

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 14 Jun 64		2. LOCATION Dale, Indiana		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 15/0255Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No Phsy Evidence		6. SOURCE civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION n/a		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS n/a		9. COURSE n/a	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING See Case File				11. COMMENTS Investigation by Bill Powers of Northwestern University with conclusion that case was attempted hoax.	

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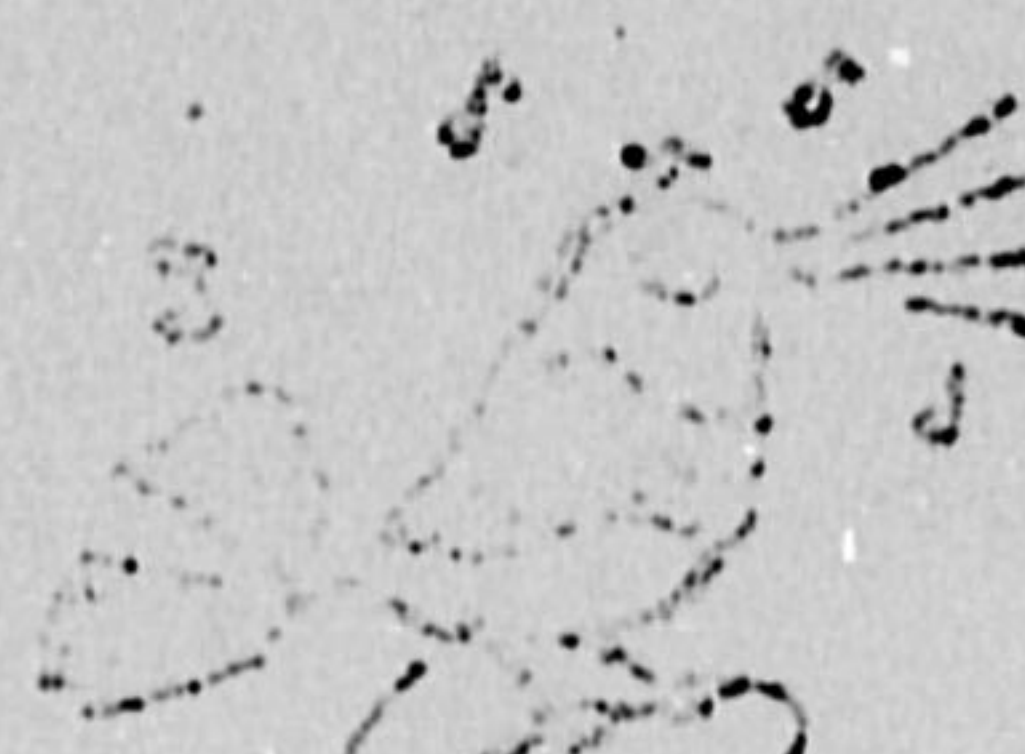
Dale, Indiana
14 June 1964

June 14; Dale, Indiana: About 9 p.m. Charles Englebrecht was watching TV in his living room. Suddenly the TV set and lights in an adjoining room went out and he noticed almost at once a luminous object outside the window. He ran to the door to investigate, and saw a glowing object about the size of a basketball land about 50 feet away. As he tried to move closer, he felt something like a mild electric shock and was unable to move forward. After about 2 minutes the UFO took off, emitting a whinging sound. Holes, scorch marks and stains were among the physical evidence left.

SAUCER LANDING IN INDIANA: A sensational news report from Huntingburg, Indiana, dated June 14th, tells of a landing quite similar to the Glassboro, N.J. incident. On a farm two miles northwest of Dale, Indiana, a glowing object landed at about 9 p.m. one night, and then flew away, leaving behind the smell of sulphur. The UFO also left behind a burned spot, and three holes or indentations in the ground, approximately a half inch deep each. An Air Force investigator came to the scene and interviewed Charles Engelbrecht, the 18-year-old youth who witnessed the landing. The investigator retrieved a small piece of metal from the burned spot. When examined under a jeweler's glass, the metal appeared to be "grooved on the surface, like a walnut."

The same UFO was seen in daylight, several hours earlier, by two youths who were on a fishing trip southeast of Yankeetown, Indiana. The object was traveling at treetop level, and when it was within 200 yards of the young men, it veered away, going out of sight at the same level. The UFO made no sound, and appeared to be 10 or 15 yards in diameter. It was visible for about ten minutes. An unconfirmed report broadcast by a local radio station stated that the object hit a farmhouse in the vicinity, causing a television set to blow up.

...Lack of space prevents us from giving details, but we have recently learned of two more incidents in which physical evidence was apparently left behind by a flying saucer, as in the Glassboro, N.J. case. The first incident occurred near Connelton, Indiana, a few days after the sighting described in the middle of Page 23. No UFO was seen, but four mysterious burned circles were found in a hay field belonging to Mr. and Mrs. James Stowe. These were described as "acid type burns."


Grace Niles

THE DALE NEWS
DALE, INDIANA

Friday, June 19, 1964

Mr. Wm. T. Powers
Dearborn Observatory
Northwestern University
Evanston, Illinois

Dear Bill:

During the [REDACTED] investigation, did anyone mention fireworks to you? I heard last night from their neighbors that firecrackers were set off at the [REDACTED] farm Sunday, presumably as a part of the entertainment (they had 64 guests--this is in the social news in The Dale News).

I don't know what kind of fireworks, but I have seen some rocket-types that could very well have been launched from that "pad" in the back yard; that would also explain the three holes.

State Trooper Frank G. Cook is interested in this --he's had some dealings with young [REDACTED]. Perhaps he can find out about the firecrackers. (Incidentally, I am Justice of the Peace of Carter Township--my oldest son said "Mother, why don't you sell Avon like other mothers do?"--and I've got a pipeline to the State Police post and the sheriff's department, which is very helpful as a source of instant news.)

In other developments, Police Chief Musgrave got a letter yesterday from Elkhart which may interest you.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Report on [REDACTED] Sighting
W. T. Powers, Dearborn Observatory

At 8:55 pm, 14 June 1964, [REDACTED], 18, of Dale, Indiana, was sitting alone in his living room (his parents were in bed) watching television. From where he sat, he could see through an open archway into the kitchen, and out through the kitchen window. He saw what appeared to be a light pass by the window, and got up to investigate. As he went into the kitchen, all the house lights and the television set went off. [REDACTED] went outside through the door in the north side of the kitchen, looked to his left, and at the rear of the back yard saw a ball of luminosity or flame about the size of a basketball, resting on the ground. It was orange in color.

Witness attempted to approach the ball but could not get farther than the rear corner of the house, where he said that something seemed to press him back (or, he admitted, he could just have been afraid). He watched it for a few seconds, turned back to call his parents, and when he looked again, the object had taken off and was departing over the roof of the barn, to the west.

Witness then called the local police department, in the person of Chief Leroy Musgrave, who arrived about 2130. Both the witness and his parents said that there was a strong "sulfurous" smell all around the area, especially where the object had touched down. Mulgrave said that, as he approached the house on the main highway, passing through a hollow or dip, he smelled a sulfurous smell at least 1/4 mile from the house.

The witness and his parents pointed out a power lawnmower that had rolled about ten feet from its usual place toward the object, and some cans which had been found fallen off a table in a direction toward the object. A hoe which normally stood against the back of the house was found fifty feet to the west, next to the place where the object had landed.

At the landing site was a small burned patch (see photos) with three small indentations on its edges, forming an isosceles triangle, and about $3/4$ inch deep by $3/4$ inch diameter. Only one hole was at all well-defined. One of the holes showed a sharp vertical edge as if the sharpened end of a pipe had been pushed straight down into the ground and lifted out again straight up.

Some grass blades next to the burned spot had a brownish-black stain on them; those present right after the event say that there was a smell as of fuel oil or gasoline - or at least some oily smell - at the burned spot. This investigator could smell practically nothing; perhaps there was a lingering odor of kerosene. This does not mean it smelled like kerosene, but that the smell was somewhat reminiscent of this substance to the investigator.

The witness pointed out a strip of ground running along an arc some 50 feet east and north of the object's landing spot, in which he claimed the grass and clover was dying. The investigator could, indeed, see that along this line there seemed to be more browned tips on the plants than elsewhere, but to a city-bred eye, there was difficulty in seeing any great difference. A vegetable garden growing ten feet from the landing spot was unaffected.

While taking pictures of the burned spot, the investigator noticed a single wooden match about three feet SE of the burned spot. Only the head of the match and a very small part of the wood had been burned, and it was the only match within twenty feet of the object (and perhaps the only one in the back yard). Neither parent appeared to smoke.

The investigator decided to see if another patch of dried grass among the green would burn to produce an appearance like the original burned spot. He used a paper match, and attempted fumblingly to start a small fire while parents, police chief, local reporter, and the witness looked on. The investigator kept failing to produce a fire until the witness finally stepped in to help. He produced

a wooden match from his pocket, struck it with his thumbnail, and applied it to the dried grass, fluffing up the matted strands so they would burn better. Investigator took a picture of this process, and did not mention the other match.

Witness' parents said that on Wednesday or Thursday last, Mr. [REDACTED] and his wife saw a ball of luminosity travel through the air across a field to the south, appearing between two buildings for four or five seconds, moving horizontally and just about at the horizon. The object was going west, but did not reappear to the right of the right-hand building as expected. Mr. [REDACTED] says that moving lights of this kind (balls or spheres glowing with their own light) have been seen many times over the years in this area.

The witness asked three separate times whether the analysis of the samples from the burned area would detect the presence of coal oil or gasoline. He also ventured the theory that perhaps a ball of swamp gas on fire would, on contact with the ground, change to coal oil or some similar material. Witness also requested that if the conclusion was that a "prank" had been played, his name be kept out of the papers.

Enclosed with this report is an envelope containing a small stonelike object that was on the center of the burned area, some of the ashes, and pieces of the stained grass from the area next to the burn. Fig. 1 shows the shape and size of the burn.

The investigator became acquainted with a Mrs. [REDACTED] of the Dale News, who reported that the witness has some reputation for being odd and not applying himself when he was in school. She also reported that two weeks ago the witness was seen in a new-car salesroom looking over the new cars, and told the salesman that he expected to come in and buy a new car for cash some time soon. While this does not prove that the witness planned to do something to make a great deal of money in the near future, or that he had ideas of selling his story of a

strange experience even before it occurred, the circumstances may be borne in mind as suggestive.

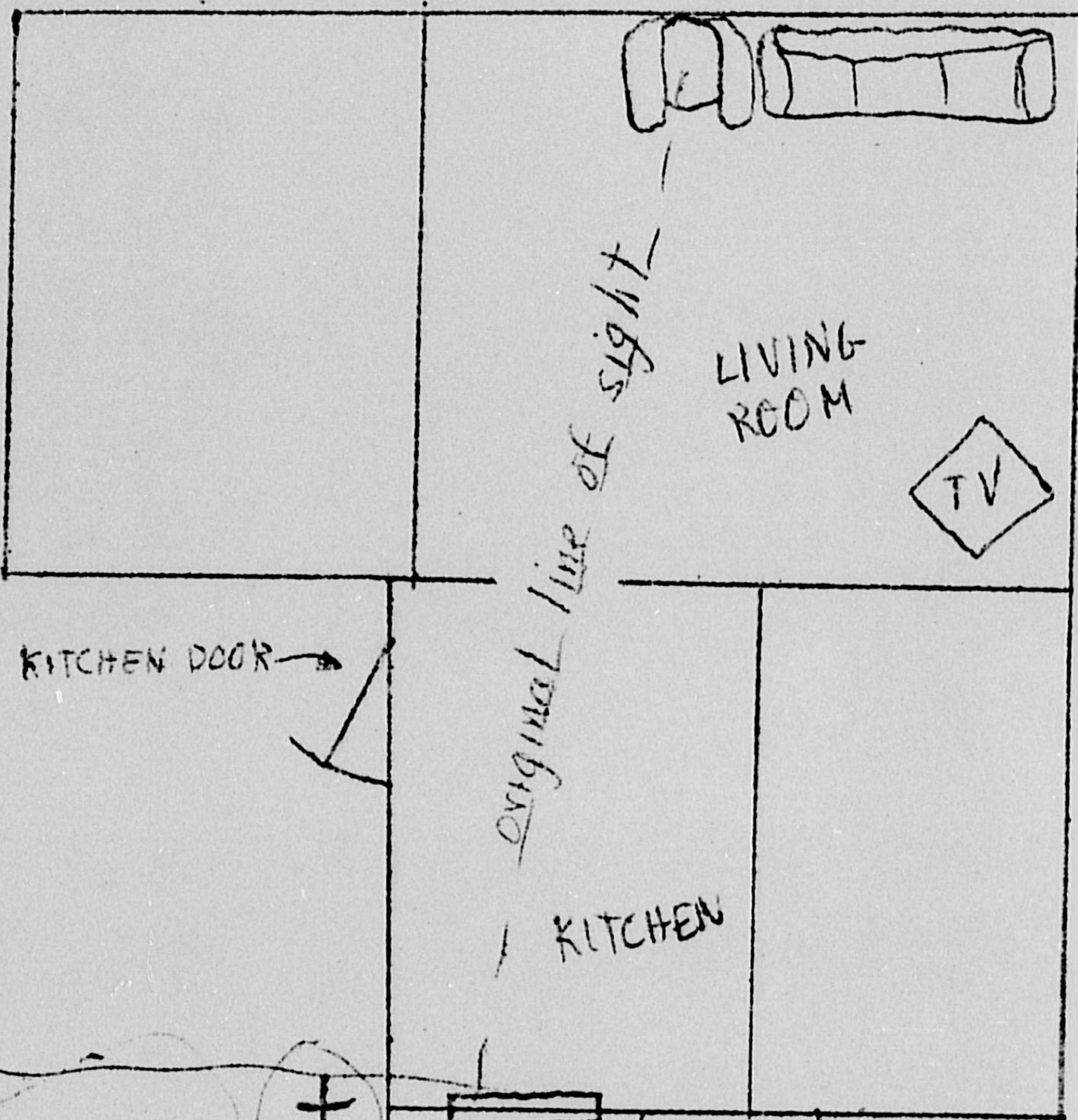
This investigator is of the opinion that a prank was played by someone on the Engelbrechts.

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Driveway



50 ft

area of witness' closest approach

Table, BB

mower

HOE

burned spot

line of departure

GARDEN

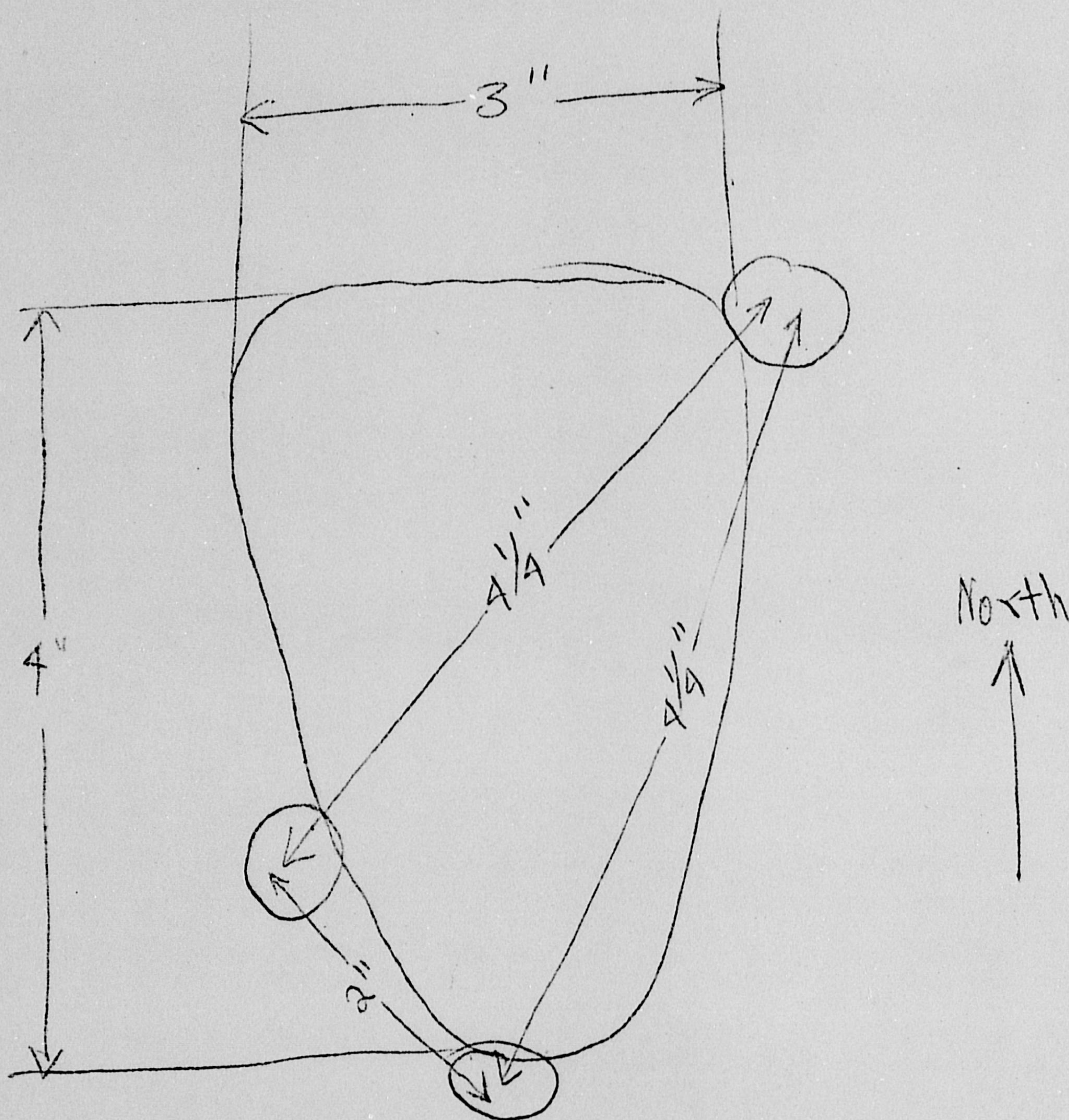
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SIGHTING

BARN

Note added after main report typed:

This sighting may have been a prank, but moving lights have been seen around the area of Indiana for some time; enclosed is some correspondence from Mrs. [REDACTED] relevant to this possibility. There appears to be considerable agreement all through this area (the investigator talked, for example, with officers of the Warwick County Sheriff's department in Booneville, between Dale and Evansville) that there are balls of glowing material that move around through the air at night; indeed, one police officer told me that his grandmother often spoke of seeing them, and this was years ago, so it is certainly not a new phenomenon. I see no reason to doubt that some such phenomenon occurs, even though there has been no scientific investigation of it. I also see no reason to assume that the phenomenon is supernatural or related to visits from outer space. Of course I have no disproof of these other theories!

Since Mrs. [REDACTED] may save us a good deal of unnecessary travelling about by acting as a local "filter center", a brief note of appreciation from the Air Force may be in order.



~~SECRET~~ SIGHTING

Burned Area
and
Indentations

WTP

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was overturned, a large can of chicken feed was knocked from a table and the power lawnmower was moved ten feet. A garden hoe came to rest close to the burned spot, leaving a clearly visible path through the grass.

Wm. T. Powers, the Northwestern consultant who made the investigation for the air force, talked to the Engelbrechts Monday by phone after hearing the news on a Chicago television broadcast.

Tuesday morning he flew to Evansville and rented a car for the trip to Dale. He said he too had considered the lightning ball theory but it didn't fit because he had never heard of one rising after it had touched the earth, and also because there was no explanation of the three shallow holes forming an isosceles triangle around the burned spot.

Powers took a sample of the charred area for laboratory tests and of a normal area for comparison. A small solid particle, which he removed from the center of the spot and examined under a jeweler's glass, had the characteristics of a meteorite. Then again, it could be nothing more than a charred piece of walnut hull.

Only a laboratory test could determine which, or it would at least eliminate the identifiable walnut hull.

Powers promised to notify the Engelbrechts of the test results.

A few hours later another investigator showed up at the farm. He was teen-aged Allen Cast, who had credentials to show he was the State Representative of the National Investigation Committee of Unidentified Flying Objects, which is headed by Donald E. Keyhoe, writer and lecturer on the subject.

A member of the flying saucer club, Cast said he and other members had investigated over 300 reports of UFO sightings in the Kokomo area in recent months, and that he was asked to come here by the Indianapolis Civil Defense director. He is a firm believer in Keyhoe's theory that many unidentified flying objects are visitors from outer space and, in his opinion, the evidence at Engelbrecht's indicated "a craft or part of a craft flying in a magnetic field."

After getting permission from Engelbrecht to set up a tent laboratory on the farm, Cast left Dale Tuesday night planning to return the next day with testing equipment and a crew of assistants.



Grace Notes

By G.M.B.

Was it a bird, or a plane, or superman—that mysterious object that was seen Sunday night. A member of a flying saucer club, who appeared and disappeared Tuesday, told me the inhabitants of Mars, forced to abandon their planet because a collision is imminent, are looking us over.

Now just a darned minute, I said. It's true we're doing all we can to attract tourists but this is ridiculous.

The lad said he was going back to Martinsville—or was it Martiansville?—to get laboratory equipment and would return the same night to begin a week's surveillance in these parts. At press time, he still hadn't returned though he left luggage at a local motel, I hear.

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The Air Force wants you to report these glowing objects, or whatever, and, contrary to popular opinion, their investigators do not automatically assume that you are some kind of a nut, though your best friend or next-of-kin might.

By next week, I hope to have a report from Mr. Powers, so stand by.

Meanwhile, I'm going out into the wild blue yonder myself to take a look around. Gene Bockstahler is flying his family down from Pennsylvania this weekend in his Piper cub and he's promised me a ride. The first and last time I was aloft was in a Wright-Brothers type aircraft.

It will be another wonderful experience to add to all the other wonderful experiences I've had this week. Brother.

If you're planning to go to the World's Fair, don't let Junior drive in New York. It's illegal for a person under 18 to drive in the state of New York, even though he is licensed to drive in his home state.

That's the word from a national insurance company, passed on by Bob Davis, your friendly insurance agent.

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L. V. Smith, S.S. Supt.

Morning worship, 10:30.

Ola Earl Murphy, pastor.

Local conference, 2nd Monday at 7:30.

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Alfred L. Perkins, minister

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Health Education Head Visits Spencer County

Miss Hazel Steed, Director of Health Education of the Indiana Tuberculosis Association, was in Spencer County Wednesday to confer with the Executive Secretary, Mrs. Herbert Dilger.

In view of the Erradication Plan for Indiana that was presented to all counties at the recent annual meetings in Indiana, Miss Steed explained that it was extremely important that each county make a thorough study of its own problems and resources before attempting to apply the plan or any part of it to local situations.

During the day, Miss Steed reviewed the tuberculin testing reports and the follow-up was well as the cases that had been reported during the past ten years. She suggested that all these facts be prepared for the local Board of Directors in order that they would be in position to plan for the next step toward eradication in the county.

Larry Vogel, President of the local association reported that

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TO WED

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Ellison announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Becky Ann, to Mr. Paul Ross Fuller of Dale.

The ceremony will take place June 20 at 8:00 p.m. in the Methodist Church in Winslow, with a reception immediately following in the Masonic Dining Hall. The public is cordially invited to attend.

one active case of tuberculosis was hospitalized as a result of the last x-ray survey. Since that time one other case has been hospitalized. Larry stated that he would call a Board meeting in August at which time he hoped to have sufficient facts gathered for the group to make plans for future programs to meet local needs. Since we can never expect to eradicate tuberculosis without treating all cases, it is imperative that the local group continue its case finding programs.



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Bill Tislow

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is the China-Burma-India area.

His wife will be remembered as
the Virginia, and they have two sons,
av. Mike 12, and David 7.

He was a principal in the South
ast Knox School Corporation the past
ere five years prior to accepting the
ns. position with the Carter Township
School Corporation.

The Tislow's expect to move
es here later on in the summer, as
ol he is currently employed as di-
s-rector of Rivervale Methodist
nd Youth Camp at Mitchell.

"The Thing" At Dale Draws National Attention



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In the above picture taken at the Gilbert Engelbrecht farm 2 miles west of Dale, Allen Cast, 82 Gateway Gardens Kokomo, a Purdue student, points to holes left by an unidentified object seen Sunday night by Charles Engelbrecht. Taking notes is reporter Grace Brown.

—News Photo

An Indiana University astronomy professor was quoted Tuesday as saying a glowing object seen by a Dale youth may have been lightning.

An air force consultant from Dearborn Observatory at Northwestern University, who flew in Tuesday to investigate, said (when informed of the professor's remark) "I think he might change his mind if he were to come here."

Chas. Engelbrecht, 18, told the Dale News he was at home alone Sunday night watching television when he saw a bright light outside the window; that when he ran outside to investigate, the round glowing object came to rest about fifty feet away; he wanted to get a closer look but some mysterious force seemed to hold him back; he froze in his tracks and felt a tingling sensation.

Then, he said, he turned to go into the house to telephone his parents, and looking back, saw the object was airborne, streaking away over the barn.

House lights and the television, which had momentarily blacked out, came back on when the object disappeared, he reported.

His parents, who were summoned from Vere Hartley's neighboring farm, said they noticed a strong odor of sulphur in the air. Police Chief Leroy Musgrave, who arrived at the scene about half an hour later, at 9:30 p.m., said he detected an odor resembling burning rubber as he approached the farm and scanned the area for signs of fire.

The object left a burned spot of grass about the size of a salad plate. A nearby water trough

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SIGHTING - KEY TO PICTURES

1. Taken from SW corner of house looking approximately N; showing lawn mower, items which had fallen off table.
2. Taken from same place, looking south. Mr. [REDACTED] said an object flew from left to right between these two buildings at about cave level 3 or 4 days previously.
4. View slightly south of west. L to R: Chief Musgrave's arm, Mrs. E., Mr. E., daughter. Burned spot covered by washtub at back of yard.
6. Closeup of washtub as first seen by investigator, showing hoe claimed to have "been dragged" up to site.
7. Vertical view of burned spot, with scale in picture.
11. Slant view of burned spot, showing direction and plot of location of two deepest holes.
12. Slant view looking north. Note wooden match on ground, lower right.
14. Experimental burned spot started with match by witness, as described.
16. View from subject's chair in living room into kitchen. Looking slightly north of west; kitchen door around corner to right.
20. [REDACTED], the witness.

Farm Bureau
Insurance

CHRISNEY, INDIANA 47611

Samples
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Sighting

Dale News

Dale

Indiana 47523

Att'n: Miss Brown

