

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 6 Jun 64	2. LOCATION (Atlantic Ocean) 600 mi NW Ascension, Island		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical <i>VEGA</i> ☒ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2200 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 minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE Northerly	☐ Other ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Obj in flight crossing own path observed by 3d mate of sea-going vessel. Appeared as light of same brightness of brightest star. Obj appeared to flash. Small white light. Similar to Star Rigel. At 60 deg elevation 110 deg az. Erratic motion.		11. COMMENTS Motion and location indicated that the star VEGA was observed, however as 3rd mate on a ship this astronomical body should be well known. Possibility that star was distorted by unusual atmospheric conditions could lead to misinterpretation of this body. Rep insufficiently detailed for evaluation. Vega likely culprit.	

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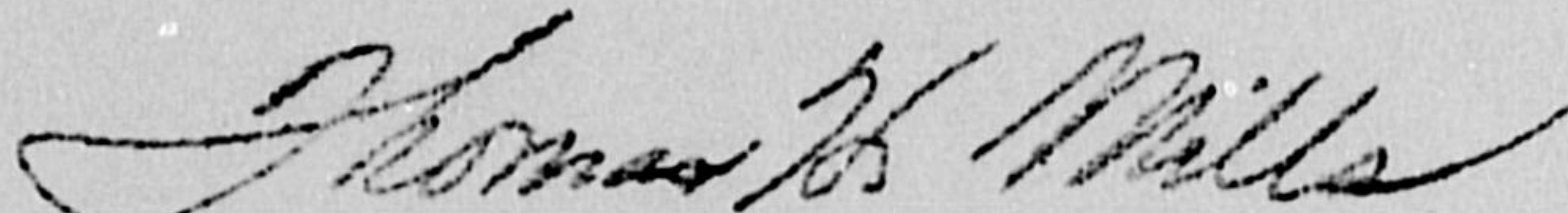
REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 339 INT

6 July 1964

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object

TO: AFSC (FTD)
Wright-Patterson AFB
Ohio, 45433

The attached Operations Memorandum, addressed to this office, pertaining to a reported UFO observation, is forwarded for information and possible further action.


THOMAS H. MILLS
Lt Colonel, USAF
Air Attache

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Operations Memorandum,
AmConGen, Durban, 24 Jun 64,
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HEADQUARTERS
FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION
AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: TDEW

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting (approx 600 miles NW Asuncion Island, Early June) 22 Jul 64

TO: Commander
Westover AFB, Massachusetts

Reference the attached unidentified flying object report from AmConGen, Durban, 24 Jun 64. As the SS NORMACEPENN is due to arrive in Boston in mid-August, request your base contact Captain [REDACTED] and have fill out the attached FTD Forms 164. These forms may be returned in the attached self-addressed envelope. It will not be necessary to submit a UFO report in accordance with AFR 200-2.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Eric T. de Jonckheere
ERIC T. de JONCKHEERE
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology
and Subsystems

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1. UFO Report
2. FTD Forms 164 and
return envelope

1st Ind (DIO)

Hq 8AF, Westover AFB, Mass.

TO: Foreign Technology Division (TDEW) Wright-Patterson
AFB, Ohio

In accordance with your request, Major William Berrie contacted Captain [REDACTED] and, as 3rd Officer Lawrence actually made the sighting, requested that he fill out the attached questionnaire. Request your evaluation be sent to this headquarters, Attn: DIO, if possible.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Walter E. Spindler, Jr.
WALTER E. SPINDLER, JR.
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Combat Intel Division

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2. FTD Forms 164



YOU - THE NUCLEUS OF SECURITY!

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OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM

TO: U.S. Air Attache, AmEmbassy, Pretoria Date: June 24, 1964
FROM: AmConGen, Durban *[Signature]*
SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object
REF:

The following matter is reported for whatever action you may deem appropriate:

Captain [REDACTED] Master of the SS MORMACPENN, Official No. 250541, visited the Consulate General on June 23, 1964 to ask if there remained any U.S. Government interest in reports of Unidentified Flying Objects. The Master was told that we had no recent instructions, but would forward a summary of his information to the appropriate authorities.

Captain [REDACTED] (who did not have his log book with him) stated that in early June, while approximately 600 miles NW Asuncion Island, he, Second Officer [REDACTED] and Third Officer [REDACTED], sighted an Unidentified Flying Object overhead. Upon arrival at Asuncion Island, where the vessel called outbound from Port Canaveral, the Captain attempted to report the matter to the local U.S. Air Force installation, but was unsuccessful in establishing contact with any personnel there.

The SS MORMACPENN is due to arrive in Boston mid-August, and the Captain and his two officers may be debriefed at that time if the Air Force, should it still have an interest in UFO reports, wish to secure more details.

[Signature]
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Office of the Air Attache
American Embassy
Pretoria, Republic of South Africa

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Wright-Patterson AFB
Ohio, 45433

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U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION

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. 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?

6 Day June Month 1964 Year

2. Time of day:

2:30 Hour 05 Minutes

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

3. Time Zone:

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

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

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

[REDACTED]
Nearest Postal Address

J. A. [REDACTED]
City or Town

[REDACTED]
State or County

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration)

— Hours 8 Minutes — Seconds

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

5.1 How was time in sight determined? estimated

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes — No —

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY
a. Bright
b. Cloudy

NIGHT
(a) Bright
b. Cloudy

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, 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, 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. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

CLOUDS (Circle One):

- ☒ a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds

WEATHER (Circle One):

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

10. The object appeared: (Circle One):

- a. Solid
- b. Transparent
- c. Vapor
- ☒ d. As a light
- e. Don't remember

11. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? (Circle One):

- a. Brighter
- b. Dimmer
- ☒ c. About the same
- d. Don't know

11.1 Compare brightness to some common object:

12. 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 _____

13. 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. Flash or flicker? | ☒ Yes | ☐ No | ☐ Don't know |
| h. Disappear and reappear? | ☒ Yes | ☐ No | ☐ Don't know |

14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how?

Yes, appeared to fade

15. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

Yes

No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

it moved behind: _____

16. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

Yes

No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

in front of: _____

17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

a. Sound: _____

b. Color: _____

None
Bright white

18. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head?

About the size of the Star Angel

19. 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.

Got a small white light

20. 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? _____

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

(Circle One) Yes ☐ No ☒

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

22. 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 (type)
- e. At sea
- f. Other _____

23. 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. Near an airfield?
- e. Flying over a city?
- f. Flying over open country?
- g. Other _____

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

24.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

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

24.2 How fast were you moving? 17 knots miles per hour.

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

(Circle One) Yes ☐ No ☒

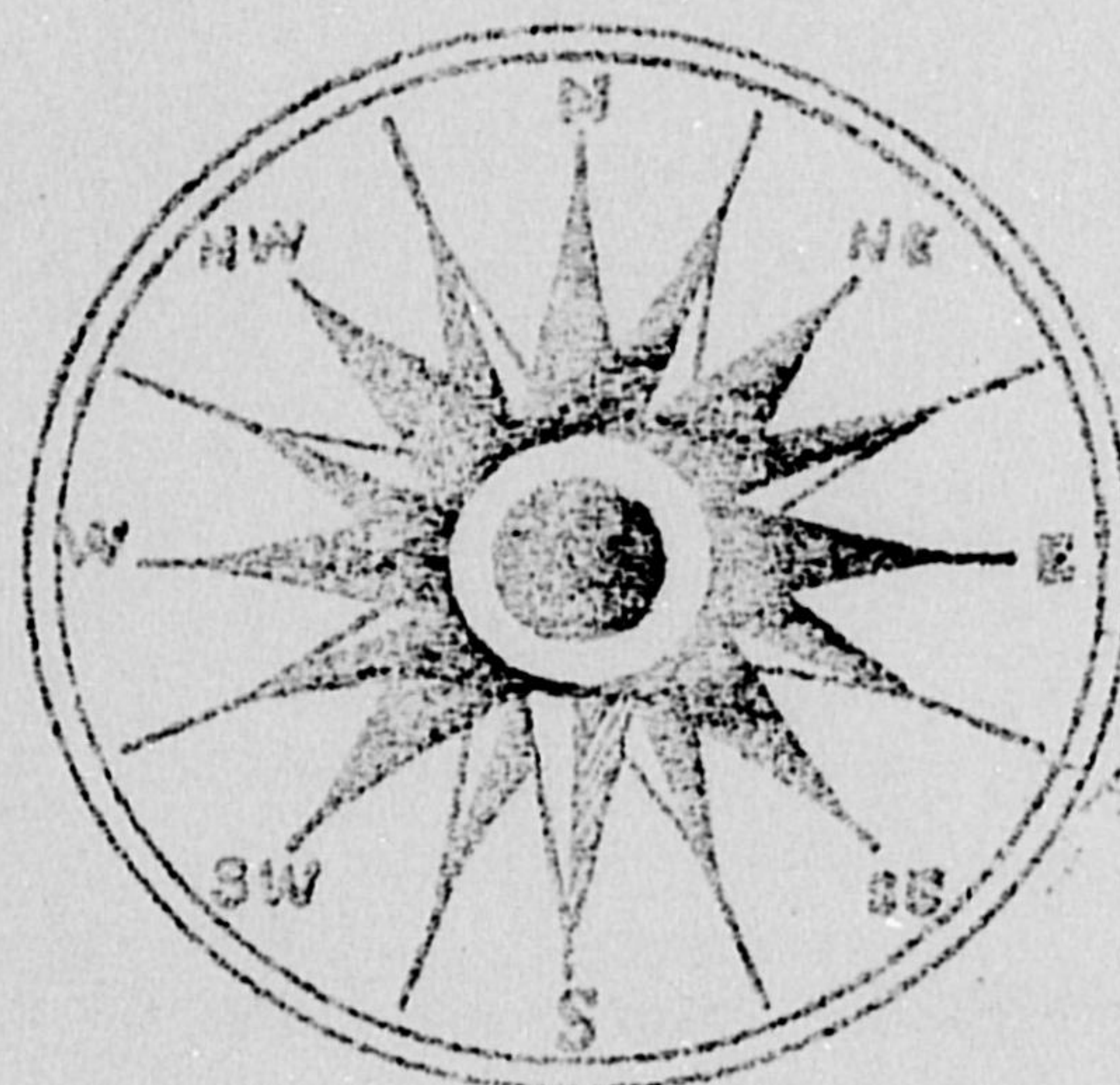
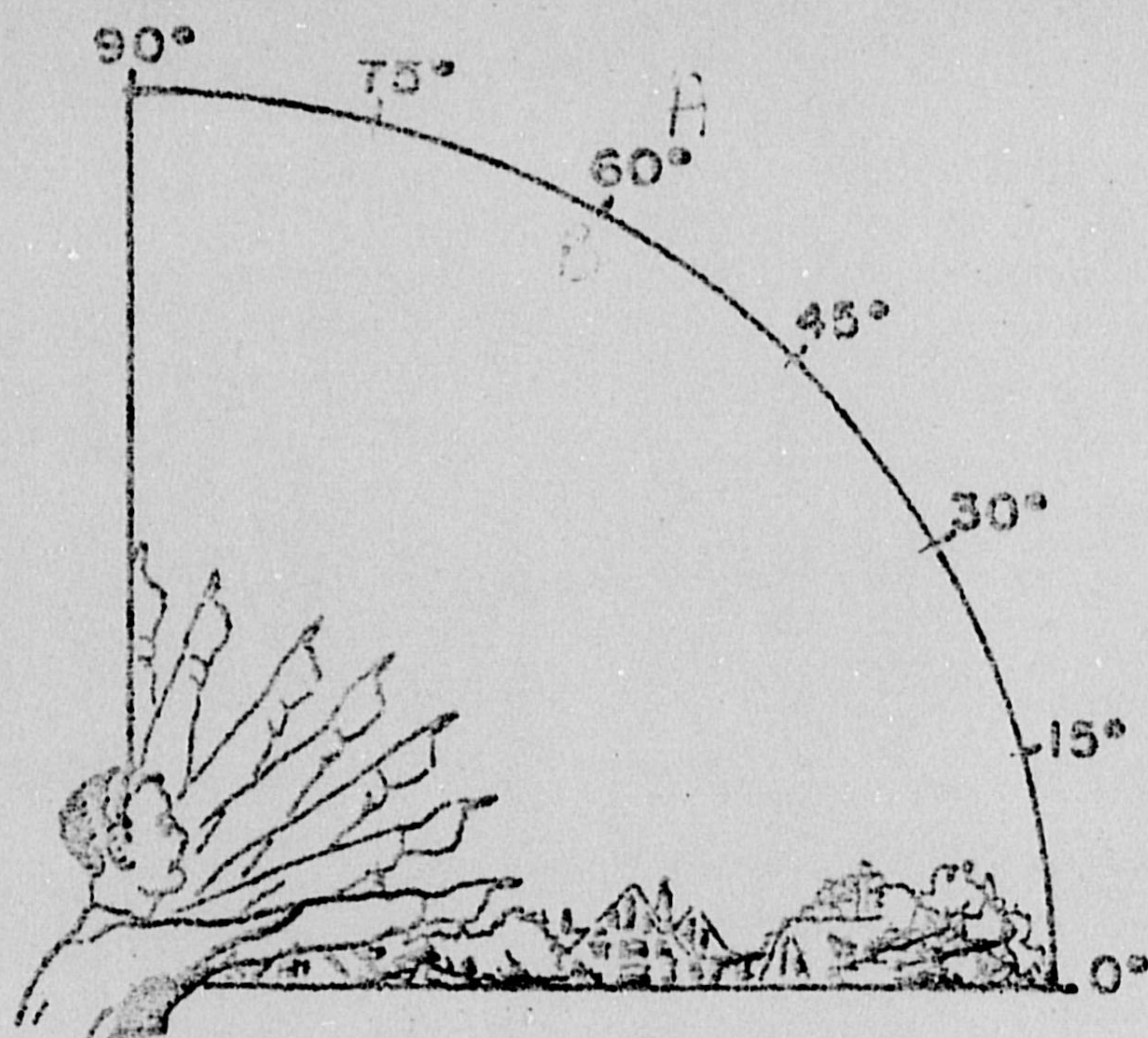
25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

- | | | | |
|-----------------|---|----------------|---|
| 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 _____ | |

26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, 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 Star of the First Magnitude

27. 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. Place an "A" on the compass when you first saw it. Place a "B" on the compass where you last saw the object.



28. 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.



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

30. Have you ever seen this, or a similar object before. If so give date or dates and location.

31. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object? (Circle One) Yes ☐ No ☒

31.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too? (Circle One) Yes ☐ No ☒

31.2 Please list their names and addresses:

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS [REDACTED] COAST STREET [REDACTED] MASS
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] AGE 22 SEX M

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any special experience, which might be pertinent.

33. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?

7 2 1966
Day Month Year

off duty, at home, at 11:00 PM, 1/2/66

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

Day

Month

Year

35. Information which you feel pertinent and which is not adequately covered in the specific points of the questionnaire or a narrative explanation of your sighting.

The subject appeared to be a
 person who was speaking of a
 person who was with the subject and
 the subject was not sure of the
 person's name.

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TDEW

UFO SIGHTING (██████████)

Hq 8AG, Westover AFB, Massachusetts
Attention: Major William Berrie

1. We have received a completed form from ██████████ of the SS MORMACEPENN. The reported direction of flight, description of the object and other characteristics of the sighting indicate a possible satellite observation; however, the flight path of the object contained three distinct maneuvers which included the objects crossing its own path. The specific duration did not include the time-motion sequence of these maneuvers. If the waver in flight was brief, this could be caused by unusual atmospheric conditions; however, if the motion surrounding this portion of the sighting consumed a significant part of the eight minute duration, this would rule out a satellite observation. No mention was made of the manner of disappearance of the object other than that the object disappeared in the east at about 60 degrees elevation. If the motion was generally steady, the object observed was probably a satellite.

2. The description presented by Mr. ██████████ presents some characteristics of an astronomical sighting; however, as 3rd Mate of the SS MORMACEPENN, he should be familiar with the major astronomical bodies. The Star Vega was at an elevation of 60 degrees and an azimuth of 090 degrees, very close to the position reported. If the motion of the object was confined to a very small area, it is possible that Vega was the cause of the sighting.

3. If the object cannot be correlated with a satellite observation or with the Star Vega, we can offer no other explanation. The information presented was insufficiently detailed to present a firm evaluation of this sighting.

FOR THE COMMANDER

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Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology
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