1. DATE - TIME GROUP 15 August 64 15/1615Z	2. LOCATION Yosemite Park, California
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION UNIDENTIFIED
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Three	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 - 4 Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Three objects in formation. Estimated altitude 5-7,000 ft. Paralell flight. Bright silver objects. Daylight observation. Sound of air only, no jet a/c sound or anything. Altitude could not have been great because sound and sight of object occured at same time. Objects seemed small even though at close range.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE West	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes XX No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes XX No	

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

15 Aug 64

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1 TO Dr J Allen Hynek		INITIALS	CIRCULATE
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			INFORMATION
3			NOTE AND RETURN
			PER CONVERSATION
4			SEE ME
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REMARKS

Forwarded per your request:

(1) 15 Aug 64, Yosemite, Northern California Case File.

(2) 10 Sep 64, Cedar Grove, New Jersey Case File.

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FROM FTD (TDEW)

DATE 21 Dec 64

PHONE 69216

DD FORM 1 OCT 60 95 Replaces DD Form 94, 1 Feb 50 and DD Form 95, 1 Feb 50 which will be used until exhausted.

GPO 1961 : O—596753

September 30, 1964

Dear Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted]

This is in response to your recent letter concerning the sighting of three unidentified flying objects in the Yosemite area of Northern California.

While your description was very interesting, it was not in sufficient detail to enable our investigators to make an evaluation. Therefore, we are inclosing a form FTD 164 which we request you complete in as much detail as possible and return to the Air Force. Upon receipt of the completed form, another attempt will be made to analyze this sighting.

Sincerely,

MASTON M. JACKS
Major, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Inclosure

Messrs [redacted] and
[redacted].
[redacted]
San Francisco, California

August 26, 1964

Gentlemen:

I understand that there is an agency of the government that collects information on reports of unusual flying objects, and this is the purpose of my letter.

My friend [redacted] and I have just completed a knapsack trip to some of the remote lakes and streams of the Yosemite wilderness area in Northern California. On Saturday, August 15 we were camped on the southeast side of Benson Lake. At 8:15 a.m. that day we were sitting by the edge of the lake, which was very calm and quiet, when we both heard a brief sound of rushing air. We were both surprised, for the branches of the trees did not move. When we again heard the sound a few seconds later, we both looked up and I saw three objects moving from east to west at an incredible speed--so fast that before my friend could locate them, they had disappeared behind a cloud in the west.

In the brief moments that I observed them, I was able to clearly see the three brightly silver objects moving on a parallel course, but at variable forward speeds. As one of them moved ahead of the other two, there was an adjustment and they would line up for a moment before another would get ahead, and then the adjustment would be repeated.

The sound which we both heard was that of air friction only, certainly not a hint of jet propulsion. We also assume that the altitude of the objects above us could not have been great because the objects were still visible when the sound reached us. I estimate the distance between the objects to have been about two or three diameters. The objects seemed small, even though they appeared to me to be at fairly close range.

If you would like any further information about our experience, we will be glad to answer any questions.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

[redacted], San Francisco, Calif.
S.F. Symphony and Opera Orchestras
Faculty S.F. Conservatory of Music

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[redacted] Menlo Park, Calif.
Instructor of Mathematics, Woodside High School
Lecturer, Music Dept., Stanford University

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?

15 (Day) AUGUST (Month) 1964 (Year)

2. Time of day: 8 (Hour) 15 (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) O'SHAUNESSY DAM (City or Town) YOSEMITE PARK CALIF (State or County)

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration) _____ Hours _____ Minutes 3-4 Seconds

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

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
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

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

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?

THEY DISAPPEARED BEHIND THE CLOUDS IN THE WEST

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: A CLOUD (AS ABOVE)

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:

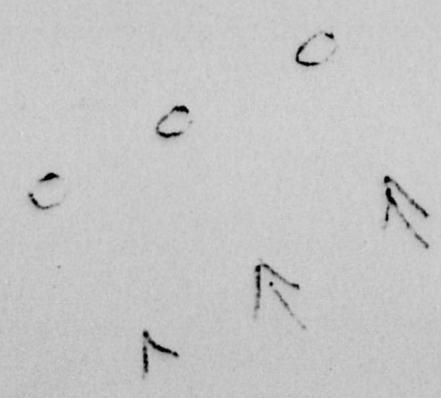
a. Sound RUSHING AIR, AS A BREEZE IN THE TREES

b. Color SILVER OR REFLECTING METAL

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?

THEY WOULD, I ESTIMATE HAVE BEEN ABOUT THE SAME SIZE AS THE MATCH HEAD

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.



ALTHOUGH THEIR FLIGHT WAS PARALLEL, THE FORWARD SPEED WAS UNEQUAL & WHEN ONE ADVANCED, THE OTHER TOO SPEEDED UP. I SAW NO PROTRUSIONS

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? _____

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? 5000 - 7000 FT

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 HIGH MOUNTAINS (6500 FT)

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

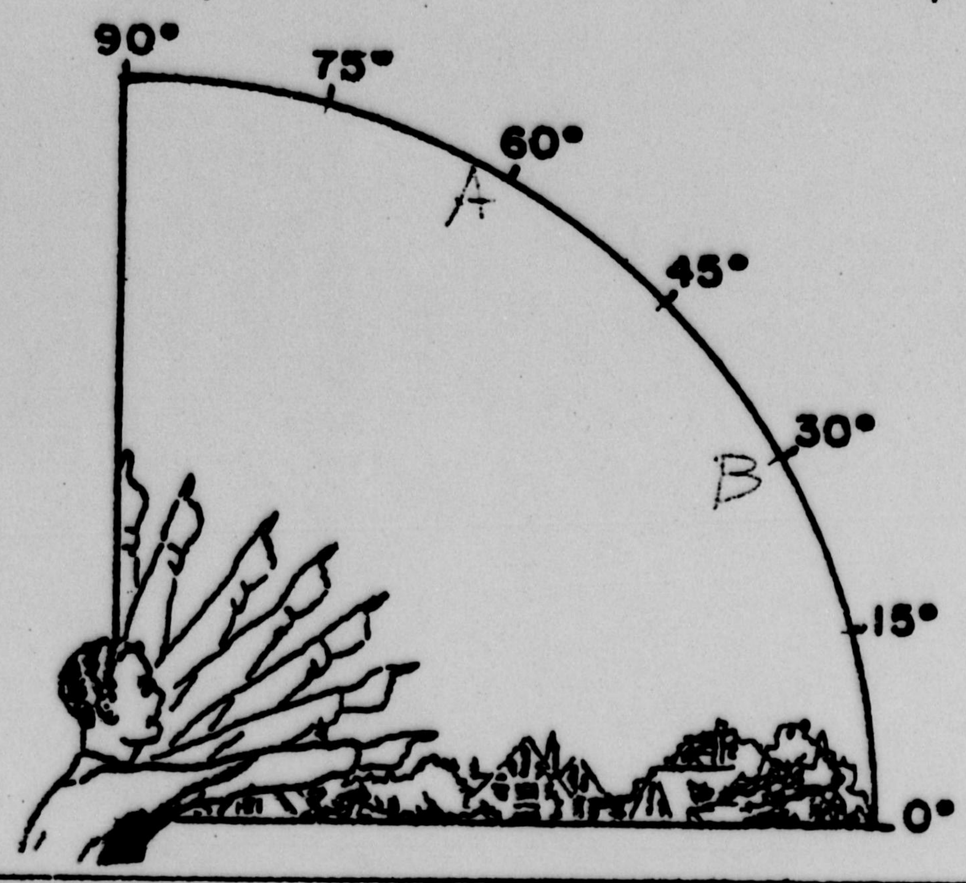
25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

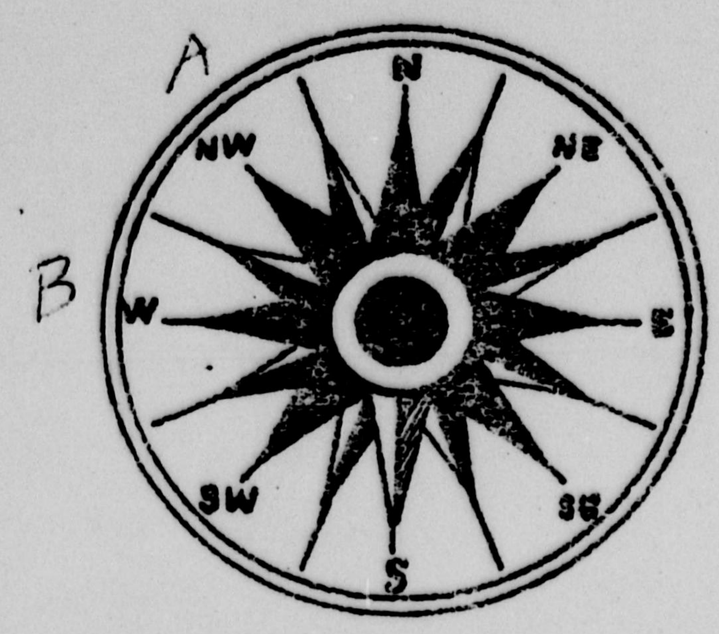
a. Eyeglasses	Yes	No	e. Binoculars	Yes	No
b. Sun glasses	Yes	No	f. Telescope	Yes	No
c. Windshield	Yes	No	g. Theodolite	Yes	No
d. Window glass	Yes	No	h. Other _____		

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.

SPHERES, SUCH AS BALLOONS

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.

THEY FLEW A PARALLEL COURSE BUT A CONSTANTLY ADJUSTING FORWARD SPEED

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]

MENLO PARK, CALIF

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

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

ADDRESS [redacted] SAN FRANCISCO 94112 CALIFORNIA
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted] AGE 39 SEX MALE

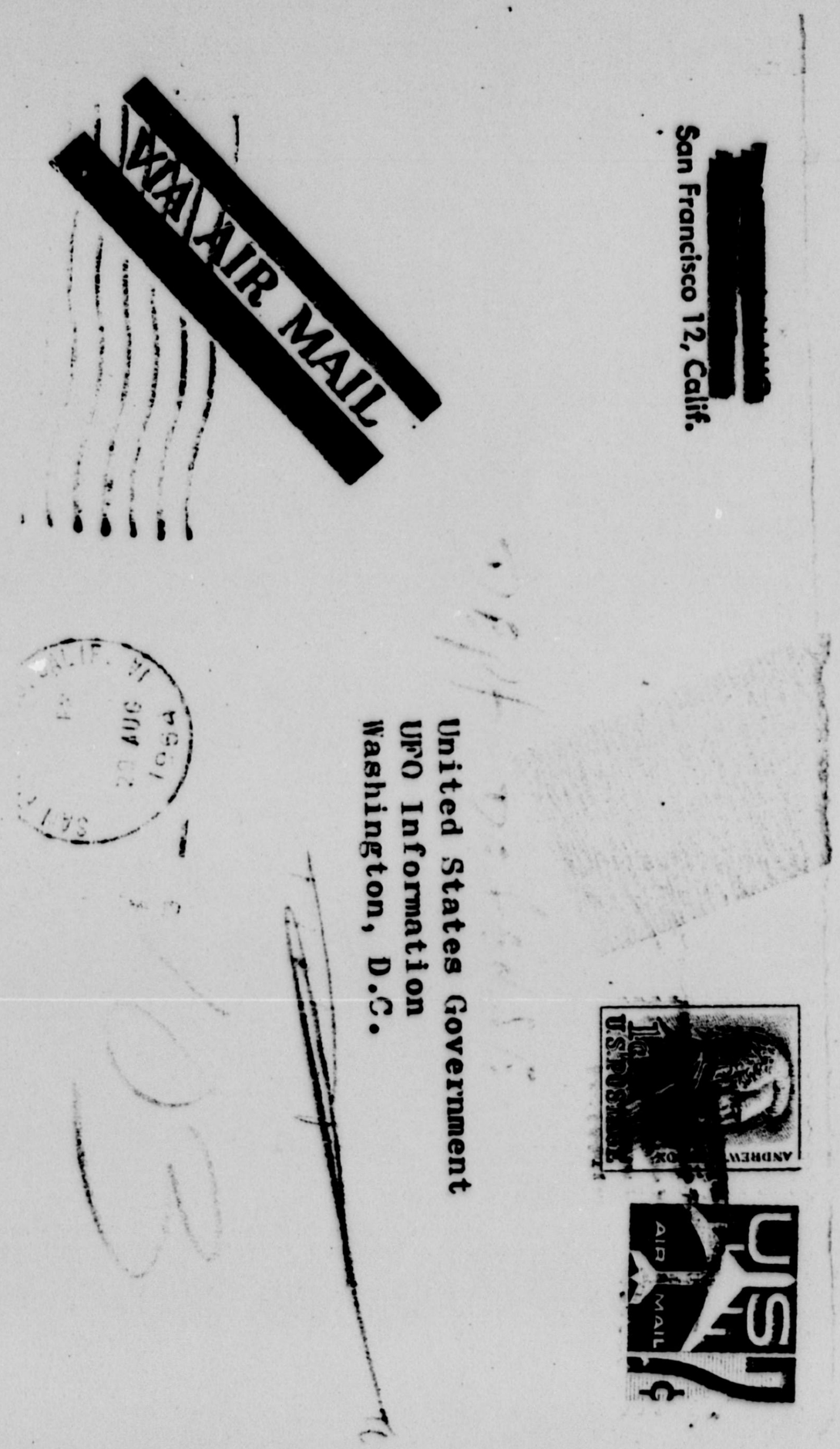
Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any special experience, which might be pertinent.

I SERVED IN THE US ARMY AIR FORCE 1943-1946, AND HAVE 20-20 VISION - NO GLASSES

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

26 AUG 1964
Day Month Year

TO U.S. GOVERNMENT UFO INFORMATION WASHINGTON, DC

34. Date you completed this questionnaire: 14 (Day) OCT (Month) 1964 (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.