

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 26 June 66 27/0243Z	2. LOCATION Chicago, Illinois
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Aircraft w/advertising sign.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 5 - 6	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer noted 5 - 6 objects in the sky that appeared as bright lights. Objects appeared in a row moving west to east. One light at head of series would disappear and one second later appear at the end of row. Then all would disappear - this was repeated.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE Eastward	
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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Project Blue Book  
Maj. H. Quastenilla

June 27, 1966

Subject: UFO sighting  
Date: June 26, 1966  
Time: 2143 CDT

Dear Sir,

Last night I stepped out of my house for my usual walk with my dog. I went to the corner of our block, which has an almost unobstructed view of the southern sky. Looking south, my eyes caught sight of several unusual-looking white lights, all the same size, which appeared to be the approximate size of headlamps of automobiles. At first, I thought they were very low airplanes flying in formation, but seconds later, I observed that they were moving in an absolute straight line, from West to East, and much too large to be lights of airplanes. Living in the Chicago area all my life, I have seen quite a few airplanes' lights, but none so large as these. I would estimate height at about one thousand feet, or possibly lower.

One of the strange things about them, which I cannot understand, was that as they were moving, they seemed to change positions.

At first, there were five or six lights in a row; seconds later the first of the group would disappear and another appear at the tail end. Often, as they kept moving, as if going behind a cloud, they all extinguished. Another second later I could see them all again, still moving the ~~the~~ same rate, and then starting the sequence of the first one going out, and then another appearing at the tail.

I strained my eyes to see if there was some object encircling this row of lights, but I could not make out anything but them.

Traveling in pursuit, it would seem, at the same approximate speed, but much higher, I also saw the white and red lights of an airplane; I cannot remember the sound; if it was jet or prop. But this could have been one of the flights from O'Hare, coincidentally traveling the same speed and direction.

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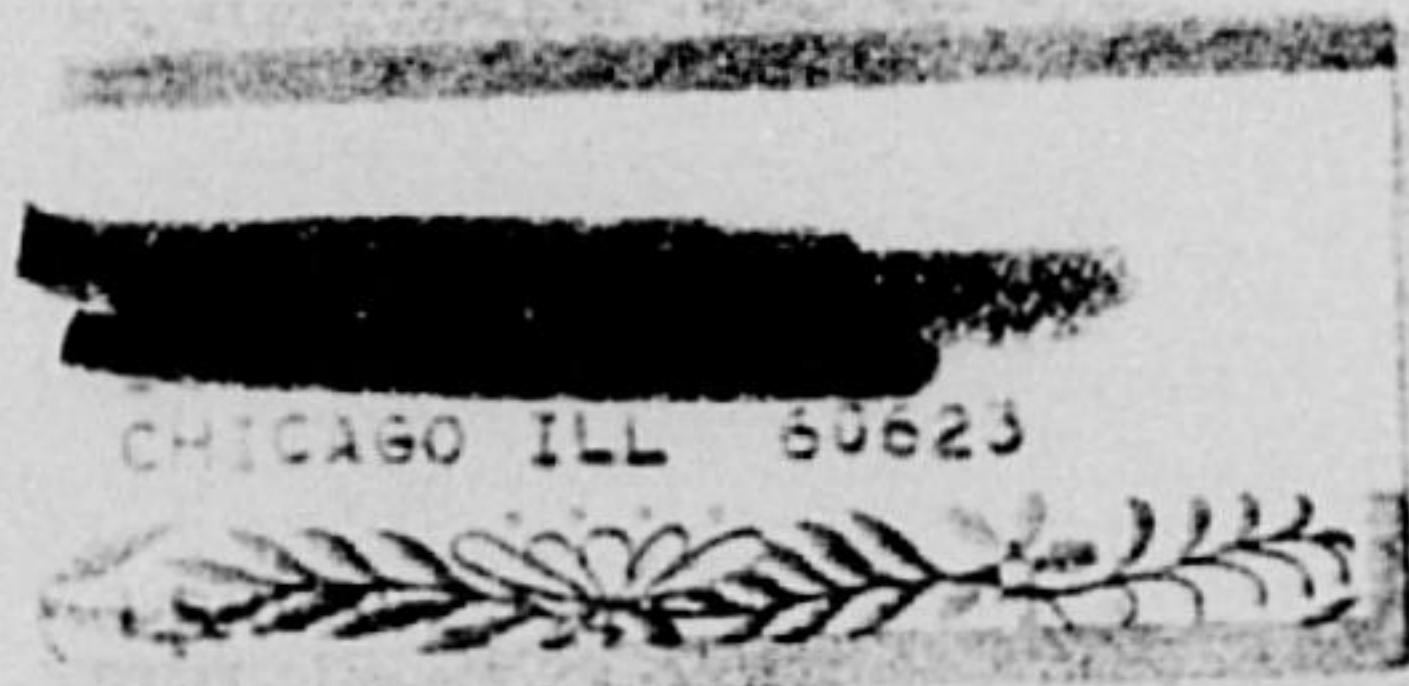
first of all my wife and I had not told  
anyone of this; I thought it better to write to  
you first.

Secondly, if you have had either another report of this same incident on this same night, or can explain it, I am hoping you can address me of this, so I can feel a little easier about it.

I believe I have covered every thing  
I can remember about this subject

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26 June Chicago, Illinois

FTD (TDETR)  
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433  
27 July 1966

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Chicago, Illinois 60623

Dear M [REDACTED]

Reference your recent unidentified observation of 26 June 1966. The information in your letter 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,

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

**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?  26      JUNE      1966 <small>Day              Month              Year</small>	2. Time of day: <u>09</u> <u>43</u> <small>Hour              Minutes</small>  (Circle One):      A.M.      or <u>P.M.</u>		
3. Time Zone: <small>(Circle One):</small> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> a. Eastern</li> <li><input checked="" type="radio"/> b. Central</li> <li><input type="radio"/> c. Mountain</li> <li><input type="radio"/> d. Pacific</li> <li><input type="radio"/> e. Other _____</li> </ul> <small>(Circle One):</small> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="radio"/> a. Daylight Saving</li> <li><input type="radio"/> b. Standard</li> </ul>			
4. Where were you when you saw the object?  <small>Nearest Postal Address</small> <u>CHICAGO</u> <small>City or Town</small> <u>ILLINOIS</u> <small>State or County</small>			
5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration)  0      0      30 <small>Hours      Minutes      Seconds</small>  a. Certain      c. Not very sure <input checked="" type="radio"/> b. Fairly certain      d. Just a guess			
5.1 How was time in sight determined? <u>MEMORY, LINE OF SIGHT AREA</u>  5.2 Was object in sight continuously?      Yes _____      No <u>X</u>			
6. What was the condition of the sky?  <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;"> <small>DAY</small>            a. Bright            b. Cloudy         </td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;"> <small>NIGHT</small>            a. Bright  <input checked="" type="radio"/> b. Cloudy         </td> </tr> </table>		<small>DAY</small> a. Bright b. Cloudy	<small>NIGHT</small> a. Bright <input checked="" type="radio"/> b. Cloudy
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7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?  <small>(Circle One):</small> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> a. In front of you</li> <li><input type="radio"/> b. In back of you</li> <li><input type="radio"/> c. To your right</li> <li><input type="radio"/> d. To your left</li> <li><input type="radio"/> e. Overhead</li> <li><input type="radio"/> f. Don't remember</li> </ul>			

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 (PLURAL)
- 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

CAN NOT COMPARE LIGHTS TO  
STARS

11.1 Compare brightness to some common object:

ROUND CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHT BULB

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

c. 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? *IT SEEMED TO BE A METHODICAL SEQUENCE; OBJECTS APPEARED IN A ROW, MOVING RIGHT TO LEFT (WEST TO EAST), THEN ONE LIGHT AT FORWARD DISAPPEARED, ONE SECOND LATER ANOTHER APPEARED AT END OF ROW, THEN ALL DISAPPEARED, THEN ALL APPEARED AGAIN, THEN FORWARD LIGHT DISAPPEARED), ETC.*

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 FOR CERTAIN*

b. Color *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?

*ONE OF THE LIGHTS WOULD HAVE BEEN COVERED.*

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.

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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? 200 MPH

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? (MDW AIRPORT)
- 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
- b. Sun glasses
- c. Windshield
- d. Window glass

Yes

No

e. Binoculars

Yes

No

f. Telescope

Yes

No

g. Theodolite

Yes

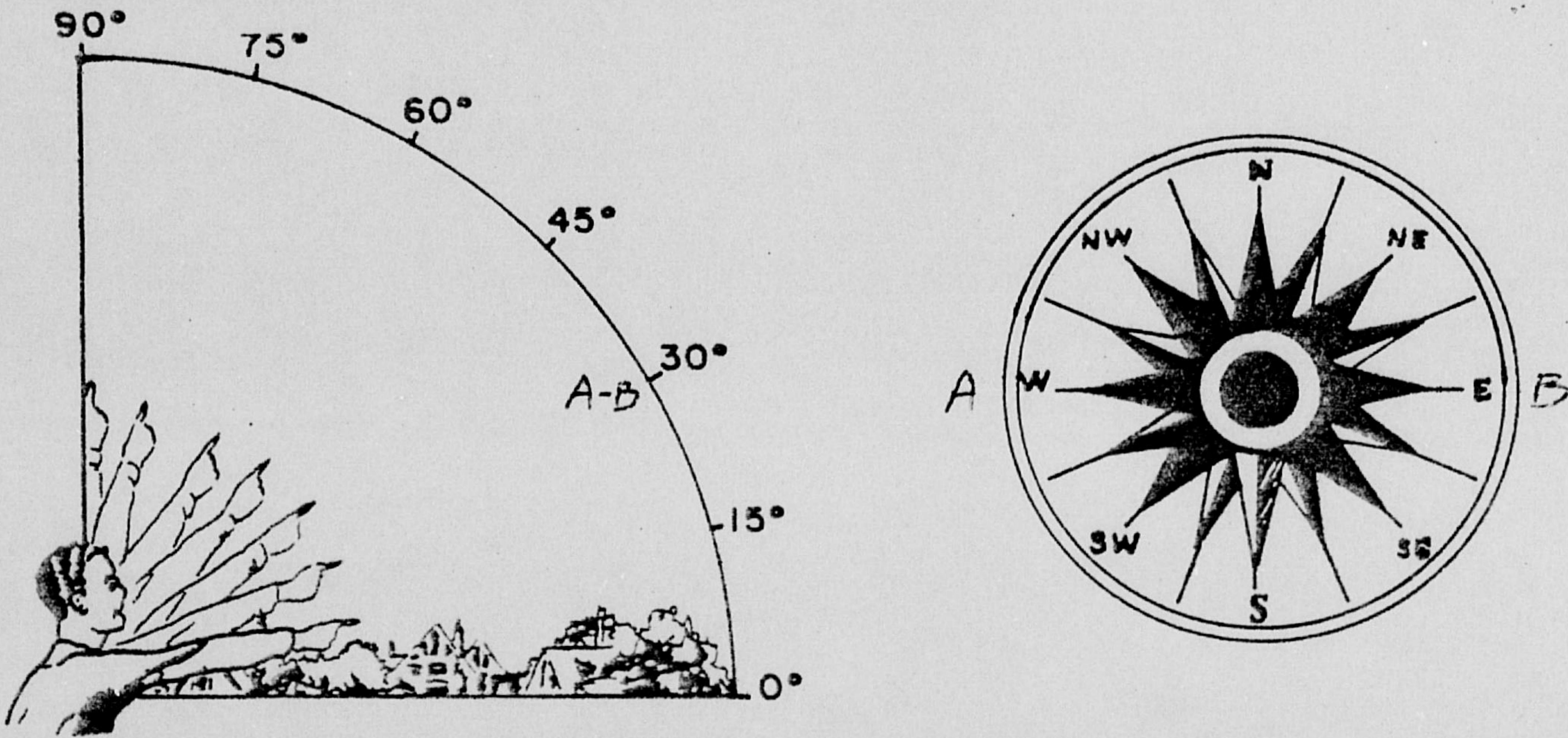
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h. Other \_\_\_\_\_

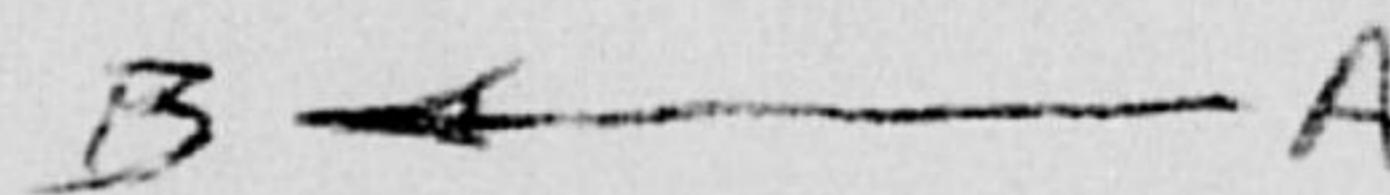
26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

LARGE ROUND LIGHTS, POSSIBLY HEADLIGHTS OF AUTOMOBILES

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.



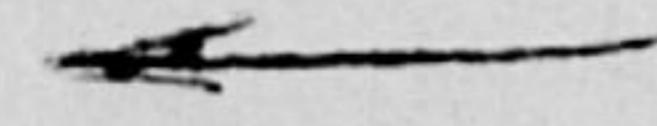
28. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.



29. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? 5 or 6

Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

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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:

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zone \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
 CHICAGO ILLINOIS 60623  
 TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ AGE 27 SEX MALE

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

I USED TO WORK FOR TWA BOTH AT MIDWAY AND O'HARE.  
 I HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING BUT TYPICAL LIGHTS ON AIRPLANES.

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

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Day

JUNE

Month

1966

Year

MAJ. QUINTANILLA  
 CHIEF, PROJ. BLUE BOOK  
 BY LETTER

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

31 JULY 1966

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.

POSSIBLY COINCIDENTLY, I SAW ALSO LIGHTS OF AIRPLANE ~~AT~~  
AT APPROXIMATELY 45° FROM HORIZON ~~AT~~ TRAILING  
BEHIND OBJECTS AT APPROXIMATELY SAME SPEED AND  
DIRECTION.

REFER TO MY LETTER DATED 27 JUNE, 1966 FOR MORE  
INFORMATION.

IF HELPFUL, I CAN FABRICATE A MOVIE SHOWING WHAT  
I SAW, TO EXPLAIN EXACT MOVEMENT SEQUENCE, AT  
YOUR REQUEST.

LIGHTS DID NOT APPEAR SMALLER, BUT RETAINED SIZE  
THROUGH ENTIRE MOVEMENT, AS IF I WERE IN CENTER  
OF CIRCULAR MOVEMENT.

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FTD (TDETR)  
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433  
11 August 1966

[REDACTED]  
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Chicago, Illinois 60623

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

There have been several sightings similar to yours reported to the Air Force during the past year. In most cases, we have found the cause of these sightings to be an aircraft towing an electrical advertising sign.

The Chicago area has a company engaged in this type of advertising. We have found these aircraft advertising a furniture sale, a Ford Motor Company sale, and a Go-Go band. It is difficult to read the message unless the observer is fairly close to the aircraft. These aircraft normally fly at altitudes of 1000-1500 feet, therefore, I would estimate that if the aircraft was a mile from your position, then you would see only the sequential rows of electric lights.

Thank you for reporting your observation.

Sincerely,

  
HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Major, USAF  
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