PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 14 Sep 63	2. LOCATION Susanville, California	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other UNIDENTIFIED ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☒ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1515 GMT 14/2315Z	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 minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS two	9. COURSE 1. Erratic 2. SE

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

One object described as long in flight to SE. Second object resembling balloon in description moved in erratic manner until the long object came into view. Then round object made intercept with long object at terrific speed. Either attached itself to long object or disappeared. Objects in sight for about ten minutes. No sound. Round object moving against wind.

SEE CASE FILE.

11. COMMENTS

From description the long object is probably an a/c. The round object is carried as UNIDENTIFIED as no known object or phenomena has any of the reported characteristics indicated in the report.

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

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UNCLAS SD-F 17-JOB FOR AFSC FTD; CSAF AFCIN;
CSAF SAFOI
UFO. THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
PARAGRAPH 14, AFR 200-2.
A. (1) ONE ROUND OBJECT, AND ONE CIGAR SHAPED; (2) THE
ROUND OBJECT WAS THE SIZE OF A NICKEL, CIGAR SHAPED
BODY WAS THE SIZE OF A DIME AND APPROXIMATELY FOUR
INCHES LONG; (3) TRANSLUCENT; (4) TWO; (5) INTERCEPT;
(6) CIGAR SHAPED OBJECT APPEARED TO HAVE SMALL HORIZONTAL
FINS ON EACH SIDE; (7): THE ROUND OBJECT EMITTED A TRAIL OF

PAGE TWO RUWHSL 27 UNCLAS
BROWNISH SMOKE THE LENGTH OF ITS DIAMETER FOR A SECOND
WHEN IT FIRST ACCELERATED; (8) NONE; (9) NONE.
B. (1) ACCIDENTLY LOOKED UP; (2) OVERHEAD; (3) 55 DEGREES;
(4) WHEN THE WITNESSES FIRST OBSERVED THE OBJECT IT WAS
DIRECTLY OVERHEAD. IT APPEARED TO MOVE VERY SLOWLY AND ON
A RAMBLING COURSE WITH INTERMITTENT STOPS, IN A SOUTH-
WESTERLY DIRECTION. THEY THEN SAW THE CIGAR SHAPED OBJECT
APPROACHING FROM THE NORTH. THE ROUND OBJECT THEN MADE A
90 DEGREE TURN TO THE LEFT AND ACCELERATED LEAVING A BROWNISH
TRAIL FROM EACH SIDE. THE CIGAR SHAPED OBJECT WAS ON A
COURSE THAT INTERCEPTED THE ROUND OBJECT OVER HERLONG,
CALIFORNIA, WHERE THE ROUND OBJECT DISAPPEARED AND THE CIGAR
SHAPED OBJECTCONTINUED ON A SOUTHERLY HEADING; (5) ROUND
OBJECT INSTANTANEOUSLY TO THE SOUTHEAST, CIGAR SHAPE FADED
OUT OF SIGHT TO THE SOUTH; (6) APPROXIMATELY FOUR MINUTES.
C. (1) GROUND VISUAL; (2) NONE; (3) N.A.
D. (1) BETWEEN 0215Z AND 0237Z; (2) DAY. 1470 of
E. JOHNSTONVILLE, CALIFORNIA
F. (1) [redacted], F.S., P. [redacted]
CALIFORNIA, [redacted], EXCELLENT.

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EF. [redacted] 16, [redacted] SUSANVILLE,
CALIFORNIA, STUDENT, FAIR.
G. (1) CLEAR; (2) SURFACE 330/15, 6000 - 300/15, 10000-
300/15, 16000-280/25, 20000-280/35, 30000-280/35,
50000-280/35, 90000 ESTIMATED 080/10; (3) CLEAR;
(4) FIFTEEN PLUS; (5) CLEAR; (6) NONE; (7) 1.4 DEGREES
PER 1000 FEET
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. WING FLYING SAFETY OFFICER, STEAD AFB, NEVADA. THE LOCAL
HIGHWAY PATROL AND SHERIF'S OFFICE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO
LOCATE ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL WHO SPOTTED THESE OBJECTS. THE
PROVOST MARSHAL AT THE SIERRA ORDNANCE DEPOT AT HAYLONG,
CALIFORNIA WAS CONTACTED AND HAS HAD NO REPORTS AND COULD
FIND NO ONE WHO HAD SPOTTED ANY UFO. RENO AND PORTLAND
AIR DEFENSE SECTORS, ALONG WITH THE 85TH WARNING SQUADRON
AT RED BLUFF, CALIFORNIA, WERE CONTACTED AND REPORTED NO
SIGHTING AND NO MANEUVERS OR EXERCISES IN THE AREA THAT
COULD HAVE BEEN THESE OBJECTS. THE AEROSPACE RESEARCH

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Balloon Control Co
WPC Check & Call
No Balloon

PAGE FOUR RUWHNL 27 UNCLAS
OFFICE AT CHICO, CALIFORNIA HAS RELEASED NO BALLOONS
THAT COULD HAVE BEEN THESE OBJECTS. DUE TO THE DELAY IN
REPORTING THIS UFO, THE ABOVE INVESTIGATION EXHAUSTS
THE CAPABILITY OF THIS OFFICE TO IDENTIFY THESE OBJECTS. I
FEEL SURE THAT MR. [redacted] WHO IS ATTACHED TO THIS BASE
AND FAMILIAR WITH AIRCRAFT OF ALL TYPES, SAW SOMETHING;
HOWEVER, INVESTIGATION REVEALED NO POSSIBLE CAUSE FOR THESE
OBJECTS.
L. NONE
FRANK E. HARRIS, CAPTAIN, WING FLYING SAFETY OFFICER,
DUTY PHONE 349-0711, EXT 664
BT

BC NOTE
10-335

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TDEW

Request for UFO Information (M[redacted]

3635th Flight Training Wing
Stead AFB, Nevada

1. Reference your message SD-F-17-JØ8, regarding a UFO sighting by Mr[redacted] of Susanville, California.

2. We have been unable to identify a specific balloon launch in the area of Susanville, California, for 14 Sep 63.

3. It is requested that Mr[redacted] fill out the enclosed Form 164 giving particular attention to the flight paths and maneuvers of the objects. If possible, maneuvers of the objects should be given in terms of time, in minutes or seconds, and the degree of arc through which the object passed.

FOR THE COMMANDER

ERIC T de JONCKHEERE
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology
and Subsystems

2 Atch
1. Msg fm 3635 FLYTNGWG, Stead AFB, Nev, SD-F-17-JØ8
2. FTD Form 164

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Balloon NO ☒ YES ☐

IF YES FLIGHT # ____

FROM ____

Observer Flight Surgeon MTC
Travis AFB, CA 94535

HEADQUARTERS
3635TH FLYING TRAINING WING (ADVANCED) (ATC)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
STEAD AIR FORCE BASE, NEVADA

REPLY TO ATTN OF: OP

24 OCT 1963

SUBJECT: Request for UFO Information (Mr. [redacted])

TO: FTD (TDEW)
Wright-Patterson AFB Ohio

1. Reference is made to your letter TDEW, 15 Oct 63, Request for UFO Information (Mr [redacted] w/2 Atch: Msg fm 3635 FLYTNGWG, Stead AFB, Nev, SD-F-17-J08; 2. FTD Form 164.

2. Mr [redacted] has completed FTD Form 164 and it is returned herewith as requested in referenced letter.

FOR THE COMMANDER

MARION M. BAIER
Lt Col, USAF
Wing Operations Officer

1 Atch
Completed FTD Form 164

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?

14 (Day) Sept (Month) 1963 (Year)

2. Time of day: 3 (Hour) 15-30 (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? At my home-Johnstonville, Calif.

[redacted] (Nearest Postal Address) Susanville (City or Town) Lassen Co., California (State or County)

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration) 0 (Hours) Appr. 10 (Minutes) — (Seconds)

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

Checked watch after objects disappeared It was 1535 hours. Estimated sightings between 1515 and 1530 hours.

5.1 How was time in sight determined? Estimated

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes ✓ 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) when first object sighted
c. To your right
d. To your left
e. Overhead
f. Don't remember

As first object passed overhead to southwest sun was then in front of me. Was at my back when long object sighted.

FTD FORM OCT 62 164 This form supersedes FTD 164, Jul 63, which is obsolete.

N.A.

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
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
d. As a light
e. Don't remember

Gave definite impression of being Translucent but not Transparent. Was silvery in color but lighter in color than normal highly polished aluminum.

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:

See note 10 above.

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)

	Round Object			Cigar Shaped Object
a. Appear to stand still at any time?	Yes	No	Don't know	No
b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?	Yes	No	Don't know	No - Steady
c. Break up into parts or explode?	Yes	No	Don't know	No
d. Give off smoke?	Yes	No	Don't know	No
e. Change brightness?	Yes	No	Don't know	No
f. Change shape?	Yes	No	Don't know	No
g. Flash or flicker?	Yes	No	Don't know	No
h. Disappear and reappear? Disappeared to reappear to foster son at 1755 Hrs. Did not see this sighting. Son commented - "It is dividing - looks like one is falling!" Was in north east direction with sun at our back on this sighting. Object was	Yes	No	Don't know	Disappeared

14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how?
1. Round object changed course by 90° to intercept long object. Kicked out yellowish-brown trail when it changed course. Sped up sharply and when long object intercepted, round object disappeared just as though it became part of long object.

15. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud? No clouds. Round object

(Circle One): (Yes) No Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind: Long cigar shaped object and appeared to become part of long object as round object did not pass long object

16. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud? No clouds.

(Circle One): Yes No (Don't Know) IF you answered YES, then tell what in front of: Looking up could not tell whether round object was above or below long object, but round object blended into long object when latter was intercepted.

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

a. Sound Absolutely no audible sound from either object. Listened closely.

b. Color Silvery-Lighter than polished aluminum. Both objects gave definite impression of Translucency but not transparent.

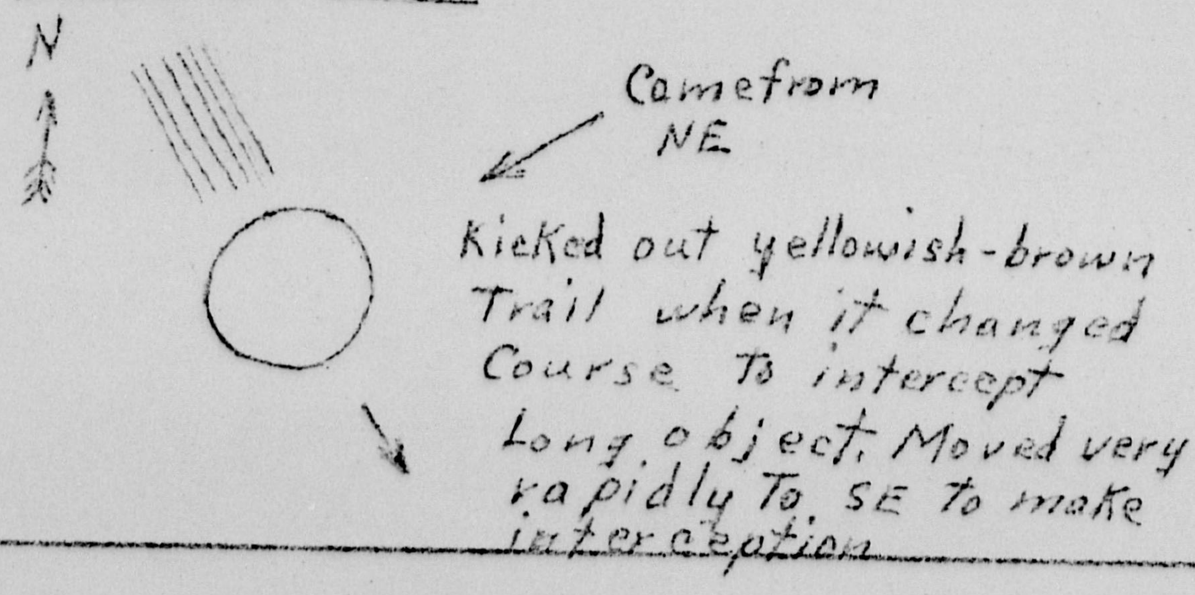
18. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head?

a. Round object - ½ of diameter of object

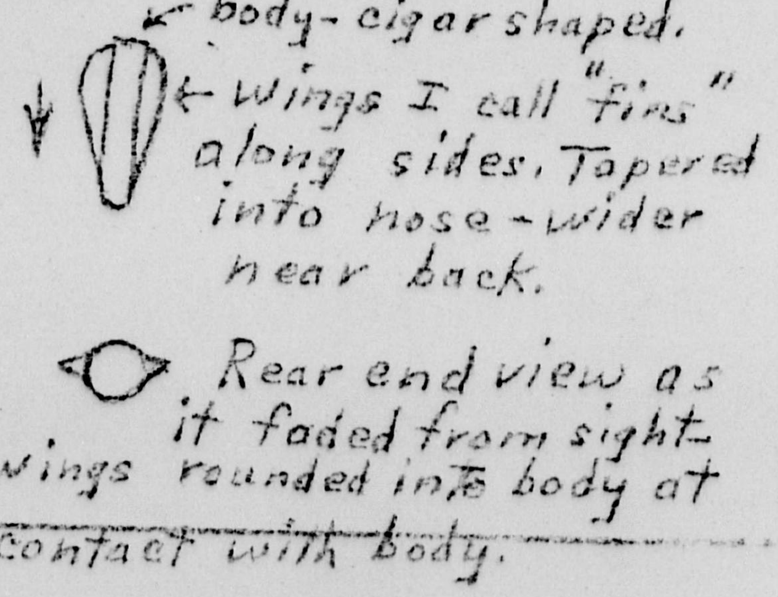
b. Long object - 1/16 of length - ¼ of diameter.

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.

Round Object



Long Object



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? _____

Round object moved faster than any known aircraft I have observed, when it moved for interception of long object.

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? _____

Nothing in clear sky to make comparison with. It appeared to be very high.

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 _____

at home in country within 1/4 mile of Susanville Airport

NA

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
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
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?

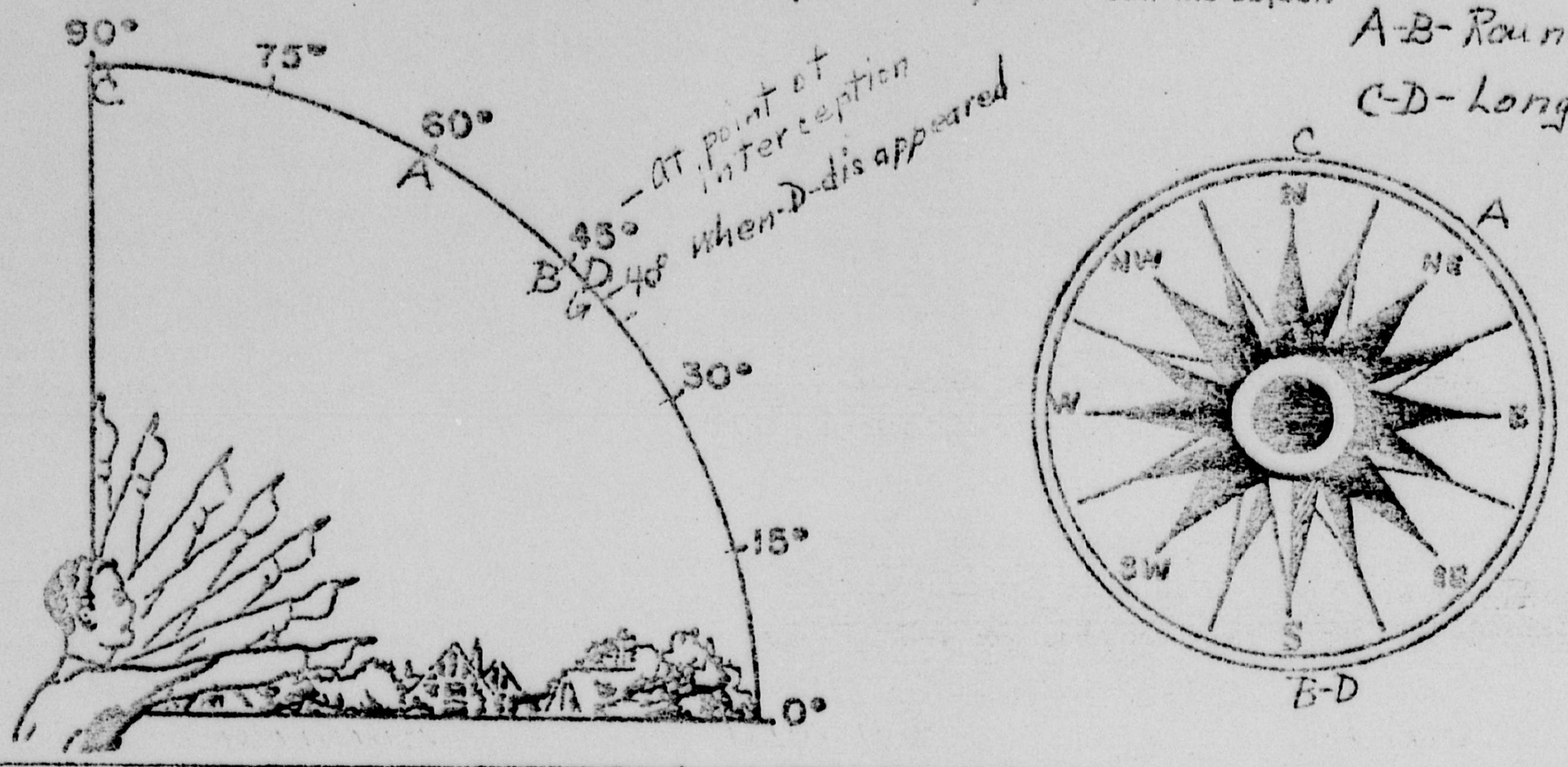
a. Eyeglasses	Yes	(No)	e. Binoculars	Yes	(No)
b. Sun glasses	Yes	(No)	f. Telescope	Yes	(No)
c. Windshield	Yes	(No)	g. Theodolite	Yes	(No)
d. Window glass	Yes	(No)	h. Other _____		

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.

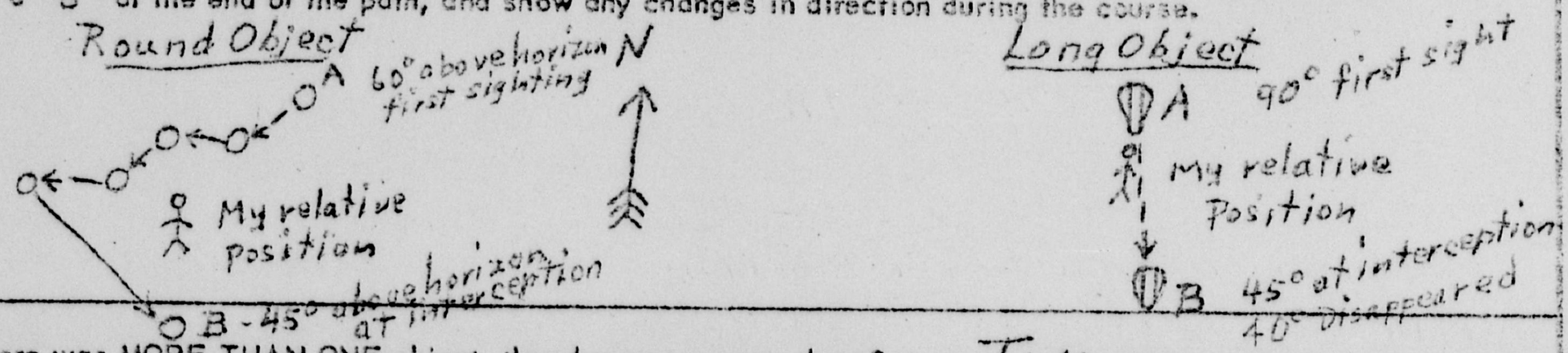
Round object – Round ball.
Long Object – Cigar with fin on each side. Round end forward, fire end to rear.

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.

A-B-Round Object
C-D-Long Object

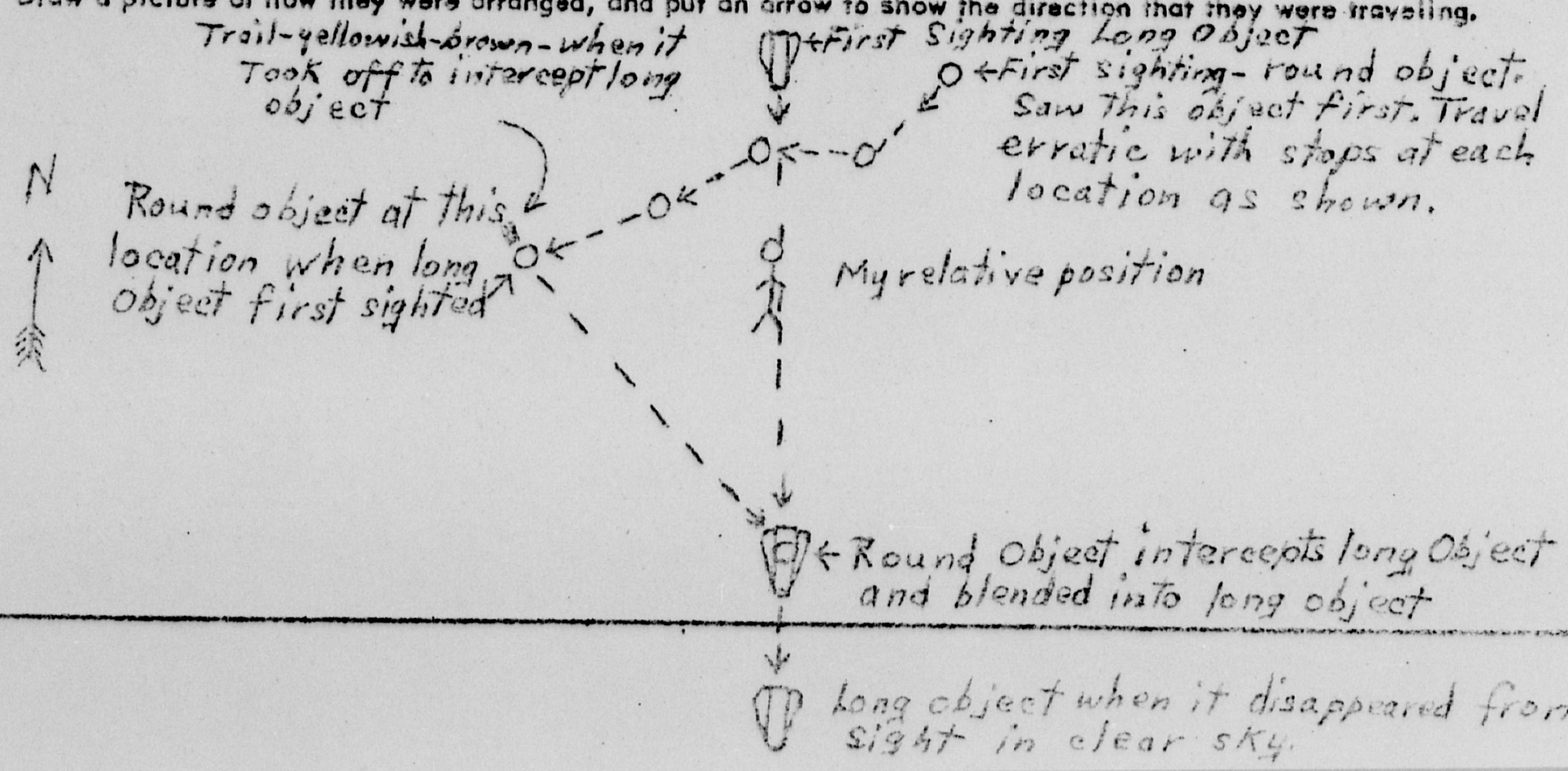


28. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.



29. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? Two

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.

No

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:

[redacted]

Susanville, Calif.

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

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

ADDRESS [redacted] (Street) Susanville (City) — (Zone) California (State)

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted] AGE 58 SEX M

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

37 years with U.S. Forest Service training lookouts in fire detection. During WWII working w/ Army Air Forces in Los Angeles in locating, manning, and training personnel, for air craft observation corps work on desert and forest posts to locate and report all aircraft overhead.

Have been assigned to Stead AFB for 7 years 3 months as Forest Liaison Officer. Forest Headquarters is Tahoe National Forest, Nevada City, California. Have lived in Susanville for past 18 years.

Have been on lookout for any UFO's ever since they have been first reported. First time I have ever seen one. When seen, decided to continue observation with eyes rather than run to car for binoculars. Was afraid I would lose contact if I did latter.

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

16 (Day) September (Month) 1963 (Year)

1. Col. Marion M. Baier, Wng Ops. Off, Stead AFB-Nev.

2. Capt. Frank E. Harris, Wing Fly Safety Officer, Stead AFB-Nev.

34. Date you completed this questionnaire: From Diary Record Kept on date of sighting. 22 (Day) October (Month) 1963 (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.

1. When I first sighted the round object that it was a toy balloon, except it did not have any appendage behind it. Was a perfect sphere. Sun was at back and could plainly see form was a sphere. Its erratic moving, changing directions and stopping made me realize upper air currents would not normally move a balloon in such manner - movements were too fast and too definite in direction changes.

2. After going over my head, asked my foster son if he "could see anything up there" and pointed in westerly direction - He said "yes - its round" and immediately added - "There's a long one." I picked up the long object just as he made the statement. Was positive from this that he saw exactly the same objects I was looking at.

3. After the long object had disappeared I told him they were UFO's. He wanted to know what "UFO's" ment so explained them to him. After this short explanation I thought to look at my watch. It was 1535. From this I estimated I had explained UFO's for about 5 minutes and that the sightings had lasted approximately 10 minutes prior to their dissappearance.

4 When round object moved at terrific speed to intercept long object I asked my boy, and I also, to listen very carefully for any sound. Neither of us heard anything.

5. When first sighted the movements of the round object gave the definite impression that it was waiting for, or looking for, something. Appeared to be a "rendezvous" as after the long object came into sight and passed shortly southward from the overhead position the round object seemed to spot it and took off like a shot to make the interception. I watched very carefully to see whether the round object would pass the long object, but it did not. It looked as though the round object had attached itself to the long object but could not tell whether such attachment actuall occurred or whether the round object was above or below the long object.

[redacted]

TDSW

UFO Sightings & Information Sheet

25 Feb 64

Eq USAF SAFOI-PB (Mrs Gaiser)
Wash 25 D C

1. On 11 August 1963 Mr [redacted] reported sighting an unidentified flying object. From the information presented we are unable to identify his sighting. His report is carried in the release for the general public. It is suggested that a copy of this release be forwarded to Mr [redacted] at:

[redacted]
Warrenville, Illinois

2. On 16 August 1963 Mr [redacted] reported observations on the nights of 13-14 August 1963. We are unable to evaluate the case and it is carried as unidentified. A brief description of his observations were included in the brochure sent to persons requesting information on unidentified flying objects. It is suggested that a copy of this brochure be forwarded to Mr [redacted] at:

[redacted]
Switzerland

3. On 14 September 1963 Mr [redacted] made a sighting of two objects. Investigation by local officials and a completed FTD form 164 contained essential data necessary for evaluation of the sightings. However, no positive conclusion can be reached from the reports received and the case is carried as unidentified. It is suggested that two copies of the brochure released to the public be forwarded to [redacted] at:

[redacted]
Susanville, California

On 7 October 1963 Mrs [redacted] and five additional observers witnessed a bright light. From the report it was impossible to determine the source of this light and her sighting is carried as unidentified. This sighting is listed in the released for the public and it is suggested that a copy of this release be sent to her at:

[redacted]
Lanham, Maryland

FOR THE COMMANDER

ERIC T de JONCKHEERE
Colonel, USAF
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