

PROJECT BLUEBOOK CARRY

NORFOLK, MASS

23 Jul 52

23/2105 EST

24/0205 Z

2-5 Sec

Civilian men

2-5 Sec

Length of observation

1

DRIVE SLOWLY AND SILENTLY

Prison guards at Norfolk observed a slow moving greenish object moving south at a low altitude. Object was round and flat, appeared to be tilted. Object was followed by a loud rushing noise.

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
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23 Jul 52
Norfolk, Mass. 27

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Mr. [REDACTED]

Wrentham, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Your recent report of unidentified aerial phenomena has been received by the Air Technical Intelligence Center. Inclosed is a questionnaire, which, when completed by you and returned in the inclosed, self-addressed envelope, will aid in standardizing the data and will provide a complete record of the occurrence.

Your interest in reporting the matter and your public spirited desire to be of service are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Robert E. Kennedy
ROBERT E. KENNEDY
Major, USAF
Air Adjutant General

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29 JUL 1952

SPAF INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S):
Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft,
Norfolk, Mass., 2105 hours, 23 Jul 52

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

SYNOPSIS:

On 24 July 1952, an unconventional aircraft was sighted by three (3) employees, Norfolk Prison Colony, Norfolk, Massachusetts. No activity or condition developed that accounts for sighting. No interception or identification action taken.

DETAILS:

At 0845 hours, 24 July 1952, Mrs. LORETIA NEAL, Secretary, Chief of Staff's Office, Hq. 1124th AFM, Boston Army Base, Boston, Mass., telephonically advised that a guard at Norfolk Prison Colony, Norfolk, Mass., had observed an unconventional aircraft at approximately 2105 hours, 23 July 1952. On 24 July 1952, Special Agent RICHARD J. HANFALL obtained the names of [REDACTED], Assistant Deputy, [REDACTED] Correction Officer, and [REDACTED], Correction Officer, from the information desk, Norfolk, Prison Colony, as the persons who had sighted the unconventional aircraft. The observers were interviewed at their respective homes, which are [REDACTED], and [REDACTED], respectively. Interviewees furnished the following information:

a. Description of object: One (1) round, tilted object, 3 to 5 ft. in diameter, black in color, drifting along slowly, and which disappeared behind one of the buildings at the colony. No aerodynamic features, trail or exhaust, propulsion system, or sound were noted.

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b. Object was sighted at approximately 2105 hours, EDT, 23 July 1952, for approximately two to five seconds.

c. Object was sighted visually, no visual aids utilized.

d. Observers were at the Norfolk Prison Colony, Norfolk, Massachusetts at the time of the sighting. The object was flying north to south, approximately 60 to 225 feet away from the observers at an approximate altitude of 50 to 100 ft. *with
cloud?*

e. [REDACTED] has been employed at the Norfolk Prison Colony for 21 years as a guard. [REDACTED] has been employed at the Norfolk Prison Colony for approximately 2½ years, worked previously at Lawrence, Mass. in a woolen mill and served with the U. S. Coast Guard for three years. [REDACTED] has been employed at the Norfolk Prison Colony for approximately 2½ years, and served in the U. S. Navy for four years as a painter on a 40-man gun crew.

f. Light wind from the south, dark night with no moon, but the stars were out.

g. No activity or condition, meteorological or otherwise, which might account for the sighting.

h. No physical evidence obtained.

i. No interception or identification action was taken. Boston Army Base notified at approximately 2120 hours, 23 July 1952.

ACTION:

Two (2) copies of this report have been forwarded to the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attention: UCIB. No further action is contemplated by this District Office.

ROBERT S. JONES
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: CG, AMC (dup)
Cmdr, ATLD (Info)

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SECURITY INFORMATION

HEADQUARTERS
NEW ENGLAND SUBAREA
Army Base, Boston 10, Massachusetts

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AHAKB 452

28 July 1952

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Commanding General
First Army
Governors Island
New York, 4, N. Y.
ATTN: ACOFS, G2

1. In accordance with instructions contained in Intelligence Collection Memorandum, Department of the Army, dated 3 November 1950, the following information pertaining to the sighting of unconventional aircraft is submitted:

LOCATION AND TIME OF SIGHTING:

Norfolk Prison Colony, Norfolk, Massachusetts 2105 Hours, 23 July 1952.

WEATHER:

Clear Night - good visibility

PHOTOS:

Not available

NUMBER:

One

SHAPE:

Round, flat pancake shaped object, appeared to be tilted

SIZE:

Unknown

COLOR:

Greenish

SPEED:

Seemed Slow Moving

ALTITUDE:

Very low over prison

DIRECTION:

Moving to South from the Prison

SOUND:

Loud rushing noise followed

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AHAKB 452 SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft HQ NES Boston, Mass.

NAMES, OCCUPATIONS AND ADDRESSES OF WITNESSES:

Names on request from Norfolk Prison Colony, Occupation: Guards at Colony.

2. The above information was reported via telephone to the Boston Office (OSI), to Headquarters First Army on 23 July 1952.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

s/t/ THEODORE SIMMINGTON, JR.
Major, AGC
Assistant Adjutant General

A TRUE COPY:

PETER B VENABLE
Major, USAF
Asst Chief Combat Intelligence

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TENTATIVE
OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE

SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: 23 July 1952
Day Month Year

1.2 Time of Day: 9 10 A.M. or P.M. (Circle One)
Hrs. Min.

1.3 Time Zone: (Circle One):

a. Eastern d. Pacific
b. Central e. Other _____
c. Mountain

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving
b. Standard

1.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of
your answer to the above question 1.2:

a. Certain c. Not very sure
b. Fairly certain d. Just a guess

2. Where were you when you saw the object:

████████████████████ Norfolk Mass U.S.
Postal Address City or Town State Country

Additional Remarks: Above address is the State
Prison Colony

3. Where were you located when you saw the object:

(Circle One): a. Inside a building d. In an airplane
b. In a car e. At sea
 c. Outdoors f. Other _____

3.1 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 Inside Prison Wall's

4. How did you happen to notice the object? I was standing outside the school bldg, with two other men. One of the others said, "What is that?"

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

23 July 1952
Day Month Year

SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? Talking with several officers

6.1 What had you been doing for the 30 minutes before you saw the object? Try to list the activity or activities and the approximate amount of time spent on each.

I was waiting for the bed count to come in, performing various prison duties.

7. Were you moving at any time while you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or No

IF you answered YES, then complete the following questions:

7.1 What direction were you moving?

(Circle One): a. North e. South
b. Northeast f. Southwest
c. East g. West
d. Southeast h. Northwest

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

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

(Circle One): Yes or No

8. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object?

(Circle One): a. North e. South
b. Northeast f. Southwest
c. East g. West Others were looking
d. Southeast h. Northwest this way.

and called my attention to object

8.1 What direction were you looking when the object disappeared?

(Circle One): a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

8.2 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of
your answer to the above question and preceding question (8 and
8.1).

- a. Certain
- b. Fairly certain
- c. Not very sure
- d. Just a guess

9. Were you wearing eye glasses when you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or 

10. How was the object seen?

(Circle One): a. Through window glass e. Through theodolite
b. Through windshield f. Through sunglasses
c. Through binoculars  g. Through open space
d. Through telescope h. Other

11. What do you remember about the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

11.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

11.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

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

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

11.2 WIND (Circle One)

11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

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

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

SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object?

Hours Minutes

2 or 3
Seconds

12.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 12:

a. Certain
b. Fairly sure

c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

13. Did the object look: (Circle One) Solid or Transparent *like a shadow*

14. Did the object at any time:

(Circle One for each question)

14.1 Change direction?
14.2 Change speed?
14.3 Change size?
14.4 Change color?
14.5 Break up into parts or explode?
14.6 Give off smoke?
14.7 Change brightness?
14.8 Flicker, throb, or pulsate?
14.9 Remain motionless?

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>

15. Did the object give off a light? (Circle One): Yes No Don't know

15.1 IF you answered YES, what was the color of the light? _____

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

16.1 Sound NONE

16.2 Color Dark Shadow

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

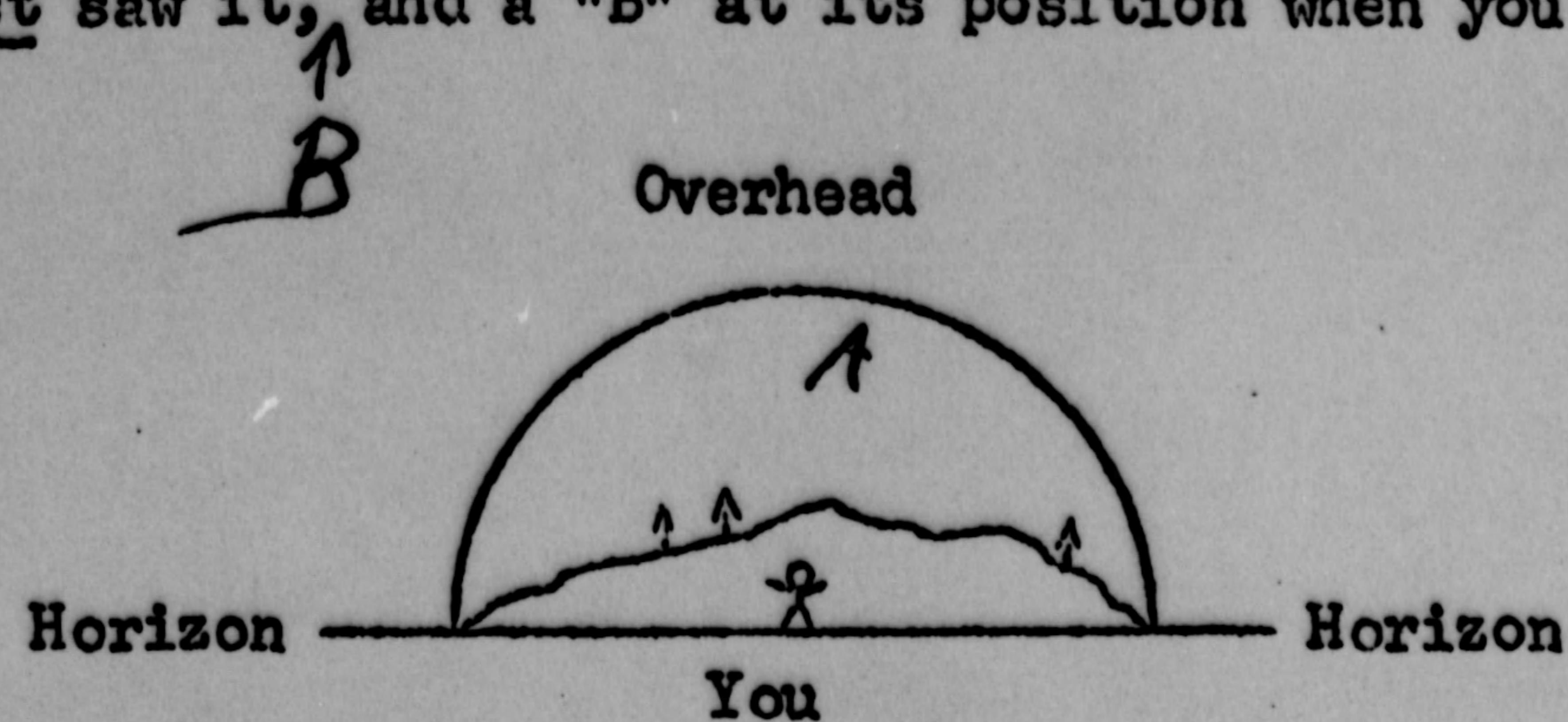
Draw a picture of how they were arranged and put an arrow to show the direction they were traveling.

18. Did the object at any time:

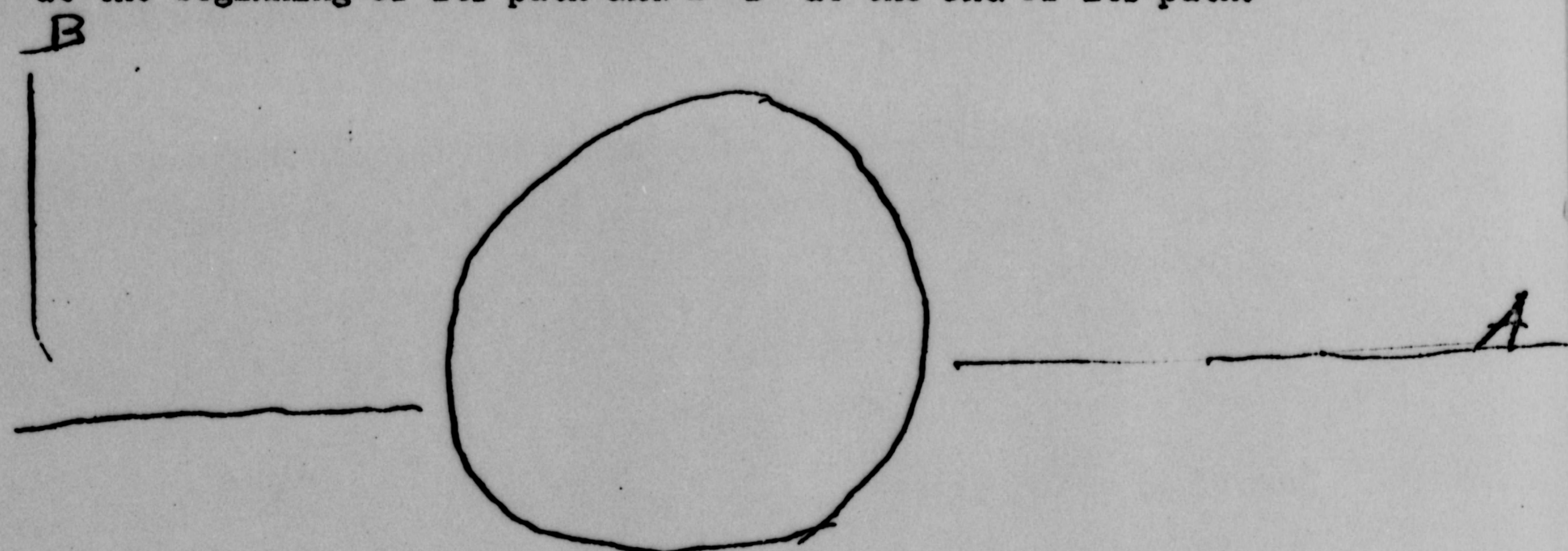
18.1 Move behind something? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind.

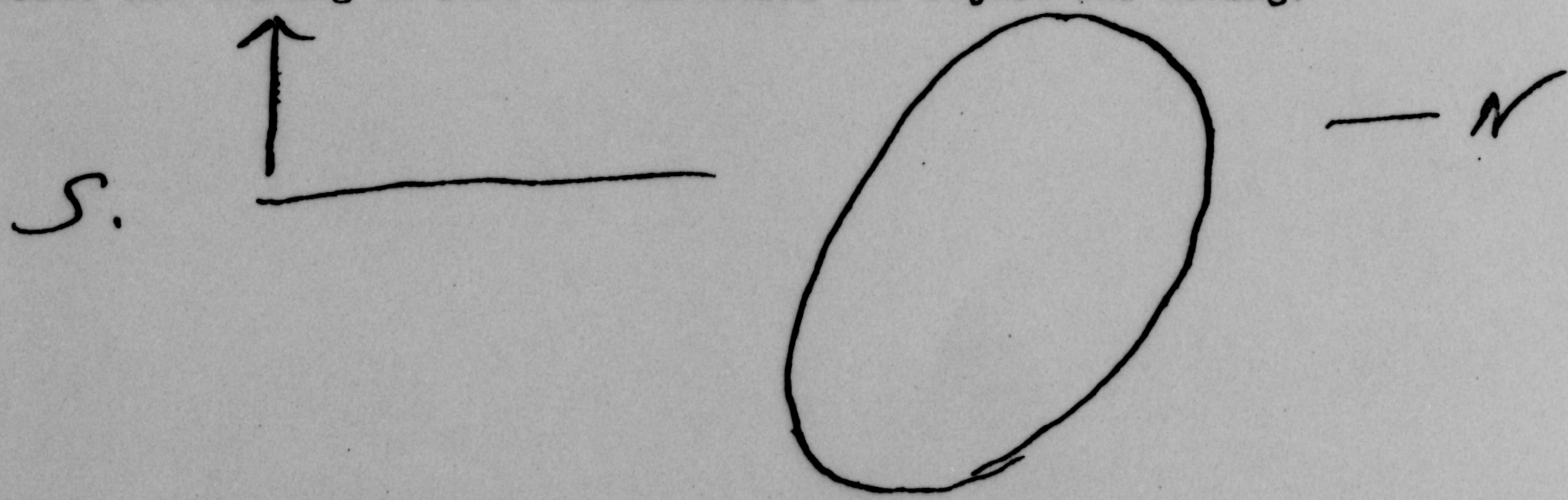
23. In the following sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you first saw it, and a "B" at its position when you last saw it.



24. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object made. Place an "A" at the beginning of its path and a "B" at the end of its path.



25. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw and place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.



SECTION E

26. Was this the first time that you have seen an object like this?

(Circle One): Yes or No

26.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what conditions did you see other ones? _____

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

Appeared to be a round dark shadow

28. Give the following information about yourself.

NAME _____

Last Name

First Name

ADDRESS _____

City

Zone

Mass. State

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

What is your present job?

Asst. Supt. of Connectio

Age 51

Sex Male

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

(Circle One): Yes or No

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

(Circle One): Yes or No

29.2 Please list their names and addresses:

Norfolk, Mass.

30. Please add here any further comments which you believe are important.
Use additional sheets of the same size paper, if necessary.

Officers [REDACTED] were talking with me in front of our school bldg. at about the same time both shouted "What the hell is that?" They were facing west, I was facing east. I turned and seen a circular shadow sailing through the air not far above our buildings "3 stories" we ran to the corner of the school bldg. and watched the object until it got over the kitchen bldg. (located directly in the rear of school bldg. about 60 feet. Then it seemed to pick up great speed and go straight up in the air. The night was dark but the object seemed darker. It made no noise, to me the night seemed to get quieter as I watched the object.

Respectfully submitted
[REDACTED]

10 Dec 52

WORLD SPOT

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TYPE OF OBSERVATION

10 Dec 52

Ground

Clouds

Atmosphere

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Air

Atmosphere

Possible

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Source

Meteor

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NUMBER OF OBJECTS: 9. COURSE

Down

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W. N. E.

Downward

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1. COMING

Unknown

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Unusual object with five arms moved
in a spiraling, erratic motion. Flames
at the ends of arms.

2. Possible "Wander Star".

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REPORT NO. 5-52

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: PLYORREPT

AREA REPORTED: Russell Springs, Kentucky

FROM: 2d Lt Robert W. Hefling, Godman Air Force Base, Ky.

DATE OF REPORT: July 52

DATE OF INFORMATION: July 52

EVALUATION: F-3

PREPARED BY: 2d Lt Robert J. Hefling

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

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.)

- Object seemed to be spherical with five projecting arms. The center of the object had a bright orange glow, the arms had a silver appearance and a bright flame seemed to shoot out of the arms at intervals of three to five seconds. The flames had a red color, tinted with green and light blue. The object appeared southwest of the observer at a range of 50 to 150 miles at 5,000 feet. It was moving westnorthwest, changed to north in which it moved in a bouncing line for 5 to 10 miles, made a slight swing motion, began a dive toward earth for 500 feet, stopped and then faded away into the distance. The object appeared two to three feet across and had no sound. (SEE SKETCH)
- Sighted 2300. Length of time not reported.
- Visual observation from ground.
- Observer was in Russell Springs, Kentucky. $37^{\circ}03' N$ $85^{\circ}05' W$
- Observer has no apparent experience.
- Fort Knox weather was clear with fifteen mile visibility. Wind was northwest at eight knots per hour. Weather checked with observer.
- None known
- None known
- N/A
- None known. Only available information was the letter from observer.

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ROBERT J. HEFLING
Major, USAF

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1. Letter from observer
2. Sketch of observer
3. Sectional Aeronautical Chart of area

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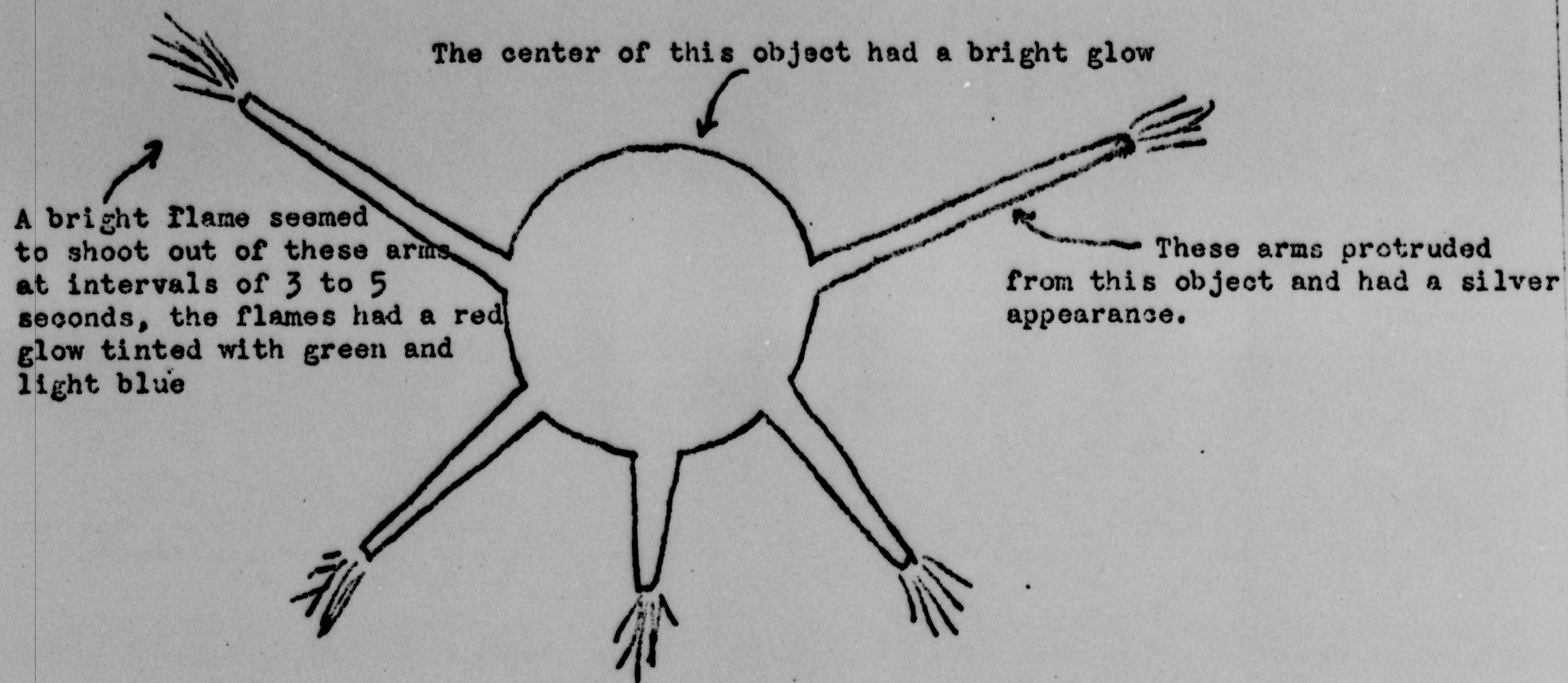
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Russel Springs, Kentucky

This sketch below is similiar to
the object I saw on the night of
23 July 1952

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The sky was clear and had no moon. The visibility was good.

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Note: The below is a true copy of the original which was signed by Seth W. Wade

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Godman Air Force Base

Russel Springs, Ky.

Fort Knox, Ky.

7-25-52

Air Force Intelligence;

Dear Sirs:

I want to report a strange object I saw at 11:00 p.m.
on the night of July 23-52. Also I have a rough sketch of the object
and will enclose with this letter. Below is how I saw it.

After listening to the Democratic Conv. at 11:00 p.m. of
7-23-52 I went outside about the sky, for I had read in the
past week of Flying Saucers reportedly seen over Louisville, and
after that I begin looking for them, for I had previously saw
them in 1948 & 1949. I live in Russel Co. which is located in
the S. Eastern part of Ky. At time I saw object it was S. West
of me, at a range I would say of from 50 miles to 150 miles, and
at a height of around 5,000 ft. Its movement was West North West
while I viewed it, It moved in a bouncing line to the North for
what I thought to be 5 to 10 miles, then it seemed to make a
xxx slight swinging motion, and then it begin a dive toward the
earth for what seemed to be 500 ft. and it looked as if it just
stopped, but as I watched on it begin to fade into the distance.

There was no sound, and the distance I was from it, It
looked about 2 to 3 ft. across it.

What I have said above is true, and the sketch I have
submitted resembles what I saw. I am a business man here in
Russel Springs, and [REDACTED] I have
read quite a lot about Flying Saucers, and so I felt it my duty
to report this

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
Sincerely,



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Five minutes night as over 50000
in the two hour period.

1. Plotting in Z time is
difficult because of the
Planes are inconsistent
not in Z time or 1000 ft
above ground.

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INFO JEPNB/CG EADF STEWART AFB NY

JEDKF/CG CADF KSC MO

JWPML/CG WADF HAMILTON AFB CALIF

FLYOBRT. ATTN ATIC WRIGHT PATTISON AFB: ATIAA-2C. AIRDIV 30

REPORTS FOL U/I OBJS IN OHIO: OBJ AT 10,000 FT MOVING VERY SLOWLY,

SOMETIMES COMING TO COMPLETE STOP SIGHTED 10 MILES WEST OF CENTER OF

CLEVELAND OVER AVON, O. AT 230437Z BY FOUR GROUND OBSERVER CORPS

SPOTTERS ONE OF WHOM WAS MR. [REDACTED]

Baldwin

[REDACTED] ALSO REPORTED AT 230550Z OBJECT 10 MILES NE OF CENTER OF

CLEVELAND ABOUT 2,000 FT OVER WATER EMITTING RED LIGHT, NO NOISE.

MR. [REDACTED], CHIEF OBSERVER AT OAK HILL, REPORTED THAT AT

LITCHFIELD O. HE OBSERVED AN OBJECT AT VERY LOW ALTITUDE, 2 MILES

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2337

Baldwin

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*1. ATT Bld
2. ATT Bld
3. ATT Bld*

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PAGE TWO JEDEN 16F

FROM HIM EMITTING RED LIGHT, NO NOISE. HIS PHONE [REDACTED]
STRANGE LIGHT REPTD 3 MILES SW [BRUNSWICK O] ROUND SHAPE, STATIONARY
AT 3500 FT. NO NOISE. OBJ EMITTED RED AND ORANGE SPARKS. FIELD GLASSES
USED BY MR. [REDACTED], PHONE [REDACTED] *Balloons*
AT 230458Z MR. [REDACTED], [REDACTED] LEBANON, O, OBSRVED STRANGE
OBJECTS AT FK 4827 TO WEST OF HIS STA FLYING NORTH, VERY LOW ALTITUDE,;
SLOW SPEED. OBSERVED 5 TO 10 MINUTES. RADAR THAT AREA REPORTS NO CONTACT
TO CORRESPOND WITH VISUAL SIGHTING. SPOTTER RESIGHTED 0527Z HEADED
SOUTH.

23/1151Z JUL JEDEN

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ACT 10073 WEATHER DATA SHEET

1. DATE OF OBSERVATION 23 Jul 52	2. TIME OF OBSERVATION 0300 Z	3. STATION OBSERVING W-P AFB			
4. WINDS ALOFT:					
ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)	ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)
0			25,000		
1,000			30,000		
2,000	20	30	35,000		
3,000			40,000	17	220
4,000			45,000		
5,000			50,000	16	240
6,000	15	260	55,000		
7,000			60,000		
8,000			65,000		
9,000			70,000	11	80
10,000	19	230	75,000		
12,000			80,000		
14,000			85,000		
16,000			90,000		
18,000			95,000		
20,000	40	270	100,000	✓	✓
5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED? (If yes, at what altitude?)			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA? (If yes, at what quadrant?)			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
7. CLOUD COVER: ____ tenths at ____ feet. ____ tenths at ____ feet.			8. VISIBILITY WAS ____ MILES.		
9. COMMENTS:					