PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP	2. LOCATION
KX 11 August 65 12/0025Z	Albany, New York
3. SOURCE	**10. CONCLUSION**
Civilian	A/C
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	
Two	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	**11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS**
90 seconds	See case file
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION	
Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE	
South	
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.

11 Aug 6

[redacted]
[redacted], Albany, N.Y.
August 23, 1965

U.S.Air Force, Chief of Staff
Dept. of Defense
Pentagon,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir;

I have never believed in the reports of flying saucers nor of other unidentified Flying Objects, claimed sighted by various people at different times and in different localities. The supposition that these objects were piloted by little green men from outer space, in my mind was pure balony and still is.

On August 11th past-at about 7:25 P.M. I was sitting on my back porch watching birds flying around, when two gleaming silver objects came into view over the roof of my porch. I have extremely good eyesight and am not an excitable person and I certainly was not hopefully looking for something strange to fly past in my line of vision.

These objects were flying quite low, made absolutely no noise, no smoke and were not spinning. One dipped slightly, then jerked back into position, as though pulled by a string. They were flying from North to South- following the Hudson River. I watched them until they became two little black specks in the distance.

They were not round- they were not flat as saucers.

The sky was bright and clear and I got a good thorough look at them. They were not optical illusions-not mirages and not jittery dreams of my own imagination. They were real!

Could they not have been two high powered, remote controlled camera's launched from a ship at sea?

No one in authority will listen to my description of them. I have been told "They do not exist." That they were an optical illusion. Well.- I know better--I saw them. They do exist!

Our government is spending Billions of Dollars, trying to put men on the moon before the Russians do--while the Russians could be spending their money taking pictures of our entire country.

If there was just a telephone number we could call when these things are sighted, then stations in the direction they are going

No Case, Information Only
Source: Saucer News, Vol. 12, No. 4
Dec 65

Menands, New York
11 Aug 65

On August 11th, at 7:25 p.m., an unnamed woman living in Menands, N.Y. made a close observation of two gleaming silver objects. A sketch made from her description was published in an Albany newspaper. She said they made no noise, emitted no smoke, and were at very low altitude, moving southward at high speed. Each was five or six feet across, according to her estimate.

could be alerted. Then people in authority would definitely spot them. No one will listen to a mere housewife sitting on her back porch watching birds flying around.

Most Americans keep their eyes glued to T.V. or to the road. It is only the squares that ever look up. But squares can be patriotic and concerned about the security of their country, also. It is a mighty smug and careless government that will not be concerned and alarmed at all these reports.

These Champagne sipping, high and mighty men in charge of our security, that think they know it all, merely pass these reports off as crackpot.

Someday and maybe not too far in the future, when the Champagne glasses are knocked out of their hands and it is already too late- they will say," We should have listened and we should have believed."

They are depending on Radar to pick up all these things. Did the mighty minds ever stop to think, other countries know about Radar, too? Maybe,know how to get missiles past or fly them too low, or other methods?

I am writing this letter because I am thoroughly burned up. After I reported sighting these objects- an announcement was made on our local Television station to this effect,"There have been reports that silver flying objects were sighted in this area. After careful investigation by authorities, this conclusion was reached-"No such objects exist." By the time anyone got around to investigating these reports, the objects in question were Gone.

I drew pictures of what I saw. If anyone is interested in seeing them and hearing my description,(and believe me, someone should be) I will be glad to show them and explain what I saw.

And <u>Believe Me</u>, I saw them!!

[redacted]

MBC/mct

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Menands, Albany
New York, 12204

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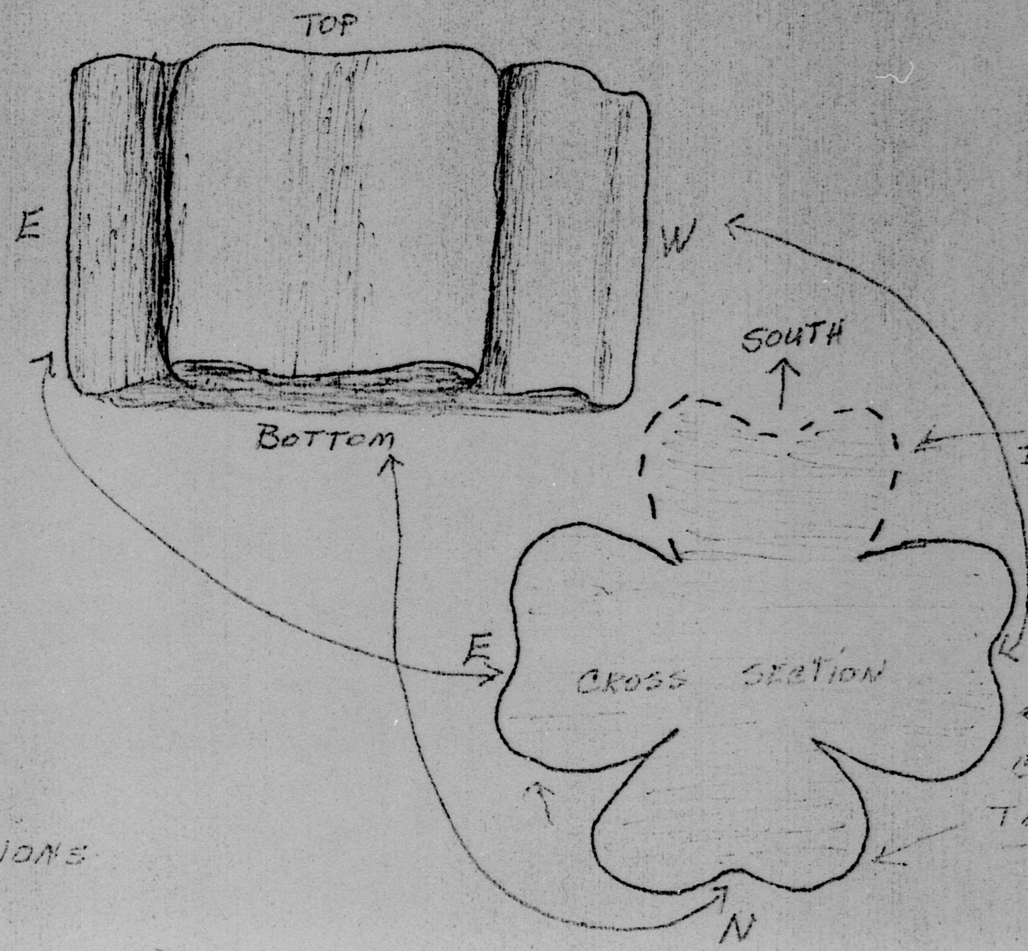
U. S. Air Force, Chief of Staff
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TWO GLEAMING SILVER OBJECTS
FLYING FROM NORTH TO SOUTH

NO NOISE
NO SMOKE
WERE NOT SPINNING
SIDE BY SIDE
VERY FAST SPEED
FLYING LOW

SIGHTED - 7:25 P.M.
AUGUST 11 - 1965 AT
[redacted] RD.
MENANDS - ALBANY - N.Y

ONE DIPPED
SLIGHTLY - THEN
LEVELED OFF



SUN

FRONT SECTION NOT VISABLE TO ME I DO NOT KNOW IF IT WAS SHAPED LIKE THE OTHER THREE SIDES - I FEAT THAT IT WAS

THESE THREE SECTIONS WERE CLEARLY VISABLE TO ME

I WATCHED THEM -
TWO LITTLE BLACK
SPECKS DISAPPEAR
IN THE DISTANCE

WERE NOT OPTICAL ILLUSIONS

[redacted]
Albany 4, New York

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Department of the Air Force
Office of the Secretary
United States Air Force

Washington, D. C.

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

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: TDEW

SEP 14 1965

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting, 11 August 1965, Albany, New York

TO: Hq USAF SAFOICC (Mrs Hunt)
Wash D C 20330

Reference the attached letter from Mrs [redacted] requesting information on her observation of 11 August 1965. The following is a suggested reply:

a. Dear Mrs [redacted]

Your letter to the Chief of Staff of the USAF, has been forwarded to Project Blue Book, the organization within the Air Force which handles reports of unidentified flying objects.

The attached brochure depicts the results of our investigations into this phenomena over the past 18 years.

Information in your letter of 23 August 1965 regarding your own observation of 11 August was not sufficient for a firm evaluation. Items such as duration and apparent size of the objects were not included. Request you fill out the attached FTD Form 164 and return it in the envelope provided.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Eric T. de Jonckheere

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

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Ltr fm Mrs [redacted]
23 Aug 65

YOU - THE NUCLEUS OF SECURITY!

11 Aug

Mrs. Hunt/man/SAFOICC/72842/20 Sep 65

SEP 20 1965

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Sincerely,

JOHN P. SPAULDING
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Civil Branch
Community Relations Division
Office of Information

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1. Blue Book Report
2. FTD Form 164

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted], Albany, New York

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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?

~~AUGUST~~ WEDNESDAY — AUGUST — 1965
Day Month Year
11TH

2. Time of day: 7 : 25
Hour Minutes

(Circle One): A.M. or (P.M.)

SUNSET AUGUST 11TH — (7:51)

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?

ALBANY - NEW YORK — Nearest Postal Address
MENANDS — City or Town
ALBANY COUNTY — State or County
NEW YORK STATE

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration) _____ Hours _____ Minutes 90 Seconds

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

5.1 How was time in sight determined? DID NOT LOOK AT WATCH — BUT LATER SCANNED MY EYES ACROSS SKY AT APPROMIMATELY SPEED OF OBJECTS

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes X No ____

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY
a. (Bright)
b. Cloudy

SKY A DEEP BLUE

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)
ERROR d. To your left
e. Overhead
f. Don't remember

TIME OF SUNSET - AUGUST 11 WAS 7:51
SUN LOW IN WEST - BRIGHT
NO OBSTRUCTIONS

FORM
FTD 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*): WAS NOT AT NIGHT

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? HAD RAINED NIGHT BEFORE CLEARING AIR AND SKY. SKY WAS DEEP BLUE

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*): WAS NOT A LIGHT MERELY REFLECTED SUNS RAYS

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?

No

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:

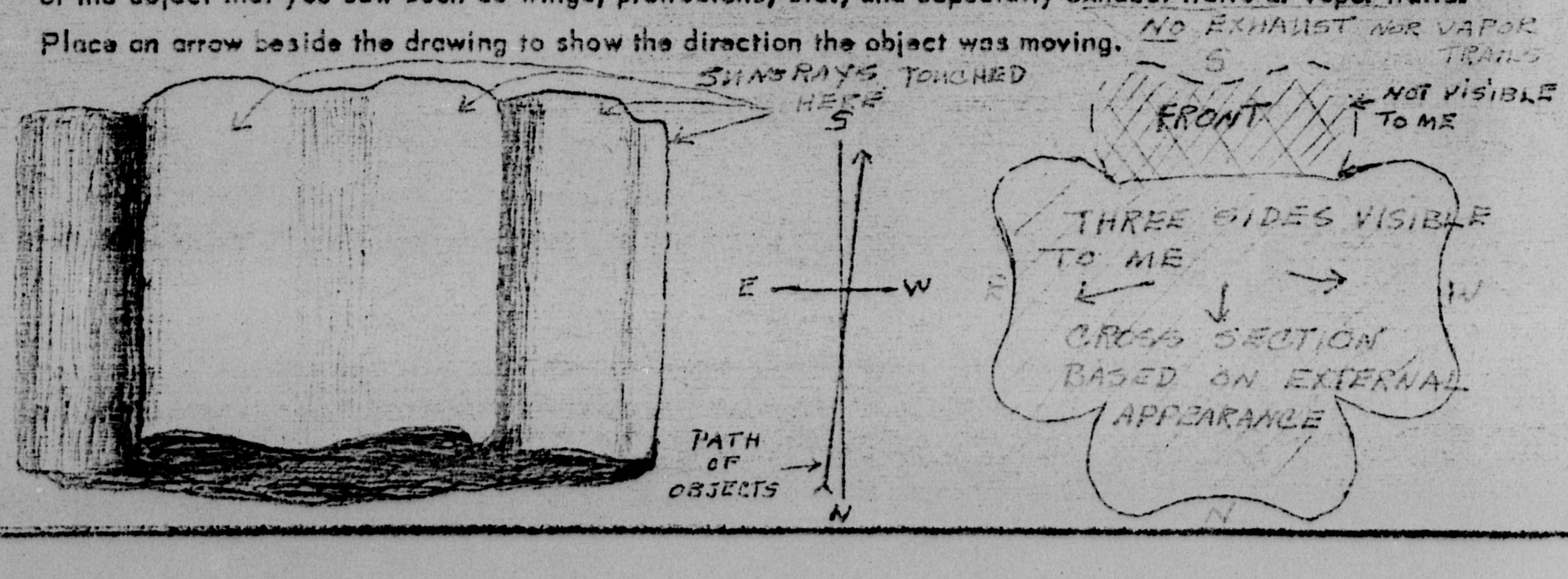
a. Sound NONE

b. Color METAL - SUNS RAYS REFLECTING ON PROTRUDING AREAS CAUSING THEM TO GLEAM

THIS IS HARD TO ANSWER. THEY REALLY LOOKED LARGE.

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? IN MY REPORT TO MAJ. KEYHOE, I ESTIMATED EACH OBJECT TO BE ABOUT THE SIZE OF ONE INCH ON RULER HELD AT ARMS LENGTH - SINCE THEN I HELD A RULER TO A GOODYEAR BLIMP AND THE ONE INCH COVERED THAT. SO I WAS AT ERROR IN THAT ESTIMATE. THE MATCH HEAD COMPLETELY COVERED THE ROUND PART OF OUR TRAFFIC HELICOPTOR. I HAD THE FEELING EACH OBJECT WAS PERHAPS SLIGHTLY LARGER THAN THE BODY OF A HELICOPTOR - THEY WERE HIGHER - SO PROBABLY THE MATCH HEAD WOULD HAVE COVERED HALF OF ONE OBJECT.

19. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or (TWO) 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? HOWEVER TRAVELING VERY RAPID

(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? LOWER THAN A LOW-FLYING PLANE HIGHER THAN A TRAFFIC HELICOPTOR

(Circle One) (Yes) No

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? CANNOT SAY IN MILES

22. Where were you located when you saw the object? (Circle One):

a. Inside a building
b. In a car
c. (Outdoors) CLEAR VIEW OF SKY NO OBSTRUCTIONS
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 SMALL VILLAGE

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

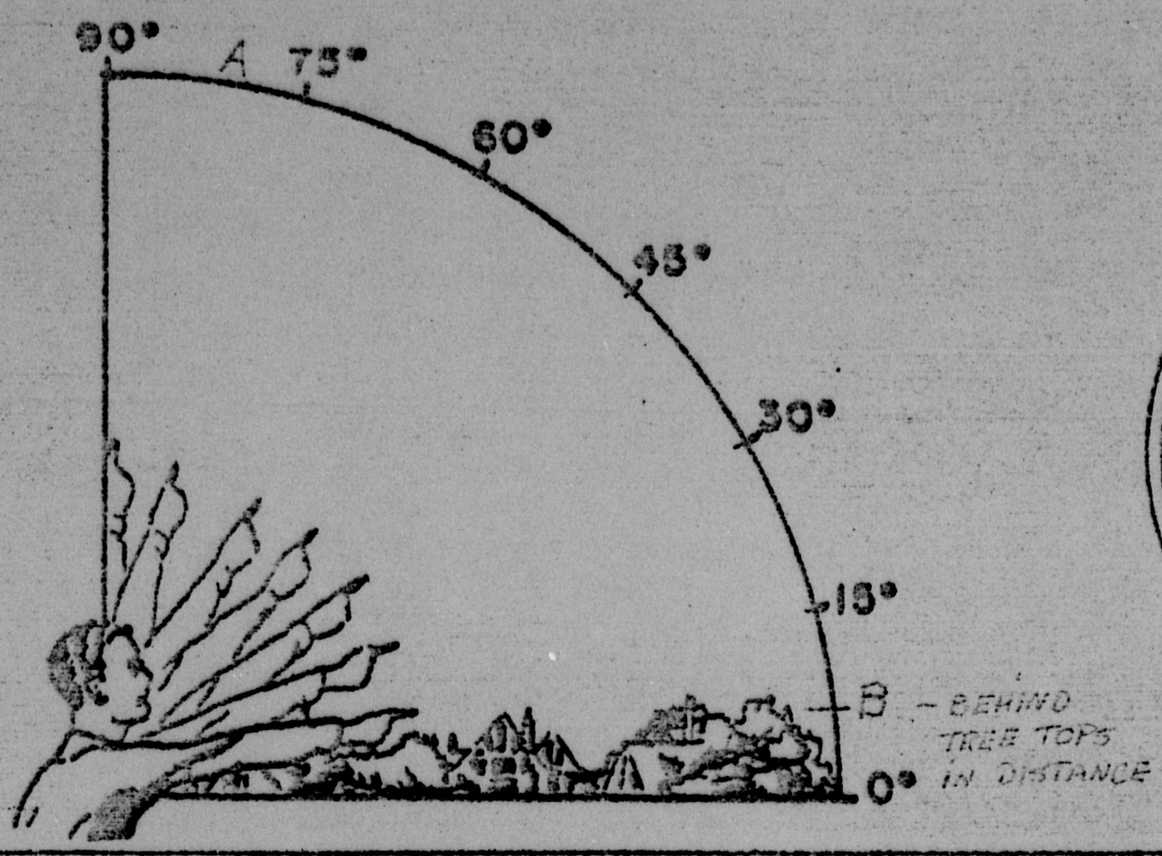
25. Did you observe the object through any of the following? I AM FARSIGHTED - HAVE 20-20 VISION WEAR GLASSES FOR CLOSE-UPS

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 _____		

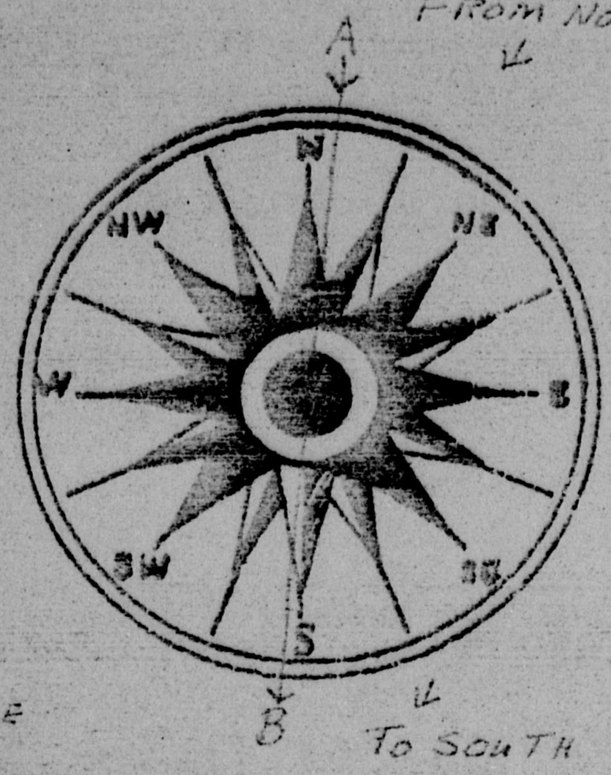
26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw

I HAVE NEVER SEEN ANY OBJECTS ON LAND, SEA OR AIR, SIMILAR TO THESE. MAYBE A LARGE COOKIE CUTTER IN THE SHAPE OF A FOUR LEAF CLOVER — OR A LAMPSHADE THAT IS WIDER THAN ITS DEPTH - BOTH OF COURSE METAL AND SOLID, ASSUMMING THEIR WIDTH TO BE 6 FT. I WOULD GUESS THEIR DEPTH TO BE 5 FT.

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.



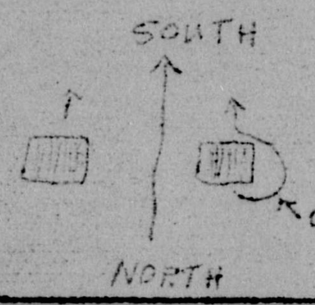
TRAVELING FROM NORTH



SLIGHTLY N.E To SLIGHTLY S.W.

To SOUTH

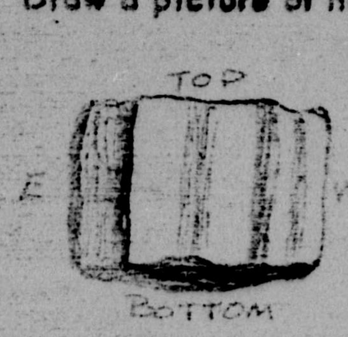
28. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.

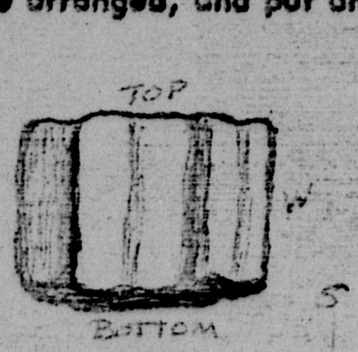


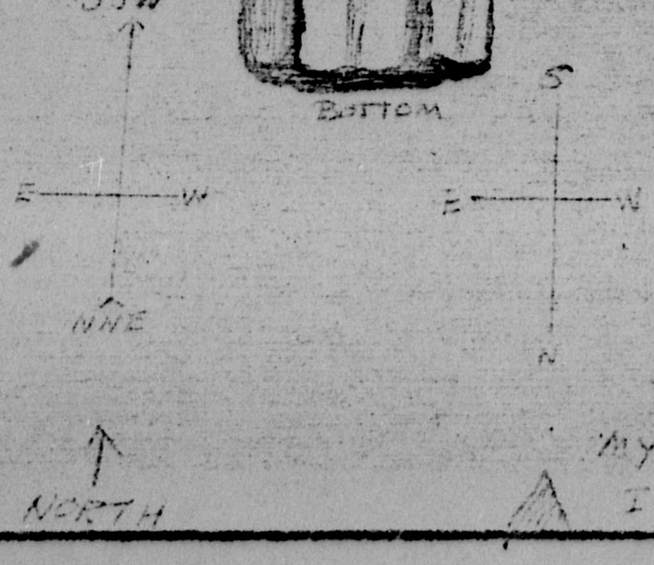
ONE DIPPED SLIGHTLY THEN INSTANTLY LEVELED BACK INTO PERFECT POSITION

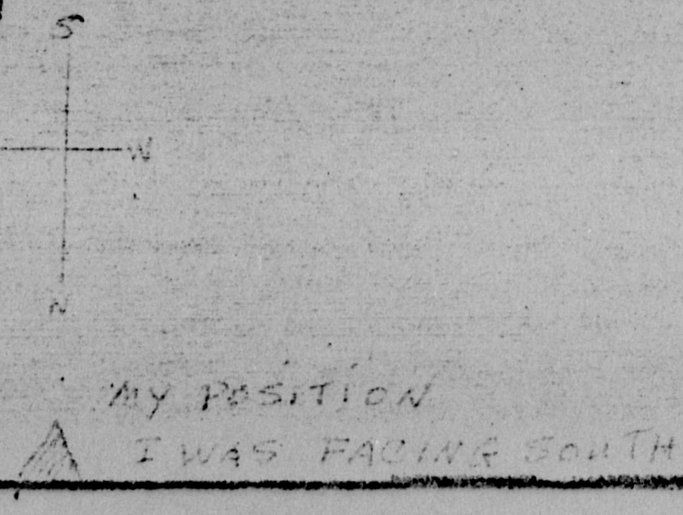
NO MOTION
NO SPINNING
NO SWAYING
NO NOISE
NO SMOKE

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, NEVER!

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

ADDRESS [redacted] (Street) MENANDS (City) - ALBANY - 12204 (Zone) - N.Y (State)

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted] AGE 62 SEX FEMALE

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

I HAD TEACHER TRAINING IN HIGH SCHOOL AND ATTENDED TWO SUMMER SESSIONS AT WARRENSBURG STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE IN MISSOURI.

I TAUGHT SCHOOL (GRADE) TWO YEARS - DID NOT CONTINUE MY TRAINING AS A TEACHER - WORKED AT MONTGOMERY WARD IN KANSAS CITY, MO. MARRIED - MOVED TO ALBANY, N.Y. IN 1929 - HAVE THREE CHILDREN - SON, MARRIED, LIVES IN FAIRBANKS, ALASKA - WORKS FOR R.C.A. ON THE ALASKA COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM THERE. ONE DAUGHTER, MARRIED, LIVES NEAR HERE. HER HUSBAND IS IN NATIONAL GUARD + WORKS AT WATERVLIET ARSENAL. OTHER DAUGHTER LIVES IN WASH. D.C. HER HUSBAND IS A LIEUTENANT IN NAVY AND IS WITH THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMM. THERE. HE IS A NUCLEAR PHYSICIST.

I HAVE WORKED AS A TELEPHONE OPERATOR HERE. MY HUSBAND RETIRED AFTER 41 YRS. WITH SAME CO. LAST FEB. AND I RETIRED ALSO TO TAKE IT EASY + TRAVEL.

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

11 (Day) AUGUST (Month) 1965 (Year)

ALBANY AIRPORT (WAS IGNORED)

WATERVLIET ARSENAL (WAS IGNORED)

SENT ALL INFORMATION TO SCIENCE LAW IN WASH. WAS TOLD TO FORGET IT.

TIMES UNION NEWSPAPER IN ALBANY, N.Y.

WEATHER BUREAU IN ALBANY.

34. Date you completed this questionnaire: 23 (Day) AUGUST (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 WAS SITTING ON MY BACK PORCH. THERE ARE TREES ON BOTH SIDES OF OUR YARD, PERMITTING AN UNOBSTRUCTED VIEW OF THE SKY. OUR HOUSE FACES NORTH - PORCH ON SOUTH SIDE. I WAS FACING SOUTH.

SUDDENLY BIRDS CAME FLYING OVERHEAD FROM THE NORTH. THEY SEEMED EXCITED AND DISTURBED ABOUT SOMETHING. I LOOKED UP AT THEM AND SAW THESE TWO METAL OBJECTS, ALMOST DIRECTLY ABOVE ME. THEY WERE GLEAMING WHERE THE SUNS RAYS HIT THEM.

I COULD SEE THEM DISTINCTLY + NEVER TOOK MY EYES OFF THEM UNTIL THEY DISAPPEARED IN THE DISTANCE — TWO TINY BLACK SPECKS STILL IN PERFECT FORMATION.

THEY WERE NOT DRIFTING NOR SWAYING, BUT FLYING IN A STRAIGT COURSE AND WERE DEFINATELY BEING GUIDED SKILLFULLY. THEY WERE FLYING SWIFTLY + SILENTLY.

I TALKED WITH A FRIEND IN THE WEATHER BUREAU - THE BALLOONS THEY SEND UP ARE — ONE LARGE SILVER BALLOON WITH A TAIL, ON THE END OF WHICH IS A SMALLER BALLOON. IN A STIFF WIND, THE SMALLER ONE BOBS UP + DOWN TO THE REAR OF THE LARGER ONE.

THESE OBJECTS I SAW WERE IDENTICAL IN SIZE AND SHAPE, WERE FLYING SIDE BY SIDE IN A STRAIGT, UNWAVERING COURSE, FROM NORTH TO SOUTH, OR FOLLOWING THE HUDSON RIVER.

THEY WERE STRANGE + ALIEN TO ME, AND I THOUGHT SOMEONE IN ANTHORITY SHOULD BE NOTIFIED. NO ONE PAID ANY ATTENTION TO WHAT I WAS TRYING TO TELL THEM. THE COMMANDING OFFICER AT THE WATERVLIET ARSENAL TOLD SOMEONE TO TELL ME, THAT IT WAS AN OPTICAL ILLUSION.

IT CERTAINLY WAS NOT AN ILLUSION. I SAW THOSE THINGS AS CLEARLY + DISTINCTLY AS I CAN SEE AN AIRPLANE OR A HELICOPTOR IN THE SKY.

THE BRUSH-OFF'S I RECEIVED HERE BURNED ME UP, AND THEN I WROTE THAT LETTER TO YOU.

I HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM MAJ. DONALD E. KEYHOE, RET. OF NICAP, WITH LITERATURE + INFORMATION ABOUT UFO'S AND FORMS TO BE FILLED OUT.

I STILL DO NOT BELIEVE IN OBJECTS FROM OUTER SPACE OR FROM OTHER PLANETS.

I STILL BELIEVE THESE OBJECTS COULD BE HIGH POWERED, REMOTE CONTROLLED CAMERAS, LAUNCHED FROM A SHIP AT SEA.

WE ARE FOREVER HEARING REPORTS THAT SEVERAL RUSSIAN SHIPS HAD BEEN SIGHTED, ANCHORED OFF THE EASTERN COAST AROUND NEWFOUNDLAND —— AND SO YOU CAN TAKE IT FROM THERE.

THERE ARE MANY VITAL GOVERNMENT INSTALLATIONS IN THIS AREA. I DON'T BELIEVE THESE OBJECTS WILL BE BACK IN THIS AREA. THEY HAVE WHAT THEY WANT.

I SAW SOMETHING STRANGE THAT MUST BE INVESTIGATED. IF THEY ARE SECRET MISSILES OUR OWN GOVERNMENT IS TESTING, THEN I THINK I DESERVE SOME SORT OF EXPLANATION, BECAUSE I SAW THEM.

IF THEY ARE NOT OURS, THEN THE U.S.A.F. HAD BETTER GET ON THE BALL.

IF I HAVE NOT EXPLAINED EVERY THING CLEARLY ENOUGH OR IF THERE ARE MORE QUESTIONS YOU WOULD LIKE ANSWERED - I WOULD BE ONLY TOO GLAD TO HELP IN ANY WAY I CAN.

I APPREAIATE HEARING FROM YOU. I KNOW NOW THAT YOU ARE DOING SOMETHING ABOUT THESE REPORTS. SOME REPORTS NO DOUBT ARE FILLIMENTS OF IMAGINATION — BUT BELIEVE ME, THESE THINGS I SAW WERE VERY REAL.

MENANDS IS A SMALL VILLAGE LOCATED ABOUT TWO (2) MILES NORTH OF ALBANY, NEW YORK.

YOU MAY USE MY NAME, IF IT WILL HELP IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE TO SOLVE THE ORIGIN OF THESE OBJECTS.