UFOB INDEX CARD

1. DATE
~~8 FEB~~
31 January 1955

2. LOCATION
Pittsfield and Detroit, Maine

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local ~~08/1000Z FEB~~
GMT 31/0950Z Jan 55

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar
☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☒ No

6. SOURCE
Civilian

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
~~1 HR 15 MIN.~~
Thirty (30) Minutes

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
One (1)

9. COURSE
E to W, changing course, W to E

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING
Object resembled a bright blue-white star, generally the size and shape of a four (4) foot circular saw. The edges of the object were sharply outlined. The object did not explode, break up, or give off smoke or exhaust of any kind, although it did tend to flicker at times.

11. COMMENTS
Concur with the conclusions of the investigation officer that these sightings were caused by the planet Venus.

12. CONCLUSIONS
☐ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon
☐ Was Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☐ Possibly Aircraft
☒ Was Astronomical VENUS
☐ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical
☐ ~~Other~~
☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☐ Unknown

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SUBJECT
UFOs

DATE REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
DC(Craft, Helio. (HTIo-4347)	9[illegible] S/A, 4602d AISS, Detroit (I)c Mun. A

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
15 February 1955	31 Jan, 1, 6, 9 & 11 Feb. 1955	

REFERENCE (Cable, Memo, Ltr, Rpt, Map, Sketch, Photo, Negative, Book, etc. or Combination)	Source
Det 1, 4602d, 01(Comdr), 2nd Lt, USAF	(See Comments 1, 2 & 4)

REFERENCES (Cable, Memo, Ltr, Rpt, Map, Sketch, Photo, Negative, Book, etc. or Combination)
AFR 200-2, dtd 12 Aug 54, ANG Form 36, Hydrographic Chart No. 1350, 1st Ed. Feb. 54

SUMMARY (Abstract of Report. Do not exceed the space allowed this paragraph. The following Classification Applies to Summary: Same as Report or Higher)

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PART ONE: Description of sighting by Robert E. Taylor, Director of Civil Defense, Plymouth, Mich. (HTIo-4347).

PART TWO: Description of sighting by [redacted], Detroit, Mich. (HTIo-4347).

PART THREE: Description of sighting by [redacted], Detroit, Mich. (HTIo-4347).

PART FOUR: Related Investigation.

PART FIVE: Comments of Reporting Officer.

II. SUMMARY: Unidentified flying object was sighted from Detroit, Mich. (HTIo-4347) at 31/0950Z Jan 55 (0450 EST). Object remained visible for five hours. Object disappeared at approximately the same time on 1, 6, 9 and 11 Feb. Detailed identical pattern of observation was reported on these four days except on 11 Feb. when object was obscured by clouds after two hours. Observation, interrogation of persons observing object and investigation of related data were conducted in order to determine cause of phenomena.

III. INVESTIGATORS: 2nd Lt. Daniel J. O'Connell
S/Sgt. William H. [illegible]

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Asst. OIC, Det 1, 4602d

6 Incls (See Individual Parts)

APPROVING OFFICER:

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JOHN M. [illegible]
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Pit-7-G-46026 AFSS	5C-USOIB-1 PART ONE	

I. SOURCE: [redacted]

Age: 66

Education: Grade School, Maine Correctional Institution (1918)

Mailing Address: [redacted] PHYSICIAN, MAINE

Phone: Pittsfield 4440-J

Occupation: Town Selectman, Civil Defense Director, Real Commissioner.

II. APPRAISAL OF SOURCE: Source was fairly prosperous middle-aged man, active in community affairs. He was a man of average intelligence and obviously a responsible citizen. He had, however, an imaginative nature and it is felt that some of his judgements were hasty. Source was considered fairly reliable and his information probably true, although inaccurate in certain details.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING:

a. On 6 Feb 55 at approximately 0950Z SOURCE was requested to visit the residence of [redacted] unemployed resident of DIAMOND, MAINE, where, together with occupants of the house, he participated in observation of an unidentified object. SOURCE had not been a sighter object before and was very interested in the project, consequently he set about making some unpublicized experiments considered by U.S. Armed Forces, such that the appearance of aerial beacon lights estimated on a watercraft in UNITY, MAINE (RIRS 4137) and/or DIAMOND MOUNTAIN (RIRS 5542). SOURCE reported the sightings to Maine Adjutant General's Office (Maj Gen PRISCOLL JESSE ARB (RIRS 5740).

b. The edges of the object were sharply outlined as those of a bright star. It resembled an inverted cone, similar to a plane cone, which gradually changed its shape to a cone-cylinder object before beginning movement along course indicated in paragraph below. SOURCE was unable to state any definite data in regard to the appearance of the object; however, he noted the changes in shape, and advanced a supposition that it was made of metal, most likely was had an approximate diameter of four feet, and could be compared to a cylinder seen head on having machines. This size diminished gradually during the course of sighting, excluding the period of a prolonged stationary stage of observation. SOURCE was not very sure how large the object would appear when compared with other familiar objects held at the hand and at about arm's length, but suggested comparison with a grapefruit. (Pit 2-G, Encl #2)

c. The object emerged a white-blue six light during the entire period of observation, with variable degree of intensity. Since there were no other objects in the area to detract SOURCE'S attention, he was in position to notice that the object did not break up into smaller pieces, did not explode at any time and although it did flicker, it did not give off smoke, nor did it leave any other trail. He was also quite sure that at no time did the object move behind or in front of a cloud. It was positively brighter than the background of the sky, precluding the interference of an aerostatic or balloon sighting. No sound of any kind were heard by SOURCE during the entire duration of sighting.

d. SOURCE was not aware of the object until he was motivated by some system of the experiment, and not until it arrived at the observer's residence.

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The object when he first noticed it was located in Southeasterly direction from [redacted] home, at approximately 135 degrees azimuth and 40 degrees elevation. Considering this position as the apex of an imaginary cone, the object travelled approximately ninety degrees to the left of apex, as noted from this position of SOURCE, and then reversed and came downwelling approximately eighty (80) degrees along the arc and again returned to same apex. (Ref 1, Encl 2). SOURCE stated that he was looking still in Southeasterly direction when object disappeared from view and estimated the position at that time to be 225 degrees azimuth and 45 degree elevation. Object did appear to travel still at constant speed as the observation and when last observed it proceeded at a steady rate of speed, however, he was not able to determine the speed, even though he did observe the object for thirty-five (35) minutes prior to its disappearance, the object became smaller as it grew appreciated and finally disappeared quite.

e. Initial observation of the object by SOURCE was conducted through the window glass from the interior of [redacted] home. Later SOURCE went outdoors and used what he called, a night and day type binoculars to observe the movements of the object. This equipment proved to be an average commercial type binocular of rather easily vantage and considerably less powerful than many binocular equipment of Air Force issue.

f. SOURCE observed the object from 03/0950Z Feb 55 to approximately 03/1025Z Feb 55, with no trace of daylight, many stars in the sky and no moonlight, the entire area being pitch dark. During the final stage of observation sun began to rise to the left of SOURCE, the area becoming Southeastern

g. During the entire period of observation SOURCE was located at DIAMOND (GEORGE, 8156 4547), MARENE, Iowa, on outside of Wyman's residence. Located in open countryside, with the only inhabitants of the house, John and Ethel Wyman, being present. The approximate distance to the object as estimated by SOURCE was five thousand (5,000) feet.

h. There was clear sky, dry weather, no wind and weather for temperature for the area of observation, according to SOURCE. He added that prior to his departure for Detroit, while still at PENNSBORO (GEORGE, 8156 5647), MARENE, his attention was attracted to a medium bright star of blue-white color, very large, approaching the size of a grapefruit, stationary, located at approximately 170 degrees azimuth and 45 degrees elevation.

2 Incls
1. Statement of [redacted]
2. Retouched Memory Sketch of Location & Appearance of Object

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Encl (1), PART ONE, Rept #36-IIROB-5
Statement of Maj [redacted]

STATEMENT

Tuesday, February 6, 1951, I received telephone call from [redacted] stating that a disturbance in the sky was observed at approx 0450 EST. Instructed to investigate the time of call was 0450 EST. Distance to destroy was about 25 miles.

On arriving at the [redacted] home the following was seen.

1. Round object in sky 4 ft. in diam. color blue white.

2. Changed of object, there the shape was like a pine cone, seconds went back to circle form and started to move to the east and then back to center and then to the west.

Distance from center to east and center to west about the same. It held the same size at all times while going to east back to center. From time to time when in center of circle it would grow small and then back to full 4 ft. circle.

At no time did white moving throw off sparks or make any noise.

[redacted]

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2ND LT, USAF

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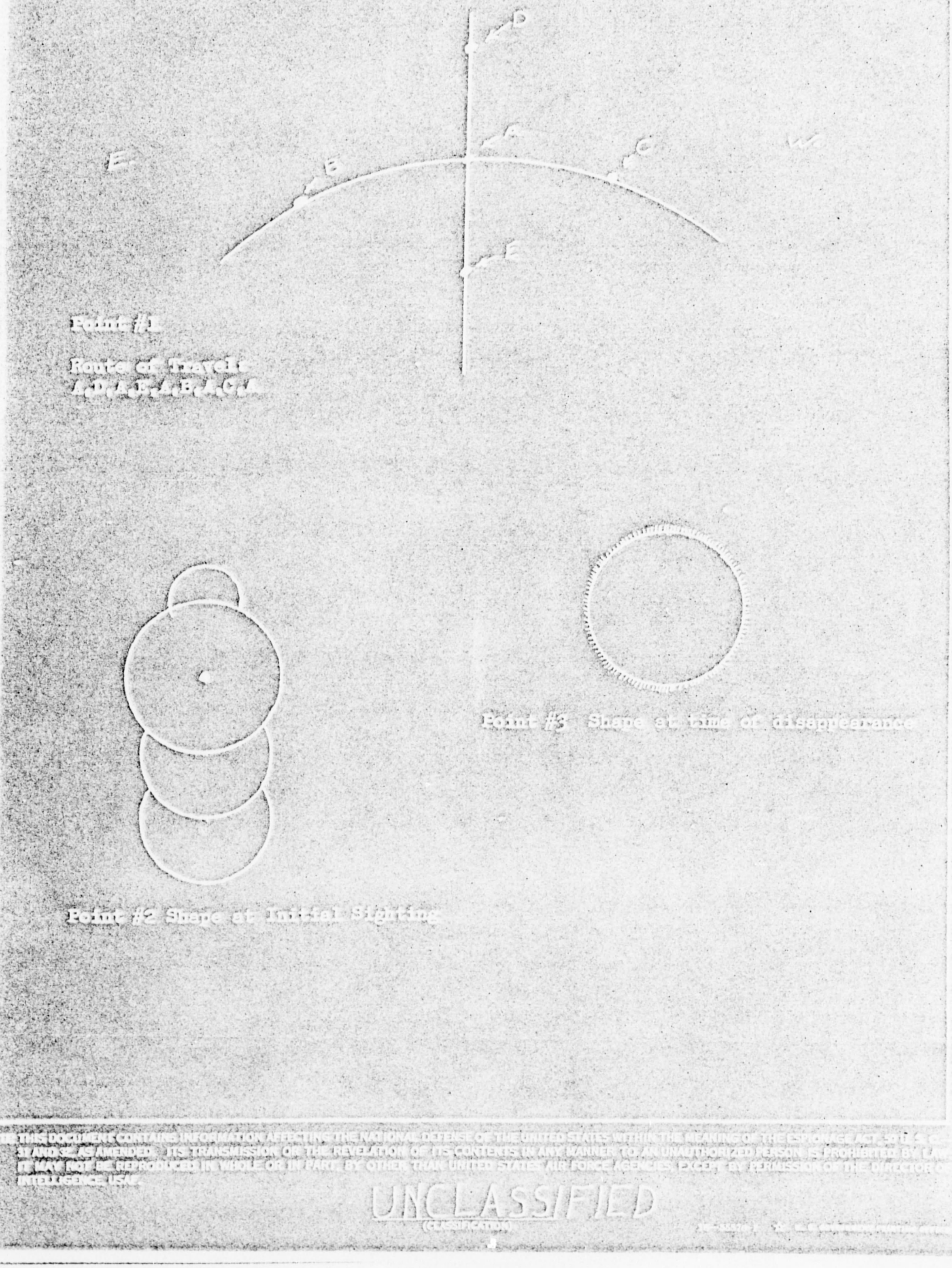
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Ref: #2, Report SC-111OB-1, PART ONE
Re-touched Version, Sketch of Maneuver & Appearance of Object



Point #3 Shape at Terminal of Observation

Point #2 Shape at Initial Sighting

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1. SOURCE: [redacted]

Age: 37

Mailing Address: [redacted]

Occupation: Housewife

Education: High School Graduate

11. EVALUATION: SOURCE was a competent housewife and mother of two young children. She was a cheerful, intelligent woman whose stability was evidenced in her obviously efficient domestic management. SOURCE had little technical knowledge, but her answers were clear and well considered. SOURCE was considered reliable and her information probably true.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING:

a. SOURCE was awakened on 31 Jan 55 at approximately 0950Z by a bright light illuminating the interior of her house. She noticed an unidentified flying object in the sky, awakened her husband and together with him observed the object for a period of approximately two (2) hours until 1150Z 31 Jan 55.

b. Similar observation of the object was made by SOURCE and her husband on 4 Feb 55, whereby the time of initial sighting, duration of sighting and disappearance time, were approximately identical with those noted during the initial sighting.

c. Additional sightings were made by SOURCE on 8 Feb 55, this time in the presence of local Civil Defense Director [redacted] and two other persons living in the immediate vicinity of SOURCE, and [redacted] and on 9 Feb 55 with SOURCE and her husband being again principal witnesses. Object was sighted again on 10 Feb 55 at 0930Z, but was hidden by clouds after twenty (20) minutes of observation.

d. The object was observed by SOURCE from approximately closest distance during the observation possessed sharply outlined edges and resembled an overturned top with two saucered cones joined together at the base and a distinct cigarette-like protrusion jutting from the point of junction (Ref 1, Inclo 2). The object changed from a sharp outline during subsequent stages of observation to an elongated, triangular and later, oval shape as it moved away from the observers becoming a luminescent, glowing ball.

e. SOURCE was fairly certain about the distance of the size of object, computing it in its largest stage to a height which approximated that subtended to an object the size of a grapefruit and elongated like an cigar in triangular. Prior to disappearance it became a luminescent ball of the size of a star.

f. Color of the object, as reported by SOURCE, consisted of a white light in the initial stage of sighting to bright incandescent orange-white seen at a distance of several yards away. This color changed alternately to reddish orange and red, at certain times during sightings.

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4. Description of object (shape, size, markings, color, etc.)

5. Manner of observation (angle, distance, length of observation, etc.)

6. Number of objects

7. Characteristics (sound, exhaust, trail, etc.)

8. Direction of flight

9. Altitude

10. Speed

11. How did object disappear from observation?

12. Was object identified? By whom?

13. Have similar objects been observed from this station?

14. Other pertinent data

15. Weather at time of observation

16. Remarks (Conclusions of observer, etc.)

17. Enclosures

18. Witness

19. Statement of witness

20. Witness's Memory Sketch of Object

Appearance and Course

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[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

[redacted]

STATEMENT

On [redacted] 1957, at [redacted] I was [redacted] when I observed [redacted] object [redacted] object [redacted] object

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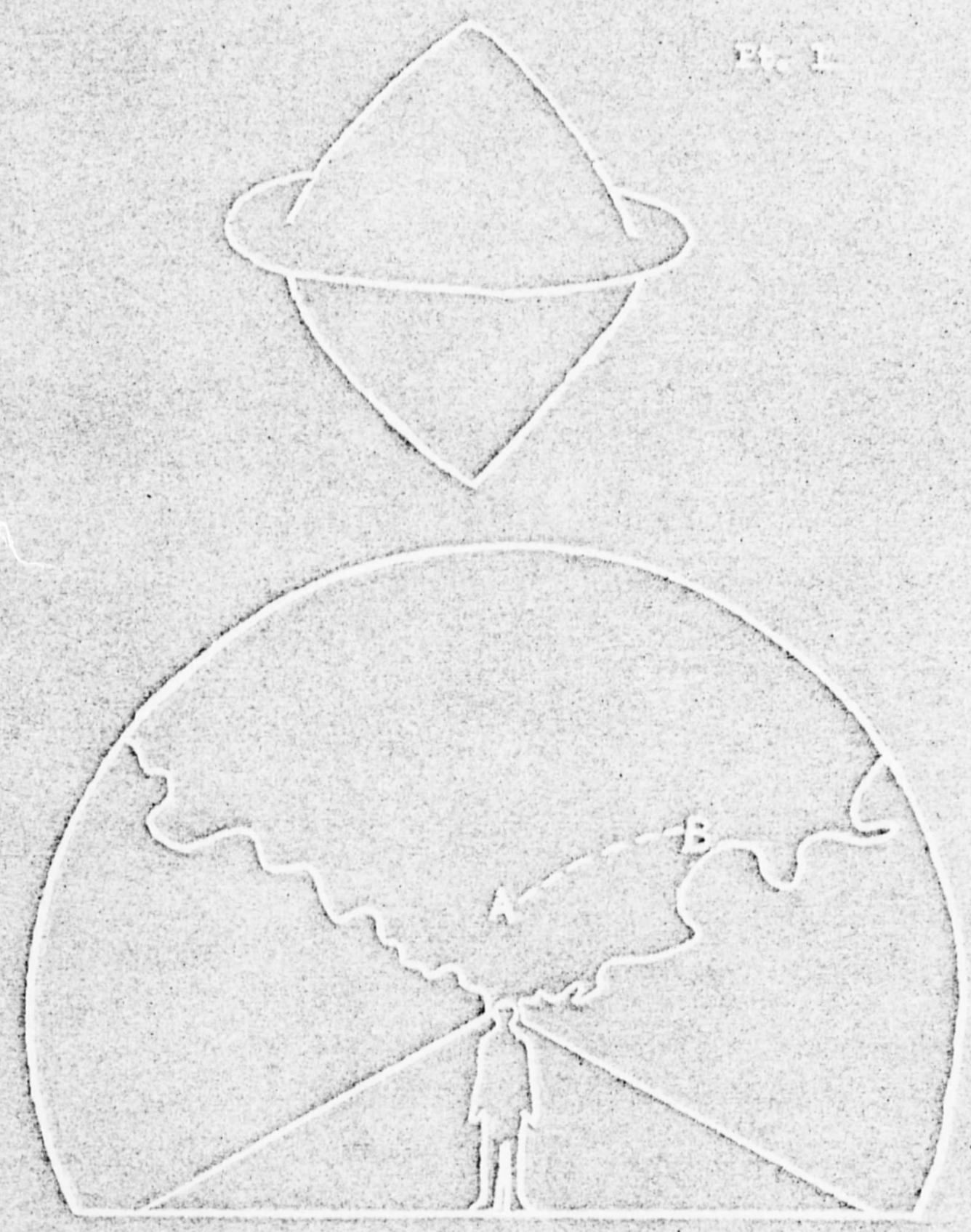
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SUBJECT: Memo re Sketch of Objects' Appearance and Course

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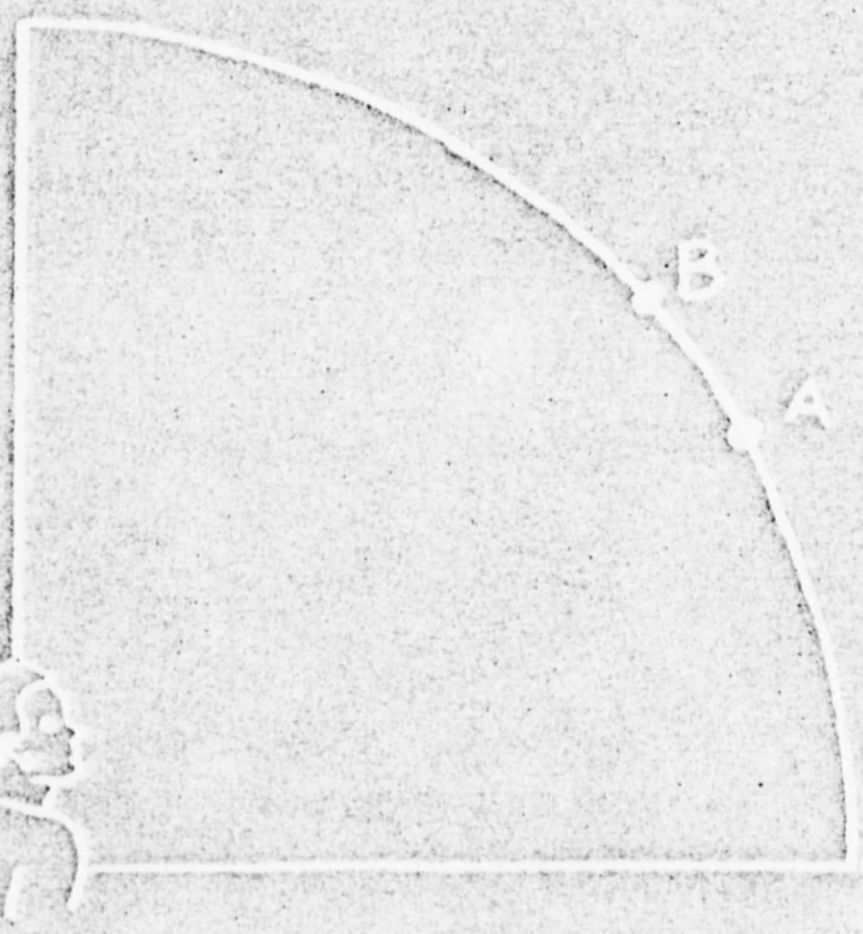


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1 - Position of object when first seen

2 - Position of object when last seen

B-C-3



1 - Position of object when first seen

2 - Position of object when last seen

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FROM (Source)	REPORT NO.	DATE
[redacted] 3d Lt 46026 ATSC	SC-UR-OB-1 PART I (of one)	10 Feb 16 Feb 55

I. SOURCE: [redacted]

Age: 24

Marital Status: Married Religion: Methodist

Occupation: Unemployed

II. RELIABILITY OF SOURCE: Source was a World War II veteran whose combat experience should reflect his reliability. Although his answers were generally consistent, his reliability cannot be properly judged.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTINGS:

a. On the morning of the 31st of January 1955, SOURCE was awakened by his wife at 0950Z and his attention called to the object. The object appeared to be spherical in shape and approximately the same size as a basketball held at arm's length. The object appeared to be orange in color changing to yellow and then to a bright white. As SOURCE observed the object (only one object was visible) it appeared to move in a spasmodic fashion from left to right during the course of two hours he observed it. The object appeared to grow smaller. There were no consecutive sightings other than at times it appeared to drop upside. No sound was audible. Object appeared as described until 1150Z at which time it reached the end of its route then diminished to the size of a star, simultaneously diminishing in brilliance, then was extinguished.

b. Later sightings on the 7th, 8th and 9th of Feb 55 were the same as described above. Object was sighted again on 11 Feb 55 at approximately 0935Z, but disappeared behind clouds after twenty minutes.

c. A period of time reporting SOURCE was awakened by his wife who was alarmed by strange illumination in their bedroom. The object was at approximate azimuth of 135° and approximate angle of elevation of 25° when first sighted (this applies to all later sightings by SOURCE) and at last point at course object had approximate azimuth of 110° and approximate angle of elevation of 45°. At last sighting SOURCE stated that clouds blanketed object and it became impossible to observe. Object from first appearance through all sightings moved in the following manner: Appeared to be quivering, shifting from left to right, but actual movement was gathering glide along path of lane given as incl #2 of this part (135° SE angle of elevation approximately 35° to 160° SE and angle of elevation of 45°. At last sighting this route was obscured by clouds). During first four sightings, object reached its peak of its route simultaneously with the setting of the sun then diminished to the size of a star and gradually went out. At last sighting, object was obscured by clouds. During the first four sightings, length of time of sighting was approximately two minutes and last sighting was of 20 minutes duration.

c. The time and dates of sightings are as follows:

SIGHTINGS	DATE TIME GROUP	TIME DISAPPEARED
1st	31/0950Z Jan 55	1150Z
2nd	04/0950Z Feb 55	1150Z
3rd	08/0950Z Feb 55	1150Z
4th	09/0900Z Feb 55	1150Z

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SUBJECT: DATE/TIME GROUP: TYPE OBS/TYPE/KIND:

5th 11/0930Z Feb 55 UFO

1. Brief description of the nature of sighting: Visual sighting to North. SOURCE was in his home in Detroit, Michigan. SOURCE observed the object from his bedroom window for one hour. SOURCE was outside his house in Detroit, Michigan. Number of observers: One (1).

2. Source's estimate of trajectory: Visual from outside of house.

3. Sources description of the weather conditions: Dry, Cold, Still and Clear. SOURCE estimated the distance to the object from him to be approximately 5000 feet. Size appeared to be approximately one and a half feet in diameter.

2 Incls

Incl #1, Statement of Source
Incl #2, Sketch of appearance and location of Object

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Statement of [redacted]

S T A T E M E N T

On the morning of 21 May my wife awakened me and called my attention to an object. As I went to the window, I noticed the object was very large and was moving. As I watched, it moved and spun, then moved to left and right. In an hour and a half time it was growing smaller, turning orange and yellowish color with a trail of sparks coming from it. I watched until 0650 (EST). It was very bright daylight then. Size was down to the size of a star but still very bright, it went into the south, disappeared and went out.

The other two times it moved same way, same order, and same speed.

/s/ [redacted]

S T A T E M E N T

A TRUE COPY:

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DANIEL J. O'CONNELL
2nd Lieutenant, USAF

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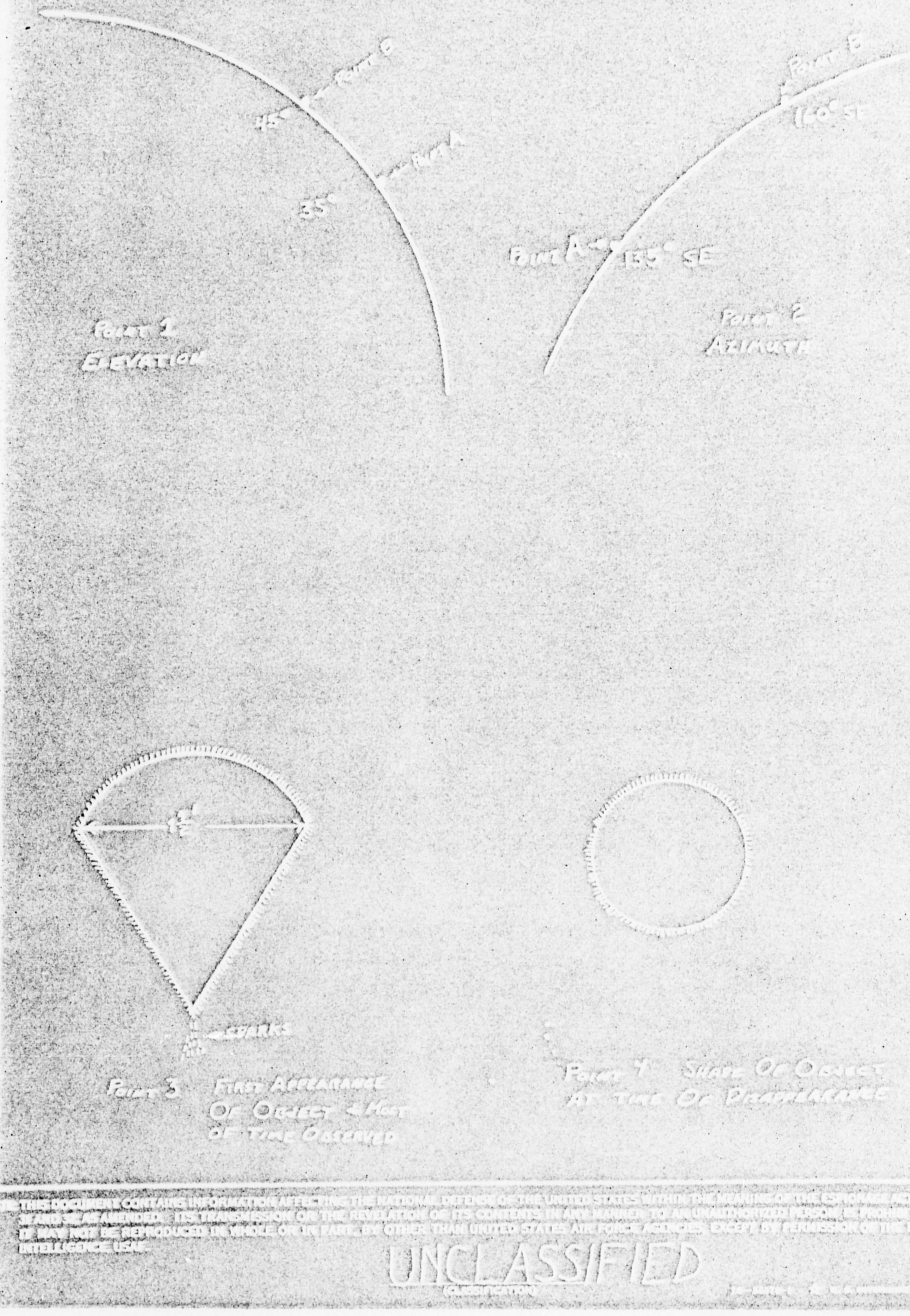
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Item #2 Sept 56 (DATE) / PART (WHEN)

Sketch of appearance and location of object (Re-Numbered)



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SUBJECT: [illegible]	CONFIRMATION OF SERIAL NO(S):		

1. Weather and wind conditions on dates of flights: (USAF Air Weather Service)

a. Forwarded Email, 1240, 31 Jan 55 (U.S. Weather Bureau Office)

Time	Cloud Condition	Visibility Miles	Sea Height Ft.
0400	25,000 thin scattered	15 plus	4° E
0500	6,500 broken	15 plus	5
0600	6,500 scattered	15 plus	7
0800	4,000 scattered	15 plus	7

b. Augusta Email 1546 (U.S. Weather Bureau Office), 31 Jan 55

0400	clear	15 plus	7	NW 9 knots
0500	5,000 thin scattered	15 plus	1	NNW 5 knots
0600	12,000 thin scattered	15 plus	2	N 7 knots
0700	clear	15 plus	3	NNW 9 knots
0800	clear	15 plus	1	NNW 13 knots

c. Bangor Email 1548 (AWS), 31 Jan 55

0400	clear	15	1	NNW 5 knots
0500	clear	15 plus	1	NNW 8 knots
0600	4,000 scattered	15	2	NW 13 knots
0700	6,000 scattered	15	4	NNW 14 knots
0800	22,000 thin broken	15	3	NNW 16 knots

d. FORTLAND, 4 Feb 55

0400	clear	15 plus	15	5	NNW 14 knots
0500	clear	15 plus	15	3	NW 10 knots
0600	clear	15 plus	15	1	NW 12 knots
0700	clear	15 plus	15	1	NW 12 knots
0800	clear	15 plus	19	3	NNW 14 knots

e. Augusta, 4 Feb 55

0400	clear	15 plus	15	2	NNW 9 knots
0500	clear	15 plus	9	0	NW 8 knots
0600	clear	15 plus	8	0	NW 5 knots
0700	clear	15 plus	9	2	NNW 14 knots
0800	clear	15 plus	12	2	NNW 6 knots

f. BANGOR, 4 Feb 55

0400	clear	15 plus	7	0	NNW 4 knots
0500	clear	15 plus	4	0	NW 5 knots
0600	clear	15 plus	5	0	Calm
0700	clear	15 plus	0	1	Calm
0800	clear	15 plus	7	2	Calm

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e. FORMOSA, 8 Feb 55

Time	Cloud Conditions	Visibility in Miles	Dew Point	Wind
0400	clear	15 plus 24	12	NW 6 knots
0500	clear	15 plus 17	8	NW 5 knots
0600	clear	15 plus 17	10	NW 5 knots
0700	clear	15 plus 24	12	NNW 8 knots
0800	clear			

f. AUGUSTA, 8 Feb 55

0400	clear	15 plus 12	7	NW 7 knots
0500	clear	15 plus 15	6	NW 7 knots
0600	clear	15 plus 12	5	NW 10 knots
0700	clear	15 plus 15	6	NW 5 knots
0800	clear	15 plus 15	5	NW 8 knots

g. BANGOR, 8 Feb 55

0400	clear	15 plus 15	5	NW 10 knots
0500	clear	15 plus 12	4	NW 5 knots
0600	clear	15 plus 10	1	NW 8 knots
0700	clear	15 plus 9	0	NW 8 knots
0800	clear	15 plus 10	3	NW 6 knots

h. FORMOSA, 9 Feb 55

0400	3,500 scattered	15 plus 12	-1	NW 12 knots
0500		15 plus 10	-1	NW 10 knots
0600		15 plus 10	-1	NNW 15 knots
0700		15 plus 9	-2	NNW 10 knots
0800		15 plus 11	-2	NW 8 knots

i. AUGUSTA, 9 Feb 55

0400	9,000 scattered	15 plus 2	-4	NW 5 knots
0500	10,000 scattered	15 plus -2	-7	NW 5 knots
0600	clear	15 plus -6	-10	NW 4 knots
0700	clear	15 plus -2	-10	NNW 8 knots
0800	clear	15 plus 3	-5	NW 6 knots

j. BANGOR, 9 Feb 55

0400	10,000 scattered	15 plus -2	-14	NW 5 knots
0500	10,000 scattered	15 plus -5	-14	NW 6 knots
0600	10,000 scattered	15 plus -5	-16	NW 5 knots
0700	15,000 scattered	15 plus -5	-20	NW 4 knots
0800	clear	15 plus -5	-21	Calm

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III. Weather information data on dates of sightings:

a. FORWARD (U.S. WEATHER BUREAU OBS'N)

Time	Date	Inversion Altitude	Temperature
2200 EST	30 Jan 55	4000 - 5000	-24°C to -25°C
1000	31 Jan 55	4600 - 7000	-20 to -19
2200	3 Feb 55	500 - 1000	-10 to -8
1000	4 Feb 55	500 - 2000	-8 to -6
2200	7 Feb 55	no inversion	
1000	8 Feb 55	4000 - 9000	-12 to -11
2200	8 Feb 55	4500 - 6500	-14 to -12
1000	9 Feb 55	0 - 5000	-25 to -13

IV. Data from other agencies:

a. 6901st Bangor Radar Station logged single UFOs reported on two days coinciding with sightings of object here considered. Both of these objects were presumed by radar station personnel to have been balloons. Neither corresponds with description of object here considered.

1. Sighting at Presideforn, Maine (BMW-3613) 31/0800Z Jan 55

a. Shape: round
b. size: 50 to 60 feet in diameter
c. color: blinking red lights
d. altitude: 500 feet
e. light condition: night
f. length of time in sight: 20 minutes
g. course: sailed out of sight

2. Sighting at Greenville, Maine (BMW-3953) 10/1615Z Feb 55

a. shape: round
b. color: brown
c. discernible: none
d. course: drift in northwesterly direction
e. length of time in sight: 5 minutes
f. altitude: Seen under 3000 foot ceiling

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b. (C&A) Operations officer at Chesterton (USAF-570) (C&A) also stated that no aircraft were detected in the area at time of sighting.

c. (C&A) Bar Harbor Weather Station Bangor, Maine (WMO-51515) revealed that no weather balloons had been released from the Bar Harbor or from other stations in the area at the time of the sighting.

d. Weather Forecaster, Eastport (C&A) Maine was contacted concerning various meteorological phenomena. Although inversions did exist at the moment of the sighting, he indicated that light would bend as it passed through an inversion layer. While reflection might result from light striking the inversion layer, the visual phenomenon would be weak and diffuse, and would thus not correspond with the reported description of the object. A mirage or sun dog would not be possible, according to basic forecasting techniques without the use of a lens. A "sundog," the steady would not occur before sunrise or after sunset whereas the object sighted traveled in brilliance at the sun center.

e. Colby College: A check with the science faculty of Colby College, Waterville, Maine (WMO-72432) revealed no meteorological or other projects undertaking from that college which might have a bearing on the sighting.

f. University of Maine: Professor [redacted], Director of the Astronomical Observatory at the University of Maine, Orono (WMO-1952) stated that no projects from the university science faculties could have any bearing upon the sighting. He was definite in stating that no bodies such as meteors or comets could have caused the phenomena. The response of a meteor is observed for only a few seconds, while the appearance of a comet would constitute a major astronomical event and would have been observed in the same latitude against the Moon. He suggested the planet Venus as an explanation, but could not account for the brilliance described by sources. The university observatory was not manned at the time of the sighting. Professor Jordan discounted the possibility of Weather phenomena occasioning the sighting described because of the steadiness and brilliance of the object.

g. (C&A) Investigators were informed of existence of seasonal navigational light atop Diamond Mountain (WMO-1554), the point over which the object first appeared coming southeast. A check with the Old Town C&A Range Reporting Station revealed that the Diamond Mountain light had been partially inoperative since 3 February. The rotating mechanism was out of order and at the present writing is awaiting parts for its repair. On 31 January and 1 February, however, light was logged in operation. It is extinguished after dawn by an electro-mech eye mechanism (i.e. is sensitive to the light of the sun). There is also a navigational beacon light above the water tower at Dover, Maine (WMO-1557).

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1. Other individuals observing the objects mentioned in Brief Summary of Reports were not available for questioning. Observing stations reported by SOURCES, investigators questioned in Portsfield, Maine (4430-6947) the night of 10 Feb 55. According to arrangement with the [redacted] observing posts in Maine communicated to base headquarters at 0940Z (0440 EST) the following information: 11 Feb. Bogie [redacted] and [redacted] object last reappeared at 0940Z and behaved the same manner as those of previous sightings. When investigators arrived at Portsfield (4430-6947) at 1000Z (0500 EST), in contrast to previous observations, the object appeared behind cloud formation and did not reappear. NO sighting of object was made en route. There was no doubt, however, of the sincerity of the SOURCES' testimony.

2. Certain inconsistencies will be noted in comparing the two descriptions of the sightings. To [redacted] for example, the object described as drifting slowly and before moving to the west, [redacted] executed an abrupt eastward movement. [redacted] observation, however, was made by observing object against a wooded frame. Its own movement would have affected the observed course of the object. While one SOURCE reports bright moonlight, another stated that there was no moon. Allowance must be made for inaccuracy in describing details which might affect the explanation of the sightings, since SOURCES were unprepared to report such phenomena and could easily have confused circumstances of two separate sightings.

3. An inversion would apparently not be able to reflect an object corresponding to the class, brightly image described by the sources (see par IV & PART FOUR, this report), the Piedmont Mountains largely interfere, even though known to have been stratospheric at the time of image of the sightings, does not provide a cogent explanation of this sighting unless the existence of a mode reflector can be established.

4. A more satisfactory explanation is the course of the planet Venus. Reference to the 1955 Air Almanac issued by the U.S. Naval Observatory revealed that from 0500 to 0700 EST on 9 Feb 55, Venus would have been seen in the southeast from Portsfield, Maine. It would have risen from fourteen degrees on the horizon to forty-five degrees, moving on a westerly direction. Bearing and course of planet on days of other sightings varied only slightly. The planet diagram in the Almanac indicates that apparent size of Venus to be about one fifth of the diameter of the sun and the brightness (minus four magnitude) greater than any celestial body except the sun and moon. Inasmuch as the observations, bearings, courses, and apparent speed of Venus were almost identical with those of the objects, this explanation of the sightings is favored. Wide divergence descriptions of the shape of the objects and the changes in shape reported by SOURCES might result from the fact that most of the sightings were made through window glass. The changes in color can be ascribed to color phenomena in the atmosphere. Some SOURCES reported that the objects appeared larger, then smaller and decreased in size as it rose. Venus appears larger when closest to the horizon due to refraction through the whole atmosphere, just as the sun and moon appear much larger on approach or sunrise than at midday. While one SOURCE (civil) stated that light from object illuminated trees like a full moon, bright moonlight during the sightings. It seems reasonable to assume that some of the light which illuminated SOURCE's bedroom was reflected from the moon. SOURCES agreed that in final stage of observation object resembled a bright star.

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Comments of Approving Officers:

Reason with conclusion of investigating officer that these sightings were probably caused by the planet Venus.

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SAFOI-3d/Maj Tacker/mhb/72291

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JAN 1965

RETURN TO:

Director
Aerospace Studies Inst
ATTN: Archives Branch
Maxwell AFB, Alabama

20 April

Dear Major Foster:

This is to acknowledge your letter of 25 March 1960 concerning your intention to write a magazine article on an unidentified flying object sighting in Alaska during the winter of either 1954 or 1955.

In your letter you state that this is a solved case. The Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio has no record of this sighting and, therefore, the evaluation or solution must have been made locally at the time.

This office has no objection to your writing on this particular sighting for publication provided the manuscript is submitted to this office for security, accuracy and policy clearance in accordance with AFM 190-4.

Sincerely,

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Major, USAF
Chief, Magazine and Book Branch
Office of Information

Major Arthur G. Foster
633rd AC & W Squadron
APO 231, New York, New York

Comeback OI-3d
Reader OI-1

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1 NAME OR TITLE Major L. J. Tacker	INITIALS		CIRCULATE
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION SAFOI-3d OSAF	DATE		COORDINATION
2			FILE
			INFORMATION
3			NECESSARY ACTION
			NOTE AND RETURN
4			SEE ME Maj. Foster
			SIGNATURE Tripoli, Libya

REMARKS

Larry- This is a doozey. To begin, we have no record of this case in the files here. Also, for your info only, our UFO non-com here, Sgt. Bolieu, was working under Foster in Alaska during the time mentioned and he knows nor remembers anything of the case. A Maj. Cooper here, who was also there at the time, knows nothing of it. Significantly, Foster himself doesnt remember whether it was the winter of 1954 or 1955. How in the hell can he write objectively about it?

With reference to paragraph of ~~his~~ his letter, I think he should be told that the Air Force, and particularly ATIC has the responsibility for ~~investigation~~ investigation of UFO and we have no desire to interest others, who are not qualified nor responsible, in making a latent investigation. Especially since a solution must have been arrived at locally in the Alaskan Command, and ATIC was not even advised.

Looks to me like he is trying to get into something he knows little about.

FROM NAME OR TITLE [redacted]	DATE 15 Apr 60
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION AFCIN-4X3	TELEPHONE 57136

DD FORM 1 FEB 50 95 Replaces DA AGO Form 895, 1 Apr 48, and AFHQ Form 12, 10 Nov 47, which may be used.

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Reply to: Major Arthur G Foster
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633 ACoW Squadron
APO 231, NY

Tripoli, Libya
25 March 1960

SUBJECT: Release of Information of Solved UFO Investigation

TO: Hq USAF Public Information Office
Washington 25, DC

THRU: Director of Intelligence, Hq USAF
Washington 25, DC

1. For the benefit of the Air Force space research program I would like to obtain the release of information concerning an investigation of an "unidentified flying object" in Alaska conducted during the winter of either 1954 or 1955. It is possible that valuable information might be obtained by either a suitable USAF team or some interested university team if this requested information were made available. Although the investigation led to a "solved" case, very little information of the sighting was made public.

2. As a member of the 5004th Air Intelligence Service Squadron, Alaskan Air Command, I investigated the case outlined below. As a navigator, amateur astronomer, electronics engineer and nuclear instrumentation technician, I have recently come to the conclusion that a number of questions remained unanswered in that investigation. Since the "object" was assumed to be a meteorite, no further interest was taken following conclusion by the Air Force of the investigation. Now, however, information to be gained from examination of the object or the impact area might be of great interest to the Air Force in its present search for knowledge of space thru examination of free-falling bodies which occasionally come within the gravitational field of the earth. Much useful information has already been gleaned from microscopic and macroscopic examination of meteorites "captured" by the earth. The intriguing thing about this particular meteorite is that it burned brightly for some 15 minutes <u>after</u> impact with the frozen tundra in western Alaska!

3. The object burned so brilliantly that it was seen thru a dense and widespread blizzard that covered the whole of western Alaska. It was so intense that it was seen thru clouds and snow and overcast, in early daylight conditions, over distances of several hundred miles, for 15 minutes after impact. Since there are no trees or brush in the area, or other known inflammable material, and since even the largest previously known meteorites (such as the great Siberian meterite early in the 1900's) generate only sufficient heat energy, during passage thru the atmosphere and upon impact, to start a forest fire but immediately lose their own heat after the impact, this particular "meteorite" has some rather startling and unexplained characteristics. It burned with the brilliance of a hydrogen bomb and for about the same length of time as the first hydrogen bomb exploded by this country. And for the first 36 hours of the investigation, the Alaskan Air Command was convinced that an enemy hydrogen explosion had taken place far to the west.

4. Reports came into Alaskan Air Command early one morning from widely scattered GOC posts and from school children and teachers at Bethel and other such points.

They had seen a brilliant light thru the blizzard and overcast, to the west of their position. The light flared for fifteen minutes. No noise was heard which means the object must have been a long distance from them. A little later a report was received from Unalakleet, far to the north. There the light had been seen in a southwesterly direction. Late in the investigation a report was received from Univak Island revealing they had seen the light to the northeast. This established, thru triangulation, that the light source was on the mainland of Alaska. Up to this time there was no knowledge of a meteorite.

5. Early in the investigation no USAF or civil aircraft had been reported as airborne in the vicinity of the sighting. Belatedly, it was learned that a B-50 weather reconnaisance aircraft operating out of Eielson AFB had been in the area. The crew members were routed from bed at their homes at 0200 in the morning for interrogation and the information immediately telephoned to Elmendorf AFB. The crew members admitted they had seen a tremendously large meteor about ten minutes prior to a normal radio reporting sequence but for unexplainable reaons had not reported the phenomena.

6. Both pilots stated the meteor had looked as large as an orange held at arms length and had appeared to be heading straight for the aircraft on a course nearly parallel to the earth's surface. Then it became apparent that the path of the object was downward and to the right of the aircraft which was heading south and a little west. The pilot had estimated the object disappeared thru the undercast from 1 to 10 miles ahead and evidently burned for a long time after striking the ground somewhere off to the right. From their position at the time, however, compared with the impact point established by triangulation, the object was more than 100 miles ahead of the aircraft when it crossed its path. The impact area of the object was found to be an area about 30 miles long by 15 miles wide in a very desolate, uninhabited region. No greater accuracy was possible with the sparse information available. No person is known to have gone to the area to determine exactly the impact location.

7. Questions which might be answered by further investigation are: What condition or material could have caused the long-burning intense brilliance of the object? (Almost all known meteorites are rich in iron or rock with minute distribution of many other elements including uranium) Was the object a member of known swarms orbiting in our solar system? (Perhaps this could be determined by the approach path of the object and the known time of sighting) Was the object actually a meteorite? (No attempt at sensationalism intended) Is there any residual radioactivity in the area? Since the apparent path of the orbit resembles orbits of some of the Russian satellites of 1957 and later, is it possible the Russians even in 1954 or 1955 had attempted such a launching? And if so, would knowledge of this influence our present Air Force planning?

8. If no objection is forthcoming -- and incidentally if Air Force is uninterested in further search or examination -- I request permission to write an article for magazine publication on this sighting, in the hope of interesting others who might wish to investigate the area. Your permission is dependent, of course, on the national interest, but I would appreciate a response to this inquiry.

Arthur G Foster

ARTHUR G FOSTER
Major USAF AO683233
633 AC&W Squadron
APO 231, N Y

No Case (Information Only)

January 1955
Wilmington, California

Source: UFO Investigator July-August 1960

January, 1955; Wilmington, Cal.— A dome-shaped UFO similar in form to a World War I helmet was sighted at about 11:00 p.m. by Astor Loback. The UFO, which first resembled a meteor, approached at low altitude and hovered in plain sight. A green-lighted projection like a mast then became visible on the top, and a greenish light shone from what looked like portholes. A metallic clanking noise and a whining noise like a generator were heard for a few seconds, then the lights went out and the UFO began moving slowly, losing altitude, one edge tilted down in the direction of motion. Before the UFO moved off, it passed at an estimated distance of less than 700 feet and appeared to be metallic.

Oregonians Sight Eerie Blue Light

LA GRANDE, Ore., Jan. 28—(AP)—A strange blue light is reported bobbing in the air over the Blue mountains along the Weston-Elgin highway these cold winter nights.

It was first seen about two weeks ago. A state highway department snowplow team of Samuel (Swede) Erickson and Barney Thompson reported that they saw a blue light on the highway ahead of them. Erickson, driving, told this story:

He dimmed his lights. There was no change in the blue light which seemed to be coming toward him on the highway.

Erickson stopped. So did the blue light. Then it started moving up, down and sideways. After a moment of this, it moved upward and vanished over the trees to the left, with a hum.

A week later, Robert Backus, another plow driver, stopped to check one of his chains. As he stood outside he noticed with some surprise that he was casting a shadow. Then he looked up, he said, and overhead was the blue light bobbing and from it came a humming sound.

Dayton Herald 29 Jan 57

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DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
1	Chochise, New Mexico	Military Air	UNIDENTIFIED
2	Del Ray Beach, Florida	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
2	Miramar NAS, California	Military	UNIDENTIFIED
3	Bettles, Alaska (CASE MISSING)	Military	Other (MISSILE)
4	Pomona, California	[redacted]	Aircraft
5	Long Beach, California	[redacted]	Aircraft
7	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania	Flying Tigers Flt 989	Astro (METEOR)
7	Kings Landing, California	[redacted] (TAPES)	Aircraft
7	Platte City, Missouri	[redacted]	Balloon
7	Fort Wayne, Indiana	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
7-15	San Diego, California	[redacted]	1. Astro (MARS) 2. Aircraft
9	May Port, Florida	Military	Aircraft
9	Dobbins Afb, Georgia	[redacted] (Multi)	Balloon
10	Bethesda, Maryland	[redacted]	UNIDENTIFIED
11	Okinawa (CASE MISSING)	Military Air	Insufficient Data
12	Saipan	Wx Observer	Astro (RIGEL)
14	Milan & Green City, Missouri	[redacted]	Balloon
14	New York City, New York	[redacted]	Other (SEARCHLIGHT)
15	New York City, New York	[redacted] (PHOTOS)	Other (PHOTO ANALYSIS: REFLECTION)
15	Ellesmere Island, Canada	Military	Other (CONTRAILS)
15	New Orleans, Louisiana	Miltiple	Aircraft
17	Blackstone, Virginia	Military	Insufficient Data
18	Bowling Green, Kentucky	[redacted]	1. Aircraft (REFUEL OPR) 2. Aircraft 3. Astro (STARS/PLANETS)
19	Palm Springs, California	[redacted]	Aircraft
19	San Diego, California Pacific Beach, California	Military & Civilian	Astro (METEOR SHOWER)
19	San Diego, California	[redacted]	Aircraft
23	Wilton, Connecticut	[redacted]	Astro (METEOR)
25	Snowhill, Maryland	[redacted]	Other (FLARE)
28	Baltimore, Maryland	Multiple (PHYSICAL S)	Other (DETERGENT BUBBLE)
28	Edwards AFB, California	[redacted]	Aircraft
28	Palm Springs, California	[redacted]	Balloon

ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

DATE	LOCATION	SOURCE	EVALUATION
2-14	Venezuela, Florida, Texas, New York	DHM	Meteors
6	New Zealand	Newsclipping	Meteor, Bolide
13	Texas-Mississippi	Newsclipping	Meteor
21	Horseheads, New York	Newsclipping	Angel Hair/Waste Product from Milk Plant