

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 13 Jun 64	2. LOCATION Toldeo, Ohio	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other UNIDENTIFIED ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2115 GMT 14/021 Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not reported	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one or three	9. COURSE manuvered/hovering
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Three objs observed flying over wheat field. Est alt 300 ft. Speed about 10 mph. Size and shape of helo cockpit. Illuminated only by light from objs themselves. Initial impression was that objs were helos. Red light on side blinking on and off, once per/sec. Low rumbling as if from reciprocating eng. Sound might have been from traffic on adjacent roadway. No sound when objs were about 1,000 ft away. No green light. Objs crossed roadway and hovered over nearby barn. Observer attempted to get closer but when he reached a place about 500 ft from barn obj or objs had disappeared.		11. COMMENTS UNIDENTIFIED Note: Sighting on Sat night. Possible Air National Guard with Helo's operating in area, however, not usual for this type activity to be conducted at night near high tension wires and trasmitting stations. Also not likely that they would land in a farmer's wheat field.

[REDACTED]
Toledo, Ohio 43614
June 22, 1964

Dear Sir:

My name is [REDACTED] I am 22 years old and a graduate of the University of Detroit. I work at Radio Station WTOD in Toledo as [REDACTED].

Leaving the station alone the night of Saturday, June 13, 1964, at about 9:15, one hour after sign-off, I observed three strange objects in the air flying over the wheat field adjacent to the station property. They were roughly 300 feet up in the air, and moving away from me very slowly, at perhaps 10 miles an hour. They had approximately the size and shape of the cockpit of a helicopter, which I thought they were at first. I could see them only by the light that they themselves gave off, so that I couldn't tell for sure whether or not there was more to them than this cockpit shape. The light diffusing fairly evenly from their interior was white, and affixed to the side (apparently, of course) was a red light which blinked on and off about once a second. At first when they were pretty close, I heard a low rumbling as if from a reciprocating engine, but possibly that originated from some other source, such as the roadway. At greater distance, though no more than 1000 feet, no sound was audible. I looked for any green light there might be on the objects, but none were to be seen. I was prevented from following them directly by the waist-high wheat. After crossing a nearby road, they seemed to hover over a barn. I started to move in closer for a better view, skirting the wheat field, and when I was still maybe 500 feet from them, they suddenly began to circle around a common point as center in a plane parallel to the surface of the earth with a diameter of revolution about equal to the width of the barn and at an extreme rapidity. When I reached the barn, they had disappeared. It is possible that the objects actually were parts of one single object, the variation observed in the apparent distance between the things then being explained as a change in viewing perspective.

If you wish me to complete some kind of form report, I would be happy to oblige.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

BOOTH AIRCRAFT ENGINE COMPANY
2222 AIRCRAFT ENGINE
XXXXXX

[REDACTED]
Toledo, Ohio 43614



ATTENTION: whoever is most professionally and intensely
interested in Unidentified Flying Objects

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base

Dayton, Ohio

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ufo

14 November 1964

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Tokio, Ohio 43614

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

This letter follows up our telephone conversation the other evening and also gives me the opportunity of sending one of the regular question forms the Air Force sends in cases in which more information is needed. I'm also enclosing a duplicate for your own files.

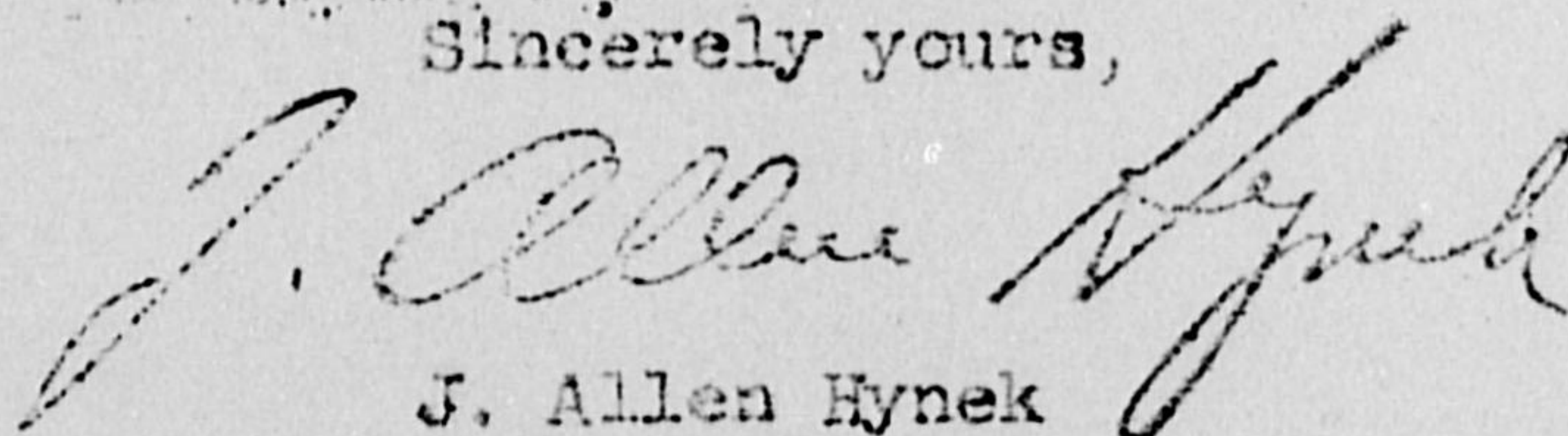
I would very much appreciate your sending a copy of the longer letter you mentioned on the phone. I feel that there must be a perfectly natural explanation for your sighting but for the moment there is really very little to go on. One needs to know the dimensions of the surroundings, angular rates of motion, relative placement of lights, etc.

Is there any possibility, do you think, that the lights you saw were actually quite some distance away, and moving rather rapidly, but tending to appear to move slowly because you felt they were close by? I have often been mistaken myself in judging distances of lights at night, sometimes horribly far off, and certainly no stigma is attached to making an honest misjudgment.

It occasionally happens also, that distant objects, such as (in other instances) tail lights of trucks and lights of planes appear to be very much closer than they actually are because of atmospheric effect. In short, I am asking whether you feel there is any chance that this might have been a "looming" phenomenon in which moving lights a considerable distance away might have been imaged quite close by. Only you can judge this, of course, and I'm advancing this only as a suggestion.

I will await your reply to this and to the questionnaire, and please don't forget to send along a copy of the letter you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,



J. Allen Hynek
Director

JAH:krf
enclosures

9 December 1964

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Tolmo, Ohio 43614

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Thanks for your card of November 18. May I also use this as a reminder that I have not yet gotten your material. I hope that you will still be able to send me this material not only for our records but in the hopes that we may arrive at a solution to the enigma. Do you by any chance have a poloroid or other photograph of the area in which this was seen? It sometimes helps me to visualize the actual occurrence. Of course, the photograph would be a daytime one.

Thanks again for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

J. Allen Hynek
Director

JAH:krf
cc: Major Hector Quintanilla

DEARBORN OBSERVATORY
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

EVANSTON, ILLINOIS 60201

28 December 1964

Mr. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Toledo, Ohio 43614

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Thank you very much for your recent letter and the information you sent. The sighting you made is still entirely puzzling to me, and by itself, it would probably lead nowhere. However, since some other sightings like it exist in different parts of the country at various times, the possible scientific value in these sightings lies in examining their similarities and differences. If some sort of a pattern shows up, then we have something to work on. Sightings like these puzzling indeed, as reported, because there seems to be no immediately logical explanation. I hope, however, that we can find one, and that it will be a plain, down-to-earth explanation. I shall feel more comfortable that way! But I intend to continue my inquiry and so does the Air Force until we can say something definite about sightings like yours.

With respect to the photograph, I should very much like to have one or two views of the scene. The number I will leave to you since you can best determine how many would be needed to give me "a three dimensional view" of the setup. In any event, I do not think more than three or four will be necessary and as to cost, I will cover that personally. I would think that if your friend has a Poloroid camera, we could get by for about one dollar a piece. I do not think we need to make a production number out of this, but a few snapshots of this area would be helpful. So please go ahead and I will cover any cost within reason.

Your mention of Fate magazine being published in Evanston is a pure coincidence. There is no connection whatsoever. There seems to be some sort of an occult bookshop in the southern part of Evanston which has apparently been here for years. I have never met any of the staff.

Thank you again for your response. Let's keep in touch: you may get more information, and I will, of course, let you know if we get any place with this whole thing.

Sincerely yours,

J. Allen Rynek
Director

JAH:krf

8 January 1965

Mr. E. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Toledo, Ohio 43614

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Just to cover all possibilities, is there any outside chance that the sighting of June 13, 1964 could have been caused by luminescence of great swarms of insects? I personally do not think so, but all possible angles should be covered. The occurrence at a nearby drive-in restaurant at which a cloud of tiny light green insects appeared may have nothing to do with the case, but it is at this time of the year that such insects can swarm in colossal hordes. But illumination is a problem, however, as is especially the reddish light you observed on each. Was this light in the nature of an actual light bulb, like a red lantern hanging on the end of a train, or was it a reddish diffused glow? Sorry to trouble you so much about this, but I would so like to get a common sense explanation of your sighting before entertaining a more bizarre hypothesis.

Sincerely yours,

J. Allen Hynek
Director

JAH:krf

ENCLOSURE

18 February 1965

Private [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Company S
Fourth TNG Regiment
Second Platoon
Fort Dix, New Jersey 08640

Dear Private [REDACTED]

Thank you for your recent letter. I hope you are still alive despite your rigorous training and that before long I will get the photographs of the terrain where the sighting occurred and also the sketches I believe you said you had made. Maybe I am wrong about the latter since your report did contain something of the sort.

The pictures will, in any case, be helpful to get the location well in mind. I agree with you about the swarm of insects, but I am still puzzled about the fact that the red light apparently blinked in synchronism with the blinking lights on the TV tower. I think that this is what you said originally, although I do not have your report at hand at the moment.

The very best of luck to you in your boot training and please don't forget the pictures as soon as you get back.

Sincerely yours,

J. Allen Hynek
Director

JAH:krf

March 25, 1965

Dear Dr. Hynek:

Finally!

The pictures are numbered on the back.

I hope they are good enough to serve your purpose. ~~They~~ The day, I'm afraid, was very overcast, and the photographer (myself with rented camera) was very inexperienced.

Pictures numbered 1, 2, and 3 are taken from the spot where I first sighted the objects. Picture number 4 is taken from the spot where I last saw the objects. Picture number 1 faces the spot where the objects were first seen. Pictures 2 and 3 face the barn in the distance where the objects finally hovered and disappeared. Picture Number 4 also faces the spot where the objects disappeared. The pictures are marked to show the positions of the objects.

I'll send you my Monterey address as soon as I get it.

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

The tree in the extreme left of picture number 1 is the same as the tree in the extreme right of picture number 3.

*Handwritten: 2. Harold G. Bradley
- 8. 2. 1964*

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Toledo, Ohio 43614
November 10, 1964

J. Allen Hynek
Dearborn Observatory
Northwestern University
Evanston, Illinois

Dear Mr. Hynek:

A word of warning by preface is in order before we get to the main body of the letter. I will reproduce verbatim part of a letter I sent to a friend of mine shortly after sighting my UFO. I copy it verbatim in order to save myself time in typing, to preserve as much as possible for you the freshness of the original experience, and to avoid the possibility of inadvertently making errors of fact in rewriting. Therefore I must ask you to excuse the less-than-scientific style of the letter, which does however strive to be clear and factual. The letter is dated June 21, 1964.

Missed what probably would have been the biggest scoop-thing of my little newsman career.

It happened on the evening of Saturday, June 13, 1964. It was a very warm and humid night. The station had signed off at 8:15, and I screwed around with a few last-minute things before I finally left, the last one, alone, at 9:15. I started to hoof it home, as has been my custom of late, owing to my vehicle's incapacity. . . . [Long digression here on the subject of my vehicle's incapacity] . . . As I say, I was commencing to stump my way across the fields homeward. When, lo and BEhold, what to my wondering eyes should appear but these objects three over the wheat field adjacent to the great TOD property--objects obviously, flying apparently, and unidentified as far as I was concerned, immediately suggesting to the suggestible mind the designation UFO (Unidentified Flying Object). They were fairly close together and about as high as the great TOD towers (roughly 300 feet). They stayed together fairly well, but the apparent distance between them did vary, giving rise to the conjecture that they were physically unconnected, though there was the remote possibility that they were parts of one single object, the variation of apparent distance between them then being explained by a change of viewing perspective. The three objects, if such they indeed were, were made visible (kindly remember to read the word "apparently" or some such synonym before the verb in each of these sentences wherever it seems to be needed, should I forget to insert it) by means of white light emanating from the interior of each. Affixed to each object, on the side, was a red light, which blinked on and off about once a second. These objects moved away from me at a rate approximating 10 miles per hour and in a resultant direction composed of roughly equal components toward Detroit Avenue and toward Arlington Avenue. . . . I would have followed these strange objects directly but for the thickly-growing waist-high green wheat field. I watched them intently for five minutes or so. My eyes did not deceive me. They had a shape like unto that of the cockpit of a helicopter, and it

not unnaturally occurred to me at first that these objects might possibly be helicopters. The size also was about the same. Able to see them only by the light that they themselves gave off, I was not able to determine whether or not there was actually more to them than this egg-on-end shape. Further events and considerations forced me to abandon the helicopter hypothesis as not conforming to the appearances and therefore untenable. Sound--none practically; at first I heard a low rumbling as of an engine, but perhaps that originated from some motor vehicle on a nearby roadway. After they had moved some distance away, but not too far, maybe 1000 feet, there was no sound audible. Helicopters I have met roared. Lights--I thought I remembered some law that all flying objects in the United States (as well as sailing objects?) had to have a blinking red light on one side and a blinking green light on the other side so you can tell the port side from the starboard side, provided you can tell the difference in the first place. I looked, but there was no green light to be seen. The things moved across Arlington avenue and seemed at this point to hover over a barn on the property of the State Hospital. Well, I thought as long as they were apparently hovering over one spot of fairly easy accessibility, I might as well close in for a better view. So I hustled down the great TOD driveway down to Arlington avenue and down Arlington skirting the wheat field toward the light-crowned barn, all the while keeping my eye on the objects lest they depart from my range of vision while my attention was averted to less important things like chuck holes and cars in the road. However, with increasing proximity, strangely and distressingly enough, visibility decreased, owing to the greater number of trees between me and them and the added intensity of light from the headlamps of passing automobiles, making the object-lights effectively dimmer. And now here comes the wild weirdo whacko part. I am approaching, walking rapidly, not running for fear of losing valuables from my suit coat pockets in the dark grass, and breathing rather heavily from the warm night's unexpected exercise, and also a bit, I must confess, from some measure of excitement, when, eyes intent on them all the while, and the distance between us still 100 to 150 yards, the three objects began suddenly and inexplicably to circle around a common point as center directly over the barn as on the perimeter of a disc the plane of which parallel to a plane tangent to the surface of the earth directly beneath this imaginary disc. As I came closer, they revolved more and more rapidly, not so quickly that their individual lights dissolved into one great smeary blur, but still with incredible swiftness. When I reached the barn, they had disappeared. I looked around the State Hospital grounds as well as I could in the dark, but there were no signs. I continued on my long trek over hill and dale homeward.

(end of excerpt from letter)

The letter goes on at this point with an account of another strange happening which took place nearby and at almost the same time, but which was unknown to me at the time. A nearby drive-in restaurant was besieged by a monstrous cloud of tiny light-green flying insects. No immediate causal connection was however ascribed to the two strange events.

December 16, 1964

The distances and the velocity of the objects mentioned in the letter excerpt are only the roughest sort of estimates made without recourse to any kind of measurement in order to expedite the letter. These figures have been revised in the interest of greater accuracy. Permit me to indicate here my methods in obtaining the new distance and velocity figures. (See page 8 of Form FTD 164 for referents of the following pairs of letters.) The height of the station towers was obtained from a station engineer. Distance AA' was paced off. The length was expressed in terms of feet by multiplying the number of paces by $2\frac{1}{2}$. Distance A'A₀ was also paced off. Distance A₀B was measured as $2\frac{1}{2}$ tenths of a mile by means of an automobile speedometer. The remainder of the figures were calculated. The average velocity of the objects along the path from A to B was calculated using an AB travel time of five minutes (the time estimate of course could not be revised) and a calculated AB distance of 1100 feet.

And now about the photograph. The only way I could obtain such a photograph would be to hire a local news photographer (I know a couple). Now how would we handle the finances? Should I ask him to send you the bill? Would you want more than one view of the scene? Which view(s) would you like--from what point and facing what direction? Of course, the photo would be a daytime one.

One other small thing before I close. You mentioned FATE magazine the night of our telephone conversation. Out of curiosity I picked up the December issue. Noticed and thought it curious that FATE is published in Evanston, Illinois. Any connection?

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Pfc [REDACTED]

PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY,

CALIFORNIA, 93940

SATURDAY, OCT. 30, 1965

Dear Dr. Hynak:

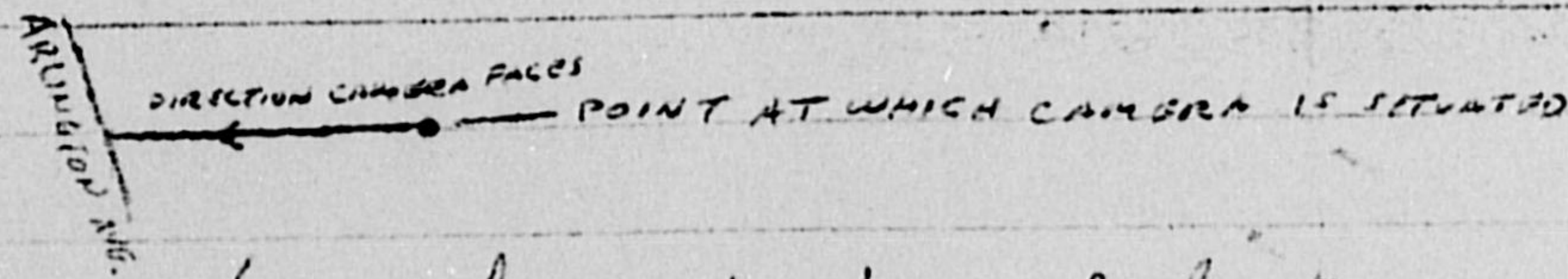
I hope you find these snapshots satisfactory. I have numbered them according to the order in which they overlap. The series 1 through 11 including 3.5 and 8.5 is taken from the point from which I initially sighted the group of objects which concern us. This point is, of course, indicated on the schema I included with the form I filled out for you some months back. Numbers 3.5 and 8.5 will be seen to be more or less superfluous since 3 and 4 overlap and 8 and 9 overlap.

The series 14, 15, 16 is taken from the point from which I last saw the group of objects.

I imagine that it might be of some help in visualizing the area to ~~trim~~ trim the margins from the prints and arrange them in some sort of circular (cylindrical) frame, but I'm sure my remarks in this regard would be unnecessary.

The field of view in the long series covers an angle of about 270° ; in the short series, an angle of very roughly 60° .

Picture No. 1 faces Arlington Avenue at an angle roughly thus: "



Picture No. 14 faces the spot where I last saw the phenomenon.

I hope this information is not so imprecise as to be still of no use when taken together with the material I sent you previously.

If there is any information you need that I have neglected to include here, or if there is any way at all I can be of assistance, I will be happy to hear from you.

My expenses in this little enterprise came to about \$2.50

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]