PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 6 Aug 52 09024	2. LOCATION Tucson, Arizona
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION PROBABLE: Balloon
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Not stated	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not stated	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS SEE CASE FILE
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE NW	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: Information on Unidentified Flying Object

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Tucson, Ariz	43rd Bomb Wing, Intelligence Division

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
12 August 1952	6 August 1952	B-6

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
Capt R H Pestalozzi	S/Sgt [redacted] A/1C [redacted]

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

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2. No significance attached to sighting.

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During the time it was hovering over DMAFB, S/Sgt [redacted] called the Tucson Municipal airport tower operators for confirmation of the sighting. The civilian control tower operators stated they thought they sighted the object but couldn't be sure.

S/Sgt [redacted] then sent out a blanket call over Bravo channel to any aircraft in the vicinity for confirmation of the sighting. A C-47, AF-6298, from Williams Air Force Base, flying at 15,000 feet over Phoenix, Arizona answered S/Sgt [redacted] call and altered course for Tucson. In the Gila Bend, Arizona area the pilot confirmed the sighting. He described it as an intensely brilliant white light, about the size of a C-47, at seventeen thousand (17000) feet traveling towards Phoenix at about a rate estimated to be 800 MPH. The pilot of the C-47 turned his aircraft around to pursue the object but he had lost sight of it. The pilot again contacted DMAFB Control tower at 2045 saying that he was in the Red Rock Arizona area and had again spotted a bright white light at 17000 feet in the Chandler Arizona area traveling towards Tucson. He stated the object made the trip from Chandler to Tucson, a distance of 77 air miles, in 6 to 7 seconds.

During his transmissions to DMAFB Control tower the pilot of C-47, AF-6298, stated that the object he saw was not an airplane, was spherical in shape, had no projections and emitted no exhaust trail, confirming the impressions of the Davis-Monthan Control tower operators.

2. Sighting occured at 2002 MST, 6 August 1952, lasted 28 minutes.

3. The DMAFB Control tower operators used 7x50 power Government Issue field glasses during their observation.

4. DMAFB Traffic control tower is at 32°11'02"N/110°53'08"W.

5. S/Sgt [redacted] has 5 years of Military Service and 8 months of Control Tower Duty. [redacted] seems convinced of what he saw and is deemed reliable by his associates. His vision is 20/20. A/1C [redacted] has been in Military Service for 26 months and has been a tower operator for 20 months. He seemed sincere at interrogation, is considered reliable by his associates. His vision is 20/20.

6. Weather at 0000 MST, 6 August 1952, 7000 scattered 3/10, 11000 broken 4/10, 25000 overcast 3/10, visibility 30 miles, temperature 64°.

7. Radiosonde Balloon release at 2000 MST, 6 August 1952. Wind sequence from zero elevation: 0 3107/ 3110/ 3112/ 3011/ 3112/
3006/ 3106/ 3105/ 3202/ 1706/
1312/ 1317/ 1318/ 1310/ 1510/

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This balloon, except for size and intensity of light and minor deviations in altitudes followed the course of the light as described by the DMAFB Control tower operators.

8. None

9. None

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SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: 6 (Day) AUGUST (Month) 1952 (Year)

1.2 Time of day: 9 (Hrs.) 13 (Min.) A.M. or (P.M.) (Circle One)

1.3 Time Zone: (Circle One):

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

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

2. Where did you see the object?

[redacted] (Postal Address) LORAIN (City or Town) OHIO (State) U.S.A. (Country)

3. 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 _____

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 _____

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4. How did you happen to notice the object? LOOKED UP AT LOW FLYING PLANE. WAS ABOUT TO LOOK AWAY WHEN OBJECT CAUGHT MY ATTENTION ABOVE + TO REAR OF PLANE.

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

7 (Day) AUGUST (Month) 1951 (Year)

SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? WATERING GRASS IN YARD.

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.

HAD BEEN WATERING GRASS IN FRONT YARD ABOUT 20 MINUTES. MOVED HOSE TO BACK YARD AND WAS WATERING GRASS IN REAR.

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
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
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

SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object? ____ Hours ____ Minutes 25 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?

14. Did the object at any time:

(Circle One for each question)

14.1	Change direction?	(Yes)	No	Don't know
14.2	Change speed?	(Yes)	No	Don't know
14.3	Change size?	(Yes)	No	Don't know
14.4	Change color?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.5	Break up into parts or explode?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.6	Give off smoke?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.7	Change brightness?	(Yes)	No	Don't know
14.8	Flicker, throb, or pulsate?	(Yes)	No	Don't know
14.9	Remain motionless?	(Yes)	No	Don't know

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? REDDISH CAST

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

16.1 Sound NONE

16.2 Color VERY BRIGHT LIGHT - SLIGHT RED TINT

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.

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

(Circle One):

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

8.1 What direction were you facing 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 two questions. (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 No

10. How was the object seen?

(Circle One):

a. Through window glass
b. Through windshield
c. Through binoculars
d. Through telescope
e. Through theodolite
f. Through sun glasses
g. Through open space BY NAKED EYE
h. Other _____

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

11.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

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

11.2 WIND (Circle One)

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

11.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

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

11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

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

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.

_____

18.2 Move in front of something? (Circle One) Yes (No) Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved in front of.

_____

18.3 Blend with the background? (Circle One) Yes (No) Don't know

19. Which of the following objects is about the same actual size as the object you saw? (Circle One):

a. Pea
(b. Baseball)
c. Basketball
d. Bicycle wheel
e. Office desk
f. Automobile
g. Small airplane
h. Large airplane
i. Dirigible
j. Other _____

19.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 19.

a. Certain
(b. Fairly certain)
c. Not very sure
d. Uncertain

20. Try to tell the following things about the object:

20.1 How high above the earth was it? ___?___ feet.

20.2 How far was it from you? ___?___ feet or ___?___ miles

20.3 How fast was it going? 0 To 600 miles per hour.

20.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above questions:

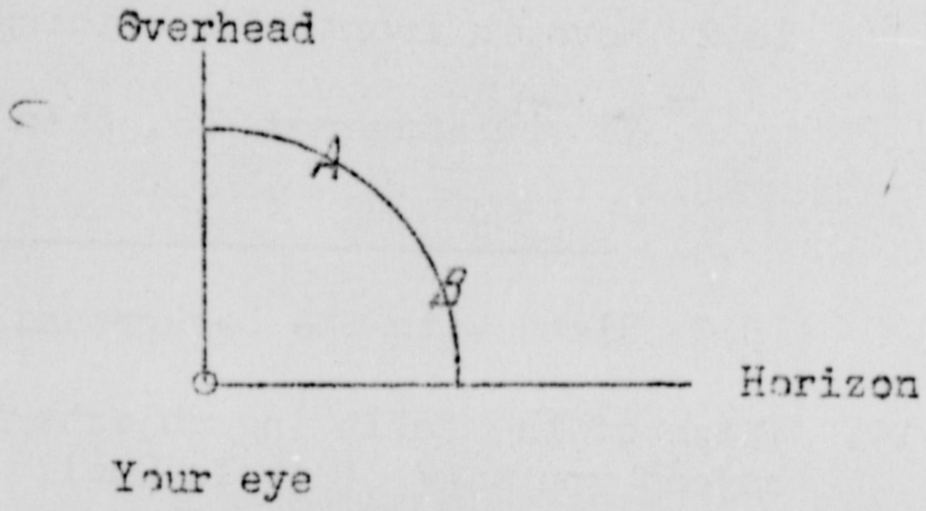
a. Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
(d. Just a guess)

21. How did the object disappear from view?

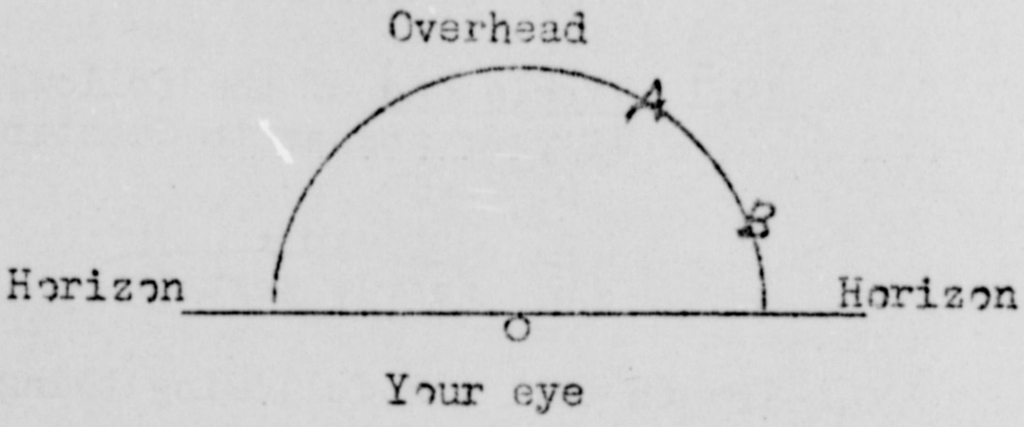
(Circle One): a. Suddenly
b. Gradually
(c. Other STARTED SLOWLY THEN INCREASED SPEED.)
d. Don't remember

SECTION D

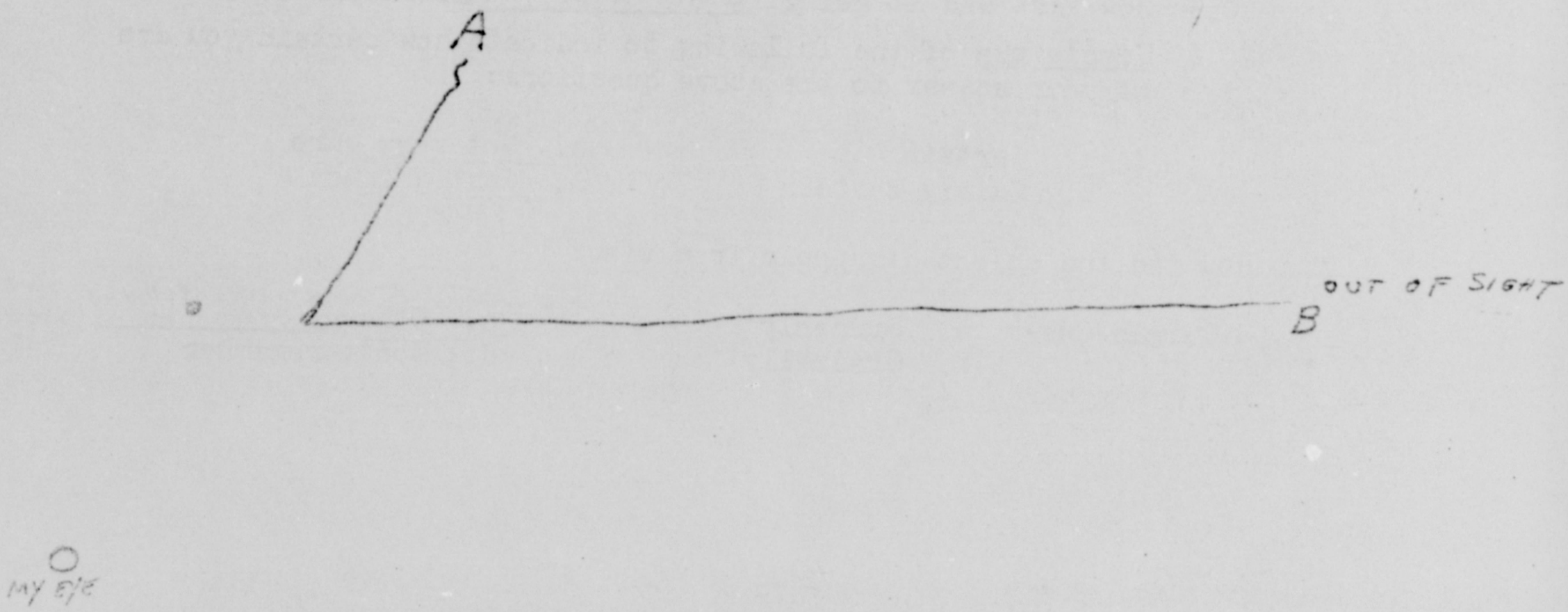
22. In the following sketch, imagine your eye at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon when you first saw it. Place a "B" to show where it was when when you last saw it.



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.



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:

[redacted] (MY 7 YEAR OLD SON)

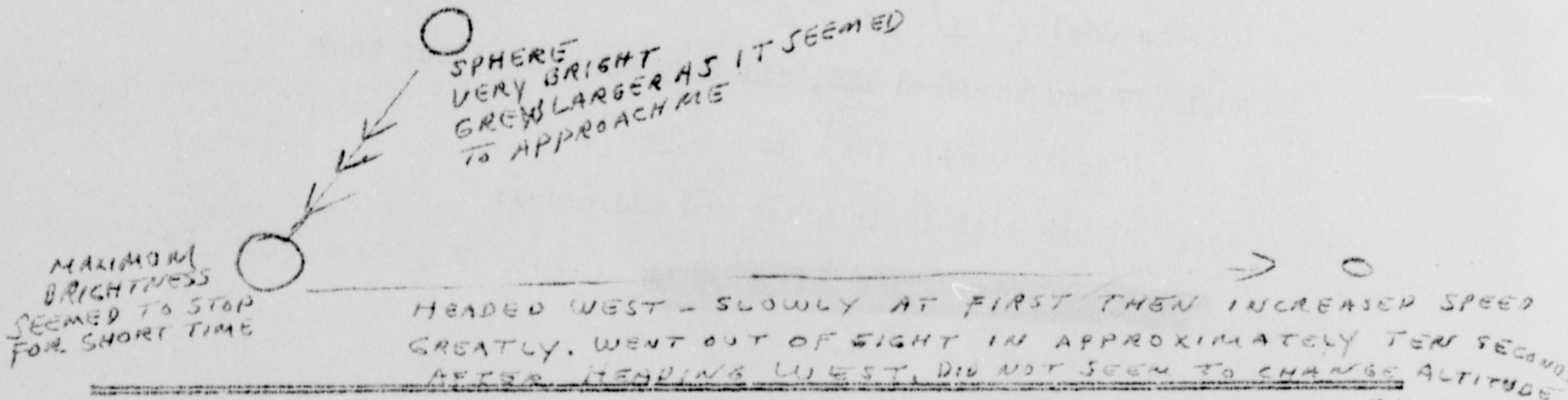
SAME ADDRESS.

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

I HAVE BEEN A PILOT SINCE 1939 AND SERVED ALMOST 4 YEARS IN WORLD WAR II AS A PILOT. I HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING SIMILAR TO THIS BEFORE, BUT I WOULD SAY IT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN A REFLECTION OF ANY KIND— IT SEEMED MUCH TOO REAL AND TO HAVE SUBSTANCE. IT COULD NOT POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN A WEATHER BALLOON. THE CHANGING OF DIRECTION AND SPEED WOULD INDICATE THAT THE OBJECT WA UNDER SOME KIND OF CONTROL.

I HAD ONLY ONE INDICATION OF ALTITUDE OF THE OBJECT SINCE I DID NOT HAVE ANY WAY OF ESTIMATING S ALTHOUGH THE SKY WAS CLEAR IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA THERE WERE CLOUDS IN THE WEST INTO WHICH THE OBJEC SEEMED TO DISAPPEAR WHEN IT PASSED FROM SIGHT. I W ROUGHLY ESTIMATE THE HEIGHT AT THE CLOUD LEVEL WHERE THE OBJECT DISAPPEARED AT 15 TO 20 THOUSAND FE

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) 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?

NO OPINION ON ABOVE

28. Give the following information about yourself:

NAME [redacted]
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS [redacted] LORAIN _____ OHIO
Street City Zone State

[redacted]

What is your present job? [redacted]

Age 37

Sex MALE

Last School Attended OBERLIN COLLEGE, OBERLIN, OHIO

Year of last attendance at this school 1933

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DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
	Pinecastle AFB, Florida	[redacted]	Balloon
	Detroit, Michigan (CARD MISSING)	[redacted]	Aircraft
	Richmond, California	[redacted]	Balloon
	Rheems, Pennsylvania	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
	San Antonio, Texas	[redacted]	UNIDENTIFIED
	Duluth, Minnesota	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
	Washington, D. C.	[redacted]	Aircraft
	Dayton, Ohio	[redacted]	Balloon
-8	Fort Lyautey, French Morocco	[redacted]	Balloon
	Vienna, Virginia (CARD MISSING)	[redacted]	
	FE Warren AFB, Wyoming (CARD MISSING)	[redacted]	Aircraft
	Redding, California	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
	Downey, California	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
	Niagara Falls, New York	[redacted]	Balloon
	Macon, Georgia	[redacted]	Aircraft
-9	Los Alamos, New Mexico (CARD MISSING)	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
	Southeast, Korea	[redacted]	Astro (METEOR)
	Albuquerque, New Mexico	Multiple	Aircraft
	Lake Charles AFB, Louisianna	[redacted]	UNIDENTIFIED
	St. Paul, Minnesota	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
	Polkton, North Carolina (CARD MISSING)	[redacted]	Astro (METEOR)
0	Keesler AFB, Mississippi	[redacted]	Balloon
0	Fort Dix, New Jersey	[redacted]	Astro (METEOR)
0	North Lake, Wisconsin (NO CASE INFO ONLY)	[redacted]	