

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 25 June 66 26/0300Z	2. LOCATION Akron, Ohio (Two Witnesses)
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Other (BLIMP) ✓ <i>Jet</i>
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	On the night of 25 June the Goodyear Blimp was flying in the Akron area from 1645-2330 EDT.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Several Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observers noted very bright red, white, and green lights which resembled an aircraft coming in for a landing; however, the witnesses could only find one airport to the south (Akron-Canton) and this was to far to the south. Object flew directly behind observers automobile for about two minutes. Colors would change slowly like colors in the front of a Juke Box.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE W	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
OSI DISTRICT 5 (HQ USAF)
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO 45433



REPLY TO
ATTN OF 5D 24-21-219

23 AUG 1966

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Sighted by Mr. & Mrs. ██████████, ██████████, #8, Kirtland, Ohio

TO: FTD (TDEW)

1. Attached letter signed by ██████████ and ██████████ together with their description of subject sighting and a freehand drawing, received by this District's Detachment Office in Cleveland, Ohio, is forwarded in accordance with AFR 200-2, dated 20 July 1962.
2. You are advised that this District Office has not contacted the ██████████ concerning this matter.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Fredric W. Shook

FREDRIC W. SHOOK, Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, CI Division

1 Atch
Ltr from Mr. & Mrs. ██████████
19 Aug 66, with their description
of sighting and freehand drawing

Cy to: HQ USAF (AFISIIC) w/atch

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August 19, 1966

On June 25th (Saturday) my husband and I were traveling North on Route 21, in the Medina County area. It was between 10:00 and 11:00 PM and we were traveling at a steady speed of 70 MPH. It was a clear warm night and the stars were out.

I happened to glance out the window to my right (East) and just above the treetops I could see very bright red, white, and green lights. I questioned my husband as to whether there was an airport near the area, because the lights looked as though it was an airplane with its landing light on coming in for a landing. (We found in looking at the map later that there is an Akron-Canton airport in the area, but it was quite a bit further south than we were.)

I started watching the road again and then glanced to the right again and the lights were still at treetop level (about 500 yards to the right-east). I mentioned that it was taking that plane an awful long time to land. I kept watching the lights and they never went any lower.

Then, it seemed to drop back and I thought then that it was landing. I turned around to watch it and it moved to its left (west) at an angle, like a helicopter would only it didn't teeter like one would when it turned the angle. It was now flying directly behind us up the freeway. It was coming closer. Then we thought it was a helicopter checking the traffic because it was heavy that night. As I watched it it seemed to come closer and I turned the radio off to see if we could hear propeller noises. There were none. I told my husband to look, and asked him what he thought it was. He glanced around as he was driving, but couldn't see too well and said it was probably a helicopter or an airplane with neon advertising on it. I reasoned why would it be out this late and to what advantage would a plane advertisement be at this hour of the night over a freeway that most of the cars were going at least 70 MPH on.

I climbed into the back seat to get a closer look at it. It was close enough that I could see it rotating from, as I looked at it, left to right slowly. At first I couldn't believe my eyes and I asked my husband to look again. He turned around and looked and said that he had never seen anything like it before.

It was in the shape of a doughnut on its side or an innertube and had bright red, white and green lights on it and a small red flashing light in the middle on top. It didn't sway from one side to another but followed us almost at the same speed because it didn't get any smaller through the back window. I know the object was turning as it was flying because the colors would change slowly like colors in the front of a Juke Box, and you could see all of the colors all of the time. There was no sound whatsoever except that coming from our car, I opened the window to try to hear it and - nothing.

We thought maybe it was a plane and it thought the freeway was a landing strip with all of the lights on it, but when we talked this over there was no darkness at all to allow for the wings between the lights and also the landing light on a plane is much larger than the wing lights.

It followed us at the same speed for about 2 minutes, then it veered off to the west (at an angle), never going any higher and I lost it in the trees.

August 19, 1966

Mr. - S.

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Office of Special Investigation, U.S.A.F.
Detachment 502
Room 613
Lincoln Building
Cleveland, Ohio

Gentlemen:

I know you probably get hundreds of letters like this every day, but my curiosity has been getting the best of me. My husband and I were returning home from a trip to Tennessee where we dropped our son off at camp, when we had this situation happen to us.

We haven't told anyone because we thought they would think we were mentally unbalanced.

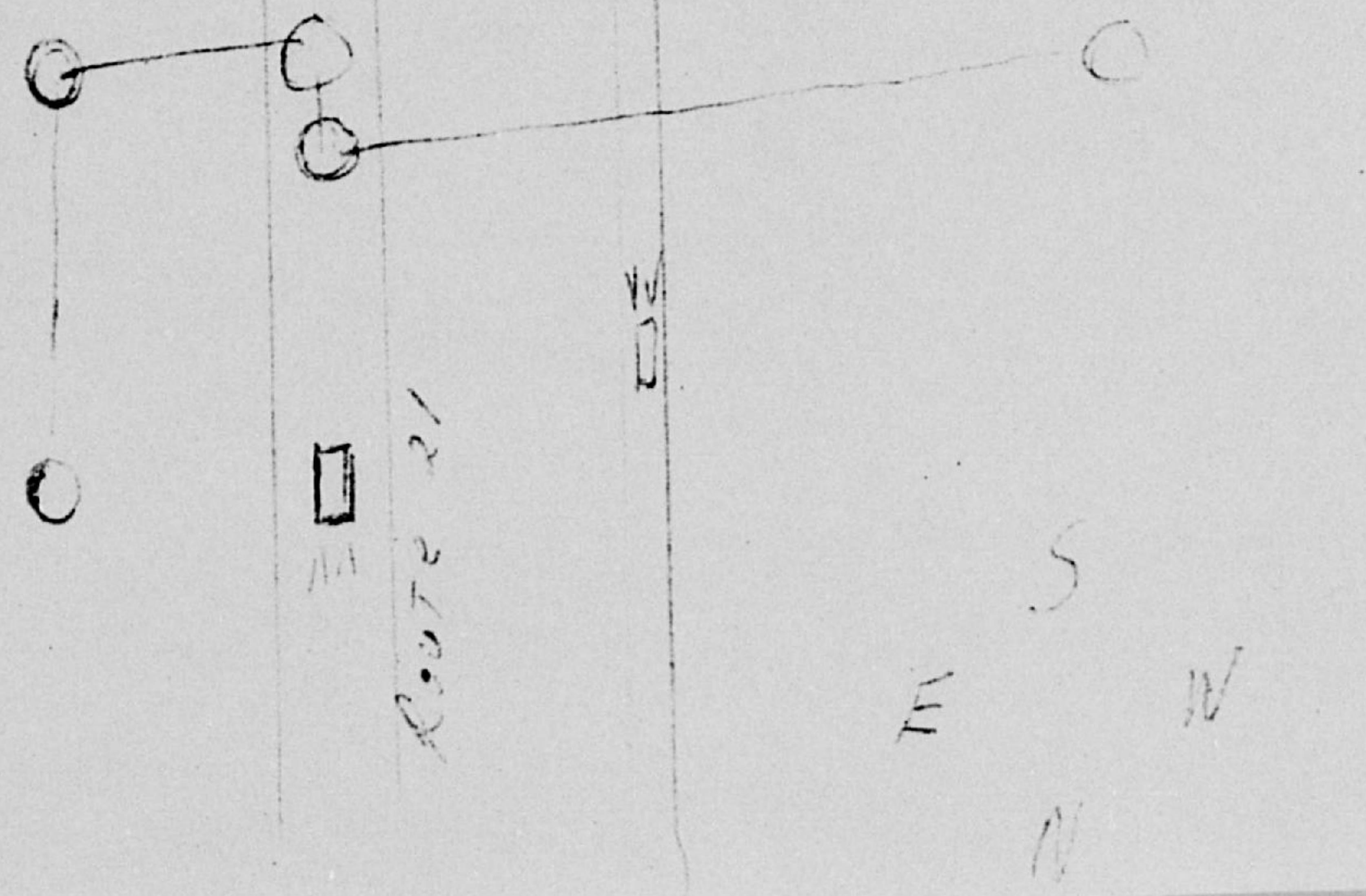
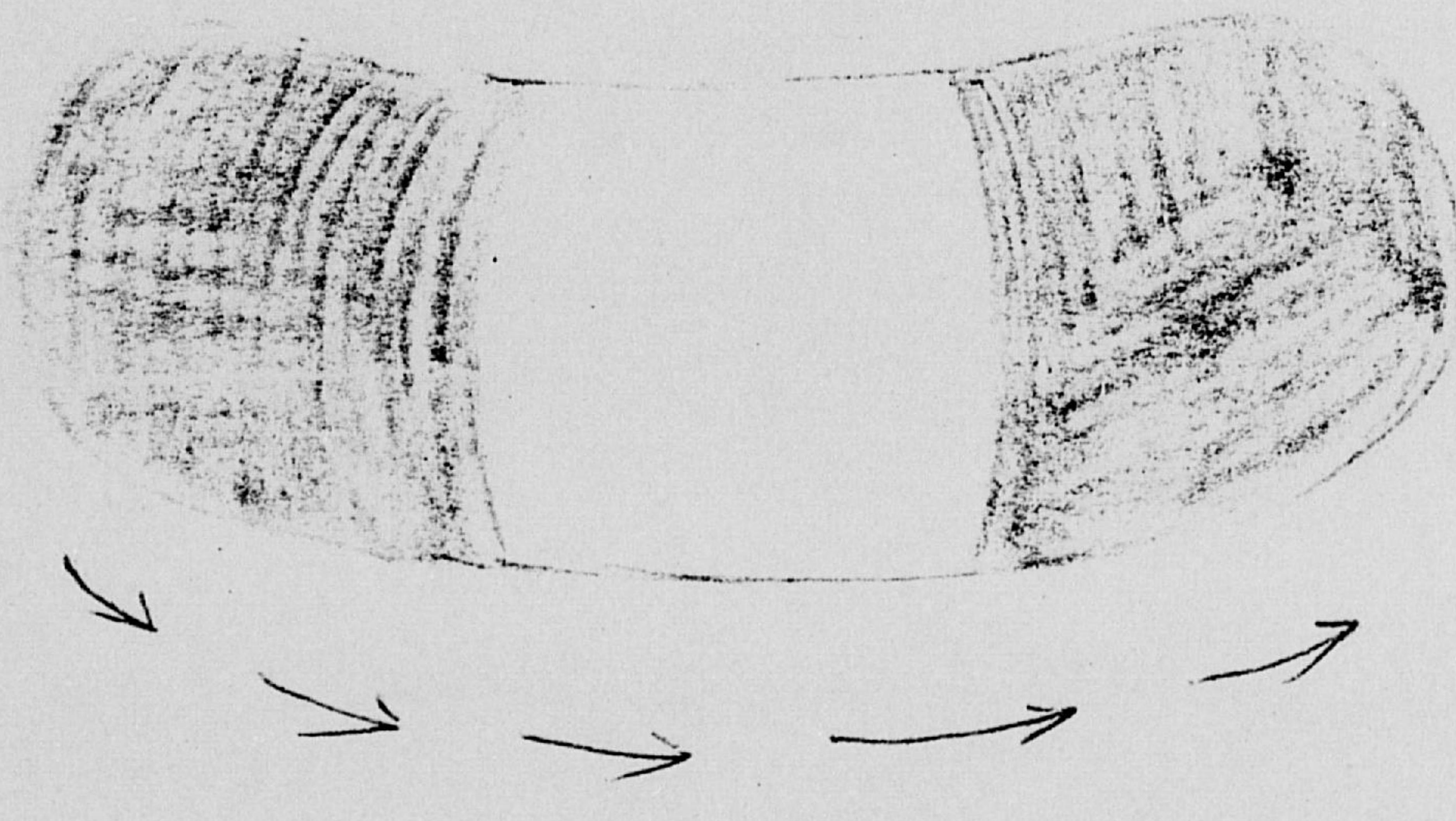
We talked about the happening all the way home and weeks afterwards. The next day, I called the Plain Dealer (not giving my name) and asked if any UFO's were reported in the area the night before. I also called the Medina Sheriff's Department, but no one had heard anything. I thought for sure someone else would have reported what we had seen and that we could verify it also, but as far as we knew, no one had.

I am not ashamed to tell you that we were quite scared when this occurred.

I hope there is some logical explanation for what we saw. It was not a cloud, but something realistic. It was something, and if you know what it was I wish you would please let us know. Also, we would appreciate it if you would not let too many people know our names.

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Phone:

— BLINKED ON & OFF.



25 June 66
Akron, Ohio

FTD (TDETR)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433
7 September 1966

FAA
Akron Canton Airport
Akron, Ohio 44302

Dear Sir,

Our office is in receipt of an alleged UFO sighting which took place in the Akron, Ohio area on 25 June at approximately 2215. Enclosed is the account of the witnesses unusual observation. Request information on any type aircraft that could have been operating in that area with some type of advertising gimmick. If such an aircraft has been operating out of the Akron, Ohio area information would be appreciated.

If records are available, request positive or negative radar confirmation of any unknown object. Any assistance you can provide is appreciated.

Sincerely,


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



FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY

Washington, D.C.

September 11, 1966

IN REPLY
REFER TO:

Hector McIntosh, Jr., Major, USAF
Chief, Project Blue Book
FBI (FBI)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

Dear Sir:

Your letter of 9 September 1966 was received without the enclosure of the witness' alleged UFO observation.

A search of the facilities records do not reveal any information which could be profit and possible to create such a condition. It must be noted that this an advertising type since if a civilian has operating in the area for such operation does not require approval under existing Federal Air Regulations.

The only information that comes to mind is that Captain Ellington could have been in the area during this time period. We have attempted to check this possibility but were unable to establish any facts along this line.

Under the Freedom of Information Act and Classification Order, as to the information contained in the following letter, it is not to be distributed outside the organization.

Enclosed,

[Redacted]

21 Sept. 66

Contact was made with Mr. ██████████, Goodyear Rubber Co. Akron, Ohio, area code 216 phone ██████████. On 25 June 66 the Goodyear blimp was flying in the Akron area between 2100-2330 EDT. The blimp has the normal running lights that are required by the FAA, plus on this night the blimp was advertising. There was a advertising sign 100 ft long and 14 ft high on the sides of the craft. This sign has four colors. The blimp was flying around the Wing Foote Lake area which is in the SE Akron area. The craft departed the lake and was down on the ground in Akron at 2330.

TDETR/Maj Quintanilla/70916/mhs/23 Sep 66

UFO Sighting, 25 June 1965

Hq USAF (SAFOICC)

Reference the attached unidentified flying object report from Mr. and Mrs. ██████████. The following is a suggested reply:

a. Dear Mr. and Mrs. ██████████,

Reference your unidentified observation of 25 June 1966. Contact was made with the Federal Aviation Agency at the Akron-Canton Airport for information regarding the stimulus which you observed on the night of 25 June. They referred our office to the Goodyear Rubber Company in Akron. The FAA informed us that the Goodyear blimp was operating in the Akron area around the latter part of June.

We in turn contacted Mr. ██████████ of the Goodyear Company, who provided the following information.

"On 25 June the Goodyear blimp was flying in the Akron area between 2100 - 2330 EDT. The blimp has the normal running lights that are required by the FAA, and in addition had attached to its side a multicolored advertising sign that measured 100 feet long by 14 feet high."

We were puzzled that such a craft would be flying at night, but the blimp was in the air until 2330 that night.

Advertising gimmicks such as this are often mistaken by persons because of the lighting configuration and because of the slow movement of the craft towing the electrical advertising sign. We feel that you and your wife observed this blimp, especially since it was in the immediate area and was equipped with the lighting configuration which you described in your report. Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

FOR THE COMMANDER

WARREN S. WHEELER, Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology and Subsystems

1 Atch
UFO Rpt, 25 June 1966

COORDINATION

DATE 26 Sep 66

TDETR MAJ H. QUINTANILLA, JR
Jack S. Condon
TDETR

DATE 26 Sep 66

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SAF-OICC/Freeman/ua/79079/11Oct66

OCT 11 1966

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names of witnesses without the consent of the individual.

Sincerely,

GEORGE P. FREEMAN, JR.
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Civil Branch
Community Relations Division
Office of Information

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