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 PBOPS 1-42UFOB, (1)(A) ROUND (B) QUARTER (C) BRILLIANT BLUE WHITE (D)
 ONE (E) N/A (F) NONE (G) TAIL OR EXHAUST FROM THREE SIDES (H) ONLY
 ONE TAIL OR EXHAUST VISIBLE AT ANY ONE TIME (I) NONE (J) NONE (K) NONE (L)
 (A) GOING TO WORK AND LOOKED UP INT THE SKY (B) ELEVATION 5 DEGREES
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 (D) MOVED IN A DARTING MOTION WITH TRIANGULAR MANEUVER AND
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 (B) NIGHT (5) DELRAY BEACH, FLA (6)(A) NORVELLE ██████████, ATE 56
 ██████████, DELRAY BEACH FLORIDA; PHONE ██████████, REPORTER FOR
 PALM BEACH POST TIMES (B) SEE ITEM 13 (7) VISIBILITY EXCELLENT CLEAR AND
 COOL (B) SURFACE 330 DEGREES 10 KNOTS 6,00/200 DEGREES 12 KNOTS 10,000/
 200 DEGREES 6,200/250 DEGREES 26 JN
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 (C) UNLIMITED (D) 15 MILES (E) 30,000 SCATTERED (F) NONE (G) NONE (H)
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 SIGHTING UNKNOWN (K) NONE (L) NR ██████████ IS A CAPTAIN IN THE UNITED
 STATES NAVAL RESERVE (M) SERIAL NUMBER 79876NR) PRESENTLY PIO OFFICER
 FOR NAVAL TRAINING CENTER, REVERIA BEACH, FLORIDA; RELIABILITY VERY
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Make Form 5:

Possibly astronomical
act of ATIC on Form 5:

ATIC Form 168 sent to this observer
 newspaper clipping enclosed therewith indicates
 that local meteorologist thought that sighting was
 possibly astronomical.

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?

Wednesday February 2, 1955

Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 5 05

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?

Nearest Postal Address

Delray Beach FLORIDA

City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks:

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

20-22

Hours Minutes 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

No sun shining at that hour

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 Intensely
- 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 _____

11. Did the object:

- 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. Flicker, throb, or pulsate?

(Circle One for each question)

- Yes

No

No

No

No

No

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
- b. Sun glasses
- c. Windshield
- d. Window glass

Yes

No

and

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

Yes

No

Yes

No

Yes

No

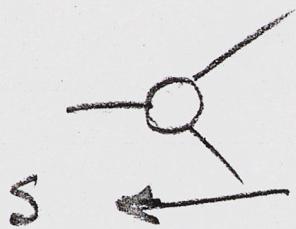
16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

a. Sound None

b. Color Brilliant white-blue like a diamond sparkle

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.

1. At a time did all three points (0100, 0500, 0900) appear to show simultaneously - only one at a time.



18. The edges of the object were:

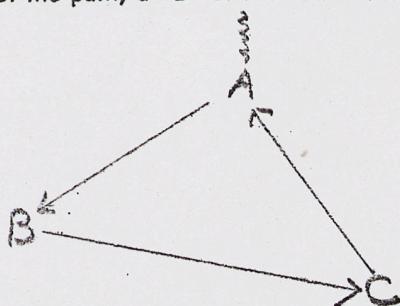
(Circle One):

- 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? only one.
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.



} = Hovering

A, B, C = terrific darting in rough triangle outline.

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

feet. *to my eye the ball ranged from (first) a peato (last) soft ball*

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
- b. *Pea*
- c. Dime
- d. Nickel
- e. Quarter
- f. Half dollar

g. Silver dollar

h. Baseball

i. Grapefruit

j. Basketball

k. Other _____

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

- a. Certain
- b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure

d. Uncertain

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? *As I left home and drove North on AIA (Florida) it grew in size to basketball size and turned to a light tan then to a saffron color and disappeared behind trees.*

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.

It looked like a brilliantly illuminated white-blue rounded diamond with 3 equally brilliant points. As I lost sight of it behind tree tops it appeared a very "fired" and slowly sinking saffron sphere less the 3 points.

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 _____

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it? *Not started*

Wear I opened the front door of my home to start my daily drive to WPB at 0500. I saw it dart down left in triangle travel (to my eye) about one yard or 36 inches.

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) *Later (about 0513)*

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

28.2 How fast were you moving? *25-35* miles per hour.

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

(Circle One) Yes

(No) but I watched it over my shoulder until it disappeared.

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 *WNW*
- 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 *WSW*
- 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).

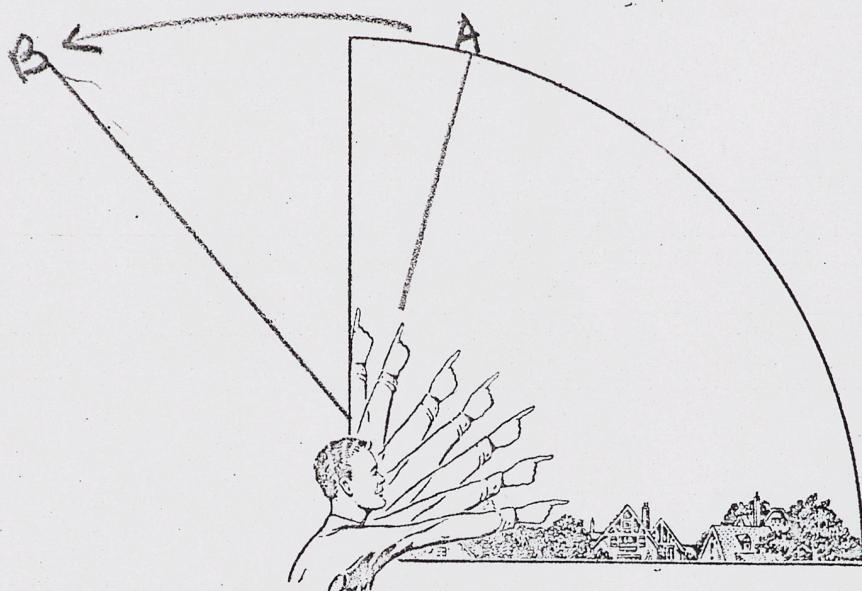
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North *80* degrees.
- b. From horizon *degrees* *0100*

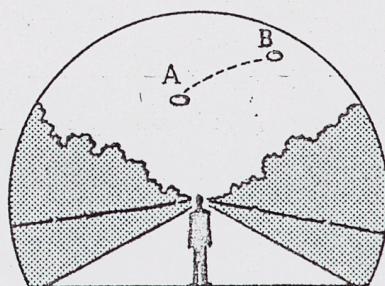
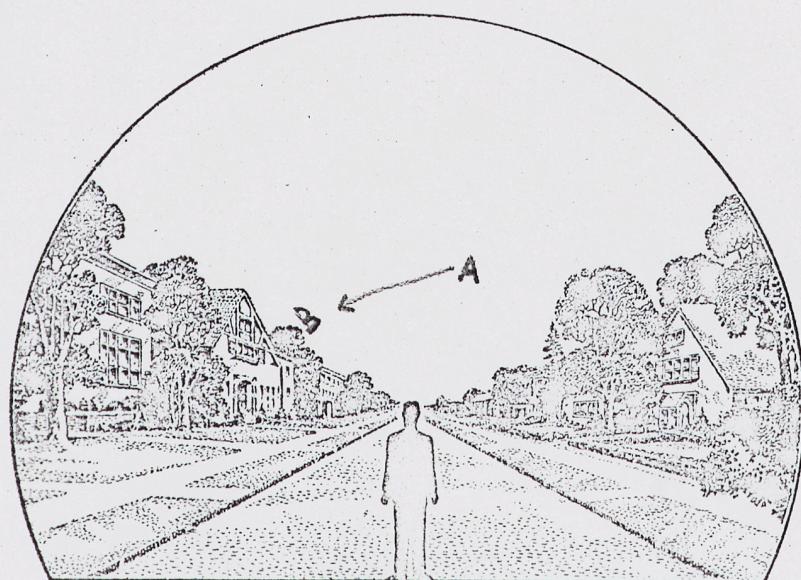
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North *100* degrees.
- b. From horizon *degrees* *1000*

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

34.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

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

34.2 WIND (Circle One)

- a. No wind
- b. Slight breeze
- c. Strong wind
- d. 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? *① to Wayne Self, PB Weather Bureau*

Wednesday Feb. 2 1954

Year

*at about 0610 and later to
PB AFB, West Palm Beach, Florida.*

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:

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?

I have no idea.

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?

600-700 m.p.h.

40. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One) Yes No *Have No IDEA.*

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 _____ City _____ Zone _____ State _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER Delray Beach

What is your present job? ① Reporter, PB. Times, West Palm Beach, Florida
② Riviera Beach, Florida

Age 56 Sex M

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school _____
 b. High school _____
 c. College _____
 d. Post graduate _____

e. e. Technical school _____
 (Type) _____
 f. Other special training _____

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

12 Day February Month 1955 Year

* Also Captain, USNR-R (79876/1105 USNR)

**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.

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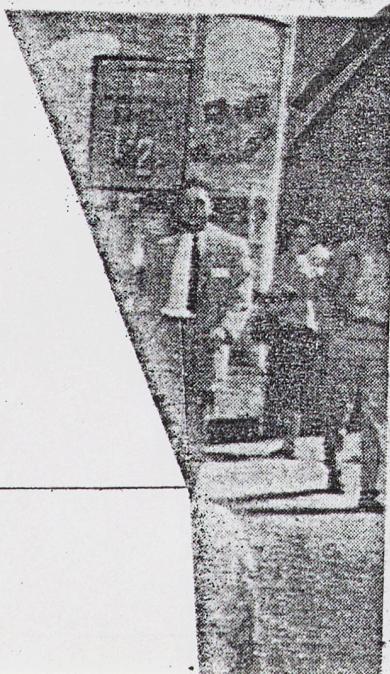
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THE PALM BEACH TIMES, WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 2, 1955

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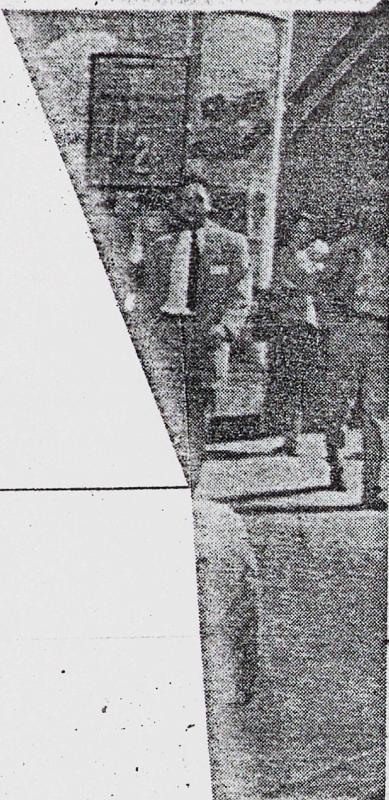
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The reporter alerted Wayne Self, meteorologist at PBIA Weather Bureau. Later, Self, moving from his weather station across the airport to USAF installations, said he could not sight the object, but explained the possibility of high cloud condition blotting one star after another in the Seven Sisters, just ahead of Orion. This, he said, can give the illusion of a UFO moving in space, often appearing as though stars eventually merge into one single light.

The reporter, neither bilious, bibulous nor bicarbonated, characterized the brilliance, relatively, as intense as that of a naval destroyer's gleaming blue-white searchlight.

Self said a Delray Beach telephone operator, too, reported "a small ball of fire" observed, but in the eastern skies. This could have occurred, since the reporter, enroute to The Times office by car along A1A, lost sight of the UFO behind trees, only to have it reappear quite low to the southwest as he neared Boynton Beach Inlet.

He said the astonishingly swift movement of the UFO could be likened to a "celestial pinball" in motion.

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Mr. [REDACTED]

Delray Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

This organization appreciates your cooperation in reporting the Unidentified Flying Object; however additional information is needed for analysis of this sighting.

The inclosed ATIC Form No. 164 is inclosed for your convenience in supplying this squadron with the needed information. Again our thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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