

4602D AISS UFOB LOG

REPORT NUMBER	DATE/TIME OF SIGHTING	RECD AISOP
AISS-UFOB-80-56	25/0120Z Mar 56	26 Mar 56
LOCATION OF SIGHTING		LOGGED BY
East Gary, Indiana		S/Sgt DeRudder
MEANS RECD	ACTION TAKEN	
TT Msg	Lmtd inves to Flt 3-A	
INVES UNIT	DATE INVES ASSIGNED	ASSIGNING OFFICER
Flt 3-A	26 Mar 56	Lt Alexander
DATE IR RECD HQ	DATE IR APPROVED	DATE IR TO ATIC
N/A	N/A	N/A
DATE FORM 5		
3 Apr 56		
COMMENTS		
From analysis of the returned 164 it appears that this sighting was probably generated by heavenly bodies although the observer denies this probability.		
CONCLUSIONS		
PROBABLY ASTRONOMICAL: Jupiter, and stars.		

AISOP FORM 7 (2 APR 55)

AISOC

Long Distance Telephone Call

Commander, 4602d AISS

Lt Alexander/4498

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26 Mar 56

Coml AISS #21

1. Long distance telephone conversation between Lt Alexander, this Hq, and Maj Pavesich, Flt 3-A.

2. The undersigned called Flt 3-A to authorize a telephonic investigation of three objects sighted by a civilian observer over East Gary, Indiana, at 25/0120Z Mar 56, using ATIC Form 164.

GREGORY ALEXANDER, 1st Lt, USAF  
Asst OIC Operations Control

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 RJEDnR/COMDR AIR TECH INT CENTER WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO  
 RJEPhQ/DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF WASHINGTON D C  
 RJEpnB/COMDR EADF STEWART AFB NEWBURGH N Y  
 INFO RJEDHR/COMDR 4706TH ADW OHARE INTL APR1 PK RIDGE ILL  
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/U N C L A S S I F I E D/WB00T 0971 PD IN COMPL WITH AFR 200-2 UFOR  
 FOL UFOR REPT IS SUBM

1. (A) ROUND  
 (B) 50 WATT BULB  
 (C) GREEN TO ORANGE TO RED  
 (D) 3  
 (E) 1 WEST 1 NORTH 1 NORTHEAST  
 (F) NONE  
 (G) NONE  
 (H) NONE  
 (I) CHANGING OF COLORS CIRCULAR MOTION UP AND DOWN MOTION

2. (A) OBSERVER  
 (B) EST 100; FT  
 (C) STILL IN VACINITY  
 (D) CIRCKLAR MOTION UP AND DOWN  
 (E) SAME AS C  
 (F) STAR 0120Z

3. (A) VISUAL  
 (B) FIELD GLASSES  
 (C) NONE

4. (A) 250120Z  
 (B) NIGHT

5. (A) CM4634  
 (B) EAST GARY IND

6. (A) [REDACTED] EAST GARY IND  
 (B) AGE UNK  
 (C) ELECTRICIAN  
 (D) UNK

7. (A) SUR NNW 9  
 (B) 10 KNT 30K

8. (C) 50K  
 (D) 120K  
 (E) 60K  
 (F) UNK

2. UNLIMITED

3. 10 MILES

4. NONE  
 2. NONE

8. NONE

9. NONE

10. UNK

11. SR DIRECTOR NO ANALYSIS

12. (A) PHOTOS BEING TAKEN

(B) NONE

13. PHOTOGRAPHERS ADDRESS FOLLOWS ELMER BUDLOVE GARY POST TRIBUNE  
 GARY IND

BT

20/0416Z MAR RJEDHR

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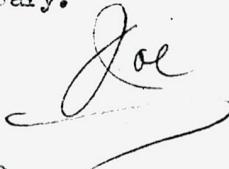
called 3A  
 for telephonic  
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4602D AISS UFOR REPT.....  
 DATE-TIME GROUP 250120Z MAR 80

East Gary, Ind.

Prob Act

MEMO ROUTING SLIP		NEVER USE FOR APPROVALS, DISAPPROVALS, CONCURRENCES, OR SIMILAR ACTIONS	
1 NAME OR TITLE Commander	INITIALS	CIRCULATE	
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION 14602d AISS, Att. AISOP	DATE	COORDINATION	
2		FILE	
		INFORMATION	
3		NECESSARY ACTION	
		NOTE AND RETURN	
4		SEE ME	
		SIGNATURE	
REMARKS Col. White: My answer to these is that Barber Shop is playing hell around here. My one doubt in this report is that I can't go along with the variance in wind velocities that differ from a slight breeze to strong winds that made it difficult for the photog to hold the camera steady enough for a good shot. He mentioned that he did not have a tripod with him and that he could not hold the camera steady using the railing on the tower for a support. Hope the information will meet with all the requirements necessary.			
330      60 Knots  ADC Ops.		 Maj. B. B. 2 West and West and West and West and	
FROM NAME OR TITLE	DATE		
Flight 3-A, 4602d AISS			
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION Officer In Charge Park Ridge, Illinois	TELEPHONE		

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FORM  
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Replaces DA AGO Form 895, 1 Apr 48, and AFHQ  
Form 12, 10 Nov 47, which may be used.

16-42487-4 GPO \*

## 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?

24      March      1956  
Day      Month      Year

2. Time of day: 1900 30  
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?

Riverside Park, Observation Post      East Gary      Indiana  
Nearest Postal Address      City or Town      State or Country

Additional remarks: Obs. post is 100 feet above terrain, 3 miles south of Lake Michigan, at Riverside Park, East Gary, Indiana, near State Highway #51.

5. Estimate how long you saw the object. 1 one      45 Minutes      0 Seconds  
Hours      Minutes      Seconds

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

Very  a. Certain  
 b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure  
 d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky? N/A

(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? N/A

(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, 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? **Brilliant, changing colors, Red, Orange, to Green**

(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 **Brilliant, softening because of colors**

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

a. Appear to stand still at any time?	<b>Yes</b>	No	Don't Know
b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?	Yes	<b>No</b>	Don't Know
c. Break up into parts or explode?	Yes	<b>No</b>	Don't Know
d. Give off smoke?	Yes	<b>No</b>	Don't Know
e. Change brightness?	Yes	<b>No</b>	Don't Know
f. Change shape?	Yes	<b>No</b>	Don't Know
g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate?	Yes	<b>No</b>	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? **7 X 50 Binoculars**

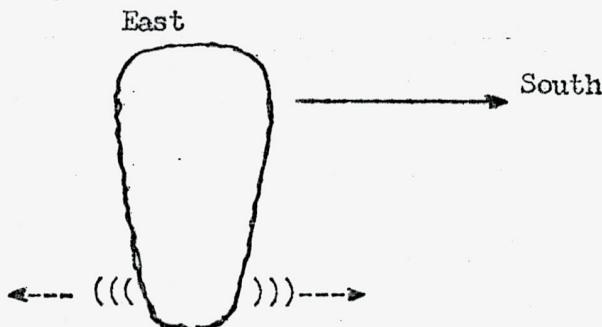
a. Eyeglasses	Yes	No	e. Binoculars	<b>Yes</b>	No
b. Sun glasses	Yes	No	f. Telescope	Yes	No
c. Windshield	Yes	No	g. Theodolite	Yes	No
d. Window glass	Yes	No	h. Other	_____	_____

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

a. Sound There was no sounds from any of the three objects

b. Color Repeatedly changed colors, Red to Orange to Green, and very Brilliant

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.



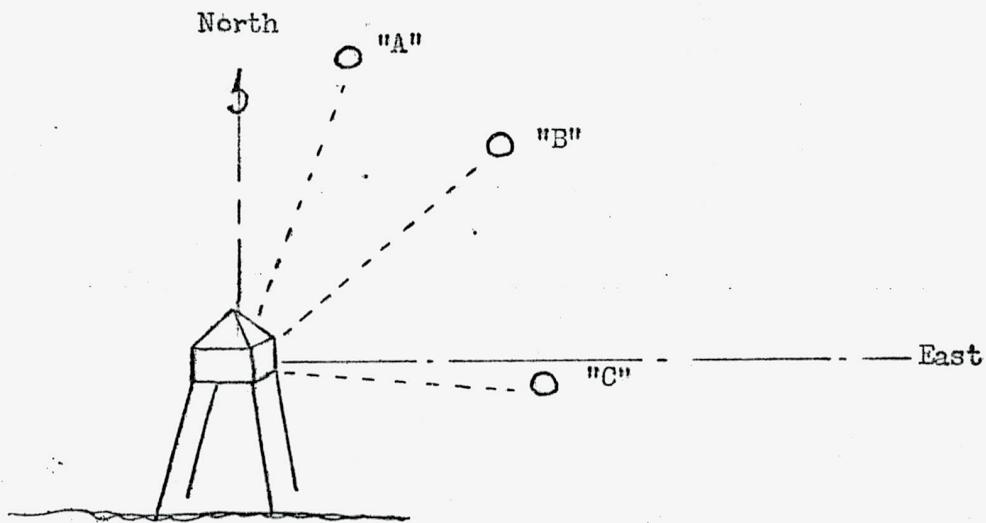
Each object was observed through 7X50 Binoculars, objects were at approximately 30,000 feet, slowly moving in a large arc from north to the south. The objects appeared to be approximately  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches in height when observing through the 7X50 binoculars.

18. The edges of the object were:

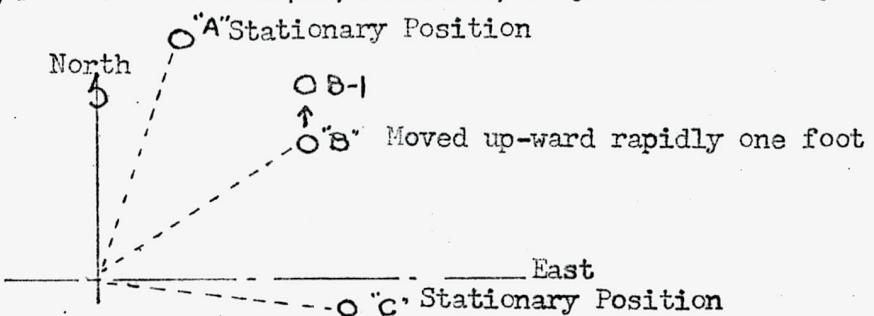
(Circle One): a. Fuzzy or blurred  
 b. Like a bright star  
 c. Sharply outlined  
 d. Don't remember

e. Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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



21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.  
30 feet. This answer was a guess on the observers part.

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 <input checked="" type="radio"/> By naked eye	h. Baseball
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 <input checked="" type="radio"/>	c. Not very sure
b. Fairly certain	d. Uncertain

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? All three objects were in the same positions at 2130 when observer left to report for work at the steel mills. An Ass't observer took over his position when he left.

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.



Observer had no idea what material he could make this object, was definite that it was solid, approximately 30 feet in length, appeared as moving stars, but was definite in his answers that it was not a star because of the changing colors.

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 Glass enclosed observation Post

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?

Observer was taking his turn as an aircraft spotter when these objects appeared in the Eastern portion of the sky. Noticed the highest object first and then others came into view as he was scanning the skies.

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).

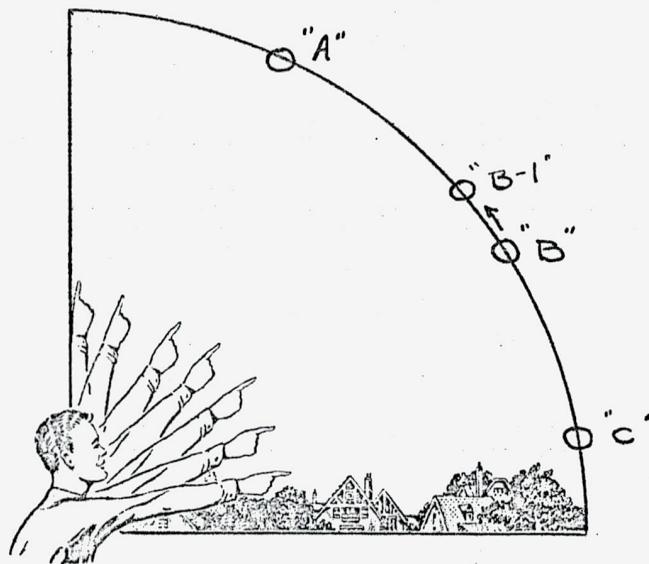
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 15° degrees.
- b. From horizon 25° degrees.

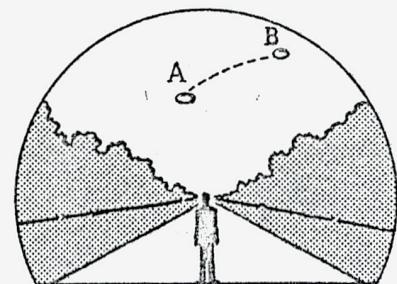
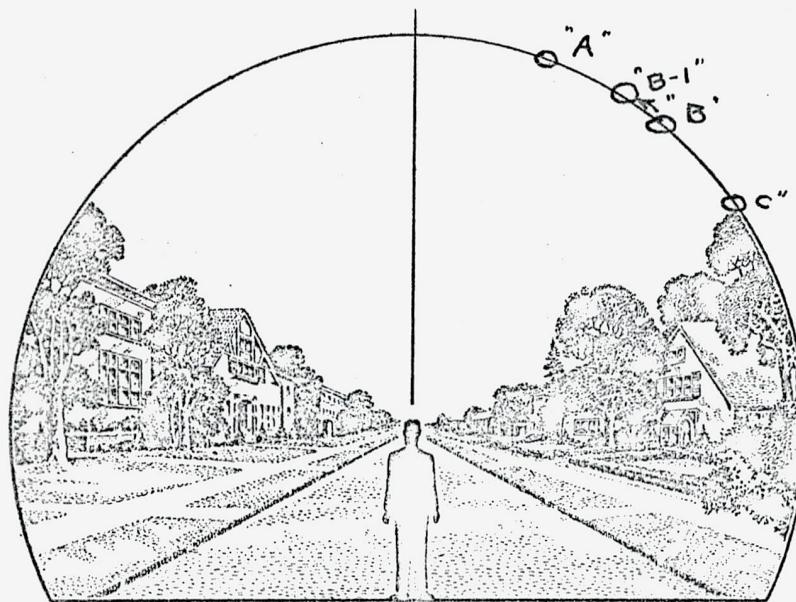
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 15° degrees.
- b. From horizon 25° 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 +20
- b. Cool
- c. Warm
- d. Hot
- e. Don't remember

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

24                    March                    1956  
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:

Mr. [REDACTED], East Gary, Indiana.  
This observer relieved Mr. [REDACTED] when he left to report for work.  
Mr. [REDACTED] is the Ass't observer.

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?

Similar objects were seen on Monday 19 March, 1956. These were reported to the same G.O.C. Filter Center, by Mr. [REDACTED]

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

Source had no idea what the objects could be or what caused them. He was definite in his answers that they were not stars.

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  Observer thought it was approximately 20 miles.

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 \_\_\_\_\_ EAST GARY \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ INDIANA \_\_\_\_\_  
Zone \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

What is your present job? ELECTRICIAN FOR THE INLAND STEEL COMPANY

Age 31 Sex MALE

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school yes

e. e. Technical school Coyne Electric School

b. High school Yes

(Type) Chicago, Illinois.

c. College

f. Other special training

d. Post graduate

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

26 March 1956  
Day Month 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 This report is submitted by Flight 3A of the  
 4602d AISS, O'Hare <sup>(Please Print)</sup> Intl. Airport, Park Ridge,  
 Illinois, and was obtained by telephonic means.  
 SIGNATURE by the OIC of the Flight.

(Do Not Write in This Space)

CODE:

DATE Telephone call was made at 1830, 26 March, 56  
 after observer returned home from work.

In reference to UFOB report (WBOOT 0971) the following telephonic investigational information is submitted.

Mr. [REDACTED], East Gary, Indiana, (Source) was contacted by telephone at 270030Z.

The source stated that he is an G.O.C. observer, with a post location, 100 feet above the terrain, situated, three (3) miles south of Lake Michigan, at Riverside Park, East Gary, Indiana.

Source stated that on the night of 24 March 1956, three (3) objects were observed and that similar objects were seen on 19 March 1956, which were reported to the G.O.C. Filter Center on both Occasions. The three (3) objects observed on 24 March 56, were first noted by the source at 250120Z, and were of a brilliant red color changing their color from red to orange to green. Source was very positive in all his statements and gave the same answers regardless how questions were directed to him.

Source observed the three (3) objects from the G.O.C. observation tower looking toward the east. Object "A" the highest in the sky, (approximately 30,000 feet altitude) stayed steady in a stationary position (1 o'clock) throughout his entire one and half hours at the post on duty and each changed colors periodically up to the time he left his post to report for work at the Steel Mills. The changing color objects were very brilliant and seemed to hover in a swinging motion in one position.

Object "B" was observed in an approximate (30 o'clock) position, was very brilliant in color, changing the same as "A" above and at one time suddenly sped upward at a very rapid pace and then seemed to hover in a swinging motion as "A" above. Object "C" was observed at a (40 o'clock) position was less brilliant and remained in a stationary swinging motion and changed colors as "A" and "B" above.

All three objects seemed to have the swinging motion and when observed through 7 X 50 binoculars the shapes seemed to be tapered and approximately 1½ inches in

length, much wider at the top than at the bottom. Source stated that the objects seemed to move slowly from north to south in a long arc and in a circular motion. Source stated he had no idea what caused the objects, or what they could be; definitely stating they were not stars because of the color changing and swinging motion. The source has been an observer for some length of time and was very much concerned with the objects in question.

In reference to the above report that photographs were taken; the investigator contacted Mr. [REDACTED] (Photographer) and he informed the caller that no photographs were taken because of the excessive wind conditions on top of the observation tower. Photographer stated that he was returning to the tower again on the 26 March to see if he could photograph the above mentioned objects or similar ones. The photographer mentioned the excessive wind conditions and that he could not hold the camera (Speed Graphic) steady enough to obtain good shots of such distant objects. Photographer assured the investigator if photographs are taken that he will forward them to the Flight headquarter with the negatives and all pertinent information. This photographer stated the same information as did the observer that there were three objects, very brilliant, same position as stated above, and that he remained to observe these objects for more than one hour.