

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 24 April 66 24/0945Z	2. LOCATION Thomaston, Georgia (2 Witness)
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astro (VENUS) ✓ <i>JMA</i>
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	VENUS, RA 23.16, in SE atx the time of sighting.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 1/2 Hours	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	Object was ball shaped, size of a basketball, white changing to reddish in color. Moved slowly in the SE direction and appeared to rotate. Object disappeared with the coming of daylight.
7. COURSE SE, Rotating	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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THOMASTON, GA.

24 APRIL 66
0745Z

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ACTION: NIN-7 INFO: XOP-1, XOPX-2, SAFOS-3, DIA-1 (15)

SMB A012CZCBVB258

ADV CY DIA

PFTU JAW RUEDVXH0827 1160035-UUUU--RUEDHQA.

DE RUCQBN 457 1152248

ZNR UUUUU

P R 252133Z

FM ROBINS AFB GA

TO RUWMFVA/ADC

RUCQSL/822AIRDIV TURNER AFB GA

RUCDSQ/FTD WPAFB OHIO

RUEDHQA/CSAF

RUEDHQA/OSAF WASH DC

INFO RUCDSQ/AFLC

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UNCLAS WRBB 53896 PAR 1966

FOR CSAF (AFNIN); OSAF (SAFOI); AFLC (MCIS). SUBJ: UFO. IAW

PARA 14, AFR 200-2, THE FOLLOWING IS UMITTED ON SIGHTING OF
ONE UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SOUTHEAST OF THOMASTON, GEORGIA,
AT APPROXIMATELY 0445 HOURS, 24 APRIL 1966. A. DESCRIPTION OF
THE OBJECT: (1) BALL SHAPE; (2) ABOUT THE SIZE OF A BASKET BALL
AT ARMS LENGTH; (3) WHITE CHANGING TO REDDISH COLOR; (4) ONE;

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(5) N/A; (6) NONE; (7) NO TAIL, TRAIL, OR EXHAUST; (8) NO SOUND;
(9) NONE. B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECTS: (1) SOURCES FIRST
ATTENTION OF THE OBJECT WAS A BRIGHT COLORED WHITE LIGHT CHANGING

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TO REDDISH; (2) OBJECT WAS APPROXIMATELY 30 DEGREES ABOVE
HORIZON IN A SOUTHEAST DIRECTION AND APPEARED TO BE AT AN
ALTITUDE OF FOUR TO SIX MILES; (3) APPROXIMATELY 40 DEGREES
ABOVE HORIZON IN THE SOUTHEAST; (4) OBJECT WAS TRAVELING FROM
NORTHEAST TO SOUTHEAST AND APPEARED TO BE SLIGHTLY ROTATING;
(5) OBJECT GRADUALLY DISAPPEARED IN THE SOUTHEAST AT APPROXI-
MATELY 40 DEGREES FROM THE HORIZON WITH THE COMING OF DAYLIGHT;
(6) ONE HOUR AND 30 MINUTES. C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION: (1)
GROUND-VISUAL; (2) NONE; (3) NONE. D. TIME AND DATE OF
SIGHTING: (1) 0945Z, 24 APRIL 1966; (2) DAWN. E. LOCATION
OF OBSERVER: CENTER OF THOMASTON, GEORGIA. F. IDENTIFYING
INFORMATION ON OBSERVER: (1) MR. ~~LANE~~, AGE 19,
, THOMASTON, GEORGIA, AND MR. AGE
18, 16 , FOREST PARK, GEORGIA, WHO WAS
VISITING AT 415 "E" STREET, THIMASTON, GEORGIA. BOTH OF THESE
OBSERVERS ARE LABORERS AND APPEARED TO BE SOUND OF MIND AND

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DID NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN CONSUMING ALCOHOL OR UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF MEDICATIONS. THIS INCIDENT WAS REPORTED TO THE THOMASTON POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE FOLLOWING MEMEBERS OF THE THOMASTON POLICE DEPARTMENT OBSERVED THE OBJECT FROM APPROXI-
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MATELY 0500-0615 HOURS: LT SALTER, PATROLMAN CAMPBELL,
PATROLMAN NEWBOURN, PATROMAN WEBB, AND PATROLMAN CALLAWAY.
AFTER BEING ADVISED OF THIS MATTER BY RADIO, THE OBJECT WAS ALSO OBSERVED BY RADIO OPERATOR DANNY BALLARD, GEORGIA STATE PATROL, MANCHESTER, GEORGIA; RADIO OPERATOR BOWERS, GEORGIA STATE PATROL, PERRY, GEORGIA; AND CIVIL POLICE OFFICERS PITTS AND RAGLAND, BARNESVILLE, PLICE DEPARTMENT, BARNESVILLE, GEORGIA. THESE OBSERVERS SAW THE REFERENCED OBJECT FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE LOCATIONS AND IT APPEARED TO THEM TO BE IN THE VICINITY OF THE INITIAL SIGHTING. OBSERVERS HAVE NOT BEEN EXPERIENCED IN ASTROLOGY. G. WEATHER AND WINDS - ALOFT
CONDIDTIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTNGS: (1) CLEAR; (2) DETACHMENT 13, 15 TH WEATHER SQUADRON, THIS STATION, DISCLOSED THAT IT WAS CLEAR WITH WIND DIRECTION AND VELOCITY IN DEGREES AND KNOTSAT SURFACE WERE: AT 6,000 FEET - 150 DEGREES AT 102

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KNOTS; 10,000 FEET -190 DEGREES AT 130 KNOTS; 16,000 FEET-
121 DEGREES AT 115 KNOTS; 20,000 FEET -123 DEGREES AT 110
KNOTS; 30,000 FEET -126 DEGREES T 120 KNOTSV 50,000 FEET-
127 DEGREES AT 150 KNOTS; (3) CLEAR; (4) TEN MILES OR BETTER;
(5) NONE; (6) NONEV (7) 2 DEGREES C/1000 FT OR 3.8 DEGREES F /1000 FT.
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H. ANY OTHER UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OR CONDITION. FEDERAL AVIATION
AGENCY (RAPCON), THIS STATION, WAS ALSO ADVISED OF THE
SIGHTING AND MADE A RADAR SCAN INTO SITED AREA. THIS RADAR
SCAN DID NOT DETECT ANY TRAFFIC IN THE SITED AREA. I.
INTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION TAKEN: ON 24 APRIL 1966,
AT APPROXIMATELY 0705 HOURS, A U3-A TYPE AIRCRAFT WAS
DISPATCHED FROM THIS STATION TO THE SITED AREA. THE RESULTS
OF THIS FLIGHT WERE NEGATIVE. J. LOCATION, APPROXIMATE
ALTITUDE, AND GENERAL DIRECTION: NONE; K. POSITION TITLE
AND COMMENTS OF THE PREPARING OFFICERS: MR. HOWARD O. BOWEN,
AND MR. JAMES R. KELLEY, INVESTIGATORS, SECURITY AND LAW
ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, GEORGIA. THE
PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF THE REFERENCED UFO INDICATES THE
OBSERVERS PROBABLY OBSERVED THE PLANETS VENUS AND SATURN.

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THIS ANALYSIS IS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING: ACCORDING TO NAVIGATORS ON DUTY AT THIS STATION, THE PLANETS VENUS AND SATURN WOULD HAVE BEEN VISIBLE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 0300-0545, ON 24 APRIL 1966, AND LOCATED WITHIN THE APPROXIMATE AREA OF THE REFERENCED SITING. VENUS WOULD APPEAR BRIGHT IN COLOR WITH SATURN FOLLOWING AND APPEARING REDDISH IN

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COLOR. THE TWO PLANETS WOULD BE MOVING EAST TO SOUTHEAST AND RISING IN AN SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION. THIS INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM MAJOR ALEXANDERR STEWARD, FV3022743, 58TH MAS(S), THIS STATION, WHO IS ASSIGNED DUTIES AS A NAVIGATOR. L. EXISTENCE OF PHYSICAL EVIDENCE: NONE.

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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?

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Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 1 10
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?

Nearest Postal Address

THOMASTON
City or Town

GA
State or County

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

Hours Minutes Seconds

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

5.1 How was time in sight determined? _____

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 d. To your left
b. In back of you e. Overhead
c. To your right f. Don't remember

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?
- b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?
- c. Break up into parts or explode?
- d. Give off smoke?
- e. Change brightness?
- f. Change shape?
- g. Flash or flicker?
- h. Disappear and reappear?

- [illegible]

14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how?

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 _____

b. Color _____

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?

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? _____

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 | c. East | e. South | g. West |
| b. Northeast | 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.

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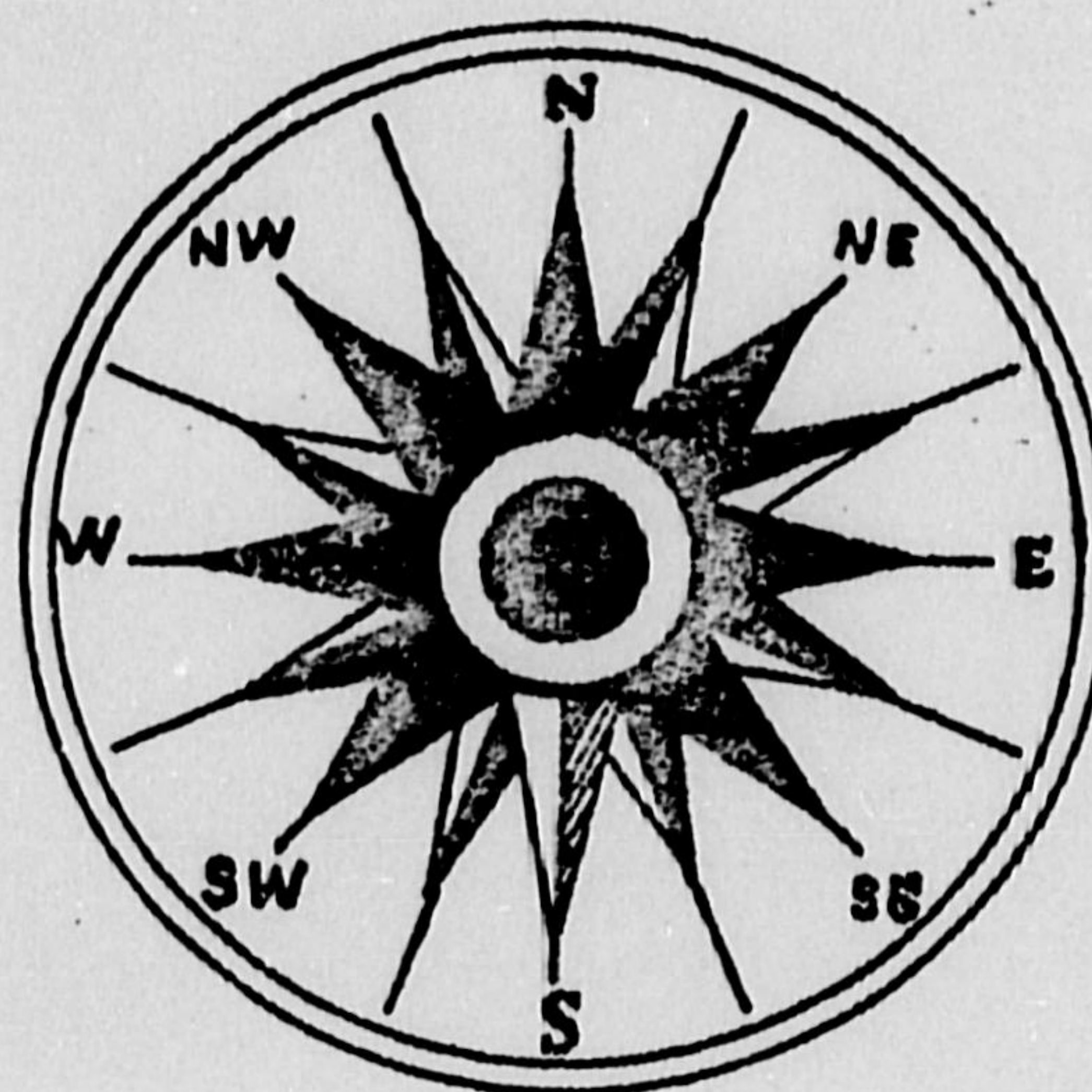
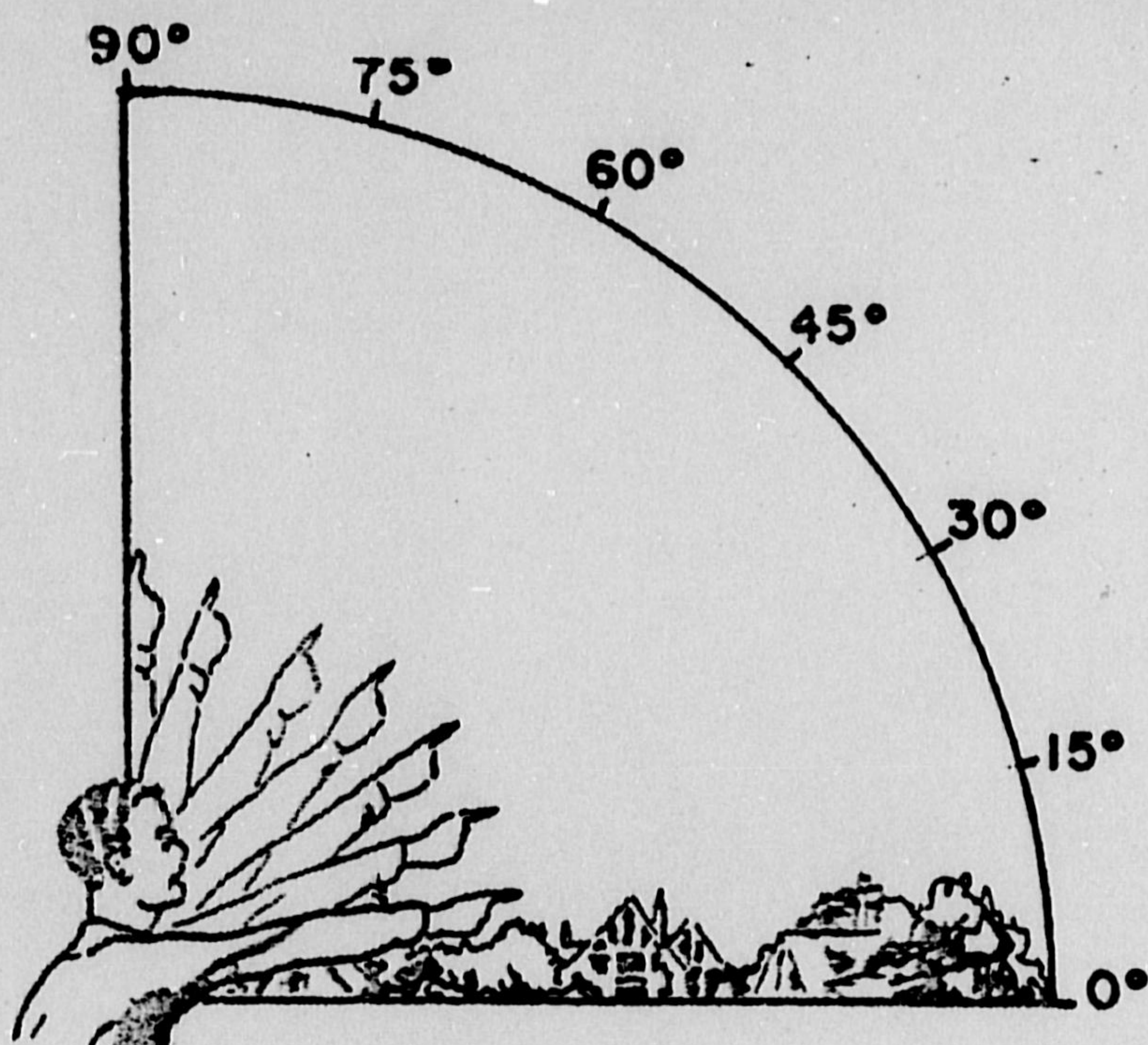
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27. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object 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 traveling.

30. Have you ever seen this, or a similar object before. If so give date or dates and location.

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:

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
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ADDRESS _____
Street
City
Zone
State

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____ AGE _____ SEX _____

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?

Day Month Year

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

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.

Call was made to FTD by T/Sgt D. P. E L E R S I C ROBBINS AFB, GA to report several sightings of UFO's call in to base.

First call to report a sighting was 0110 local. Base ops called base police - Sgt Wells of Thomas ran had called police dept called base operations - reported that UFO had been sighted 45 miles N-W of Robbin AFB - one of his personnel saw UFO over city hovering - Base police at Robbing received 3 or 4 other calls all from Police officers.

DESCRIPTIONS:

Fairly large glowing white - changer color to red - has red and green lights on sides.

Reported to be hovering over city at 10,000 FT.

and then moved out of town
about 1 1/2 miles towards Barnesville, GA.
heading south. White gleam - entire
object blinker on and off. ~~Three~~
other Report.

There are two one hovering ~~other~~
~~is~~ over Thomaston and one
~~hovering over~~ heading south

at slow speed - ~~appears to~~ another
report: It appears to be about 10" round
and 5,000 to 8,000 ft high headed
toward Macan Ga from Thomaston
Ga and shaped like star with
five points.

→ Rabine has dispatched Bone police
to Thomaston to check out UFO sightings
and ~~and~~ Civil Authority - also Rabine
sent up Aircraft to investigate.