PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 23 Aug 66 · 2359Z	2. LOCATION Columbus, Ohio 2 witnesses
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Unidentified
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one then five	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observers watched a luminous white object standin; object in a fixed position for approximately 15 minutes prior to it spliting up into five different objects. These additional objects all streaked away toward the west. Everything was completely gone in about five seconds after the initial object broke up into the different smaller objects. The sky was clear and no stars were visible. Dr. Hynek personally interviewed the witnesses and feels that something unusual was indeed observed. He recommended that the case be made unidentified.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual Bx	
7. COURSE westward	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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

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?

23rd (Day) August (Month) 1966 (Year)

2. Time of day: 7 (Hour) 00 (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) COLUMBUS (City or Town) OHIO (State or County)

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration) 0 (Hours) 15 (Minutes) — (Seconds)

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

5.1 How was time in sight determined? I went out in the yard at 7:00 P.M. at the termination of a T.V. program I was watching. The object was there then.

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes ✓ No ____ It disappeared at 7:15 (by my watch)

6. What was the condition of the sky?

(DAY) — TWILIGHT — (NIGHT)

a. Bright - ALMOST TWILIGHT
b. Cloudy

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7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

SUN HAD ALREADY SET BEHIND TREES AND HOUSES

(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

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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)*:

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

STILL TOO LIGHT FOR MOONLIGHT - DON'T BELIEVE MOON WAS VISIBLE IN SKY AT THIS TIME.

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:

ABOUT 4 OR 5 TIMES BRIGHTER THAN BRIGHTEST PLANETS.

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 CIRCULAR.

13. Did the object: *(Circle One for each question)*

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

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

YES, AFTER STANDING IN A FIXED POSITION FOR THE 15 MINUTES OF CONTINUOUS OBSERVATION IT SUDDENLY SEEMED TO BREAK UP INTO 5 OR 6 DEFINITE PARTS WHICH ALL STREAKED AWAY TOWARD THE WEST LIKE INDIVIDUAL AIRCRAFT. THESE AND ALL OTHER TRACES OF THIS BRIGHT OBJECT COMPLETELY DISAPPEARED IN ABOUT 4 OR 5 SECONDS TIME. (I HAD MY ~~7X35 BINOCULARS ON THE~~ OBJECT AT THIS TIME.

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: BUT LOW SCATTERED STRATUS CLOUDS CAME BETWEEN ME AND THE OBJECT FOR BRIEF PERIODS OF TIME (ON A WEST BY NORTHWEST WIND)

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:

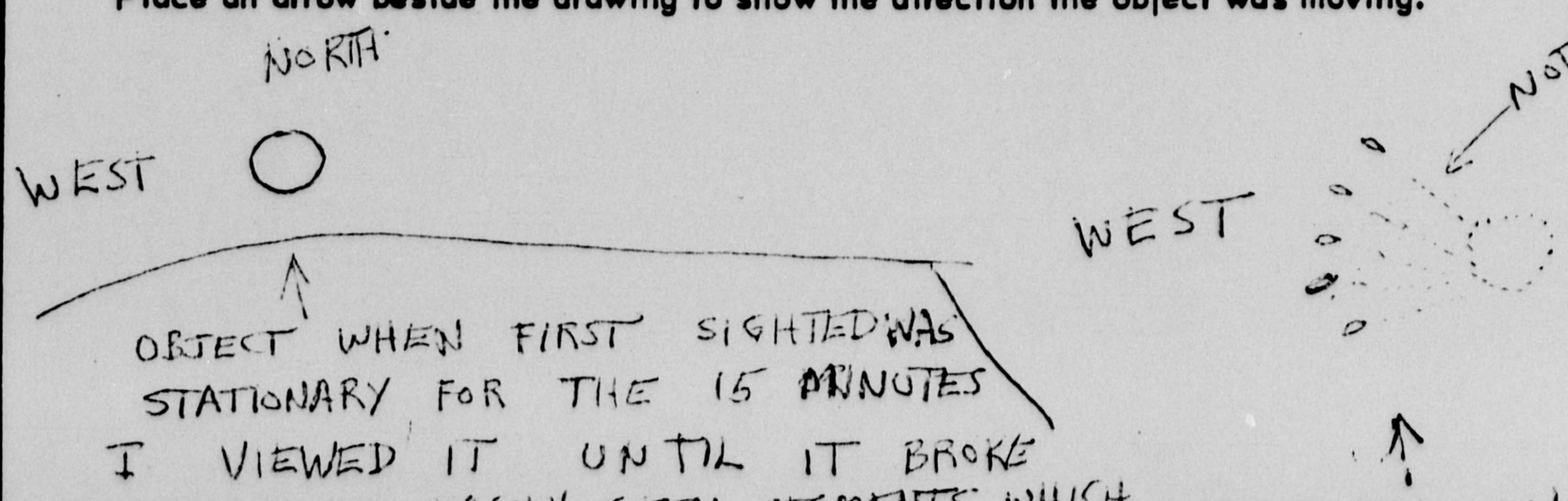
a. Sound ABSOLUTELY NONE DISCERNABLE.

b. Color LUMINOUS WHITE - LIKE A PLANET.

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 ENTIRE ROUND OBJECT WOULD HAVE BEEN JUST ABOUT COVERED.

19. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.



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? 10,000 FEET.

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 (NO) were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

24.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

24.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

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

(Circle One) Yes No

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

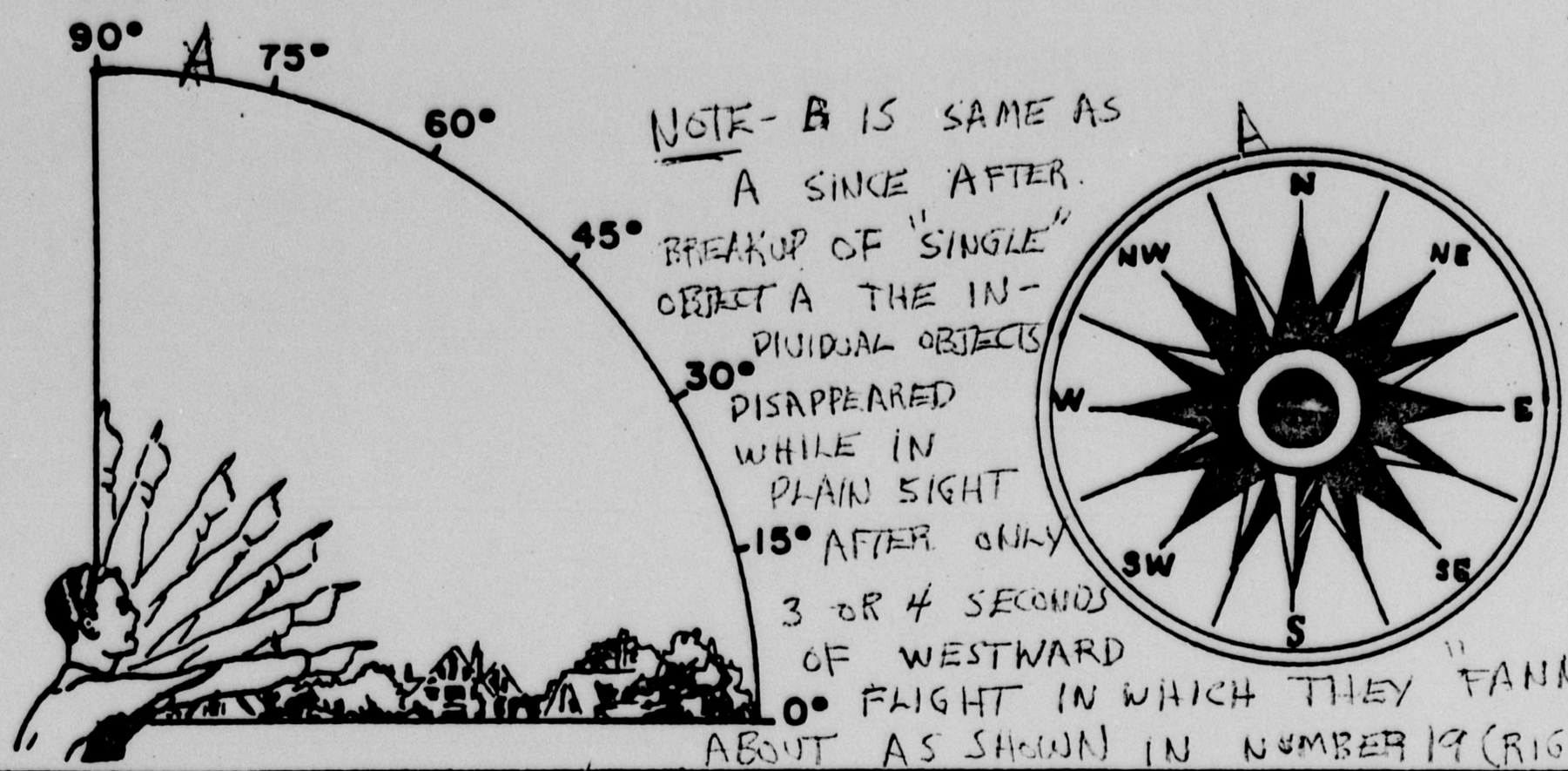
a. Eyeglasses	Yes	No	e. Binoculars	(Yes)	No
b. Sun glasses	Yes	No	f. Telescope	Yes	No
c. Windshield	Yes	No	g. Theodolite	Yes	No
d. Window glass	Yes	No	h. Other _____		

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

SEVERAL LARGE PLANETS (AT THEIR BRIGHTEST) JOINED INTO ONE LARGER ONE. I THOUGHT THAT I DETECTED (THROUGH 7 POWER BINOCULARS) A SLIGHTLY DARKER CENTER WHILE THE OBJECT WAS STILL IN ITS ROUND (ONE PIECE) PHASE. →

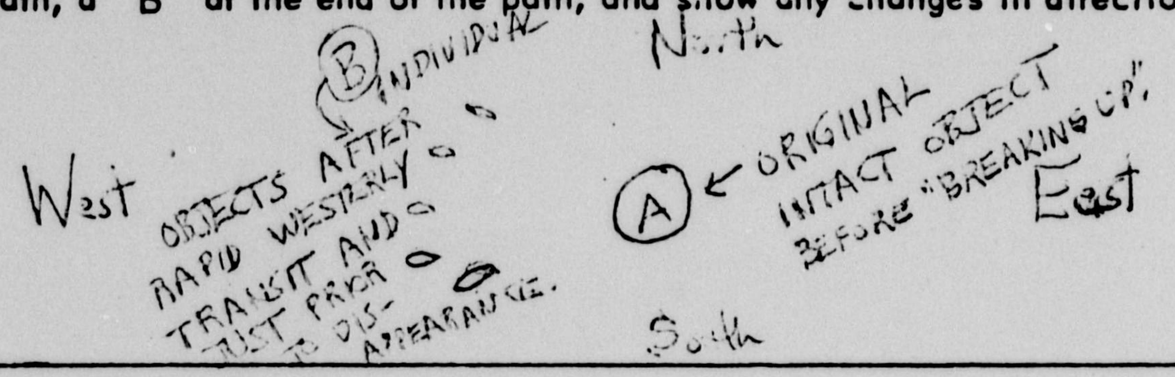
(8)

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.



NOTE- B IS SAME AS A SINCE AFTER BREAKUP OF "SINGLE" OBJECT A THE INDIVIDUAL OBJECTS DISAPPEARED WHILE IN PLAIN SIGHT AFTER ONLY 3 OR 4 SECONDS OF WESTWARD FLIGHT IN WHICH THEY "FANNED-OUT" ABOUT AS SHOWN IN NUMBER 19 (RIGHT ILLUS.)

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? AT FIRST THE ONE

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

LARGER OBJECT WAS THE ONLY ONE VISIBLE. AFTER I HAD OBSERVED THIS FOR ABOUT 15 MINUTES, WITH BOTH NAKED EYE AND 7X35 BINOCULARS AND I HAD ASCERTAINED THAT IT WAS NOT MOVING RELATIVE TO MY LOCATION (THRU COMPARISON WITH FIXED OBJECTS AROUND ME), I SUDDENLY SAW IT "BREAK-UP" INTO ABOUT 5 RAPIDLY MOVING OBJECTS. I OBSERVED THESE MOVING TOWARD THE WEST ("FANNING-OUT" SLIGHTLY) AND THEN AFTER PERHAPS 3 OR 4 SECONDS THEY DISAPPEARED COMPLETELY. THERE WAS NOTHING OF THE OBJECT LEFT. THE SKY WAS CLEAR, NO STARS IN SIGHT (A LITTLE TOO EARLY FOR STARS). I HAVE ALREADY DRAWN PICTURES TO ILLUSTRATE BREAK-UP (SEE #'S 19 & 28.

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:

MRS [redacted]

COLUMBUS, OHIO

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

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

ADDRESS [redacted] (Street) COLUMBUS (City) 6 (Zone) OHIO (State)

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted] AGE 42 SEX MALE

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

I AM A TEACHER (6th GRADE) IN COLUMBUS.
I SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY AIR CORPS DURING WW II. ASN 0-785246.
BOMBARDIER RADAR-NAVIGATOR. 26 COMBAT MISSIONS WITH B-29'S AGAINST JAPAN. (FROM GUAM) ABOUT 900 SERVICE FLYING HOURS AS RADAR OBSERVER, - BOMBARDIER-NAVIGATOR.

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

24th (Day) AUGUST (Month) 1966 (Year) (INITIAL REPORT PHONED IN BY MRS. [redacted] TO CAPT JOHN YOUNG)

34. Date you completed this questionnaire: 28th (Day) August (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.

This was a very unusual phenomenon. We know its was not a meteor "breaking up" because the object was stationary for at least 15 minutes in an almost-overhead position before the separation of the individual smaller objects from it.

The objects (5 or 6 in number) were elliptical shape. Even with 7 power binoculars they appeared about this size. They, and every trace of the original object completely vanished while I watched.

Whether there had been movement of the original object before I first spied it, I cannot verify (although there must have been some as it moved to that position). But, there was no movement for the 15 minutes I watched it. I was in a reclining lounge chair, the object almost overhead. I could monitor its lack of motion by periodic comparisons of its position with known fixed objects

about me on the ground (and their silhouettes impinging on the sky). No movement occured until the appearance of the separate objects.

I hope this will prove of some value in your research of these phenomena. I have tried to be as explicit and accurate as possible.

It (the breakup) occurred so fast that I cant recall whether there were 5 or 6 objects after the breakup. I'm almost positive that there were 5.

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			5M 2720
1755E	40D11	3008	10M 2820
1855E	40D11	3006	15M 2735
1956E	40D11	3205	20M 2635
2055E	40D11	3605	25M 2655
			30M 2655
			40M 2540

UFO — ??

Would consider this a helicopter except for Mr. Brownell's age and military experience. The use of binoculars also seems to heighten the facts of the report.

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3 November 1966

FTD (TDETR)
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Attn: Major Hector Quintanilla

Dear Major Quintanilla:

In answer to your letter of 19 October 1966 requesting me to look into the sighting of Mr. [redacted] made on 23 August 1966, I have the following to report.

I visited Mr [redacted] at his home in Columbus where he lives with Mrs. [redacted] at [redacted] nue. I did not make inquiries as to their relationship.

Both Mr. [redacted] and Mrs [redacted] seemed like normal, sensible people whose word could be trusted. Mr [redacted] a sixth grade teacher in the Columbus public schools and while neither of them have any scientific training to speak of, their story was told in a straightforward, non-sensational manner.

Both of them observed this phenomenon: it was called to Mr [redacted] attention by Mrs [redacted] when they were both out in the backyard at the time of late twilight. The stars were not yet out. I went out in the yard with them and had them go through the full description. Their retelling of the story tallied very well with the original statements made in Form 164 and so there is no point in retelling them here. I checked a few details such as the color of the main object which was white, and that of the ancillary objects was a silver metallic color. The original object occupied about one/tenth of the total field of the binoculars and when it suddenly broke up and five objects fanned out from it to the west, he followed them with the binoculars for a few seconds until they just seemed to vanish. When he turned the binoculars back to the original spot he could no longer find the original object.

This case must remain unidentified unless we take the trouble to ask the Columbus newspapers to publish a short note asking other people in Columbus whether they had seen this sighting on 23 August 1966. I am sure these newspapers would cooperate and I personally think it worth a try. A letter

from your office, I believe, would be more effective than one from Northwestern University which is not in Ohio. I would suggest that Lt. Marley address the letter to the editors of the Columbus Citizen and Columbus Dispatch, asking whether they would run a short story about this sighting. This would enable us to make a triangulation and obtain an approximate height of the object.

The original object seemed to be like a big star but appeared to have a definite disk to it. Mr [redacted] indicated that he even thought that the center was a little darker than the outside. The binoculars were in good focus since he is used to using them and said he kept checking the focus as he observed them. The central object was under observation for better than 10 minutes before it broke up.

It is an odd sighting in that it doesn't fit any general pattern, but I am afraid it must remain unidentified. I don't see how we can quite fit a balloon into the reported maneuver. He stated definitely that it did not appear to be an explosion or a disintegration but rather an expulsion of five objects that moved uniformly out from the central object and at a considerable apparent speed.

I believe this covers the sighting unless you are able to get further reports from other sources.

Sincerely yours,

Allen

J. Allen Hynek

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