Insufficient Data
28	Newark, New Jersey	[redacted]	Aircraft
28	Terre Haute, Indiana	Moon Watch	Insufficient Data
29	25.43N 48.22W (Atlantic)	USN	Insufficient Data
30	Fobes, Kansas/Kirksville, Missouri	Multi	Astro (METEOR)
30	63.57N 22.35W (Atlantic)	Military	Other (REFLECTION)

ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

DATE	LOCATION	SOURCE	EVALUATION
16	Southern California	American Meteor Society	
17	Norco, California	Newsclipping	
22	Ft Walton, Florida	Newsclipping	
30	Greenfield, Massachusetts	Newsclipping	

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