PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP [illegible] 68 05/0350Z	2. LOCATION Bay City, Michigan (3 Witnesses)
4. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Possible (HOT AIR BALLOON)
5. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Surface wind direction 330 degrees at 5 knots. This plus descripti indicates that object was a possible hot air balloon.
6. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 60 seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer saw bright orange cigar shpod object for 60 seconds approx 40 deg above the horizon and disappeared approx 15 to 20 deg above the horizon. Object disappeared very suddenly.
7. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
8. COURSE [illegible]	
9. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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

4 March 68

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

REPLY TO ATTN OF: TDPT (UFO)

22 MAR 1968

SUBJECT: UFO Observation , March 4, 1968

TO: Mrs. [redacted]
Bay City, Michigan 48706

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 March 4, 1968 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.

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

1 Atch
AF Form 117 w/envelope

TDPTR/Lt Col Smith

Request surface wind direction and velocity
for Bay City, Michigan, 4 March 1968,
2100 hours.

TDPTR (UFO) Lt Marano 21 Mar 68

70916

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNICAL APPLICATIONS CENTER (MAC)
BLDG 159 NAVY YARD ANNEX, WASHINGTON, DC 20333

REPLY TO ATTN OF: ETAC/EAD (#5992D/SSgt Dunham) 16 Apr 68

SUBJECT: Request for Weather Data

TO: FTD (TDPTR-4)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

1. Requested upper-air weather data required to complete the evaluation of a reported UFO sighting at Glasgow AFB, Montana, are attached. Surface data for this sighting and the sightings at Newark, Ohio, and Bay City, Michigan, are listed below.

a. Glasgow AFB, Montana - 24 Feb 67 - 0600Z:

CLEAR 20 341/-9/-20/1008/XXX

b. Newark, Ohio - 14 Mar 68 - 1900L:

Surface Wind 140 degrees at 7 knots.

c. Bay City, Michigan - 4 Mar 68 - 2100L:

Surface Wind 330 degrees at 5 knots.

2. Data sources were ETAC surface and upper-air history files. Extraction or evaluation of required weather data were adequate for all sightings.

FOR THE COMMANDER

John T. McCabe

JOHN T. McCABE, Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Environmental Applications Div.

1 Atch
2 Upper-Air Data Sheets

TDPT (UFO) Maj Quintanilla/70916/mhs/21 Mar 68

22 MAR 1968

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3-26-68:

We have had no reports of unusual objects being sited in or around Bay City.

R. J. Nash, PC
Deputy Chief of Police.

RJN/bv

4 Mar 68

SAF-OICC/Miss Turnure/76526/Mar. 7, 1968

MAR 7 - 1968

Dear [redacted]

This will reply to your letter of March 5, 1968, in which you described an unidentified flying object (UFO) that you and your family observed.

Without additional information, we cannot offer an explanation of the object you saw. However, if you will complete the attached questionnaire and mail it in the inclosed envelope, our technical people at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base will be able to investigate further and make an evaluation.

Should you ever sight another UFO, please report it as soon as possible to the nearest Air Force base. Each base has a UFO investigator, who is in a better position to make an on-the-spot investigation which usually results in a more accurate analysis.

In the meantime, we are sending you some literature that may help you identify the sighting. Thank you for reporting it to the Air Force.

Sincerely,

DAVID L. STILES
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Civil Branch
Community Relations Division
Office of Information

Attachments

Mr. [redacted]
Bay City, Michigan 48706

Coord Cy - SAF-OIC
Cmbk Cy - SAF-OIC
Activity Cy - SAF-OIC
Reader Cy - SAF-OIC
Stayback

SAF-OICC

Allman

March 5, 1968

Project blueBook
Safoi
washington, D. C.20330

Dear Sirs:
I realize how busy you must be, but kindly take my letter into consideration.:

I and the rest of my family had just arived home and were walking up the sidewalk to our house when an object of about the brightness of the end star of the big dipper attracted my attention. It did so because it was moving 3 times faster than a jet. It was a definite orange color and traveled in a straight line eastward to Cor Caroli and then made a right angle turn downward for about 20° and then suddenly disappeared.

The duration of time that I saw it was about 60 seconds. I spotted it about 25 degrees west of the tail end of the big dipper. The time was about 9:50 and the weather only slightly cloudy. from where I saw it just about the exact spot is 83° 77' west long. and 43°42' north latitude. The object was cigar-shaped and was about ¼ the size of the mmon, and the date 3/4/68. It made no sound whatsoever.

I swear with the utmost sincereity that the above is the truth.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

It doesn't matter if my name is
used in a research publication
or some other literature

SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED PHENOMENA QUESTIONNAIRE

BUDGET BUREAU APPROVAL NUMBER 21-R358

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 AFR 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 4 MONTH March YEAR 1968

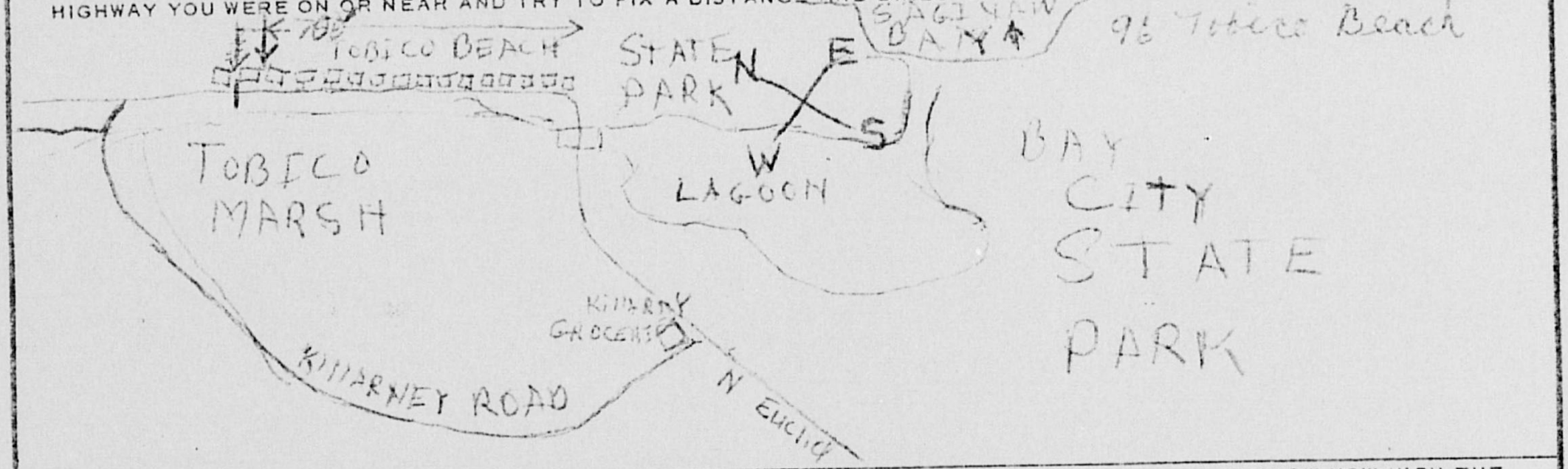
2. WHAT TIME DID YOU FIRST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON? HOUR 8 PM MINUTES 50 ☐ A.M. ☒ P.M.

3. WHAT TIME DID YOU LAST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON? HOUR 8 MINUTES 51 ☐ A.M. ☒ P.M.

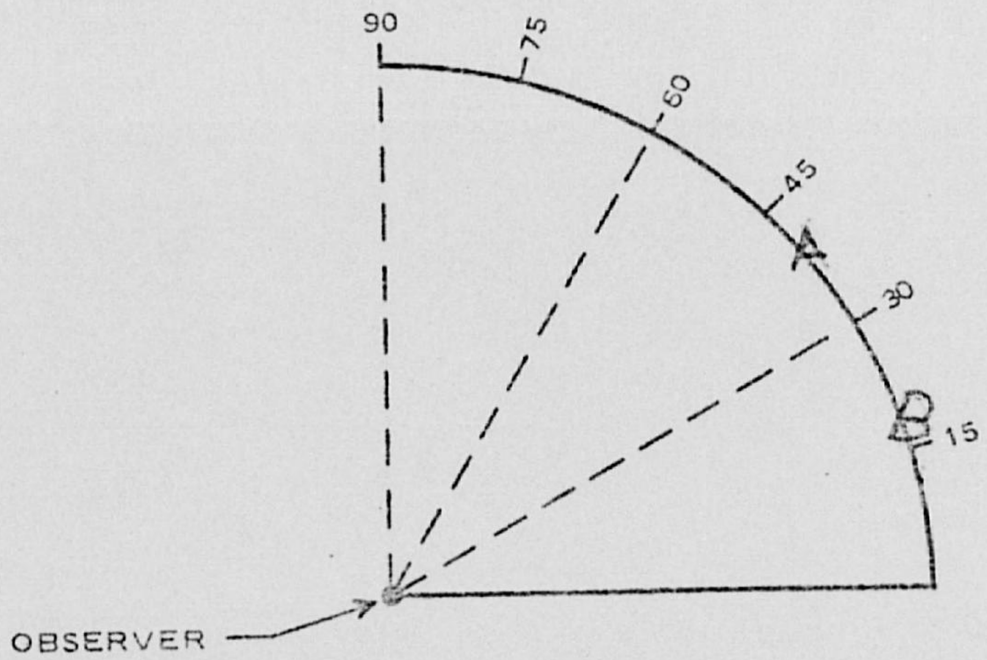
4. TIME/ZONE ☐ DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ☒ STANDARD

☐ 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.



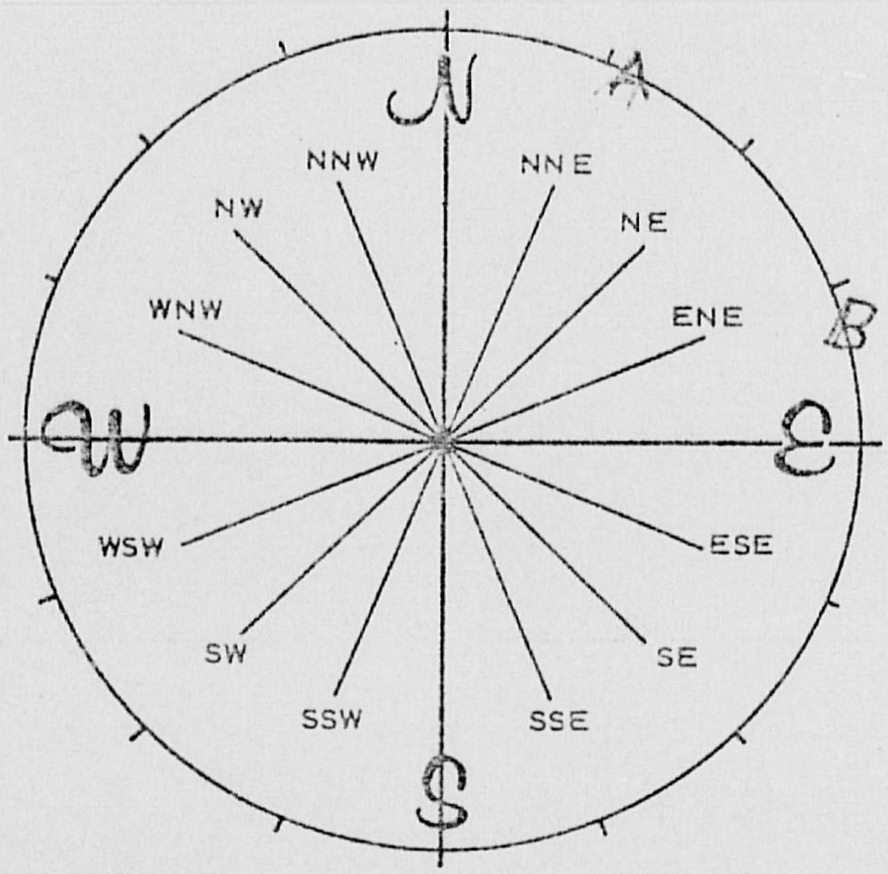
6. IMAGINE YOU ARE AT THE POINT SHOWN IN THE SKETCH, PLACE AN "A" ON THE CURVED LINE TO SHOW HOW HIGH THE PHENOMENON WAS ABOVE THE HORIZON, OR SKYLINE, WHEN FIRST SEEN. PLACE A "B" ON THE SAME CURVED LINE TO SHOW HOW HIGH ABOVE THE HORIZON THE PHENOMENON WAS WHEN LAST SEEN.



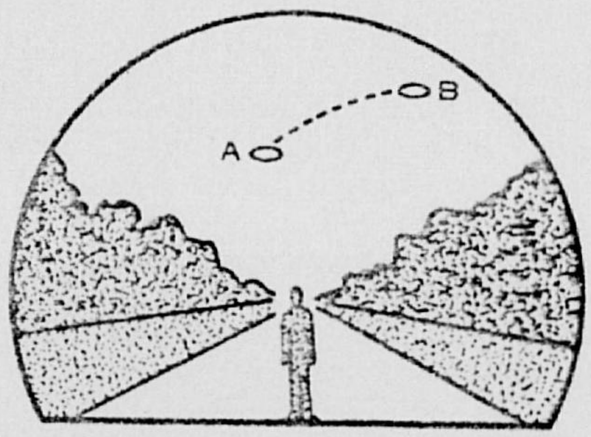
AF FORM AUG 67 117

There is a large airport about 10 mi

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.



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
	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? I WAS STATIONARY

	NORTH		EAST
	SOUTH		WEST
	NORTHEAST		SOUTHEAST
	NORTHWEST		SOUTHWEST

HOW FAST WERE YOU MOVING?

I WASN'T

DID YOU STOP ANYTIME WHILE OBSERVING THE PHENOMENON?

☒ YES ☐ NO

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

NO

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.

I WAS IN NONE

HOW MUCH OTHER TRAFFIC WAS THERE?

NONE

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: 1 MINUTE

	CERTAIN OF TIME		NOT VERY SURE
✓	FAIRLY CERTAIN		JUST A GUESS

HOW WAS TIME DETERMINED?

BY COUNTING 1 THOUSAND ONE 1 THOUSAND TWO ETC.

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.

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.

STREETLAMP 125' (IT WAS BLOCKED BY A NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE)

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.

The object was self luminous, Goldish orange in color. it appeared solid. The edges were distinctly sharp. It was a spheroid... Cigar shaped. It was about a quarter of the size of the moon.

Please excuse my corrections
I did not understand the questions THE FIRST TIME

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?

Brightness speed

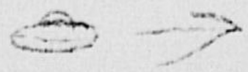
A. HOW DID IT FINALLY DISAPPEAR?

Very suddenly

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.

I was excited in drawing my
... first descriptions. Here are betterones,
I was helped by my mother & Brother ~~Rich~~
who also seen the phenomenon

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.



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\ BETTER DRAWING

(I WAS IN TOO MUCH OF A HURRY ~~TO~~ DRAW GOOD)

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.

It was a bit as large as the match head.

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

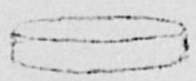
B. DO YOU USE READING GLASSES? ☐ YES ☒ NO

18. WHAT WAS YOUR IMPRESSION OF THE SPEED OF THE PHENOMENON? GIVE ESTIMATE OF SPEED 3 TIMES FASTER THAN JET

19. WHAT WAS YOUR IMPRESSION OF THE DISTANCE OF THE PHENOMENON? GIVE ESTIMATE OF DISTANCE 1/4 mi.

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.

It looked like a ring slightly tipped

()

Ring

the edges were more rounded, it had a central bulge

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.

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

Mrs. [redacted]
Bay City, Michigan 48706

24. GIVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF

LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME [redacted]

ADDRESS (Street, City, State and Zip Code) [redacted]

TELEPHONE (Area code and number)	AGE				
[redacted]	13	X	MALE		FEMALE

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

amateur Astronomer Astro-photography
Telescopic photographs

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

NAME Project Blue Book DAY 5 MONTH March YEAR 1968

26. DATE YOU COMPLETED THIS QUESTIONNAIRE.

DAY _____ MONTH _____ YEAR _____

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

I started when I arrived home at about 9:48, I walked out in the front of the house to look at the stars, when something bright appeared, I watched it for about 1½ min., during this time, it made a sharp turn down and then disappeared. Other information is in the previous text