1. DATE - TIME GROUP 15 April 65 16/0135Z	**2. LOCATION** Durand, Illinois, Algonquin, Illinois
3. SOURCE Civilian	**10. CONCLUSION** Astronomical (METEOR) Dr Hynek and Dr Olivier regard as fireball observation.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 - 8 Seconds	**11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS** Case used in NBC Documentary. One of witnesses included drawing. SEE CASE FILE.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Northerly	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes XX No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes XX No	

FORM
FTD SEP 63 0-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

M/R: SPOKE WITH DR [redacted] MERICAN METEOR SOCIETY, IN NARBERTH, PA REGARDING ANY METEOR OBSERVATIONS HE HAD ON RECORD FOR 16 APR, 0130Z. HE SAID HE HAD A VERY POOR OBSERVATION REPORTFROM MRS [redacted], [redacted], DURAND, ILLINOIS. HE SAID THAT IT WAS A MIGHTY POOR OBSERVATION. IT HAD BEEN SENT TO [redacted] AND IN TURN RECEIVED BY [redacted] LETTERS SAID "I AM REPORTING A UFO THAT I SAW 15 APRIL at 735pm SE OF DURAND, ILLINOIS. THOUGHT IT WAS A METEOR THEN THOUGHT IT WAS A JET .. . . FLYING VERY SLOW . . . AS IT CLEARED SOME TREES SAW JETS OF FLAME IN THE EASTERN SKY . . . DARK AREA IN FRONT OF FIRE. . . SAW FOR ABOUT 5-8 SECONDS" Object then faded as it went back of a wooded area. Observation of meteor was low in the Eastern Sky. Dr [redacted] said this was a meteor observation from all information contained in her letter. Her letter also contained a sketch of the meteor. He said it wasn't a good sketch but then when people who are not familiar with this type of observation do not make very good reports and sketches. [redacted] said that he would send this report to us for reproduction and then we could return it to him, there was no hurry in returning it though, he said. He said usually he does not received reports for several months after an observation was made. Said the letter from Mrs English was not dated, he said the date of the letter is helpful a lot of times and just doesn't understand why more people don't date there letters.

15 APR 65
DURAND, ILL

FTD (TDEW)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433
3 June 1965

[redacted]
Harberth, Pennsylvania

Dear [redacted],

Reference our request for meteor reports on the night of 15 Apr 65. We appreciate your forwarding the attached report for our information, and are returning it as requested. If you do obtain additional reports for that night we would like to receive them and would return them to you after duplication.

Sincerely,

HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr
Major, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena

1 Atch
Rpt fm Mrs [redacted],
Sighting 15 Apr 65, Durand, Ill

UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA 4

Flower and Cook Observatory

A more detailed report on fireball of 1965 April 15 has come from Mrs. [redacted]

[redacted] 7:30 p.m. CST farm SE of Durand Ill. This is abstracted as follows:

Parallel path in sky; small rough diag. gives elevation 25°

Very rough horizontal diag. gives starting point 22° east of south, and much less certainly end at NE (another interpretation would give it 25° further to north.

In sight 5 to 8 seconds

It started south of Moon started and ended behind trees

Estimate of size interpreted; about 1/30 radian or 2°

Was standing in yard

Education In third year of college

Sky clear in path of object; some clouds elsewhere

Abstracted by :

[redacted]

1965 June 5

DO NOT RETURN !

[redacted]

The other document referred to has been filed

UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA
PHILADELPHIA 4

1965-8-21

Flower and Cook Observatory

Major Hector Quintanilla, Jr.
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Branch.
Wright-Patterson, AFB, Ohio.

Dear Major Quintanilla:

Though I am unable to find your letter at the moment, my recollection is that you asked me for reports on the Ohio-Ill fireball of April 15. I was able, if I remember, to send you one by a Mrs. [redacted]

Today in arranging data I came on another so I am mailing it to you, on the chance it may be useful. In any case, after you have used it, please return for our files.

Under separate cover I am mailing you copies of the last two of my publications on meteors, namely Y.C.R. No.155 and K4-the Second Daily Hourly Rate Catalog.

Your past cooperation with the A.M.S. has been greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

[redacted]

NARBERTH, PA.
19072

Date: April 15, 1965

Time: About 7:30 p.m. CST

Place: Pecatonica, Illinois (15 miles west of Rockford, Ill)

Witnesses: [redacted], [redacted], Rodney [redacted], and [redacted]

Interviewer: Gary A. Loheide, Industrial Art Instructor, C.U. 321, Pecatonica, Illinois

Thursday evening, April 15, 5 students were playing basketball at the Breeze residence in Pecatonica. The sun had just gone down and it was begining to get quite dark. Around 7:30 p.m., a bright object appeared ½ to ¼ mile to the northeast and was rapidly moving to the NNW. It was observed for about four seconds by the 5 high school students mentioned above. It was described as very bright with a light green color near the center and darker at the edge. It was oval in shape with a short firey tail, reddish in color. It appea red about 30 degrees above the horizon. Its size was about ½ that of a full moon. The moon was visible at the time through scattered clouds in the ESE sky. The object seemed to disappear in mid air, as rapidily as it had appeared.

The attached sketch was drawn by [redacted]ht and confirmed by [redacted].

G. A. LOH
AMERI[illegible] LIGHT
621 [illegible]
WARDER[illegible]
14077

This case contains 1, 7"x10" photo (of a drawing) and 2, 4"x5" negatives.

Mrs Hunt/SAFOICC/72842/10 Jun 65

Dear Mrs. [redacted]:

Reference is made to your recent letter relating an observation of an aerial object which you could not identify. Since your letter did not contain sufficient information for evaluation, it is requested the attached FTD Form 164 be completed as fully as possible and returned to this office.

Sincerely,

JOHN P. BRADDOCK
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Public Affairs

1 Atch
FTD Form 164

Mrs. [redacted]
Algonquin, Illinois

15 APRIL 65
ALGONQUIN, ILL

OFFICIAL FILE COPY - TDEW/UFO

TDEW

UFO Sighting, 15 Apr 65, Near Algonquin, Illinois

JUN 2 1965

Hq USAF SAFOI-CC (Mrs Hunt)
Wash D C 20330

Reference the attached letter from Mrs [redacted] requesting information on an unidentified observation of hers on the night of 15 Apr 65. Her letter did not contain sufficient information for evaluation, therefore, request your office forward Mrs [redacted] an FTD Form 164 to fill out. Specifically request that portion pertaining to the hovering and duration of sighting be obtained.

FOR THE COMMANDER

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

1 Atch
Ltr, M[redacted]
26 May 65

[redacted]

[redacted]LINOIS

May 26, 1965

Major Quintanilla
Wright Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Major Quintanilla:

I would like to call to your attention an interesting object I observed flying fairly low in the sky (at perhaps 1000 feet) within 1/4 to 1/3 of a mile from me on the night of April 15th at about 7:30 P.M. CST.

I was traveling alone east on Plum Tree Road in the Village of Barrington Hills when this brilliant white light (reminded me of magnesium burning in my chemistry class days) attracted my attention. It was moving in a Northerly direction and passed over Plum Tree Road within 1/4 mile in front of my car. I turned off my car radio, dash lights, and opened the window. This object made no sound. I then proceeded on another 100 or 200 feet--watching this light all the time--and turned off my ignition switch and head lights. I could still hear no sound coming from the source of the light. This light was coming from what appeared to be an exhaust, and when I first saw it it was a full and heavy exhaust--that is large in shape and dense--it was shaped like this: B W W (Key) B- Blue W-White) It was an B W extremely brilliant white except on the outer edge close to its source there was a vibrant beautiful blue. After passing over Plum Tree Road, it stopped and hovered over a farm field, still about 1/4 mile from me, and I continued to observe it, only this time from my open car window on my left. As I watched, the light dimmed down and finally completely out. During the last stages of dimming out, the light reflected on glass that appeared to be covering some sort of lights (such as the rounded glass on our auto head lights) there was no light coming from these "lights"--only the reflection on the glass coming from the dimming exhaust. These "lights" were on each side of the source of the dimming exhaust. Because of the position of the lights, I had the feeling that the back of this object was curved. Then the object completely disappeared. Except for the reflection in the glass, I saw nothing else but the exhaust. There was a full moon that night--and clouds very high in the sky. The lower sky was clear, and visibility was excellent.

I reported my observations to the Illinois State Police at Elgin that night. I did not know until yesterday that I should have notified you. If you have any further questions regarding this matter, I will be most happy to cooperate with you.

Very truly yours,

[redacted]

Mrs. [redacted]

JB

[redacted]

ALGONQUIN, ILLINOIS

BARRINGTON
MAY 26
P.M.
1963
ILL.

Major Quintanilla
Wright Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

[redacted]

Durand, Ill.

RECEIVED APR 2 6 1965

NICOAP

1536 Connecticut Ave. N.W.

Washington 6, D.C.

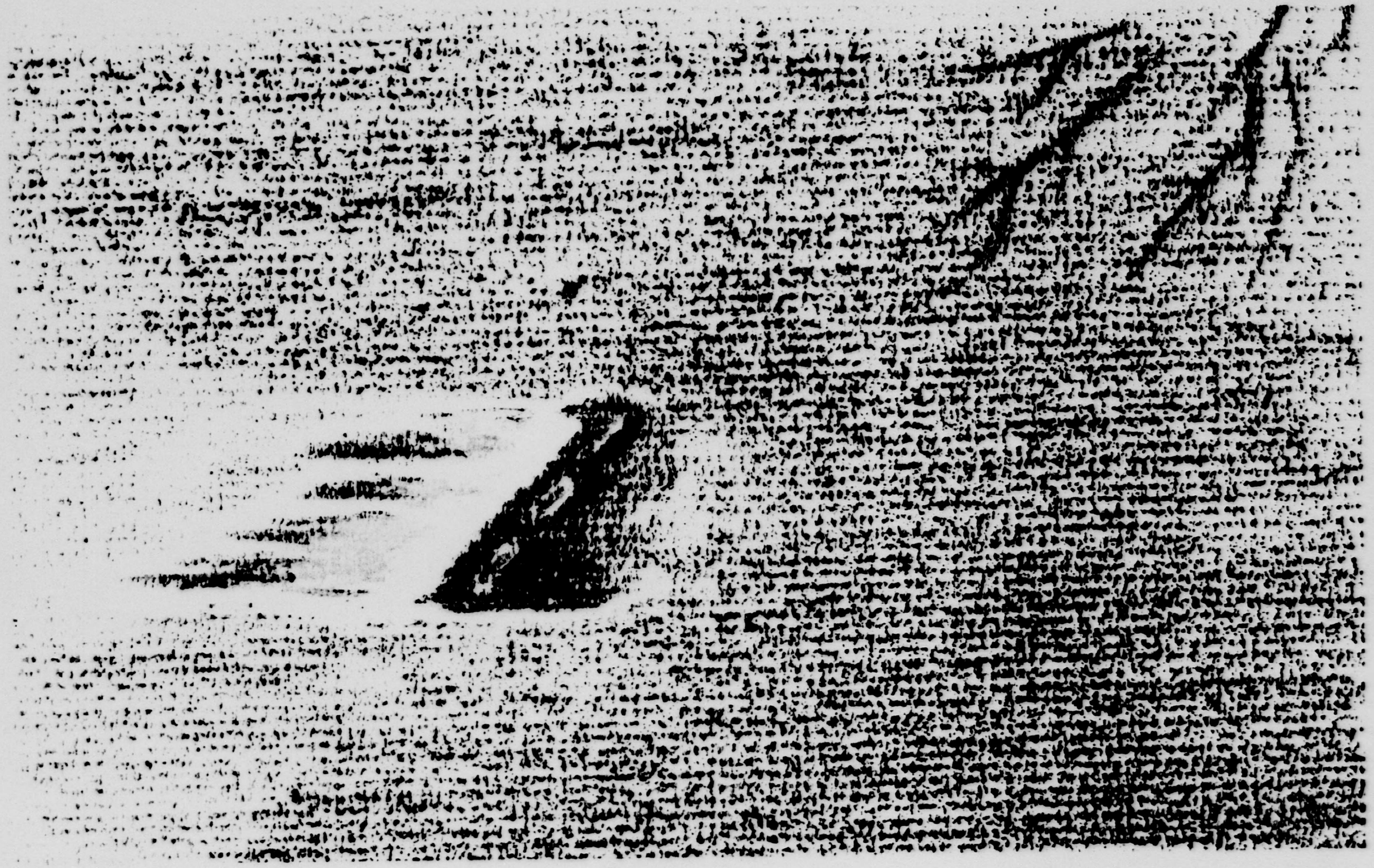
Has been sent NICAP report form

Dear Sirs:

I'm reporting an UFO that I saw April 15, 1965, at 7:35 pm on a farm south-east of Durand, Ill. I thought at first that I was seeing a mether because of its silence. Then I thought it w as a jet in trouble (its speed could have been that of a jet) and it was flying very low, a couple of hundred feet perhaps.

As it cleared some trees I saw jets of flame coming from behind--but no sound! It seemed to be about a mile or less from me in the eastern sky. The best way to describe it would be with a sketch which I am enclosing. I'm not at all sure of the dark area in front of the fire jets but there definately were the slits that were redish orange. T he moon w as bright which I think gave the whit-ish outline to the fire part.

I saw this object for about the count of 5 or 8 seconds then it vanished as it went back of a wooded area. I'm not a person given to "seeing things" nor having visions, but I'll have to admit that I found myself not believing my eyes on that one!

A now confirmed believer in Martians, !

[redacted]