PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 11 January 66 ~~2320Z~~ 11/2320Z	2. LOCATION Wayne, New Jersey
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Probable AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS ONE	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION ~~2 min~~ ~~2 min~~ 3-4 min.	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer sighted a bright light resembling a burning magnesium or a strobe light. The color was blue-white. The object was moving from the SSE, stopped, made transverse movement, and continued out of sight. It was traveling about as fast as a jet.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE From SSE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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

11 January 1966 Wayne, New Jersey

From the description and other available information it appears that the witness observed an aircraft. The only description given was that of a bright blue-white light that was traveling toward the northwest with an erratic flight path. The witness himself compared the light to the brightness of an aircraft strobe light and estimated the speed of the unidentified object to be that of a jet aircraft. Considering the high density air-traffic in the New York area it is felt that an aircraft was observed. Without additional information to eliminate a possible aircraft evaluation the case is being carried as such.

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UNCLAS NYOIN 00070 JAN 66.

UFO. THIS MSG FOLLOWS PARAGRAPHING UNDER PARA 14, AIR FORCE

REGULATION 200-2.

A.

(1) CIRCULAR

(2) PEA

(3) BRILLIANT BLUE-WHITE

(4) ONE

(5) N/A

(6) NONE

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1-4 E 00F

(7) NONE

(8) NONE

(9) SOMETIMES LOOKED LIKE A BLINKING-PULSATING STROBE LIGHT.

B.

(1) JUST SAW IT

(2) HIGH, 90 DEGREES

(3) N/A

(4) MOVED OBLIQUE RIGHT-LEFT SHORT DISTANCES. ALSO MOVED TOWARD AND AWAY FROM OBSERVOR.

(5) DID NOT

(6) 1-2 MINUTES

C.

(1) GROUND-VISUAL

(2) NONE

(3) N/A

D.

(1) 11-2320Z

(2) NIGHT

E. HAMBURG TURNPIKE AT INTERSECTION OF COLFAX ROAD, WAYNE NJ, APPROXIMATELY 18 MILES WEST OF NEW YORK CITY.

F.

(1) [redacted], AGE 36, [redacted], POMPTON LAKES NJ. HOME PHONE: [redacted]. OCCUPATION: NEWSPAPER EDITOR. OFFICE PHONE: AREA CODE [redacted] RELIABILITY: FAIR.

(2) N/A

G.

(1) CLEAR

(2)

SURFACE	WIND DIRECTION	VELOCITY IN DEGREES AND KNOTS
6,000'	300DEG	300/25KTS
10,000'	290DEG	290/33KTS
16,000'	280DEG	280/50KTS
20,000'	270DEG	270/75KTS
30,000'	270DEG	270/90KTS
50,000'	270DEG	270/70KTS
80,000'	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN

(3) UNLIMITED

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6,000'	300DEG	300/28KTS
10,000'	290DEG	290/33KTS
16,000'	280DEG	280/50KTS
20,000'	270DEG	270/70KTS
30,000'	270DEG	270/90KTS
50,000'	270DEG	270/70KTS
80,000'	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN

(3) UNLIMITED

(4) 15 (PLUS)MILES

(5) NONE

(6) NONE

(7) VERTICAL TEMPERATURE GRADIENT:

SURFACE TO 5,000'-2.6DEG C/1,000'

5,000' TO 10,000' - 0 DEG C/1,000'

10,000' TO 31,000' - 1.5DEG C/1,000'

31,000' AND ABOVE - .32DEG C/1,000'

H. NONE

I. NEW YORK AADCP USED FIRE UNITS TO SCAN AREA. FIRE UNIT NO. 74: NEGATIVE. FIRE UNIT NO. 75 SAW OBJECT MOVING AT SPEED OF ACFT, BRIGHT LIGHT THAT DIMMED. OBJECT WAS NORTHEAST OF FIRE UNIT NO. 75 HEADING EAST. NO RADAR CONTACT REPORTED BY 0055Z.

J. UNKNOWN

K. HAROLD J O'CONNELL JR., MAJOR, USAF, INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, NEW YORK AIR DEFENSE SECTOR. ANALYSIS OF SIGHTING; UNKNOWN.

L. NONE

ADDITIONAL REMARKS: POLICE IN POMPTON LAKES-RINGWOOD NJ AREA REPORTED 6 TELEPHONE CALLS OF THIS SIGHTING DURING PERIOD 2330Z-0030Z.

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FTD (TDEW)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433
20 January 66

Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Pompton Lakes, New Jersey

Dear [redacted],

Reference your unidentified observation of January 66. The information which we received was not sufficient for evaluation. Request you complete the attached FTD Form 164 and return it in the envelope provided.

We wish to thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

Sincerely,

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

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[redacted]re
Rompton Lakes, N.J.

FTD (TDEW)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
21, January, 1966

Gtrs:

Attached please find completed form FTD 164.

Howard Ball
HOWARD BALL

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Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433
20 January 66

[redacted]
Pompton Lakes, New Jersey

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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?

Tuesday (Day) 11 January (Month) 1966 (Year)

2. Time of day: 6 (Hour) 20 (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? (from ½ mile distant to this point)

at the intersection of Dolfax Road and Roxburg Turnpike, Wayne, N.J.

Nearest Postal Address | City or Town | State or County

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration) _____ (Hours) 3-5 (Minutes) _____ (Seconds)

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

5.1 How was time in sight determined? radio time signal

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes XX No ____

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY	NIGHT
a. Bright	(a. Bright)
b. Cloudy	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

FORM FTD OCT 62 164 This form supersedes FTD 164, Jul 61, which is obsolete.

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:

Burning magnesium or a strobe light

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?

went out of sight over my head

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: ___

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: ___

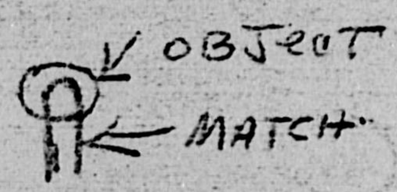
17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

a. Sound none

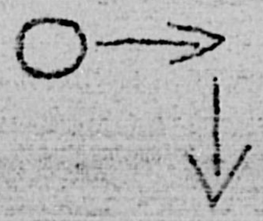
b. Color scintillating blue white

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?

THIS MUCH



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? ABOUT SPEED OF JET.

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? _____

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 ACTUALLY ON BUSY ROAD WITH TRAFFIC LIGHTS

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? 35 miles per hour.

24.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One) (Yes) No

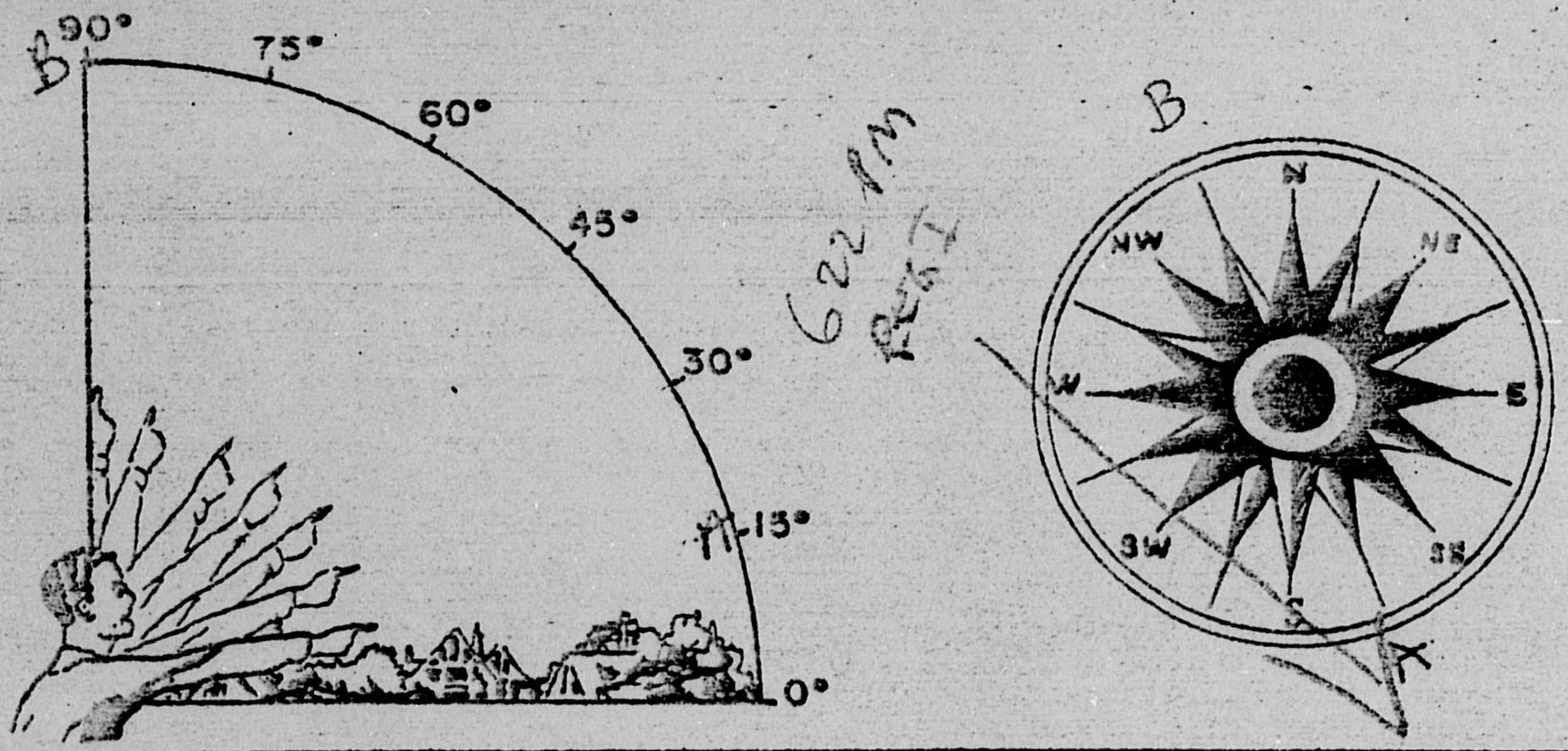
25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

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 _____		

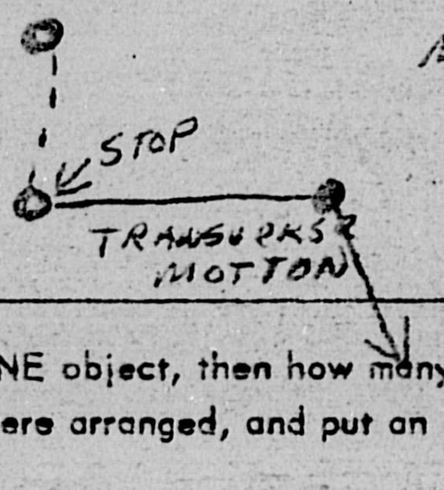
26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

LIGHT THE SIZE OF A PEA.

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.



MOVING FROM S.S.E, STOPPED MADE TRANSVERSE MOVEMENT CONTINUED OVERHEAD OUT OF SIGHT

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 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: A similar object was seen about 5 miles north of my sighting about ten minutes later by Police Sergeant Joseph [redacted] of the Wanaque, N.J. Police Department, and later by [redacted]

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

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

ADDRESS [redacted] (Street) Pompton Lakes (City) ___ (Zone) New Jersey (State)

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted] AGE 36 SEX Male

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any special experience, which might be pertinent.

I am a newspaper editor. I observe the sky frequently when we have a lot of what we call "nut" calls. I do this so I can tell the person on the phone "That was a helicopter, or you were looking at Venus" Newspapers get a lot of calls on these things and we like to have an answer. For this I have no answer as I have never observed anything quite like it.

33. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?

Tuesday 11 January 1966 to Col Flerbety Ne Gaire AFB

Day Month Year

34. Date you completed this questionnaire: 21 (Day) January (Month) 1966 (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 am only sure there's number of calls on sightings that night. And a number of people I know are not nuts saw whatever it was.

MEMO for the Record: 24 Jan 67

Contact was made with Major O'Connell, McGuire AFB, New Jersey in regards to accusations that some Air Force officer took several police officers into a large auditorium and told them they were crazy; this supposedly occuring back in Jan 66. The only sighting that was investigated by McGuire on 11 Jan 1966 was from a witness by the name of Mr. [redacted] The information was taken over the phone by the senior director and forwarded to Major O'Connell for his study. Major O'Connell said that he nor anyone from McGuire went out to personelly interview the individual. All the information was taken over the phone. Major O'Connell wanted to know what auditorium did this happen in and if the policeman did not get the officers name they were rather poor.

Contact was made with Lt. KING (ex-720) at Steward AFB, New York. He said that without a specific date he could not check the air activity records. He would try to help locate The UFO investigator at the Jan 66 sighting.

Call made back to Lt, King with the correct date of the sightings. He was requested to check on any aircraft out of Steward that could have been in the Wanaque, New Jersey on 11 Oct. 66. The policeman claim that after their 11 Oct 66 sighting 6 or 7 helicopters and 10 to 12 jet aircraft came into the area.

Major Harris called from Steward AFB in regards to the initial questions posed to Lt. King. Major Harris said that There were no aircraft from Steward AFB in the area of Wanaque at 2100 hrs 11 Oct 66. He said that he had looked through the past UFO records and could find no account of the Jan 66 sighting being reported to the Air Force. He said that neither the Jan 66 nor the Oct 66 case was investigated by Steward.

Contact was made with Air Police at Willow Grove NAS, Pa., in regards to anyone from that base going to Wanaque in Jan 66. Conversation with Mr. George Albert, Chief Security Police, revealed that no one from Willow Grove goes out to investigate UFO sightings. He knew of no time when anyone from the base went out into the field to investigate a sighting.

Memo for the record:

Contact was made with Major Ross, McGuire AFB, New Jersey (ext. 2717) Major Ross said that there were no helicopters stationed at McGuire. There were no aircraft from McGuire that were in the area at the time of the sighting. Major Ross said that a F-106 crashed back in May 66, in that area, but that of course could not account for the sighting.

No Case Information Only
Source: Mr Mahon, City Desk

SECOND HAND REPORT

Wanaque, N. J (Assumed)
11-12 January 1966

MEMO for Record

At 0515, 12 January 66, the Duty Officer received a call from a [redacted], City Desk, Area Code 212, CO7-1212, who stated that he had received a call from the Mayor and Sheriff. [redacted] was concerned about a UFO reported over Wanaque, New Jersey. He stated it was observed from 1930 to 2030 on 11 Jan 66 and reappeared at 0220 on 12 Jan 66 and continued for the rest of the night. Mr [redacted] said he called McGuire and Stewart AFB's and stated all they told him they were looking into it. He requested we check it out and call him back. Sighting was not officially reported to the Air Force so a preliminary investigation was made within the office on the information received from the Duty Officer. The following could have been the result to the sighting.

1st Observation: SATURN on 11 Jan 66, at 1930 EST was on a azimuth 245 degrees, elevation of 15 degrees. At 2030 on a azimuth of 255 deg, elevation of 7 deg.

2nd Observation: JUPITER on 12 Jan 66, at 0200 EST was on a azimuth of 265 deg, elevation of 38 deg.