PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 22 September 1965 22/1950Z	2. LOCATION Clover, Minnesota
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 12 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer sighted a rather large, solid, ste l-gray sphere about 4 ft. in diameter. It had dark markings on it and a small protrusion at the bottom. The sphere came with the wind, settled on the ground--about 75 yds. away from the observer--momentarily, and then rose silently, steeply, and went off with the wind. It disappeared into the the clouds. The observer believes it was probably a balloon.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE WNW	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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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? DAY: Wednesday September 22 MONTH: September YEAR: 1965

2. TIME OF DAY: HOUR: 2 MINUTES: 50 A.M. (P.M.) (CIRCLE ONE).

3. TIME ZONE: A. EASTERN; (B. CENTRAL); C. MOUNTAIN; D. PACIFIC; E. OTHER _____ CIRCLE ONE.
(A. DAYLIGHT SAVING); B. STANDARD (CIRCLE ONE).

4. WHERE WERE YOU WHEN YOU SAW THE OBJECT? NEAREST POSSIBLE ADDRESS: In Township of Clover, Clearwater County 2 miles north of Clearwater Lake approx. 6 miles W of Town of Debs

CITY OR TOWN 10 miles N of Leonard (nearest P.O.) STATE OR COUNTRY Minnesota

5. HOW LONG WAS OBJECT IN SIGHT? (TOTAL DURATION) HOURS: _____ MINUTES: 12 SECONDS: _____
A. CERTAIN (B. FAIRLY CERTAIN) C. NOT VERY SURE D. JUST A GUESS (CIRCLE ONE)

5.1 HOW WAS TIME IN SIGHT DETERMINED? Wearing watch at time, did not check it, however, till I had walked home (about 1 mile), when it was approx. 3:15 p.m. CST

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. and overhead

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, it sailed at about speed of wind up into cloud layer, and went into the clouds. I saw it no more after that

15. DID THE OBJECT MOVE BEHIND SOMETHING AT ANY TIME, PARTICULARLY A CLOUD? (CIRCLE ONE) YES (NO) DON'T KNOW

IF 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 ANSWERED YES, THEN TELL WHAT IN FRONT OF: _____

17. TELL IN A FEW WORDS THE FOLLOWING THINGS ABOUT THE OBJECT:

A. SOUND *No sound. It was perfectly silent.*

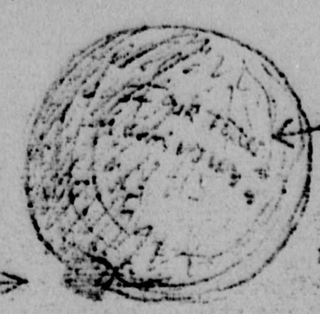
B. COLOR *Steel-gray, as of a metallic surface of an airplane*

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 one sixth*

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.

Spherical in shape (about 4 ft in diameter)

No vapor trail; nothing vague about it. All sharply defined. No lights



Dark markings which appeared to be black, heavy printing, staggered on it. Could not read it, however.

Small protrusion at bottom — or though it were something at the place where a balloon were tied (if it were a balloon).

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? *15 mph, going with the wind, about same speed as wind*

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? *75 yds when it landed*

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; B. NORTHEAST; C. EAST; D. SOUTHEAST; E. SOUTH; F. SOUTHWEST; G. WEST; H. NORTHWEST.

24.2 HOW FAST WERE YOU MOVING? ..... MILES PER HOUR.

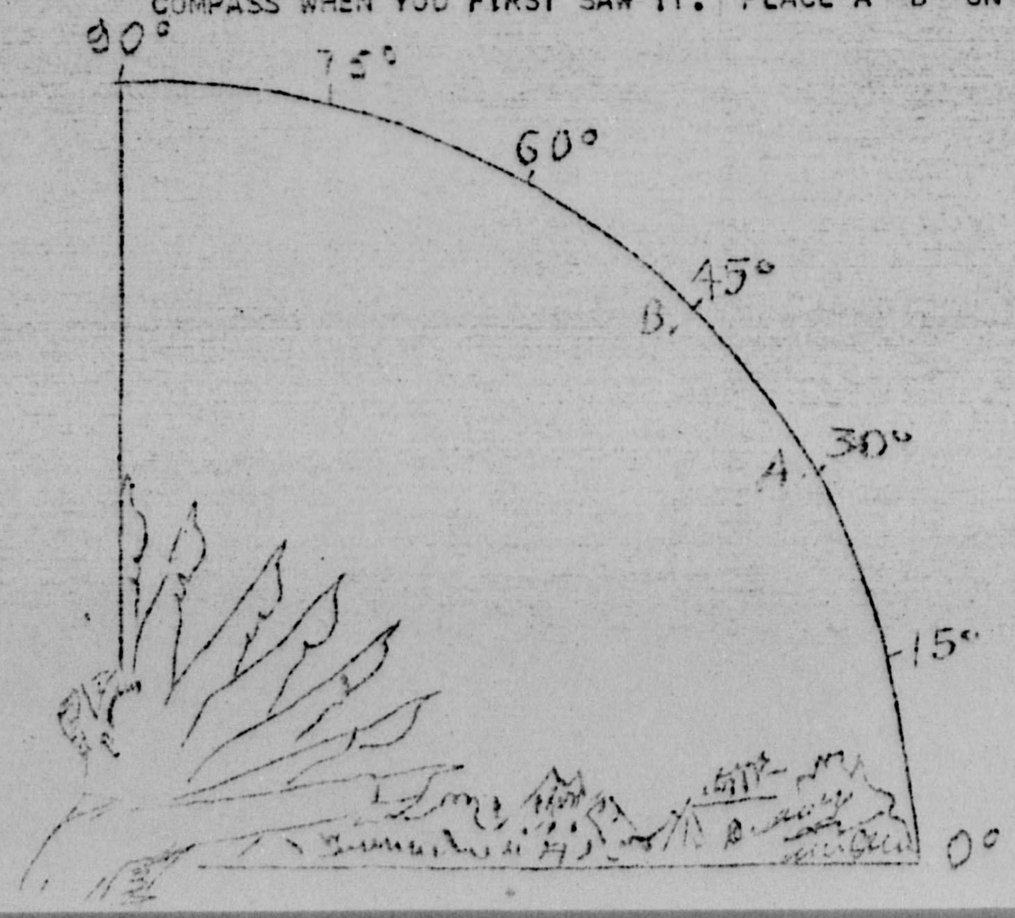
24.3 DID YOU STOP AT ANY TIME WHILE YOU WERE LOOKING AT THE OBJECT? (CIRCLE ONE) YES NO

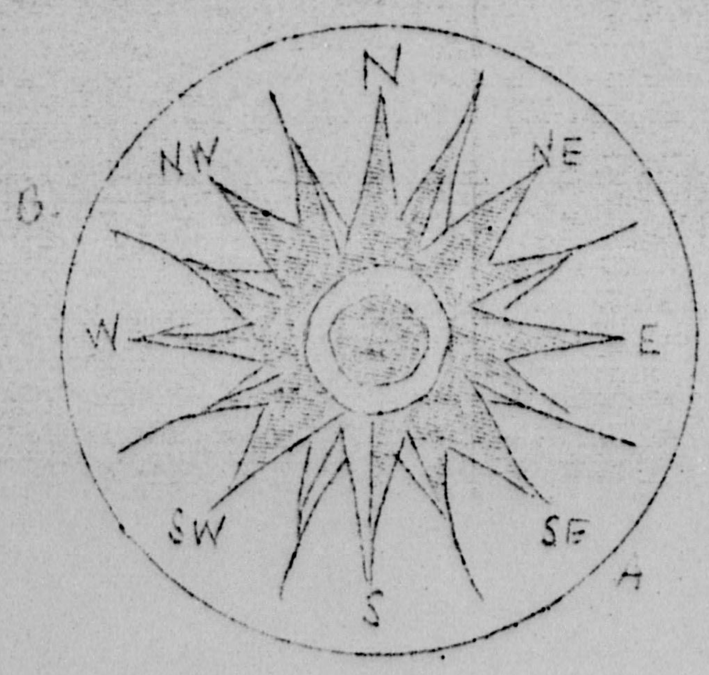
25. DID YOU OBSERVE THE OBJECT THROUGH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING?

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	

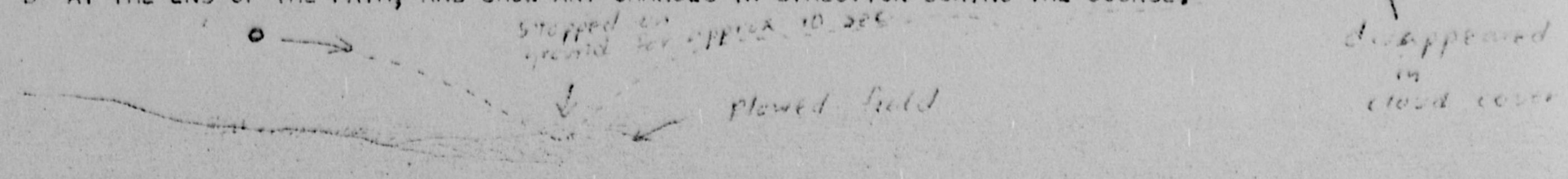
26. IN ORDER THAT YOU CAN GIVE AS CLEAR A PICTURE AS POSSIBLE OF WHAT YOU SAW, DESCRIBE IN YOUR OWN WORDS A COMMON OBJECT OR OBJECTS WHICH, WHEN PLACED UP IN THE SKY, WOULD GIVE THE SAME APPEARANCE AS THE OBJECT YOU SAW. *A rather large, steel-gray balloon, a perfect sphere.*

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?
DRAW A PICTURE OF HOW THEY WERE ARRANGED, AND PUT AN ARROW TO SHOW THE DIRECTION THAT THEY WERE TRAVELLING.

Only one object

30. HAVE YOU EVER SEEN THIS, OR A SIMILAR OBJECT BEFORE. IF SO GIVE DATE OR DATES AND LOCATION.

No.

31. WAS ANYONE ELSE WITH YOU AT THE TIME YOU SAW THE OBJECT? (CIRCLE ONE) YES (NO) → Only my dog - an intelligent creature, who spotted the UFO the moment I did, ran toward it, tried to catch it, but was foiled, as it lifted from ground.

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] Leonard Minnesota 56652
STREET CITY ZONE STATE

TELEPHONE NUMBER c/o [redacted] Clearbrook, Minn. [redacted] AGE 25 SEX M

INDICATE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU SELF, INCLUDING ANY SPECIAL EXPERIENCE, WHICH MIGHT BE PERTINENT.

Attended Wheaton College, Illinois (B.A. and M.A.) Am in ministry at present. Amateur ornithologist, so I am accustomed to spotting birds and other flying objects. Amateur artist.

33. WHEN AND TO WHOM DID YOU REPORT THAT YOU HAD SEEN THE OBJECT? 23 September 1965
DAY MONTH YEAR
wrote to Municipal Airport, Bemidji, Minnesota. No reply.

34. DATE YOU COMPLETED THIS QUESTIONNAIRE: 4 December 1965
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.

I have been traditionally skeptical of UFO reports, had no intentions of looking for one, or even hoped to see anything strange. I was at that moment simply out for a walk.

I assumed it was a balloon, possibly weather balloon from Municipal Airport in Bemidji, as it came with the wind (a strong 15 to 20 mph wind from the SE), never showed any sign of self propulsion, except for the mysterious fact that it settled on the ground momentarily, then rose slowly, steeply, and went off with the wind again. I fully intended to run over, pick it up, but when it rose, I then began to think it might not be a balloon. The account has snowballed up all sorts of inquiry and curiosity in the Clearbrook, Minn., area. (I, vision = 20/20)