

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 22 July 1957		2. LOCATION Between Amarillo & El Paso, Texas		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 _____ GMT _____		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION - - -		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE - - -	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Airline pilot from Amarillo to El Paso, Texas dived his a/c abruptly to avoid lights of a UFO that suddenly appeared in his path. The story was made a matter of note by the press.				11. COMMENTS ATIC opinion was probably a/c off course. Confirmed by CAA. KC-97.	

ACT 2 AIRPLANE

OFFICIAL

AMARILLO, TEX., JULY 23--(INS)--THE CAA WAS INVESTIGATING TODAY TWO SEPARATE INCIDENTS IN WHICH AIRLINE PILOTS WERE FORCED TO TAKE SUDDEN EVASIVE ACTION TO AVOID COLLISIONS WITH MYSTERIOUS FLYING OBJECTS OVER WEST TEXAS.

AN ELDERLY MASSACHUSETTS WOMAN AND A STEWARDESS SUFFERED MINOR INJURIES WHEN THE PILOT OF A TWA AIRLINER ENROUTE FROM CHICAGO TO TUCSON, ARIZ., NOSE-DIVED HIS PLANE 500 FEET TO AVERT A FLYING OBJECT YESTERDAY.

THE PILOT LANDED THE AIRCRAFT AT AMARILLO, TEX., FOR INSPECTION AND TREATMENT OF THE INJURED PERSONS.

MRS. [REDACTED], 68, OF NORTH ADAMS, MASS., WAS HOSPITALIZED IN AMARILLO, BUT THE STEWARDESS, DOROTHY REKOW, CONTINUED ON TO TUCSON WITH THE PLANE EARLY TODAY.

THE PILOT REPORTED THAT HE SIGHTED LIGHTS OF THE OBJECT AT 13,000 FEET AND THERE WAS NO TIME TO WARN THE 34 PASSENGERS BEFORE HE DIVED THE AIRLINER TO AVOID DISASTER.

IN ANOTHER INCIDENT LAST THURSDAY, SEVERAL PERSONS WERE INJURED WHEN A PILOT SUDDENLY SWERVED HIS AIRLINER TO AVERT WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS THE "GREEN LIGHTS" OF A FLYING OBJECT NEAR EL PASO, TEX.

MG1122ACD

95 Either a
balloon with lights
or another a/c

2-Woman Plane Dips to Dodge 'Object' in Air

AMARILLO, Tex., July 23.
—Two women were injured last night when a Trans World air liner dipped and dove in what its pilot said was an attempt to dodge an unidentified object.

Miss Mary Clark, 68, of North Adams, Mass., suffered head and back injuries. The hostess, Miss Dorothy Rekow, suffered a bruised hip and back injuries.

The pilot, identified as a Captain [REDACTED], said he dropped the four-engine craft about 500 feet when he spotted the glowing lights of "the approaching object" flying a collision course.

SPACE CRAFT 025657
SPL 11/26/58
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4E4/Capt G.T. Gregory/wm
69216

AFCIN-4E4

Chairman
Civil Aeronautics Board
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to a copy of a teletype press release regarding unidentified flying objects. It would be appreciated if a copy of the final report of the investigation in question can be made available to the Air Force.

It is further requested, that as a matter of proposed policy, that the results of any investigations initially involving aircraft and unidentified aerial objects be submitted to this Center. A typical example is the recent Pan American Airline incident over the Atlantic on the 9th of March of this year, concerning which the Air Force conducted an investigation and analysis.

Copies of CAA investigation reports would be a desired complement to existing Air Force files involving unidentified aerial phenomena, as well as to provide data for answering inquiries from the press and public regarding unusual aerial incidents. As a general rule, such inquiries are made to this Center, and reports of CAA findings on file with this organization would be to the mutual benefit of all concerned.

Sincerely,

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Cy, Incoming FT, 23 Jul 57

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25

NOV 8 1957

Brig. Gen. Harold E. Watson, USAF
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

Dear General Watson:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter, reference number AFCIN-4E4, dated October 7, 1957, in which you requested copies of the Civil Aeronautics Administration final report of investigation of two incidents involving commercial airliners and the sighting of unidentified flying objects, which had been previously reported in local newspapers.

The first incident mentioned occurred on July 22, 1957, near Amarillo, Texas, and involved Trans World Airlines' Flight No. 21. Subsequent investigation proved that the unidentified object was another aircraft which was displaying the proper navigation lights. The true identity of this aircraft was never determined, however, it is assumed that it was a U. S. Air Force KC-97 aircraft which was known to be operating in the area at the time of the incident.

The second incident mentioned occurred on July 17, 1957, near El Paso, Texas, and involved American Airlines' Flight No. 655. Investigation of this incident definitely established the fact that the unidentified flying object was American Airlines' Flight No. 966, which had previously departed from El Paso, Texas, en route to Dallas, Texas.

Since both incidents, referred above, have been determined to involve other aircraft, it is assumed that the above information will suffice for your records.

In accordance with your request, we are establishing a procedure whereby your organization will be informed of the results of all Civil Aeronautics Administration investigations involving civilian aircraft and the sighting of unidentified aerial phenomena.

Sincerely yours,

1957

Original signed by
A. L. Coulter
Roy Keeley
Director, Office of Flight
Operations and Airworthiness

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AFCIN-4

AFCIN-4X2

July 22-En route from Chicago to Tucson-TWA Airliner almost collides with UFO at 16,000ft. Altitude! It had lights, reported the Pilot..

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5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15 - 30 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE SSW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING A white object with a rope or string attached to it. Another object was attached to the rope end, and still another object about halfway up the rope. Wind was 030 dgrs, 15 kts.				11. COMMENTS Check with Vandalia WX revealed a balloon launching at 1830 hrs.	

24 July 1957

1855 Local Time

DISPOSITION FORM

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION (If any)

FILE NO.

SUBJECT

Extract from SDO Report, 23-24 July 57

TO AFCIN-LEH

FROM AFCIN-LX2a

DATE 24 July 57

COMMENT NO. 1

Capt W W Elwood/dmo
59117/B 263/P A37

Following is an extract from SDO 1/Lt Gilbert G Gildner's report of 23 July 1957 for your information and necessary action:

"2000 - Capt Bradwell, Base OD, in Bldg. 10 called a while ago and reported that a Mr [REDACTED] had reported an UFO at 1855. Tried to call Mr Simon but received no answer. Call Vandalia weather station and learned that a balloon was launched at 1830. Wind at that time was 030 deg at 15 knots."

"2115 - Contacted Mr [REDACTED] UFO. I found it very difficult to stick to the questionnaire as he would elaborate and cover numerous facts at once. He seemed very cooperative. The prose at the end of the questionnaire was written from my notes. A recorder on this phone would help considerably in such cases."

1 Incl
ATIC Form 164

Wallace W. Elwood
WALLACE W. ELWOOD
Captain, USAF
Asst Adjutant

1 - See page 5, item # 31

2 - See 2000 report, P. F. above.

*Balloon from
Vandalia*

DD FORM 96

1 FEB 50

REPLACES NME FORM 96, 1 OCT 48, WHICH MAY BE USED

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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.

His guess is not correct. He called home at 1850

1. When did you see the object?

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Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

about 7 30
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?

HOME _____
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks: _____

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

He 15 _____
Hours Minutes Seconds
wife 20-30

5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.

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

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

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

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?

(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 |

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: clouds, stars, airplane (see write up)

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 | 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 none

b. Color white

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
 - 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.

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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?

Watching dogs out in yard and happened to look up.

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)

- | | | | |
|--------------|--|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | ☒ 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 |

*towards Fulton O.
(i.e. towards S.S.W.)*

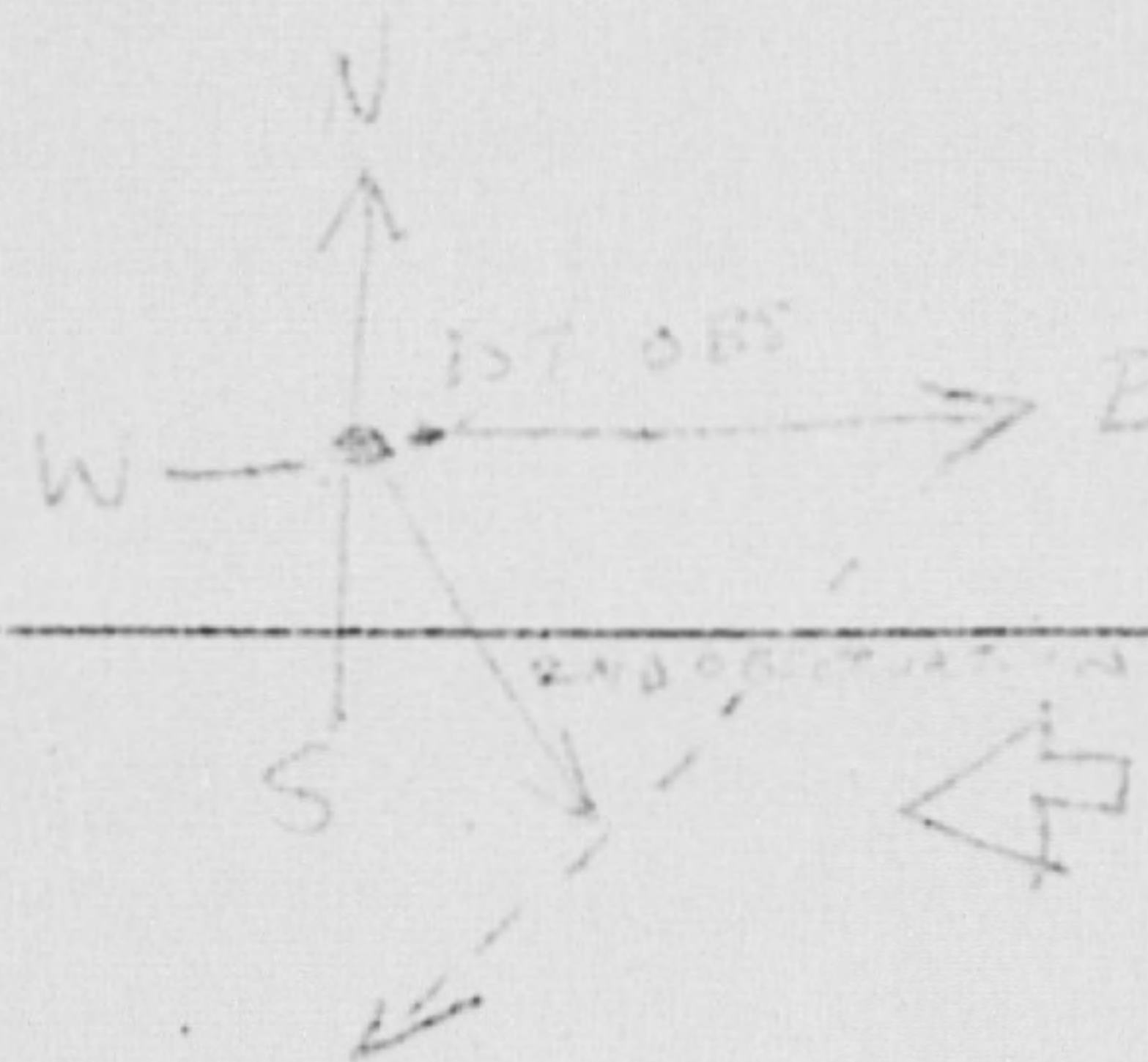
31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

31.1 When it first appeared:

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

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?

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 *couldn't ext. direction*
- ☐ 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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Day Month 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:

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ WIFE
SAME

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?

39. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One)

Yes

No

very slow

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

1 MILE TO 8000

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

M

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:

23
Day

JUL
Month

57
Year

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 _____
(Please Print)

(Do Not Write in This Space)

CODE:

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

23 Jul 57

The following presents details of this sighting as reported to 1st Sqn 800 via telephone conversation with Mr. [REDACTED].

A white object was sighted with a rope or string hanging from it. Something was hanging from the rope or string and something was also attached about half way up. (Comment: Redwood 4X4X11)

Object was initially sighted from backyard while looking in the direction of W-PACB. Mr. [REDACTED] lives west of W-P. He estimated object was between Miami river and W-P at about a mile to 8000 ft. high moving from west to east.

A 2 motor plane coming from the direction of W-P passed under the object.

Sky was bright and clear and the object was brighter than the sky background.

Object moved very slowly, seemed to be floating in the air and rising all the time. It changed direction and went south toward Dayton then reversed and went north toward Fulton, O.

H-2 estimated he had sight of the object for about 15 minutes (naked eye). His wife also saw the object and followed it longer, 20 to 30 min. She was able to follow it as it faded into the sky. She saw it go behind clouds a couple of times. Object was brighter than clouds.

At first he thought it was a parachute but it didn't open up like a parachute. He did not think it was a balloon. (Unsolicited comment H-2).

His call to W-P was made after the sighting.

SDO Comments:

Mr. [REDACTED] was not too sure of the time of the sighting when questioned. Time Capt. Broadwell reported for Mr. [REDACTED] phone call ([REDACTED]) is considered more accurate.

Time and description of object correlates with weather balloon launched at Vandalia but position of sighting and reported wind velocity does not.

Gilbert N. Phelps
1/pt.