PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 23 October 65 24/0115Z	2. LOCATION Lone-Prairie, Minnesota (1)
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION OTHER (HYPOTHALOGRY) ~~Astro. (VENUS)~~ POSSIBLE THAT VENUS TRIGGERED REPORT. Venus 16.53m W, 240 deg azimuth and setting at time of observation
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One w/three creatures	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object was as bright as the sunlight. A bright metallic shine It took off straight up and then the light went off. Had a loud hum to it. Observer came around a bend in the road when he stated the object was resting in the middle of the road. He stated that his engine and lights shut off. Object took off straight up at approx 20 mph. Observer stated his lights came on and the motor started without touching the starter or light switch. Observer reported sighting to local sheriff's office. They both went back to area of the object and found nothing
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE West	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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

23/Oct/65 Long Prairie, Minn

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?

23 (Day) Oct (Month) 65 (Year)

2. Time of day: 1900 (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?

_____ (Nearest Postal Address) LONG PRAIRIE (City or Town) MINNESOTA (State or County)

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

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

5.1 How was time in sight determined? BY WRISTWATCH

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes YES No _____

6. What was the condition of the sky?

VENUS 16h 53.2m (2 HOURS SETTING)

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 SUN 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 _____

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?

IT TOOK OFF STRAIGHT UP AND THEN THE LIGHT WENT OFF

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 A LOUD HUM, IT HURT MY EARS

b. Color A BRIGHT METALLIC SHINE

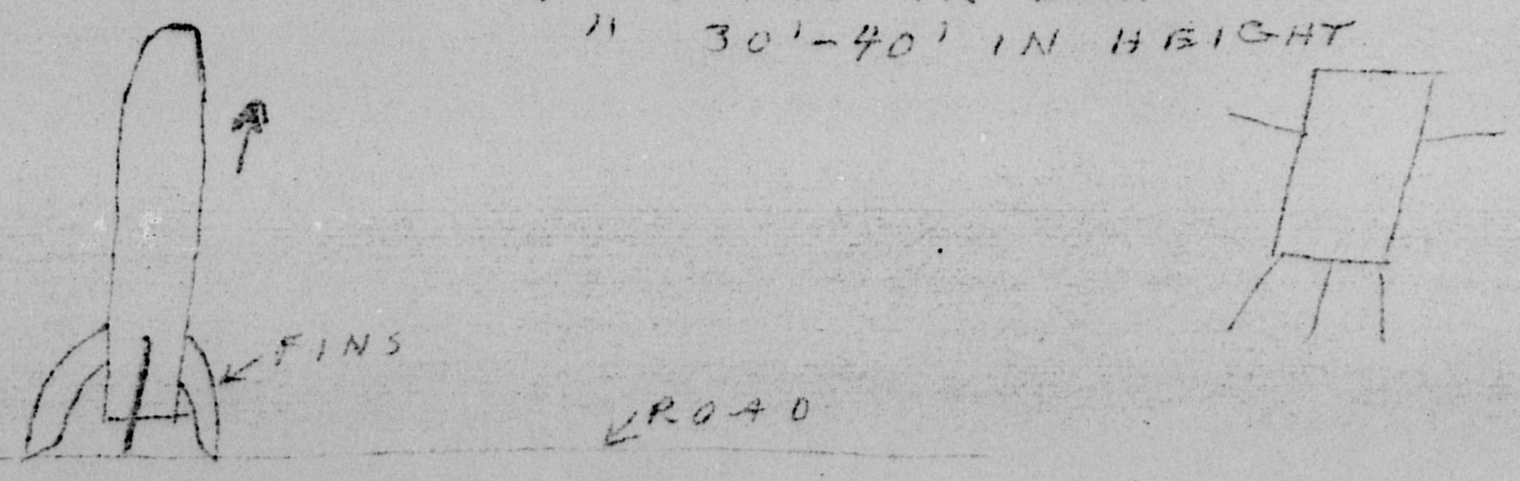
18. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head?

VERY LITTLE

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.

ABOUT 10' IN DIAMETER
" 30'-40' IN HEIGHT



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 20 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? 20 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 _____

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? 55 miles per hour.

24.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

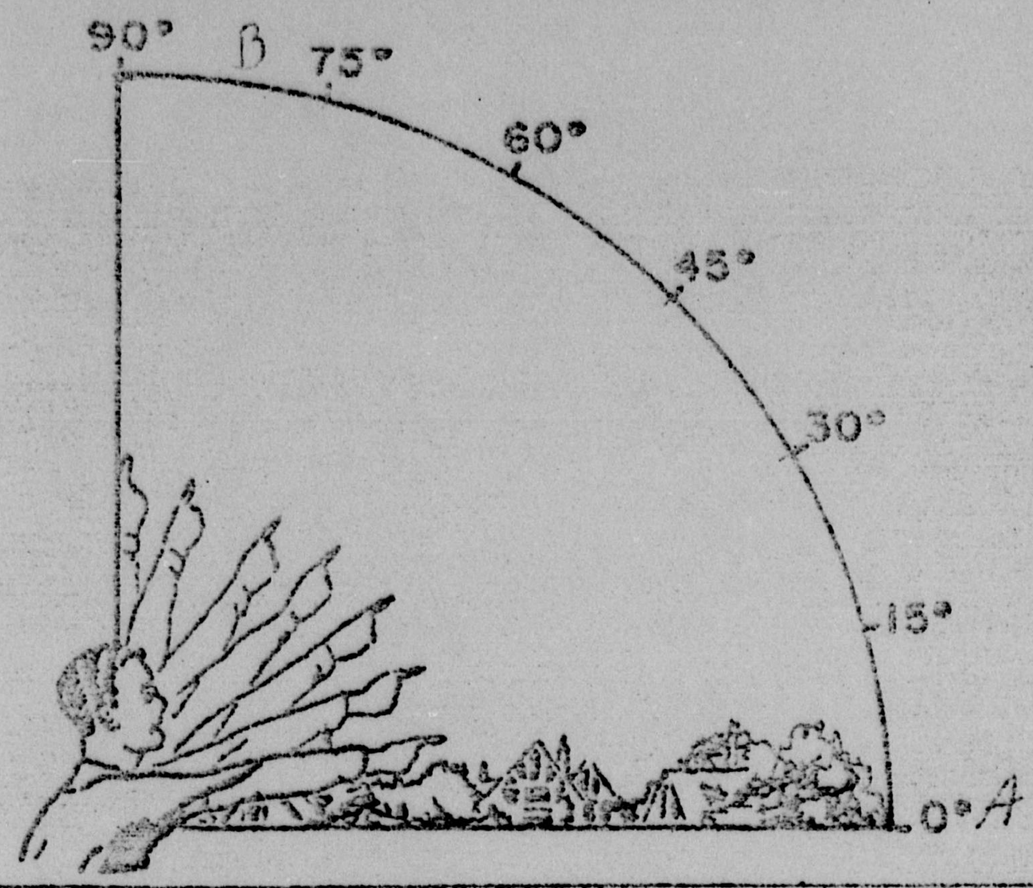
(Circle One) (Yes) No

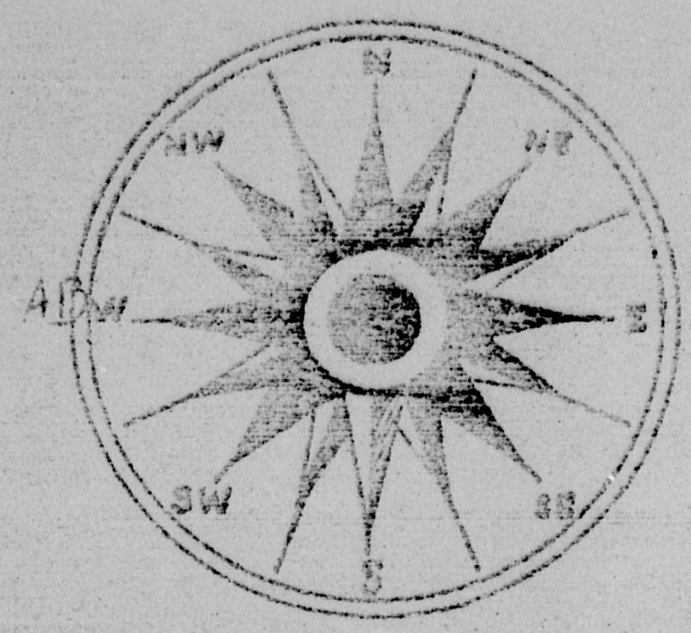
25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

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.

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.

STRAIGHT UP

29. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? 4 IN ALL

Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

THE ONE OBJECT WAS A SPACE SHIP
THE OTHER OBJECTS WERE LITTLE CREATURES

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

ADDRESS [redacted] LONG PRAIRIE MINNESOTA
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted] AGE 20 SEX M

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

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

23 OCT 65 SHERIFF JIM BAIN
Day Month Year TODD COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

34. Date you completed this questionnaire: 20 (Day) Nov. (Month) 65 (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.

Perhaps it would be better if I gave you a detailed description of the U-F-O that I saw and you would be better able to understand it than if I answered this questionnaire. I was driving west on Minn. highway 27 when I went around a bend in the road and my car engine stoped running and my headlights went off. I looked up and saw this object setting in the middle of the road. It was around 7:15 PM because I had just checked my watch about a minute before so I know what time it was. I finally coasted to a stop about 20 ft, from it. My knowledge of math and being able to tell distances quite accurately made this quite impossable to mistake. I set and looked at it for what I would estimate a minute then I knew what it was and knew that nobody would believe me so I desided that I would have to knok it over and have some evidentence. I tryed to start my car but it would not start, I did not get ay respoce on my starter. I then got out of my car with the idea to go up to it and try to rock the center of graviy and topple it over so I would have the evidentence right there in black and white. I got to the front of my car and stopped with no further interest in going any further because three little"creatures"came from around behind and stood in front of the object. I think that they were looking at me, I can not be sure because I did not see any eyes of any sort. I know that I was looking at them and I was quite fasinated at what I saw. You might ask me why, if

I was willing to go up to them before, I did not go up to them now. I used what I hope was common sense. I felt if they could stop my car like they did they could surly do something worse to me and I wanted to live to tell this story so the people of the United States would know that there were things of this nature. I will tell you right now that I think you are doing thepeople of the US a grave crime not to let them know that there are things of this nature. We stood and looked at them for what seemed to me to be ages. I can safly say that we "looked" at each other for about 3 minutes. They then turned and went under the object and a few seconds later the object started to rise slowly. After it was about ¼ mile high (this is only a guess) the light went out and my car engine started to run again (I did did not have to touch the starter) and my headlights same on. I looked the area over that it had been setting on and could see no evidentance that it had been on the ground. I then drove to the Todd County Sheriff's office and reported what I had seen to the the sheriff. We went back out to the apot and the sheriff could not find any thing on the road that would show that they were on the ground. That is what happened. I know that It is quite a wild story but if you do not believe me, well that's your tough luck.

Thank you [redacted]

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Long Prairie, Minnesota
23 October 1965

WEIRD SIGHTING OF SIX-INCH-TALL CREATURES IN MINNESOTA: At about 7:15 on October 23rd, a 19-year-old radio announcer from Long Prairie, Minnesota, was driving along a country road near his home town when he saw an upright, rocket-shaped object straddling the road. It was 30 to 40 feet high and about 10 feet in diameter, and seemed to be resting on legs or fins.

The announcer, named James Townsend, stated: "My car engine, lights, and radio went out as I slammed on the breaks. I stopped about 20 feet in front of it. My first thought was to knock it over with the car so I could have some evidence, but the engine was dead. Then I got out with the idea of trying to push it over by hand. When I got to the front of my car, three creatures came out from behind the rocket. They looked like individual tin cans on tripods, and were about six inches tall. They didn't have eyes, but I knew they were looking at me. I stopped. I didn't have any desire to get closer. There was no sound - just dead silence.

"It seemed like ages that we looked at each other. Then they went up into the rocket, which had a bright colorless light glowing out of the bottom. There was a loud hum. The craft went up and disappeared from view. As soon as the light on the bottom of the rocket went out, after the thing was in the air, my car radio and lights went on, and my engine started without my having to touch the starter."

Townsend was terrified, and drove back to Long Prairie at 90 miles an hour. He reported the sighting to the local sheriff, who returned to the spot with him but found no physical evidence of the landing, except for three strips of an oil-like substance on the road. Each strip was about a yard long and four inches apart. The sheriff told the press that Townsend is known to be a reliable and level-headed man, and he believes that he told the truth.

Three youths who had been hunting coons in the same area reported seeing a strange light in the sky at the same time Townsend said the object took off. (St. Paul Pioneer Press, 10/25/65; Minneapolis Starr, 10/25/65.)