

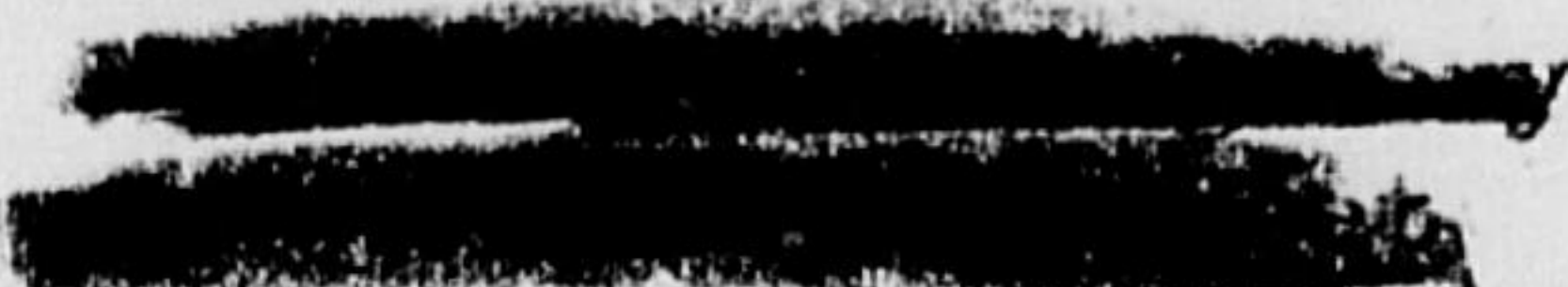
PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 22 Oct 67 23/0058Z	2. LOCATION BELLEVILLE, NEW YORK (3 Witnesses)
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Possible (AIRCRAFT WITH ELECTRICAL ADVERTISING SIGN)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Description seems consistent with a conventional aircraft pulling an electrical aerial advertizing sign.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer sighted an object with flashing lights. There were full lines of white lights that flashed from left to right on an angle. A single red and green light were on each side of the UFO and were steadily lit. Observer said it looked like a Broadway Marquee. The object came from the east then turned NW. It appeared to be following a conventional aircraft in the NW direction.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE NW	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

TDPT (UFO) Lt Col Quintanilla/70916/mhs/14 Jun 68

17 JUN 1968

UFO Observation, October 22, 1967


Bellerose, New York 11428

1. Reference your undated letter regarding the evaluation on your unidentified observation of October 22, 1967.

2. You may be interested in the inclosed information on aerial advertising observations. The newsclipping from the "Sunday Oklahoman," April 9, 1967 issue, and the letter from the Wabash Valley Aviation Co., of Lawrenceville, Illinois, illustrates how electrical advertising can be misinterpreted as unidentified flying objects. I hope that this additional information will answer any questions you had on your observation.


HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office
Aerospace Technologies Division
Production Directorate

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Info on Aerial Advertisers

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Bellerose, New York
11428

REPLY TO
ATTN. OF:

[REDACTED] (see address above)

SUBJECT:

UFO observation — October 22, 1967.

to:

TDPT (UFO)

- 1) This is in reference to your letter dated March 18, 1968 concerning my sighting of 9/22/67.
- 2) If the sighting was an electrical advertising sign,
 - a. Wouldn't the sign say something? (something in the order of whatever it was advertising for) . . . not just a definite pattern of flashing lights.
 - b. Where was the aircraft that was towing the electrical advertising sign at the beginning of the sighting?
 - c. Why was the electrical advertising sign approx. ½ mile behind stated aircraft? (wouldn't that make for hazardous air travel?)
- 3) I am not trying to disprove your explanation but only illuminate mine . . . because I am not satisfactorily convinced of the one you submitted.

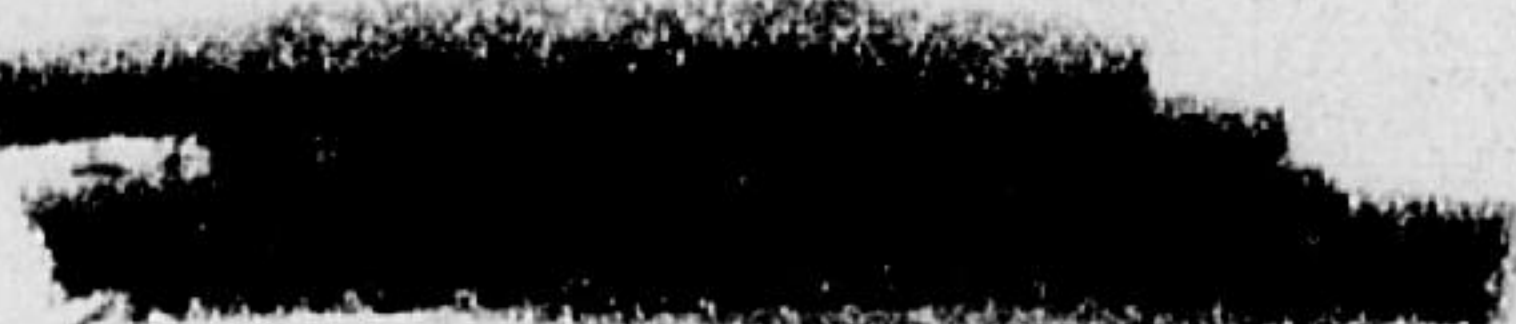
*Thank you very
Kindly,*

[REDACTED]

MAR 18 1968

TDPT (UFO) Maj Quintanilla/70916/mhs/16 Mar 68

UFO Observation, October 22, 1967


Bellerose, New York 11428

1. This replies to your correspondence on your unidentified flying object (UFO) sighting of October 22, 1967.
2. We feel that you probably observed an aircraft towing an electrical advertising sign. The description you provided is very similar to past cases that we have received on observations of electrical aerial advertising signs.
3. Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.


HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Major, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office
Aerospace Technologies Division
Production Directorate

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22 *Qx*

NOV 6 1967

TDET/UFO(Maj Quintanilla/70916/mhs/3 Nov 67)

Aerial Advertising Planes

Newark Airport
Newark, New Jersey 07102

1. The Aerial Phenomena Branch is investigating an unidentified flying object (UFO) observation of 22 October 1967 from Bellerose, New York. The description of the object is consistent with that of an Aerial Advertising plane with an electrical sign.
2. Information on whether there were any advertising planes in the area would be helpful in our evaluation.
3. We have inclosed a listing of aerial advertising planes that operate in the Eastern Region which may be of use to you.
4. Thank you for any assistance you can provide on this observation.

74 JAMES C. MANATT, Colonel, USAF
Director of Technology and Subsystems

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Aerial Advertising Listing

RNC

22 October 1967

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



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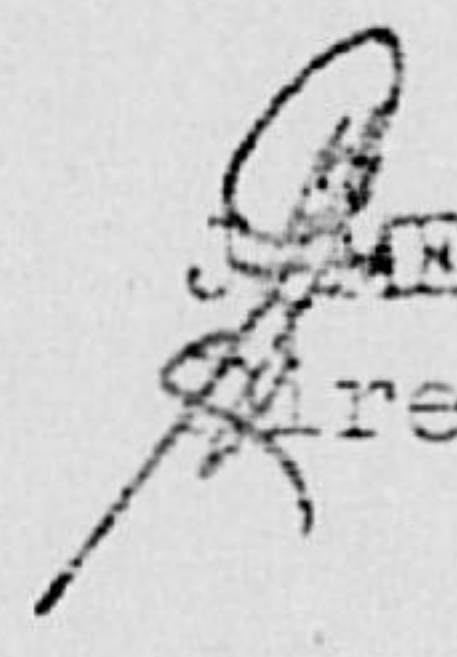
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SUBJECT: UFO Observation, October 22, 1967

TO:

[REDACTED]
Bellerose, New York 11428

Reference your unidentified observation. The information which we have received is not sufficient for a scientific investigation. Request you complete the attached FTD Form 164 and return it in the envelope provided. Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

 JAMES C. MANATT, Colonel, USAF
Director of Technology and Subsystems

1 Atch
FTD Form 164 w/envelope

Bellerose, New York

11428

PROJECT BLUEBOOK
c/o Wright-Patterson AFB,
OHIO

a station of Jamaica
near main airport

GENTLEMEN:

On the evening of October 22, 1967 [Sunday], at approximately 8:00 p.m., I, Yvonne, my sister and mother, and cousin Edgar Pura, of the U.S. Coast Guard witnessed an unidentified flying object.

I was looking out of my window that evening [waiting for someone] and saw an object with flashing lights.^{*} It came from the east and was headed west. To the left of my window, there are some very large trees that the object "shifted" behind. NOTE: There was no sound and it moved sideways—all the while the lights were visible and flashing. I then called my sister. By the time she came, the UFO moved right again, to the full visibility of us both. The UFO then proceeded to move left again (my sister then went to call my cousin and mother to view it), and appeared to be following a "conventional aircraft" in a northwest direction. Due to the lateness of the hour, no shape of the UFO was determinable. It was quite close to the earth and was analogous to the size of a train car in width.

I will try to re-enact the sighting and position.

We were all most sincere in our sighting and would appreciate a confirmation of the UFO—or whether it was an "experimental aircraft"—however, we will not accept MARSH GAS as an answer or possible solution.

EAST

NORTH

SOUTH

WEST

*The flashing lights were not singularly going off and on. There were full lines of white lights that flashed from left to right on an "angle." A single red and green light were on each side of the UFO and were steadily lit. FROM A DISTANCE I THOUGHT IT WAS LIKE THE BROADWAY MARQUEE THAT BROADCASTS THE DAILY NEWS.

Card 164

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?

22nd October 1967
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

7 58
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?

[REDACTED] Street Bellerose New York
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or County

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

— 2 —
Hours Minutes Seconds

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined?

There was an electric clock (with radium dials) in room.

5.2 Was object in sight continuously?

Yes ✓ No —

(Except for trees to left of window; object could be seen by its lights between the branches and/or leaves.)

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY
a. Bright
b. Cloudy

NIGHT
a. Bright — with a misty cloud
b. Cloudy

to the far right of UFO

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

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

8.1 STARS (Circle One):

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

8.2 MOON (Circle One):

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

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

CLOUDS (Circle One):

- ☒ a. Clear sky (with clouds to extreme right)
- 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 — as a combination of lights.
- 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:

The center "white" lights were similar to those on any theater (The red & green, to standard airplane lights) marquee.

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 Indeterminable — due to the position of the lights, my "estimate" would be saucer-shaped.

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 |

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

Not entirely. I saw it longer than the others and had the opportunity to observe it without interruption. It went to the left (behind trees, lights still flashing), then right, & then left again, all the time visible.

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: trees; there may have been clouds behind

the trees at that time - however, I did notice clouds to the extreme right - they appeared isolated & misty.

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: not while I could see it fully.

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

a. Sound none.

b. Color A single red & green light on the left & right - with bright white flashing lines at lights from right to left.

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?

1/10th of the full size. *

* It was quite close

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.

CODE:



○ = red
/ = green
light
//// = flashing
lights

NOTE: SOMETIME BETWEEN 2 & 3, THE OBJECT SEEMED TO LINGER, because of the trees, I do not know if it was then stationary or just moving slower. Between stages 1 & 2, it ~~moved~~ picked up speed as it moved to 2.

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?

I could only compare it to planes coming in for a landing. A steady course + level (at first)

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 the same distance from surface to air that a plane would make a landing.

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

rest of observers went outside.
Looking out an open window of house.

23. Were you (Circle One)

a. In the business section of a city?

☒ b. In the residential section of a city?

c. In open countryside?

d. Near an airfield?

e. Flying over a city?

f. Flying over open country?

g. Other

24. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

24.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

a. North

c. East

e. South

g. West

b. Northeast

d. Southeast

f. Southwest

h. Northwest

24.2 How fast were you moving? _____ 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

MACROSCOPICALLY (20/30)

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.

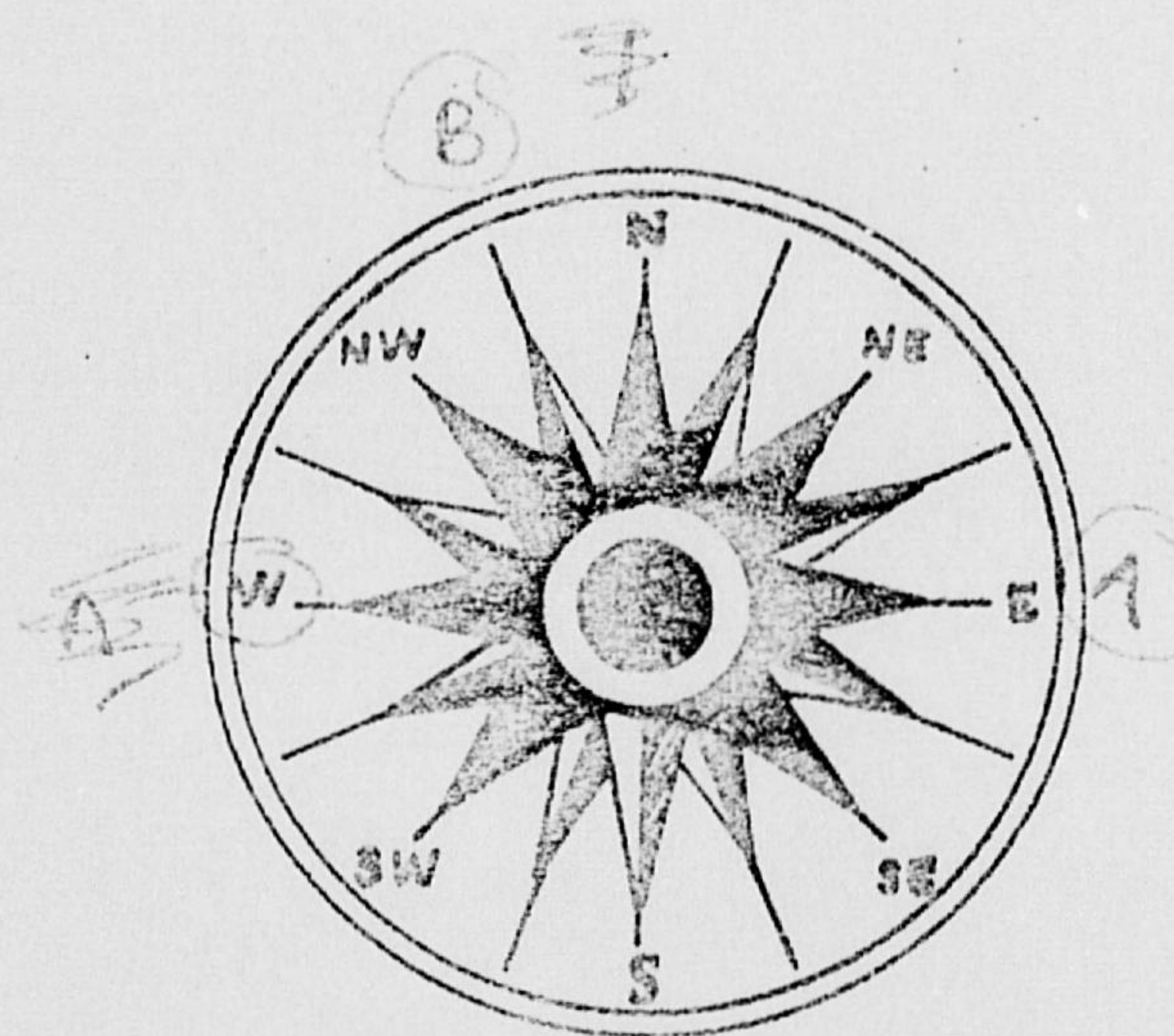
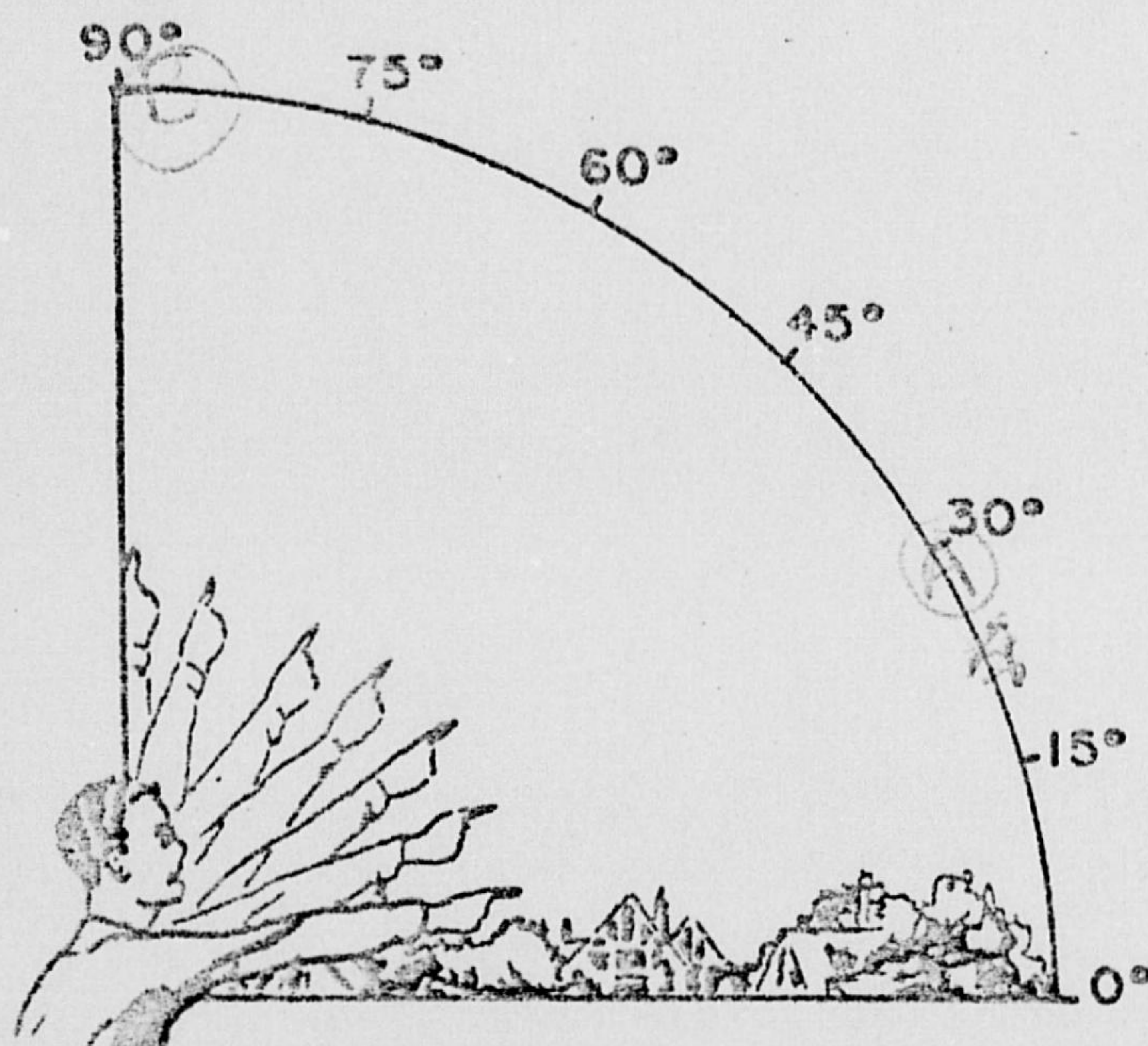
SIZE: COMPARABLE IN WIDTH TO A TRAIN CAR.

LIGHTS (RED + GREEN) On either side of UFO was a single red and green light comparable to those on standard planes.

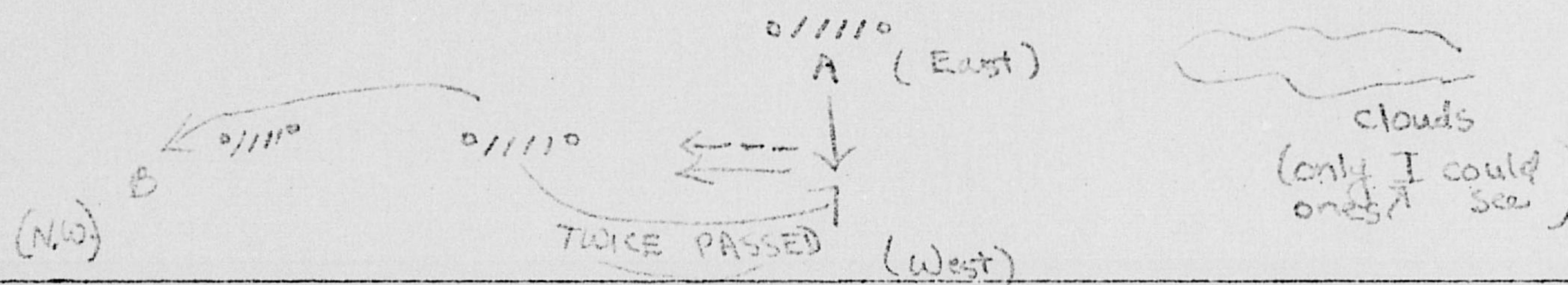
Flashing lights: as bright as those on any Broadway marquee.

As I stated in my letter, from a distance, I thought it looked like the Broadway marquee that flashes the daily news, (on 42 St.)

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 this 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.

See last page for another recent sighting. (30a)

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

(In the Bronx)
In the summer of '55-56, my sister, mother, a neighbor, & myself were in the papers because of UFO sightings. We saw a V-formation (17 in all) of orange-star shaped objects. My sister, an artist, drew pictures of sighting & sent same to Air Force. (we got more publicity than answers.)

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:

Edgar Pura (U.S. Coast Guard)
lives in New Orleans; was visiting for weekend. (Exact address unknown to me.)

both of [redacted], Bellerose, NY

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

Street

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

AGE

SEX

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

I study strictly on my own; Vietnam, its people, its war, our involvement; geology (basic) medical pharmacology (basic), French (basic); Scottish literature, entomology, sociology, etc.

I am a composer - 18m typist (in the publication dept.) do proof-reading also.

(An ex-ballet dancer.)
"No outstanding experience."

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

October

1967

Day

Month

Year

The Air Force
c/o Proj. B1.
of Wright-Patt.
AFB, Ohio

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

2 November 1967
Day Month 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.

As the UFO moved northwest (+ out of sight) it appeared to be following a plane? from a safe distance. It was the only time I noticed the "plane."

It seemed to me that the UFO (with flashing lights) was either trying to communicate with other object or was already acquainted with its "own" aircraft.

The most remarkable feature of the UFO was its flashing lights. Not that they were just going on and off — it was as though each sequence was purposeful ... that ~~the~~ the lights alternated its "message" or words, or letters or — ?

My only regret is that I did not have a camera at hand. Perhaps a photo would have been more helpful.

I hope you will give this sighting consideration. We were all most sincere in the sighting.

Perhaps this sighting could be referred to Dr. Hynek of Northwestern Univ.?

[I shall be most interested in your conclusions — or even a general synopsis of ~~the~~ the observation.]

Sincerely,



30a.

Since my first sighting, in '56 (or '55), I have always habitually watched the sky.

About 3 or 4 months ago, I was waiting in line for a bus at 169th St., in Jamaica. It was a rainy day and a light drizzle was taking place. The sky was a dim reddish color and foggy. (Time: approx. between 7 and 8, date unknown)

Looking about, I suddenly saw next to a tall apartment house, a roundish-mass of red that seemed to be on fire — it jerked upwards a bit, as though suddenly propelled. Then it seemed to settle down. My first thought was that maybe the building was on fire... but it was separate.... Then the bus came, blocking the view completely. Aboard, I looked out of window to find it already gone.

There were no lights of any kind, nor audible sound. Holding a match at arm's length, about $\frac{2}{3}$ of it would be visible.

P.S. I never reported this sighting because I felt I lacked adequate information. (directions, date, time, etc.)

But too many people who do witness UFO's fail to report them as I did then for one reason or another.

If I ever have the opportunity to see one again, I shall report it as accurately possible, & promptly.