PROJECT 10073 RECORD

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| 1. DATE - TIME GROUP<br>18 October 65 18/1500Z | 2. LOCATION<br>Litchfield, Nebraska |
| 3. SOURCE<br>Civilian | 10. CONCLUSION<br>BALLOON |
| 4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>One | |
| 5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>3-5 minutes | 11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS<br>Object was an olive green and size of a wash tub, with tripod effect on bottom. No sound. Object was descending from the East. It ~~xxxxxxxd~~ ascended rapidly in a northerly direction and disappeared in clouds. At the time of the observation, it was misty with light rain.<br><br>Possible a/c based on duration and flight characteristics. Description not in accord with this analysis. Possible that the appearance was distorted by the atmosphere conditions. Form 164 received.<br><br>REEVALUATION indicates balloon sighting (or debris in wind). |
| 6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br>Ground-Visual | |
| 7. COURSE<br>North | |
| 8. PHOTOS<br>☐ Yes<br>XX No | |
| 9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE<br>☐ Yes<br>XX No | |

FORM
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ACTION: NIN-7 INFO: XOP-1, XOPX-8, SAFOS-3, JCS/DIA-1 (21)

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29 OIN AT 29 AIR DIV; AFSC (FTD) AT AFSC; AFNIN AT

USAF; SAFOI AT OSAF. UFO REPORT. REFERENCE PARA

14A, AFR 200-2: (1) SHAPE WAS ROUND. (2) ABOUT THE

SIZE OF A WASH TUB. (3) OLIVE GREEN IN COLOR. (4)

ONE. (5) NO FORMATION. (6) TRIPOD EFFECT ON

BOTTON OF OBJECT. UL NONE. (8) NO SOUND. (9)

NONE. REF PARA 14B: (1) MR. [redacted] WAS OUTSIDE

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DURING CHORES AND HAPPENED TO NOTICE THE OBJECT
DESCENDING. (2) OBJECT WAS DESCENDING FROM THE EAST.
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(3) ANGLE AND AZIMUTH NOT DETERMINED. (4) DESCENDED
IN ANGLE FROM EAST, FAST ASCENSION TOWARD NORTH, KEPT
ASCENDING (5) OBJECT ASCENDED RAPIDLY IN A NORTHERLY
DIRECTION AND DISAPPEARED IN CLOUNDS. (6) OBJECT WAS
VISIBLE FOR 3-5 MINUTES. REF PQRA 14C: VISUAL SIGHTING.
REFREF PARA 14D: (1)TPPZ, 18 OCT 1965; (2) DAY, MISTY AND
LIGHT RAIN. REF PARA 14E: STANDING IN A MILO FIELD AT
LITCHFIELD, NEBRASKA. REF PARA 14F: MR. & MR[redacted]
AND [redacted], 65 AND P YEARS OF AGE RESPECTIVELY,
[redacted]S VERY RELIABLE. REF
PARA 14G; (1) MISTY WITH VERY LIGHT RAIN. (2) SURFACE
CALM, 6,000 FT-190 DGS/30; 10,000 FT-170 DGS/25; 200,00 FT-160 DGS/
40; 0,000 FT-170 DGS/40; 50,000 FT220 DGS/20; 80,000 FT-270 DGS/25.
(3) CEILING-UO. (4) VISIBILITY 8 R. (5) TENTH CLOUDNCOVER.
(6) NONE (7) 1.8 DGS PER 1,000 FT. REF PARA RH; NONE.
REF PARA 14I: NONE. REF PARA 14: NONE. REF PARA 14K:
INTELLIGENCE OFFKCER SCADS DUE TO THE LATENESS

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OF RECEIVINGVTHE REPORT AT THIS HEADQUARTERS, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO MAKE ANY DEFINITE COMMENT PERTAINING TO THE UFO. REF PARA 14L: NO EXISTENCE OF PHYSICAL EVIDENCE.

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Note: Advance copy via JCS to DIA.

FTD (TDEW)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433
20 December 1965

Mr & M[redacted]
[redacted]Nebraska

Dear Mr & [redacted]

In reviewing our cases for the month of October, we were unable to come to a definite conclusion as to the cause of your sighting of 18 October 65. Would you please fill out the attached FTD Form 164s and return them in the envelopes provided.

Sincerely,

HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Major, USAF
Chief, Project Blue Book

Dear Major:

I am returning the enclosed forms and am keeping one copy for our file. You do not enclose but two envelopes so I assume we should keep one copy.

[redacted]

## 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?

| ~~Monday~~ 18th | October | 1965 |
|---|---|---|
| Day | Month | Year |

2. Time of day: 9 a.m. (Hour) _____ (Minutes)

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

3. Time Zone:

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

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

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

| [redacted] | Litchfield | Nebraska | Sherman |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nearest Postal Address | City or Town | State or County | |

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

| 0 | 2 | 25 |
|---|---|---|
| Hours | Minutes | Seconds |

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

5.1 How was time in sight determined? from first visual sighting until time lapsed to ~~run into the house to telephone.~~

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes x No _____

6. What was the condition of the sky?

| DAY | NIGHT |
|---|---|
| a. Bright | a. Bright |
| b. Cloudy & foggy | b. Cloudy |

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

No sunlight.

(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

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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

nil

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:

nil

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?

The object ascended straight up approximately 400 feet and proceeded to ascend in a northwesterly direction until out of sight in fog clouds.

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: ____

Disappeared into fog cloud

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: ____

described above.

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

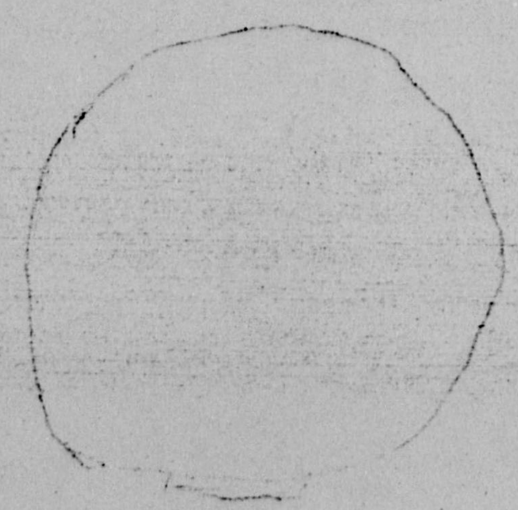
a. Sound nil

b. Color Olive green

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?

A match head would be only a speck in comparison to object seen.

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.



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? 50 feet

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 Outside a farm building

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 nil d. Southeast f. Southwest 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

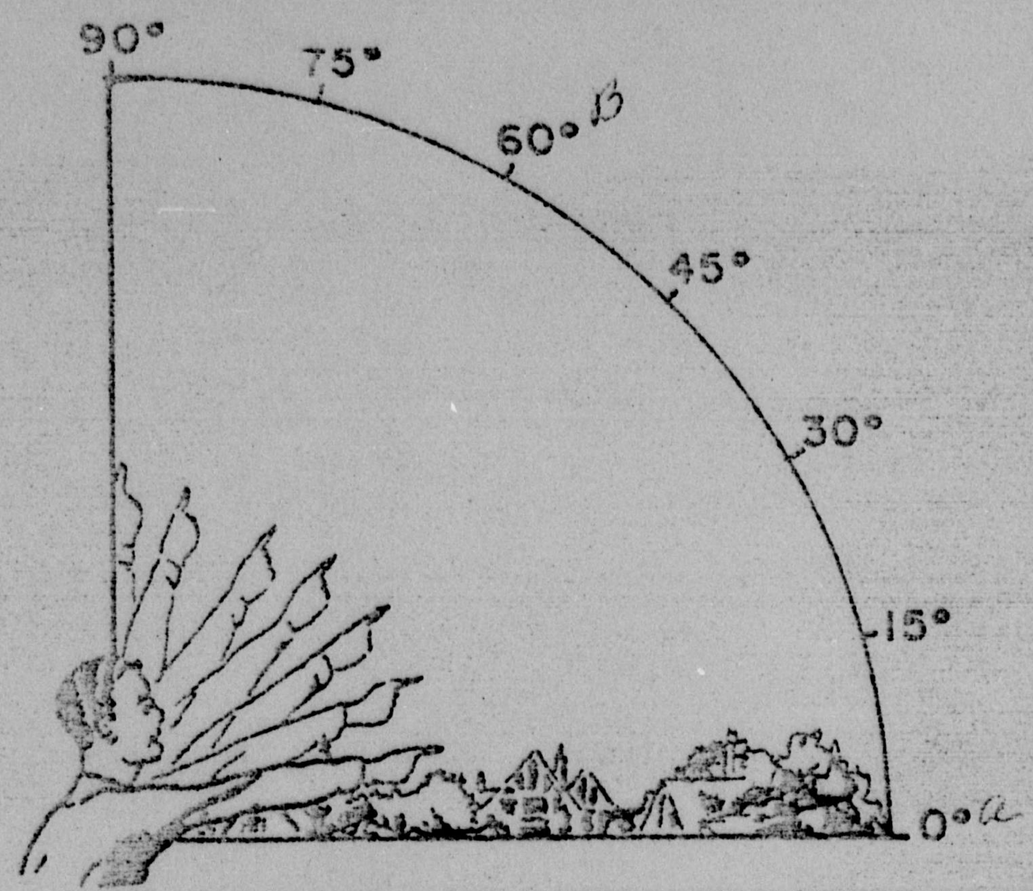
25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

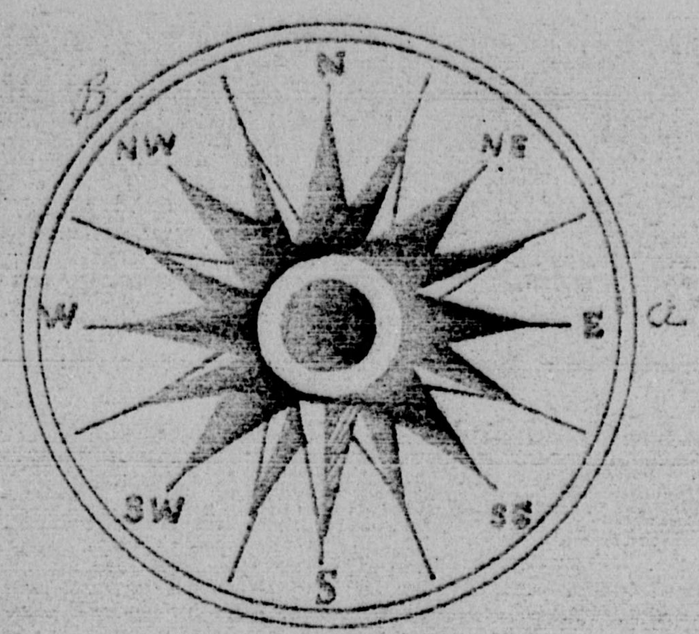
| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| a. Eyeglasses | Yes | No | e. Binoculars | Yes | No |
| b. Sun glasses | Yes | No | f. Telescope | Yes | No |
| c. Windshield | Yes | No | g. Theodolite | Yes | No |
| d. Window glass | Yes | No | h. Other _____ | | |

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 which you saw.

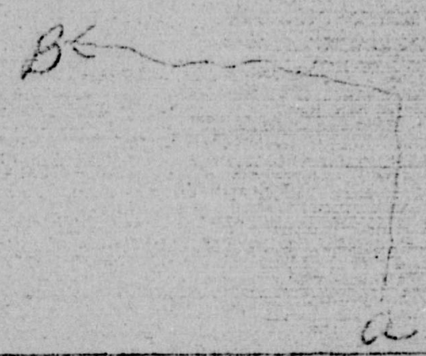
The object would resemble a balloon in shape; however, it was completely smooth, and had nothing such as rope or strings attached and gave the appearance of being of a heavier material, perhaps metal.

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.

No

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:

[redacted] Litchfield, Nebraska

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [redacted] (Last Name) [redacted] (First Name) [redacted] (Middle Name)

ADDRESS [redacted] (Street) [redacted] (City) Leota (Zone) Nebraska (State)

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted] AGE 64 59 SEX M F

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?

18th (Day) October (Month) 1965 (Year) called next door neighbor, who in turn helped write a letter to Steve Flehafty at the Grand Island Weather Bureau and he in turn notified Air Force at Sioux City, Officer Herbert called Monday, October 25 regarding seeing object and his report apparently was forwarded to you.

34. Date you completed this questionnaire: 30th (Day) December (Month) 1965 (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.

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