

**PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD**

1. DATE <u>3 Jan 58</u>	2. LOCATION <u>Houston, Texas</u>	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical  <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>night</u> GMT _____	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual	<input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE <u>Civilian</u>	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>not given</u>	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>one</u>	9. COURSE <u>descending</u>
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Star-like obj slowly descending near Deneb in the constellation Cygnus, which at this time was low on the NW horizon. Obj had brilliance of 1st mag star. Dimmed as it descended & disappeared behind trees. Did not appear to be burning, not a meteor, not oscillating like weather balloon.		11. COMMENTS No duration, speed other than slow, or enough data for analysis. Case considered as insufficient data.

Editor Time  
New York

Houston 6, Tex

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January 17  
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Dear Sir:

There are some strange goings-on in the evening and night sky above Houston.

On the night of January 3, my wife and I, upon returning from a visit to a bookstore, observed a star-like object slowly descending near Deneb in the constellation Cygnus in the low North-western sky. This object, with the brilliancy of a first magnitude star, dimmed as it sank, becoming barely visible when it disappeared from view behind treetops. It did not appear to be a burning object, such as a gas-filled weather balloon. It definitely was not a shooting star or a meteor.

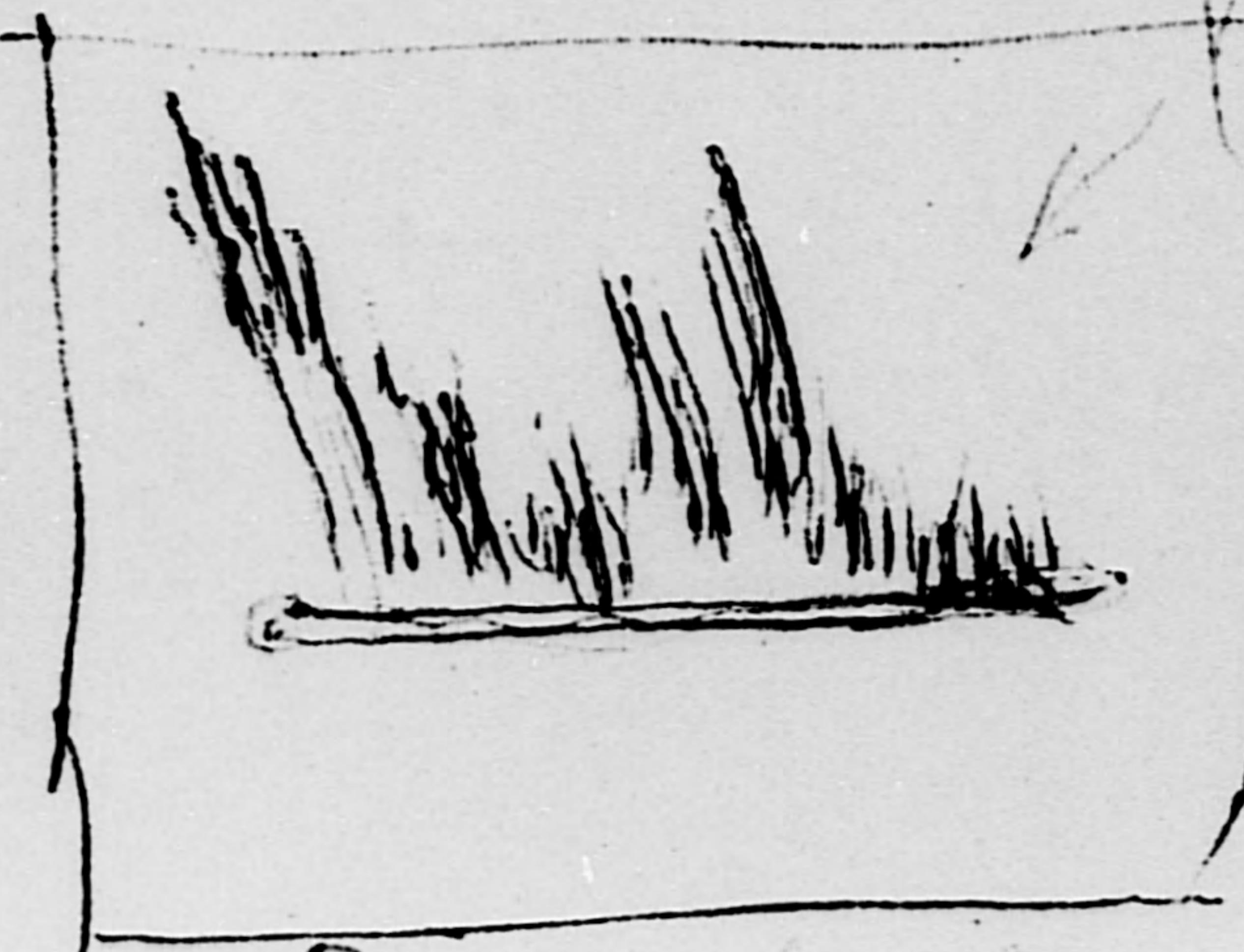
*Nine days later.*  
On the late afternoon of January 12, just before dusk, I was searching the western sky for a glimpse of the planet Mercury. I could not see Mercury because of the brilliancy of the sky (the sun had set) but my attention was attracted by a brilliant, orange colored object which, at first, appeared to be a giant multi-motored plane, ~~on fire~~, lit by the rays of the declining sun. It grew brighter for a few minutes, but did not appear to be approaching or even moving, except for a perceptible downward drift. I decided it must be a burning plane, but I could see no smoke. I raced into the house for my binoculars (7 powers) and shouted to my wife and daughter to see the spectacle. They ran outside (also our maid and neighbors from across the street), and we all examined the object intently through the glasses. The object definitely was burning (my wife called it a raft). It was a mass of flames reaching into the air almost as high as the object was long. The flames were higher on the left side (south) than the ~~much~~ right side. This object, too, grew dimmer and finally, after about six or seven minutes, sank out of sight. We judged it to be about 10 to 20 miles away. If it were that far, the wing spread must have been at least 150 feet. Later, my daughter, age 24, <sup>and</sup> drew pictures of it, independently. Her drawing was remarkably like mine.

*Behind houses across  
the street from us.*

~~to~~ These two celestial occurrence should have been sufficient  
~~not~~ hold us, but ~~must~~ no:

On the night of January 14, I was in my back yard about 10:30 p.m., looking at the stars through my 4-inch telescope. At that particular moment, I had stepped away from my scope and was looking in the direction of Gemini (Castor and Pollux), when suddenly four oval-shaped objects, one-behind the other and in perfect formation, flew across my line of sight, very low. (would saw under 150 feet.) These objects were not lighted at all, were grayish in color from the lights of the city (the moon was not in the sky). They were flying exactly uniformly in speed, at less than 200 miles an hour, I would say, if the objects were as low as they appeared. In less than one minute, they disappeared from sight. As a guess, I would say that each oval was perhaps 30 to 40 feet in diameter. Because of their exact flying speed in relation to each other, it is possible that each was attached to the same long object which would be invisible if it were painted black (like gondolas under a dirigible). No sound ~~mmmm~~ was audible, not even a murmur.

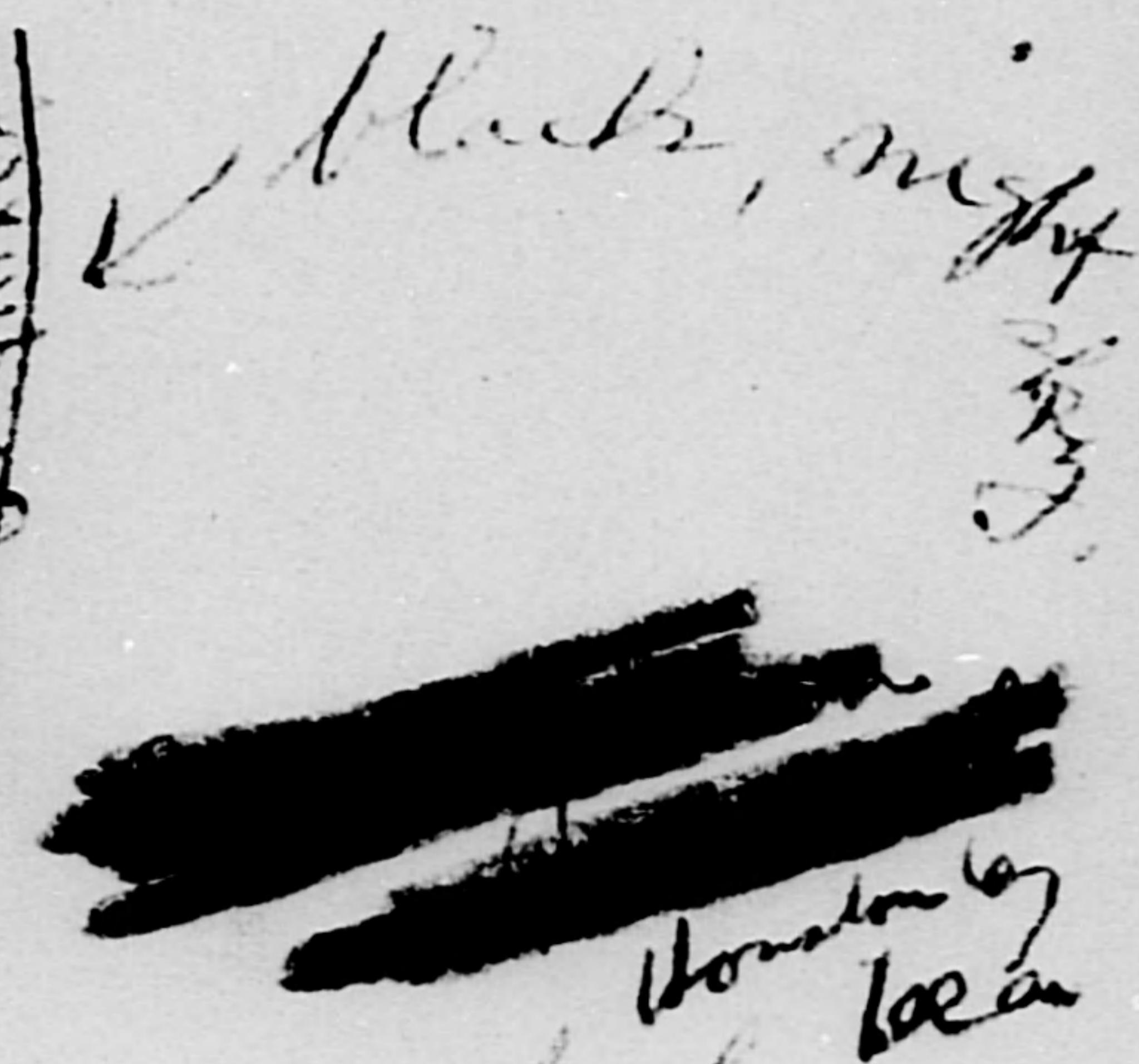
My private theory is that Ellington field, about 20 miles southeast of my house, where many jets are in operation, knows something about these objects. If they belong to our government (power without sound or lights, and perfect maneuverability) we've got the next war won.



Fire hydrant



Flying ovals, gray looking



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DATE	1958
SO. NO.	20042
TYPE	77B
SEW	

UFO Report from Mr. [REDACTED]

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SAFIS-3, Major Tacker

24 March 1958

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AFCIN-4E/Capt Gregory/kmo/6-9216

1. Subject report has been reviewed. There appears to be three unrelated incidents involved.

2. Suggestions upon which to base a reply:

a. Air Force receives a number of reports from amateur astronomers or persons having telescopes who ask the Air Force to explain or identify objects or lights which appear strange to them.

b. Without photographs and accurate azimuths, elevations, bearings, etc., coupled with exact times, identification based on the observer's own description is difficult, if not impossible. Amateur and professional astronomers and sky observers almost invariably provide this data without request. Mr. [REDACTED] only provides general directions, if at all.

c. January 3 sighting: We believe object was a bolide - a number were reported during that period.

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Cover Sheet, Cmt #1, Subj: UFO Report from Mr. [REDACTED], dtd 24 Mar 58,  
to SAFIS-3 (Cont'd)

INITIAL	DAY
LEW	6
HEK	4
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d. January 12 sighting: We have no report of any burning object in this area. If, as source states, all the neighbors observed the incident, why was his query not addressed to his local police, firemen, press, etc., instead of to the Air Force through the editor of TIDE magazine.

e. January 14 sighting: It is believed that the objects observed through the telescope were jet aircraft at high altitude. They often give the appearance described.

f. Although not conclusively identified as yet, data provided will be used as part of our continuous study of aerial phenomena, followed with a statement of appreciation for reporting.

1 Incl:  
Ltr frm Mr. [REDACTED]  
dd 17 Jan

MP  
NICHOLAS POST  
Assistant Deputy 3/5/58  
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