

14 September 1956

Mr. [REDACTED]

Marshalltown, Iowa

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

This organization is responsible for analysis and preliminary investigation of unidentified flying object sightings within the boundaries of the United States. We appreciate your cooperation in reporting your sighting; however, additional information is needed for analysis of this sighting.

The inclosed ATIC Form No. 164 (U.S. Air Force Technical Information Sheet) is forwarded for your convenience in supplying this squadron with the needed information. Again our thanks for your cooperation.

JDM

Sincerely,

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ZU N C L A S S I F I E D/788-30-H-03/IAW AFR 200-2: UNFOB

1. A. ROUND
- B. PEA
- C. RED GREEN WHITE
- D. THREE
- E. RED & GREEN LIGHT REVOLVING AROUND WHITE LIGHT
- F. N/A
- G. N/A
- H. N/A
- I. N/A

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DATE-TIME GROUP

MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA

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PAGE TWO RJEDKF 3GK

2. A. GOC OPERATOR LOOKING FOR A/C
- B. 15 DEGREES
- C. UNK
- D. SLIGHTLY HIGHER
- E. UNK
- F. 0425Z UNTIL PRESENT 0500Z 2225 to
3. A. GROUND VISUAL
- B. BINOCULARS 7 X 50
- C. N/A
4. A. 30/8/56 0425Z
- B. NIGHT
5. A. NN0503
6. A. [REDACTED] AGE 34 [REDACTED] MARSHALLTOWN IA
7. A. SCATTERED CLOUDS (LIGHTNING) SOUTH WEST
- B. UNK
- C. 6000 FT
- D. SCATTERED
- E. LIGHTNING SW
- F. UNK

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8. A. UNK
9. A. UNK
10. A. UNK
11. A. NONE 1ST LT. BLANKENSHIP DUTY DIRECTOR

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30/2200Z AUG RJEDKF

Check aeronautical chart

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(318)

prob star
Vega

check wind

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?

29 Aug. 1956
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

10 25
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?

MUNICIPAL BLDG. MARSHALLTOWN IOWA
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks: GROUND OBSERVER POST TOP OF
MUNICIPAL BLDG.

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

1 30 00
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

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 _____

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

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

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?

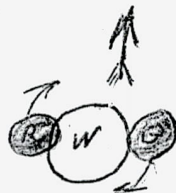
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|-----------------|-----|----|----------------|--------------------------------------|----|
| a. Eyeglasses | Yes | No | e. Binoculars | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No |
| b. Sun glasses | Yes | No | f. Telescope | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No |
| c. Windshield | Yes | No | g. Theodolite | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No |
| d. Window glass | Yes | No | h. Other _____ | | |

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

a. Sound NO SOUND WAS HEARD

b. Color THE OBJECT WAS RED WHITE + GREEN. THE RED AND GREEN SEEM TO MOVE RIGHT TO LEFT AROUND THE WHITE LIGHT.

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.



R - RED

W - WHITE

G - GREEN

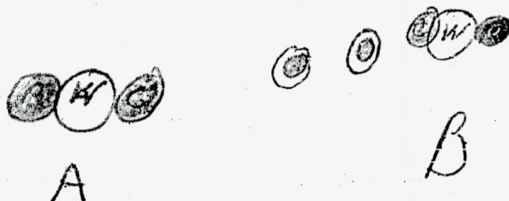
18. The edges of the object were:

- (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.
_____ feet.

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):

- | | |
|---|------------------|
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> a. Head of a pin | g. Silver dollar |
| b. Pea | 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.

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

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? OBJECT DISAPPEARED BEHIND A
CLOUD

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.

I HAVE NO IDEA OF WHAT TO MAKE IT OUT OF, OR HOW LARGE TO MAKE IT.

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?

I WAS ON THE 2200 TO 2400 WATCH AT THE POST.
I WAS LOOKING FOR AIRCRAFT AT THE TIME, NOTICE
LIGHT FOR A FEW MIN, AND THEN LOOKED AT IT WITH BINOCULARS

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)

- | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | c. East | e. South | g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | 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 | c. East | e. South | g. West |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

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

- | | | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | c. East | e. South | g. West |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | 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).

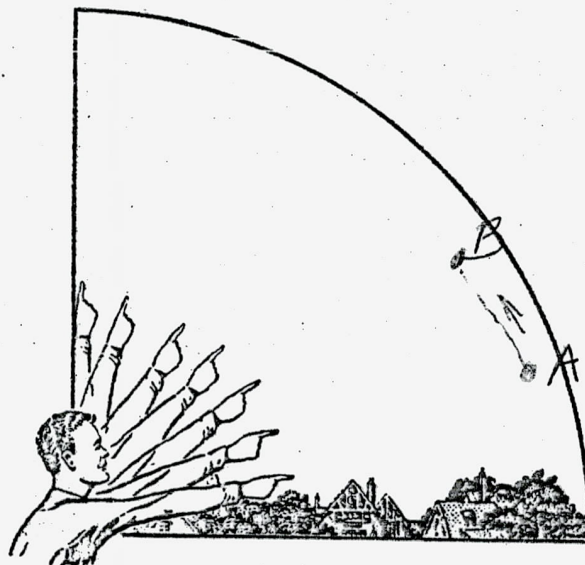
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 10 + 15 degrees.
- b. From horizon 10 + 15 degrees.

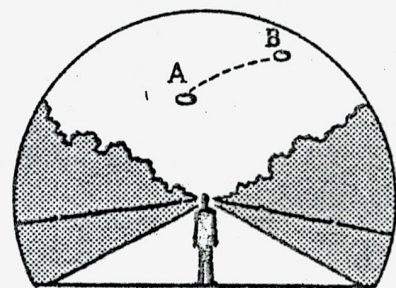
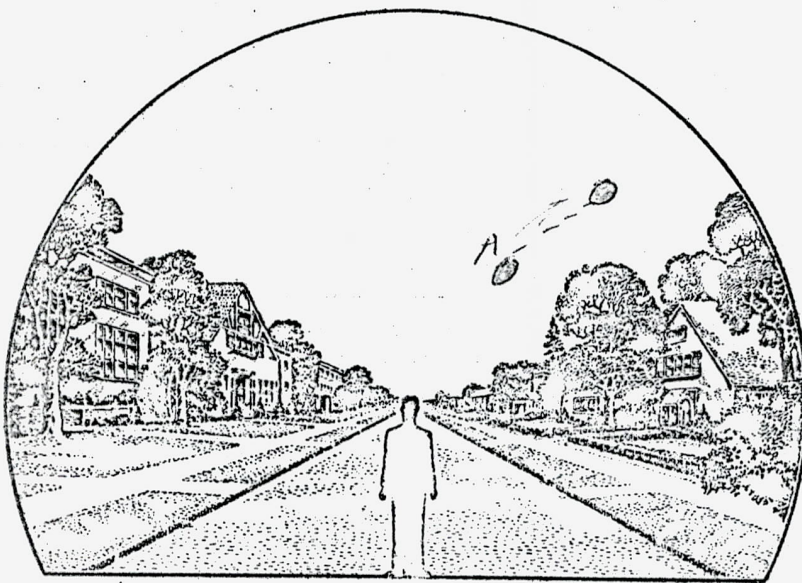
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 20 + 30 degrees.
- b. From horizon 25 + 30 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 *SOUTH IS POST*
- 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?

29 AUG 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:

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?

*THE OBJECT MAY HAVE BEEN A WEATHER BALLOON
AND THE INST CASE HAVING FROM BALLOON WAS ROTATING
IN THE WIND.*

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

MARSHALLTOWN
City

Zone

IOWA
State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

What is your present job? _____

Age

34

Sex

M

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school _____

e. e. Technical school _____

b. High school _____

(Type) _____

c. College _____

f. Other special training _____

d. Post graduate _____

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

12
Day

SEPT
Month

1956
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)

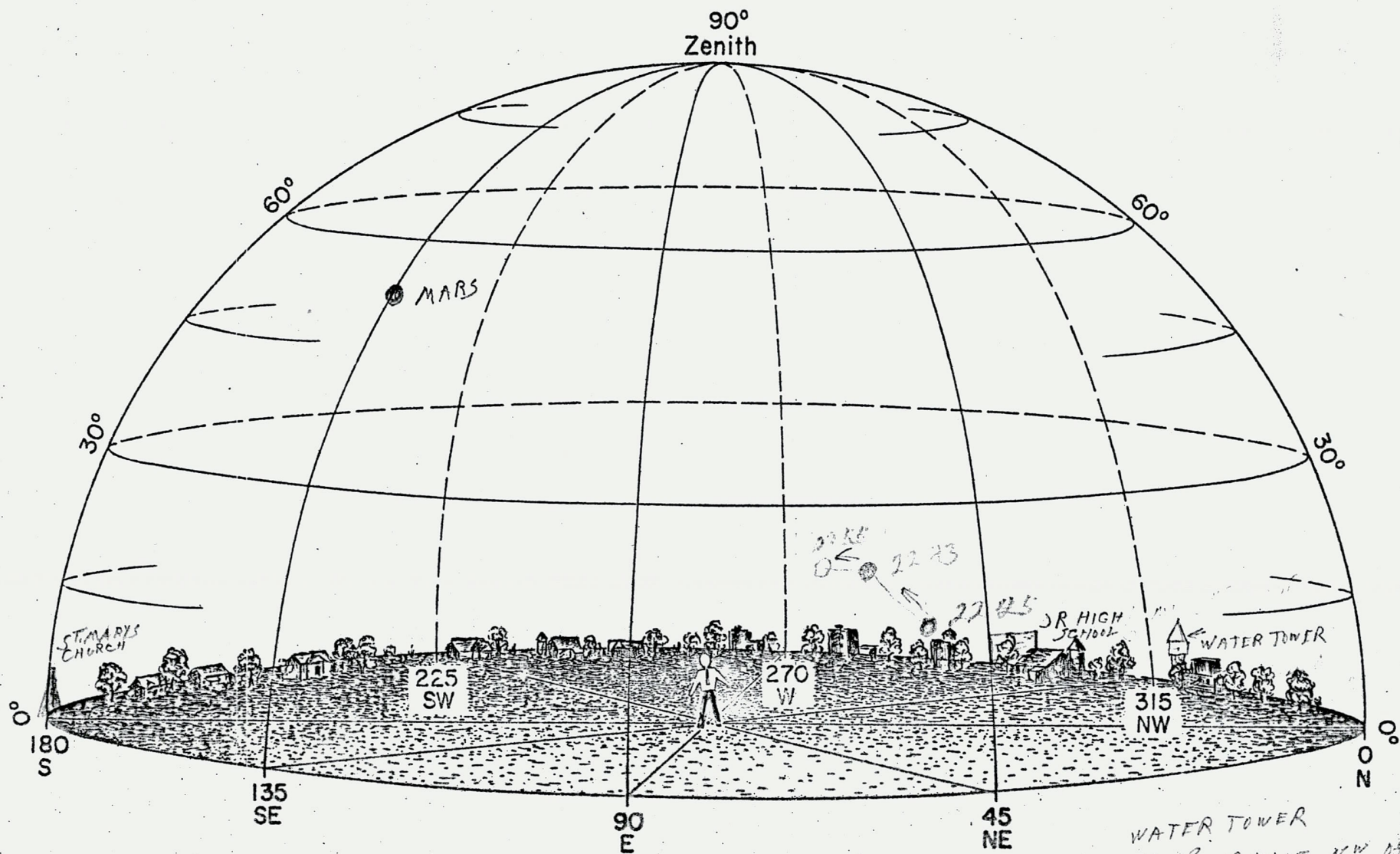
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SIGNATURE [REDACTED]

CODE:

DATE 9-12-56

The object change color, Red, white, and grey.
The object seem to have a red and green lights rotating from right to left around the white light. The object seem to move closer to the last and at times seem to be getting higher. Object went out of sight from time to time due to clouds. Object out of sight at 11:55 PM. THERE WAS A STORM APPROACHING FAST FROM THE SOUTH WEST! AND RAIN FELL ABOUT 2400.



WATER TOWER
IS $\frac{3}{4}$ OF MILE NW OF POST

JR. HIGH SCHOOL
IS 2 BLOCKS NW
OF POST