

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 6 Oct. 66 7/0030Z	2. LOCATION Dalton, Massachusetts Multiple
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astro(Arcturus) ✓ <i>JSK</i> At the time of the sighting Arcturus was on an azimuth of 285 degrees and at an elevation of 13 degrees
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observers noted a star like object in the western sky. The colors were a brilliant red and white and were flashing. The light fluttered up and then dropped straight down, then rose up again- hovered in one area but seemed to be wobbling at times. Object appeared to take off and travel toward the west. Since the 6 Oct. sighting Observer has seen as many as 6 or 7 objects on different nights. The observer wanted to stress that she has seen these things almost every night. The observer has seen many objects every night except for one or two cloudy nights. Observers descriptions are very consistent with that of an astronomical observation. The witnesses have seen many objects in the sky since the 6 Oct. 66 sighting.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 hours	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE Stationary	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

6 OCT 66
DALTON, MASS

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Dalton, Mass

01226
Nov. 9, 1966

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Wright Patterson A.F.B., Ohio 45433

Hector Quintanilla Jr.

Chief, Project Blue Book.

Major Quintanilla

Thank you for the technical information form. Because more than one sighting was involved, I filled it out in detail primarily pertaining to the first sighting. Concerning questions #5 and #22, I wish to add I first noticed the brilliant red light from my kitchen window. I thought it was a plane, but it was not continuing on a path as an airplane would. I watched for 15 minutes, and I could not believe my eyes. Then I called my mother who lives in Pittsfield. She, my Aunt and Uncle all drove to Dalton where they witnessed this. We went outdoors also. After she watched it for well over an hour she did not want the children or me to stay here alone. My husband was away on a business trip. We saw the UFO

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?

the first sighting

6 *October* *1966*
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

8 *30*
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?

Dalton, Mass.
Nearest Postal Address

Dalton
City or Town

Massachusetts
State or County

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration)

from 9:30 to 10:20 or 10:30 pm

2 *0* *0*
Hours Minutes Seconds

a. Certain

b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure

d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined? *Wrist watch*

5.2 Was object in sight continuously?

Yes

No *✓*

IT dropped out of my line of vision below some trees, then returned also light dimmed at times

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY

a. Bright

b. Cloudy

NIGHT

a. Bright

b. Cloudy

Clear, Not bright

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

take off to the West, and fly up over
3 beacons that we can see from
my house. We then got into the
car and headed to Pittsfield. We
spotted it again circling around the
residential area of the city.
It was still there when we went
to bed at 10³⁰. None of us slept
very well.

Sincerely



Dalton, Mass.

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

It dropped down out of my sight like a leaf would flutter to the ^{wards} ground — Sometimes the light flickered very dim — then would flare up brilliant again.

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: tree level then reappeared as it rose again.

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: no clouds visible on Oct 6th

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

a. Sound None

b. Color brilliant red, brilliant white and red, or flashing red or white. It changed as I watched.

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

about 1/2 of the object on Oct 6th.

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.

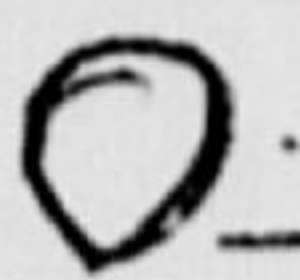
Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

I have seen an object or objects almost every night from Oct 6th, 1966 on. I could not distinguish the shape because of the brilliance that night. Approximately Oct 9th I saw a disk over the house across the street.

dime size  - yellow-white (head of match cover about 1/2 to 1/3 of it)

Have since seen almost every night
also two small red + white lights
eject from

then fly independently
and erratically. • •

 - spinning
brilliant white -
red light on top always in center
green light spinning around
outside of red light 
Sometimes red light on bottom

8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS (Circle One):

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

8.2 MOON (Circle One):

- a. Bright moonlight
- ☒ b. Dull moonlight
- c. No moonlight - pitch dark
- d. Don't remember

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

Have seen in all weather conditions -

Oct 6th, first sighting given below

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

Oct 6th as a light
Oct 9th as a solid disk

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:

Beacon on top of a fire truck

12. The edges of the object were:

- Oct 6th
(Circle One):
- a. Fuzzy or blurred
 - ☒ b. Like a bright star
 - c. Sharply outlined
 - d. Don't remember

Oct 9th - Sharply outlined

- e. Other I could not see

the edges on the night of Oct 6th - the light from the object was too bright

13. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- a. Appear to stand still at any time?
- b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?
- c. Break up into parts or explode?
- d. Give off smoke?
- e. Change brightness?
- f. Change shape?
- g. Flash or flicker?
- h. Disappear and reappear?

☒ Yes

No

Don't know

☒ Yes

No

Don't know

Yes

☒ No

Don't know

Yes

☒ No

Don't know

☒ Yes

No

Don't know

Yes

No

☒ Don't know

☒ Yes

No

Don't know

☒ Yes

No

Don't know

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? about 3000 - 4000 feet.

22. Where were you located when you saw the object?

(Circle One): ☒ 1. I was in my kitchen

☒ a. Inside a building ☒ 2. I went out to get a good look at it.

☒ b. In a car

☒ c. Outdoors

☒ d. In an airplane (type)

☒ e. At sea

☒ f. Other _____

☒ 3. I later watched from a car

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? open field behind my house

d. Near an airfield?

e. Flying over a city?

f. Flying over open country?

g. Other I left my house at the same time it took off we saw it

few minutes later over residential 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? 30 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

b. Sun glasses

☒ Yes

No

c. Windshield

☒ Yes

No

d. Window glass

☒ Yes

No

☒ e. Binoculars

☒ Yes

No

☒ f. Telescope

☒ Yes

No

g. Theodolite

☒ Yes

No

h. Other

4X30 field glasses

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(s) which you saw.

(1) Oct 6th - beacon from fire engine (large blinking light)

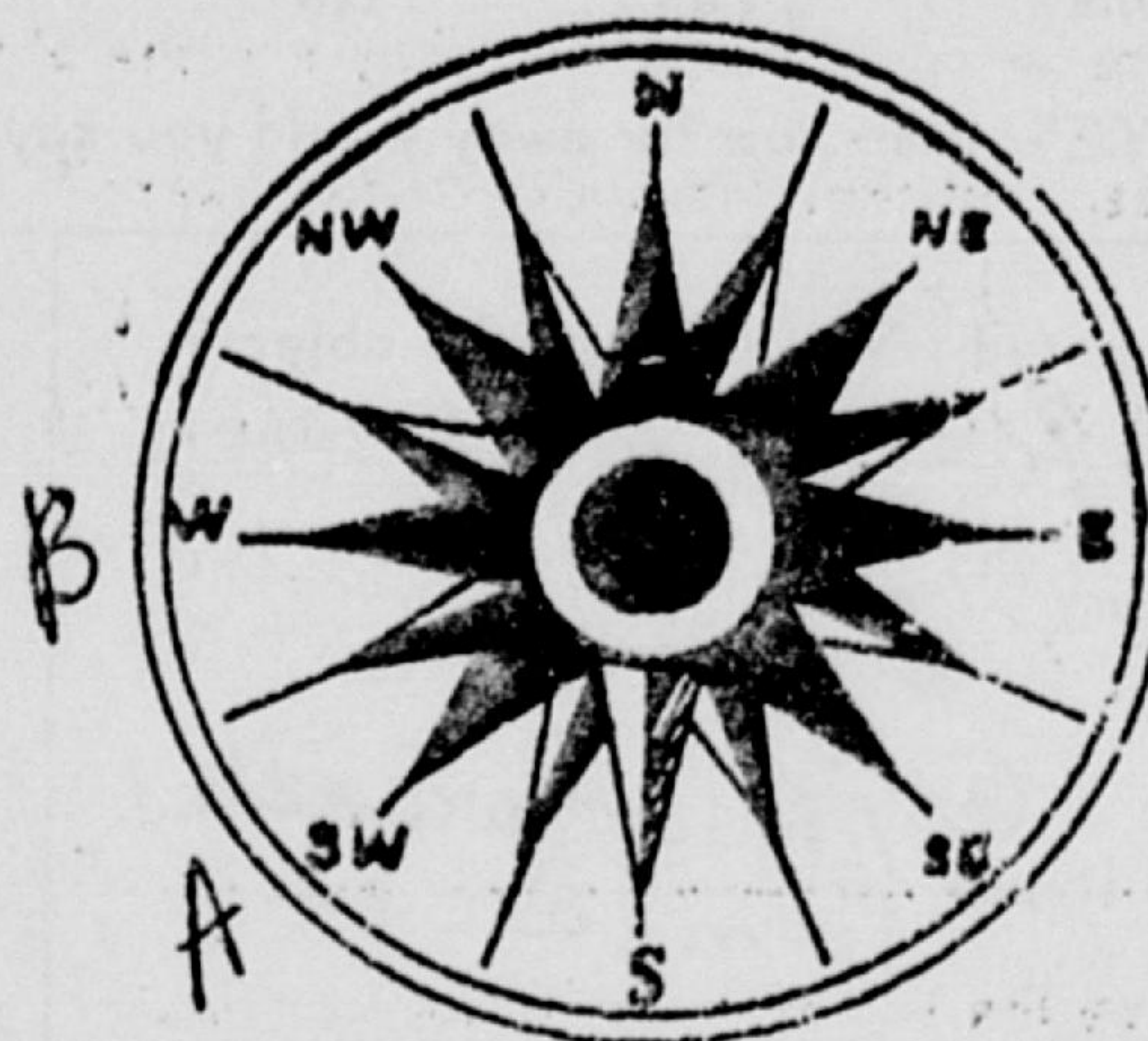
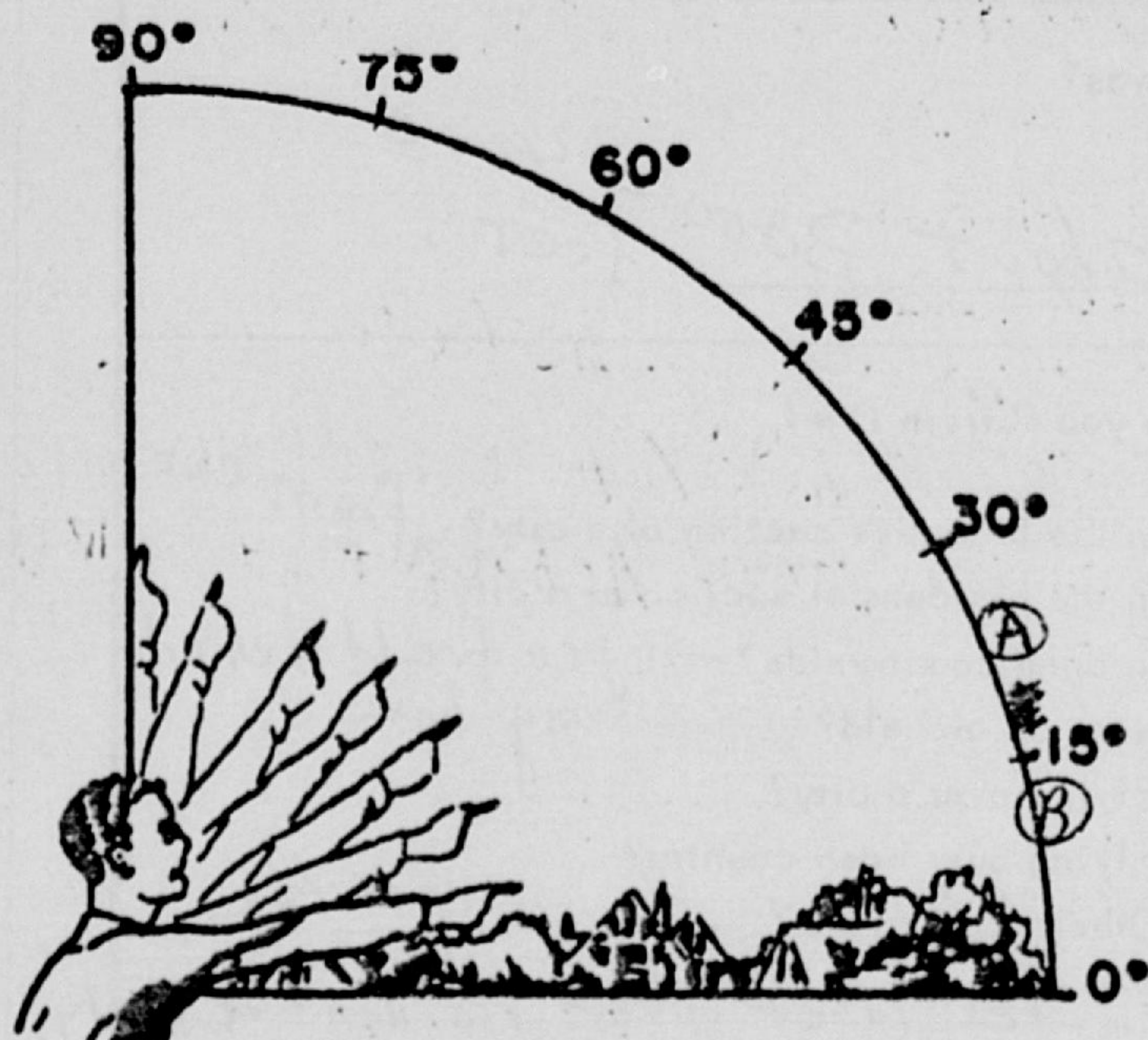
(2) Oct 9th - dime sized disk -

(3) other nights a spinning old fashioned top -

(4) red and white flashlight bulbs (smaller objects which are

launched from #3)

27. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you first saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you last saw it. Place an "A" on the compass when you first saw it. Place a "B" on the compass where you last saw the object.



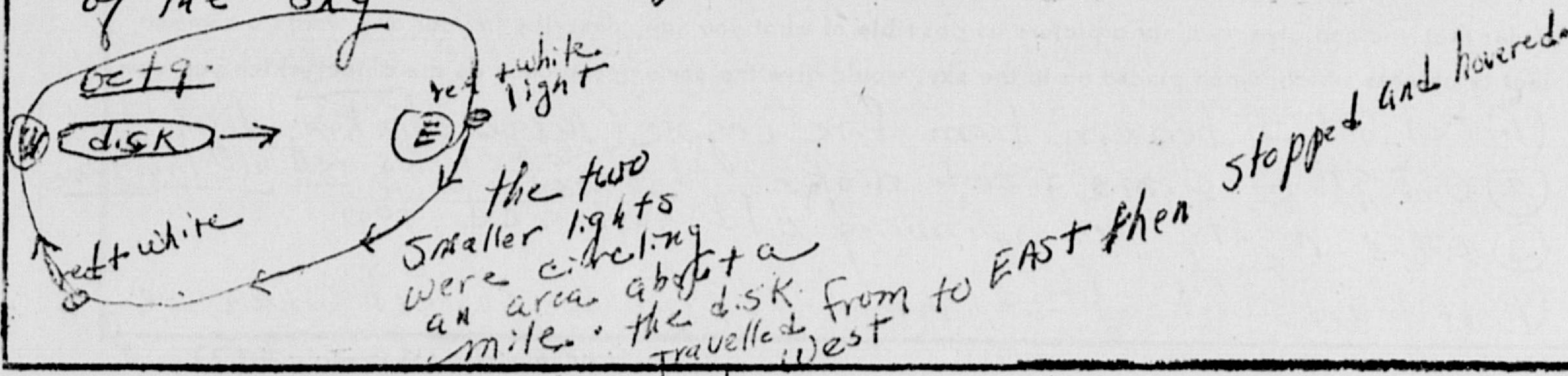
28. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.



flattered up on an angle — then dropped straight down, then rose up again — hovered in one area but seemed to be wobbling. Could and did go from right → to ← left instantly. then stayed red as it "took off" west towards Pittsfield.

29. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? Oct 6th — one object
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

Since then I have seen as many as 6 or 7 objects on different nights — may I stress this is not one sighting but we see them night after night in different areas of the sky.



34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

9th
DayNovember
Month1966
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.

I covered in detail the first sighting on Oct 6th. We still see these things almost every night. They now appear at dark and are still there at 5AM. I watched one streak in from pinpoint star ^{traveling from west to east} altitude to an airplane altitude in about 20 seconds. It then hovered and blinked white red and green ^{for over 3 hrs}. On Sunday NOV. 6th - it was very hazy here. No stars could be seen. The moon could not be seen. Only a thick foggy cloudiness. One of these top shaped things dropped erratically down below the haze and then hovered for 30 minutes. It was bright fluorescent white - had a blinking red light on top - through binoculars I could make out another blinking red light on the bottom plus flashes of green. My husband, and brother-in-law saw this also. We also watched thru a telescope on other nights, they seem to be spinning as they hover, and drop up and down. My brother-in-law ~~_____~~ saw one that appeared 4" in diameter, brilliant white, disk shaped at about 430 AM, over the house next to his. Comparing the moon to a breakfast plate, this object looked like a grapefruit size. In the early evening they are not as low as they are between 2AM and 4AM. A M ~~_____~~ Drive

Pittsfield, Mass. has written several editorials on

30. Have you ever seen this, or a similar object before. If so give date or dates and location.

Every night except for one or 2 cloudy nights from Oct 6th - today is Nov 9th and we still see them. Dalton Pittsfield Area.

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] Sta Pittsfield Mass.
Mr + Mrs [redacted] ST Dalton, Mass.
my husband [redacted] lot St. Dalton
my children [redacted] Age 7
[redacted] Age 5
Oct 7 was not home on Oct 6th

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

Street

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

AGE 30

SEX F

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

I am a registered nurse and not one to start talking about anything so serious as the controversial UFO, unless I am sure of what I have been seeing.

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

21

Day

October

Month

1966

Year

Major Quintanilla Jr. Chief project Blue-Book

Reported to police on Oct 6, 1966.

21 Oct 66

FTD (TDETR) *hl*

Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

7 November 1966

Mrs. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
Dalton, Massachusetts 01226

Dear Mrs. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~,

Reference your letter of 21 October 1966 regarding your observations of alleged UFOs in the Dalton, Massachusetts area. Without essential data such as azimuth, elevation, flight characteristics, etc., a meaningful evaluation is not warranted. If you would complete the enclosed FTD Form 164 on your 6 October sighting, a more comprehensive evaluation will be possible.

Thank you for reporting your observations to the Air Force.

Sincerely,

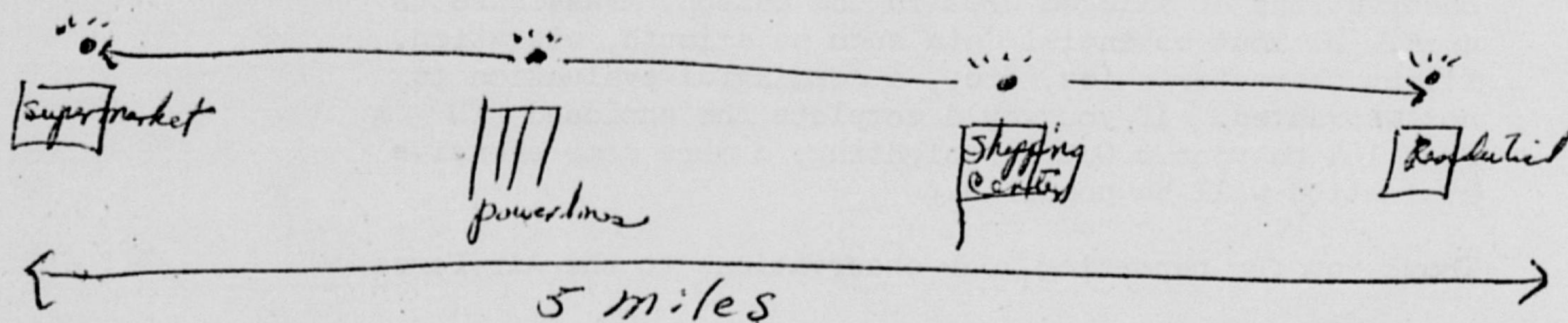
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HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Major, USAF
Chief, Project Blue Book

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the elevation of these lights in the sky. He could give more information about this as I do not know how to determine this. I do not know him, only of his editorials.

Just one other point that is probably insignificant, but in travelling from Pittsfield to Dalton we noticed 4 of these ^{flashing} red white + green objects in what appeared to be a line over a distance of perhaps 5 miles



I hope that this information will be of some value to you. These things are some sort of definite craft, that can easily be discerned upon seeing them. They are not airplanes, helicopters ^{are} (too slow) ^{they are} (too silent) not satellites (viewed for hours at a time) not weather balloons (Nov 6th down below a low ceiling of haze) Not planets or stars, (altitude too low for that) not weather inversion, (move around too much) I am sure that planes from Westover AFBASE could easily spot them. They are there about every night.

Sincerely,

about fifteen minutes it rose in the air and then dropped down. It fluttered and yawed like a kite in the wind, and could change direction instantly. Four adults watched this for over an hour from my kitchen window.

A. It was not a satellite

1. its altitude was too low
2. it would have orbited the earth in the time that we watched it.
3. it was not in a stable pattern

B. It was not a helicopter or plane

1. It was absolutely silent. at that altitude it would have been heard

C. It was not a planet or star.

1. It was too low and too erratic
2. It was definitely a large flashing beacon

D. It was not weather inversion or marsh gas

1. Again it was too low + too clearly viewed.

On other nights we spotted a craft that shot in from star altitude, streaked across the sky at airplane altitude and then just stopped and hovered in one spot flashing white red and green.

~~_____~~
Dalton, Mass.
Oct 21, 1966

Hector Quintanilla Jr. Major U.S. A.F.
Wright Patterson A.F.B.
Dayton, Ohio.

Dear Major Quintanilla,

This letter is written on notebook paper only in my urgency to reach you on this matter. Please do not let this detract from the information that has prompted me to write.

Every night since October 6th of this year, I have spotted from one to four U.F.O.'s in the Pittsfield, Dalton, Massachusetts area. They appear at 7³⁰ pm, and at 10 pm are still there. There are three adult witnesses to this who spotted them from Pittsfield while I viewed them from Dalton. We checked each other out by phone to verify the sightings.

On October 6th the U.F.O. seemed to be at the altitude of a propeller type plane. It just sat there at first blinking a brilliant red light. Sometimes it blinked red and white, and then after remaining stationary for

See notes
below

① Since I first started this letter,
one of these little red things, came
so close to my house it turned
my bathroom shades red as it passed.

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Another night one appeared as a yellow
white disk at rather high altitude, and
while this disk sauntered about the
sky, three smaller objects with
red and white lights circled about
at a lower altitude in a most erratic
pattern. ② See note above.

We put a telescope on one on the
night of Oct 7th. This one blinked red
white and green, and seemed to shoot
little jets out of the bottom. Five
(5) more adults left the range of
skeptics that night.

The Air Force has a problem of
great magnitude forced upon it. I
did not believe in these things, but
now that I have seen them no
one can ever tell me that they
do not exist, nor will I accept a
trite explanation for them. You
do have one element in your favor,
we drove by a parking lot at a
large shopping center while this
thing maneuvered about 2000 feet
above it, and just off to one side.
Not one person looked up, and if

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asked about it I am sure they would say they didn't see it. I called a neighbor, she glanced out the window I then said she didn't see it. I know she didn't for at that time it dropped out of sight behind tree level, it later rose into view, and the 4 adults at my house clearly viewed it. I watched the man across the street walk into his backyard and not glance up while four of these things flitted about high in the sky over his head.

I do not expect an answer to this letter, but I do want to express my opinion on what I feel is a serious matter. I was absolutely terrified the night of October 6th when I saw something that I had read did not exist. Now that we know that they are there, they do not frighten us to such an extent, but the first reaction to them was shock. I feel sorry for the people who have yet to be surprised by this phenomenon to which not

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they view these things with their
own eyes? My hat is off to
you gentlemen, and lots of luck.

Most Sincerely,

Mrs

R.N.

St.

Massachusetts 01226

post script

It is now Oct 24, and we are still viewing
these UFO's - Our local radio station
announced many sightings, and confirmed
the radar sightings of these objects.
also the radar confirmed no planes in
this area at the time of the sightings -
Is this another Ceter?

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Air Force official will admit. There just aren't any answers when we need them. The most is the first sighting. Is the truth so much more horrible that it can not be expressed? More and more of these sightings will be reported, and the burden imposed upon the Air Force will multiply. I think that a public statement should be forthcoming from the President of the United States stating the truth of the matter as the situation now stands - that U.F.O's do exist. Emphasize the positive side that they have not done harm. This will be of more benefit and restore more faith in our leaders than the ostrich in the sand attitude will ever do.

I hope that our country is making a prime endeavor to develop a type of craft that will be compatible with these that could never have been developed here.

Just how long do you believe the general public will remain skeptical as I was before the sightings, when

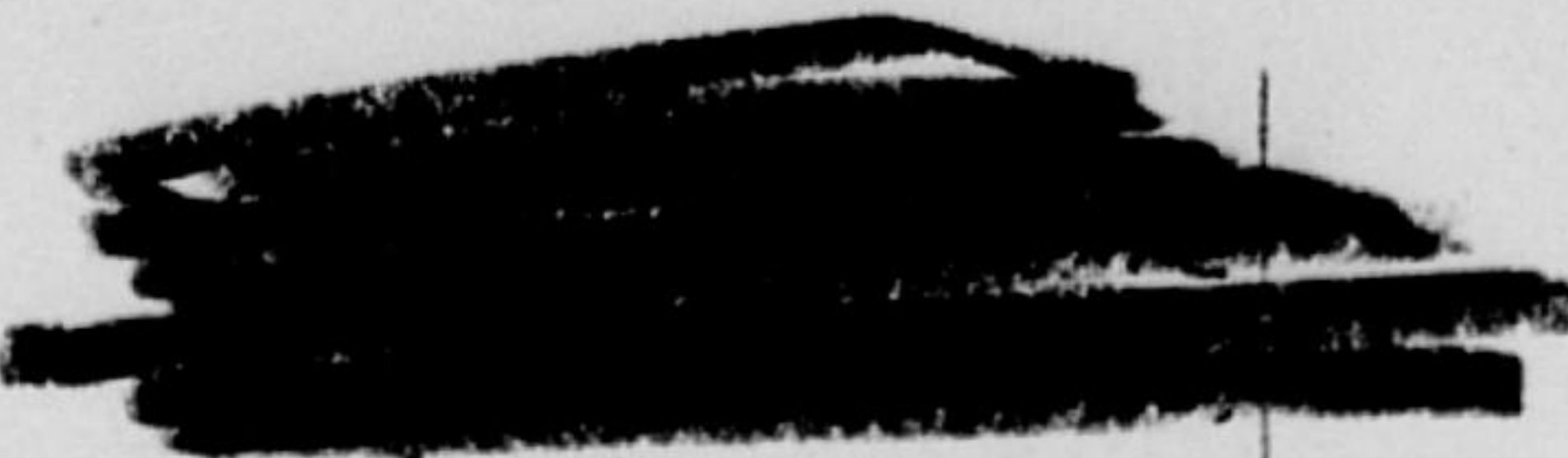
red + white smaller objects flew about at
a considerable distance ahead of the
"golf ball." No sound from any of them.
Get the risk of being bothersome, I
do wish to make one point, send any
observer that you wish, on any clear
night, and he will be able to see
for himself what we have been watching.
With a good pair of binoculars, he
would easily be able to discern these
things from stars etc. Also, he might
be fortunate enough to see them
sailing about as we have been viewing
them. If the number of these things
keeps increasing, what will happen
next?

Sincerely

Mrs. ~~_____~~

Dutton, Mass

Hector Quintanilla Jr. Major USAF.
Wright Patterson AFB.
Dayton, Ohio.


Dalton, Mass.
01226

I wrote recently concerning the sightings of
UFO's in the Dalton Pittsfield area. I
also filled out the Air Force 8 page form
and returned it. We still are seeing these
things every clear night, and frequently on
cloudy nights they will appear for a very
short time. One comes in at 10 of 5 ^{pm} in the
same spot every night, and the no. of
these things is increasing. On Monday Nov. 14th
one was low, my husband could fill out a
complete report on it, he, two other adults
and 5 children age 5 to 12 watched it, I did
not see it, I was not home at that time.
Last night Nov. 19th we watched a golf
ball silently sailing about, also two

red + white smaller objects flew about at
a considerable distance ahead of the
"golf ball." No sound from any of them.
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Dutton, Mass