PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 14 Jul 55	**2. LOCATION** Madrid, Spain	**12. CONCLUSIONS** ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other_____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2035 (N) GMT 14/1935Z	**4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION** ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☒ Yes Not received ☐ No	**6. SOURCE** civilian (~~SM~~ US)	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 min, 30 ~~xxxxxx~~ seconds	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** L	**9. COURSE** NW to NE +

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Two californian physicians on vacation in Spain observed one perfectly round solid obj, fly NW to NE across the sky over Madrid. The obj flew an unswerving course and when over the city, seemd to accelerate (slow) in speed until it disappeared over horizon. Appeared to be approx 100-200' in diameter.

(See Case File)

11. COMMENTS

Upon receipt of ltr source sent questionnair and requested the phto's of obj which he had taken. Quest was returned to us 7 Aug 55 w/o photo. Case referred = to 4602D on 11/8/55. Final eval possible a/c.

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AFOIN-4E4/T/Sgt A.W. Dreppard
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30 DEC 1955

AFOIN-4E4

SUBJECT: (Uncl) Evaluation of UFOB Report and Return of Inclosures

TO: Commander
4602d AISS (ADC)
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado Springs, Colorado

1. Reference UFOB incident over Madrid, Spain on 14 July 55. Inclosure #1, Part 2 of report IC-UFOB-12-55 was examined with negative results. No appreciable detail or definition could be obtained for an accurate analysis. This Center concurs with the comments of the preparing officer, Flt 1C; the incident has been rendered a POSSIBLE AIRCRAFT evaluation.

2. The inclosures to the above report are forwarded herewith for subsequent return to Dr. West.

3. The Air Technical Intelligence Center would like to extend appreciation to 4602d Flt 1C for the thorough investigation conducted and expedient manner in which it was accomplished.

FOR THE COMMANDER

3 Incls
Colored Slides

T. J. CONNAIR, JR.
MAJOR, USAF
Adjutant

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1 L. H. Dreppard, T/Sgt, 4E4, 12/21/55
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ATIC FORM 144 (REV 1 FEB 55) ROUTING AND COORDINATION SHEET

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TELÉFONO: 37 22 00
CABLE: HILTELS MADRID

Thurs July 14, 1955
Madrid, Spain

U.S. Air Force
Dayton, Ohio

re: "Flying Saucer" information.

Dear Sirs:

Another Long Beach, Calif. physician + myself are vacationing in Europe for the month of July. Neither of us had ever seriously considered the possibility of "flying saucers" being real objects, and assumed that all such observations could be explained on the basis of natural phenomena or pure hysteria.

However, just after sunset this evening (8:35 PM Madrid time), Dr. [redacted] + I were sitting on the open sun porch adjoining our room on the top floor of this hotel. A dark circular object appearing about 1/3 the size of the moon appeared in the bright western sky, passed over Madrid + disappeared to the east. It took about 1½-2 mins for it to cross the sky. Since the sky was almost perfectly clear, there were certainly no cloud effects to explain this very solid object. A few tiny cirrus clouds were illuminated by the sun, the disc was not, so we estimate that it must have been below the altitude of the clouds (probably less than 20,000 ft). It moved steadily, and seemed to gain speed as it passed eastward. There were no lights visible, nor was there any sound associated with it.

I do not know whether you are at all interested.

A Hilton Hotel

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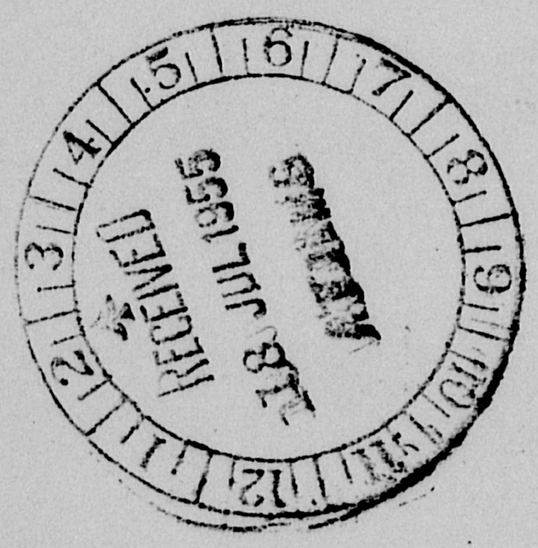
in this subject at this time, but we both feel it our duty to report this observation, in case it might correlate with some other report from this area, or in some way be helpful to you.

Dr. [redacted] took a photograph of the disc as it passed by and we hope it will demonstrate what we saw. If you are interested in obtaining the photo, please write to me after August 5 at the address below.

Sincerely,

[redacted] M.D.

Long Beach, California
U.S.A.



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26 JUL 1955

Dr. [redacted]
Long Beach, California

Dear Dr. [redacted]:

Thank you for your letter of 14 July 1955 together with your report of an unidentified flying object.

In order that we might obtain a more complete record of the sighting, it is requested that you fill out and return the inclosed technical information sheet.

It would be greatly appreciated if Dr. [redacted] could submit the photographs (and original negatives) to this Center on a loan basis. The photographic evidence will be returned to Dr. [redacted] undamaged, as soon as our examination of the material is completed.

Attached for your convenience is the "U.S. Air Force Summary of Events and Information Concerning the Unidentified Flying Object Program," which gives the factual information established by the Air Force in this area. This summary is the means we use to keep the public informed.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

T. J. CONNAIR, JR.,
MAJOR, USAF,
Adjutant

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1. Questionnaire
2. USAF Summary

Referred to Hood

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FORM 144 (REV 1 FEB 55) ROUTING AND COORDINATION SHEET

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Form A

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?

14 (Day) JULY (Month) 1955 (Year)

2. Time of day: 8:00 (Hour) 35 (Minutes)

(Circle One): A.M. or (P.M.)

3. Time zone:

(Circle One): a. Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other Central European

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

(7:35 P.M. Greenwich Mean Time)

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

Castellana Hilton Hotel (Nearest Postal Address) Madrid (City or Town) Spain (State or Country)

Additional remarks: On large open patio adjoining room on top floor of hotel. View unobstructed except for small sector of southern sky.

5. Estimate how long you saw the object. 0 (Hours), 1 (Minutes) + 30 to 45. (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

= { 30 sec. to try to believe our eyes
30 " to get camera + photo!
30 " to watch it go over horizon

6. What was the condition of the sky?

(Circle One): a. Bright daylight
b. Dull daylight
(c. Bright twilight) *
d. Just a trace of daylight
e. No trace of daylight
f. Don't remember

* Correct answer between (a.) and (c.) being only 2-3 minutes as sun sank below very clear horizon

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

* Sun had just disappeared below horizon: Object sighted in most brilliant part of western sky and followed through its entire course until it was lost from sight over eastern horizon. We were facing it at all times but changed our direction of observation to do so.

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8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS (Circle One):

a. None
b. A few
c. Many
d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON (Circle One):

a. Bright moonlight
b. Dull moonlight
c. No moonlight — pitch dark
d. Don't remember

* Situation best considered as broad daylight altho sun had just set. "New" moon might have been visible to S.W. but was not seen since area observed comprised northern half of sky.

9. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky?

(Circle One): a. Yes b. No c. Don't remember

10. IF it was BRIGHTER THAN the sky background, was the brightness like that of an automobile headlight?:

(Circle One) a. A mile or more away (a distant car)?
b. Several blocks away?
c. A block away?
d. Several yards away?
e. Other

11. Did the object: (Circle One for each question)

a. Appear to stand still at any time?	Yes	No	Don't Know
b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?	Yes	No	Don't Know
c. Break up into parts or explode?	Yes	No	Don't Know
d. Give off smoke?	Yes	No	Don't Know
e. Change brightness?	Yes	No	Don't Know
f. Change shape?	Yes	No	Don't Know
g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate?	Yes	No	Don't Know

(Acceleration very definite after passing over city but gradual rather than sudden or explosive in character).

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, than 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	Yes	No	g. Theodolite	Yes	No
d. Window glass	Yes	No	h. Other _____		

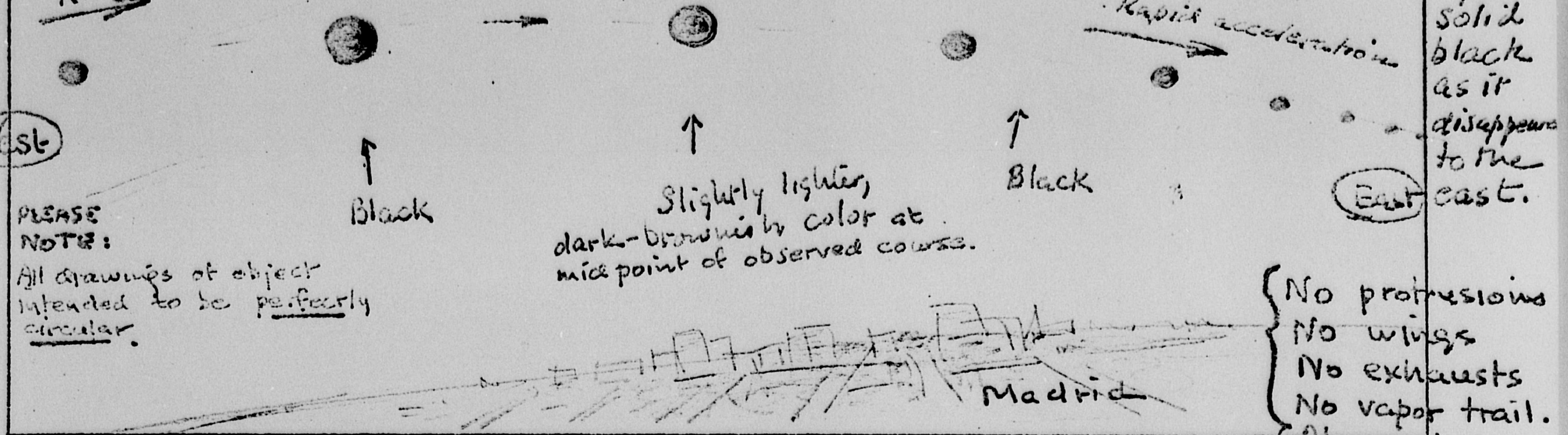
View finder of camera (35 mm.) where it could be seen without difficulty.

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

a. Sound None; absolutely silent.

b. Color At first a black, perfectly circular silhouette against brightly lighted western sky. Half way from W to E horizons appeared to be dark orange-brown or chocolate colored, then again solid black as it disappeared to the east.

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.



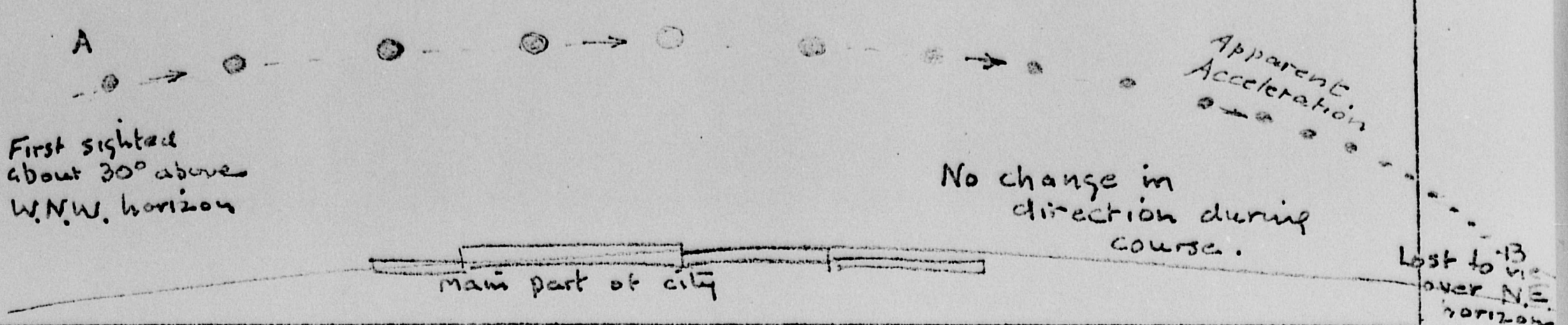
18. The edges of the object were:

(Circle One): a. Fuzzy or blurred
b. Like a bright star
(c.) Sharply outlined, (very).
d. Don't remember
e. Other _____

19. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? _____.
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

Only one, (which is one too many for us)

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. No accurate guess possible without knowledge of distance or altitude. Appeared much larger than the longest dimension of a passenger plane at 3000-4000 ft. Also faster, shortly after a DC4 or 6 approached Madrid + appeared almost stationary by comparison.

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

but apparent size diminished as the object receded. Max. diameter probably slightly larger than a nickel. Because about pin-head size before disappearing from view.

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? _____
Object followed to E. horizon as far as possible. Almost, but not quite invisible by the time it was obscured by hills + buildings adjacent to observation point.

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.

A sphere, (not a disk), of metal or plastic, with dull black non-reflecting paint or covering. About 100 feet in diameter. I have no idea how such an object could be powered or provided with lift. I know of nothing, other than a theoretical artificial satellite, that could give the impression of such perfect spherical shape, solidity, unswerving course, and high velocity. The fact that the object appeared to consistently increase speed as it travelled eastward would rule out this possibility. It also failed to reflect the setting sun.

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 on open-air hotel roof veranda.

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 about 1 mi. from city center.

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

Writing a letter, + watching the sunset. The wall of the patio prevented any view of street-activities, so there was nothing to do but look at the sky between sentences. Dr. Ellis was also present, watching some birds in the immediate vicinity of the building, but says he would probably not have noted the distant object if I had not been looking beyond the immediate ~~Had been occupied~~ object to his interest + drawn his attention to it.

28. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

No.

28.1 What direction were you moving? *(Circle One)*

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

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

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

(Circle One) Yes No

29. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object? *(Circle One)*

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

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

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

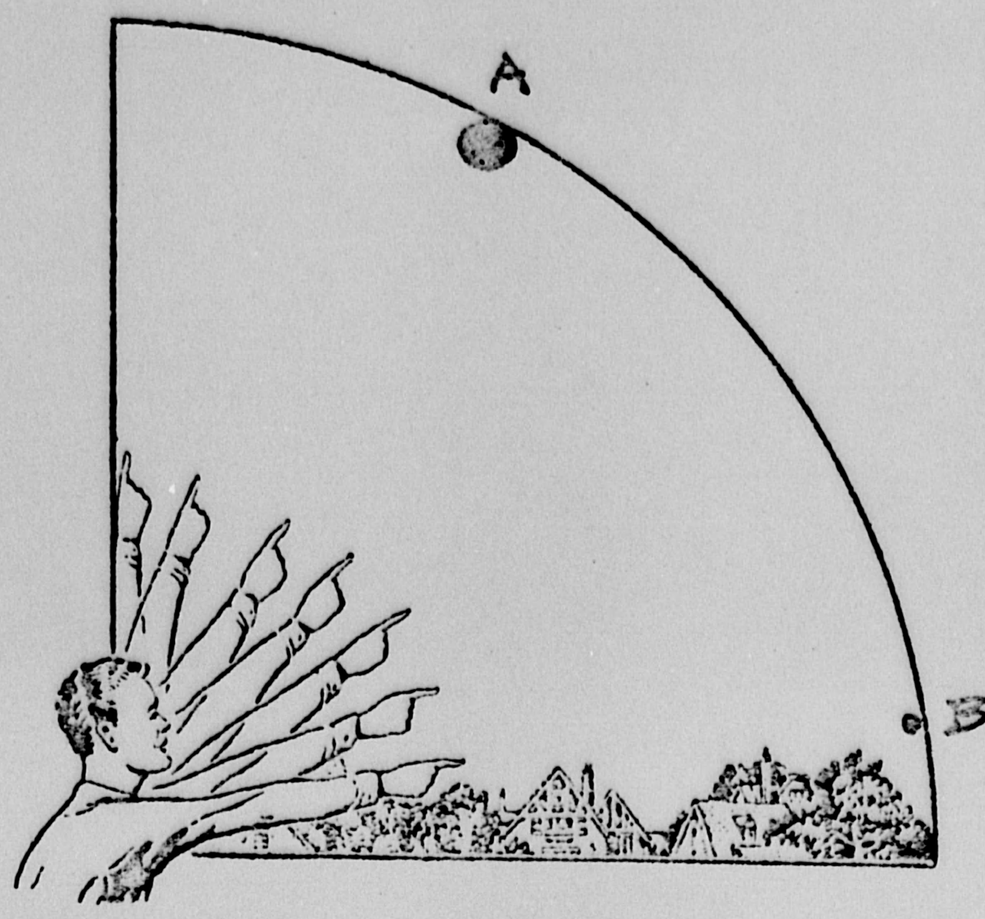
31.1 When it first appeared:

a. From true North 60-70° degrees. west of north.
b. From horizon 60° degrees.

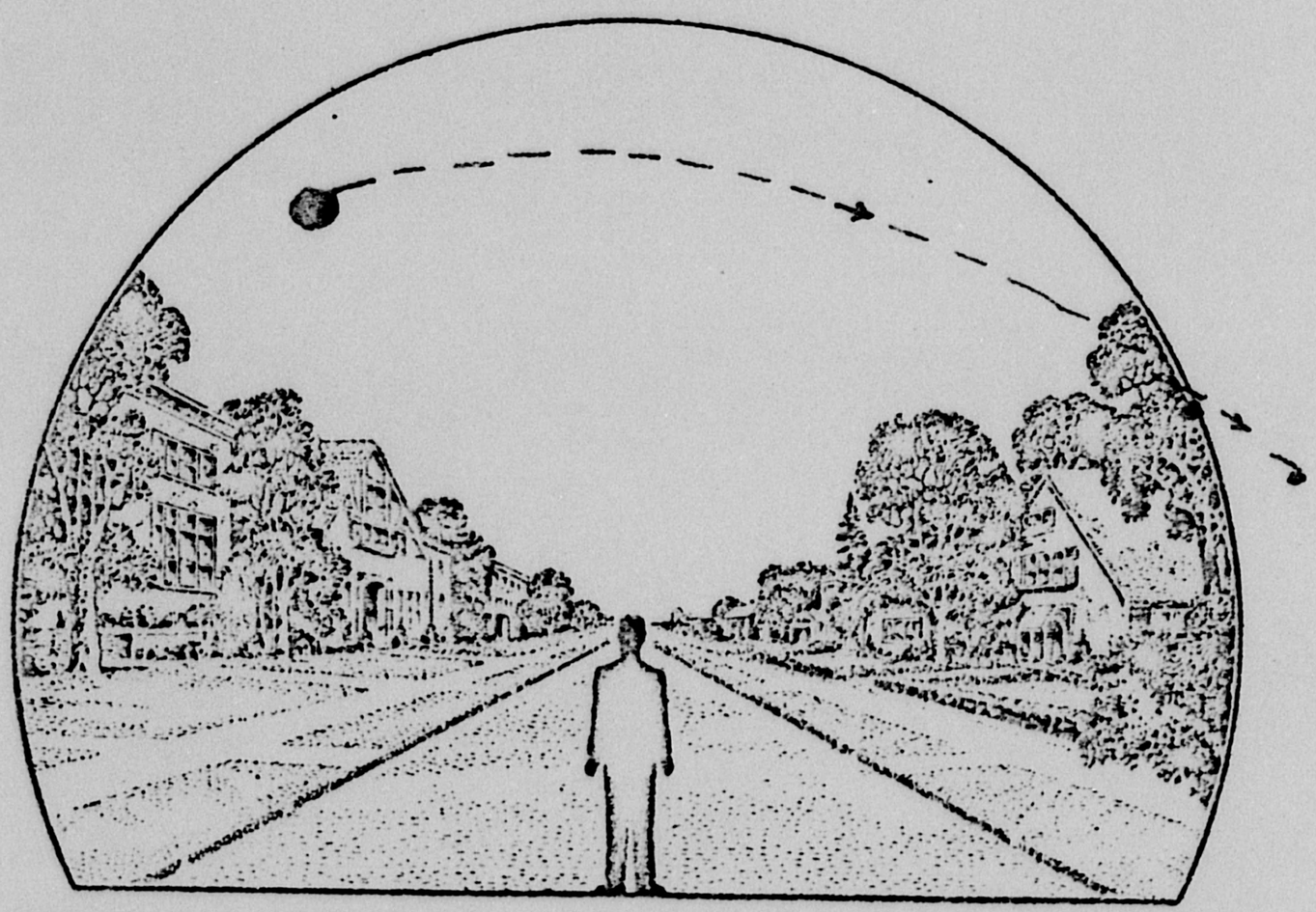
31.2 When it disappeared:

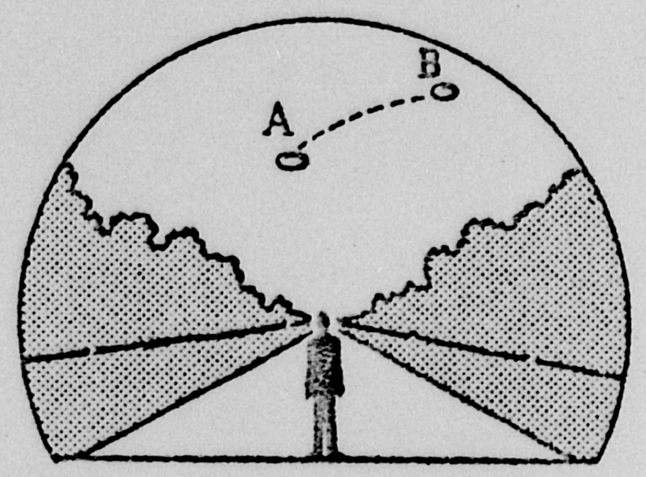
a. From true North 45° degrees. east of north
b. From horizon 5-10° degrees.

32. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the *same* curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *last* saw it.



33. In the following larger sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you *first* saw it, and a "B" at its position when you *last* saw it. Refer to smaller sketch as an example of how to complete the larger sketch.





34. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

34.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

(a. Clear sky) a few scattered streaks of cirrhus clouds in the west, brightly illuminated by the setting sun. Otherwise entirely clear. No trace of haze or smoke or mist in 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) Approx 80°F, very low humidity.
d. Hot
e. Don't remember

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

14 (Day) July (Month) 1955 (Year)

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

(Circle One) (Yes) No

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

(Circle One) (Yes) No

36.2 Please list their names and addresses:

[redacted] M.D
Long Beach Veterans Administration Hospital
Long Beach, California.

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?

Do not Know.
However, I am certain it was:
- very solid, very real, probably spherical, + capable of high speeds.

I am equally certain that it was not:
- a conventional or delta-wing aircraft.
- a weather balloon (rapid speed, no wind).
- a reflection.
- a cloud formation.
- a satellite (no reflection of sun)
- an hallucination (I have never believed in such things).

39. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object? Unless it had a strongly light-absorbing surface it would have reflected the setting sun. Therefore it seems that it must have been under 25,000 ft. If it were @ 10,000 ft

(Circle One) Yes No

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? ~~250~~ 2-1000 m.p.h. & about 100-200 ft. in diameter. I would guess from a comparison with the progress of a commercial plane which passed over just after that it was travelling about 250 mph when first sighted & became definitely supersonic before disappearing.

40. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One) Yes (No) Not with any reliable accuracy. It appeared to be 2-3 miles away when closest but this is only an impression. I am sure it was at least .5 to 10,000 ft. up and we were not directly beneath it.

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? ~~feet~~

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS [redacted] LONG BEACH, 15 CALIFORNIA
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER LONG BEACH [redacted]

What is your present job? [redacted]

Age 40 Sex M.

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school ✓ e. o. Technical school _____
b. High school ✓ (Type) _____
c. College B. Sc. Univ. British Columbia f. Other special training _____
d. Post graduate M.Sc. Ph. D., Univ. Wisconsin _____
M. D., Columbia College Physicians & Surgeons, 1943.

42. Date you completed this questionnaire: 5 Aug. 1955
Day Month Year

[redacted] M. D.

Form B

U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

(SUMMARY DATA)

In order that your information may be filed and coded as accurately as possible, please use the following space to write out a short description of the event that you observed. You may repeat information that you have already given in the questionnaire, and add any further comments, statements, or sketches that you believe are important. Try to present the details of the observation in the order in which they occurred. Additional pages of the same size paper may be attached if they are needed.

NAME [redacted]

SIGNATURE [redacted]

DATE 5 Aug, 1955.

(Do Not Write in This Space)

CODE:

While vacationing in Europe, another physician + I had a very unusual experience. I was sitting on the open-air patio adjoing our room at the Castellana Hilton Hotel in Madrid writing a letter. It had been quite warm during the day and altho the humidity was low, it was still somewhat uncomfortable. I remember watching the sun go below the horizon just as I was completing the letter. Dr. [redacted] was also on the verandah + kept remarking about some birds ("swifts") that were darting around the building. When I next glanced up at the sky towards the northwest I saw what I first interpreted as a huge soaring bird, such as a hawk or eagle, floating along high above all the others. I was a bit curious about it and as I watched this thing approach from the west it became quite apparent that it was not a bird, not a plane, not anything I had ever seen before - because it was silhouetted against the brilliant sky as a perfect circle, resembling pictures I have seen of the sun at total eclipse. I called Dr. [redacted]

attention to it, and we both jokingly said that it must just be one of the famous "flying saucers". But as the seconds passed it soon became anything but a joke.

I automatically kept trying to eliminate all possibilities that could explain the thing on a natural basis, but got nowhere. When it was about half way across the sky, (having taken all this time while the object was best illuminated, or contrasted by the bright sky behind), to convince ourselves of its reality, we both yelled, "get the camera, quick!"

The thing seemed to go fairly slowly over Madrid but started picking up speed as it went eastward beyond the city. Altho it could be seen in the view-finder of the camera allright, it will be lucky if we get a decent picture of it because it was seen against the darker eastern sky, and 35 mm color film is not exactly the best for such a shot.

At any rate we tried, and will turn in the negative of it shows anything at all. This was a disturbing experience to us and we really wish we had not seen the object. Since we were both more or less convinced that such sightings were usually reported only by cranks or crack-pots and merely represented some easily explained natural phenomenon that had become distorted or misinterpreted by hysterical individuals.

However, though no one believes us, I felt it my duty to report this matter to the Air Technical Intelligence Center, and can only hope that the photographic evidence which we should have in another week, will be of assistance to them.

[redacted]
LONG BEACH 15, CALIFORNIA

ADDENDUM

I. Dr. [redacted] has reviewed this report and concurs with all opinions expressed except for answer to question #22.

We both agree that this is the most difficult question that you have asked. A coin held at arms length against the sky, if held in a window, looks large; if held against a vast expanse of sky, it appears small; (for the same reason that the full moon looks much larger when rising than when overhead).

However, after practising with coins etc., he has convinced me that my answer is probably incorrect, and that the object was between "pea" + "dime" sized.

It is easier for me to say that it appeared to be about 1/4 the size of the full moon — (when seen at its closest approach).

II. Dr. [redacted] was in the U.S. Navy during W.W. II. at a location where launching of weather balloons was very common. I have never had the opportunity of observing these, but he is familiar with their appearance and is convinced that the unidentified object was not any type of balloon that he has ever seen.

Photo will be mailed as soon as available.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

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ATIC AFOIN-4E4 Subj: (U) Req for Additional Information

AISOP (9 Nov 55) 3rd Ind

HEADQUARTERS 4602D AIR INTELLIGENCE SERVICE SQUADRON (ADC), Ent Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado

6 DEC 1955

TO: Commander, Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTN: AFOIN-4E4, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio

Information requested in paragraph 3, basic letter, is attached.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Richard B Randle

RICHARD B. RANDLE
Major, USAF
Asst Adjutant

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3. AF Form 112

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ATIC AFOIN-4E4 Subject: (U) Request for Additional Information

AISOP (9 Nov 55) 1st Ind

HEADQUARTERS, 4602D AIR INTELLIGENCE SERVICE SQUADRON, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado 17 NOV 1955

TO: Officer-In-Charge, Flight 1-C, 4602d AISS, Norton Air Force Base, San Bernadino, California

1. Request Flight 1-C send one man to interview Doctor [redacted] Long Beach, California, to obtain the data listed in paragraph 3, basic letter, and any additional information which may be revealed in the interview.

2. Results of interview to be forwarded to Headquarters, 4602d Air Intelligence Service Squadron, by AF Form 112.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDER:

Richard B Randle

RICHARD B. RANDLE
Major, USAF
Asst Adjutant

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AIS1C (9 Nov 55) 2nd Ind

FLIGHT 1-C, 4602D AIR INTELLIGENCE SERVICE SQUADRON, Norton Air Force Base, San Bernardino, California, 2 December 1955

TO: Commander, 4602d AISS, Ent AFB, Colorado Springs, Colorado

1. Reference is made to paragraph one (1) of 1st Indorsement, above; M/Sgt Richard A Holm, AF 16 046 203, AFSC 20570, interviewed Dr. [redacted] and also [redacted] on 22 November 1955.

2. Reference is made to paragraph two (2) of 1st Indorsement, above; IR # 1C-UFOB-12-55 is being forwarded your headquarters under separate cover.

William M. Connor

WILLIAM M CONNOR
1st Lt USAF
Officer in Charge

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AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO

3 NOV 1955

AFOIN-4E4

SUBJECT: (U) Request for Additional Information

TO: Commander
4602D AISS (ADC)
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado Springs, Colorado

1. During July 1955, this Center received a letter from Dr. [redacted] (Inclosure #1) reporting a UFO while on vacation in Spain. On 26 July 1955, a U.S. Air Force Technical Information Sheet was forwarded to Dr. [redacted] upon his return from Spain, (Inclosure #2) which was completed as requested. (UNCLASSIFIED)

2. It is believed that this incident holds some significance in that the observers are apparently reliable as ascertained from their correspondence. To date, this case has been held in suspense pending receipt of the photograph mentioned in Dr. [redacted] statements. (UNCLASSIFIED)

3. Regardless of the time lapse involved, it is requested that a member of your organization situated near Dr. [redacted] residence, interview him for the following data: (UNCLASSIFIED)

a. A possible evaluation of the source's reliability.

b. Any additional facts the source would like to disclose.

c. A copy of the color slide if available. It is very desirous that the original slide be obtained for examination by this Center with assurance to the source that the slide will be returned undamaged to him.

d. Confirmation of time element involved during sighting (1 min, 30 sec /)

4. The inclosures to this correspondence are forwarded for the information and utilization of the investigating officer concerned and it is requested that they be returned to this Center upon completion of the interview. (UNCLASSIFIED)

FOR THE COMMANDER

Mary L. Storm

MARY L. STORM
1st Lt, USAF
Assistant Adjutant

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1. Ltr fr Dr. [redacted]
2. Completed USAFTIS

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UFOB		
AREA REPORTED ON		FROM (Agency)
MADRID, SPAIN		Flight 1-C, 4602d AISS
DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
30 November 1955	14 July 1955	
PREPARED BY (Officer)		SOURCE
WILLIAM M. CONNOR, 1st Lt, USAF		Dr [redacted] and D[redacted]

REFERENCES (*Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable*)
AFR 200-2; LTR, ATIC AFOIN-1E1, Subj: REQ fof ADD INFO, DTD 9 NOV 55

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 113—Part II.*)

I. CONTENTS:

PART ONE: Description of sighting by Dr [redacted] and D[redacted] Madrid, Spain (MJML 1825).

PART TWO: Supplementary Investigative Efforts

PART THREE: Comments of Preparing Officer

II. SUMMARY: This report contains information on the sighting and a color slide of an Unidentified Flying Object over MADRID, SPAIN, on the evening of 14 JUL 55. The information was obtained from observers of the sighting.

III. INVESTIGATOR: MSGT RICHARD A HOLM, AFSC 20570, AF 16046203

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Inclosures returned to source 12/29/55

5 INCLS. (See individual parts)

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I. SOURCE: Dr. [redacted]

Address: [redacted] Long Beach, California

Age: 40 years

Occupation: Medical Doctor

Education: A graduate of the following schools:

B.S. University of British Columbia

M.S. University of British Columbia

Ph.D. University of Wisconsin

M.D. Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons

Qualifications: Has a private pilot's license and has flown considerably in commercial planes.

II. RELIABILITY: Good. In a personal interview SOURCE seemed positive of all his statements and displayed a good knowledge of speed, distance, and altitude. He was disturbed only in his lack of an explanation of what the object might have been and repeated the statement that he wished he had never seen the object.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: SOURCE was writing a letter on the open-air patio of the CASTELLANA HILTON HOTEL in MADRID, SPAIN, at the time of the sighting which was 141935Z JUL 55. The sun had set approximately five (5) to ten (10) minutes before the sighting. The evening was a clear bright twilight, warm, dry with no wind. The single object appeared black and became chocolate colored as it came overhead and then returned to the solid black color. The object was estimated to be one hundred (100) to two hundred (200) feet in diameter, sperical in shape, and have a clearly defined outline. Object travelled in what appeared to be a straight line but accelerated gradually after passing over the city to what appeared to be a supersonic speed (APRX one thousand /1000/ MPH).

Object appeared to be solid and did not move behind anything while being observed. The only aid in observation was view-finder of early model ARGUS C-3 camera with F 4.5 lens.

SOURCE's opinion of the size of object based on altitude estimation of five (5) to ten (10) thousand feet and approximate size of a nickle held at arm's length at closest point during observation. This estimation of size was later changed to between pea and dime size held at arm's length.

SOURCE has no opinion of what the object could be but stated that he is certain it was not a conventional or delta-wing aircraft, weather balloon, reflection, satellite, or hallucination.

SOURCE stated duration of sighting was between one and one half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) to two (2) minutes.

2 Incls:
1. Letter
2. Statement

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Inclosure 1 to Part One:
Copy of SOURCE's Letter to USAF, Dayton, Ohio

L-E-T-T-E-R

Thurs July 14, 1955
Madrid, Spain

U. S. Air Force
Dayton, Ohio

re: "Flying Saucer" information.

Dear Sirs:

Another Long Beach, Calif. physician & myself are vacationing in Europe for the month of July. Neither of us had ever seriously considered the possibility of "flying saucers" being real objects, and assumed that all such observations could be explained on the basis of natural phenomena or pure hysteria.

However, just after sunset this evening (8 35 PM Madrid time), [redacted] & I were sitting on the open sun porch adjoining our room on the top floor of this hotel. A dark circular object appearing about 1/3 the size of the moon appeared in the bright western sky, passed over Madrid & disappeared to the east. It took about 1½ - 2 mins for it to cross the sky. Since the sky was almost perfectly clear, there were certainly no cloud effects to explain this very solid object. A few tiny cirrous (SIC) clouds were illuminated by the sun, the disc was not, so we estimate that it must have been below the altitude of the clouds (probably less than 20,000 ft). It moved steadily, and seemed to gain speed as it passed eastward. There were no lights visible, nor was there any sound associated with it.

I do not know whether you are at all interested in this subject at this time, but we both feel it our duty to report this observation, in case it might correlate with some other report from this area, or in some way be helpful to you.

Dr. [redacted] took a photograph of the disc as it passed by and we hope it will demonstrate what we saw. If you are interested in obtaining the photo, please write to me after August 5 at the address below.

Sincerely,

[redacted]
Long Beach, California
U.S.A.

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Inclosure #2 to Part One:
Statement of SOURCE

S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T

While vacationing in Europe, another physician & I had a very unusual experience. I was sitting on the open-air patio adjoining our room at the Castellana Hilton Hotel in Madrid writing a letter. It had been quite warm during the day and altho the humidity was low, it was still somewhat uncomfortable. I remember watching the sun go below the horizon just as I was completing the letter. Dr. [redacted] was also on the verandah & kept remarking about some birds ("swifts") that were darting around the building. When I next glanced up at the sky towards the northwest I saw what I first interpreted as a huge soaring bird, such as a hawk or eagle, floating along high above all the others. I was a bit curious about it and as I watched this thing approach from the west it became quite apparent that it was not a bird, not a plane, not anything I had ever seen before - because it was silhouetted against the brilliant sky as a perfect circle, resembling pictures I have seen of the sun at total eclipse. I called Dr. [redacted] attention to it, and we both jokingly said that it must just be one of the famous "flying saucers! But as the seconds passed it soon became anything but a joke.

I automatically kept trying to eliminate all possibilities that could explain the thing on a natural basis, but got nowhere. When it was about half way across the sky, (having taken all this time when the object was best illuminated or contrasted by the bright sky behind) to convince ourselves of its reality, we both yelled, "get the camera, quick!"

The thing seemed to go fairly slowly over Madrid, but started picking up speed as it went eastward beyond the city. Altho it could be seen in the view-finder of the camera allright, it will be lucky if we get a decent picture of it because it was now against the darker eastern sky, and 35 mm color film isn't exactly the best for such a shot.

At any rate, we tried, and will turn in the negative if it shows anything at all. This was a disturbing experience to us and we really wish we had not seen the object, since we were both more or less convinced that such sightings were usually reported only be cranks or crack-pots and merely represented some easily explained natural phenomenon that had become distorted & misinterpreted by hysterical individuals.

However, though no one believes us, I felt it my duty to report this matter to the Air Force Technical Intelligence Center, and can only hope that the photographic evidence which we should have in another week, will be of assistance to them.

[redacted]

ADDENDUM

I. Dr [redacted] has reviewed this report and concurs with all opinions expressed except for answer to question #22.

We both agree that this is the most difficult question that you have asked. A coin held at arms length against the sky, if held in a window, looks large; if held against a vast expanse of sky, it appears small; (for the same reason that

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the full moon looks much larger when rising than when overhead).

However, after practising with coins etc, he has convinced me that my answer is probably incorrect, and that the object was between "pea" & "dime" sized.

It is easier for me to say that it appeared to be about $\frac{1}{4}$ the size of the full moon -- (when seen at its closest approach).

II. Dr. Ellis was in the U. S. Navy during W. W. II at a location where launching of weather balloons was very common. I have never had the opportunity of observing these, but he is familiar with their appearance and is convinced that the unidentified object was not any type of balloon that he has ever seen.

Photo will be mailed as soon as available.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

1. Dr [redacted] and [redacted] were interviewed on 22 November 1955.

2. The original color slide of the object taken during sighting is included as inclosure #1, Part Two, of this report. Inclosures #2 and #3, Part Two, are included to show the weather conditions and visibility minutes before sighting taken on the patio of the Hotel from which object was observed and photographed. Inclosure #2, Part Two, was taken in the approximate direction that object was photographed. Subject is Dr [redacted] Inclosure #3, Part Two, the first photograph taken of inclosures #'s 1, 2, and 3, is of Dr [redacted] and shows the condition of the sky approximately ten (10) minutes before the sighting.

3 Incls:
1. Color Slide
2. Color Slide
3. Color Slide

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COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

1. It is the opinion of the Preparing Officer that the reliability of the observers in this sighting is good but as sighting was from only one point no definite conclusion can be made.

2. Dr. [redacted] was not asked to submit a separate statement because he viewed the object together with SOURCE and his conclusions were the same except for a small difference in size of the object. (See inclosure #1, Part One)

3. A limisted analysis of the photographic evidence,, Inclusure #1, Part Two, reveals nothing of significance. Microscopic study may alter this opinion.

NOTE: UFOB location on slide pinpointed by lines drawn on frame.

4. The only possible explanation could be an aircraft. A jet flying low would be below the rays of the sun and would appear black. The exact outline would be hard to distinguish.

a. The time duration was in line with an aircraft sighting.

b. Exact altitude not definite, therefore, the great speed reported by the SOURCE could be explained by a low flying jet aircraft.

5. The three color slides, Inclosures #1, 2, and 3, Part Two of this report, are the personal property of Dr. [redacted] Dr. [redacted] requested that they be returned to him on completion of investigation.

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