PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 22 September 65 23/0300Z	2. LOCATION Silver Springs, Maryland
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION A/C Object similar to an observation of an A/C with GRIMES type light, or other similar warning light.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 25 Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Witness checked time with watch. Probably accurate. Object appeared as a bright light. Clear night with 4th magnitude stars visible. More like JUPITER than a star. Disappeared suddenly. Had a reddish orange light and a yellow glow light at rear. Flight was curving from East to West. 45 deg arc in 25 seconds.
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.

22 Sep 65

February 13, 1966

Mrs Hunt/sh/SFOICC/72842/18 Feb 66

Dear Mrs [redacted]

This is in reply to your report of an aerial object which you observed and were unable to identify on the night of September 22, 1965.

The characteristics of your sighting indicate that you probably observed an aircraft with a Grimes type light or similar warning light. The duration is consistent with the evaluation, and the flight characteristics are similar to those of an aircraft in flight.

Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

Sincerely,

Mrs [redacted]
Silver Spring, Md

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

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

NOV 22 1965

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: TDEW/UFO

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting, 22 Sep 65

TO: Hq USAF SAFOICC (Mrs Hunt)

Reference the attached report of an unidentified flying object from Mrs [redacted] of [redacted] Silver Springs, Maryland. Mrs [redacted] observed an object on the night of 22 Sep 65 and has requested an evaluation of her observation. Characteristics of the sighting indicate a possible aircraft with a Grimes-type light or similar warning light as the most likely cause of the observation. The duration is consistent with this evaluation and the flight characteristics are similar to an aircraft in flight. It is possible that this light was turned off and the aircraft was no longer visible. The sighting is not consistent with the meteors or satellites as Mrs [redacted] has indicated. Since Silver Springs is over an area of heavy traffic and no unidentified radar plots were reported to us from the radar locations in that area, specific identification is not feasible.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Eric T. de Jonckheere

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

22 Sept 65
Silver Springs, Md

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

23 SEP 1965

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Attached is FTD Form 164 which is used for reporting observations of unidentified flying objects to the Air Force. In order for the Air Force to evaluate these reports, this form should be completed as fully as possible and returned to this office.

Sincerely,

Sara Hunt

SARA HUNT
Community Relations Division
Office of Information

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FTD Form 164

Mrs. [redacted]
Silver Springs, Maryland

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writes wants an
evaluation, please -
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Silver Spring, Md.

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Department of the Air Force
Office of the Secretary
United States Air Force
Washington, D.C.

Attention:
Mrs Sara Hunt
Office of Information

10:32 22 Sep 65

Constellation

Pegasus - south pt of sky.

Sent bite

resembling crab - yellow & low

and sl

large star - eleven stalks

spread 70° outlands

to the E

1 - 1½ mnt

very high up

Mrs [redacted]

[redacted]

Silver Lyre Bird

22 Sept

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?

22 (Day) September (Month) 1965 (Year)

2. Time of day: 11 (Hour) 20 (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?

(Home) [redacted] (Nearest Postal Address), Silver Spring (City or Town), Maryland (State or County)

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration) _____ (Hours) _____ (Minutes) 45 (Seconds)

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

5.1 How was time in sight determined? Recalled watch second hand counted by me.

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes ✓ No ____

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY	✓ NIGHT
a. Bright	(a.) Bright
b. Cloudy	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

FORM
F-TD. OCT 62 164 This form supersedes F TD 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 brighter than a radio tower light

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 ~~It was more like a~~ planet (Jupiter) than a star.

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 — suddenly

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 _____

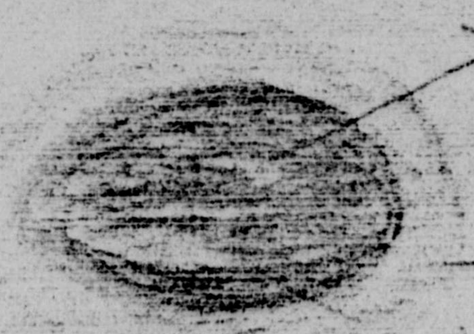
b. Color reddish - orange in center with yellow glow

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?

About 1/20th of the object would have been covered.

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.

see page (8)



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? _____

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 Suburbs

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

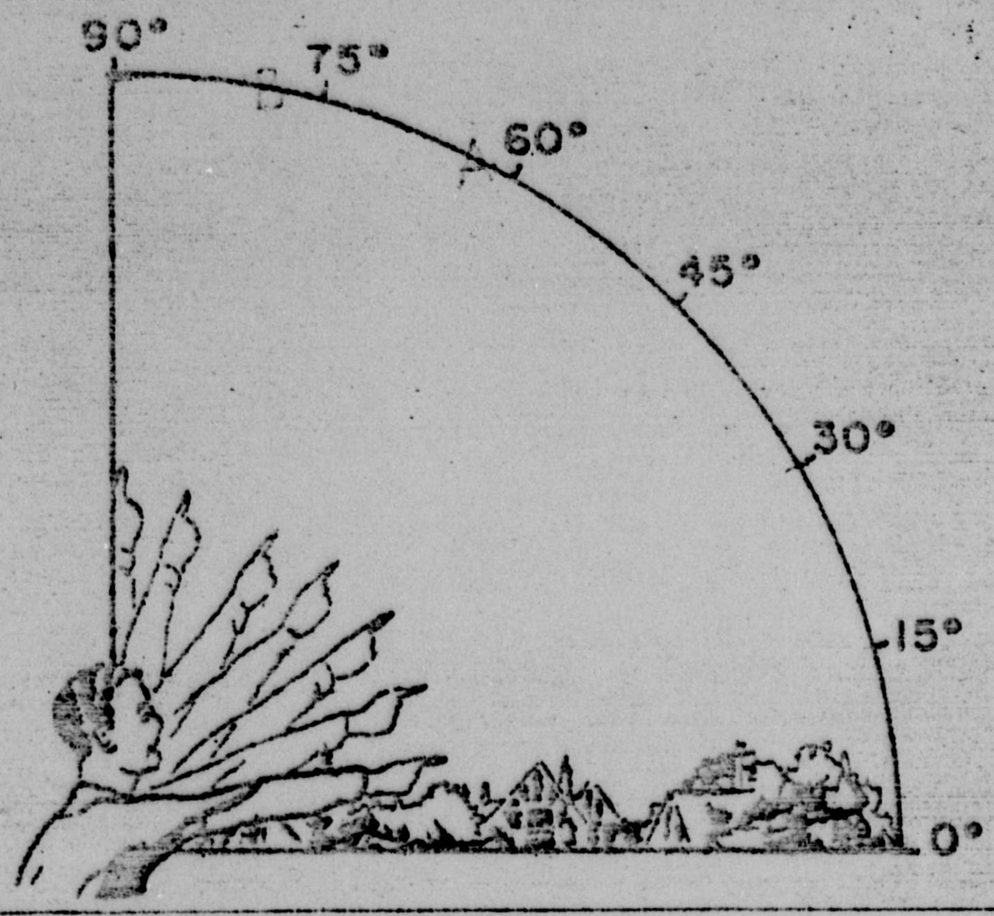
25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

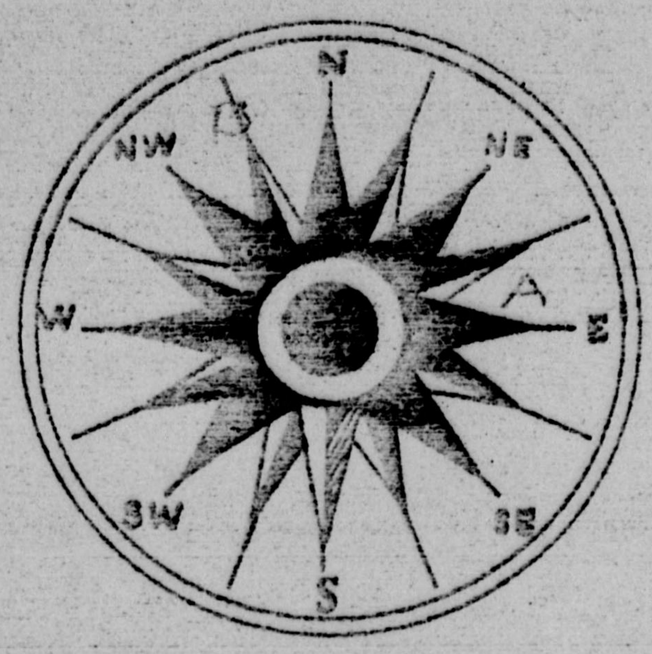
a. Eyeglasses	(Yes)	No	e. Binoculars	(Yes)	No
b. Sun glasses	Yes	No	f. Telescope	Yes	No
c. Windshield	Yes	No	g. Theodolite	Yes	No
d. Window glass	Yes	No	h. Other _____		

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.

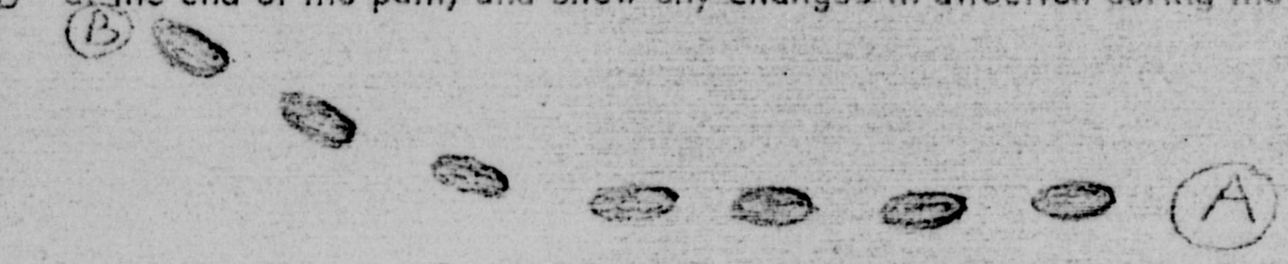
Silver dollar

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.

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:

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

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

ADDRESS [redacted] (Street) Silver Spring (City) (Zone) Maryland (State)

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted] AGE 45 SEX Female

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

amateur astronomer

artist

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

23 (Day) September (Month) 1965 (Year)

1. Flower Observatory
2. Space Agency
3. U.S. Air Force

34. Date you completed this questionnaire: 25 (Day) September (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.

On the night of September 23, 1965 while I saw the unidentified flying object, the sky was very clear as we have for enough away from city light so one could see a 4th magnitude star with the naked eye.

I am an amatuer astronomer and was looking for "Andromeda nebula" when the U.F.O. appeared. I have seen many meteors, fireballs, some comets and aurora borealis. I believe I have seen just about all of the satellites in space. I have observed several of our planets through a telescope and with the naked eye. The object I saw in my opinion was definitely not any of these things, because meteors, fireballs, & comets appear to shoot across the sky leaving a vapor trail. The U.F.O traveled faster than a satellite and slower than a meteor or comet, also it was not similar to any aircraft that I have ever seen. What ever it was - was a thrill to see & I quiet a curiosity.

Insertion 19/

The object appeared like this on rather
at left the impression on my mind. As an
artist the colors (orange with a yellow glow
on the outside) seem to stand out more than the
shape. Though the luminous are could see
some dark color as part of the shape.

Looking at the U.F.O. at night gave a dark
sky the colors or light from the object made
it almost impossible to see the outline
of the object clear, also I was excited and
the object was traveling so fast and was in sight
for only a few seconds to really study the shape.