

JECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 7 February 1955	2. LOCATION Fort Wayne, Indiana		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1955 EST GMT 08/0055Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian (pilots AA)		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION unknown	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 5	9. COURSE unknown	☐ Other _____ ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Appeared as stars intermittently. Object was stationary, then speeded up and rushed away. Groups of 2 and 3.		11. COMMENTS Rpt taken by phone by ATIC DO. Rec'd fr T/Sgt Tubaugh, Patt. Flt Service Center, whp had rec'd it from Chicago air route traffic control center.	
Obs fr airlines flt 266.		Possibly reflections.	

1 Witness (

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This information was relayed to ATIC
by T/S Tubalugh at Patterson Military Flight Service
Center and was received by them from Chicago Air
Route Traffic Control Center.

ATIC Duty Officer
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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?

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Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

19 55 CST
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?

Nearest Postal Address _____ City or Town _____ State or Country _____
Additional remarks: In American Airlines Flight 266 while
flying over Ft Worth, Tex. Objects were due North.

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

Not Given
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?

Not Given

(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

*Appeared as stars
momentarily*

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? *Not Given, logically yes*

(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?
b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?
c. Break up into parts or explode?
d. Give off smoke?
e. Change brightness?
f. Change shape?
g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate?

Yes

No

Don't Know

Yes

No

Don't Know

Yes

No

Don't Know

Yes

No

Don't Know

Yes

No

Don't Know

Yes

No

Don't Know

Yes

No

Don't Know

12. Did the object move behind something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

Yes

No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

it moved behind: _____

13. Did the object move in front of something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

Yes

No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

it moved in front of: _____

14. Did the object appear: (Circle One):

a. Solid?

b. Transparent?

c. Don't Know.

15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

a. Eyeglasses ?

Yes

No

e. Binoculars

Yes

No

b. Sun glasses

Yes

No

f. Telescope

Yes

No

c. Windshield *AC*

Yes

No

g. Theodolite

Yes

No

d. Window glass

Yes

No

h. Other _____

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

a. Sound Not Given

b. Color Star color

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. Not Given

18. The edges of the object were: Not Given

(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? 5

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

*Only stated that they were in 2 groups
joined to make a total of 5. Probably
groups of 2 & 3.*

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):

- a. Head of a pin
- b. Pea
- c. Dime
- d. Nickel
- e. Quarter
- f. Half dollar

- g. Silver dollar
- h. Baseball
- i. Grapefruit
- j. Basketball
- k. Other _____

- 22.1 (Circle One of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22. —

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

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? *Originally viewed as stationary, then departed at terrific speed. No estimate given.*

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.

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?

Not Given (Probably the pilot)

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)

- | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <u>a. North</u> | c. East | e. South | g. West |
| 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 |
| 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 0 degrees.
- b. From horizon _____ degrees. est 30-40,000 feet

31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North ? degrees.
- b. From horizon ? degrees.

34. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object? *Not Given*

34.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

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

34.2 WIND (Circle One)

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

34.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

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

34.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

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

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

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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?

Not Given

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

Not Given

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 City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

What is your present job? _____

Age _____ Sex _____

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:

_____ Day

_____ Month

_____ Year

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(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 HARRY E. FRELBOOD 2/lt USAF
(Please Print) ATC Duty Officer

(Do Not Write in This Space)

SIGNATURE HARRY E. FRELBOOD

CODE:

DATE 7 Feb 1955

The information contained here & in the questionnaire was received at ATIC by Duty Officer from T/5 Tuborgh, Patterson Military Flight Service Center (51107) by phone at 2130 hours.

The above named Center received an interphone message concerning an UFO from Chicago Air Route Traffic Control Center. Information as follows:

Observation made from American Airlines Flight 266 while flying over Ft Wayne, Ind. A group of unidentified objects were sighted in the air due North at 1955 CST. They were in two small groups joined to make a total of five (5). They were first observed to be stationary and appeared to be stars. Then they departed at terrific speed. No estimate of the speed was made. Their altitude was estimated to be 30-40,000 feet. They appeared to be in the vicinity of Goshen near Highway green 3.

The Air Traffic Control Center was checked

and reported a group of six (6) HC-97's flying in the vicinity of Ft Wayne, Ind at 1940. They remained in a radius of fifty (50) miles for approximately forty-five (45) minutes. One pilot said that it was not their aircraft that was sighted. The Aircraft was checked & found to be AF 22785 with an authorized forty-five (45) orbit flight over Ft Wayne, Ind.

Checks made by TPI Tubough revealed no other aircraft groups in that vicinity however there were two (2) single aircraft passing over Ft Wayne, Ind.

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ATIC Duty Officer 7-8 Feb 55