PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 12 September 1965 13/0208Z	**2. LOCATION** Odessa, Texas
3. SOURCE Civilian	**10. CONCLUSION** Astro (METEOR)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30-60 seconds	**11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS** Object moved through approximately 50 deg of arc. Reddish light with slight blue trail. Looked somewhat like ECHO originally. Possible sound associated with object heard after object had disappeared. Disappeared at 45 deg elevation. Flight in straight line. Direction rules out decay. Possible overestimation on duration. All other details in accord with meteor sighting.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE NW	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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

MEMO FOR THE RECORD: 13 Sep 65

Subj: UFO Report from Will Haden, 414 N Lee St, Odessa, Texas

TSgt David Moody spoke with Captain Conkle from Webb AFB, Texas regarding a vague report on a UFO, Captain Conkle had received the report second hand. Mr [redacted] was an Ex WWII Pilot. Saw red object with blue border at rear half. Observed for one minute, 2008 local on 12 Sep 65, Central Time. High rate of speed from SSE to NNW. Covered the sky in about one minute. After it went buy heard a blast effect. Captain Conkle requested that we send this gentleman a form to fill out.

13/0209Z - ODESSA, TEXAS 12 SEPT

FTD (TDEW)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433
13 September 1965

[redacted]
[redacted]eet
Odessa, Texas

Dear Mr[redacted]

Reference your unidentified observation of 12 September 1965. The information which we have received is not sufficient for evaluation. Request you fill out the attached FTD Form 164 and return it in the envelope provided.

The Air Force appreciates your interest in this subject.

Sincerely,

HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr
Major, USAF
Chief, Project Blue Book

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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?

12th (Day) September (Month) 1965 (Year)

2. Time of day: 8 (Hour) : 08 (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?

~~South~~ 15 miles Northwest of (Nearest Postal Address) Odessa (City or Town) Texas (State or County)

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

I estimate between 30 seconds to one minute.

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

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
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:
as bright as an acetylene torch flame

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 the light was fairly well defined but the color was reddish orange with a bluish half seen at trailing edge

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?

Yes - the light seemed to suddenly go out.

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:

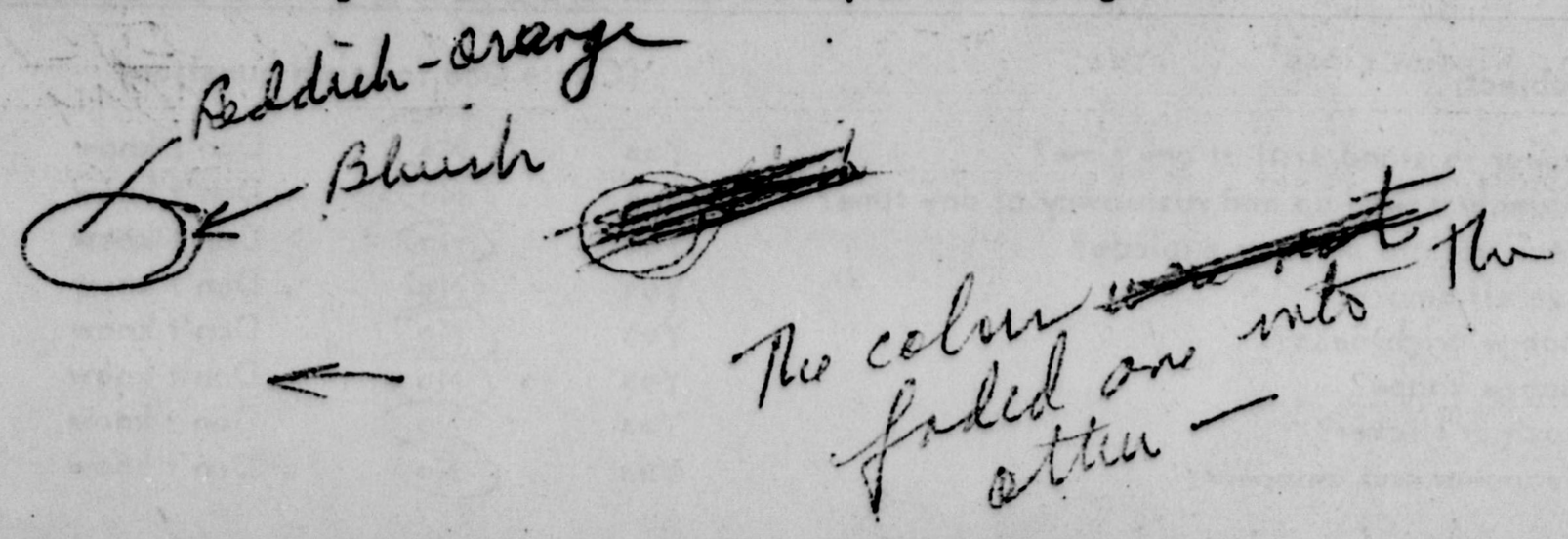
a. Sound None, except a slight jet sound after

b. Color Red-orange with bluish tint about 180° around trailing edge.

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?

Probably the matchstick head would have about covered the object

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? about 1500 mph

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? 60,000 feet to 75,000

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?

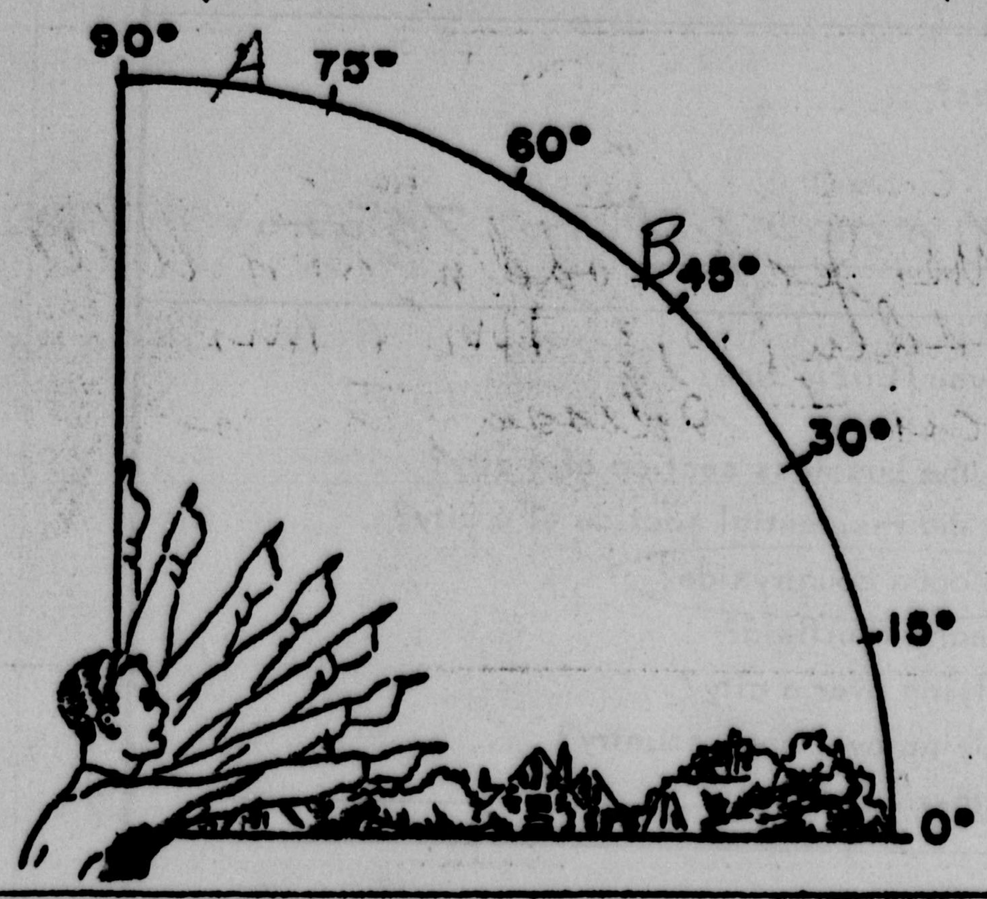
a. Eyeglasses	Yes	No	e. Binoculars	Yes	No
b. Sun glasses	Yes	No	f. Telescope	Yes	No
c. Windshield	Yes	No	g. Theodolite	Yes	No
d. Window glass	Yes	No	h. Other naked eye in open country		

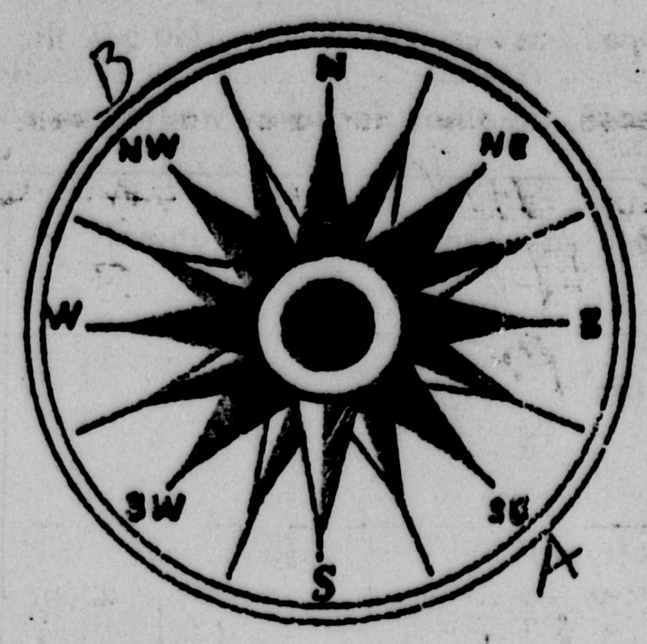
26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

take Echo satellite, speed it up, enlarge it some + change color to red with bluish half circle on trailing edge, and that about what it would look like.

(By "Speed it up", I mean "move it faster across the sky"

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.

A ——————————→ B (straight line)

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.

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: w/ Mrs [redacted] (14 yrs), son [redacted] (10); Mr + Mrs [redacted] Odessa, Texas, + son, [redacted] (9).

32. Please give the following information about yourself: [redacted]

NAME [redacted]
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS [redacted] Odessa Texas
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted] AGE 47 SEX Male

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

4 years air Force pilot - B-17's - etc.
4 years as airline pilot for TWA
Kansas City
I am a practicing attorney - 13 years experience -

33. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?
13th Sept 1965 to Utah air Force
Day Month Year
Base, operation officer.

34. Date you completed this questionnaire: 17 (Day) Sept (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.

We were looking at the heavens showing the North Star & Big Dipper to the boys and were looking at the sky when the light came on above us. At first I thought it was a satellite, then it became clear that its movement across the heavens was faster than the satellites I have seen before & also the color was different. I asked everyone to be real quiet and we heard no sound until the light was about gone & then the ~~thought~~ we heard the whirpi sound of a jet way in the distance. But there was a Gasoline plant about one or two miles away & we can not rule of the origen of the jet-like sound.

We were in the open country — no trees, about 15 miles northwest of Odessa, about 2 miles northwest of North Camden.

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