PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 31 Jul '68 31/0255 31/0855Z	2. LOCATION Boise, Idaho (2 Witnesses)
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Probable (HOT AIR BALLOON) Surface wind was from 120 deg at 7 knots. There is no evidence that the light was not from a garmet bag hot air balloon.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS The observer sighted a red light that was about the size of a grapefruit. The object was at about 15 deg elevation and moved roughly in a westerly direction. The object was seen for approx. 4 minutes.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE NNE - WNW	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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

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 31 MONTH July YEAR 68

2. WHAT TIME DID YOU FIRST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON?

HOUR _____ MINUTES _____ [X] A.M. [ ] P.M.

3. WHAT TIME DID YOU LAST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON?

HOUR _____ MINUTES _____ [X] A.M. [ ] P.M.

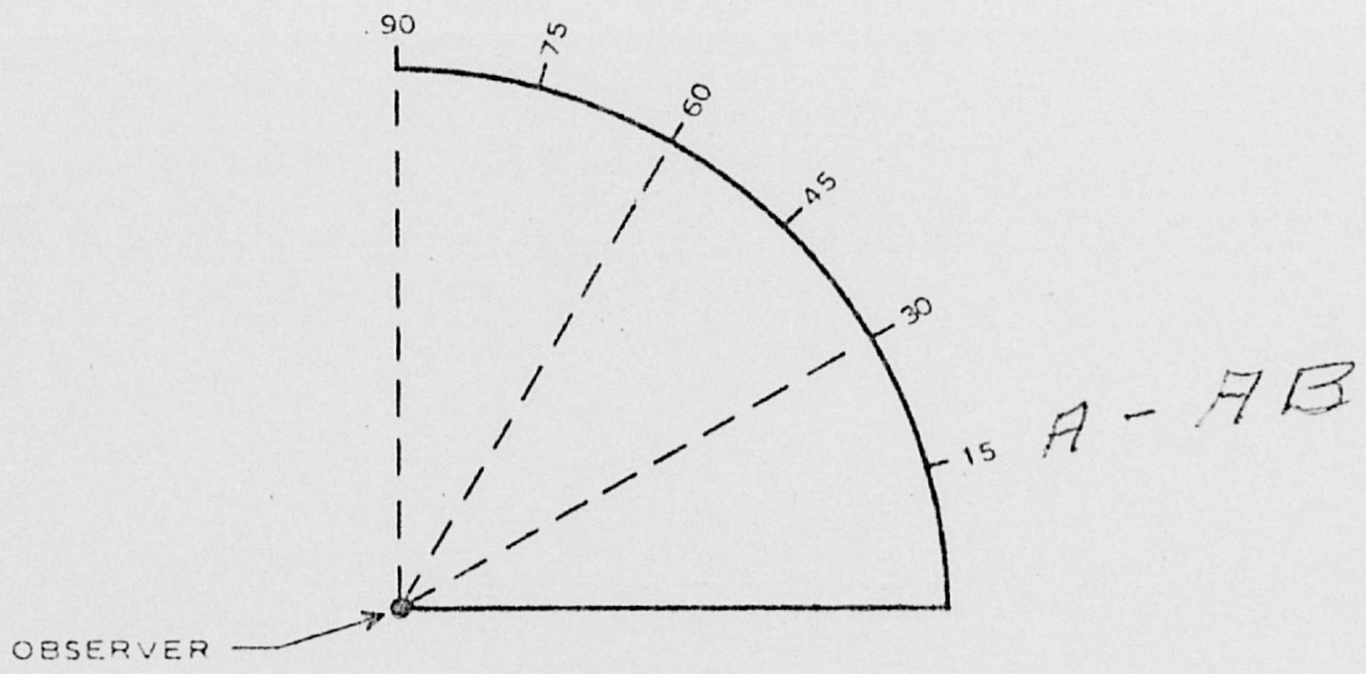
4. TIME ZONE [X] DAYLIGHT SAVINGS [ ] STANDARD

[ ] 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 NEARBY AND TRY TO FIX A DISTANCE AND DIRECTION FROM SOME RECOGNIZABLE LANDMARK.

[redacted] Ave.

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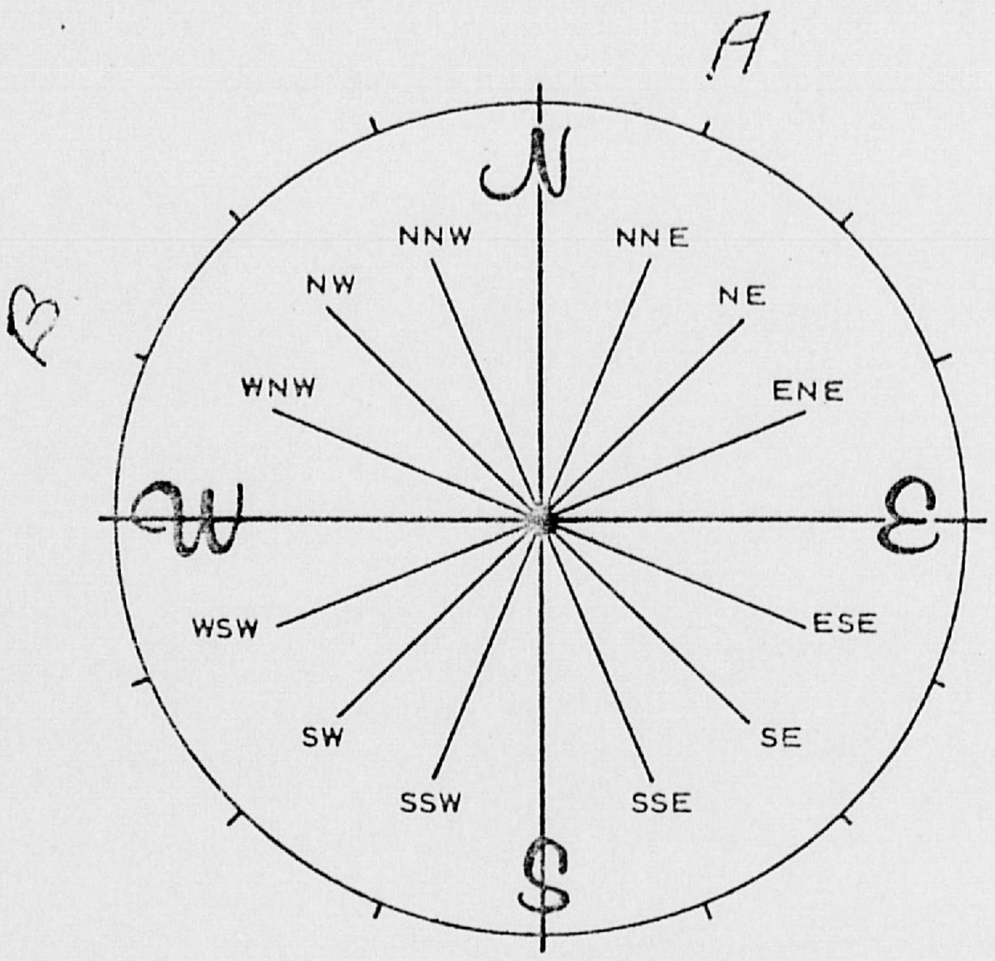
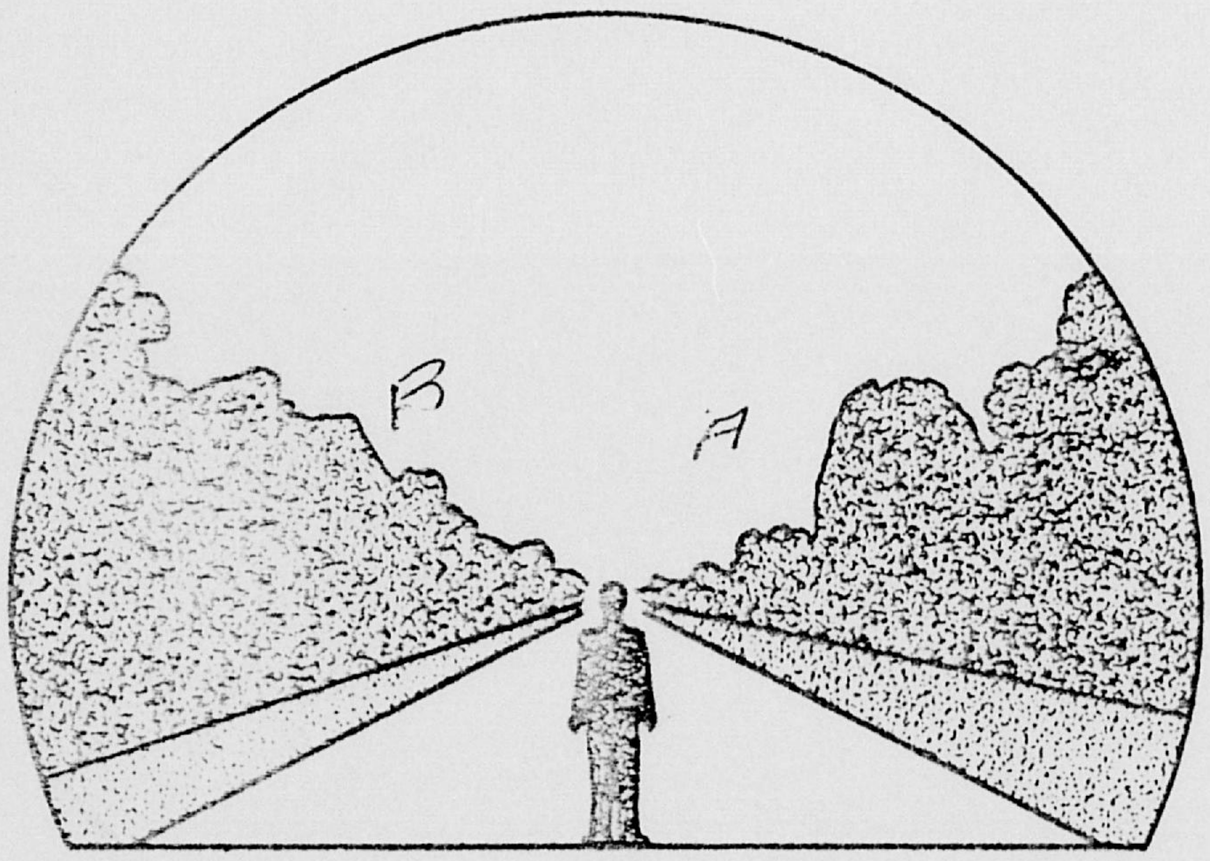
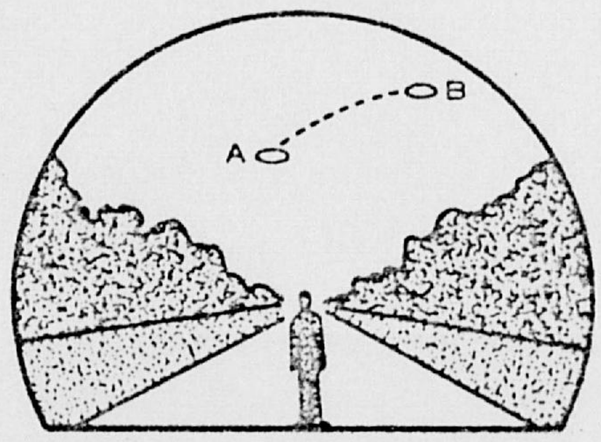
6A. NOW IMAGINE YOU ARE AT THE CENTER OF THE COMPASS ROSE. PLACE AN "A" ON THE COMPASS TO INDICATE THE DIRECTION TO THE PHENOMENON WHEN FIRST SEEN. PLACE A "B" ON THE COMPASS TO INDICATE THE DIRECTION TO THE PHENOMENON WHEN LAST SEEN.



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.





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~~ Stopped?

	NORTH		EAST
	SOUTH		WEST
	NORTHEAST		SOUTHEAST
	NORTHWEST		SOUTHWEST

HOW FAST WERE YOU MOVING?

DID YOU STOP ANYTIME WHILE OBSERVING THE PHENOMENON?

✓ YES ☐ NO

EXPLAIN WHETHER SUCH MOVEMENT AFFECTS 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.

69 Chev Hdtp. paved road. Windows down.

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 4 min.

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

HOW WAS TIME DETERMINED?

Estimate

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.

Was not in sight continuously due to my movement. Drove approx 4 mi. to get a better view.

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.

turned headlights off + spot light on.

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.

It was about the size of grapefruit. Star red in color. Star solid, edges sharp- round in shape -

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?

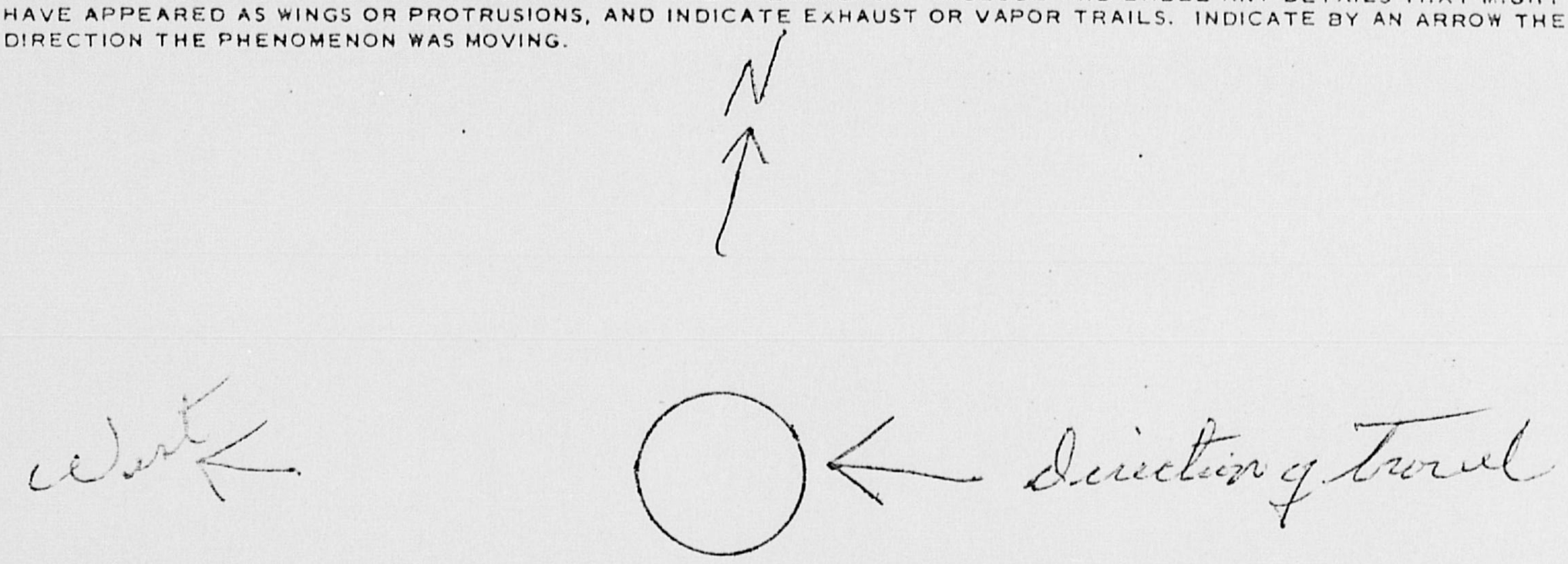
Star looking for it as we had a report from a man in regards to it.

A. HOW DID IT FINALLY DISAPPEAR?

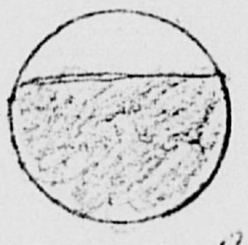
faded away in the distance.

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.

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.



a match head would cover a good half to 3/4 of the object.

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 Sun visor

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 2-3 MPH

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

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 was round + about the size of a grapefruit. Has red in color.

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 [redacted] F.D.

24. GIVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF

LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME [redacted]

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

TELEPHONE (Area Code) [redacted] AGE 44 ☐ MALE ☒ FEMALE ☐

INDICATE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION INCLUDING OCCUPATION AND ANY EXPERI[redacted]THEM.

Boise City, Idaho [redacted]

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

NAME [redacted] DAY 31 MONTH July YEAR 68

26. DATE YOU COMPLETED THIS QUESTIONNAIRE.

DAY 2 MONTH Aug YEAR 68

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

Was going North on Bogue Basin Rd. approx 1 mile from the Highlands Sub-Division. Suddenly to my left I noticed this red light. It was approx the size of a grapefruit. Red in color & was slowly descending at approx 3-5 degrees from the horizontal. Travelling about 1-3 MPH.

I stopped my veh & turned the spot-light toward it, but could not reach it with the beam.

It made approx a 90° turn left & headed west & began to ascend at about a 3-5 degree angle.

I called another patrol car on the radio to meet me. — This car came on the scene & arrived in about 2 min. The both watched it until it disappeared from sight. — This took about 2-3 minutes from the time the other patrol car arrived.

The spot-light on the patrol car is an airplane landing light & much brighter than our ordinary spot-light.

Also the other Officer & myself got out of our cars to watch this light.

31 July

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 1968

18 SEP 1968

TO: Mr [redacted]
Boise, Idaho 83704

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

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AF Form 117 w/envelope

31 July

INVESTIGATION OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT (UFO) 22 August 1968

The following report contains information accumulated during the investigation of the reported sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) in Boise, Idaho. The report was telephoned to Mountain Home AFB, Idaho by Officer Kimbrell, Communications Center, Boise Police Department, Boise, Idaho. Boise Police Department received the origional report of the sighting from Mr. [redacted] Drive, Boise, Idaho.

The report is logged in the Wing Command Post Blotter as of 0855Z hours, 31 July 1968. 0255 L.

This investigation was conducted by SSgt Theodore C. Ackley, AF12457255, 67th Security Police Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho.

INVESTIGATORS REMARKS CONCERNING INTERVIEWS WITH WITNESSES OF SIGHTING:

Sgt William B. Cussie, Boise Police Department, Boise, Idaho was contacted and furnished the following information; Sgt Cussie was on duty at the time of the origional report from Mr. [redacted] Sgt Cussie drove to the area of the sighting in an attempt to observe the phenomena. Sgt Cussie's report of the sighting are contained on AF Form 117. Sgt Cussie stated other police officers observed the same phenonema however, these officers declined making a written statement of what they observed.

Attempts were made to contact Mr. [redacted] at his residence to obtain his discription of the sighting. Mr [redacted] was not at his residence and could not be contacted by telephone. A message was left for [redacted] to contact the investigator by telephone to schedule an appointment for an interview at Mr. [redacted]'s convenience. Mr [redacted] contacted the investigator by telephone and stated he would be in Mountain Home, Idaho during the week of 12 August 68 thru 16 August 68 and that he would contact the investigator at that time for an interview. At the writing of this report, Mr. [redacted] has made no further contact with the investigator.

REPORT FROM THE U.S. WEATHER BUREAU AND THE BOISE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, BOISE, IDAHO:

Mr. Hal Harvey and Mr. Jim McCoy, U.S. Weather Bureau furnished the following information on weather conditions covering the period of 0100 hours, 31 July 1968 thru 0400 hours, 31 July 1968: The weather was open and clear with up to twenty (20) mile visibility. There was a smoke layer in the northern portion of the sky reaching from the Northwest to the Northeast. The smoke layer was quite thin and scattered and non restrictive to visibility. The smoke was caused by a range fire in the Weiser, Idaho area. The surface winds during this period were: 0100 hours, 180 degrees at 7 kts; 0200 hours, 180 degrees at 6 kts; 0300 hours, 120 degrees at 7 kts; 0400 hours, 130 degrees at 9 kts. Winds at higher elevations during this period were:

4,000 ft.,	305 degrees at 14 kts.	6,000 ft.,	360 degrees at 9 kts.
10,000 ft.,	325 degrees at 6 kts.	14,000 ft.,	305 degrees at 16 kts.
20,000 ft.,	305 degrees at 16 kts.	30,000 ft.,	275 degrees at 19 kts.

45,000 ft., 260 degrees at 30 kts. 50,000 ft., 270 degrees at 14 kts.
70,000 ft., 090 degrees at 7 kts. 90,000 ft., 095 degrees at 7 kts.

There was no moon at this time and there was good visibility of the stars. Weather baloons were released at 1615 hours, 30 July 1968 and at 0415 hours, 31 July 1968

Mr. M.C. Coach, FAA, Control Tower Chief and Mr. C.E. Abshire, FAA, Flight Service Station Chief were contacted. They stated there was no unusual flight activity during the period of the sighting.

Miss Sylvia Burkley, GS-11, Control Tower Operator on duty at the time of the sighting furnished the following information: When Boise Police Department informed the Control Tower of the sighting, She scanned the northern horizon with binoculars and could observe nothing unusual. There was a smoke haze in the northern sky resulting from the range fire in the Weiser, Idaho area. She stated that just prior to the reported sighting a Twin Cesna aircraft had arrived from Twin Falls, Idaho. The pilot of this aircraft had seen nothing unusual. Just after this reporting another aircraft departed for a destination north of Boise. The pilot of this aircraft saw nothing unusual. Mr. James H. Prendergrast, Supervising Inspector, General Aviation District Office was contacted. He stated his office had received no reports of Unidentified Phenomena.

Maj. Dale J. Hendry, Group Security Office, 124th Fighter Group, Idaho Air National Guard, Gowan Field, Boise, Idaho was contacted. He stated his office had received no report of Unidentified Phenomena.