PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP Sept 66 0330Z	2. LOCATION Philadelipha, Penna.
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION (other) INSUFFICIENT DATA FOR EVALUATION
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Varied	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS SEE CASE
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE Varied	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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RETURN TO:
Director
Aerospace Studies Inst
ATTN: Archives Branch
Maxwell AFB, Alabama

AD43-6012-1
1-15 Sep 66

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

Sept 66

FTD (TDETR) hl
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
30 September 1966

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]d
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19136

Dear Mrs [redacted],

Reference your recent unidentified observation. The information which we have received is 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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Col. Schaffle
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#2. At 0330, received a call (from AFLC) reporting a UFO sighting by a lady from Willow Grove, Pa. She is:

Mrs [redacted]

Phila, Pa.

send 104

She was on Cheltenham + Ashborn Rd when she saw it. It had a flat bottom + a bevelled top. A white lite blinked, intermittently on top. It circled very low. No time of sighting Given.

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 24 Sept 66 25/0045Z	2. LOCATION Phildelphia, Penna. (MULTIPLE) (~~3 Witnesses~~)
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Possible (AIRCRAFT) ✓
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object appeared oval shaped. There were what appeared to be three lines of electric bulbs, all white, about 2.3 to 3/4 around the object. With BX an object appeared to be leading from the trailing edge. A helicopter tail with a red light at its tip. The object was in the easter sky, slowly moving north, then it slowly turned about into a southern direction. It moved south and then west out of sight. Observer stated objct could have been a Helo with several string of light bulbs around it. THERE ARE NUMEROUS COMPANIES PARTICIPATING IN AERIAL ADVERTISING IN THE AREA. CONTACT WAS MADE WITH THE FAA 5 MONTHS AFTER THE SIGHTING. THE FAA DID NOT RECALL ANY CRAFT ENGAGED IN AERIAL ADVERTISING ON 24 SEPT 66; HOWEVER, THEY COULD NOT BE POSITIVE.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual (BX)	
7. COURSE S - W	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes XX No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes XX No	

FORM

WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB
OHIO, 45433

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?

24 (Day) SEPT (Month) 1961 (Year)

2. Time of day: 7:00 (Hour) 45 (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?

[redacted] (Nearest Postal Address) PHILA (City or Town) PHILA (State or County)

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration) _____ (Hours) 10 (Minutes) _____ (Seconds)

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

5.1 How was time in sight determined? OBSERVED WATCH

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes X 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 b. In back of you c. To your right d. To your left e. Overhead f. Don't remember

FORM FTD OCT 62 1364 previous editions are 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 TO CLEAR)
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: SAME AS STRONGEST LIGHT BULBS ON A THEATER MARQUEE

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?

ONLY WHEN TREES WERE IN LINE OF VISION

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: TREES IN LINE OF VISION

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 HEARD.

b. Color LIGHTED SPACES OF RADIATE WHITE BEAMS IN SOLID SHAPE

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?

ALMOST ALL

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.

OBJECT APPEARED OVAL SHAPED. THERE APPEARED TO BE 3 LINES OF LIGHTED PORTHOLE BEAMS - ALL WERE ABOUT 2/3 OF BY APPARENT OBJECT. WITH BRIGHTNESS OF OBJECT THERE APPEARED TO BE A SHIELD FROM THE FRONTAL AREA. A HEADLIGHT TYPE WAS ALSO RIGHT AT ITS TOP. THE OBJECT WAS IN VIEW APPROX 5½ SECS. MOVED NORTH; WHEN IT FIRST WAS NOTED & SOUTHERN DIRECTION. IT MOVED SLOW AND THEN FAST OUT OF OUR LINE OF VISION.

20. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One) (Yes) No Most slower than any conventional

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? planes today but not quite as slow as

today's larger helicopters hovering fly

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? 1 TO 3 MILES

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

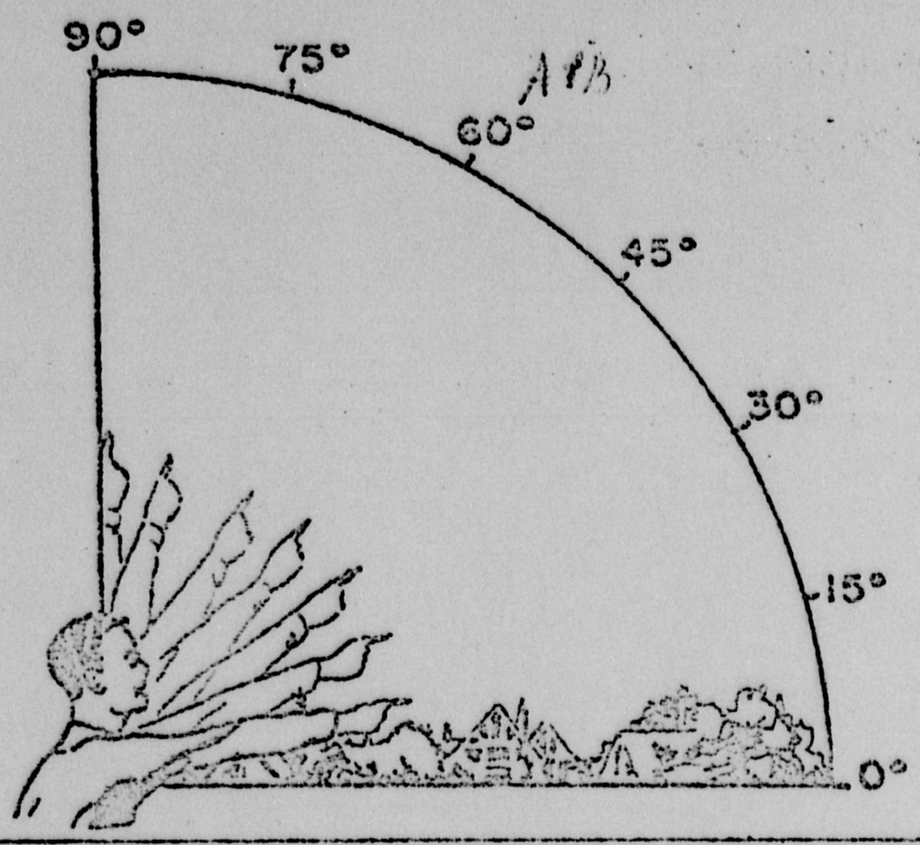
25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

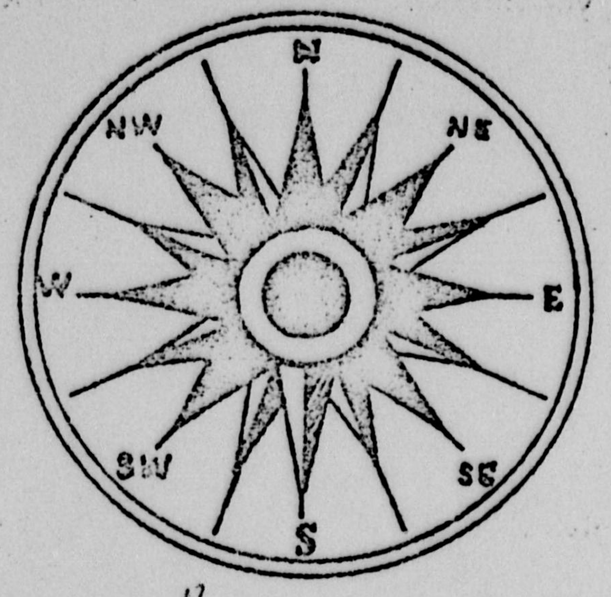
a. Eyeglasses	Yes	No	e. Binoculars	(Yes)	No
b. Sun glasses	Yes	No	f. Telescope	Yes	No
c. Windshield	Yes	No	g. Theodolite	Yes	No
d. Window glass	Yes	No	h. Other _____		

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.

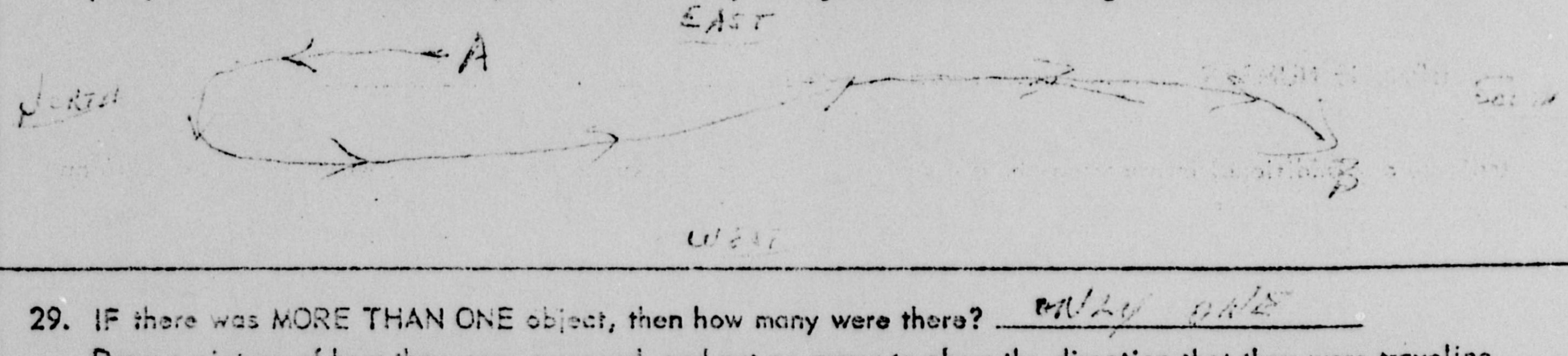
PROBABLY A HELICOPTER WITH SEARCH SPOTLIGHT ON. LIGHT BEAMS SPREAD, AROUND IT; BUT DIDN'T NOTICE ABOUT IT IN ANY STATE.

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.

NOT EVER SEEN BEFORE.

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:

[redacted] SAW IT FIRST - SAW IT FIRST Worked at Ponca, OK

[redacted] SAW IT ALSO WAS A WITNESS SAME ADDRESS

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

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

ADDRESS [redacted] (Street) [redacted] (City) (Zone) (State)

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted] AGE 50 SEX Male

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

COLLEGE GRADUATE CIVIL SERVANT - 25½ YRS.

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

25 (Day) 9 (Month) 66 (Year) PONCA, OKLAHOMA

AIRPORT MANAGER PHONE TO, I LATER SAW IT FIRST - SAW IT ALSO WAS A WITNESS SAME ADDRESS

34. Date you completed this questionnaire: 29 (Day) 9 (Month) 66 (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.

WAS SURPRISED THAT NO OTHER SIGHTINGS OF OBJECT WAS REPORTED IN PRESS. FOR A TIME THE OBJECT WAS CLOSELY FOLLOWED BY A LIGHT AIRPLANE - RECOGNIZED BY CONVENTIONAL AIRPLANE MARKS - THE PLANE MADE A TIGHT CIRCLE TO FOLLOW THE OBJECT. THE OBJECT WAS FIRST SIGHTED IN EASTERN SKY MOVING NORTH AND THEN SLOWLY TURNED AROUND AND MOVED SOUTH THEN SOUTHWEST. THE FIRST AIRPLANE CAME TOWARD OBJECT FROM EAST TRAVELED NORTH BEHIND IT, TURNED AT ABOUT OBJECT DID AND FOLLOWED IT SOUTH. AS OBJECT MOVED OFF TO SOUTH AND WEST, ANOTHER PLANE NOW TOWARD IT FROM THE SOUTH.

TDET/UFO /Maj Quintanilla/70916/mhs/ 23 Jan 67

UFO Observation, 24 September 1966

JAN 3 0 1967

FAA
Philadelphia International Airport
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19101

Our office is in receipt of an unidentified flying object report for the Philadelphia area on 24 September 1966 at approximately 2045 EDT. Request information on any type of aircraft that could have been operating in that area with some type of electrical advertising gimmick. If you have knowledge of such an aircraft which operates in your area, this information would be appreciated. Also, request a list of those persons engaged in aerial advertising in the Philadelphia area who have been issued banner towing authorizations by the FAA.

J. C. Manatt

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

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COORDINATION:

W F Manley Jr. DATE 23 Jan 67
TDET/UFO

Fred P. Van Dame DATE 25 Jan '67
TDET

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.

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1. When did you see the object?

22 (Day) Sept. (Month) 1966 (Year)

2. Time of day: 8 (Hour) 45 (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?

Cheltenham (Wash Line & Ashbourne Rd) (Nearest Postal Address) Phila (City or Town) Pa. (State or County)

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration) _____ (Hours) 2-3 (Minutes) _____ (Seconds)

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

5.1 How was time in sight determined? guessed

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes ✓ 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:

Flashes light off + on like a circular neon sign.

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 Shimmering with blurred edges.

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

Shimmering circular light

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

nd

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:

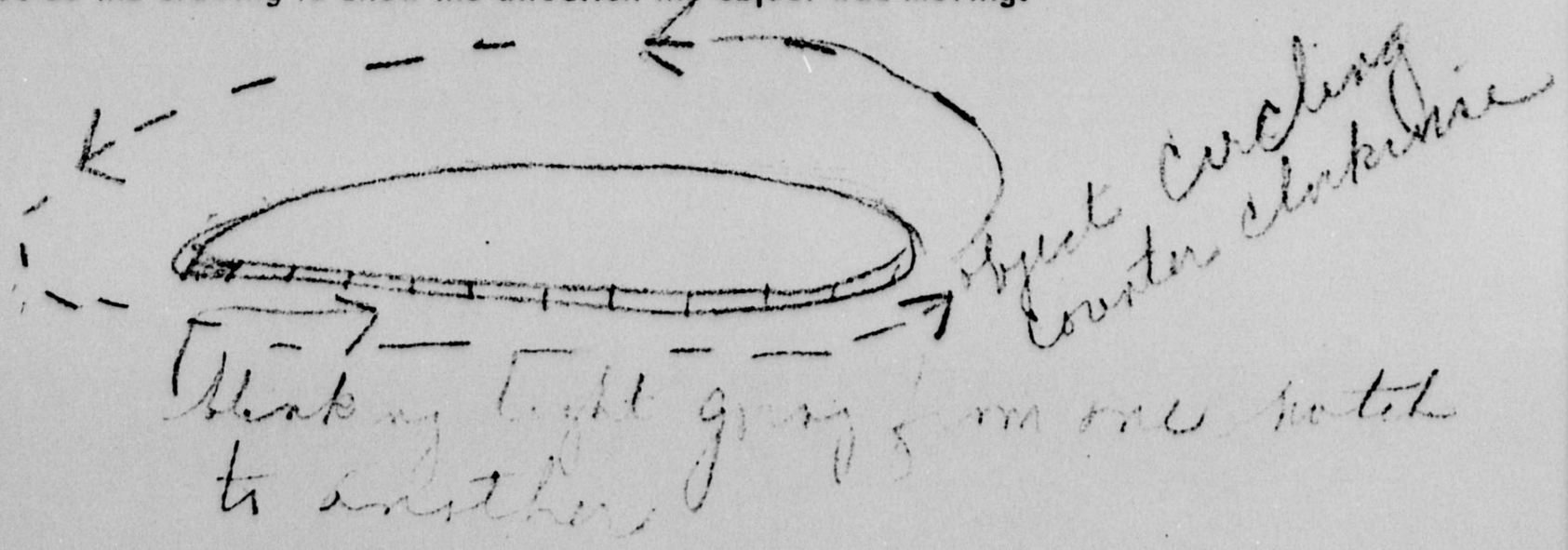
a. Sound dark - blue something

b. Color seemed to be white glow 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?

maybe 1/2 - 1/2 Object

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) maybe several miles

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)*

first (a.) North then (c.) East

b. Northeast d. Southeast e. South f. Southwest g. West h. Northwest

24.2 How fast were you moving? 10 miles per hour.

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

(Circle One) (Yes) No

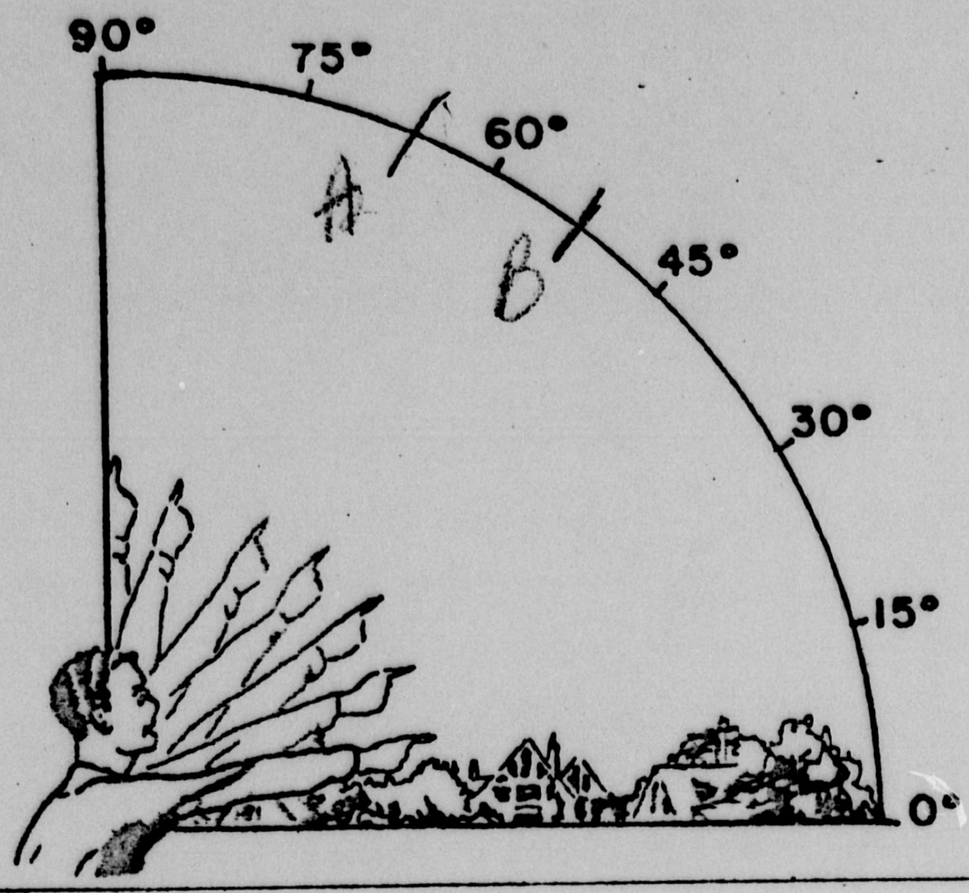
25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

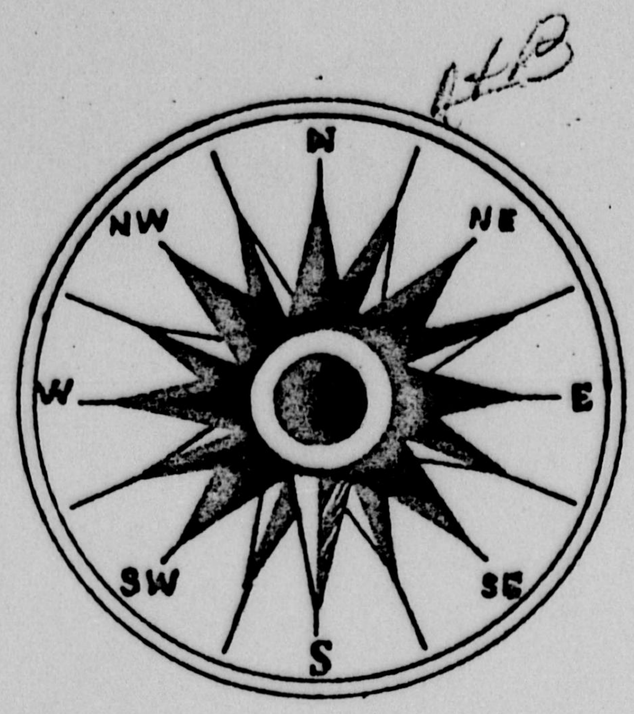
a. Eyeglasses	Yes	(No)	e. Binoculars	Yes	No
b. Sun glasses	Yes	(No)	f. Telescope	Yes	No
c. Windshield	(Yes)	No	g. Theodolite	Yes	No
(d.) Window glass	(Yes)	No	h. Other the pulled down window		

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.

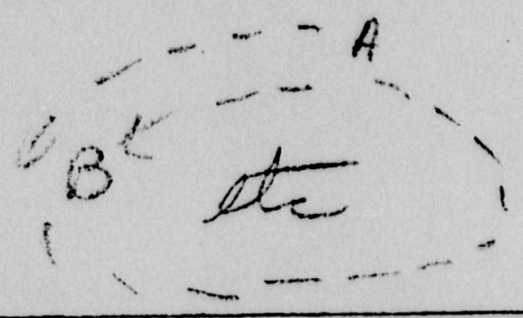
submarine hatch with lights around the circumference

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? 1

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 name[redacted]

Mrs [redacted] Street

Phila. Pa.

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

MRS NAME [redacted] —

Last Name Middle Name

ADDRESS [redacted]

Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted] AGE 30 SEX F.

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?

24 Sept '66

Day Month Year

To Wilkes Police + Washington D.C. Base

34. Date you completed this questionnaire: 8 of 4 (Day) — 7 (Month) — 66 (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.

There were only 4 white lights circulating.
No real shape

The following people saw the lights at a different location.

1 - [redacted]
Phila. Pa.

2 - Father of [redacted]
called all his town.
He not know his name.
He also observed lights.

FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY
Airport Traffic Control Tower
Philadelphia International Airport
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19153

February 6, 1967

IN REPLY
REFER TO:

James C. Manatt, Colonel, USAF
Director of Technology and Subsystems
Headquarters Foreign Technology Division (AFSC)
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio 45433

Dear Colonel Manatt:

After a thorough check of the records we have available for September 24, 1966, we can find no reference to an unidentified flying object in this area. Since we only keep our daily records and tapes for a period of 15 days, it is impossible to check on individual airplanes in the area at that time.

We are forwarding a copy of your letter to Mr. L. Probst, Chief, General Aviation District Office, North Philadelphia Airport, who may be able to furnish you a list of persons issued banner towing authorizations.

Sincerely,

Leo G. Marshall
Chief Controller

FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY
North Philadelphia Airport
Admin. Bldg., First Floor
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
19114

IN REPLY
REFER TO: EA-GADO-9

TDET

February 27, 1967

~~Colonel~~ James C. Manatt, U~~SAF~~
Director of Technology and Subsystems
Headquarters Foreign Technology Division (AFSC)
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio 45433

Dear Colonel Manatt:

We have no knowledge of any aircraft displaying a "sky sign" on September 24, 1966.

The following operators in this area hold authorizations for banner towing:

1. Nelson E. Armstrong, 17 West Lois Drive, Williamstown, N.J.
2. Copter, Inc., 27 Bryn Mawr Avenue, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania
3. Fanders Aviation, Red Lion Road, Vincentown, New Jersey
4. Jersey Aerial Advertising, 26 Steward St., Trenton, N.J.
5. Keystone Helicopter Corp., Hangar G-6, Phila. Int'l Airport ✓
   Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
6. Harry Wallace Murray, Jr., W. Chestnut Ave., Vineland, N.J.
7. Harry A. Nordheim, 11 N. Jasper Ave., Margate, New Jersey
8. Paramount Air Service, 26 Haddon Avenue, Camden, N.J.
9. John D. Reed D/B/A Laurel Airport, R.D. #2, Box #7, Laurel, Del.
10. Ronson Helicopters, Inc., P. O. Box 1386, Trenton, N.J.

Very truly yours,

Lynn S. Probst
Supervising Inspector

LSP/pm