PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 9 & 30 Aug 66	2. LOCATION Big Fork and Yellowstone National Park, Montana
9. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Insufficient data for evaluation
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer has observed on two different occasions a star like object come from the western sky and in one case travel toward the north and in another travel toward the south. In both occasions the object exhibited a steady unvarying motion with steady unvarying brightness and color. In both occasions the object appeared only as a source of light. Due to the time lapse before the observations were reported to the AIR FORCE a comprehensive evaluation is not possible.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE 1. north 2. south	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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WISCONSIN STATE UNIVERSITY
CAMPUS LABORATORY SCHOOL
STEVENS POINT, WISCONSIN 54481

Nov. 14, 1966

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed are two copies of reports which I filed with NICAP. Aware of your official policy in regards to UFO reports, I did not intend to notify you of my sightings. However, upon reflection, I decided that your official policy and your policy of action may differ - in other words I tend to beleive now that you are seriously interested in UFO reports and that anything I can contribute may be of value to you and to our nation. I don't care to receive an answer from you, which would be doubtful anyway. I am sure the only kind of response you would make regardless of the accuracy of the report would be one of ridicule or some assinine attempt to explain them as weather balloons, the planet Venus, or as an airplane.

I have often wondered if you are aware of the ridiculus position you have put the Air Force in by lying about various aspects of UFO sightings such as denying the fact that there has been radar trackings of UFO's. I am seriously concerned about your public position about UFO's and am hopeful that you will eventually release truthful information about them. Remember gentlemen, there is more than one way to lie - you can also do it by omission, or by playing with technicalities.

In case your first reaction to my report is one of doubt, let me say a word aboutmyself. I have been seriously interested in UFO's since 1947 when Kenneth Arnold spotted UFOSs over the State of Washington. Up until about a year ago I always maintained an element of doubt about their actual existence. I have always wanted to see one but never let this interest turn desire into a sighting. Airplanes have always turned out to be airplanes, planets remained planets. Ittook me 19 years to see something that firmly convinced me that it may be a UFO. So don't attempt to explain my sighting as wishful thinking. In any event, they are enclosed and I hope they will prove to be of some value to you - if only in the determination of world pattern of movement or interest.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE ON AERIAL PHENOMENA
1536 Connecticut Avenue N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

NOrth 7-9434

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1. Name [redacted]
   Address [redacted]
   Telephone [redacted]
   Place of Employment Wisc. State University
   Occupation Instructor
   Education B.S. Degree, M.S. Degree
   Special Training
   Military Service USMC 1945-46 USMC 1950-51

2. Date of Observation Aug 30, 1966 Time ___ AM 9:05 PM Time Zone Mt.

3. Locality of Observation Old Faithful, Yellowstone Nat. Park

4. How long did you see the object? Hours 5 Minutes Seconds

5. Please describe weather conditions and the type of sky; i.e., bright daylight, nighttime, dusk, etc.
   Very clear, night sky

6. Position of the Sun or Moon in relation to the object and to you.
   Moon to the East of object and myself

7. If seen at night, twilight, or dawn, were the stars or moon visible? Moon very bright, stars very clear and bright

8. Were there more than one object? one If so, please tell how many, and draw a sketch of what you saw, indicating direction of movement, if any.

9. Please describe the object(s) in detail. For instance, did it (they) appear solid, or only as a source of light; was it revolving, etc? Please use additional sheets of paper, if necessary. As source of light only, no details were seen.

10. Was the object(s) brighter than the background of the sky? The object appeared as bright as the brightest star in the sky.

11. If so, compare the brightness with the Sun, Moon, headlights, etc. see above

12. Did the object(s) — None of the items listed. (Please elaborate, if you can give details.)
    The object maintained a steady unchanging brightness, but did exhibit an unsteady, somewhat eratic lateral motion while proceeding in a straight direction. After turning South, the light suddenly dimmed and was extinguished while in clear sky with no clouds or other obstructions obliterating the view.
    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. Leave any visible trail?
    f. Drop anything?
    g. Change brightness?
    h. Change shape?
    i. Change color?

13. Did the object(s) at any time pass in front of, or behind of, anything? If so, please elaborate giving distance, size, etc, if possible.
    No, but it did pass close to other stars which proved its movement.

14. Was there any wind? no If so, please give direction and speed.

15. Did you observe the object(s) through an optical instrument or other aid, windshield, windowpane, storm window, screening, etc? No What? I was standing in a clearing with other people waiting a night eruption of Old Faithful.

16. Did the object(s) have any sound? None What kind? How loud?

17. Please tell if the object(s) was (were) — Very bright - looking very much like any other bright star
    a. Fuzzy or blurred.
    b. Like a bright star.
    c. Sharply outlined.

18. Was the object —

Self - luminous

a. Self-luminous ?
b. Dull finish?
c. Reflecting?
d. Transparent?

19. Did the object(s) rise or fall while in motion? It rose only in relation to the horizon

20. Tell the apparent size of the object(s) when compared with the following held at arm's length:

a.	Pinhead	d.	Nickel	g.	Orange
b.	Pea	e.	Half dollar	h.	Grapefruit
c.	Dime	f.	Silver dollar	i.	Larger

No relationship was made, the best description of size is thatit was the size of a star.

Or, if easier, give apparent size in inches on a ruler held at arm's length.

21. How did you happen to notice the object(s)? After a previous observation of a UFO I scanned
22. Where were you and what were you doing at the time? The sky periodically, while doing this I saw this moving light.
23. How did the object(s) disappear from view? I was in Yellowstone National Park awaiting
24. Compare the speed of the object(s) with that of conventional aircraft at the same apparent altitude. night eruption of Old Faithful. It made a 90 degree turn and after heading South quite suddenly extinguished its light.

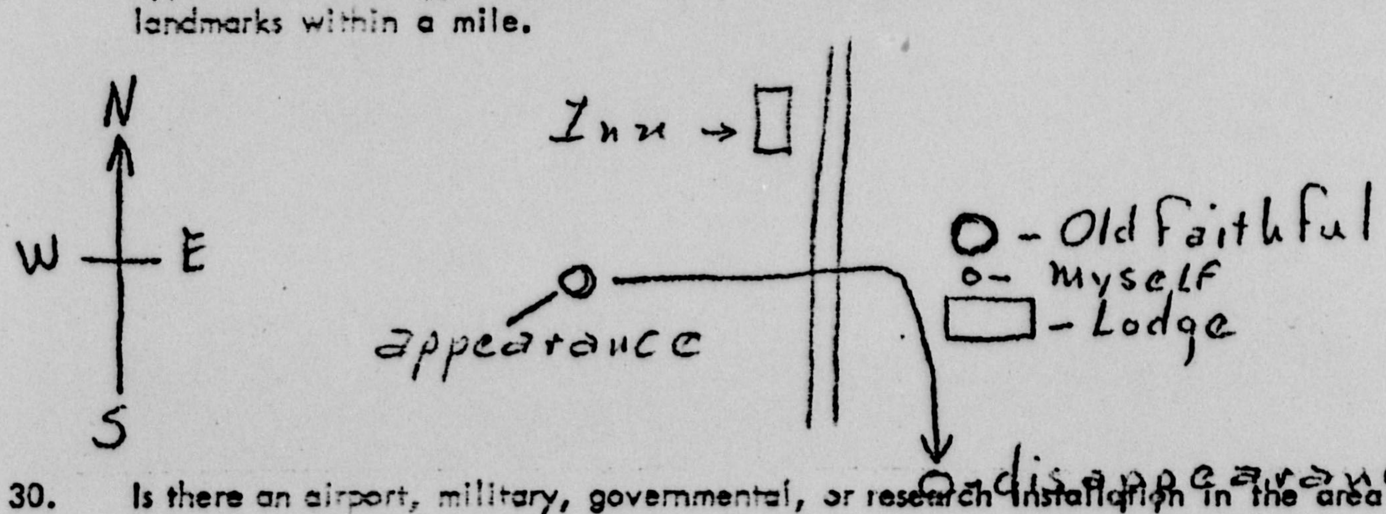
About the speed of a cruising jet aircfaft.

25. Were there any conventional aircraft in the location at the time or immediately afterwards? If so, please elaborate. None

26. Please estimate the distance of the object(s). Impossible, as it was only a
27. What was the elevation of the object(s) in the sky? light source. Please mark on this hemisphere sketch:



28. Names and addresses of other witnesses, if any. My 9 year old son, and other
29. Please draw a map of the locality of the observation showing North, your position; the direction from which the object(s) appeared and disappeared from view; the direction of its course over the area; roads, towns, villages, railroads, and other landmarks within a mile. people waiting the eruption - no names and addresses.



30. Is there an airport, military, governmental, or research installation in the area? None that I know of
31. Have you seen other objects of an unidentified nature? If so, please describe these observations, using a separate sheet of paper. Yes - three weeks earlier - described on an accompanying form.
32. Please enclose photographs, motion pictures, news clippings, notes of radio or television programs (include time, station and date, if possible) regarding this or similar observations, or any other background material. We will return the material to you. None - moving photos taken of it did not turn out.
33. Were you interrogated by Air Force investigators? By any other federal, state, county, or local officials? If so, please state the name and rank or title of the agent, his office, and details as to where and when the questioning took place. None - I did not report it to the Air Force.
Were you asked or told not to reveal or discuss the incident? If so, were any reasons or official orders mentioned? Please elaborate carefully.

34. We should like permission to quote your name in connection with this report. This action will encourage other responsible citizens to report similar observations to NICAP. However, if you prefer, we will keep your name confidential. Please note your choice by checking the proper statement below. In any case, please fill in all parts of the form, for our own confidential files. Thank you for your cooperation.

You may use my name. (X) Please keep my name confidential. ( )

35. Date of filling out this report: Oct. 18, 1966 Sign [redacted]

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1. Name [redacted]

Address [redacted]
Stevens Point, Wisc.

Telephone [redacted]

Place of Employment Wisc. State University

Occupation Instructor.

Education B.S. Degree, M.S. Degree

Special Training

Military Service USMC 1945-1946 (Hawaii)
USMC 1950-1951 (Korea)

2. Date of Observation August 9, 1966 Time 4:10 AM PM Mt. Time Zone

3. Locality of Observation Big Fork, Montana

4. How long did you see the object? Hours 15 Minutes Seconds

5. Please describe weather conditions and the type of sky; i.e., bright daylight, nighttime, dusk, etc.
Clear weather, some clouds, bright stars, not aware of moon if it was visible

6. Position of the Sun or Moon in relation to the object and to you.
Moon was not visible; sun just beginning to rise; object was overhead

7. If seen at night, twilight, or dawn, were the stars or moon visible?
Object seen just before sunrise; stars visiblevery bright, moon not noticed

8. Were there more than one object? If so, please tell how many, and draw a sketch of what you saw, indicating direction of movement, if any.
one object

9. Please describe the object(s) in detail. For instance, did it (they) appear solid, or only as a source of light; was it revolving, etc? Please use additional sheets of paper, if necessary.
Object appeared only as a source of light; no details were seen.

10. Was the object(s) brighter than the background of the sky?
Object appeared as bright as the brightest star.

11. If so, compare the brightness with the Sun, Moon, headlights, etc.
see above

12. Did the object(s) — None of the listed items. (Please elaborate, if you can give details.)

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. Leave any visible trail?
f. Drop anything?
g. Change brightness?
h. Change shape?
i. Change color?

The object exhibited a steady unvarying motion with steady unvarying brightness and color. Only change was a 90 degree turn to its left (North)

13. Did the object(s) at any time pass in front of, or behind of, anything? If so, please elaborate giving distance, size, etc, if possible.
The object passed behind tree limbs and clouds

14. Was there any wind? none If so, please give direction and speed.

15. Did you observe the object(s) through an optical instrument or other aid, windshield, windowpane, storm window, screening, etc? No What? I was in the open with nothing obstructing my vision after moving into a clearing away from nearby trees.

16. Did the object(s) have any sound? none What kind? How loud?

17. Please tell if the object(s) was (were) —

a. Fuzzy or blurred.
b. Like a bright star.
c. Sharply outlined.

The object can only be described as like a very bright star

18. Was the object — Self luminous

a. Self-luminous?
b. Dull finish?
c. Reflecting?
d. Transparent?

19. Did the object(s) rise or fall while in motion? No, it rose only in relation to the horizon. It rose steadily until almost due overhead, made a turn and moved away from me

20. Tell the apparent size of the object(s) when compared with the following held at arm's length:

a.	Pinhead	d.	Nickel	g.	Orange
b.	Pea	e.	Half dollar	h.	Grapefruit
c.	Dime	f.	Silver dollar	i.	Larger

No relationship was made - it seemed the size of a star

Or, if easier, give apparent size in inches on a ruler held at arm's length.

21. How did you happen to notice the object(s)? While gasing across the lake through the trees I noticed a star that seemed to be moving up from the horizon

22. Where were you and what were you doing at the time? Standing just off a lake shore waiting for my fishing companions

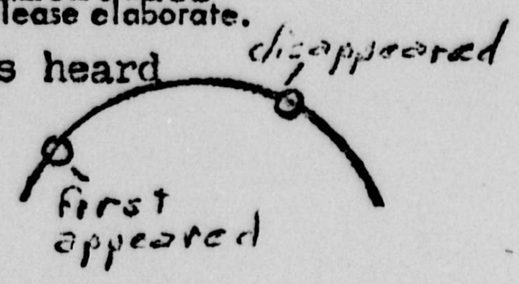
23. How did the object(s) disappear from view? When it turned approximately North it entered the dawning sky and simply could not be seen anymore.

24. Compare the speed of the object(s) with a piston or jet aircraft at the same apparent altitude. It seemed to possess the speed of a jet cruising at very high altitudes

25. Were there any conventional aircraft in the location at the time or immediately afterwards? If so, please elaborate. There were none; it was very quiet and no sound of any kind was heard

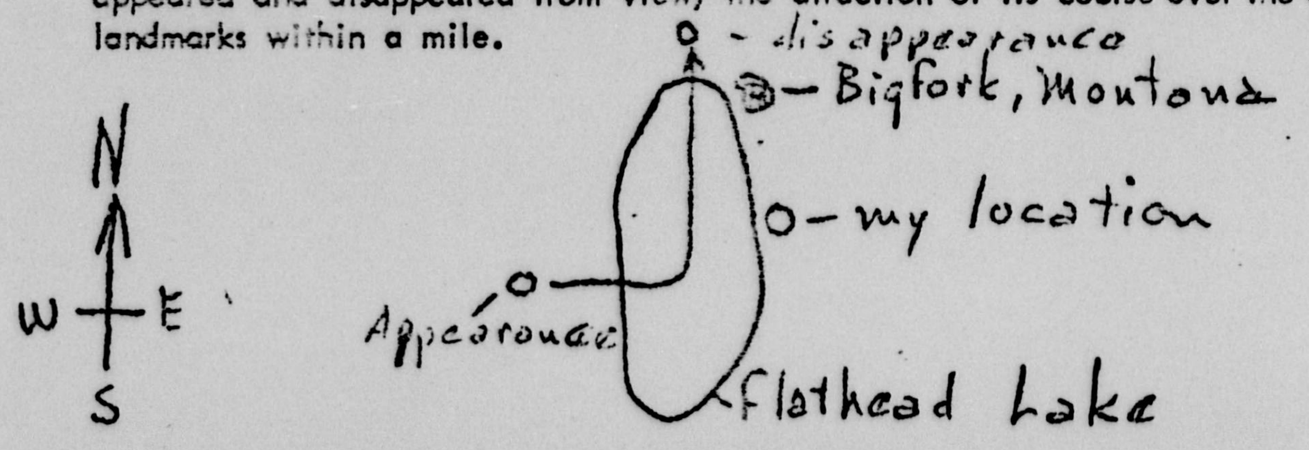
26. Please estimate the distance of the object(s). Impossible to do as it was a moving light only - it did disappear behind clouds occasionaly.

27. What was the elevation of the object(s) in the sky? Please mark on this hemisphere sketch.



28. Names and addresses of other witnesses, if any. None

29. Please draw a map of the locality of the observation showing North; your position; the direction from which the object(s) appeared and disappeared from view; the direction of its course over the area; roads, towns, villages, railroads, and other landmarks within a mile.



30. Is there an airport, military, governmental, or research installation in the area? I don't know.

31. Have you seen other objects of an unidentified nature? If so, please describe these observations, using a separate sheet of paper. Yes, three weeks later

32. Please enclose photographs, motion pictures, news clippings, notes of radio or television programs (include time, station and date, if possible) regarding this or similar observations, or any other background material. We will return the material to you. I have nothing else to submit.

33. Were you interrogated by Air Force investigators? By any other federal, state, county, or local officials? If so, please state the name and rank or title of the agent, his office, and details as to where and when the questioning took place. No, I did not report it to the Air Force.
Were you asked or told not to reveal or discuss the incident? If so, were any reasons or official orders mentioned? Please elaborate carefully.

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You may use my name. (X) Please keep my name confidential. ( )

35. Date of filling out this report: Oct. 18. 1966

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Blue Book
14 Nov 66

Proposed reply to letter from [redacted] 14 November 1966

Dear Mr [redacted]:

Reference your letter of 14 November 1966 concerning your two observations. In the past three years as chief of Project Blue Book, I have never ridiculed anyone to my knowledge. I honestly believe that individuals must witness an unusual phenomena or else they would not take the time and trouble to report the observation. I know of no lying or withholding of information by the Air Force in regards to the UFO problem; this is a major misconception that has plagued the Project for years.

I want to stress that the Air Force finds itself involved with only subjective data. The only information on which to make a scientific study is that of an observer's own experience or an observer's interpretation of an experience. In no case has there been an instance where sightings have furnished scientific and technological data that could be channeled to Research and Development for their study and utilization. UFOs exist in reports only; there has been no conclusive evidence submitted to or discovered by the Air Force that our planet is being visited by extraterrestrial vehicles.

In regards to your observations, the lapse of time involved before reporting the sightings to the Air Force precludes a comprehensive evaluation. The information will most certainly be added to the present data base.

Thank you for reporting your observations to the Air Force.

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Big Fork and Yellowstone (National Park, Montana)

TDET/UFO 8 February 1967

Request for UFO Information

USAF (SAFOICC)

Reference the attached letters requesting information on unidentified flying objects. Proposed replies have been prepared and are with their respective letters.

FOR THE COMMANDER

JAMES C. MANATT, Colonel, USAF
Director of Technology and Subsystems

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1. Ltr [redacted], 14 Nov 66
2. Ltr [redacted] (undated)
3. Ltr, [redacted], 31 Jan 67
4. Ltr, [redacted] (undated)
5. Ltr [redacted] 5 Jan 67
6. Ltr, [redacted] (undated)
7. Ltr, [redacted], 20 Jan 67
8. Ltr, [redacted], 25 Nov 66
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