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(C) NONE (D) FIFTEEN MILES (E) SCATTERED (F) LIGHTENING IN
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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT <i>4 Oct 54</i>		
SUBJECT UFOB		
AREA REPORTED ON <i>1/2</i>	FROM (Agency) Detachment 2, 1602d ATSS	
DATE OF REPORT 15 Dec 54	DATE OF INFORMATION 3 Oct 54	EVALUATION B-2
PREPARED BY (Name) MILTON BELLOVIN, Capt. USAF	SOURCE Jesse F. Messer, USAF	
REFERENCES (Central number, direction, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFR 200-2 dtd 12 Aug 54; HROB Report IR-1-54 (Sedalia AFB, Mo.); AFIC Form 1		
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<p>I. CONTENTS:</p> <p>PART ONE: Description of sighting by Jesse F. Messer, Lt. Col. USAF, assigned to the office of Director of Manpower and Organization, Sedalia AFB, Mo. (FJMJ 2644)</p> <p>PART TWO: Investigator's summary.</p> <p>II. SUMMARY: Two unidentified flying objects were sighted by a group of eight people; the first object was seen at 040250Z Oct 54, the second at 040350Z Oct 54, both at Warrensburg, Mo. (FJMJ 1646). Since the preliminary report indicated general agreement of what was seen by all the observers, the follow-up investigation consisted of a more thorough interview of one qualified observer and a check of other possible sources of activity in the area on that date.</p> <p>III. INVESTIGATOR: Capt. MILTON BELLOVIN, 17686A.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Milton Bellvin</i> MILTON BELLOVIN CAPT. USAF Officer in Charge</p> <p>PREPARED BY:</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>John M. White Jr.</i> JOHN M. WHITE JR. Colonel USAF Commander</p> <p>APPROVED:</p> <p><i>NO</i></p>		
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I. SOURCE: JESSE F. MESSER, Lt. Col., USAF

Age: 56

Duties: Asst Manpower Officer, Sedalia AFB, Mo.

Educations: High School Graduate, Service Technical Schools

Reputations: A highly reliable, respected individual.

Address: 22 Pershing Courts, Warrensburg, Mo.

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE is a experienced individual with a very at the base. He was highly cooperative and deliberate in his answers.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF OBJECTS:

1. The first object was cylindrical in shape with a glass neon tube light on the inside. It looked like it might be mounted on an aircraft but no aircraft was visible. No sound was heard. It appeared to be of a dull orange solid color and remained steady.

2. The second object appeared to be of a brighter orange color approximating the size of a dime held at arm's length.

3. Both objects were sighted over the business area of Warrensburg, Mo.

4. Further details of this sighting were given in preliminary report and attached ATIC Form 4.

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INVESTIGATOR'S SUMMARY

1. A check at the Combat Operations Center, CADE, Grandview AFB, Mo. produced a negative results in terms of AC&I, GOC, and fighter interceptor reports.

2. Base weather at both Grandview AFB and Sedalia AFB also indicated negative reports.

3. Flt E - 1116th Air Support Grp, Moby Dick Det #1 claimed that they had no balloon launchings that date. This unit stationed at Sedalia AFB and operating out of both Sedalia AFB and Grandview AFB had been involved in many launchings in the past few months.

4. Since indications still pointed to the possibility that these objects were of a balloon launching nature, attempts were made to contact the R&D project operating out of Cambridge Research, Mass. By coincidence, several plane loads of members of that project (Project 119L) were coordinating another launching with members of the 4602d AISS participating. On 15 Dec 54, Lt. Robert Smith, assigned to the air support activities of the Cambridge Research Group, operating out of Hanscom Field, Mass. was interviewed on his previous activities near Sedalia AFB. This interview was conducted in the office of Det 2, 4602d AISS, Grandview AFB, Mo. and produced positive results.

5. Lt. Smith stated that he and other members of his group (present during the interview) had participated in balloon launchings out of Sedalia AFB and over the area of Warrensburg, Mo. on the night of 3 Oct 54. This was a special project and did not include Flt E-1110th Air Support Grp (see par 3 above). He further stated that he was positive that this was the object(s) seen by the eight persons listed in preliminary report of this investigation. The SOURCES recalled seeing a local news write up of the incident in the Sedalia Democrat, local newspaper, and were amused at the impressions as published. Since they were not aware that the incident had been officially reported as a UFOB they did not notify anyone of the activity.

6. COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER:

The members of Project 119L referred to in par 5 above were shown a copy of the preliminary report of these UFOBs and were unanimous in their opinion that these sightings were the two launchings in which they had participated. Since their activities are of a classified nature, no further details or names were solicited.

All indications, especially the description of a neon tube with light, bear heavily on the conclusion that the UFOBs are the launchings of the Cambridge Research Unit.

Future launchings will be more closely coordinated with the 4602d AISS units in this area in the future.

Milton Bellevin
MILTON BELLOVIN
Captain USAF
Officer in Charge

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COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

1. Comments of the preparing officer and information obtained from members of Project 119L indicate a positive identification of this UFOB report.
2. Further specific data furnished by Lt. Smith, in paragraph 5 of this report, definitely establishes the sightings to have been a result of balloon launchings in that area.

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SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Object (UFOB)
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AREA REPORTED ON Western Missouri - USA	FROM (Agency) 340th Bomb Wing, Sedalia AFB, Mo
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DATE OF REPORT 4 October 1954-	DATE OF INFORMATION 3 October 1954	EVALUATION Confirmed - Reliable
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PREPARED BY (Officer) Edwin R. Daniels, 1st Lt., USAF, Intell Off	SOURCE Mr. , 1st Lt Copeland T/Sgt Pribiserisk
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REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

AFR 200-2 12 August 1954

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)

A group of eight military and civilian persons ground-visually sighted unidentified objects flying over Warrensburg, Missouri, on 3 October 1954. The objects were sighted singly and separately one hour apart, the first at 2050 CST and the second at 2150 CST.

The course of each is shown on inclosures one and two. The configuration of the first was a cylinder that glowed like a orange neon tube. The second sighting looked like a bright orange ball.

APPROVED:

Wm. H. Timlin

WILLIAM H. TIMLIN

Major, USAF

Wing Intelligence Officer

OIC Detachment 2, 4602d Air Intelligence Service Squadron will conduct a field investigation of this UFOB.

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The first object was cylinder shaped with rounded ends approximately the size of a one inch binder post held at arms length. It appeared to be a dull orange solid neon tube. The color was steady and did not flicker as in jet exhaust.

The object was first sighted just south of the individuals at an elevation of approximately 80 degrees traveling east. (See sketch on first sighting.) The object faded out to the ESE in four or five seconds. No sound was heard by anyone. The surface wind was from 180° at 11 knots. The night was clear with 10 miles visibility. Scattered clouds at 25,000 feet. All winds aloft were from 2700 up to 50,000 feet and variable between 20 and 45 knots.

Of the eight persons seeing the object, the following were interviewed:

- a. Mr. [REDACTED] 56, [REDACTED] Warrensburg, Missouri; Civil Service Employee at Sedalia Air Force Base; and a Lt. Colonel in USAFR.
- b. 1st Lt. J. N. Copeland, Headquarters Squadron, 340th Air Base Group, Sedalia Air Force Base, Missouri.
- c. T/Sgt C. R. Pribiserisk, 487th Bomb Squadron, Sedalia Air Force Base, Missouri.

The second unidentified object was round and approximately the size of a 1/4" diameter circle held at arms length. It appeared to be a bright orange solid round ball. One observer stated it looked white to him. The other two interviewed stated approximately the same as the first color, but brighter.

The object was first sighted almost directly overhead traveling east, parallel to and north of first object's course (see sketch on second sighting). This object made a sharp turn and faded out fast to the NE in about three seconds. No sound was heard. The weather conditions were the same as above.

COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER:

All men interviewed are believed to be [REDACTED] and it is the opinion of this officer that these sightings are correct.

Edwin R Daniels

EDWIN R. DANIELS
1st Lt., USAF
Intelligence Officer

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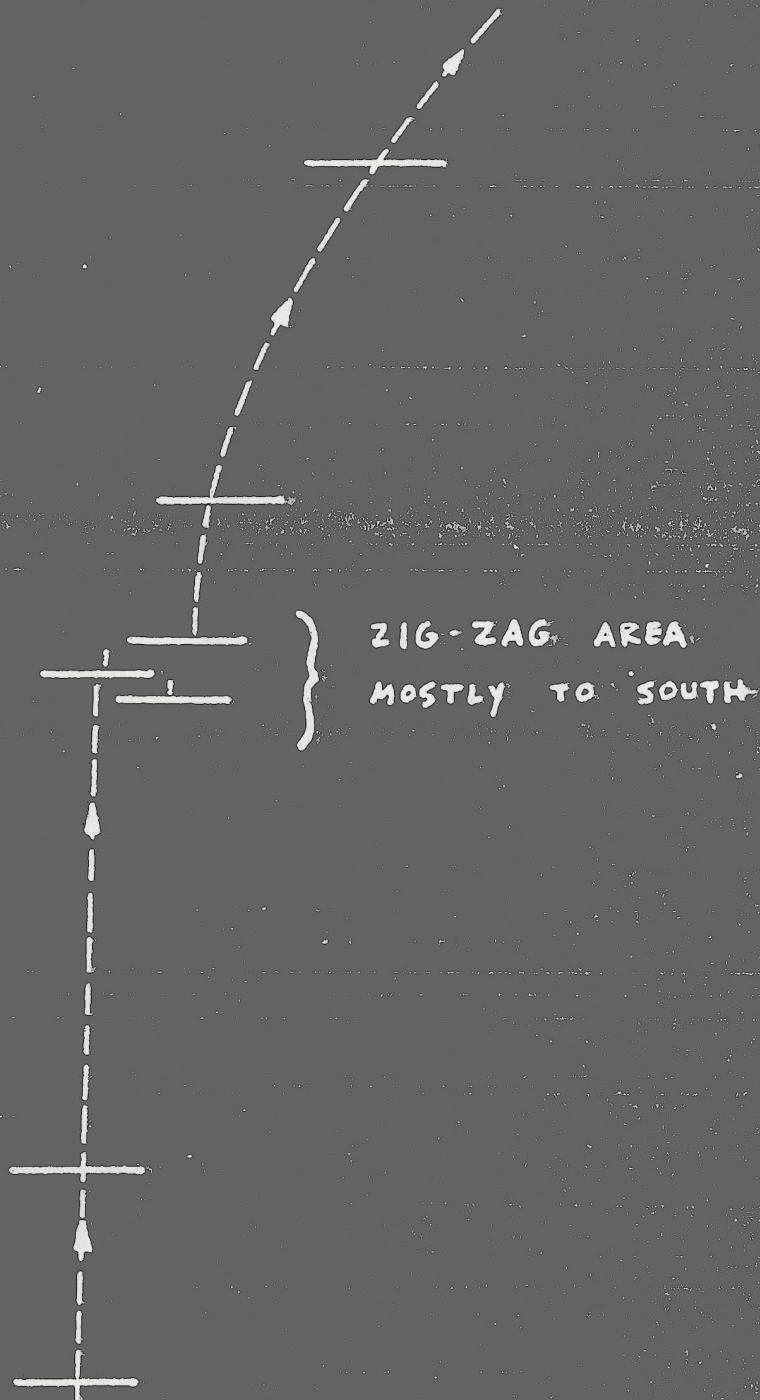
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GRANDVIEW AFB
GRANDVIEW, MO.

Mr. James E. Massa

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U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

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, and will be regarded as confidential material. 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?

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Year

2. Time of day:

8
Hour50
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?

Nearest Postal Address

Warrensburg
City or TownMissouri
State or Country

Additional remarks:

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

Hours

Minutes

4
Seconds

5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.

a. Certain

b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure

d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

(Circle One):

a. Bright daylight

b. Dull daylight

c. Bright twilight

d. Just a trace of daylight

e. No trace of daylight

f. Don't remember

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, 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

Small

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8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, 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. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky?

(Circle One):

- ☒ a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Don't remember

10. IF it was BRIGHTER THAN the sky background, was the brightness like that of an automobile headlight?:

(Circle One) a. A mile or more away (a distant car)?

b. Several blocks away?

c. A block away?

d. Several yards away?

e. Other _____

N/A

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- | | | | |
|---|-----|-------------------------------------|------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time? | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't Know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't Know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't Know |
| d. Give off smoke? | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness? | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't Know |
| f. Change shape? | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't Know |
| g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate? | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't Know |

12. Did the object move behind something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

Yes

☒ No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

it moved behind: _____

13. Did the object move in front of something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

Yes

☒ No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

it moved in front of: _____

14. Did the object appear: (Circle One):

a. Solid?

b. Transparent?

☒ c. Don't Know.

15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

- a. Eyeglasses Yes
- b. Sun glasses Yes
- c. Windshield Yes
- d. Window glass Yes

☒ No

☒ No

☒ No

☒ No

- e. Binoculars Yes
- f. Telescope Yes
- g. Theodolite Yes
- h. Other _____

☒ No

☒ No

☒ No

☒ No

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

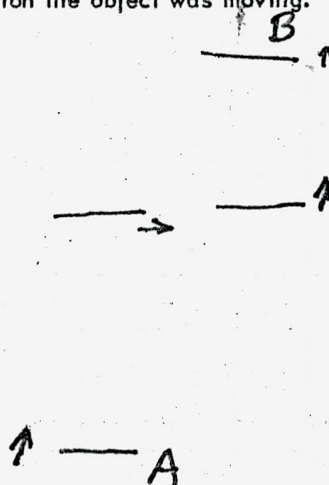
a. Sound

None

b. Color

Little Orange

17. 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.



18. 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

19. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there?

~~7-10-10~~ N/A

Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

20. 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.

see 17

21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.
_____ feet. **UNKNOWN**

22. How large did the object or objects appear as compared with one of the following objects *held in the hand* and at about arm's length?

(Circle One):

- | | |
|--|------------------|
| a. Head of a pin | g. Silver dollar |
| b. Pea | h. Baseball |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> c. Dime | i. Grapefruit |
| d. Nickel | j. Basketball |
| e. Quarter | k. Other _____ |
| f. Half dollar | |

- 22.1 (Circle One of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22.

- | | |
|--|------------------|
| a. Certain | c. Not very sure |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> b. Fairly certain | d. Uncertain |

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? Faded Out

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could construct the object that you saw. Of what type material would you make it? How large would it be, and what shape would it have? 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.

Glass Neon tube with light inside.
looked as if mounted on aircraft; but
no aircraft was visible and no sound
was heard.

25. 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
- e. At sea
- f. Other _____

26. 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. Flying near an airfield?
- e. Flying over a city?
- f. Flying over open country?
- g. Other Near business section
in residential area

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

sitting in back yard relaxing in a
lawn chair.

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

28.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

N/A

- a. North
- b. Northeast
- c. East
- d. Southeast
- e. South
- f. Southwest
- g. West
- h. Northwest

28.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

28.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

29. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object? (Circle One)

- a. North
- b. Northeast
- c. East
- d. Southeast
- ☒ e. South
- f. Southwest
- g. West
- h. Northwest

30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the object? (Circle One)

- a. North
- b. Northeast
- c. East
- ☒ d. Southeast
- e. South
- f. Southwest
- g. West
- h. Northwest

31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

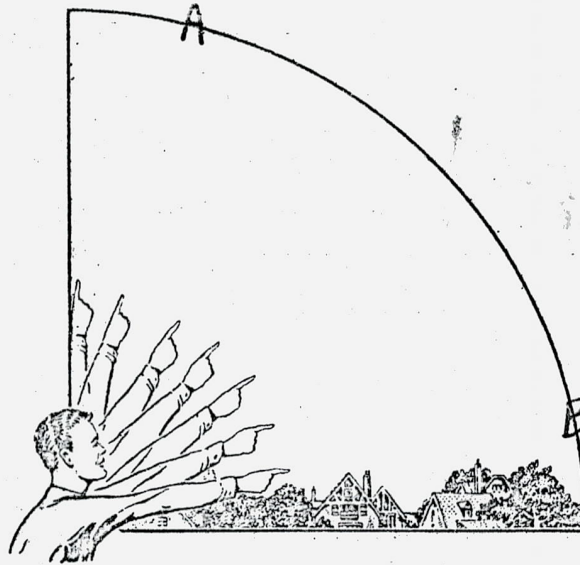
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 180 degrees.
- b. From horizon 90 degrees.

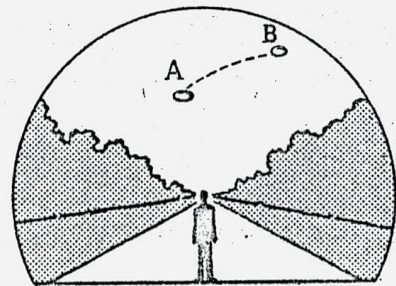
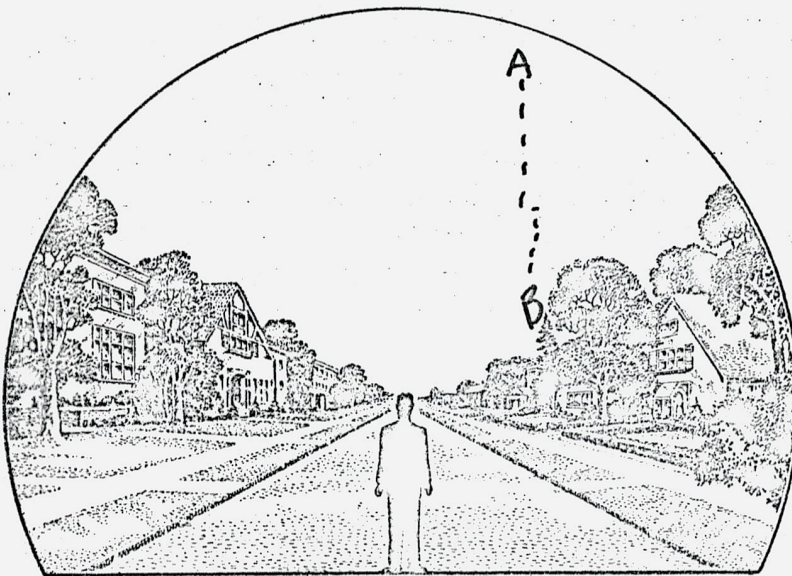
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 100 degrees.
- b. From horizon 15 degrees.

32. 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.



33. In the following larger sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you *first* saw it, and a "B" at its position when you *last* saw it. Refer to smaller sketch as an example of how to complete the larger sketch.



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

34.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

- ☒ a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds
- e. Don't remember

34.2 WIND (Circle One)

- a. No wind
- ☒ b. Slight breeze
- c. Strong wind
- d. Don't remember

34.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

- ☒ a. Dry
- b. Fog, mist, or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

34.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

- a. Cold
- b. Cool
- ☒ c. Warm
- d. Hot
- e. Don't remember

35. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

3 Oct 1954
Day Month Year

36. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One) ☒ Yes No

36.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One) ☒ Yes No

36.2 Please list their names and addresses:

1/Lt J N. Copeland, Hq Sq 340 AB 6p, Sedalia AFB, Mo.

T/Sgt C. R. Pribicevick, 487 Bomb Sq., Sedalia AFB, Mo.

37. Was this the first time that you had seen an object or objects like this?

(Circle One) ☒ Yes No

37.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?

38. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

UNKNOWN

39. 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?

_____ m.p.h.

40. 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?

_____ feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

_____ Last Name

_____ First Name

_____ Middle Name

ADDRESS

_____ Street

15 WARRENSBURG

City

Zone

Mo State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

What is your present job?

Age

57

Sex

MALE

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school

18

e. e. Technical school

Service School

b. High school

12

(Type)

c. College

f. Other special training

d. Post graduate

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

14

Day

DEC

Month

1954

Year

U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET
(SUMMARY DATA)

In order that your information may be filed and coded as accurately as possible, please use the following space to write out a short description of the event that you observed. You may repeat information that you have already given in the questionnaire, and add any further comments, statements, or sketches that you believe are important. Try to present the details of the observation in the order in which they occurred. Additional pages of the same size paper may be attached if they are needed.

NAME [REDACTED]
(Please Print)

(Do Not Write in This Space)

CODE:

SIGNATURE [REDACTED]

DATE 14 Dec 54

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