

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 5 March, 1960		2. LOCATION Perryville, Missouri		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>Reflection</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>1220Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5-10 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS two		9. COURSE Varied	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Two streaks of light inclined in a 45° angle size of a dime and a quarter at arm's length golden in color. One lower than the other and behind it. First seen above the sun-rise descending. Levelled off and disappeared to the NE. Appeared as vapor trail, however did not expand and moved too slow.				11. COMMENTS It is possible that the witness saw the rising sun reflect from distant clouds. The weather was cold and there was an inversion existing from the surface to 10,000 ft.	

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[REDACTED]
Perryville, Missouri

March 5, 1960

Commander
798th AC&W Sqdn
Belleville, Illinois

Dear Sir:

This morning at 6:30 we watched two shiny streaks of light in the eastern sky over the sunrise. They were not clouds nor planes. They were slanted at a 40° angle with the lower tip towards the north. They remained in this slanting position and seemed to be traveling towards the northeast. They moved very slowly, sometimes stopping, always keeping the same distance between them, one higher and in back of the other one. The highest one seemed to be larger, but this may have been due to the distance between them. At first they appeared to be bits of vapor trail with the sun shining on them, but they did not get longer and they were moving differently than anything I've ever seen. It was their strange movement that kept us fascinated.

Could you please inform us what they were? Also were there others who saw them and did they appear on the scopes?

Sincerely,

/s/ Mrs. [REDACTED]

MRS. [REDACTED]

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
AREA REPORT CONCERNS Perryville, Missouri		DATE OF REPORT 24 March 1960	
AGENCY OF ORIGIN 1405 AB Wg (MATS) Scott AFB, Illinois		DATE OF INFORMATION 5 March 1960	
SOURCE OF INFORMATION Mrs. [REDACTED]		EVALUATION	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) None			
SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Object Report			
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 112a.) A letter from Mrs. [REDACTED] dated 5 March 1960, reporting an unidentified flying object, was submitted to the 798th AC&W Squadron. That organization forwarded the letter to this headquarters on 14 March IAW paragraph 4, AFR 200-2. A questionnaire consisting of items specified in paragraph 15, AFR 200-2 was forwarded to Mrs. [REDACTED] on 17 March 1960, which was completed and returned on 21 March 1960. The 798th AC&W Squadron, Belleville, Ill; Det 6, 10th Radar Bomb Scoring Group, St. Louis, Missouri, and the U.S. Weather Bureau, St. Louis, Missouri were contacted, but could provide no additional information to aid in identifying the sighted object. Mrs. [REDACTED]'s comments were as shown on AF Form 112a. In view of the unusual nature of the sighted object, this information is forwarded IAW paragraph 13b, AFR 200-2.			
APPROVED: [Signature] ROBERT H. PIRNAT, Major, USAF Chief, Current Intelligence Branch Intelligence Division, DCS/Plans Headquarters, MATS Ltr, Mrs. [REDACTED] 5 Mar 60 (2 Incl filed in AF CIN-303)			
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a. Description of the Object(s):

(1) Shape. Like streaks of light on a slant, the lower one in front was smaller.

(2) Size compared to a known object (Use one of the following terms: Head of a pin, pea, dime, nickel, quarter, half dollar, silver dollar, baseball, grapefruit, or basketball) held in the hand at about arm's length.

The smallest one the size of a dime held at arm's length. The larger one about twice that size.

(3) Color.

Golden, like bright sun on a white cloud but much more brilliant.

(4) Number.

Two.

(5) Formation, if more than one.

One lower and in front of the other.

(6) Any discernible features or details.

The front one was smaller.

(7) Tail trail, or exhaust, including size of same compared to size of object(s).

None.

(8) Sound. If heard, describe sound.

None heard.

(9) Other pertinent or unusual features.

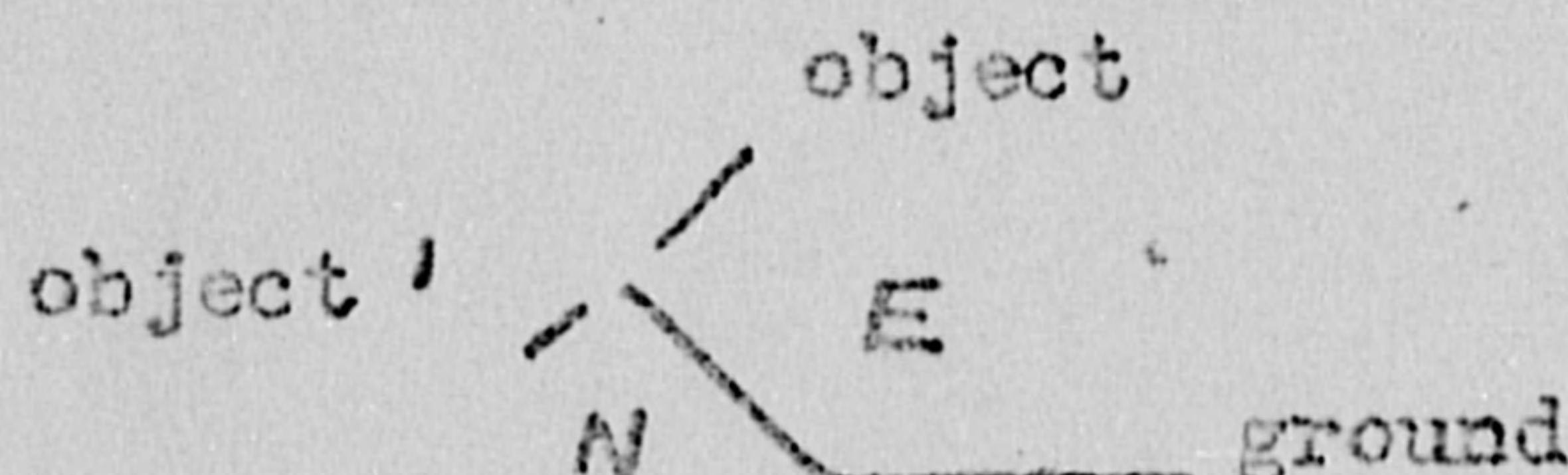
They stayed in a slanting position, while descending and while traveling straight ahead.

b. Description of Course of Objects:

(1) What first called the attention of observer(s) to the object(s)?

The bright color and strange movement and slanting position.

(2) Angle or elevation and azimuth of object(s) upon disappearance.



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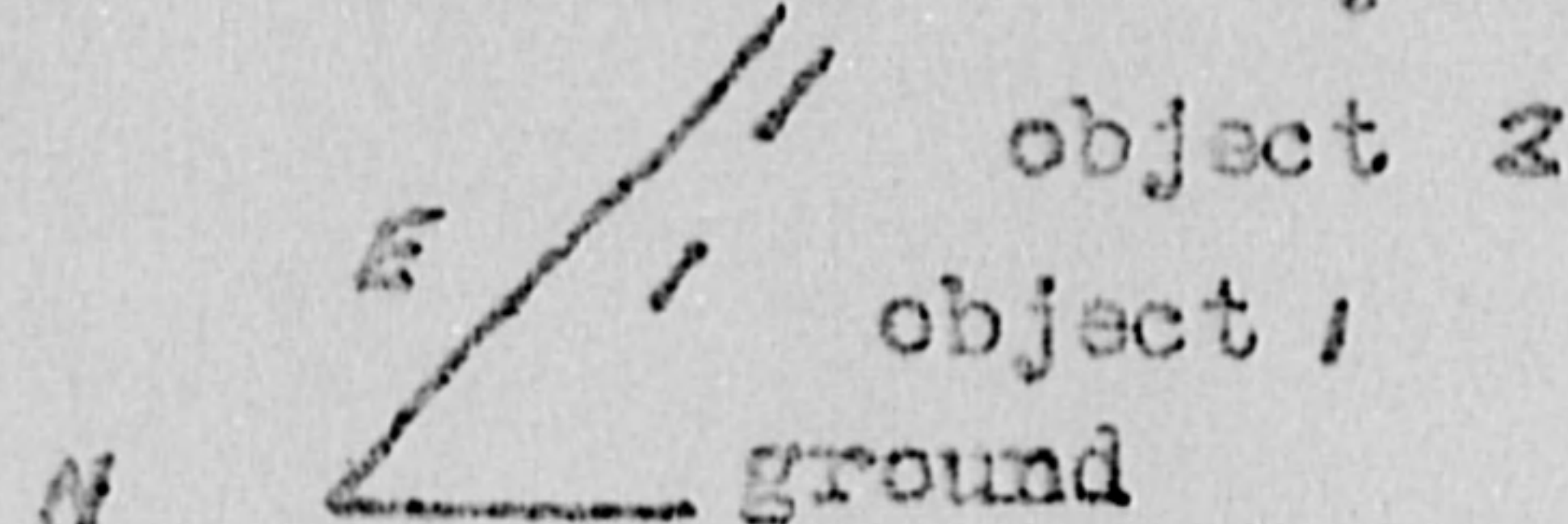
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- (3) Angle or elevation and azimuth of the object(s) when first observed.



- (4) Description of flight path and maneuvers of object(s).

Object 1 was descending slowly. Then I noticed object 2, and 1 seemed to wait for it, then they leveled off and went east.

- (5) How did the object(s) disappear? (Instantaneously to the North etc)

Slowly to the N.E.

- (6) How long was the object(s) visible. (Be specific, 5 minutes, 1 hour, etc.)

5 to 10 minutes.

c. Manner of Observation:

- (1) Use one or any combination of the following items:

Ground-visual, ground-electronic, air electronic. (If electronic, specify type of radar.)

Ground-visual.

- (2) Statement as to optical aids (telescopes, binoculars, and so forth) used and description thereof.

None.

- (3) If the sighting is made while airborne, give type of aircraft, identification number, altitude, heading, speed and home station.

n/a

d. Time and Date of Sighting:

- (1) Zulu time - date group of sighting. 6:20 A.M. (051220Z)

- (2) Light conditions - (Night, day, dawn, dusk.)

e. Location of Observer(s). Exact latitude and longitude of each observer, and/or geographical position. A position with reference to a known landmark also should be given, such as "2 mi N of Deeville," "3 mi SW of Blue Lake." Typographical errors or "garbling" often result in electrically transmitted messages, making location plots difficult or impossible.

From the window of my home in SW part of Perryville.

f. Identifying information on Observer(s):

- (1) Civilian - Name, age, mailing address, occupation.

Mrs. [redacted] - 36 - [redacted] - Perryville, Mo.
Housewife,

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- (2) Military - Name, grade, organization, duty, and estimate of reliability.

n/a

g. Weather and Winds - Aloft Conditions at Time & Place of Sightings:

Breeze from North.

- (1) Observer(s) account of weather conditions.

-4° F, snow on ground, clear skies.

- (2) Report from AWS, Scott AFB.

Winds

Surface	NW	11 kts
5000'	290°	10
8000	320	25
13000	310	65
25000	310	75
35000	300	75
45000	300	65
60000	200	45

- (3) Ceiling - Unlimited.

- (4) Visibility - 7 +

- (5) Amount of cloud cover - None.

- (6) Thunderstorms - None.

- (7) Temperature gradient

Surface - 1° fahrenheit (-18°C)

Aloft Surface inversion to 1000'

1000' - 10000' isothermal - 15°C

Normal lapse rate to tropopause at 30,000'

- h. Other Unusual Activity - None.

- i. Interception Action - None.

- j. Air Traffic

A U-3A aircraft departed Scott AFB at 0617 local, 5 March 1960, on a round robin flight, with Crystal City, Missouri as the first check point.

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k. Position Title and Comments of Preparing Officer.

Plans and Programs Officer.

It is not likely that the U-3A aircraft was involved in the sighting due to its size, and the approximate distance (40 mi) from the observers location. It was on a track, however, which caused it to pass to the north of Perryville, Missouri enroute to Crystal City. It is more probable that the sighting was due to the temperature inversion, combined with sunrise, which occurred at 0628 local, 5 March 1960. This condition could have caused reflections of the sun's rays to produce the unusual phenomena as reported.

l. Physical Evidence - None.

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