PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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| 1. DATE<br>21 September 1962 | 2. LOCATION<br>Newark, New Jersey | 12. CONCLUSIONS<br>☐ Was Balloon<br>☐ Probably Balloon<br>☐ Possibly Balloon<br>☐ Was Aircraft<br>☐ Probably Aircraft<br>☐ Possibly Aircraft<br>☐ Was Astronomical<br>☐ Probably Astronomical<br>☐ Possibly Astronomical<br>☒ Other Mirage/Inversion<br>☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation<br>☐ Unknown |
| 3. DATE-TIME GROUP<br>Local<br>GMT 22/0400Z | 4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br>☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar<br>☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar | |
| 5. PHOTOS<br>☐ Yes<br>☒ No | 6. SOURCE<br>Civilian | |
| 7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>1 hour 30 min period | 8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>multi | 9. COURSE<br>varied |

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Multiple reports from Northern New Jersey of objects with varied colors and movement.

11. COMMENTS

Strong thermal inversion in area at 5000-8000 foot level. Various lights reflected fm this inversion (aircraft and ground lights) considered as the cause of these reports.

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

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

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: TD-X2

SUBJECT: Extract from Duty Officer's Report 24 Sep 62

TO: TD-E (Col Friend)

The following, extracted from Maj Greene's OD Report dated 21 Sep 62, is quoted for your information:

2100 hours, UFO sighting message phoned to Col Friend. He will take action Monday. Will keep him advised.

2135 hours, Telecon - UFO sighting from Sidney, Ohio. Forms 164 filled out from telephone interview.

2345 hours, Telecon from Newark N.J. Office of the Herald - Tribune reporting numerous sighting of UFO in North N.J.

2350 hours, Initiated telecon to McGuire to investigate UFO.

0110 hours, Called OD at McGuire. Passed thru TSgt Croninger (CQ) for McGuire to contact Emerson N.J. Police and Hackensack N.J. Police to get eye-witness reports, then file proper reports IAW AFR 200-2. The N.Y. Herald-Tribune has a partial story on the sitings, so

0120 hours, Lt Bradley, OD at McGuire called. He will contact NY H/T and police departments. He was told the press could give the AF adverse publicity if there was no action.

0205 hours, Lt Bradley phoned - no aircraft activity from McGuire in area. Gave him suggestions for getting info for report.

0300 hours, Lt Bradley phoned in flash report. Strong thermal inversion in area of sightings at time of sightings. At Hackensack, a lady reported 3 objects about 150' above river. Motionless for about 5 minutes, then rose rapidly in a westerly direction. In a few moments, there were 3 more objects there, for a total of 6. At this point on river, bridge construction is marked by red and white lights. Also, the N-S runway at Teeterboro is in nearly direct line with the sighting. Thus, could have been aircraft landing traffic and/or runway threshold and approach lights. The Emerson police report that 4 teenagers had reported the sightings and police placed little credence in report. Suggested Bradley call paper in Newark and inform them we are on the case and will release any news thru PIO. The McGuire PIO is Maj Steele ext 2104 Area code 609 Wrightstown, N.J. Raymond 4-2100 or SAC tie line thru Lockborne.

JOHN C. McNEILL
Major, USAF
Administrative Officer

## 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?

21 Oct — Day; ____ Month; 1962 — Year

2. Time of day: Approx 23 — Hour; 00 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?

Hackensack, Emerson — Nearest Postal Address; Newark — City or Town; N.J. — State or Country

Additional remarks: Reported from Newark office of N.Y. Herald-Tribune. Police in Emerson & Hackensack report sightings

5. How long was object in sight? 1 — Hours; 30 — 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
a. Bright
b. Cloudy

NIGHT
a. Bright
b. Cloudy

Clear

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

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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

Circle.

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? 4 objects. Red light on top of each, illuminating a "top hat" shaped body

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 |

Circle

12. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud?

Circle *(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 *(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 _____ | | |

Circle Reference

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

a. Sound _____

b. Color Varied - Blue - white very bright to illuminate like a red light on top.

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.

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 _____

Unknown

19. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? 4

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

Unknown

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.

Unknown, Presumed to be "orbiting" because of long time visible

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

Unk.

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?

Unk.

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

Unk

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.

Unk.

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_____

appearantly

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_____

could be either

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

Police in Emerson said 4 patrolmen had watched for an hour "through the window in the station house". Hadbrought report with.

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)*

Unk

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)*

Unk

a. North
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)*

Unk

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

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).

Unk

31.1 When it first appeared:

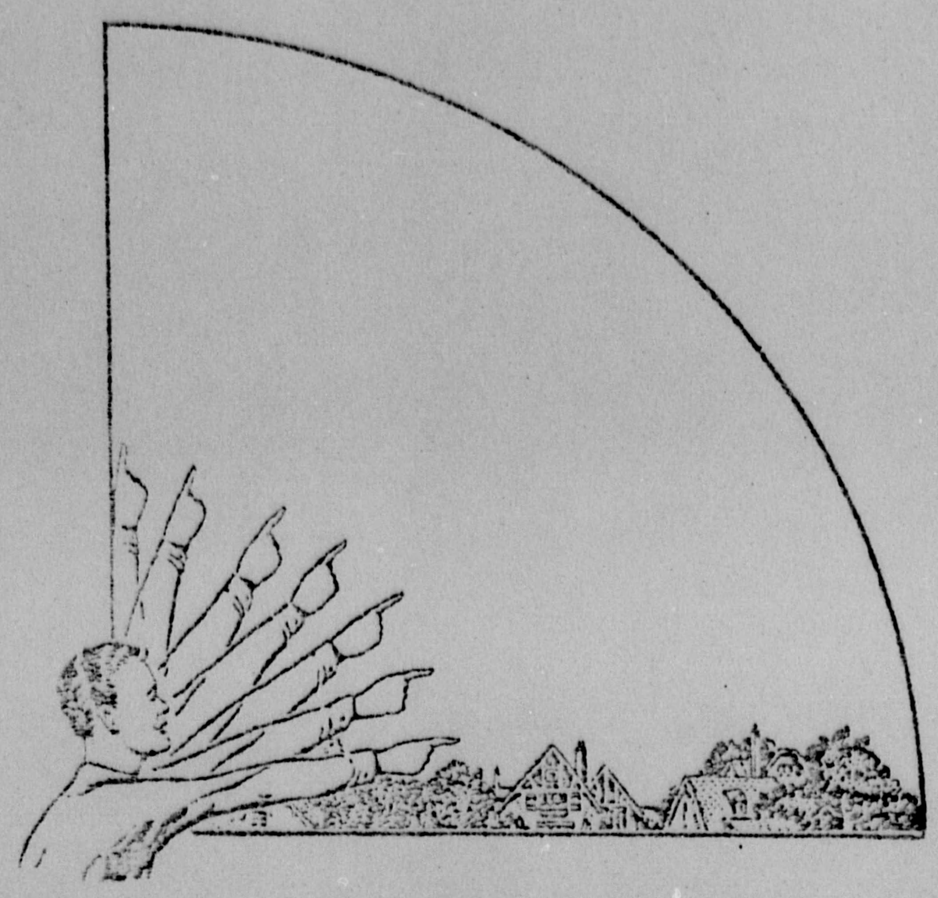
a. From true North_____degrees.
b. From horizon_____degrees.

31.2 When it disappeared:

a. From true North_____degrees.
b. From horizon_____degrees.

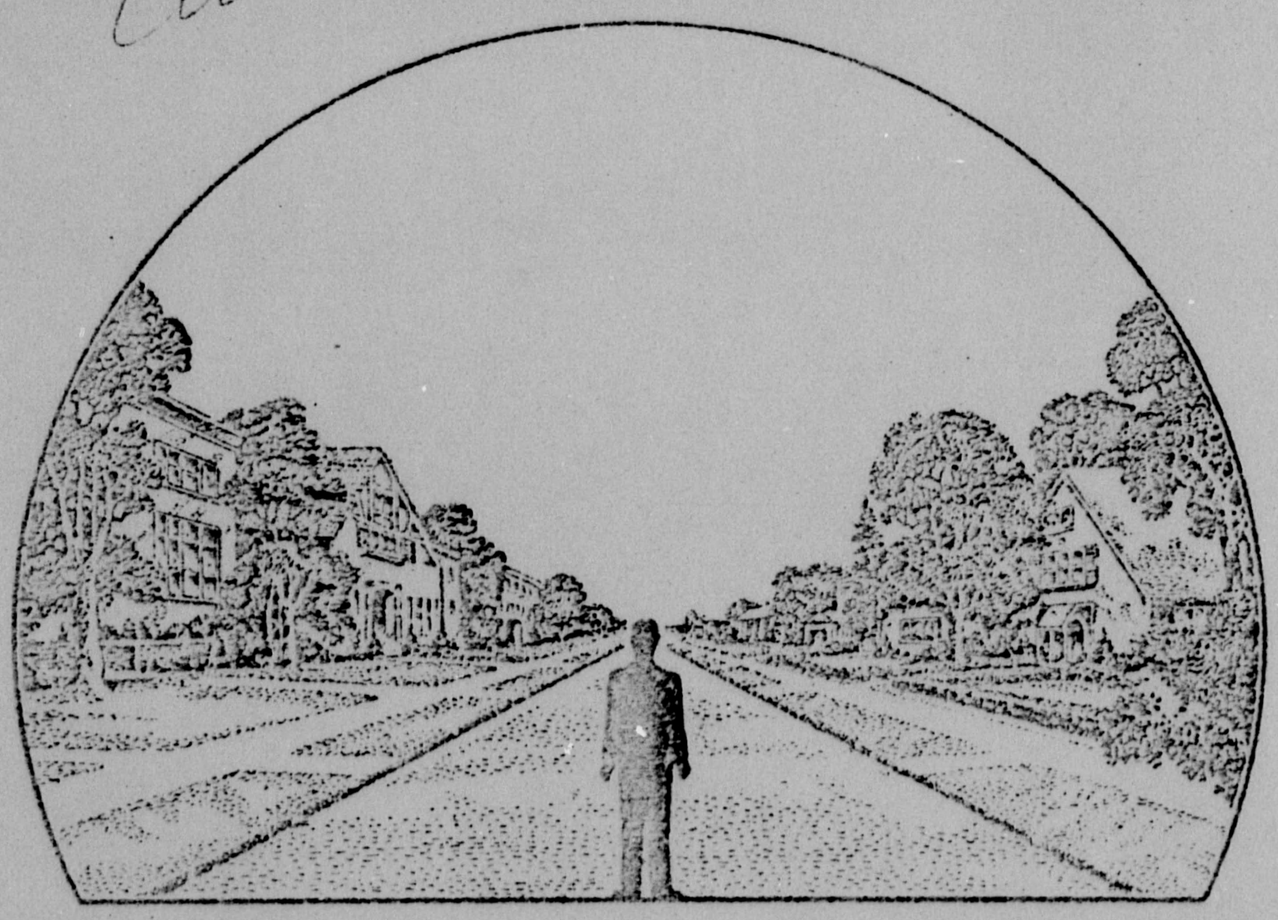
32. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the *same* curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *last*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

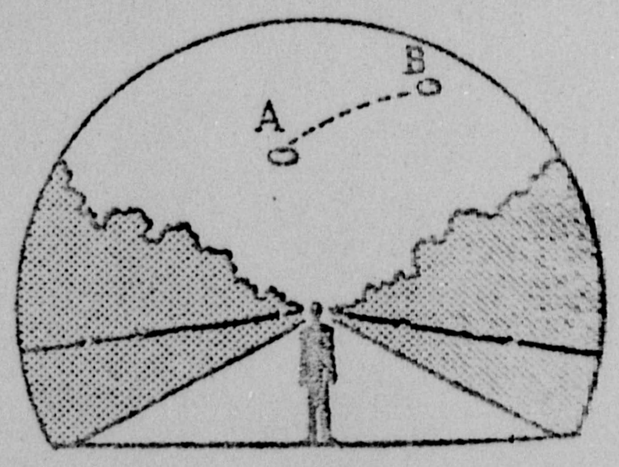
Check.



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.

Check.





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

CLOUDS (Circle One) Unk.

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?

21 Sept 62 – Unknown-Tech. reported to Mr Guire
Day Month Year
Then to FTD Hqs Peterson

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:

In each case, all people saw it. In the Hackensack case they were "adult men, sober, strangers to each other."

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

(Circle One) Yes No Unk.

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?

Unk.

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

(Circle One) Yes No Unk.

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 Unk.

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 _____ Middle Name

ADDRESS Herald-Tribune Street Newark City _____ Zone NJ State

TELEPHONE NUMBER ~~Unlisted~~ [redacted]

Age Unk Sex M

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

Reporter for Newark Office of N Y Herald-Tribune.

42. Date you completed this questionnaire: 22 Sept 62 Day Month 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 _____
(Please Print)

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

*(Do Not Write in This Space)*

CODE:

[redacted], NY Herald-Tribune called to ask if we had reports of a UFO in NY & NJ. Indicated he had contacted McGuire AFB, who said they "would look into it in the morning". He then called Pentagon, who suggested he contact FTD. We had no report from this area. There were at least 4 objects "with a red light on top which illuminated a top-hat shaped object." Also reported as low, Blue-white, very bright. Visable to most areas of Northern NJ. "to the south" (direction). The Emerson NJ police (Code 201 Colfax 2-2800) reported to Barnhill that 4 patrolmen had sighted the UFO for over an hour. They approximated

the station house, the Hackensack Police (Cools & Hubbard 7-1200) reported to Barnhill "4 adults, sober, men of normal faculties, all strangers to each other, reported 4 objects for about 1½ hours with red light above which illuminated a top-hat shaped body beneath."

The above data relayed to Mc Guire OD, Lt Bradly, & CQ, T/Sgt Croninger. Passed along the urgent request that Mc Guire at least interview the police by phone LAW AFR 200-2, get info on wire ASAP, &

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Case Sept 21 62

[redacted]
Hillsdale New Jersey
Jan 22, 1963

Dear Sirs,

I am very interested in unidentified flying objects. I would like some information on this subject. And, if possible, I would like some pictures of them.

I have seen two U.F.O.'s. One on Sept. 21, 1962. It was round, black and traveling at 300 m.p.h. The second one was pulsating, red and green. I saw it on January 6, 1963

Sincerely,
[redacted]

NOTE: 21 SEPT CASE POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH HAWTHORNE, N.J.
CASE 20-21 SEPT OR NEWARK, N.J CASE OF 21 SEPT, 1962