PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 31 Jul 67 01/0130Z	2. LOCATION Indianapolis, Indiana
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION OTHER (CONFLICTING DATA)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION onficting	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS The observer sighted an object that he said looked like two soup bowls connected together, or two circles with 3/4 of each circle cut away and connected. The entire object looked something like binoculars. The observer also stated that he saw the object for 50 seconds. Comments: One observer stated the object was in view for only 10 seconds and looked like a meteor. Although one witness says it looked like a meteor and there were 3 satellite decays that might have been responsible for the case. It is being carried as conflicting data.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE Westerly	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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UFO Observation, 31 July 1967, Indianapolis, Indiana

Dr. J. Allen Hynek

1. Reference the attached unidentified flying object (UFO) report of 31 July 1967, Indianapolis, Indiana. Additional information has been received from the witness, [redacted]

2. The sighting had been carried as unidentified and you were given copies of the report. The case has been re-evaluated as conflicting data despite the fact that this obs rver said it looked like a meteor and that three satellite decays occurred on 1 August 1967 at 1200Z plus or minus twelve hours.

HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Major, USAF
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Aerospace Technologies Division
Production Directorate

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DEPARTMENT OF ASTRONOMY

LINDHEIMER ASTRONOMICAL RESEARCH CENTER

8 April 1968

FTD (TDETR)
Research and Aerial Phenomena Division
Wright Patterson Air Force Baase
Ohio 45433

Attn: TDPT (UFO)

Subj: UFO Sighting, 31 July 1967, Indianapolis, Indiana

To: Major Hector Quintanilla, Jr.

1. If I have looked at this case once I have certainly looked at it more than a dozen times. Each time I looked at it I have put it down with a sense of frustration. Before the second Battson report came in there was very good agreement among the three observers. How much of this was due to collusion, of course, we do not know. Even so, the frustration curtain could be lifted only by an interview with the three boys at the site of the sighting, and in view of the youth of the observers I hesitate to suggest such an expenditure of time and money.

2. Now report No. 2 fro[redacted] comes in, made a good half year after the sighting and apparently made in a hurry and certainly not comparing in thought or detail to the reports of the other observers. Some items are left blank and, all in all, it gives the impression that this young lad filled the questionnaire out in a hurry under pressure to get it over with. Was this the case?

3. The attached table compares some basic items in the various reports. In the direction of travel all early reports agree but the Battson No. II indicates the thing came from a higher altitude to a lower. As far as duration is concerned, the Battson II report says both one minute and ten seconds, the former agreeing with previous reports. The only mention of moonlight is made in Battson II and this is understandable since if I were to ask any of my students whether there was moonlight or not on the first day of their vaction last year I doubt that any would remember. There is general agreement as to partial to full cloudiness and in the manner of disappearance of the object.

The basic description and the drawings of the first three reports are in good agreement, if one allows that two soup bowls attached might resemble two rolls of toilet attached. The apparent sizes in the first three reports agree but this was left blank in the Battson II report.

Although there is some conflict between the [redacted] reports, I feel the conflict arises from both faded [redacted] and a sloppy filling out of the second report.

4. My own preference for an evaluation would be "insufficient and somewhat conflicting data". Since the insufficiency can be removed only by further, and personal, interrogation I think this is a good evaluation. The sighting certainly cannot be evaluated as a meteor nor as a re-entry because the object in no case was described as giving off smoke or changing brightness. The duration for a meteorite is too long and is at the limits of what might be allowed in a re-entry. If I were a lawyer I would disregard the Battson II report on the basis of lack of quality in comparison to the previous three reports.

Nonetheless, an interesting case and we must ask once again, what was the stimulus that gave rise to the report?

J. Allen Hynek

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Northwestern University

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	[redacted] (15)	[redacted] (15)	[redacted] (16)	[redacted] (12)
Direction of Trav.	Below clouds to above clouds	High ---- low	Low --- high	Low --- high
Duration	50 sec. - one (1) minute	1 Minute 10 Seconds	50 seconds	1-1/2 -- 2 min.
Moonlight	Meteors, Venus, but not the moon	Bright	---	None
Detail in Drawing	Good	None	Good	Good
Sky	Partly cloudy	Partly Cloudy	cloudy	cloudy
Disappearance	Behind cloud	Suddenly	Behind cloud	Behind cloud
Resembled	------	Meteorite	2 soup bowls	2 rolls of toilet paper
Date of Report	------	Feb. 13, 1968	July 17, 1967	Nov. 30, 1967
Size	Larger than dime at arm's length	------	Larger than dime at arm's length	Dime at arm's length

31 July 67

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION (AFSC)
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO 45433

REPLY TO ATTN OF: TDPT (UFO)

SUBJECT: UFO Observation, 31 July 1967
65 1Aug 0130Z

TO: [redacted]
Indianapolis, Indiana 46224

Your name has been given to the Aerial Phenomena Office (Project Blue Book) as being a witness to an unidentified flying object. If you were a witness to an UFO sighting on 31 July 1967 would you please complete the attached AF Form 117 and return it in the envelope provided. If you were not a witness to this sighting, would you please make a statement to this effect on the attached form. The information which you provide will be used in evaluating this observation. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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AF Form 117 w/envelope

COS 170 decayed 7/31/67 1915Z
COS 170 Rocket body decayed 8/1/67 0007Z
COS 170 debree (obj #2904) decayed on 8/1/67 1200Z ± 12 hrs.
do 170 debree (obj. # 2905 and also # 2906) decayed on 8/1/67 1200Z ± 12 hrs.

BOB Nr 21-R258

SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED PHENOMENA QUESTIONNAIRE

THIS QUESTIONNAIRE HAS BEEN PREPARED SO THAT YOU CAN GIVE THE U.S. AIR FORCE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE CONCERNING THE UNIDENTIFIED PHENOMENON THAT YOU HAVE OBSERVED. PLEASE TRY TO ANSWER ALL OF THE QUESTIONS. THE INFORMATION YOU GIVE WILL BE USED FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES. YOUR NAME WILL NOT BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH ANY OF YOUR STATEMENTS OR CONCLUSIONS WITHOUT YOUR PERMISSION. RETURN TO AIR FORCE BASE INVESTIGATOR FOR FORWARDING TO FTD (TDETR), WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO 45433, IAW 80-17. *(IF ADDITIONAL SHEETS ARE NEEDED FOR NARRATIVE OR SKETCHES ATTACH SECURELY TO THIS FORM OR ANNOTATE WITH YOUR NAME FOR IDENTIFICATION.)*

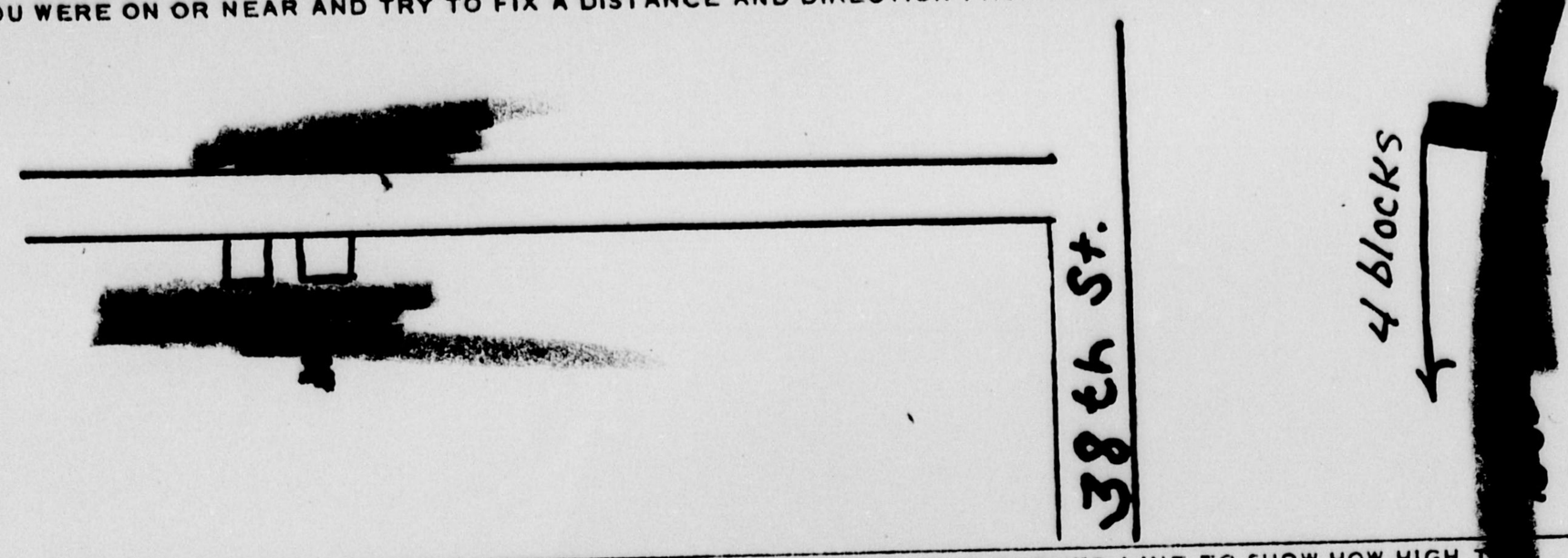
1. WHEN DID YOU SEE THE PHENOMENON? DAY 31 MONTH ~~AUGUST~~ JULY YEAR 67

2. WHAT TIME DID YOU FIRST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON? HOUR 8 MINUTES 30 ☐ A.M. ■ P.M.

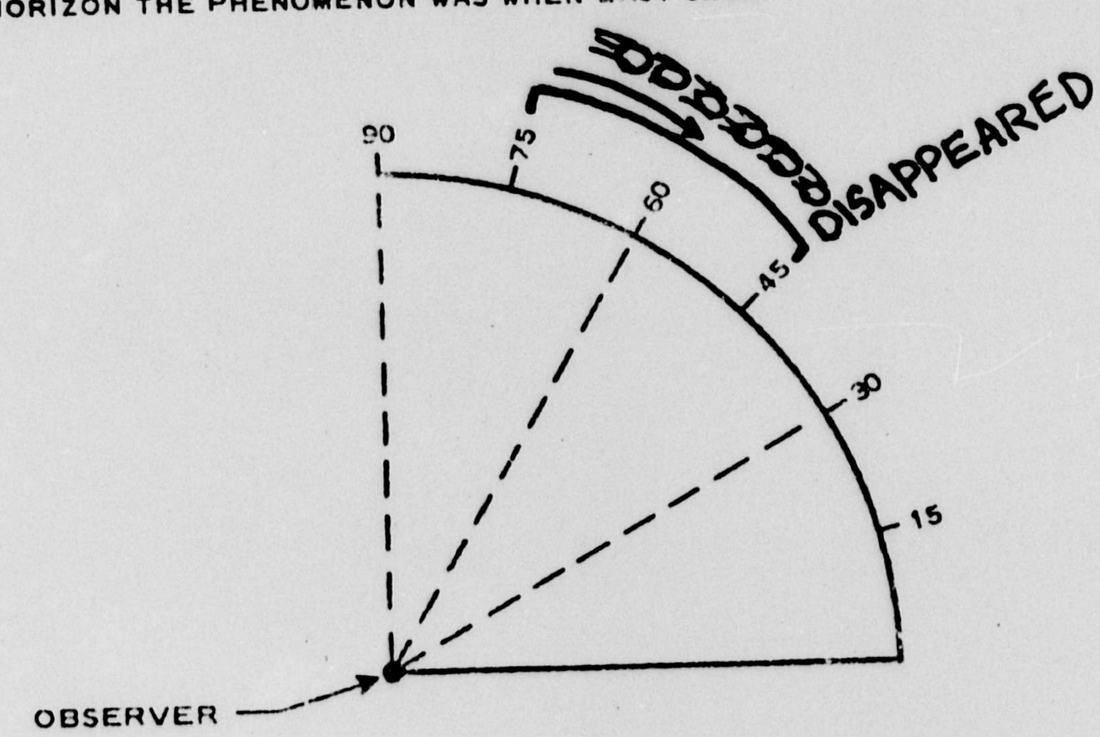
3. WHAT TIME DID YOU LAST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON? HOUR 8 MINUTES 31 ☐ A.M. ■ P.M.

4. TIME/ZONE ☐ DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ☐ STANDARD
■ EASTERN ☐ CENTRAL ☐ MOUNTAIN ☐ PACIFIC ☐ OTHER

5. WHERE WERE YOU WHEN YOU SAW THE PHENOMENON? IF IN CITY, GIVE THE NEAREST STREET ADDRESS AND INDICATE ON A HAND DRAWN MAP WHERE YOU WERE STANDING WITH REFERENCE TO THE ADDRESS. IF IN THE COUNTRY, IDENTIFY THE HIGHWAY YOU WERE ON OR NEAR AND TRY TO FIX A DISTANCE AND DIRECTION FROM SOME RECOGNIZABLE LANDMARK.



6. IMAGINE YOU ARE AT THE POINT SHOWN IN THE SKETCH, PLACE AN "A" ON THE CURVED LINE TO SHOW HOW HIGH THE PHENOMENON WAS ABOVE THE HORIZON, OR SKYLINE, WHEN FIRST SEEN. PLACE A "B" ON THE SAME CURVED LINE TO SHOW HOW HIGH ABOVE THE HORIZON THE PHENOMENON WAS WHEN LAST SEEN.



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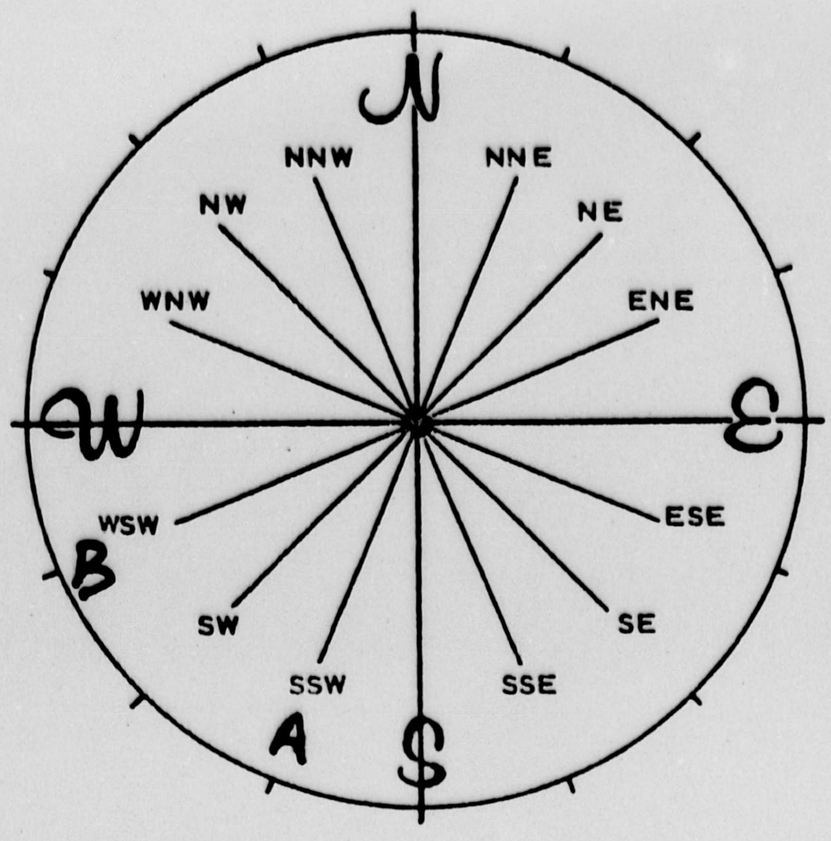
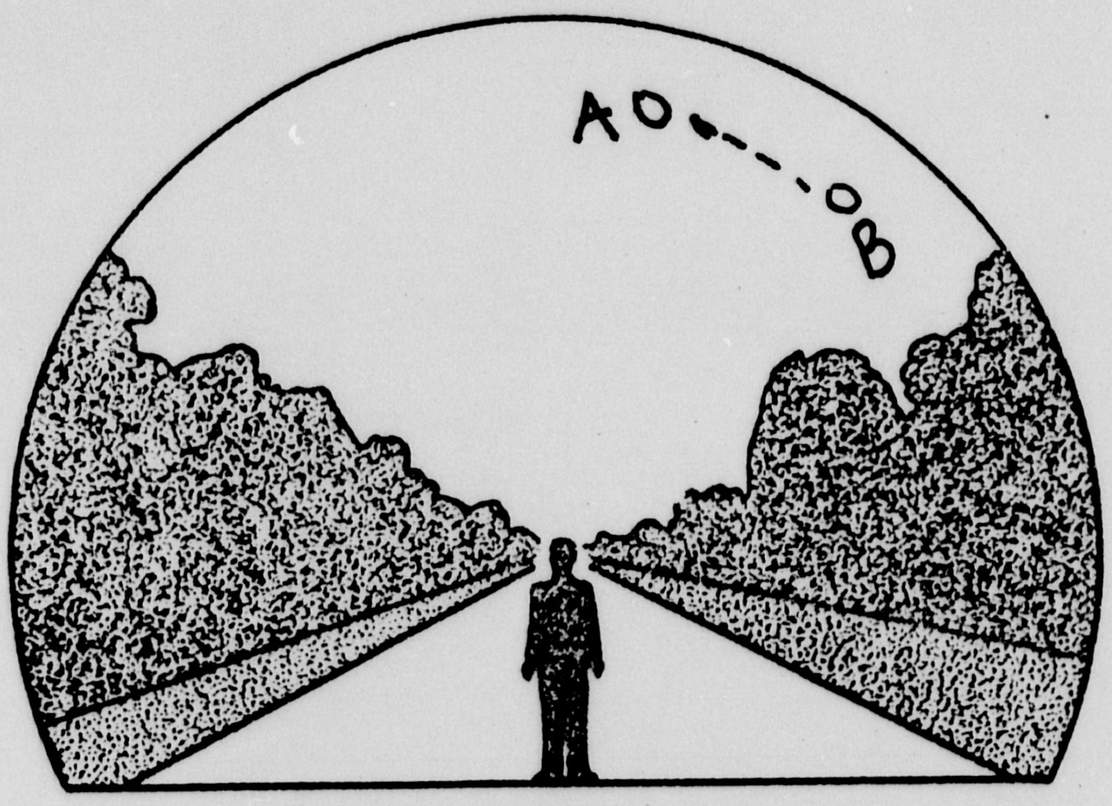
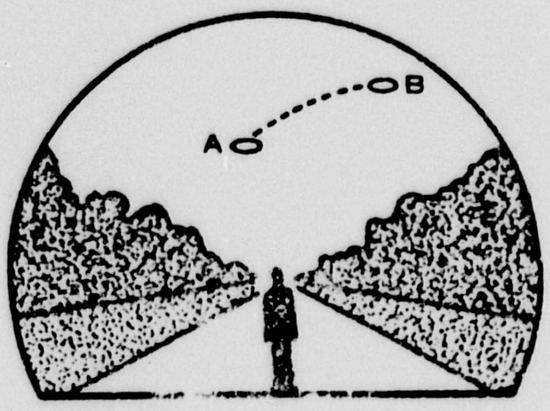
6A. NOW IMAGINE YOU ARE AT THE CENTER OF THE COMPASS ROSE. PLACE AN "A" ON THE COMPASS TO INDICATE THE DIRECTION TO THE PHENOMENON WHEN FIRST SEEN. PLACE A "B" ON THE COMPASS TO INDICATE THE DIRECTION TO THE PHENOMENON WHEN LAST SEEN.



7. IN THE SKETCH BELOW, PLACE AN "A" AT THE POSITION OF THE PHENOMENON WHEN FIRST SEEN, AND A "B" AT THE POSITION OF THE PHENOMENON WHEN LAST SEEN. CONNECT THE "A" AND "B" WITH A LINE TO APPROXIMATE THE MOVEMENT OF THE PHENOMENON BETWEEN "A" AND "B". THAT IS, SCHEMATICALLY SHOW WHETHER THE MOVEMENT APPEARED TO BE STRAIGHT, CURVED OR ZIG-ZAG. REFER TO SMALLER SKETCH AS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW TO COMPLETE THE LARGER SKETCH.





10. IF THERE WERE MORE THAN ONE PHENOMENON, HOW MANY WERE THERE? DRAW A PICTURE TO SHOW HOW THEY WERE ARRANGED. DID THIS ARRANGEMENT CHANGE DURING THE SIGHTING?

11. CONDITIONS *(Check appropriate blocks.)*

A. SKY		B. WEATHER			
	DAY		CUMULUS CLOUDS *(Low fluffy)*		FOG OR MIST
	TWILIGHT		CIRRUS CLOUDS *(High fleecy or Herring-bone)*		HEAVY RAIN
	NIGHT				LIGHT RAIN OR DRIZZLE
	CLEAR		NIMBUS CLOUDS *(Rain)*		HAIL
	PARTLY CLOUDY		CUMULONIMBUS CLOUDS *(Thunderstorms)*		SNOW OR SLEET
	COMPLETELY OVERCAST				UNKNOWN
			HAZE OR SMOG		NONE OF THE ABOVE

C. IF THE SIGHTING WAS AT TWILIGHT OR NIGHT, WHAT DID YOU NOTICE ABOUT THE STARS AND MOON?

(1) STARS		(2) MOON			
	NONE		BRIGHT MOONLIGHT		NO MOONLIGHT
	A FEW		MOON WITH HALO		UNKNOWN
	MANY		MOON HIDDEN BY CLOUDS		
	UNKNOWN		PARTIAL *(New or quarter)*		

D. IF SIGHTING WAS IN DAYLIGHT, WAS THE SUN VISIBLE? ☐ YES ☐ NO. IF "YES," WHERE WAS THE SUN AS YOU FACED THE PHENOMENON?

	IN FRONT OF YOU		TO YOUR RIGHT		OVERHEAD *(Near noon)*
	IN BACK OF YOU		TO YOUR LEFT		UNKNOWN

E. SPECIFY THE MAJOR SOURCE OF ILLUMINATION PRESENT DURING THE SIGHTING, SUCH AS THE SUN, HEADLIGHTS OR STREET LAMP, ETC. FOR TERRESTRIAL ILLUMINATION, SPECIFY DISTANCE TO LIGHT SOURCE.

AND OUTSIDE LIGHT

12. GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHENOMENON, INDICATING WHETHER IT APPEARED DARK OR LIGHT, WHETHER IT REFLECTED LIGHT OR WAS SELF-LUMINOUS AND WHAT COLORS YOU NOTICED. DESCRIBE YOUR IMPRESSION OF WHETHER IT WAS SOLID OR TRANSPARENT, WHETHER EDGES WERE SHARP OR FUZZY. DESCRIBE THE SHAPE OR INDICATE IF IT APPEARED AS A POINT OF LIGHT. INDICATE COMPARISONS WITH OTHER OBSERVED OBJECTS, LIKE STARS, A LIGHT OR OTHER OBJECT IN YOUR FIELD OF VIEW.

8. WHERE WERE YOU WHEN YOU SAW THE PHENOMENON? *(Check appropriate blocks.)*

	OUTDOORS		IN BUSINESS SECTION OF CITY
	IN BUILDING	■	IN RESIDENTIAL SECTION OF CITY
	IN CAR ☐ AS DRIVER ☐ AS PASSENGER		IN OPEN COUNTRYSIDE
	IN BOAT	■	NEAR AIRFIELD 1/2 mile away
	IN AIRPLANE ☐ AS PILOT ☐ AS PASSENGER		FLYING OVER CITY
	OTHER		FLYING OVER OPEN COUNTRY
			OTHER

A. IF YOU WERE IN A VEHICLE, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

WHAT DIRECTION WERE YOU MOVING?				HOW FAST WERE YOU MOVING?
	NORTH		EAST	
	SOUTH		WEST	DID YOU STOP ANYTIME WHILE OBSERVING THE PHENOMENON?
	NORTHEAST		SOUTHEAST	
	NORTHWEST		SOUTHWEST	☐ YES ☐ NO

EXPLAIN WHETHER SUCH MOVEMENT EFFECTS YOUR SKETCHES IN ITEMS 5 AND 6.

DESCRIBE TYPE OF VEHICLE YOU WERE IN AND TYPE OF ROAD, TERRAIN OR BODY OF WATER YOU TRAVERSED DURING THE SIGHTING. STATE WHETHER WINDOWS OR CONVERTIBLE TOP WERE UP OR DOWN.

HOW MUCH OTHER TRAFFIC WAS THERE?

DID YOU NOTICE ANY AIRPLANES? ☐ YES ■ NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE WHEN THEY WERE IN SIGHT RELATIVE TO THE TIME OF SIGHTING THE PHENOMENON AND WHERE THEY WERE IN THE SKY RELATIVE TO THE POSITION OF THE PHENOMENON.

9. HOW LONG WAS THE PHENOMENON IN SIGHT?

LENGTH OF TIME 10 seconds		CERTAIN OF TIME		NOT VERY SURE
	■	FAIRLY CERTAIN		JUST A GUESS

HOW WAS TIME DETERMINED? 2 watch

WAS THE PHENOMENON IN SIGHT CONTINUOUSLY? ■ YES ☐ NO. IF "NO," INDICATE WHETHER THIS IS DUE TO YOUR MOVEMENT OR THE BEHAVIOR OF THE PHENOMENON, AND DESCRIBE SUCH MOVEMENT OR BEHAVIOR. INDICATE DISAPPEARANCES ON PREVIOUS SKETCHES.

15. DRAW A PICTURE THAT WILL SHOW THE SHAPE OF THE PHENOMENON. INCLUDE AND LABEL ANY DETAILS THAT MIGHT HAVE APPEARED AS WINGS OR PROTRUSIONS, AND INDICATE EXHAUST OR VAPOR TRAILS. INDICATE BY AN ARROW THE DIRECTION THE PHENOMENON WAS MOVING.

16. WHAT WAS THE ANGULAR SIZE? HOLD A MATCH AT ARM'S LENGTH IN FRONT OF A KNOWN OBJECT, SUCH AS A STREET LAMP OR THE MOON. NOTE HOW MUCH OF THE OBJECT IS COVERED BY THE HEAD OF THE MATCH. NOW IF YOU HAD BEEN ABLE TO PERFORM THIS EXPERIMENT AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING, ESTIMATE WHAT FRACTION OF THE PHENOMENON WOULD HAVE BEEN COVERED BY THE MATCH HEAD.

13. DID THE PHENOMENON	YES	NO	UNKNOWN
MOVE IN A STRAIGHT LINE?		✓	
STAND STILL AT ANYTIME?		✓	
SUDDENLY SPEED UP AND RUN AWAY?		✓	
BREAK UP IN PARTS AND EXPLODE?		✓	
CHANGE COLOR?		✓	
GIVE OFF SMOKE?		✓	
CHANGE BRIGHTNESS?		✓	
CHANGE SHAPE?		✓	
FLASH OR FLICKER?		✓	
DISAPPEAR AND REAPPEAR?		✓	
SPIN LIKE A TOP?		✓	
MAKE A NOISE?		✓	
FLUTTER OR WOBBLE?		✓	

14. WHAT DREW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE PHENOMENON?

A FRIEND

A. HOW DID IT FINALLY DISAPPEAR?

IT JUST SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED

B. DID THE PHENOMENON MOVE BEHIND OR IN FRONT OF SOMETHING, LIKE A CLOUD, TREE, OR BUILDING AT ANY TIME?
☐ YES ☒ NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE.

22. HAVE YOU EVER SEEN THIS OR A SIMILAR PHENOMENON BEFORE? ☐ YES ☒ NO. IF "YES," GIVE DATE AND LOCATION.

23. WAS ANYONE WITH YOU AT THE TIME YOU SAW THE PHENOMENON? ☒ YES ☐ NO. IF "YES," DID THEY SEE IT TOO? ☒ YES ☐ NO.

A. LIST THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESSES

[redacted] 3618 NORFOLK

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24. GIVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF

LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME [redacted]

ADDRESS *(Street, City, State and Zip Code)* [redacted] Indlps Ind 46224

TELEPHONE *(Area code and number)*	AGE				
[redacted]	15	✓	MALE		FEMALE

INDICATE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION INCLUDING OCCUPATION AND ANY EXPERIENCE WHICH MAY BE PERTINENT.

25. WHEN AND TO WHOM DID YOU REPORT THAT YOU HAD SIGHTED THIS PHENOMENON?

NAME _____ DAY _____ MONTH _____ YEAR _____

26. DATE YOU COMPLETED THIS QUESTIONNAIRE. DAY 13 MONTH 2 YEAR 68

17. DID YOU OBSERVE THE PHENOMENON THROUGH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING? INCLUDE INFORMATION ON MODEL, TYPE, FILTER, LENS PRESCRIPTION OR OTHER APPLICABLE DATA.

	EYEGLASSES		CAMERA VIEWER
	SUNGLASSES		BINOCULARS
	WINDSHIELD		TELESCOPE
	SIDE WINDOW OF VEHICLE		THEODOLITE
	WINDOWPANE		OTHER

A. DO YOU ORDINARILY WEAR GLASSES? ☐ YES ☐ NO

B. DO YOU USE READING GLASSES? ☐ YES ☐ NO

18. WHAT WAS YOUR IMPRESSION OF THE SPEED OF THE PHENOMENON? GIVE ESTIMATE OF SPEED _____.

19. WHAT WAS YOUR IMPRESSION OF THE DISTANCE OF THE PHENOMENON? GIVE ESTIMATE OF DISTANCE _____.

20. IN ORDER THAT WE MAY OBTAIN AS CLEAR A PICTURE AS POSSIBLE OF WHAT YOU SAW, DESCRIBE IN YOUR OWN WORDS A COMMON OBJECT OR OBJECTS WHICH, WHEN PLACED IN THE SKY, SIMILAR TO WHERE YOU NOTED THE PHENOMENON, WOULD BEAR SOME RESEMBLANCE TO WHAT YOU SAW. DESCRIBE SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE COMMON OBJECT AND WHAT YOU SAW.

METORITE

21. DID YOU NOTICE ANY ODOR, NOISE, OR HEAT EMANATING FROM THE PHENOMENON OR ANY EFFECT ON YOURSELF, ANIMALS OR MACHINERY IN THE VICINITY? ☐ YES ☐ NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE.

A. DID THE PHENOMENON DISTURB THE GROUND OR LEAVE ANY PHYSICAL EVIDENCE. ☐ YES ☐ NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE.

27. INFORMATION WHICH YOU FEEL IS PERTINENT BUT WHICH IS NOT ADEQUATELY COVERED IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE. ALTERNATIVELY PROVIDE A NARRATIVE EXPLANATION OF THE SIGHTING.

Copy for Hynek

FINDING

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 31 Jul 67 01/01402	**2. LOCATION** Indianapolis, Indiana 3
3. SOURCE Civilian	**10. CONCLUSION** U N I D E N T I F I E D Blue Book
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 50 seconds	**11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS** S E E C A S E F I L E This has been re-evaluated
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE E-NW	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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31 July 67

TDPT (UFO) Maj Quintanilla/70916/mhs/21 Dec 67

UFO Observations, 31 Jul 67 and 6 Sep 67

See Attached List for Addressees

1. The Aerial Phenomena Office is in receipt of two different unidentified flying object reports from the Indianapolis area.

2. On the evening of 31 July 1967, one observer saw an object, that when best described by ordinary objects, looked like two connected white illuminated rolls of toilet tissue. These were connected so that when looking at the object, from directly underneath, it would look similar to the end of a pair of binoculars.

3. We also received a report from the morning of 6 September 1967 in which another observer sighted a white saucer shaped craft that was flat on the top and bottom.

4. If you were in the area on or about these days, or if you know what may have been the cause for the sightings, we would appreciate your letting us know.

5. Thank you for any assistance that you can provide in helping us to solve these two cases.

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