MULTIPLE

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 29 April 66 29/1130Z 30 April 66 30/1115Z	2. LOCATION Sacramento, California (3 Witnesses)
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION 1. Astro (VENUS) ~ Prob ~~ZZ~~ 2. unidentified ~ ZZZ
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	29 April 66 VENUS was rising at 0430 at an azimuth of 110 deg an elevation of 15 deg. At 0600 VENUS was at an azimuth of 125 deg elevation of 27 deg.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 29 (1 1/2 Hours 30 (2 1/4 Hours	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observers saw light in eastern sky on two straight mornings. The object was very bright at first then became dull as the sky became lighter. Like a bright star but wasn't twinkling. Movements up, down, right and left then disappeard.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE E to SE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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

S/P

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?

29 - 30 | April | 1966
Day | Month | Year

2. Time of day: April 29 - about 4:30 a.m. " 30 - about 4:15 a.m.
Hour | 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?

April 29 - [redacted] Nebula Way, Santa Cruz, Calif.
" 30 - " " [redacted] Nebula Way Santa Cruz Calif.

Nearest Postal Address | City or Town | State or County

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration) April 29 - approximately 4:30 - 6:00 ? hours & a half.
" 30 - " 4:15 - 6:30 a.m.
Hours | Minutes | Seconds

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

5.1 How was time in sight determined? April 29 - kitchen clock
" 30, neighbors clock

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes ✓ No ____

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY
a. Bright April 29 - daybreak foggy
b. Cloudy " 30 - clear

NIGHT
a. Bright April 29 - dark, hard to tell.
b. Cloudy " 30 - bright and clear

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 April 30th
e. Overhead
f. Don't remember April 29th.

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):

a. None — April 29th. overcast - This was the only star or light or whatever it was in view from my garage
b. A few
c. Many — April 30th.
d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON (Circle One):

a. Bright moonlight — April 30th
b. Dull moonlight
c. No moonlight – pitch dark
d. Don't remember — April 29th.

9. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

CLOUDS (Circle One):

a. Clear sky — April 30 / April 29
b. Hazy (overcast but dark when first sighted)
c. Scattered clouds
d. Thick or heavy clouds

WEATHER (Circle One):

a. Dry — April 29 & 30
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 — April 30 - also solid
b. Transparent
c. Vapor
d. As a light — April 29 that turned on & off three times when first sighted.
e. Don't remember

11. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? (Circle One):

a. Brighter — April 30th.
b. Dimmer
c. About the same
d. Don't know

11.1 Compare brightness to some common object:

April 29 Very bright at first - then dull as sky became lighter as the light itself changed. I have described which happened.

12. The edges of the object were:

(Circle One):
a. Fuzzy or blurred
b. Like a bright star, but not twinkling like a star.
c. Sharply outlined
d. Don't remember
e. Other — April 29. Serrated edge of bright red light, star.

13. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

a. Appear to stand still at any time?	April 29 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 — turned light on & off three times - while over. That was April 29
f. Change shape?	Yes	No	Don't know
g. Flash or flicker? — April 30 red green lights	Yes	No	Don't know
h. Disappear and reappear?	Yes	No	Don't know

I — Move & maneuver, right, left, up & down in spurts, short bursts. — Yes April 30th. - disappeared.

14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how?

April 29th - I had to get my children ready for school, so had no idea when or how it disappeared.
April 30th - Watched it either disintegrate or become translucent.

15. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): April 29th (No) Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it ~~moved behind~~: Not while I was watching - I was in and out, putting on coffee etc in the house.
April 30th - no

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: April 29th - same answer as above.
April 30th - no

17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

a. Sound April 29th — no sound.
" 30th — " "

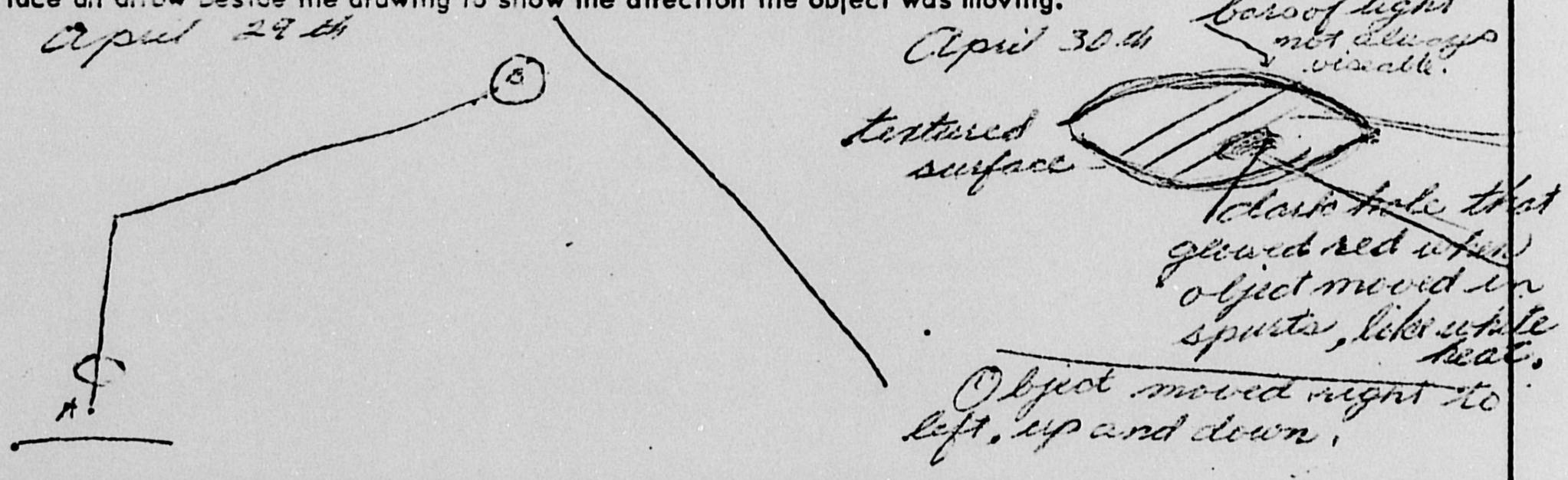
b. Color April 29th — white light, red, greenish blue possibly.
30th — same as above.

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?

April 29th - [redacted], possibly 1/8.
April 30th - appox. 1/8

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? _____

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 — April 30th
d. In an airplane (type)
e. At sea
f. Other In my garage, opening the door. April 29th

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 Lincoln Village is out of Sacto. City limits, in more G. less open countryside; near an airfield.

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?

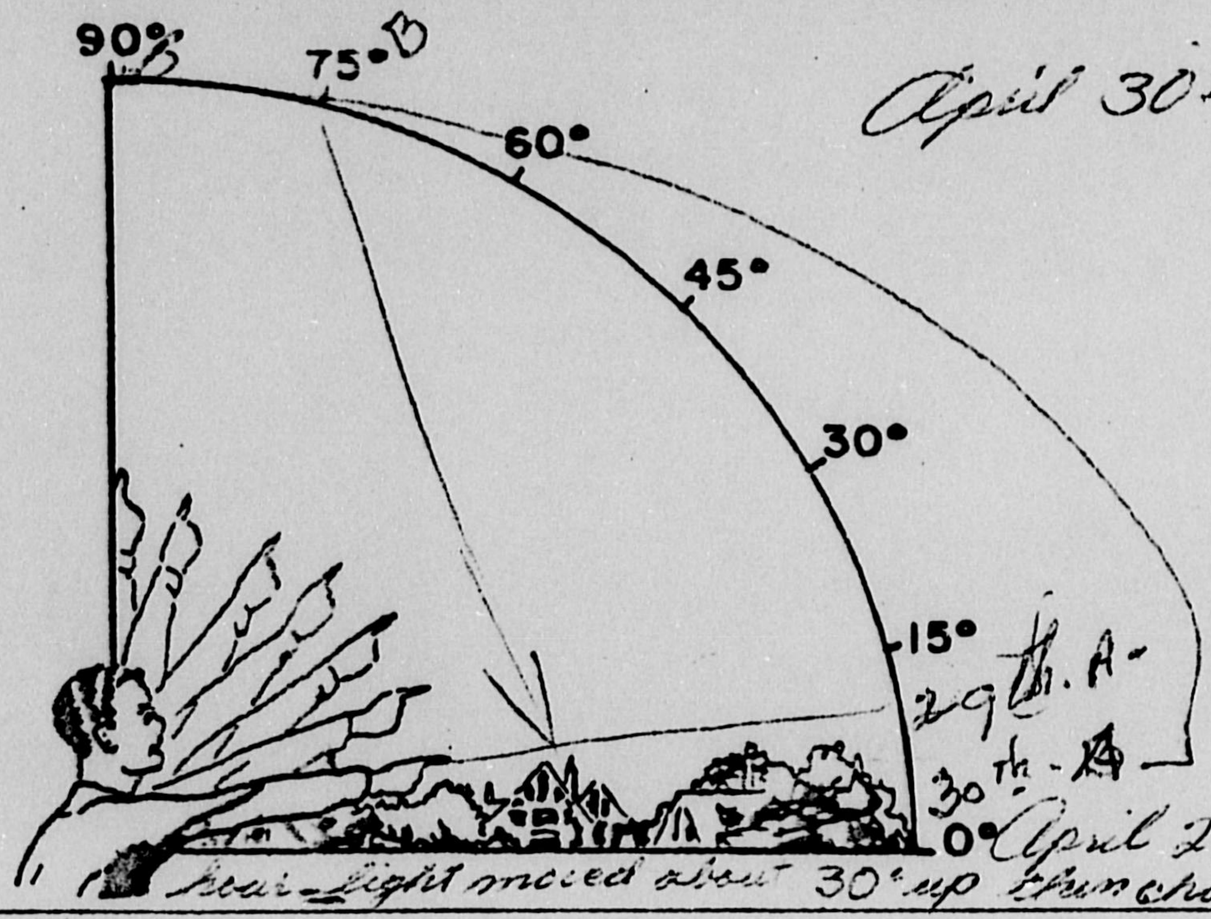
a. Eyeglasses	Yes	(No)	e. Binoculars	(Yes)	No	
b. Sun glasses	Yes	(No)	f. Telescope	(Yes)	No	Opera (small Bausch & Lomb binoculars) April 30 only.
c. Windshield	Yes	(No)	g. Theodolite ?	Yes	(No)	
d. Window glass	Yes	(No)	h. Other What is a theodolite!			

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.

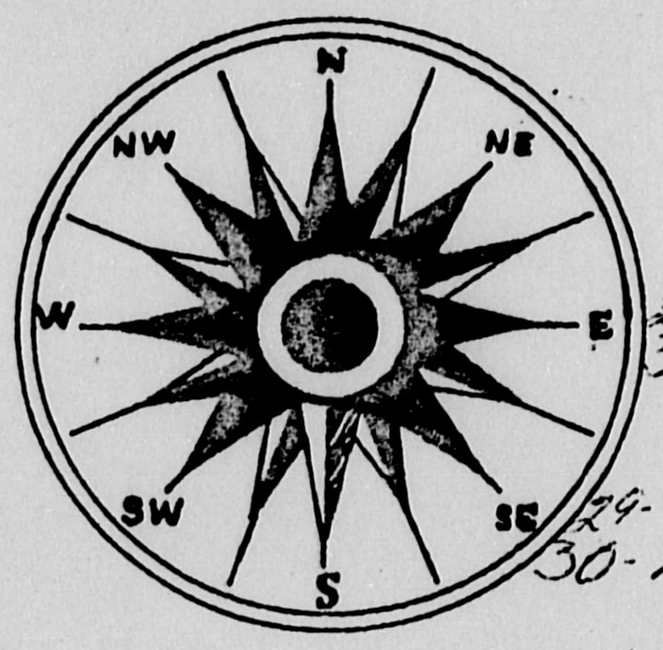
April 29th
I have no idea - just a round white light. about as large as an egg. or golf ball.

April 30th
Large as orange with naked eye.

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.



April 30 - SE to E



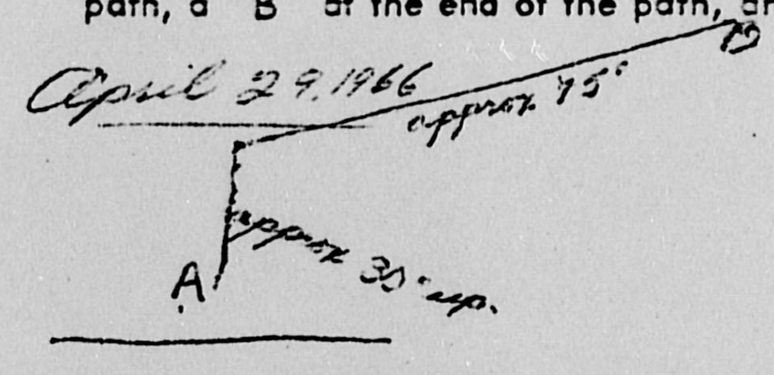
29 - A
30 - B

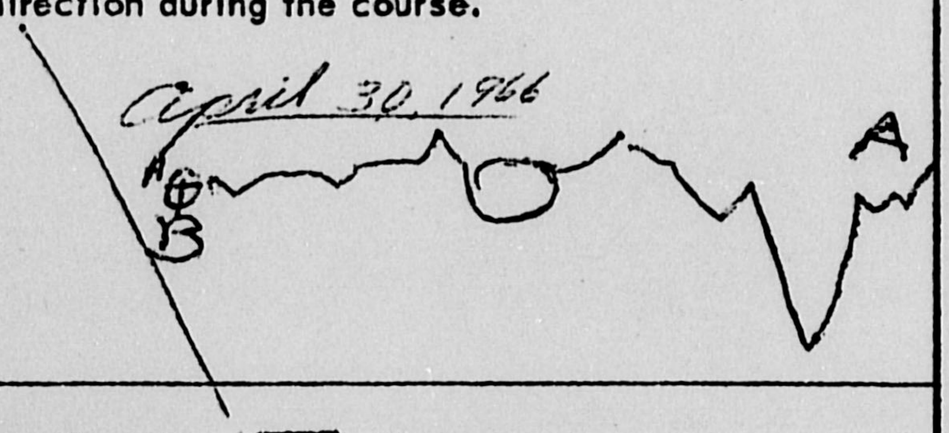
29 - B
30 - A

29th - A -
30th - A

April 29th - 10° up when first sighted on one boat - light moved about 30° up then changed course moving right of it to S.E.

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:

April 28, 1966 – [redacted] Sacramento, Calif. 95827

April 30, 1966 – [redacted] Sacramento, Calif. 95827

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

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

ADDRESS [redacted] (Street) Sacramento (City) 95827 (Zone) Calif. (State)

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted] AGE 29 SEX F.

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

Last week on May 18th while taking clothes off the line (that I had been to busy to get earlier) my son Wayne and I saw what we believed to be an airplane. It was a large white light with a smaller red blinking light - moving straight up. We thought it odd than an airplane could fly straight up and watched the object for a moment longer. Suddenly a little red thing fell out of the object toward earth - we ran in the house and I called my neighbor - who was sleeping - her son answered the phone - moments later we heard fire engines (this was approximately ten p.m.) - in the direction of Mather and watched with other neighbors, as a huge fire spread in the middle of a field across the street from us, directly across from Mathers fuel storage tanks and approximately in the direction of the white light I had seen a few minutes earlier.

33. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object? Mather C.F.B. & Mr Clellan – on April 29 & 30. I did not report above object.

30 (Day) April (Month) 1966 (Year)

34. Date you completed this questionnaire: 23 (Day) May (Month) 1966 (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.

April 29, 1966

I woke up early this particular morning, went out into our garage and opened the door to let in a little fresh air - our house is a duplex with garage opening into kitchen. It was still dark outside and the only star visable was over in the direction of Mather A.F.B. I looked thinking how very bright and beautiful this light was. I looked again in that direction and stopped ~~[illegible]~~, because the star blinked on and off three times and seemed to be moving up. This turning off was not the graduation of a cloud passing in front of a star - it was a sudden and complete on and off. I thought then it was possibly the light from Mather tower or something to do with Douglas aircraft which is not far off. The last thing I thought of was a UFO and even then laughed at the idea - but there it was moving up. I called my neighbor over and she watched it move up and had no idea of what it might be either. I watched a while longer, then had to get busy with morning duties - children off to school ect. That was the end of that. Later in the day I told another neighbor Mrs. Del Mamol about the strange light. She said we would watch for it the next morning and see if it came again. April 30. —

About 4:15 a.m. in Mrs. Del Mamols yard I saw the object (light) again. It was in a completely different course, direction than it had been the morning before. It rose over the backyard fence and continued to rise at a fast moving pace, till it seemed it found its position. It remained there blinking its light, moving about in an erratic manner for a long period. Then it once more began to change course and move in spurts and throws of red flame and white

heat, casting a blueish green light. After a period of watching, it dissapeared from sight.

I believe in what I saw, but I do not believe I am qualified to say if this was an outer-space object, or something experimental from earth. Hope the information will be of some help.

Thos [redacted]

ASTRO (S/P)

June 28, 1966

FTD (TDEW)
Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

Project Blue Book

Dear Sir,

In regards to the enclosed letter. This is the second copy you have sent me. I completed the forms sent last month and see no reason to fill them out again. I have no more information on the sightings than was stated on the origional form.

Mather AFB, obaerved one of the "whatever it was", on April 29 and 30, 1966. They should be able to give you any more information you may need.

If there is anything else I can do (other than fill out forms) please let me know.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

RANCHO CORDOVA, CALIF 0500-0600 (L)
29-30 Apr
29/1300Z - 30/0100Z

FTD (TDEW)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433
23 June 1966

[redacted]
Rancho Cordova, California 95670

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Reference your unidentified observations of 29 and 30 April 1966. The information which we have received is not sufficient for evaluation. Request you complete the attached FTD Form 164 and return it in the envelope provided. We wish to thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

Sincerely,

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

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1. COUNTRY.

2. SUBJECT: Report of UFO

3. ISC NUMBER:

8. REPORT NUMBER:

9. DATE OF REPORT: 30 April 1966

10. NO. OF PAGES: 2

11. REFERENCES:

4. DATE OF INFORMATION: 30 April 1966

5. PLACE AND DATE OF ACQ:

6. EVALUATION: SOURCE _____ INFORMATION _____

7. SOURCE:

12. ORIGINATOR: Mrs [redacted] Way, Rancho Cordova, Calif

13. PREPARED BY: Harold W. Comstock, Operations Br
Scty & Law Enforcement Division
McClellan AFB, California

14. APPROVING AUTHORITY: Duane Delsland
for JOHN R. ARMSTRONG, Major, USAF
Chief, Scty & Law Enforcement Divisic

15. SUMMARY:

(Leave Blank)

Mrs Jean Miller, above address, called Operations Branch at 0754, 30 April 1966, to report by telephone, the following:

1. Description of object:

a. Shape: round and flat
b. Size compared to object at arms length: baseball
c. Color: yellowish white - no blue
d. Number: one
e. Formation: none
f. Discernible features: textured, rough looking surface, diagonal streaks or lights, dark spot in center
g. Tail, trail or exhaust: definite whitish red trail; trail visible when object moved
h. Sound: none
i. Dates and time sighted: between 0500 and 0600 hours, 29 and 30 Apr 66

2. Description of course of object:

a. Attention of observer: just looked up and saw it
b. Angle of elevation and azimuth: approximately same height of Mather AFB Control Tower; northerly direction from complainants residence
c. Flight path and manuevers: would hover, go right, go left, but movement was mainly up and down
d. Length of time in sight: approximately 1 hour each day
e. Manner of disappearance: obscured by clouds and rising sun

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3. Manner of observation: ground, visual

a. Optical aids: 10 power telescope and army type binoculars

16. DISTRIBUTION BY ORIGINATOR:

AFSC (FTD),
Wright-Patterson AFB

17. DOWNGRADING DATA:

18. ATTACHMENT DATA:

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DD, FORM 1 SEP 62 1396

REPLACES DA FORM 1049, 1 AUG 60, OPNAV FORM 3820 (Rev 10-61), AF FORM 112, JUL 61, WHICH MAY BE USED UNTIL 1 JAN 63.

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4. Time and date of sighting: 0500 to 0600 on 29th and 30th April 1966.

a. Light condition: dawn

5. Location of observer: [redacted], Lincoln Village, Rancho Cordova, California

6. Identification of Observer: Civilian housewife, Mr[redacted] Way, [redacted] Village, Rancho Cordova, California. Home phone: [redacted]

7. Weather and wind report by Base Operations for period of sighting:

a. Clear visibility 10 miles plus, wind -330 degrees - 5 knots on 29 Apr 66
b. Clear visibility 10 miles plus, wind at 120 degrees, 6 knots, 30 Apr 66
c. Very little if any cloud cover
d. No known thunder showers in the area

8. Unusual conditions which might account for sighting: none

9. No identification or interception was taken at time of sighting

10. No air traffic in area at time of sighting

11. Report compiled by Sgt Harold W. Comstock, Operations Branch, Security and Law Enforcement Division, McClellan AFB, California. Possible sighting may have been the planet Venus or possibly some flare or light from the nearby Mather AFB.

12. Existance of physical evidence or existance: none

RANCHO CORDOVA, CALIF. 29-30 APR 66

FTD (TDEW)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433
18 May 1966

[redacted]
Lincoln Village
Rancho Cordova, California 95670

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Reference your recent unidentified observations of 29 and 30 April 1966. The information which we have received is not sufficient for evaluation. Request you complete the attached FTD Form 164 and return it in the envelope provided.

We wish to thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

Sincerely,

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

FTD (TDETR)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433
2 September 1966

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Sacramento, California 95827

Dear Mrs. [redacted],

Reference your letter of 24 August 1966 regarding your unidentified observations in April 1966. As you were previously informed, we feel that Venus was responsible for your 29 April sighting. As for the 30 April sighting we are unable to offer a conclusive explanation. Venus could be a possible explanation, but considering the information on movement and description, this explanation is invalid. On 30 April Venus should have been observed along with the UFO, since it was rising at about 0430 hours, as was the case on 29 April. As such, we cannot reach a valid conclusion, and your 30 April sighting is being categorized as unidentified.

I regret our misunderstandings and I wish to thank you for your time and your consideration.

Sincerely,

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

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Mrs. Hall from Base Ops, Mayther AFB, ext 2414 will call regarding the observation of 30 Apr 66. The only thing as far as reports go was -

They had a call on the 30th of Apr but it was not regarded as a UFO - nothing more on this.

Mrs. Hall is going to check it out and see if she can find out anyth kind of activity in the area that might match up. She is checking the fird department also.

Good!
GF

Conversation of 28 Jul 66 with Mayther AFB, California, - Base Ops, Mrs. Hall, revealed that the Dispatcher at Mayther had received numerous UFO reports during March, April, May in the early morning hours with the same description. Investigation found fuel testing in Nevada. Looked like it went down into the fuel storage area. Went behind the mountains, gave this type of appearance. The fuel testing was being done at Jack Ass Flats, Nevada. Happened almost every morning during March, April and May. When Mrs. Hall finds the name of the personnel or company who were doing the testing she will send the address to us on a buckslip.

Mrs. Hall checked with the fire dispatcher and they had no fires in that area reported by Mrs. Miller on either the 29 - 30 April 1966.

Jackson Flats is a nickname and is approximately 550 miles East of Mather AFB. A large restricted area southeast of Tonapah, Nevada. They had no way of knowin g whether the testing was being done on the ground or by aircraft dropping fuel. Dispatcher did not know who informed him of the fact that it was fuel testing.

8 August 66

Conversation with Nellis AFB, Nevada. The fuel testing that takes over Jack ASS Flats is the burning of H_2. The flames reach an altitude of about several hundred feet. The flames could not be visible in Califorina.

FTD (TDETR)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433
2 August 1966

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Sacramento, California

Dear Mrs [redacted]

The phenomena which you have reported for 30 April 1966 has been checked. We checked with the Fire Department at Mather AFB, California and they had no record of a fire on the morning of 30 April.

It appears that you observed fuel testing which took place over Jack Ass Flats, Nevada which is near Tonapah, Nevada. Mather AFB had many such reports that were determined to be fuel testing.

I wish to thank you for bringing the 30 April 1966 evaluation on your sightings to our attention.

Sincerely,

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

FTD (TDETR)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433
19 July 1966

[redacted]
Sacramento, California 95827

Dear Mrs[redacted]

Please excuse the delay in answering your inquiry. Due to our heavy workload at the present time, I have just had the opportunity to provide you with the results of our findings.

An evaluation of your sighting was made and our conclusion is that your and your neighbors observed the planet Venus, as it was rising in the east. On 29 April 1966, Venus was rising at an azimuth of 110 degrees and an elevation of 15 degrees. There would be movement toward the SE as the planet began to rise. Venus is the brightest of all the planets with Jupiter being next. Venus, at its brightest, can be seen in daylight and can cast shadows after dark. In the past, both Venus and Jupiter, when low on the horizon, have been observed to change color and move at fantastic speeds, when viewed through haze or mist. Venus appears low on the horizon, during the spring and is unusually bright. If one stares at this planet for any length of time without any balancing point of reference, it can appear to perform erratic maneuvers.

I feel sure this is an explanation of what you saw. You mentioned that "the object was like a bright star but was not twinkling like a star". This further substantiates the Venus conclusion, since planets are seen because of the sun's light illuminating their surface.

Thank you for your interest in Project Blue Book.

Sincerely,

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

August 11, 1966

FTD (TDETR)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

Hector Quintanilla, Jr. Major, USAF
Chief, Project Blue Book

Dear Sir,

In regards to your most recent correspondence, I cannot believe it. You have all the reports and statements I have sent and yet you must ignore them. I said nothing whatsoever about a fire on April 30, 1966. You would have to completely overlook my first statement and the long forms I filled out to send me such a letter as I have just received. The fire occured at a later date, not April 30. If you refer to the first form I filled out, you will see this.

This is the first time in my life that I have ever seen a UFO, or whatever it was. I have never had the time or interest to be bothered with such speculation. I thought I would be doing my duty as a citizen and loyal American to report this phenomenon, regardless of what would be said. I can see by the tone of your last correspondence, just what you comply to and how such matters are handled . I place no blame on anyone, you being one man in an exclusive position, having quite a small staff, I am sure. To try and satisfy the public's fears and safeguard the country from any unknown dangers, not knowing just exactly what all UFO are, is an enormous responsibility. However, this does not help my position and I hope I do not receive any more correspondence in this same trend.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

California 30 April 66

FTD (TDETR) mls
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433
22 August 1966

[redacted]
[redacted]y
Sacramento, California 95827

Dear Mrs. M[redacted],

Reference your letter of 11 August 1966 regarding your observation on 30 April 1966. We felt that we had a logical and scientific explanation to your sighting, however, we are now quite confused since receiving your latest letter, which states that you did not say anything about a fire on 30 April. In your letter of 23 July 1966 you asked about the fire which you observed on 30 April. In your original report on the sighting of 30 April you speak of a red flame. We thought this was the fire to which you were referring to in your letter of 23 July.

In order that we may avoid confusion and any misunderstandings on your sighting of 30 April, we would appreciate your completing a new FTD Form 164. Request you complete it to explain what you observed on 30 April and only for 30 April, to avoid confusion. By taking this case seperately, the analysts will be able to study your sighting carefully and scientifically. Therefore, request you disregard our evaluation on your 30 April sighting since a new comprehensive analysis will be performed.

Sincerely,

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

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Cy of ltr, 23 Jul 66
FTD Form 164 w/envelope

July 23, 1966

FTD (TDETR)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

Hector Quintanilla, Jr. Major, USAF
Chief, Project Blue Book

Dear Sir,

I have just received your letter dated July 19, 1966. It was in reply and conclusion to my UFO sightings on April 29 and 30, 1966. It is very specific on the April 29 sighting, but has no mention of April 30, or the red object that caused a fire.

The object on April 30, was not moving toward the SE, as was the April 29 object. It was seen by several very reliable people and was not a fantasm of mass hallucination. I would appreciate some reply on this April 30 sighting.

Also, the white object that dropped a little red, whatever it was....followed by an immediate fire. The local fire dept., here could give no known cause for the fire. It was not a fire started by a careless passerby, or motorist, I am sure. This fire started in the middle of a vast field, known as Mather Pitts. It was in a very dangerous location, being right across the street from Mather AFB and huge fuel storage tanks. My son was the first to see the white object float down and called my attention to it. It went back up after dropping the red object and then the fire started.

I accept your conclusions on the April 29, 1966 sighting. It was fascinating to watch and certinally beautiful. However I am still in doubt about the other and the white object that floated down certinally was not a planet.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Mrs. [redacted]
Sacramento, Calif. 95827

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August 24, 1966

FTD (TDETR)
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Chief, Project Blue Book

Dear Sir,

In regards to your letter of August 22, 1966. There certainly has been a misunderstanding.

As I have mentioned before, I accept your conclusions for the April 29, 1966 sighting. The planet Venus rising in the East. However, you made no mention of the next sighting, April 30, when the mentioned object did not rise in the East and followed a very erratic pattern. I had absolutely no idea what to think about that.

Now on the fire. This was a third and seperate sighting and I thought this was understood. It was observed at a later date. I added it on page six of the FTD Form 164. I read quickly and listed it under a "special experience, being pertinent" I see that it is not pertinent to the April 29 and 30 sightings but then it was certinally of some importance. I thought it should be included in the report as a separate occurrence. Would you please check the FTD form again. I am sure I wrote the fire in as happening at a later date.

I reported the April 29 and 30 sighting and was sent only one form. I assumed you wanted me to squeeze it all onto this one form. If not I should have been sent two forms.

On my July 23, 1966 letter, I mentioned the April 29 sighting in the first paragraph. The April 30, in the second and the white object that dropped something red and the fire in a third and seperate paragraph. I was sure you had understood there were three sightings.

Now about your request to fill out the FTD form again. I could not in all honesty fill it out again and be accurate. The sightings were quite a while back and I am sure I could not remember all the longitudes, time of day ect. You will have to take what I have already written on my origional form.

I have no illusions about UFO, feeling there is a practical and sound explanation for just about everything. I was just curious in reporting what I did see. Tell you what- I won't look "up" again, if you promise, not to send me any more forms to fill out.

Most Sincerely,

[redacted]

GOODFELLOW AFB, TEX.

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10,000 TIMES BRIGHTER THAN STARS

Meteor's Fiery Death Scare

25 APRIL 56

NEW YORK, Apr. 26—(AP)—A vivid fireball, described by scientists as a meteor, flashed across the sky last night, exciting thousands from the eastern seaboard to Ohio.

Dr. Thomas C. Nicholson, chairman of the Hayden planetarium, called the object an exceptionally bright meteor that left a multi-colored, glowing vapor trail. He said it was probably 10,000 times brighter than the brightest star at night.

ASTONISHED viewers reported sighting the flaming object from the Carolinas to Toronto and as far west as Ohio.

The object touched off a sensation at the height of its journey as thousands scurried for telephones. Some of the callers seemed entertained while others appeared frightened.

Police switchboards in dozens of communities were swamped with reports of a jet airplane crash and flying saucers.

While there were unconfirmed reports that the object or parts of it had landed, most astronomers believe that it probably disintegrated during its flight.

THERE WAS no clear agreement on the size of the object.

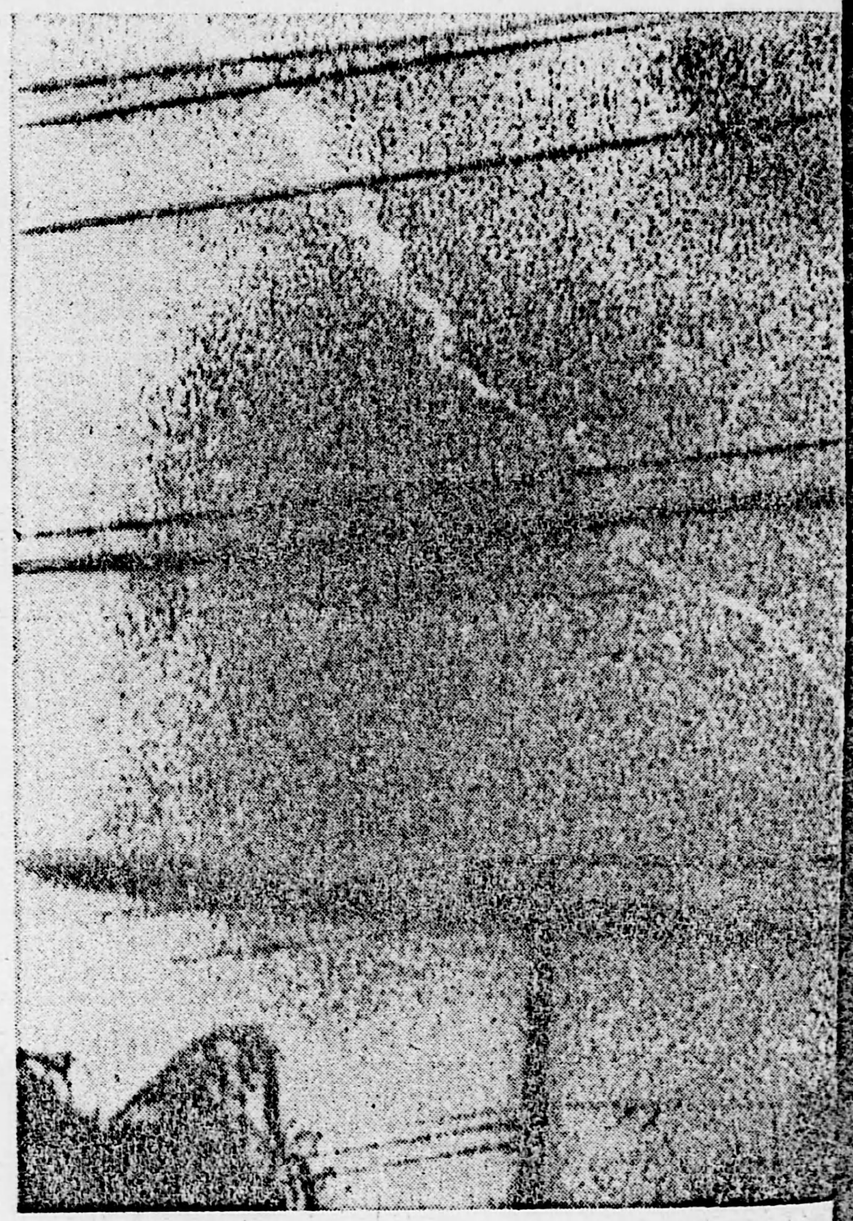
Dr. Nicholson, who said the fireball probably was moving 35 miles a second at an angle of 75 to 80 degrees to the earth in the western sky, estimated that it was perhaps "several hundred pounds."

But Dr. Fred L. Whipple, director of the Smithsonian Astrophysical observatory in Cambridge, Mass., said:

"It was a meteor which must have been less than the size of a football."

A spokesman for the U.S. Naval observatory in Washington said the object was probably not a man-made satellite, as some believed, because none was scheduled to re-enter the atmosphere.

SOME SCIENTISTS speculated that the object may have been a bolide, which is a type of meteor that burns itself out more slowly than other meteors as it enters the



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Most reports said the object turned from white to green and traveled in a north-northwest direction, perhaps as high as 40 to 80 miles above the earth at its initial sighting. Other reports said it had a yellow-orange glow but these were generally attributed to the effects of the sunset on the object.

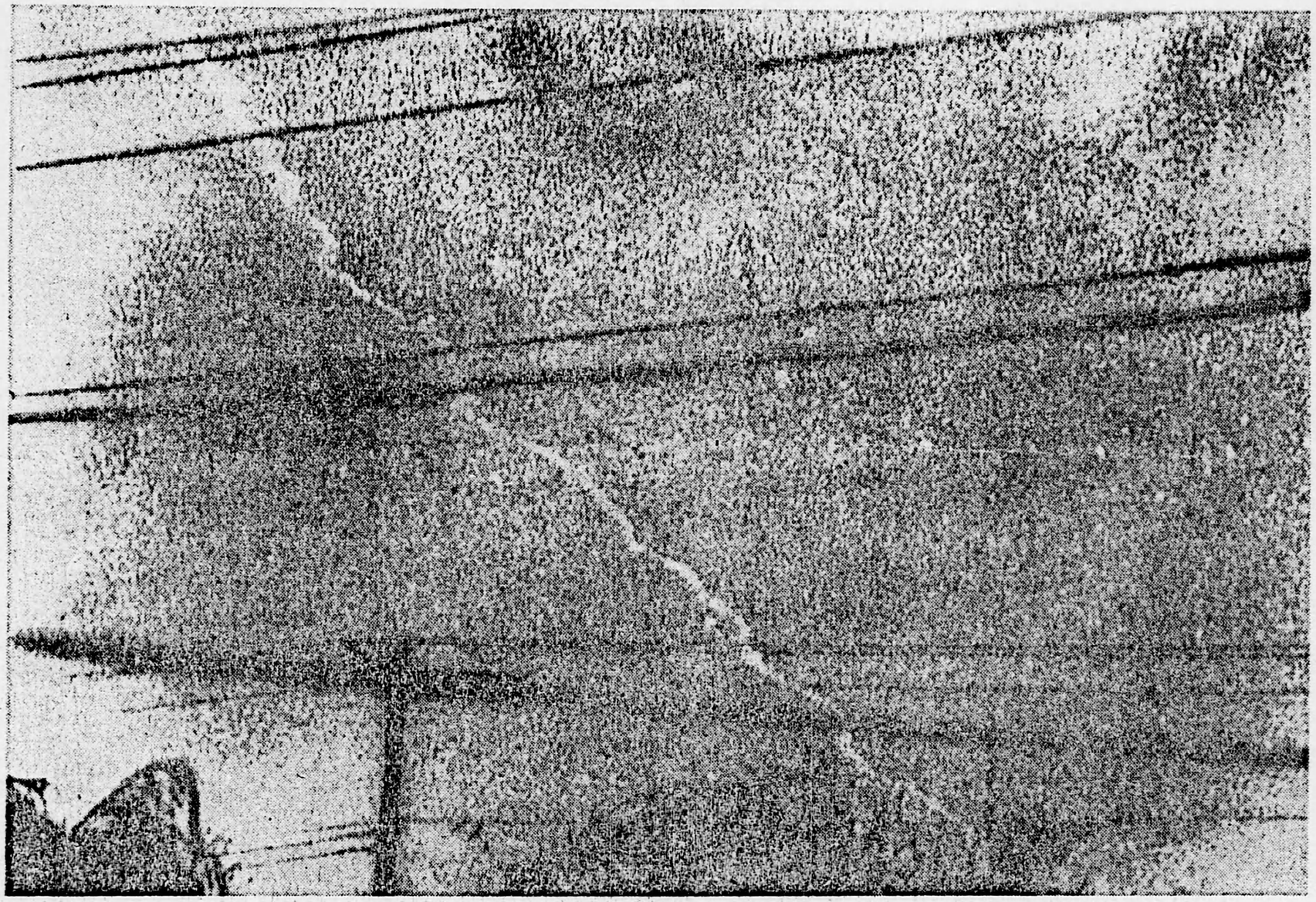
A path of fluorescent gases trailing the object was reported visible for as long as 10 minutes in some areas.

AN ASTRONOMER said today a flaming object, believed to be a meteor, may have either disintegrated or plunged to earth near the U.S.-Canadian border in upper New York state.

Dr. Curtis Hemingway, director of the Dudley observatory, Albany, N. Y., said the object was last sighted southeast of Montreal and northwest of Plattsburgh, N. Y., after thrilling thousands from the Carolinas to New England as it streaked across the northeast sky.

Hemingway said it would be "most important" to find any parts of the object if it came to earth to test it for radiation, although he indicated there was little to fear from the object.

Hemingway also said a sonic boom heard over the Albany area three to five minutes after the brilliant blue, green and white object was sighted apparently was caused by the object entering the earth's atmosphere at supersonic speeds.



Contrail of Flaming Meteor That Raced Over Northeastern United States; Halo Upper Part of Picture Is Watermark

DAYTON DAILY camera NEWS

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INFO Only Apr 22

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., APRIL 22 (AP)-JACKSONVILLE RESIDENTS DON'T NEED FLYING SAUCERS, THEY HAVE GEORGE THE GHOST.

FOR THREE STRAIGHT NIGHTS POLICE HERE HAD TO DISBAND LARGE GROUPS OF GHOST HUNTERS AT EVERGREEN CEMETERY.

THE APPARITION IS DESCRIBED AS ABOUT THE SIZE OF A MAN, DRESSED IN WHITE AND TOPPED BY A WHITE CLOUD.

PATROLMAN W. D. LEE SAID OFFICERS THOUGHT IT WAS JUST A NEW FAD BY THE YOUNGSTERS UNTIL HE TALKED TO ADULTS WHO SAID THEY'VE SEEN GEORGE, TOO.

THE CROWD SWELLED SO MUCH THAT LAST NIGHT THE MINISTER OF A NEARBY CHURCH COMPLAINED TO POLICE THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT TO CONDUCT A REVIVAL SERVICE BECAUSE OF THE NOISE.

ONE UNNAMED INFORMANT, WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE INSIDE INFORMATION, SAID TWO HIGH SCHOOL BOYS OPERATING IN A LARGE OAK TREE WITH A TANK OF HELIUM CONNECTED TO A LARGE BEACH BALL COVERED BY A SHEET ARE THE SECRET TO THE APPARITION.

POLICE COULDN'T CONFIRM THIS EXPLANATION, BUT THERE WERE HINTS THEY PLAN TO CHECK IT OUT IF GEORGE APPEARS AGAIN.

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Another UFO Mystery Ends in Ohio

Utica OD-20 Apr 66

WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE, Ohio (AP) — Sheriff's men of two counties "captured" a massive flying object on farms 15 miles apart last evening, and souvenir-hunters came away with material evidence too.

Hard on the heels of the recent flurry of UFO reports, things began falling from the sky along about 5:35 p.m. The mystery this time was short-lived — the objects proved to be parts of an Air Force balloon and instrument package for high-altitude scientific research.

A military spokesman at Holloman AFB, N.M., where the contraption was launched, probably last month, kept some aura of mystification, however, by insisting nature of the research is classified.

A 4,500-pound "payload" apparatus 15 feet tall descended under a red-and-white parachute on Frank Hays' farm a half-mile north of here, with a big balloon attached.

At about the same time, another balloon 150 by 50 yards when stretched flat, fell onto Mrs. Charles Schleich's acreage over in next-door Pickaway County. It had three devices attached.

Sheriff Don Thompson's Fayette County office here and Sheriff Dwight Radcliff in Circleville were bombarded with calls as the objects wafted down. Deputies, with crowds of sightseers in their wake, converged on the two farms.

e UFO form continued

30. Have you ever seen this, or a similar object before. If so give date or dates and location.
I have never seen a similar objects before. However, the same objects reappeared briefly on the night following the sight sighting.....

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: and Mrs. ; (younger brothers) Scarsdale, N.Y. also and , and Mrs. , Scarsdale, N.Y.

(?) - Apartments next to the Golden Horseshoe shopping center, Scarsdale, N.Y.----

after calling the REporter's Dispatch(newspaper in Scarsdale) I found that other people had seen the same sight.

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

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

ADDRESS [redacted] (Street) New York (City) (Zone) N.Y. (State)

at time of sighting I was at 92 Morris Lane South, Scarsdale, New York

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted] AGE 16 SEX Male

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

I have flown many miles(commercially) and am interested in avaiation. I am familar with most known conventional aircraft and can say that what I saw was not anything I have seen prior. Further, I have studied 'trig' and am familar with methods of obtaining distances and speeds through triangulation. I am fairly sure of the facts which I have given and as far as I am concerned they are the absolute truth. I have fairly good vision and my hearing(as well as the others) is excellent. We attempted to obtain pictures of the objects on the second night using a good 35mm camera and tri - ex film. The negatives, commercially developed, unfortuneatly showed nothing. My spelling and typing, however, are very poor and I hope you will forgive them.....

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

21 (Day) 4 (Month) 66 (Year)

To the Reporter's Dispatch Newspaper, Scarsdale, N.Y. (possibly White PLains, N.Y.)

UFO form continued

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? 300 - 400 MPH. Perhaps 1,000 MPH when it sped away the second night(April 22, 1966).

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? It manuvered through a cove of stratus clouds which were at about 3,000 feet that night.

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?
xx g. Other in a fairly well populated suberb of New York City.

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.		

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.

Such would very difficult. I doj't think I have ever seen similar objects of known identity. The objects were solid, and yet they glowed. They glowed with an intenese but not florescent glow. It manuvered through the cloud cover with guidence and appearent intelligence. It is unlike anything else we saw before. (I was accompanied by other witnesses who concured).

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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)*:

X a. None
b. A few
c. Many
d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON *(Circle One)*:

a. Bright moonlight
b. Dull moonlight
X 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
X d. Thick or heavy clouds

WEATHER *(Circle One)*:

XX 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)*:

Y a. Solid
b. Transparent
c. Vapor
X d. As a light
e. Don't remember

It was a glowing solid, in appearence.

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

No stars out that night, due to clouds. Objects were brighter than stars are when they are out.

11.1 Compare brightness to some common object:

Object brighter than street lamps and car lights...

12. The edges of the object were:

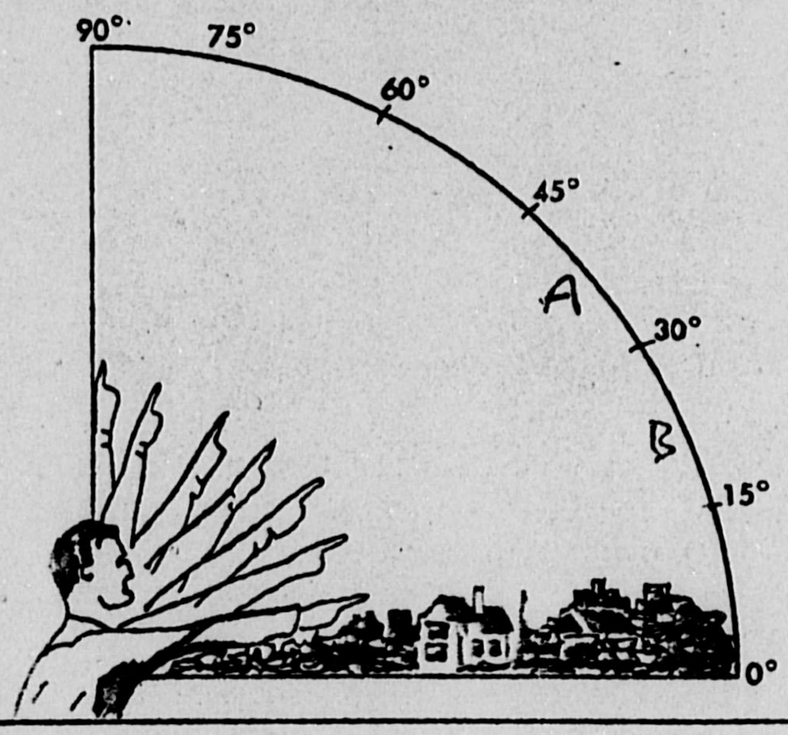
(Circle One): a. Fuzzy or blurred
b. Like a bright star
c. Sharply outlined
d. Don't remember
e. Other Because object was in and out of clouds it it was difficult to see edge as it really was.....

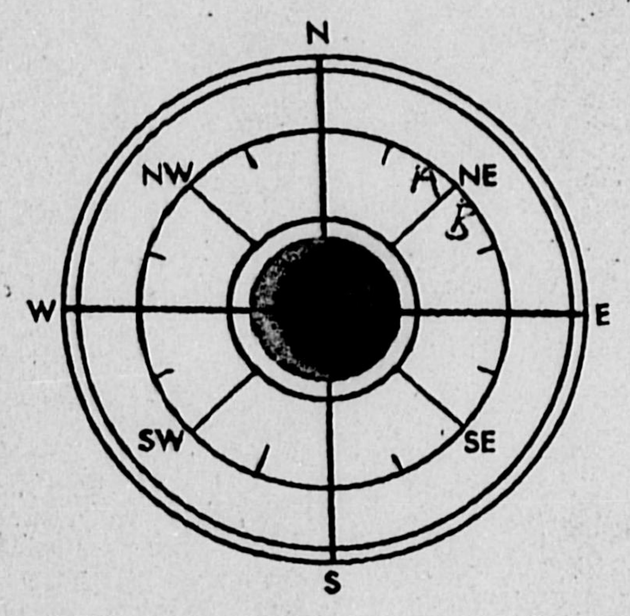
13. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

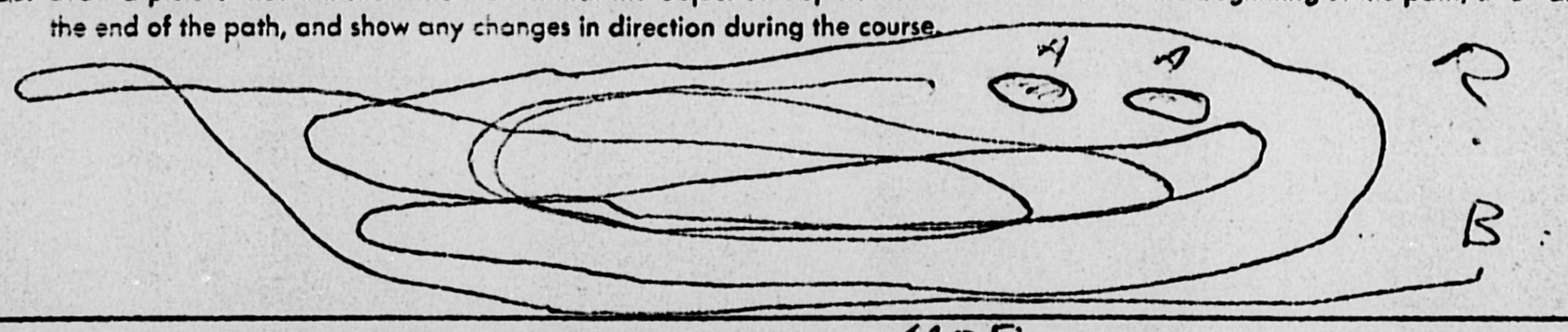
a. Appear to stand still at any time?	Yes	No	Don't know
b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?	Yes	No	~~Don't know~~
c. Break up into parts or explode?	Yes	No	Don't know
d. Give off smoke?	Yes	No	Don't know
e. Change brightness?	Yes	No	Don't know
f. Change shape?	Yes	No	Don't know
g. Flash or flicker?	Yes	No	Don't know
h. Disappear and reappear?	Yes	No	Don't know

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 when you *last* saw the object.



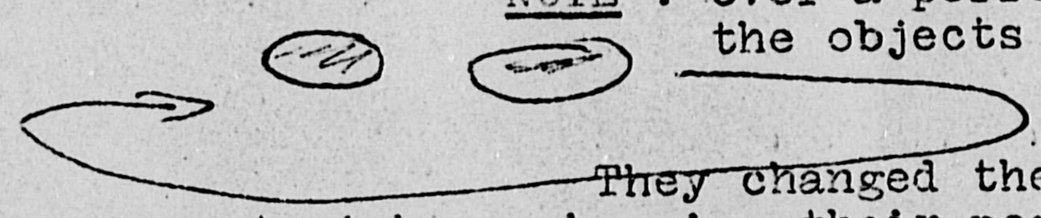


28. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.



29. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? yes

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



NOTE : over a period of some 2 hours the objects manuvered in circular and semi - circular paternms. They changed their course and at times flew straight , changing their position and their distance between each other. They even changed altitude and manuvered btween clouds. They were, it seemed,'observing' the city below and were simply manuvering as would any craft, though they executed turns far too sharp for convent ional aircraft and helicopters. There was, again, no noise at all. When a plane came over during the sighting it was easily seen, heard, and differentiated.

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34. Date you completed this questionnaire: 31 (Day) 3 (Month) 67 (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 the sighting I contacted the newspaper mentioned and at that point wrote down the information which I thought important. Because of fear of ridicule and my wish not to be conected with a 'sighting' I kept the story between myself and the other witnesses. At this time however I have been persuaded by friends and relatives to tell and report this sighting. The facts seem to indicate that this object may have been caused by a light of some sort. We checked the various local airports and they were not using spot lights that night. Further, we were able to find that their were no gas station or store openings which might also use lights for various reasons. [illegible] I am contacting you without telling the other witnesses who do not know that I am reporting this. It occured to me that they would not like it but I am sending this in, just the same.

Refering to the objects: They at times were as close as one shiplength (about 200 feet?) and at other times were as far appart as eight or nine shiplengths. I can not tell you of the feeling one gets when one sees an object of this sort. It is a combination of fear and wonder, unlike anything else. I have since become interested in the UFO phenomena and have tried to obtian some information. It is unfortunate that little complete and sound reports are available, but I hope that this will be of som e help to you. Thank you for your time, etc.

[redacted]

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14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? As I remember it, during its manuvers from cloud to cloud, did not re-emerge one time and was then not seen again till the next night when it appeared for a few minutes and then sped 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: clouds as I have said. It also moved between them, through, and under them. This made observation somewnat difficult.

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: It moved in front of clud cover. However, it seemed to 'enjoy' staying behind or imbetween clouds as it did not stay in front of clouds for long periods.

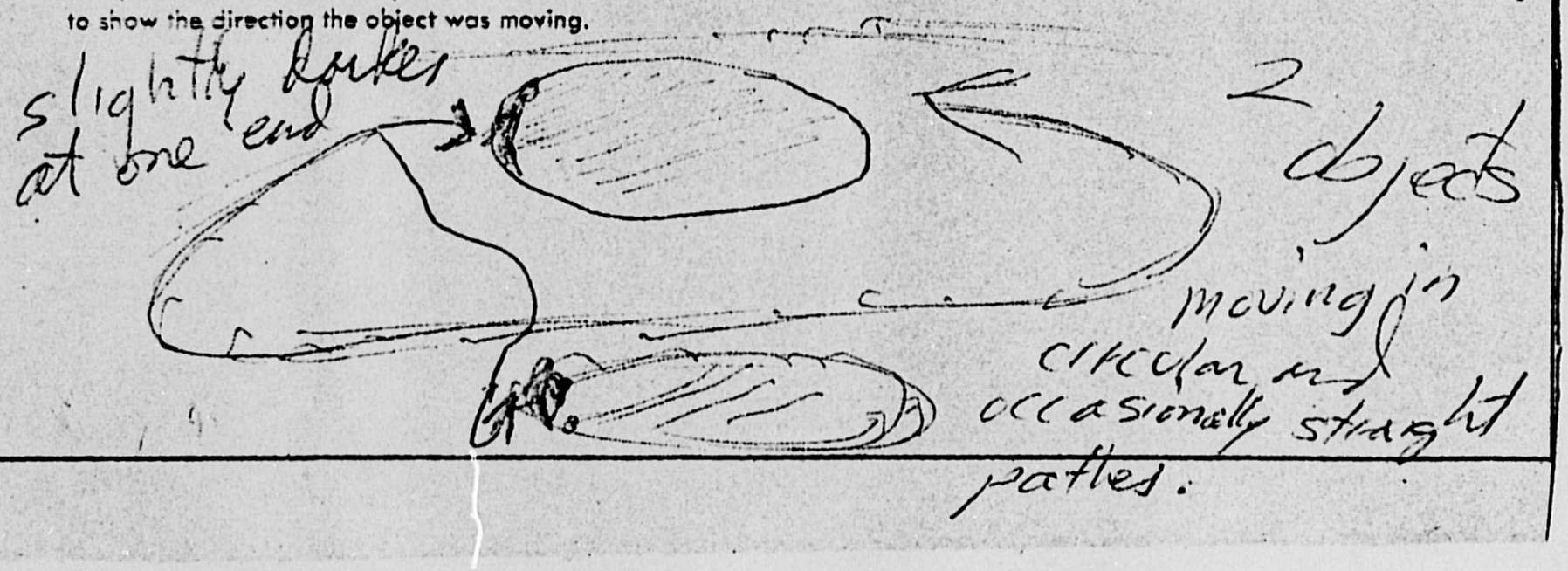
17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

a. Sound ABSOLUTLY no sound at all. A plane past over during observation and it was heard.

b. Color aull white, when in and under clouds

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? The match head would not cover very much. A ~~fixdx~~ fist held at arms length just about covered it.

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.



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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?

21 (Day) 4 (Month) 66 (Year)

2. Time of day: 7 (Hours) 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) SCARSDALE (City or Town) NEW YORK (State or County)

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration) 2 (Hours) 15 (Minutes) XXX (Seconds)

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

5.1 How was time in sight determined? WRIST WATCHES

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes _____ No XX

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

FORM FTD OCT 62 164 This form supersedes FTD 164, jul 61, which is obsolete.

19 Apr
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ON HEELS OF CHASE

Beaver Co Times 19 Apr 66

Ad Plane Causes Another UFO Flap

Another "flying object" was reported to several Beaver County police departments by many Beaver Countians Monday night, but it is now believed the object has been identified.

The reports came on the heels of the Sunday morning high-speed chase of an unidentified "flying object" from Ohio to Conway by police.

The strange object sighted Monday night over Beaver County was a private airplane with an illuminated advertising message under its wing.

The plane has been seen over the county advertising various county businesses in the past, and was reported seen flying around Monday night. The plane also uses a siren to [illegible] tion.

At a distance the dark plane is indistinguishable except for the lights of the advertisement which move from one side to the other.

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MEANWHILE, investigation continues on the Sunday morning chase from south of Akron to Conway of a strange, bright white object that was clocked by police cruisers at 103 miles per hour.

William Weitzel, Pittsburgh, member of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), a private UFO investigating agency, remained in Ravenna, Ohio, throughout Monday investigating the reports by the two deputy sheriffs Dale Spaur and W. L. Neff, who tracked the object.

He planned to return to Ravenna today to continue checking with Mantua Police Chief Gerald Buchert, who snapped a picture of the object from some distance.

Spaur said he talked Monday with Maj. Hector Quintanilla, head of the Air Force's "Project Blue Book" at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

Project Blue Book is charged with official government investigation of UFO's.

Spaur said he was surprised

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that Quintanilla didn't get into much detail of the sighting in his interview with Spaur.

It also was reported that the Air Force has requested Chief Buchert to send his pictures to them at Wright-Patterson.

Although members of several private UFO investigation groups interviewed the Ohio men personally, it was reported that no government officials had been in Ravenna.

Utica-Rome Area Buzzin' Over Illusive UFOs

Utica Observer-Dispatch - 17 Apr 66

By PETER CALISCH

Something is playing hide-and-seek with us above our heads at night in the Mohawk Valley. Whatever it is, Griffiss Air Base and Mohawk Airlines personnel—across the Valley from each other west of Utica—would dearly love to spot it.

What they'd do then is an unanswered question.

Flurries of reports of unidentified flying objects (UFOs), many along the dark Erie Canal, have come in to police, newspaper, radio, television and military sources within the past month.

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THESE REPORTS intensified last week, along a canal area a mile west of the huge air base, in Rome.

● A young couple watched in awe as a "boomerang" with flashing lights hovered 100 feet above them.

● A week later, Upper West Thomas Street neighbors gazed curiously at flashing lights hovering over the canal for almost three hours. Though Griffiss later denied it, they saw planes from the air base trying to find it. The UFO would duck out of sight, and reappear when the planes left.

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UFO SIGHTINGS throughout the Mohawk Valley cropped up after a wave of reports swept from faraway Michigan earlier in the month. That doesn't mean a thing to Kenneth A. Peck, 21, of 117 River St., Rome, and his girl friend Carol Broskay, 16, of 518 S. George St. in that city.

"I know what we saw," Peck said, **"and I'm not nutty. This boomerang had three lights, whitish, bluish-green and red. It looked dull-colored, like a piece of machine metal. There wasn't a sound, except for a muffled whine. It wasn't a plane or a helicopter."**

He said the thing had a diameter of 85 feet and a spread of 25 feet. When they approached it over the canal, it glided east toward Utica, 100 feet above their heads.

Said Mrs. Broskay: "They were quite excited. My daughter's not the imaginary kind. She's too down to earth."

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THE COUPLE'S report has been relayed to the Foreign Technology Division at Wright-Patterson Air Base, Dayton, Ohio.

So may Frank Rossi's who, with his West Thomas neighbors, gazed goggle-eyed through binoculars at UFO lights that changed from white to green to orchid to red every 20 seconds. He called Rome police twice, and the air base.

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He, too, said it seemed about 100 feet up in the sky. "It wasn't going anywheres, until those planes came by with their big lights. That thing had stood there, oh, about 1½ hours, and seemed like it dropped 20 to 40 feet." When the planes left, back came the colors.

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GRIFFISS spokesman denied they were tracking UFOs, nor had base personnel seen any "that we know of." They said six reports had been sent to Dayton within a month from area residents, the most in years.

Mohawk spokesmen also denied their pilots or others flying had seen UFOs on routes to and from Utica. "But we'd sure like to," one said. "It would be a tremendous thing."

Griffiss approaches UFO questions cautiously, following Air Force policy. But its thousands of airmen, civilians and officers are buzzing over the reports.

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● "I've been flying 25 years," an aide said, "and I've never seen anything. But I've been hoping to. I've seen rocket cases come back into the atmosphere and burn up; they're pretty weird. What disturbs me is that highly qualified people see these other things."

● Another: "Many years ago I chased a UFO in an interceptor out of Chicago. I never saw it, just a blip on the (radar) screen. We're shooting things into space. Maybe they're shooting things back at us."

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A MOHAWK AIDE recalled that, after World War II, an American general in Japan hinted the U. S. was experimenting with top-secret vehicles. There was never a further word about that, he added.

"So many things from the days of Buck Rogers in the comics have come true," he said. "Why not the saucers?"

Probe of 'Flying Saucer' Reports

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May Be Only Way to Learn Truth

Police say that the "big red ball" seen in the Schenectady area Thursday evening was a hoax, but, prank or not, it probably will not dim public interest in UFOs (unidentified flying objects). It has not in other places—California, for example, where earlier this month four California Institute of Technology students gave Pasadena area residents a scare with plastic balloons with red flares dangling from rotating blades. The West Coast continues to be one of the busiest "flying saucer" areas.

What about UFOs? People have been talking about them for two decades. Reports conflict. Some obviously are myths, figments of the imagination of people who apparently believed what they wanted to believe. The Air Force has investigated every sighting reported to it, and by the end of 1965 had checked on 10,147 incidents. Last year, there were 886. The largest number was 1,501 in 1952, but 1966 may set a record at the present rate of reports.

Last week, for example, a Hillsdale County, Michigan, civil defense official, said the wavering red, white and orange lights he saw through binoculars "definitely came from some type of vehicle." On the same day, an Air Force electronics instructor in Oklahoma described a "fish-shaped object" that he watched for 30 minutes and photographed.

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REP. GERALD R. Ford of Michigan, the House minority leader, has proposed a congressional study. He thinks the House Science and Aeronautics Committee should review the "flying saucer" situation, calling in as many creditable witnesses as it can find.

Since the Air Force has revealed little in its reports and admits that more than 600 objects remain "unidentified," perhaps this is the only way fact can be separated from fancy.

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IT IS EASY to laugh at those who believe they have seen saucers. But always it has been easy to ridicule that which does not seem explainable or logical. The Wright brothers were considered very odd fellows 60 years ago by those who said they could prove that man never could fly. And, as late as 1956, members of a British Royal Commission were labeling the idea of sending men into space "as too uncertain of success to be considered as a national program."

'UFO' Seen Flying Over Schenectady

Sentinel
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SCHENECTADY, N.Y. (AP)—A "big red ball" flew over this city Thursday night and more than 50 residents told city police that they saw it from altitudes ranging from a mile high to "a few hundred feet above my house."

(Griffiss AFB received a number of calls about the object.)

A Schenectady newspaper, however, reported today that it had learned the object was a helium-filled balloon, with a 30-minute flare-fuse attached to it.

The newspaper did not name who the pranksters might be or how it discovered the trick.

A newsman for Radio Station WGY, in Schenectady, said he saw the object for about 10 minutes before it burst. He described it as similar to the showering of a roman candle firecracker. This, police said, would have explained the attached fuse.

John Hamilton, a police officer, said he answered about 50 telephone calls between 8 and 9 p.m. from residents who reported seeing the object.

Police said today they did not plan to investigate the incident.

M/R Received a call from a gentleman from Springfield at 0805, 1 April 1966. He wanted to know if we had been out to the wheat field out by Springfield that had been scorched. Told him we didn't know anything about it. He said it was on the front page of the paper yesterday evening in Springfield. The man had reported it to the ~~Air~~ Sheriff. The sheriff told the man he didn't have time to go out and investigate it. Wanted to know if we were going to do anything about it. Sgt Jones replied that the Air Force can not do anything until the observer reports it to the Air Force. The genetleman said, Oh, well I guess I'll go up and tell my neighbor about it cause it was in his field.

Flying Saucer Analyst Quits After 9,000 Cases

FAIRBORN—Sgt. David Moody, 43, of 1344 Ironwood dr., here, has quit investigating flying saucer reports. After studying records of some 9,000 unidentified flying object cases over nearly five years, he resigned Thursday from the investigation office at Wright-Patterson Air Force base.

Moody says that while some cases are unexplainable, he has seen no evidence at all that the earth is being visited by flying saucers from outer space.

He retired after 20 years of service in the Air Force and U.S. Navy but plans to continue working for the Air Force as a civilian. A native of St. Louis, he got into the UFO probing business because of his psychology background and experience in Navy and Air Force intelligence.

On his assignment here, he helped set up files on the UFO cases reported to the base and took part in on-the-scene investigations of some of the puzzling cases.

One of the most puzzling cases of his career, Moody says, was the flying saucer sighting April of 1964 in Socorro, N.M. which is still unsolved.

Lonnie Zamora, a city policeman, reported seeing an egg-shaped object on the desert in central New Mexico. When he approached, the object rose and flew away, he reported.

Helicopters and practice lunar landing modules from nearby White Sands Missile range were ruled out but investigators were unable to come up with a satisfactory explanation.

Two girls near Lansing, Mich., last June presented another puzzler with observation of a mystery light that looked like a lighted goldfish bowl.

The analyst thinks it was a small patch of ground fog that drifted across a road from a neighboring pond.

Several hoaxes came up last year, Moody said, including photos taken by a man in California and a fake "launch site" in New Jersey.

"But on the whole, the reports come 90 per cent from sincere, honest people who are just curious to find out what they've seen," he added.

Moody has been analyst, evaluator and right-hand man for Maj. Hector Quintanilla, the man in charge of Project Blue Book at the air base.

Last year, of some 900 cases, only 19 remain unknown, he said. The sightings were identified as planes, balloons, satellites, missiles, lightning, birds, meteors; or other known causes. Perhaps 100 or so can't be categorized because of insufficient data, he said.

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"Burned" Spot-Was It A UFO?

Did one of those unidentified flying objects land near Springfield?

That question was posed Thursday after Charles Schneider of 3383 Middle Urbana rd., discovered a strange "burned" spot 12 feet long in his field of winter wheat at the northeast corner of Villa and Middle Urbana 'rds.

"It wasn't this way over the past weekend," Mr. Schneider said. "It was sudden and it first was noticed Tuesday afternoon. In the center it was actually burned and was scorched and dry. There wasn't a bit of wheat leaf left. Out of the center and toward the edges, though, the little bit of leaf that was left was wilted and brown and was very dry.

"There wasn't a trace of any kind of ash around, or any moisture of any kind," he added. "Frankly, it has me stumped, but I imagine there should be some scientific way of finding out what has happened."

Mr. Schneider pointed out that there were no tracks except his own around the brown spot in the otherwise green field.

He said, "I've never seen anything like it in my 57 years of farming.

"Darned if I know what caused it. I don't want to say it was one of those UFO things. But what in the deuce would cause something like that?

"I didn't find any acid containers or anything like that near the "burned" spot which might have caused the "burn," he said. There were no pieces of metal or other debris in the field indicating that the spot might have been caused by an object dropped from a plane.

He attributed the strange markings to "excessive heat," which he said could have drawn up the earth in the center of the browned area. The earth at the center of the area has the appearance of having been freshly cultivated.

"Maybe the chemists could say what's in this," he said pointing to limp brown leaves of the wheat plants and the loose earth. "They can do just about anything these days."

Meanwhile a number of Springfield area residents observed "strange objects" in the sky over Springfield Wednesday about 8 p.m., with others from 7 night. Most of the sightings were to 8:30 p.m. This marked the seventh day that UFO's had been seen in or near Springfield.

Air Force investigators said the Wednesday night light was the Echo II satellite.

Mr. Schneider said his wife discovered the "burned" spot in the wheat field Tuesday night. He said he took her home and returned to investigate.

"It was dry then," he said. "We've had some showers along the way."

He couldn't say how long the spot had been there, but said he hadn't noticed it before and believes it must have been "put there or have come to be" Monday night.



Charles Schneider of 3383 Middle Urbana rd. examines the odd "burned out" spot, 12 feet long, in the center of one of his wheat fields. "I never saw anything like it before in my 57 years of farming," he said, wondering if it could have been caused by an unidentified flying object.

"I called the (Clark County) Sheriff Wednesday," he said. "But they told me they were too shorthanded to investigate."

Mr. Schneider reported he found pieces of what might have been a porcelain insulator at the base of a nearby utility pole. The pole, however, had all its insulators, and Mr. Schneider said possibly the pieces could have come from broken crockery.

But he was unable to find any explanation for the seared portion of his wheat field.

"I just don't know what could have caused it," he repeated. "If the Air Force wants to find out anything about it, you can give them my address," Mr. Schneider said.

Mrs. Madeline Berg, 814 Catherine st., said the strange light she watched from 7 to 7:15 p.m. Wednesday was similar to an object she saw last Friday night about the same time.

"It was too bright to be a star," she said.

Mrs. Berg saw the UFO from U.S. Route 40 between South Vienna and Springfield near Bird rd. She said cars were stopped along the highway watching the strange object, which appeared to have "a dark stream behind it." It was a bright white light at first, then disappeared from view and a red or orange red light appeared, she said.

Also describing the object as being brighter than a star and moving rapidly from south to north were Reg Snider, 12, of 617 Mead lane, his father, Reginald Snider, Don Gunther, 12, of 115 Lincoln av. and Police Division Patrolman Carl Rose.

The Sniders observed the object from 7:58 p.m. to 8:07 p.m., as did young Gunther, who is an amateur astronomer, sharing his hobby with the younger Snider. Patrolman Rose said it was sighted at various times during a 45-minute period in which he was cruising the north side of the city.

Mrs. Richard (Barbara) Gibson, of 2706 Dorothy lane, said she and her daughter, Barbara, 12, observed at 7:45 p.m. Thursday a "bright orange object quite high in the sky about the size of the moon."

The pair watched the sight for several seconds until it disappeared. The object, Mrs. Gibson said, appeared to be tumbling although it followed a straight pattern.

Heyden Calls Saucer Tales 100 Percent 'Hallucinations'

The dean of Washington area astronomers yesterday gave a perfect mark to recent reports of flying saucers—100 percent "hallucinations."

The Rev. Francis J. Heyden of Georgetown University said "I think they are seeing things." But he also predicted that reports of the saucers "will doubtless increase."

Heyden, in his 21st year at Georgetown, said he believes "the phenomenon of flying saucers is 100 percent imagination."

He said "no one has ever seen a flying saucer," and added he does not believe the people who claim they have seen saucers and space men.

"You can't question these people and get a real good answer," the 58-year-old astronomy professor said. He said none of the reports can be translated into "any interpretation of anything."

He expects reports of saucers will rise with the increase of satellites, weather balloons, space ships, and other vehicles launched into outer space.

In fact, Heyden confessed, "Some time ago I thought I had made a discovery. I could see this queer-shaped object floating around, but when I finally got a good telescope fix on it, I discovered it was nothing more than a deflating weather balloon."



THE REV. F. J. HEYDEN

Heyden said he is convinced there are no other beings in our solar system and that the distances to other systems would appear greatly to reduce the possibility of travel to earth, even at great speeds.

The closest star outside our solar system, Alpha Centauri, is 4½ light years away, Heyden said. Even at speeds as high as 50 miles a second, which is twice the earth's orbit speed, it would take thousands of years to get to earth from Alpha Centauri, he said.

He said he does not believe man ever will get to outer space for the same reasons.

After man reaches the moon, he could land on Mars, although he must take everything including his atmosphere with him and could reach Venus, but could not land there because of its heat, Heyden said.

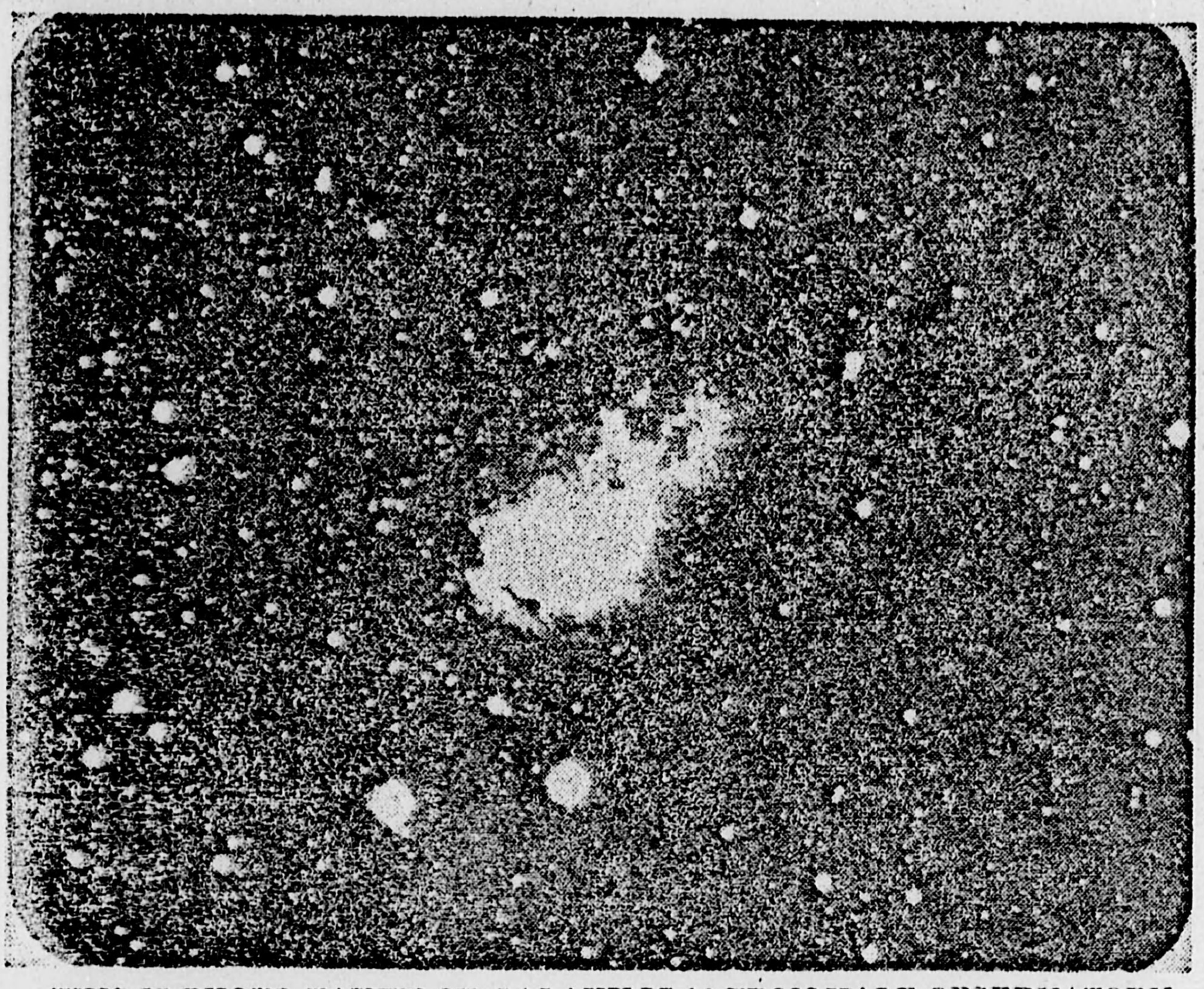
But space travel to our solar system's other planets is greatly limited because of the many years required to reach them. A round trip to Pluto would take about 80 years, he said.

Heyden, a widely known astronomy professor who is generally recognized as the dean of Washington astronomers, said he believes the glamor of space flights has overshadowed great benefits from weather and communications satellites.

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By United Press International

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RESPONSE by U. S. radio astronomers to the recent Soviet proposal was lukewarm at best. American scientists are too busy trying to solve more immediate problems — such as the nature of the so-called peculiar galaxies which radiate incomprehensibly vast amounts of electromagnetic energy from incomprehensibly great distances.

Although scientists generally agree life must be fairly abundant in this and other galaxies, not all are confident that something like man has evolved elsewhere.

Retiring 'Project Blue Book' Sergeant Explains Flying Saucer Mystery Away

TSgt. David N. Moody, an Air Force investigator of recent Unidentified Flying Objects around Ann Arbor, Mich., retired from the Project Blue Book office of Foreign Technology Division.

The Michigan sightings were, however, a small percentage of those Moody has analyzed during almost five years at the UFO headquarters on Wright-Patterson. Since 1947, more than 10,000 sightings have been filed with the Blue Book office. Moody evaluated all of those made in the last four years and reviewed all others except those in 1952.

When necessary he has gone to the area of the sighting to gather additional data for identification of the unidentifiable. Of these firsthand encounters with "mystery" objects, Moody reports that he has never seen any he couldn't explain . . . even swamp gas.

Paradoxically, Moody says he believes in UFOs, but explains the apparent contradiction as one of semantics. "UFOs are the planets, mirages, meteors, stars, satellites, kites, and swamp gas," he said, "that are reported as flying objects, but cannot be identified immediately to the observer. Flying saucers are those crafts commanded by the green men from Mars. They do not exist.

"No one has ever come forward with proof of interplanetary visitation. In spite of all these reports (886 last year) the fact that we can explain such a significant number (870) leads us to believe that if we had more information in detail we would be able to explain them all.

"Almost all the reports we received," Moody said, "are objects, lights, or some sort of phenomena that the person has seen and misinterpreted. These misinterpretations stem from some known or conventional object that—because of psychological reasons, atmospheric conditions or unfamiliarity with phenomena—a person observes and identifies incorrectly.

"But I don't mean psychological in a negative sense. In these sightings we are dealing with perception and optics, what we see and how we see it. Also with motivation, suggestibility and a person's predisposition to see things, not with his intellect or integrity. Basically he is telling the truth—exactly what he thought he saw. Reports are by honest, sincere people."

Moody has an academic background suited to working with people and their reactions to UFOs. In addition to an bachelor of arts in psychology from Drury College, Springfield, Mo., he completed a year of graduate work at the University of Southern California. A native of St. Louis, he was assigned to study UFOs because of this psychological background and his experience in Navy and Air Force intelligence.



TSgt. David N. Moody

Moody believes that many people don't take the time or trouble to notify anyone of sightings, and that many don't know that the proper reporting center is the nearest Air Force base. "Instead of contacting the local base, they call the FAA, a control tower, or an airport," he said.

Air Force regulation spells out how sightings are to be handled. The nearest base to the sighting conducts the initial investigation. If the object is immediately identified as a known or conventional one, no report is required to be forwarded. Only if the object cannot be explained is the data sent to W-P.

"For every one report we get," Moody said, "probably 10 have not been forwarded. But once the report does reach us, the research facilities and personnel of the entire Air Force are at our disposal to investigate physical objects—glass, paper, photographs—associated with the objects. We also send items to private industry for analysis by professionals in their specialized fields.

"We keep all reports ever submitted here, and evaluate them. If a report doesn't contain enough information for us to reach a conclusion, we request more information from witnesses or the reporting officer. This was the case in the Michigan sightings.

We also put additional investigators on the Michigan case because of the total number of sightings. Dr. Hynek couldn't physically handle the numerous reports, so four more persons—Maj. Quintanilla, myself, and two airmen from Selfridge AFB—were sent."

(Maj. Hector Quintanilla is the project officer of the Blue Book investigations. Dr. J. Allen Hynek, a Northwestern University astrophysicist, is the AF consultant on UFOs).

"We also had many reports in the Ann Arbor area that were not swamp gas, and those had to be investigated. However, the general sightings that triggered the others were the swamp gas ones. And, by the way, this was only the third incident of swamp gas being reported as a UFO since 1948."

Moody welcomes further press reporting of the sightings. "Many times," he said, "the newspapers will publish the sighting and the detail, but not the explanation—because it isn't newsworthy or sensational. Just a meteor or a picture of Venus. People are left with the idea that the Air Force didn't bother to explain it."

Hoaxes? Moody says that only four of the reported sightings last year were hoaxes. The Air Force has no means to take action against perpetrators. That is a matter for civil authorities.

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FROM : Amembassy RIO DE JANEIRO

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SUBJECT : Unidentified Flying Objects

REF : DEPCIRC telegram 2116 SCI

The information contained in the reference telegram was circulated immediately to the Consulates pursuant to instructions. The following developments may be reported:

1) The press of May 3, 1966 (Jornal do Brasil from its correspondent in Pôrto Alegre) carried an item to the effect that a flying saucer had been sighted by thousands of persons in various small cities of the State of Rio Grande do Sul. It was described as a luminous object, throwing flames, similar to a jet airplane. It seemed to come from the Brazil/Argentine frontier and to proceed in the general direction of Pôrto Alegre.

This sighting is quoted as having taken place at 2300 hours local time on Saturday, April 30. It was reported by the Air Attaché of the Embassy, unclassified EPTO No. 0480 of May 1966, with copy to the Department of State.

Another communication advised that we were attempting to obtain more information from military and civil authorities in that area and to confirm the date and time of the report cited. These efforts brought no additional information whatsoever, not even confirmation of the sighting by authorities.

2) O Globo of May 3 quoted its correspondent in Curitiba, State of Parana, to the effect that on the evening of May 2 hundreds of persons in Ponta Grossa had seen a great number of blue and red spots in the air above the city, causing an impression of a rain of colors, none of which

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May	New Bedford, Massachusetts	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
May	Alaska		Insufficient Data
May	Fort Pierce, Florida		Insufficient Data
May	Hunington, West Virginia		Insufficient Data
May	Columbiana, Ohio		Insufficient Data
1	Holly, Michigan	[redacted] (PHOTOS)	Vis; Insufficient Data Photo: Lost before analysis
1	Lakewood, California	[redacted]	Aircraft
2	Pittsburg, Pennsylvania	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
3	New York, New York	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
3	Dayton, Ohio	[redacted]	Astro (VENUS)
3	Milledgeville, Georgia	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
4	Indianapolis, Indiana	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
4	Columbus, Ohio	Multiple	Satellite
4	Charleston, West Virginia	Multiple	Aircraft
4	Oxford, Ohio	[redacted]	Balloon
4	Long Island, New York	[redacted]	Satellite
4	Columbus, Ohio	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
4	Indianapolis, Indiana	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
4	Colubmus, Ohio	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
4	Fair Oaks, California	[redacted]	Aircraft
5	Colubmus, Ohio	[redacted]	Aircraft
5	South Jamesport, New York	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
5	Columbus, Ohio	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
5	Winter Park, Florida	[redacted]	Aircraft
5	Columbus, Ohio	Multiple	Aircraft
5	Colorado Springs, Colorado	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
6	Jackson, Ohio	[redacted]	Balloon
6	South Action, Massachusetts	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
6	Columbus, Ohio	[redacted]	Aircraft
6	Westhampton Beach, New York	[redacted]	Aircraft
7	Orlando, Florida	[redacted]	Aircraft
7	Columbus, Ohio	[redacted]	Astro (ALTAIR)
7	Ridge, New York	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
7	Goodfellow AFB, Texas	Military	UNIDENTIFIED
7	Columbus, Ohio	[redacted]	Astro (MOON)
8	New Carlisle, Ohio	[redacted]	Astro (MOON)
8	Macon, Georgia	Multiple	Aircraft
9	Norwood, Ohio	[redacted]	Aircraft
9	Orlando, Florida	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
9	Spring Branch, Texas	[redacted]	Aircraft
9	20.30N 176.52W (Pacific)	[redacted]	Satellite
10	Potsdame, New York	Military.	Insufficient Data
10	Dobbston, Ohio	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
10	Camdon, Ohio	[redacted]	Astro (ARCTURUS)
11	Leetonia, Ohio	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
11	Dayton, Ohio	Multiple	Astro (METEOR)
12	Lynchburg, Virginia	[redacted]	Other (CONFLICTING DATA)

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ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

DATE	LOCATION	SOURCE	EVALUATION
Summer	Rossville, Georgia	[redacted]	
3-5	Quebec City, Quebec, Canada	[redacted] (Ltr)	
1	Arlington, Ohio	[redacted] (Ltr)	
4	Niagara Falls, New York	[redacted] (Ltr)	
5	Belvidere, New Jersey	[redacted]	
6	Berwyn, Pennsylvania	[redacted] 164)	
14	Battlecreek, Michigan	[redacted]	