PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 25-30 Oct. 66	2. LOCATION Southhampton, Long Island, New York multiple
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astro(Capella) Capella was rising at approximately 1745 EST on the 25th of October 1966.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10-30 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observers noted a white very bright light in the NE part of the sky. The object was stationary and flashing various colors. Red, green, and white were seen during the observation. The object appeared to go up and down and then drift slowly toward the south. The description is cosistent with that of an astronomical observation.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE Stationary	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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

Capella (possible)

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Name of person taking report 1st Lt Di Gorman Duty Ext ~~260~~

Date of report 30-10-66 Local Time 2100

Caller's name [redacted]

Telephone number

Address South Hampton College

Description of object(s):

Shape OVAL OR ROUND

Size compared to a known object(use one of the following terms: head of a pin, pea, dime nickel, quarter, half dollar, silver dollar, baseball, grapefruit or basketball) held in the hand at about an arm's length. BASKETBALL

Color WHITE - VERY BRIGHT

Number 1

Formation, if more than one

Any discernible features or details
NONE

Tail, trail or exhaust, including size compared to size of object(s)
NO

Sound. If heard, describe sound
NO

Other pertinent or unusual features
NO

Description of object's (s') course:

What first called the attention of the observer(s) to the object(s)?

OTHER PEOPLE

Angle of elevation. (The horizon is 0^{o} elevation. Directly over the observer's head is 90^{o} elevation. The object must appear within this 0^{o} - 90^{o} range). 25°

Azimuth (which direction on the compass was it headed)? North is 360^{o}. East is 90^{o}. South is 180^{o}. West is 270^{o}. E

Angle of elevation and azimuth upon disappearance.

STILL VISIBLE

Description of flight path and maneuvers of object(s).

STATIONARY

How did the object(s) disappear? (Instantaneously to the North, etc.)

How long was (were) the object(s) visible? Be specific - five minutes, one hour, etc.) 10 MIN

Manner of Observation:

Use one or any combination of the following items: ground-visual, air-visual, ground-electronic. (If electronic, specify type of radar).

Statement as to optical aids (telescopes, (binoculars,) etc.) used and description thereof.

THIS QUESTION IS NOT PERTINENT WHEN CALLER IS A CIVILIAN.

COMPLETE ONLY IF REPORTED BY A PILOT.

If the sighting occured while airborne, give type of aircraft _____, identification # _____, altitude _____, heading _____, speed _____ and home station _____

Date and Time of Sighting:

Date: 31-10-60

Zulu Time: 0400Z 0200Z

Light Conditions - day, (night,) dawn, dusk

Location of Observer(s):

Pinpoint location accurately. Use street and building names if it will help. (Example - backyard of house at 22 Dune Road, Westhampton Beach, N. Y.) LONG ISLAND MOTEL SOUTH HAMPTON, N.Y.

Identification of Observer:

Name [redacted]

Age 21 EDUCATION 3rd YEAR COLLEGE

Mailing Address SOUTH HAMPTON COLLEGE

Phone Number SOUTHAMPTON COLLEGE

Occupation STUDENT

TO PERSON COMPLETING FORM - Give your estimate of observer's reliability and reasons.

Reliable

Witnesses - Obtain name, age, address, phone, and occupation of every witness. Use other side of this sheet if necessary.

Physical Evidence: Were photographs taken or was any physical evidence of the object left behind? (Note: If the caller says there is physical evidence still present, contact Wing Operations Duty Officer through CAC, Ext 493, or the Air Police, Ext 408, immediately).

NO

Weather:

(Observer(s) account of weather conditions.

CLEAR

THIS IS THE END OF QUESTIONS FOR THE OBSERVER. RECORD ANY OTHER COMMENTS HE MAY WANT TO ADD. THANK HIM (HER) FOR CALLING.

WHEN THE CALLER HAS HUNG UP, CALL BASE WEATHER AT EXT. 433 FOR THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

	WIND DIRECTION	VELOCITY IN KNOTS & DEGREES
SURFACE:	300°	5 K
6, 000'		
10, 000'		
16, 000'		
20, 000'		
30, 000'		
40, 000'		
50, 000'		
80, 000'		

Note: Weather questionaire continued on page 5.

Ceiling: UNLIM.

Visibility: 15 MI

Amount of cloud cover: NONE

Thunderstorms in area and quadrant in which located:

Vertical temperature gradient:

Any other unusual activity or condition, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise, which might account for the sighting.

NEXT CALL THE COMBAT ALERT CENTER, EXT. 493, FOR THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Was radar sighting made? By whom?

NO

Was intercept action taken?

NO

Location, approximate altitude, and general direction of flight of any air traffic or balloon releases in the area which might possibly account for the sighting.

NO

FINALLY, CALL GRUMMAN AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS SECTION AT 727-1500, EXT. 611, TO FIND OUT IF THEY HAD ANY AIRCRAFT FLYING WHICH COULD ACCOUNT FOR THE SIGHTING.

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Capella

Name of person taking report Sgt Cowan Duty Ext 260

Date of report 25 Oct 66 Local Time 2045

Caller's name [redacted]

Telephone number [redacted]

Address [redacted]

Huntington Bch

Description of object(s):

Shape Round

Size compared to a known object(use one of the following terms: head of a pin, pea, dime nickel, quarter, half dollar, silver dollar, baseball, grapefruit or basketball) held in the hand at about an arm's length.

Color Red + Green Blue white

Number 2

Formation, if more than one

Any discernible features or details

Tail, trail or exhaust, including size compared to size of object(s)
Shooting Fire

Sound. If heard, describe sound N/A

Other pertinent or unusual features

Description of object's (s') course:

What first called the attention of the observer(s) to the object(s)?
Power Failure in the Area ?

Angle of elevation. (The horizon is 0^{o} elevation. Directly over the observer's head is 90^{o} elevation. The object must appear within this 0^{o} - 90^{o} range). 45° EL

Azimuth (which direction on the compass was it headed)? North is 360^{o}. East is 90^{o}. South is 180^{o}. West is 270^{o}. 45° AZ

Angle of elevation and azimuth upon disappearance.

Description of flight path and maneuvers of object(s).

UP + DOWN

How did the object(s) disappear? (Instantaneously to the North, etc.)

WENT UP + THEN DOWN TO THE SOUTH

How long was (were) the object(s) visible? Be specific - five minutes, one hour, etc.) 30 MIN

Manner of Observation:

Use one or any combination of the following items: ground-visual, air-visual, ground-electronic. (If electronic, specify type of radar).

Statement as to optical aids (telescopes, binoculars, etc.) used and description thereof. W/A

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Date and Time of Sighting:

Date: _____

Zulu Time: _____

Light Conditions - day, night, dawn, dusk

Location of Observer(s):

Pinpoint location accurately. Use street and building names if it will help. (Example - backyard of house at 22 Dune Road, Westhampton Beach, N. Y.) [redacted]

Identification of Observer:

Name [redacted]

Age 19

Mailing Address [redacted]

South Hampton

Phone Number [redacted]

Occupation student

EDUCATION Junior College

TO PERSON COMPLETING FORM - Give your estimate of observer's reliability and reasons.

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NO

Weather: clear

(Observer(s) account of weather conditions.

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Object is still there ✓

WHEN THE CALLER HAS HUNG UP, CALL BASE WEATHER AT EXT. 483 FOR THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

SURFACE:	WIND DIRECTION	VELOCITY IN KNOTS & DEGREES
6,000'	280°	15
10,000'	270°	30
16,000'		50°
20,000'	260°	85°
30,000'	240°	900
40,000'	250°	85
50,000'	250°	
80,000'		

Note: Weather questionaire continued on page 5.

Ceiling: 10,000 ft.

Visibility: 7 mi.

Amount of cloud cover: 00/10

Thunderstorms in area and quadrant in which located:

Vertical temperature gradient: Stable- Decreases 14° TO 19,000

Any other unusual activity or condition, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise, which might account for the sighting.

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PROJECT 10073 RECORD

(MULTIPLE)

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 30 Oct. 66 2320Z	2. LOCATION Southhampton, Long Island, New York multiple
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Unidentified PHOTOS(Hoax)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 7 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer was [illegible] by his sister-in-law that there was something in the sky he ought to take a picture of. As the observer walked outside he spotted an object north along some power lines. The object traveled north to south, then more toward the southwest. The UFO had arms that sparkled like [illegible] arc-light, which seemed to be in front of the alleged UFO. This light lit up the area in front of the object. While the object was in view a slight humming sound was heard which compared to that made by a electric [illegible]. Lost sight of the object in the southwestern sky. The photos were definitely not of the object that was seen on the 30th of October 1966. The photos were taken on 28 Oct. 66 between 2300 and 2359 EDST. The photo is thus a fraud.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE SW	
8. PHOTOS ☒ Yes ☐ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

FORM
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30 Oct. 1966
Southampton, New York

[redacted] statement

[redacted], "I was alerted by my sister-in-law, Mrs. [redacted], "there is something in the sky that night be interesting to atke a pàcture". I walked out, about supper time, 6:20, in my shirt sleeves. Spotted object north along power line. Traveling north to south, then south west. UFO had arms that sparkled like arc-light, which seemed to be in front of, lighting up area ahead of it. Heard slight hum, ~~XXgXXXG~~ like electric turbine .

Was in sight for at least seven minutes. Guess to be at 1500 or 2,000 feet. Enormous size, over 100' wide.

Following power line south to ocean, then turned southwest along ~~27~~ Route 27 to hover over college. (Southampton) Lost sight of it over college.

Type film
Tri-X

star trail = 22 mm
moon trail width (#2) ≅ ? mm
if 7 mm = ½ deg, 22 mm = 1.5 deg
at ¼ deg/min, 1.5 deg = 6 min

10" = 254 mm
$\frac{22}{254}$ = 0.0869 of frame width =

35 mm frame = ~~1.5" wide~~
× 0.0869 = 3.09 mm

$\frac{3.09}{135}$ = .0225 rad
= 1.3°

time = 5.2 min.

Pleas write open
Minute cup.

Local Lodge — Drop in

Kodak

Tri-X ORTHO

Royal 320

Tech Pan 200

Same speed as
707 at a great distance

Canon Graflex (Speed)

4 x 5 neg.

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Southampton

SPECIAL REPORT ON [redacted] PHOTOGRAPH

Of three 8 x 10 prints submitted by Mr. [redacted], [redacted] Southampton, L. I., to Mr. W. R. Robinson, one contains a photograph of an alleged UFO and also shows three star trails. A study of star and moon positions previous to the date of the supposed UFO photograph has shown that the three trails are images of the three brightest stars in the constellation Aries. The hypothesis was tested that the bright elongated object in the picture is a trailed image of the moon.

The coordinates of the three stars (1966) are as follows:

Alpha Aries	$2^h\ 05^m\ 15^s$	+23° 18' 09"
Beta Aries	$1^h\ 52^m\ 45^s$	+20° 38' 33"
Gamma Aries	$1^h\ 51^m\ 40^s$	+19° 07' 40"

The first task was to calculate the plate scale on the assumption that these were in fact the coordinates of the ends of the star-trails. Since the paths were parallel on the print, the declination difference (at right angles to the direction of trail) was used. The separation of the three stars in declination, on the print, was measured to be

Alpha-Beta	0.695 inch
Beta-Gamma	0.388 inch

The plate scales obtained, uncorrected for geometry, were then used to compute an effective focal length for the lens used, as if the photograph were made directly onto the 8 x 10 print. The result was 16.31 inches. If the original negative were a 4 x 5 plate, the lens would have had a focal length to 8 inches; if a 35 mm. camera were used, the focal length comes out to be 56 mm., quite close to a standard lens.

Having the focal length, a correction factor could be computed to take into account the off-axis angles. The resulting corrected on-axis plate scale was 0.004175 inches per minute of arc, the scales computed from the measured separations agreeing within 1%.

The ratio of the declination separations on the print is 0.1767; the ratio of the actual declination-differences is 1.756; the error is 0.011, or 0.63%. The identification may be taken as proven.

Next the declination-difference between each star-trail and the center of the moon-trail was measured. The distances were:

Alpha - moon	3.233 inches
Beta - moon	2.524 inches
Gamma - moon	2.144 inches

A mean geometry correction was computed for the mid-points of these distances, and then they were converted into angles, and the declination of the moon was computed, as follows:

	Difference Angle	Moon's Declination
Alpha - moon	12° 30!0	10° 48!15
Beta - moon	9° 52!0	10° 46!55
Gamma - moon	8° 21!5	10° 46!2
	Mean computed declination	10° 46!9

The declination of the moon is given in the ephemeris as viewed from the center of the earth; thus a person standing on the earth at a northerly latitude will see too low a declination due to parallax. This parallax was computed for a latitude of 40° north, and it amounted to 28 minutes of arc. The corrected ephemeris declination of the moon was

thus 11° 14!9.

Right ascension was computed by first measuring the location of the end of the moon-trail relative to a line drawn at right angles to the star-trails; in this way the relative right ascension of the image of the moon could be found. The position of the center of the moon was estimated by centering a line as long as the star-trails on the elongated image, and then picking one end of that line as the starting-position of the moon's center. The difference in right ascension was not corrected for curvature of the right-ascension lines, the declination being sufficiently close to zero that little convergence would be expected. The measured difference was again corrected for plate scale and off-axis angle, with the result that the moon's right ascension at the start of the exposure was found to be $2^h\ 01^m\ 17^s$.

From the American Ephemeris and Nautical Almanac for 1966, the following table of apparent lunar coordinates was taken; all entries are for 29 October 1966:

UT	EDST (Oct.28)	RA	DEC	RA error	DEC error
0200	10:00 PM	$1^h\ 59^m\ 09^s$	+10° 43' 47"	$+2^m\ 08^s$	+30'
0300	11:00 PM	$2^h\ 01^m\ 01^s$	+10° 56' 48"	$+\ 16^s$	+17'
0400	12:00 PM	$2^h\ 02^m\ 53^s$	+11° 09' 47"	$-1^m\ 36^s$	+05'

By a simple interpolation formula, the time was found when the absolute amount of error was the same, in minutes of arc, in both directions:

Time: 0332 UT, or 11:32 PM EDST, Oct. 28th

RA: $2^h\ 02^m\ 05^s$ (12 minutes of arc high)

DEC: 11° 03!8 (11 minutes of arc low)

Eleven minutes of arc on the print is 0.046 inches on the print. We take as proven the hypothesis that the picture is a trailed image of the moon, and that it was not taken on Sunday, October 30th, as claimed by Mr. [redacted], but on Friday evening, October 28th, between the hours of 11:00 and 12:00 PM, EDST. The picture is therefore a fraud.

Requires
23 Oct 66

TDET/UFO 23 January 1967

UFO Observation, October 1966

[redacted]
Southampton, New York 11968

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Reference your completed FTD Form 164 on your unidentified observation. The report we have from the Southampton police says the object was sighted on 30 October 1966. In the form, just received by this office, you said that the object was observed on 23 October 1966. Confirmation of the correct date would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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

30 Oct 66

FTD (TDETR)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433
9 November 1966

[redacted]
Southampton, New York 11968

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Reference your unidentified observation of 30 October 1966. 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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Office of Record

Send 164 to [redacted]

Southampton N. Y.

on this 30 Oct sighting

6080 70045 Re entry 6074 + 6075.While on patrol was stopped by [redacted] of Southampton Collage who reported spotting U.F.O. at 2327 hrs.10/30/66 While on Oceola Drive approx. 100 Feet South of Montauk Highway in a South East direction approx. 25degrees above horizon. Did not see exhaust or hear motor nosie. Lights flashed from red to green to yellow + was obersed for over one half hour. Did not appear to be moving.Following students were in his company + also saw this incident. [redacted]

Rigel 120°Az 18°El

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

19 OF

[redacted]

[redacted]

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:

It was as bright in the sky as a close street light

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 Saw it through 9 power binoculars. The edges were hazy.

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) Not Certain

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?

13 (Day) October (Month) 1966 (Year)

2. Time of day: 6 (Hour) about 15-30 (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) Southampton (City or Town) New York (State or County)

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

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

5.1 How was time in sight determined? personal judgment

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes X No ____

Kept about 2 minutes for 5-10 minutes

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

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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? _____

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 East yard of my pasts house in corner st near pasture with trees

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
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
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?

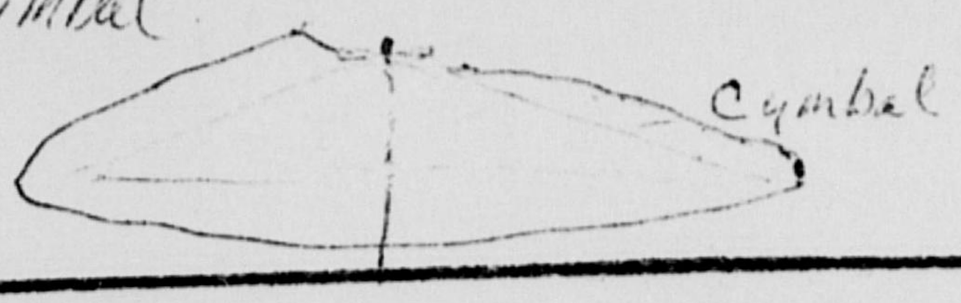
(Circle One) Yes No

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.

It would look like a cymbal



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

I'm not sure, because I sighted more than one. They were possibly not airplanes, because of it hovering. (Some min.)

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:

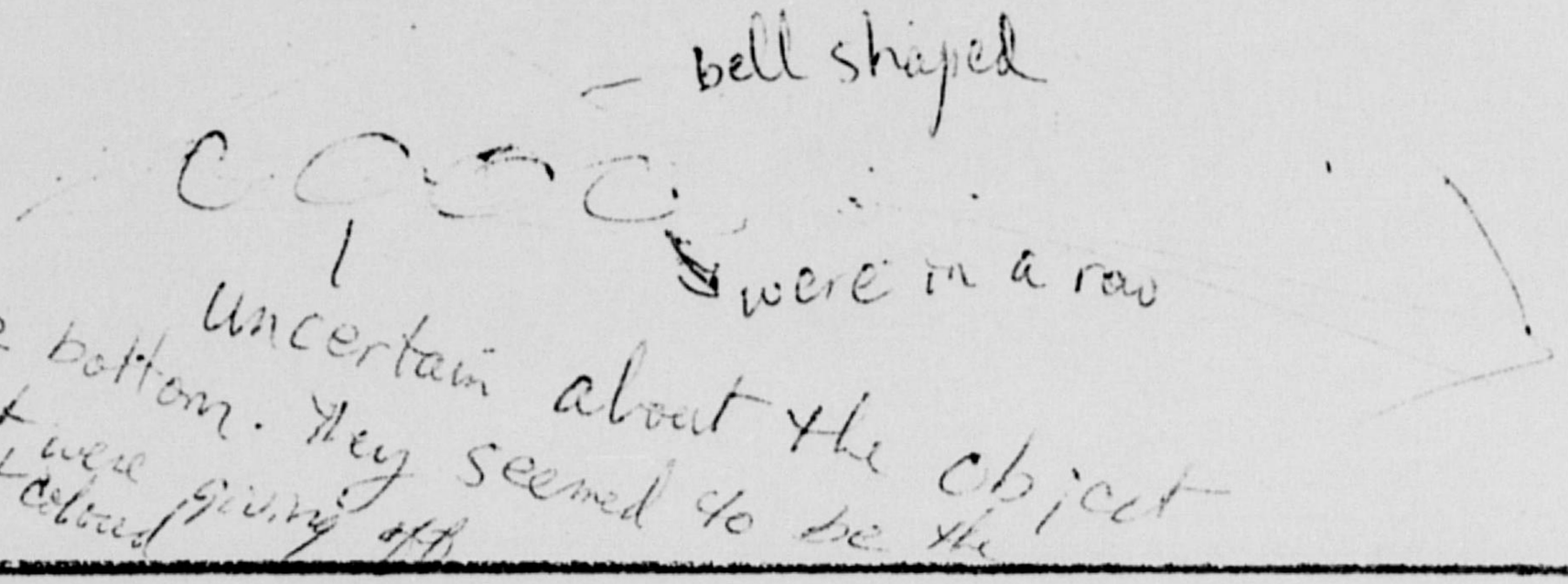
a. Sound couldn't hear anything

b. Color very bright white light. - it the changed colors red - green, 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?

- blackened an area would have been about the covering of the match

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.



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:

Mr. & Mrs [redacted]

[redacted]

Southampton
New York

Mr. & Mrs [redacted]

[redacted]

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

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

ADDRESS [redacted] (Street) Southampton (City) ___ (Zone) New York (State)

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted] AGE 15 [redacted] SEX Male

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

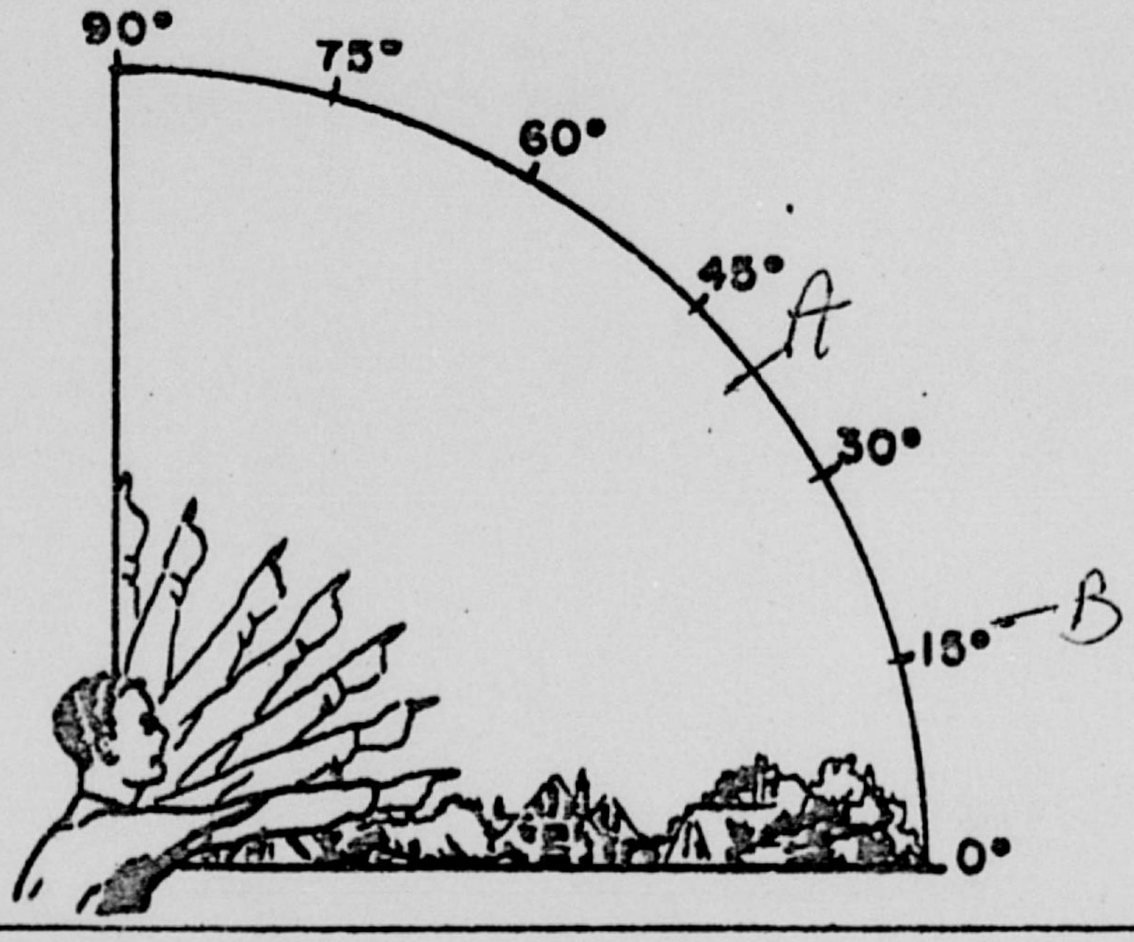
Wear glasses.

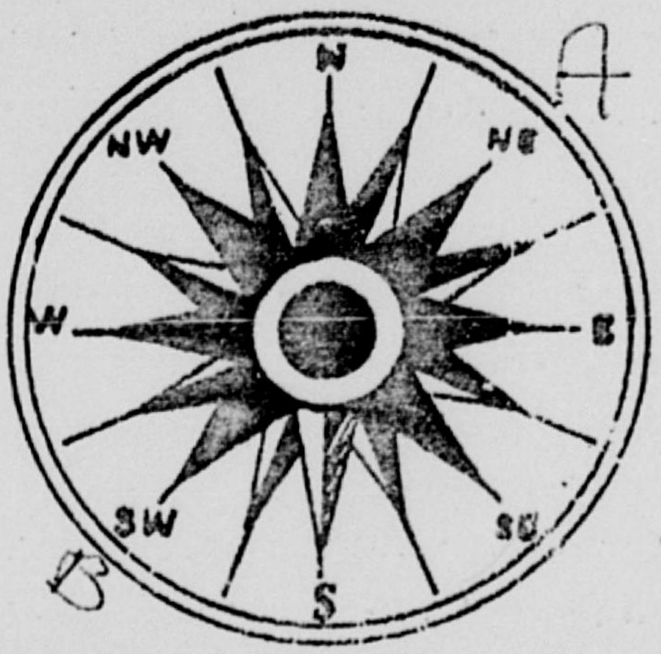
33. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?

23 (Day) October (Month) 66 (Year)

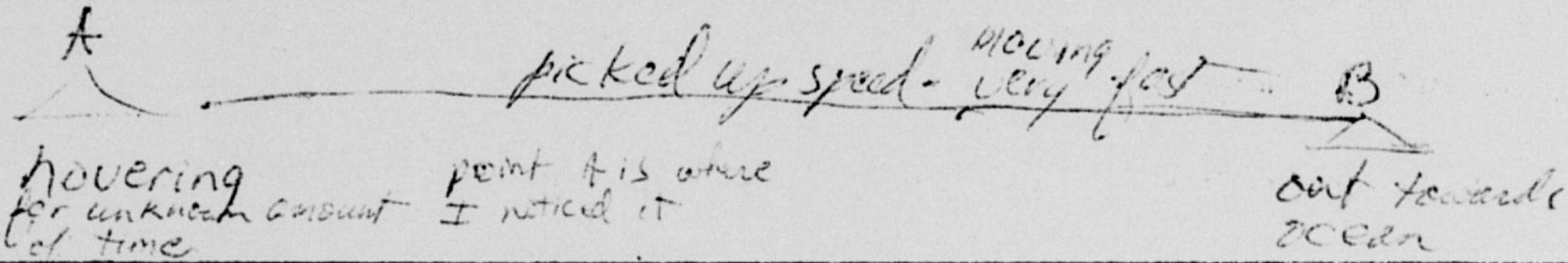
Southampton Village Police

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.



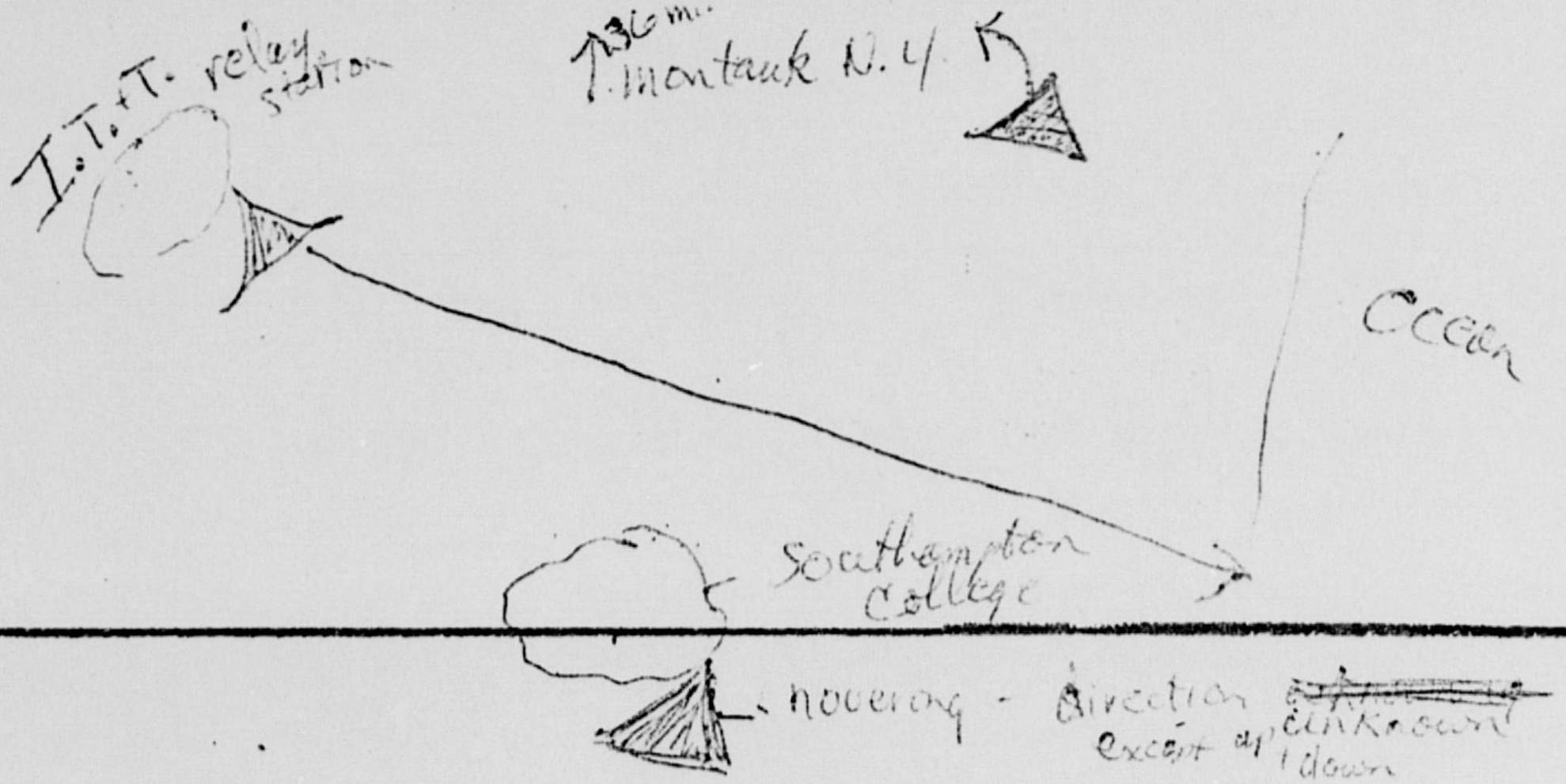


28. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.



29. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? 3

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



34. Date you completed this questionnaire: 13 (Day) December (Month) 1966 (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.

although I cannot estimate the altitude of the object, I know for sure, from living close to Westhampton A.F.B, that if the object ~~all~~ was a plane, jet or helicopter I most certainly would have heard it. The altitude was low enough for anyone to hear it if it was any kind of normal aircraft

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION (AFSC)
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO 45433

REPLY TO ATTN OF: TDET/UFO

23 January 1967

SUBJECT: UFO Observation, October 1966

TO: [redacted]
Southampton, New York 11968

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Reference your completed FTD Form 164 on your unidentified observation. The report we have from the Southampton police says the object was sighted on 30 October 1966. In the form, just received by this office, you said that the object was observed on 23 October 1966. Confirmation of the correct date would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Hector Quintanilla, Jr.
HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Major, USAF
Chief, Project Blue Book

February 14, '66

Dear Major,

Please excuse the delay in returning this, It was temporarily lost.

I am writing the form my son and the correct date was as the Southampton police reported the 30th of Oct. '66.

Thank you for your prompt

Sincerely

[redacted]

TDETR/Maj H Quintanilla, Jr/70916/mhs/21 Nov 66

Request for Helicopter Information

NOV 22 1966

Base Operations
Quonset Point Naval Air Station

Our office is in receipt of an unidentified flying object report from the Southampton, Long Island area. Request information on any helicopters that departed Quonset on the afternoon of 30 October 1966 on a flight path which would have taken them over the Long Island area, possibly with a final destination of Floyd Bennett Field, New York.

FOR THE COMMANDER

L. DeGoes

LOUIS DeGOES, Colonel, USAF
Director of Technology and Subsystems

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COORDINATION:

(H)
TDETR/Maj H Quintanilla, Jr DATE 21 Nov 66

Fred B. Van Dam
TDET DATE 21 Nov 66

U. S. NAVAL AIR STATION
QUONSET POINT, R. I. 02819

IN REPLY REFER TO:
AOA/KLB:jek
25 November 1966

From: Air Operations Officer, U. S. Naval Air Station, Quonset Point, R. I.
To: Director of Technology and Subsystems (TDETR), Department of the Air Force, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio 45433

Subj: Helicopter Information; request for

Ref: (a) Your ltr of 22 Nov 1966

1. In reply to reference (a), a search of our records indicates only one helicopter filed a flight plan on the date in question. The following information was taken from our records:

Radio Call - AS-59
Type of Aircraft - SH-3A
Departed - NAS Quonset Point
Time Departed - 1700Z 1200 EST
Airspeed - 110
Altitude - 1,500
Flight Conditions - VFR
Route of Flight - ~~D~~ ORW ~~D~~ RVH ~~D~~ JFK ~~D~~ COL ~~D~~ CYN ~~D~~ ATR ~~D~~ SBY ~~D~~ CCV
Destination - Navy Norfolk
Estimated Time of Arrival - 2030Z 1530 EST

J. R. Jackson

J. R. JACKSON
CDR, USN

Was It a Satellite, Star, Plane? No; It's Our Own Flying Saucer

MIDTHAMPTON's contribution to the nationwide flying saucer is the UFO (unidentified flying object) caught by the lens of Press photographer Ed Sidor at about 6:00 p.m. Sunday. Mr. Sidor also claims he heard it, as well as saw it, and the CIC, has turned over his photos and detailed description to the phenomenon-hotline Air Force investigating team working on "Project Blue Book." Sidor

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Was It a Satellite, Star, Plane?

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strain, he said.

On either side of the object, Mr. Sidor reports, were two rods or arms which gave off a light like Fourth of July sparklers. In the front there appeared to be bright headlight-like projections, and in the rear an orange-rosy exhaust. "It was so bright, it blurred," he said.

Mr. Sidor is adamant in denying that the UFO could have been a star, a satellite, a plane, or even a bird. He points out that he is familiar with the aircraft patterns for this area, which in no way coincide with the path taken by the UFO which, incidentally, finally disappeared to the south near Montauk Highway in the vicinity of Southampton College.

craft. Investigation is continuing of 6 reports on which insufficient information for positive identification has been submitted. Preliminary investigation has not been completed on 8 additional sightings reported "not to fit," among which is included Southampton's saucer.

All preliminary investigations are being conducted by William Powers, Systems Engineer at Dearborn Observatory, Northwestern University, and Lt. William Marley of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio, who are assigned to the Air Force UFO investigation project known as "Project Blue Book."

Latest reports received here indicate that Mr. Sidor's photographs are now undergoing the closest possible scrutiny in the Dearborn and its "initial investigation" of observations by experts in the field. It was in October Project Blue Book, Air Force, space officials have concluded that 21 of 91 sightings, stars, planes, and other the sightings reported were stars, [illegible] of flying objects and what 7 were satellites, and 7 were air-[illegible]s.

2 Nov. 66

Contact was made with the Suffolk County AFB operations regarding their rescue helicopters. They had no copters in the air on 30 Oct. 66.

Contact was made with the Shinnecock Hills Coast Guard station concerning their helicopters. Their nearedt copter is in Brooklyn and doesn't come out to this area unless there is an emergency.

Contact was made with Floyd Bennet Field, New York. Both Navy and Marine operations were checked for any helicopters that could have been in the Southhampton area about 1800 30 Oct. 66. A negative responce was obtained.

Contact was made with the Southhampton town police. They on occasions use a Grumman helicopter but did not think that the cppter was being used on 30 Oct. 66.

Contact was made with Grumman Aircraft Company. Again a negative answer was obtained for any craft in the Southhampton area on the night in question.

Contact was again made with the Coast Guard at Mattituck. They said that no patrols in the area this time of the year. They do have twilight patrols in the summer months only.

30 Octbr

TDET/UFO (Maj H Quintanilla, Jr/70916/mhs/15 Dec 66)

UFO Observation, 30 October 1966

DEC 1 6 1966

104th Tactical Fighter Group

Our office is in receipt of a reported UFO observation over the Southampton, Long Island, New York area. A check of our Flip Low Altitude High Speed Training Route Chart indicates that your group is engaged in training flights over the area in question. Request information on participation by the 104th Tactical Fighter Group on Barnes 3 low altitude, high speed route on the afternoon of 30 October 1966.

FOR THE COMMANDER

LOUIS DeGOES, Colonel, USAF
Director of Technology and Subsystems

COORDINATION

TDET/UFO MAJ H QUINTANILLA, JR — DATE 15 Dec 66

TDET — DATE 16 Dec 66

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION (AFSC)
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO 45433

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Director of Technology and Subsystems

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20 Dec 66

104 Tac Ftr Gp

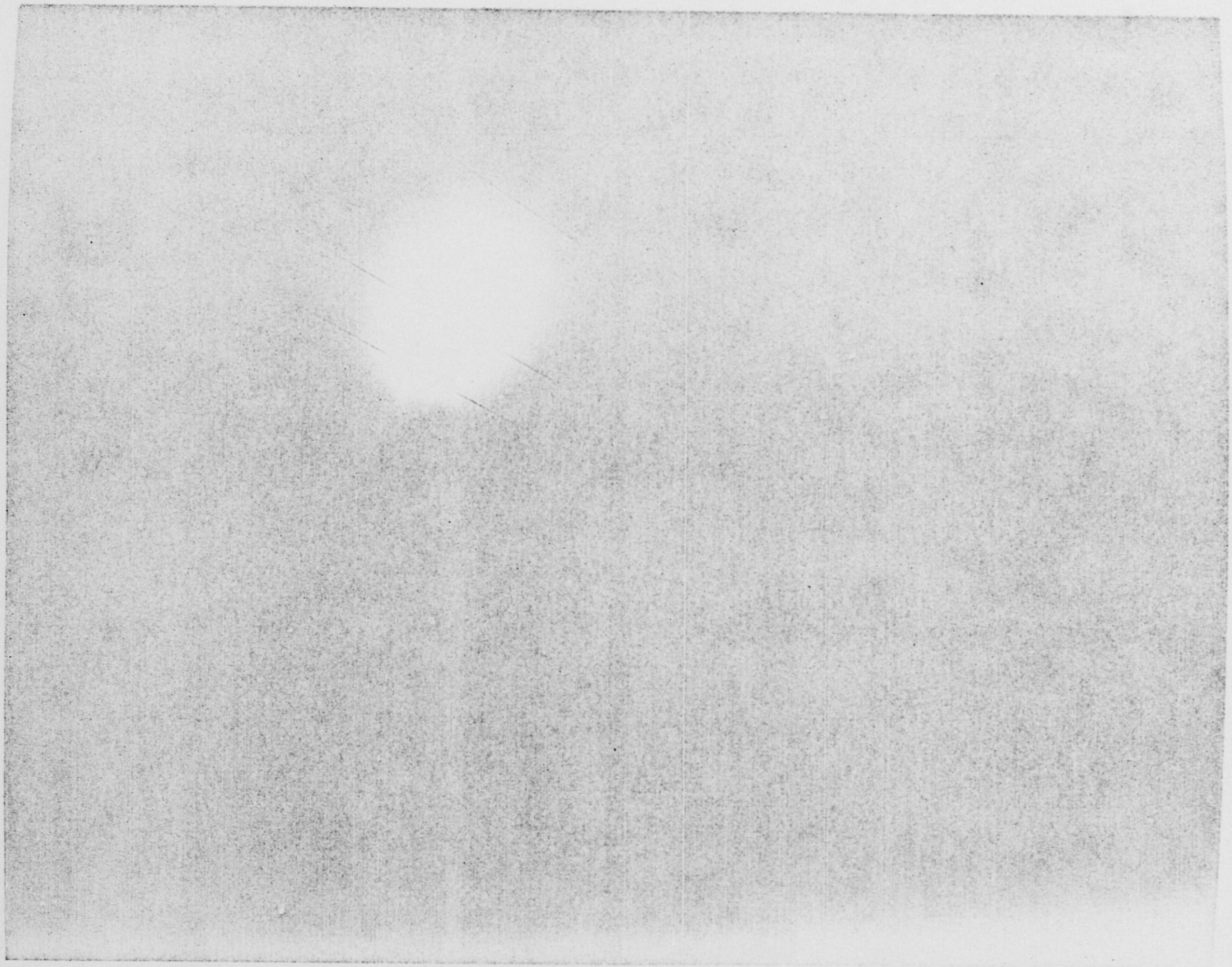
TO: TDET Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

On the above cited date this organization did not perform any flying in our prescribed local area; specifically the Barnes #3 Low Altitude Route.

FOR THE COMMANDER

BRUNO J GRABOVSKY, LtCol Mass
Deputy for Operations

This case contains ~~5~~ 3
4"x5" negatives and 7, 8"x10"
photos.



PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 30 Oct. 66 31/0427Z	2. LOCATION Southhampton, Long Island, New York multiple
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astro(Rigel) Rigel was on an azimuth of 120 degrees and at an elevation of 18 degrees.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observers watched a star like object in the southeastern sky for about 30 minutes. The observers did not notice any noise or any type of exhaust. The object just remained basically stationary during the duration of the sighting. The light was flashing from red to green to yellow. The description is consistent with that of an astronomical observation.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE Stationary	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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

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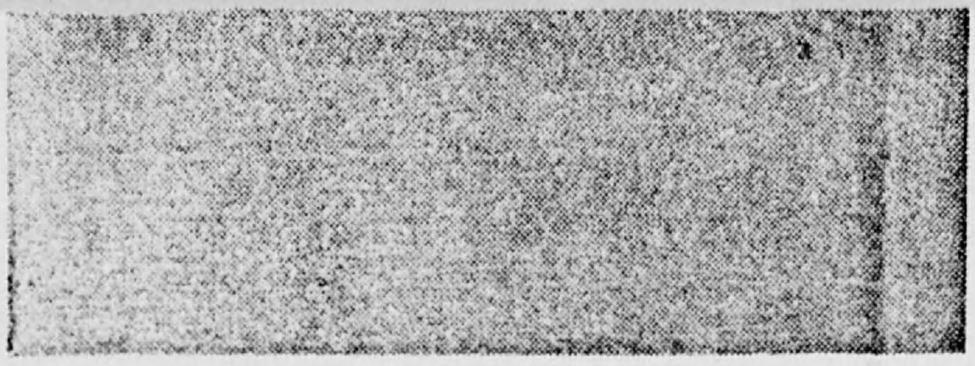
31 Oct 66

[redacted] and several other students from Southhampton College reported watching an alleged UFO for more than 30 minutes. 30 Oct 66 2327 The object was seen in the southeast portion of the sky at an elevation of approximately 25 degrees. The observers did not notice and noise or any type of exhaust. The object just remained basically stationary in the southeast during the observation period. The lights flashed from red to green to yellow during the observation. The object did not appear to be moving from its position.

Conclusion:

Although there is imcomplete data to warrent a comprehensive evaluation it ~~definitely~~ appears that the witnesses were watching the star Rigel which at the time of the sighting was on an azimuth of 120 degrees and at an elevation of 18 degrees. Sirius which had been reported previously as an UFO did not rise on this particular night until approximately mid-night, and is excluded as a possible explanation.



A closeup of the UFO, with what may be the edge of a cloud at left veiling the outline.

2nd picture

In this closeup, taken a few seconds later, the image is somewhat smaller, apparently due to cloud obscuration.

At Brentwood late Saturday night.

And, although I did not see them, the final time exposure I took clearly showed three extra streaks of light in formation, east of the UFO I was photographing. They may have been three more of the mysterious aerial objects that have been roaming Long Island's skies in recent days.

At the same time I was visually and photographically tracking the UFO, the Air Force and The Press were both receiving calls about the same sighting and other sightings in Smithtown and Centerport.

I suspect a lot of people aren't going to believe it, but what I witnessed has nothing to do with the series, "UFO's Are Serious Business" that starts today on page 15 of The Press.

* * *

WHAT I first saw was a motionless object, much brighter and at least ten times as large as any planet or star in the sky that I could see at the same time.

It was brilliantly luminescent and its pale-yellow shade was close to the color of the ends of your classified telephone book.

Whatever it was, it was stationary enough so that I was able to get two very sharp-looking pictures of its outline. What my eyes saw was roughly a horizontal oval. The sharper eye of the lens showed a weirder shape with a weaker cone of light below it that had shifted its direction between the time I took the first and second pictures.

A slim bank of low-hanging cumulus clouds, nudged by the chilling gusty winds we had late Saturday night, moved in front of the UFO.

* * *

WHEN IT reappeared, the object was in motion—from west to east—and its yellow shade was swiftly disappearing, replaced by a bluish-purple color.

As it passed me, it looked as if it was moving on a straight and level course. It seemed to be going no faster than the typical one-motored private planes that I've flown out of Flushing, Zahn's and other Long Island airports.

As it continued eastward, the UFO seemed to be picking up speed. When it passed south of me as I stood on the Long Island Expressway border, the "whatever-it-was" was doing about 90 miles an hour.

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BUT AS it got further east, the speed went up dramatically. The last two exposures, made of an object many miles away, show a pair of much longer streaks than those made when the UFO was close to me. This means a fantastically higher speed of travel.

Actual speed calculations, from examination of the

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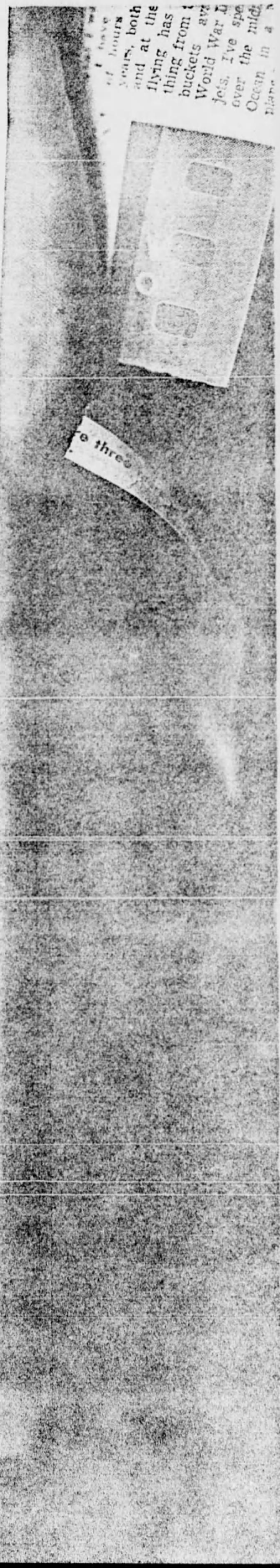
When Victor photographed



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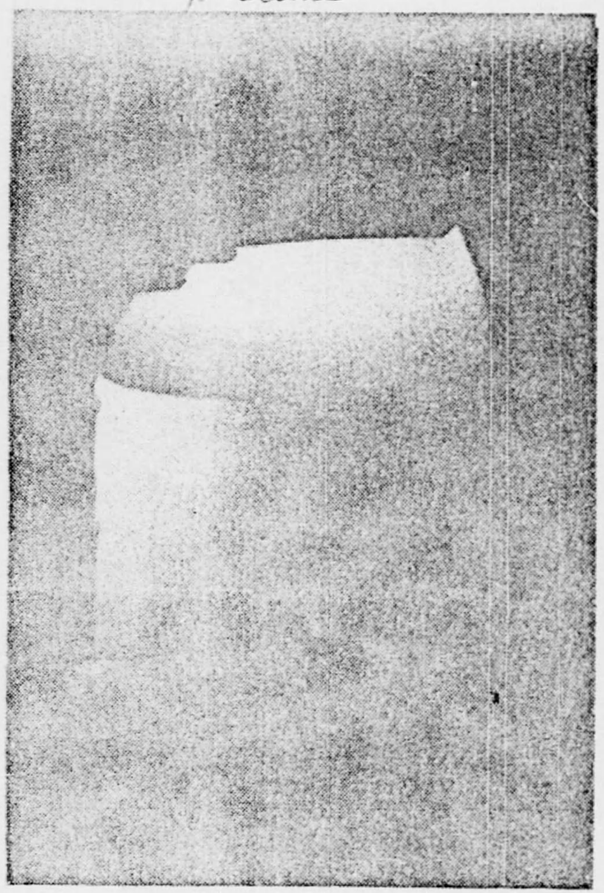

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2nd picture

'I Photographed a UFO'

Space Spectacle Over LI

By LEONARD VICTOR

I saw and photographed a UFO — an unidentified flying object — in North Brentwood late Saturday night.

And, although I did not see them, the final time exposure I took clearly showed three extra streaks of light in formation, east of the UFO I was photographing. They may have been three more of the mysterious aerial objects that have been roaming Long Island's skies in recent days.

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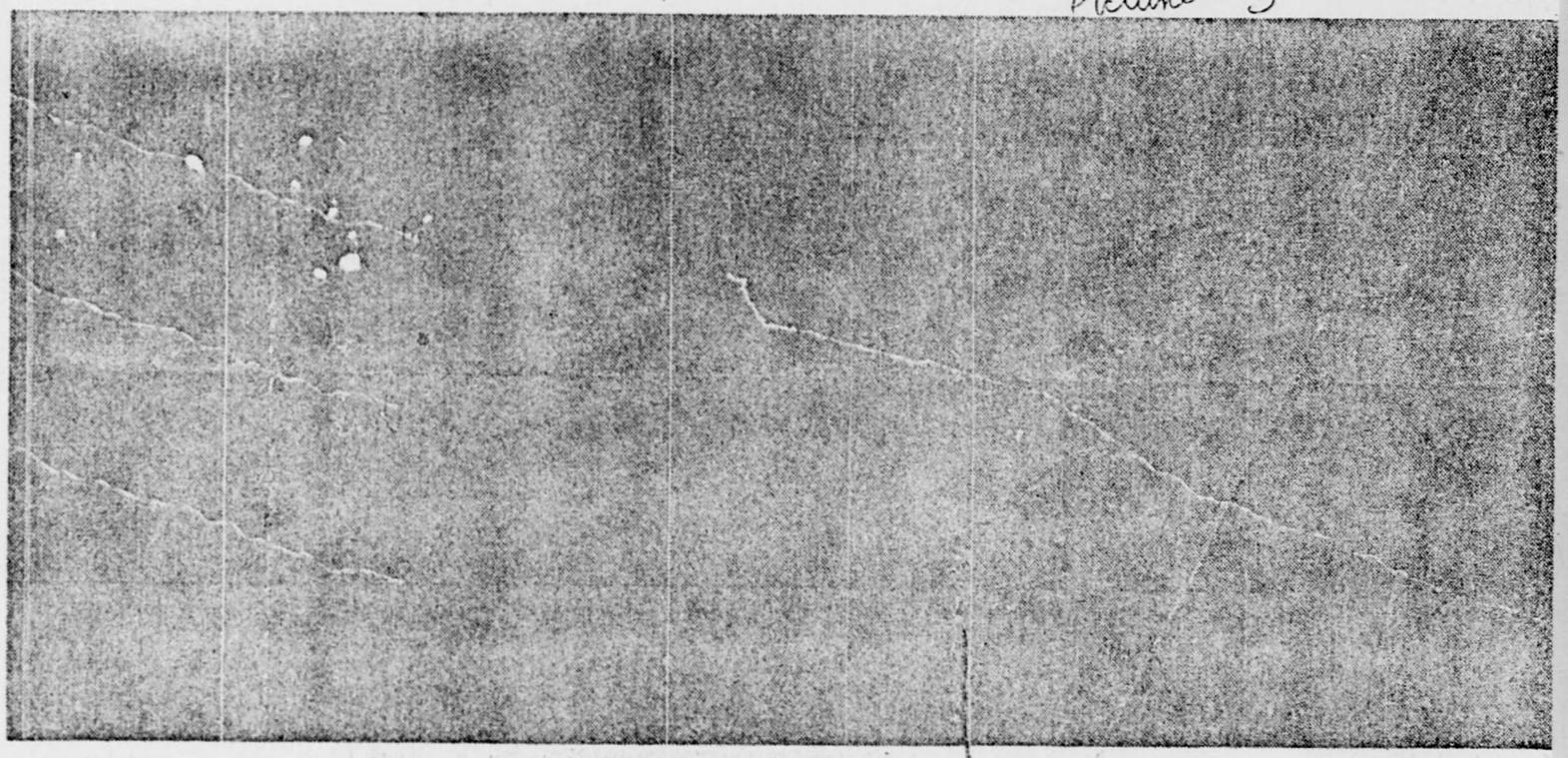

When Victor photographed the UFO in flight, right, he didn't realize there were three more in formation, at left. They turned up when he developed the film.

THE STARS AND STRIPES

Friday, November 4, 1966

AF Identifies UFOs Sighted By 35 in L.I.

NEW YORK, Nov. 2 (UPI) — The Air Force said Wednesday it has identified the unidentified flying objects (UFOs) sighted by 35 persons in eastern Long Island last month.

The UFOs, two Air Force investigators said, included satellites, aircraft and stars.

In a report released by Suffolk County Air Force Base, the investigators said they established identification of all but six of 41 UFO sightings reported in the area on Oct. 21.

The report was prepared by William Powers of Dearborn Observatory, Evanston, Ill., and Lt. William Marley of Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

The Breakdown

They said that in 21 of the cases, the UFOs proved to be stars. Seven sightings were identified as aircraft, and seven others as satellites. The investigators said there was insufficient information on six other sightings. Eight sightings reported Oct. 30 were still under investigation.

Among those reporting UFO sightings the night of Oct. 21 were three policemen and a photographer. The investigators said the object sighted in this case was Sirius, the brightest star in the sky.

To prove their point, Powers and Marley took two of the policemen out at night to view the star system. The investigators said the officers agreed that the shape of the star appeared the same as the "giant saucer" they said they saw in the sky before.

Saucers Or Sorcery It's Sirius Business

Residents of the Moriches Bay Area -- a traditionally starry-eyed breed -- became pop-eyed in mounting numbers this week as more and more skyward glances yielded a glimpse of Unidentified Flying Objects.

Talk of flying saucers, blinking cigar-shaped craft, strange bright lights and stationary airliners crescendoed into a full-blown mystery throughout the area as they were sighted by stable, responsible citizens who are not normally given to hallucination.

At least some of the objects were identified by the Air Force on Tuesday as a bright star called Sirius, which often dominates the heavens at this time of year. But it seemed more sirius than that to a number of local folks, who saw Something Else.

Center of the sightings in most reports appeared to be the Moriches area, where one local Sirius thought or the possibility resident saw a silent brilliantly-lit craft that "really gave me a strange lonesome feeling because it seemed to be watching me."

Center Moriches District Principal Stanley Abrams, riding home from a meeting of schoolmen update with a group of school administrators and board members, saw another from Farm-to-Market Road near the old Suffolk Game Preserve. Mr. Abrams described the object as similar in appearance to an airplane with its lights on, inside and out.

TIDE Publisher John B. Cummings viewed a like object over the Mastic area, which he said "looked like an extremely bright light, wider than it was deep, nearly motionless in the southeast sky." The object appeared larger than any planet or star, he said, declining to rule out that it was an optical illusion.

Many citizens who declined to be identified reported seeing objects variously described as "a street light way out in the sky," "something like a flattened-out theater marquis," and "a funny light that changed colors as you watched it."

Reports of Bay Area sightings matched those of other observers who have seen them in Islip, Patchogue and in the Babylon area over the past two weeks. Sightings have been shouted down in several cases by True Believers who maintain that if you don't see them here, it's because their bullpens are black and you can't see them from directly underneath.

Meanwhile, the Air Force was investigating all the remaining reports and initiating official inquiries.

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SCAFB Explains Flying Objects

SUFFOLK COUNTY AFB (ADC), N Y—The Air Force has completed initial investigation of 41 unidentified flying object reports submitted to Suffolk County AFB during the month of October.

Investigators have concluded that 21 of the sightings reported were stars, 7 were satellites, and 7 were aircraft. Investigation is continuing of 6 reports on which insufficient information for positive identification has been submitted. Preliminary investigation has not been completed on 8 additional sightings reported Sunday night. Findings will be announced when investigations have been completed.

Sirius Identified

A sighting initially reported by three Suffolk County policemen in the Patchogue precinct and which was subsequently photographed and published by the New York Daily News was positively identified as the star Sirius. Air Force investigators went to the scene where two of the officers pointed out the star as the object they had seen.

The preliminary investigations

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UFOs

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are being conducted by Mr William Fawcett, Systems Engineer at Dearborn Observatory, Northwestern University, and Lt William Manley of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Copter May Be Key To UFO Whirl on LI

By Art Deformenard Marrice Swift

Southampton—Something in the sky over Long Island tonight, again, with experts last Sunday may be nothing more than a helicopter.

This was the off-the-cuff opinion yesterday of astronomer William Powers, who is studying the reports of unidentified flying objects for the Air Force. Powers has talked with more than a half-dozen persons who observed a bright object maneuvering in the skies. "They all apparently saw the same thing," said Powers. "It is a possibility that it was a helicopter. Not an ordinary one, but one rigged for rescue work. They have floodlights underneath and these are put on at low altitudes."

But Powers, a systems engineer at the Perkins Observatory of Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., was not as firm as the Air Force, which early dismissed 35 unidentified flying objects Monday. The UFOs, all seen in Long Island skies, were, said the Air Force, seven airplanes, seven satellites and 21 stars. "I have a lot of checking to do before I can say anything definite," said Powers. "The Suffolk Air Force Base (in Westhampton Beach) has rescue helicopters and I'll have to check whether they had them in the air when these people sighted something. If it isn't that, we'll have to keep working."

The flight patterns were not available at the Air Force base last night.

Among those Powers spoke with yesterday were Mrs. John Acquino of 135 Corrigan St., Southampton. She told him that she, her husband, and her son, John Jr. had all seen a bright lit moving object in the sky about 6 PM Sunday. "It seemed too bright for a star," said Mrs. Acquino. "We could not see the shape, but it was very bright. She said it seemed to have white and green lights. A neighbor, Mrs. George Wolpert of 105 Corrigan St., told Powers, "You could see red lights flashing and see the reflection of lights on metal. It had like rows of lights and it was kind of sparkly."

Students Saw UFO

Two students at Southampton College, Ira Litman, 19, of Hewlett and Dick Huber, 21, of Hampton Bay, who room at the Longacre Motel, Southampton, said they viewed something about the same time, too. "It was one mass of light . . . it lit up the sky. Then it seemed to split into several smaller ones, becoming small. There was a red beam underneath," said Huber. Litman said it seemed "yellowish with a hint of red and it . . . it did have an almost light, a haze to it."

Powers faced his interviews with the witnesses and said he'll spend the next couple of weekends transcribing the tapes. He said that he has been studying UFO reports for the Air Force for the past three years. "I am interested in this. I like to find out what they are for myself. There are lots of unidentified flying objects but whether they are flying saucers, no one knows." Powers was also hoping to visit a field in Amagansett where Seymour Becker, chief of radiation control for the Suffolk Health Department, said he found a 20-foot circle of flattened grass and trees that had been chopped off last

However, Becker refused to go to the area because Powers was accompanied by a newsman. The area, a field off Abraham's Path, was visited by Becker in April after two women reported seeing a large object with a red light on top nearby. Becker has investigated at least 11 UFO sightings this year, none of which appear to be Soviet. Powers said he will report his findings to the Northwestern University. If they are unexplained, they remain in the files.

Newsday

Wednesday, November 2, 1966

LONG ISLAND PRESS, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1966

It Wasn't a Plane, A Star, a Planet . . .

"It wasn't any natural phenomenon like a passing plane, a star or a planet. The scientists will have to work on this one at headquarters."

That was the verdict of an Air Force UFO expert yesterday after he had heard the details of the sighting of an unidentified flying object seen and photographed Saturday night by Press reporter-photographer Leonard Vance.

Dr. William Markey, an adviser to the Air Force's special unit investigating UFOs, spent more than two and a half hours yesterday afternoon with Vance listening to details of the unusual occurrence.

The Air Force investigator studied photos the Press writer had made of an object that was first seen sitting motionless in the sky and that later traveled from west to east in the Brentwood area. At the extreme end of its visible flight, the UFO seen by Victor and a group of college students appeared to do a fast that it was apparently at least as fast as a passenger jet.

Several of the college students from the State Agricultural and Technical College of Farmingdale who saw the strange object at Brentwood besides Vance, said that the object was moving much faster than a jet.

Victor's final two exposure photograph, taken as the UFO was disappearing

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UFO Wasn't a Plane, a Star or a Planet

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through the camera's viewfinder.

The three objects which were filmed or the UFO that Victor photographed were in the area where The Press and the Air Force received additional UFO sighting reports at the same time.

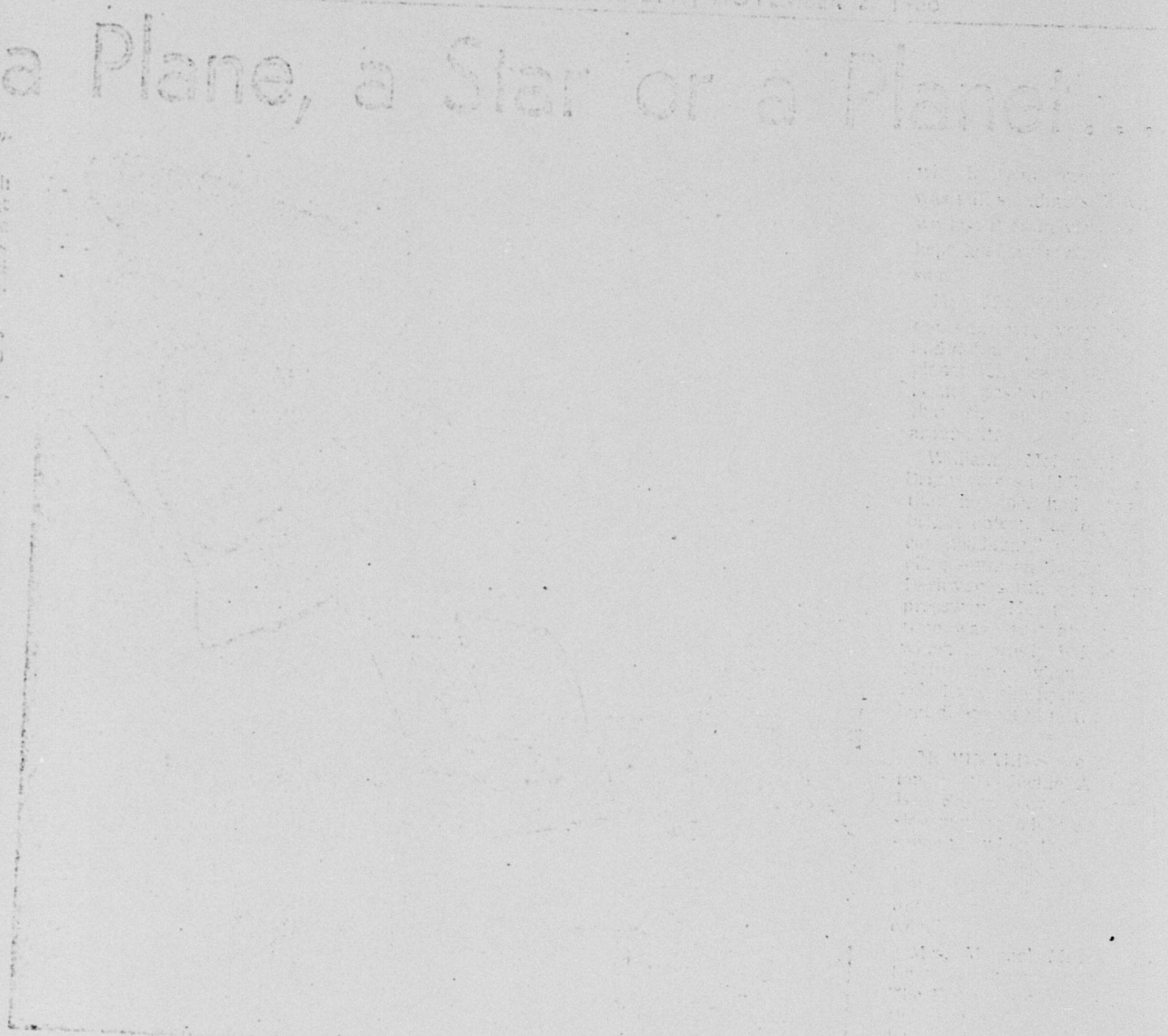
Lt. Marley said that he had talked to more than 50 people in the last three days and hoped to interview more who reported sightings today before he returns to the UFO investigation headquarters in Ohio.

HE SAID that most of those reports could be clearly explained as natural phenomena such as meteorites, planets, shooting stars or the lights of airplanes.

He said that the photographs and information as well as the corroborating evidence of the six college students who disagreed about the color but saw the same object from a standstill to ultra high speeds and something that doesn't fit any known type of identification.

Lt. Marley praised Victor for help from several people who had seen UFOs in the same area.

One report came from a woman who had listened to Victor speak earlier in the evening at a meeting of the Long Island Fish and Game Association in Medford. She was Mrs. Gene Mummert of Lakeside, wife of the association's retiring president.



Leonard Victor shows Air Force Lt. Col. Marley the UFO photo he shot.

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LONG ISLAND PRESS, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1966

Nothing U About Those Blinkin' FOs

Twinkle, twinkle little star,
How I wonder what you are.
Up there in the midnight sky,
Like an unidentified flying object.
—Modern nursery rhyme

By Art Beltrone and Robert Mayer

Westhampton Beach—The U.S. Air Force also says it's unidentified flying objects, not a single blast of the

In the closing of Nassau Suffolk police [illegible] and hordes of [illegible] everywhere, the Air Force said in a press release that it had identified all but six of 41 reported sightings of UFOs over Long Island in

The Air Force said that seven flying objects were airplanes. Seven more sightings were satellites. And 21 sightings were just plain stars. Six other reports have not been completed because of insufficient information, the Air Force said.

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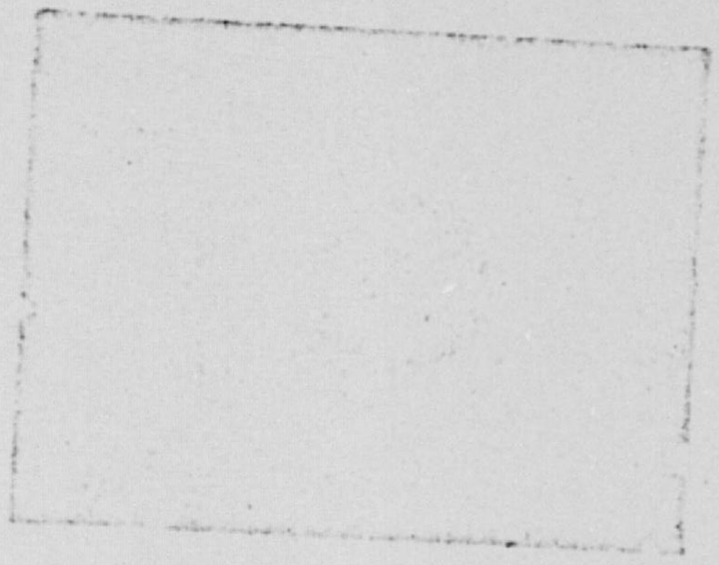
[illegible] everything these people see is there all the time. They just don't get around looking into the sky all the

[illegible] systems engineer of the Westinghouse Aerospace Division in Friendship, Md., is attached to the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, in researching the Long Island sightings. He said interviews [illegible] of the 21 sightings classified as stars, seven said all or most unusual patterns: a blinking object on the horizon, and



This Is a Star

In the politest of language, the Air Force investigators seemed to suggest that it would be nice if Long Islanders kept their eyes on the ball, the road, their work or anywhere else that eyes belong, except the sky. Because if they insist on looking at the sky, the investigators said, they're going to see things—things that are always there, and that belong there until a

changing color from red to green to blue to yellow. He said that what most of the people were seeing were Capella, Sirius and Arcturus, all very bright stars. The twinkling effect is caused by turbulence in the air, he said, and the color variation is caused by atmospheric change. The men said that they had spoken with five persons who saw objects of this description, and that all of them, when asked if they could point to the object again, pointed to a star. "There is very strong evidence that the [illegible] were also stars," the experts said.

Seven other sightings involved zigzagging white streaks speeding from south to north. These were identified as satellites.

This Is a Saucer

better place is found for this and [illegible] Air Force investigators [illegible] part of unidentified flying objects [illegible] the rash of sightings on Long Island [illegible] to the fact that one of the first, on [illegible] 21, was a "successful" sighting. This [illegible] the well-publicized, sausage-shaped object [illegible] seen over Patchogue. It was taken [illegible]

Marley said four of the sightings could be attributed to Echo II and the rocket three to others of the 20 satellites [illegible] the earth. [illegible] to seeing when a person looks at [illegible] Marley said.

Seven other sightings involved flashing red and white lights. These [illegible] were checked to ascertain [illegible] were [illegible] aircraft [illegible] investigators [illegible] effect has been [illegible]," the Air Force spokesman said. It added that [illegible] Long Island investigations had not [illegible] completed [illegible]

It became among those [illegible] Nassau Suffolk police [illegible] Daily News photographer [illegible] of Rockefeller [illegible] The problem, Marley said, [illegible] sighting should be reported [illegible] He said the people [illegible] established [illegible] a plane [illegible] United States, also [illegible] the first [illegible] night indeed. But [illegible] seen around long [illegible] heard of the Suffolk police [illegible] the New York Daily News [illegible] Jose Verne, Rockaway [illegible]

Because of this successful [illegible] the investigators said, people [illegible] up at the sky and seeing old objects in [illegible] new ones. "Almost everyone we spoke to said they had heard about it [illegible] and were outside looking [illegible] saw something," said another UFO [illegible]

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Perhaps the strangest [illegible] seven, came from Franklin Square, [illegible] where a woman said she [illegible] sounds, but no [illegible] and where new [illegible] things.

LONG ISLAND PRESS, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1966

Six Students Who Saw UFO Share Views With Reporter

The group of young people who saw Press reporter Leonard Victor photographing a UFO has answered his plea in yesterday's paper that they contact him.

They turned out to be six students at the State Agricultural and Technical Institute at Farmingdale.

They were returning on the Long Island Expressway from a concert at Suffolk Community College last Saturday night when one of the group, Joel Allen of Waterville, N. Y., spotted the unusual, motionless object in the sky that reporter Victor also saw and photographed.

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THEY TOLD Victor last night that they agreed with his description of a UFO that was at first motionless in the sky, then moved slowly from west to east and finally speeded up to an incredible rate.

But they disagreed with him about the color of the object.

Allen, Marlene DeMeritt of Freeport, Neil Sulkoff of Upper Brookville, Judy Fischetti, Lois Hagel of Water Mill and Susan Murphy of Remsenburg, all students at the Farmingdale institute, and Susan Murphy of Woodridge. All said the light of the UFO was either white or bluish white. As a matter of fact, Miss Murphy said it was starting out white when it was standing still.

They all saw the light white as it was moving and pulled in behind Victor's car just after the identification pe... was sort of like ultra violet."

Marlene DeMeritt said that when she last saw the light it was "sort of a deeper blue."

Allen and Sulkoff, who have both done quite a bit of flying, agreed that as they saw the UFO "it was going twice as fast as a jet, if not even faster."

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ALLEN ADDED that "when I last saw the UFO it looked as if it was going straight up to the moon."

None of the six Farmingdale students saw the formation of three other light streaks which Victor found on the final time exposure picture he had made of the UFO arcing off to the southeast in the sky. The group agreed that at a distance a jet usually looked slower than what they saw receding in the direction of eastern Long Island.

Miss DeMeritt told Victor that she was the one who asked all to look through his telescope. Right after that, the group lined back into their cars and started on their way.

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BUT AS IT disappeared, they said they saw it was going too fast and continued towards the Farmingdale college, where the students in the Nassau Hall dormitories.

The group told Victor they thought he deserves ... the incident. Except for the ... color we're completely ... Allen.

And they added they'd ... like to know what that thing was!

Air Force Douses Hot UFO Reports

It's a star. It's a plane. It's a satellite.

Pick one of the above next time you think you see a UFO and you'll probably be right.

That's what yesterday's report from the Suffolk Air Force Base in Westhampton Beach boiled down to.

According to Air Force investigators, 35 of the 41 UFOs reported to the base last month were either stars, satellites or planes.

The remaining six UFO sightings are still under investigation, although Air Force officials indicated they had neither sufficient information nor positive information on them.

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OF THE 35 October UFO sightings discounted by Air Force officials, 22 are believed to have been stars; seven, satellites; and seven, aircraft.

The UFO reported sighted in Patchogue by five Suffolk policemen on Oct. 21 was "positively identified" as the star Sirius by Air Force investigators who had two of the police officers point the object out to them.

Preliminary investigations are not yet complete on a Saturday night sighting by three staff writers Leonard Victor and eight additional sightings reported Sunday night.

A SUNDAY night sighting viewed by more than a dozen people on East Connetquot in Brightwaters, was reported to The Press by Peter McDonald, an aide to Lt. Gov. Malcolm Wilson.

He said the object was spotted hovering over the Great South Bay at about 10:15 p.m. It was still there an hour later, he said

"I'm not a kook. I never saw one before, but I sure saw one Sunday night and so did my wife and son and neighbors."

After an hour and-a-half of sky-gazing, McDonald reported, "All of a sudden a

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Air Force Douses Hot UFO Reports

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rocket came towards the UFO from the east. It was a yellow streak and faded out before it reached the object. We thought the Air Force at the Westhampton Beach was shooting at it."

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ANOTHER UFO report was phoned in to The Press by a North Shore couple who saw an object hovering over the South Shore Sunday night.

The East Northport man and his wife said the unidentified, flying object "zigzagged sparkled" over Suffolk's South Shore.

Mrs. Henry Fricke of East Northport Drive said the glowing yellow-orange object was spotted about 9:20 p.m. in the southeast.

"It looked something like a shooting star but it was motionless. Gradually it got smaller and smaller until it disappeared," Mrs. Fricke said.

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NEITHER SHE nor her husband reported it earlier, she said, "because people might think we're crazy."

She said she decided to report it to The Press because it was similar to one photographed by staff writer and photographer Leonard Victor.

"I hope one of those things doesn't land in my back yard," she said. "I'd hate to have to explain it to someone."

UFO Reports

The Air Force's preliminary investigations of reports conducted by William Powers, a systems engineer at Dearborn Observatory in Northwestern University, and by William Hartley of the Wright-Patterson Air Force base in Dayton, O.

They are UFO experts who serve on "Project Blue Book" of the Air Force

World Journal Tribune, New York, Monday, October 31, 1966

Red Lighted UFO Seen In Bayside

An unidentified flying object with red lights was reported hovering over a Bayside, Queens, intersection yesterday by two women.

Geraldine Smith, of 214-23 46th Rd., Bayside, Queens, and Lynne Diamond, of 128 E. Maple St., Valley Stream, L. I., told police they observed the object at 9 P.M. over 46th Rd. and Bell Boulevard. It hovered over about three other houses remaining in the original area they said.

Patrolman Joseph Cahn of the Bayside station said in the report of the incident that he saw no object.

Newsday

Monday, October 31, 1966

25 See UFOs Over Island; AF Will Probe

More than 25 people in Suffolk and Nassau last night reported seeing moving objects in the sky which did everything from flashing red, white and green lights to breaking in two parts momentarily and coming back together.

A Southampton Village patrolman watched a bright ball of light in many. Thomas Dombrowski, said the sky over Southampton for 20 minutes, about 7 PM. He said he heard no sounds of an engine, though the object was only about 100 yards off the ground. "It was definitely not an airplane," he said. John Acquino of 115 Corrigan St., Southampton, said the object he saw about 9:15 PM was moving so fast that he could not keep his binoculars trained on it.

Descriptions Vary

A Centerport man said he watched an object for the fourth night in a row while it changed colors. But this object moved slowly across the sky about 9:45 PM. He said others were with him to see the object glow red, break apart, fold and come back together again as it followed a wave path. A Hempstead teenager said he, nine other teenagers, four adults and a Lilco Pioneer petroleum dispatcher saw an object about 9:15 PM that changed colors and shed balls of flame from its sides. He said it moved straight up, getting dimmer and ascended.

A spokesman for the Suffolk County Air Force Base said the unit received several calls and that an officer would be assigned to investigate the reports.

Lynn Diamond, left, and Geraldine Smith peer skyward.

2 Girls Report Hovering UFOs

LONG ISLAND PRESS, MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1966

Two young ladies out walking a dog in Bayside last night saw what they believe to be unidentified flying objects.

The UFOs were spotted hovering over P.S. 31 on 46th Road off Bell Blvd.

Geraldine Smith, 12, of 211-20 46th Road, a seventh grader in a stock book-[illegible] Junior High School [illegible] of 213-[illegible] Nicholas Valley Stream, an eighth grader of West Sunrise.

They told police they were walking the dog when they saw a formation swish past with red lights flashing above it hovering about 25 feet over the comedy top of the school.

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"I DIDN'T HEARD a humming sound coming from the direction of that thing," Miss Diamond said.

As they watched, the young ladies said, the "thing" took off in an easterly direction and disappeared. Later, they said, 20 minutes later with another [illegible] UFO.

The two UFOs hovered side by side over the school, the girls said, then [illegible] both [illegible] off.

"I never believed the [illegible] saucer stuff before," Miss Diamond said, "but I believe now. I saw them. It was [illegible] thing."

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The Reports Keep Coming

Unidentified flying objects were sighted last night in East Patchogue and Centereach. Callers told police the bright light they saw low in the sky moved and kept changing color.

Saturday night nearly 100 callers reported UFOs to Suffolk police, including objects which screeched. None of the 10 persons who made reports last night said the objects they saw made any noise.

[illegible] said so did a lot of other people around here.

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"IT'S HARD to have to see it and not believe it," she said.

They reported their sighting to police at 10:15 p.m., but their stories were not believed.

"The police officer I contacted told me I had also [illegible] duplicate," she said.

LONG ISLAND PRESS, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1966

Air Force Probes UFOs Over L.I.

The Air Force yesterday investigated reports of a multicolored unidentified flying object (UFO) that hovered at treetop level and screeched.

It was the second consecutive night that UFO's were reported in the eastern Long Island area. Other sightings were reported last week. The air force said it was looking into all the reports.

Several hundred persons, including policemen, said they saw the UFO's, one of which was photographed. The photo showed a bright, starlike object in the dark sky.

The latest sightings were reported by a radio station which said it received 15 telephone calls Friday night and early Saturday from five communities encompassing the width of Long Island.

The callers reported seeing a white cylindrical object with red and green lights hovering anywhere from 200 feet above the ground to treetop level. Some said it emitted screeching noises.

Saucers Just Balloons?

Dr. Bruce Kurtz, head of the cosmic research society at New York University, said yesterday that in the past 30 years more than 100 upstate-size experimental balloon flights have been launched by his project and that many of those may have been mistaken for flying saucers.

Kurtz spoke at a pre-college youth science seminar at the Explorers Club. The balloons, he told his audience, are piloted "not actually but because they are launched while only vaguely understood dynamic shapes as they ascend."

Kurtz said he did not ascribe all unidentified flying objects to such devices but emphasized that many sacred words were made at times when these balloons were aloft.

UFOs Are Serious Business

Series Begins In Press Tomorrow

Another UFO in Patchogue

PATCHOGUE (UPI) — Telephone calls to a Patchogue radio station Friday night and early today said a flying saucer — or perhaps a flying dcainpipe — was visible over a wide area of eastern Long Island.

Radio Station WALK reported receiving 15 calls between 8 pm and 3:30 am saying there was an unidentified flying object in sight.

The UFO was described as a white cylindrical object with red and green lights 60 to 70 feet above ground. Some callers said it was "at tree top level."

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The object was said to emit flashing lights.

WALK said sightings were reported from Patchogue, Shirley, Smithtown, Bohemia and East Northport — communities on both the north and south shore and as far west as Islandia.

Suffolk County Police headquarters at Hauppauge said it had received no UFO reports.

Officers at the Suffolk County Air Base in Westhampton Beach

World Journal Tribune, New York, Sunday, October 30, 1966

Screaming UFO Plays Trick or Treat on L. I.

The Air Force yesterday investigated reports of a multicolored Unidentified Flying Object that hovered at tree-top level and screeched.

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Newsday

Saturday, October 29, 1966

UFOs in Suffolk Reported Again

Air Force officials had their hands full checking out reports of unidentified flying objects last night.

At Suffolk County Air Force Base in Westhampton Beach, more than half a dozen calls were received from persons who said they saw a stationary star-like object about 45 degrees above the horizon to the north. Unlike the more than 100 persons who said they saw a star-like object that changed colors in the sky Thursday night, the object that was reported last night was said to keep its white color.

A spokesman at the air base said that the reports were forwarded to Project Blue Book at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, for investigation.

While the Air Force was filling out reports, Robert Tiley of 27 Catherine St., East Northport, was in his backyard at 6:50 PM looking at what he said he thought was a twinkling star almost due west. "Then I saw what I thought was colors," he said. It was said but the top half of the object was white and that the bottom had red and green flashing lights. An Air Force spokesman said the object could have been a satellite. Echo II was scheduled to be visible from the northeast to the southwest at about the time Tiley was looking through his telescope. But experts said yesterday that the bright object seen Thursday night was apparently neither a star nor a satellite nor the balloon.

Suffolk Reports More UFO's

HAUPPAUGE, L. I., Oct. 28 Suffolk County Police received more 50 calls last night reporting brightly colored unidentified flying objects over Long Island's South Shore. At the Suffolk County Air Force Base at Westhampton Beach an Air Force spokesman said the base had received many similar calls recently. He said the objects were all being classified as "stars, planes or possibly satellites."

'Bright Star UFO' Is Seen in Suffolk

Riverhead—A score of police and dozens of residents of Suffolk last night turned in reports of an unidentified flying object seen from one end of the county to the other.

The majority of the reports described the object "like a large bright star"—white with flashing red and blue lights. Other observers said it also had blinking green lights.

Numerous sightings were reported between 7 and 8 PM in the general vicinity of Lake Ronkonkoma, Patchogue and Bohemia. Additional reports later flooded the Suffolk police headquarters switchboard from Riverhead, Lloyd Harbor, Bohemia, Suffolk County Air Force Base, Southampton, Westhampton and Southold and still later from Lloyd Harbor in western Suffolk.

For about an hour, police in two Southold radio cars and one car from Riverhead said they watched the object while parked at the town line. Patrolman Bill Haubrun of the Westhampton Beach town police was the last to report seeing the "big white star." Spotting it about 1:30 AM, he said he observed distinct, flashing lights through his binoculars. A Suffolk County Air Force Base spokesman confirmed sightings there but refused further comment.

Three Lloyd Harbor patrolmen, Gerard Stutzmann, Thomas Brown and Philip Wehrheim said they spotted it while on patrol at around 1 AM. They described it as red and green lights changing to a whitish color. They said a whitish object appeared to have been refueled toward the south and then it disappeared.

Nassau County police said no sightings were reported there. Last week, similar sightings were reported by police in Patchogue over the same area as last night's but considerable later at night. The object reported last week was described as shaped like a "giant hot dog" with numerous flashing lights.

At least 100 people, including about 25 policemen, reported sighting the UFO last night. The Western Suffolk reports said the object had the appearance of a bright star but lower in the sky. These reports, all from citizens, said the object appeared to continuously change color from red to white to green to red. Police said the four sightings in the western towns were reported by Paula Ehman of 644 Hooper Ave., Bohemia, Martin Nadler of 18 Colonial Drive, Lake Ronkonkoma, Kenneth Coll of 129 Medford Ave., Patchogue, and Dean Leow of South Ocean Avenue, also Patchogue.

World Journal Tribune, New York, Friday, October 23, 1965

AF and Bronxite On the UFO Trail

By MORT YOUNG
World Journal Tribune Staff

A Bronx man and the North American Air Defense Command found themselves in the same boat today. Both reported unidentified flying objects.

For three nights in a row, John J. Autry, of 1226 Boston Rd., said he watched a bright UFO "go haywire" until it disappeared overhead.

NORAD's air defense space detection and control radar screens have been tracking three orbiting UFO's for a month.

Autry said he didn't tell anyone of his sighting until he got five witnesses, "because I figured no one would believe me."

The Air Force has categorically stated that no UFO's have ever been tracked by radar and remain unexplained.

But the three UFO's reported by the 9th Aerospace Defense Division of the Air Force Hq. at Colorado Springs, Colo., have not been explained. Rumors have denied launching the objects and so have we, a Pentagon officer said.

"We assume they're debris," he added. "We don't know how long they've been aloft, or their source, or their size."

The three objects were reported by the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md., Sept. 20 in a satellite situation report. Goddard was advised of the UFO's by NORAD headquarters in Colorado.

Two of the objects are sweeping "ahead" directly over the North and South Poles, each completing its orbit in 180 and 163 minutes. The nearest they approach earth is 355 and 441 miles respectively; the farthest away, 3,774 and 3,766 miles.

The third object, orbiting at an angle of 35 degrees from the equator is racing from a perigee of 121 miles to an apogee of 4,163 miles. It loops the planet every 165 minutes.

"We haven't listed them as debris," said an Air Force spokesman, "but that's what we think they must be. We have no problem tracking them. They present no danger of collision with satellites, or for any future space shots."

Autry—back in the Bronx—admits he is completely puzzled by his UFO. On Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at 11:30 P.M. "I watched this thing for less or 10 minutes," he said. "First it made three quick turns, then it hung motionless like the size of a quarter held at arm's length.

"It went real fast, making turns and going up and down like bagpipe. When it was overhead, it went straight up, out of sight."

Autry is employed by a private detective agency.

Parapsychology

Wednesday, October 26, 1966

Officer, It Was Big, Red, Ate Bark and I'm Sober

Washington—The pristine beauty of Long Island, which has survived the threat of cel goats and the golden nematode, now apparently faces a new menace that whooshes through the sky and lands in Amagansett, where it flattens the grass and peels bark off trees like they were bananas.

Clearly, it's no picnic in Amagansett and apparently in 25 other places where the new menace, the unidentified flying object, has been reported on Long Island. The head of the U.S. Air Force's Project Blue Book, the agency which investigates unidentified flying objects, said yesterday Project Blue Book is now studying [illegible] reports forwarded by the Suffolk Air Force Base in Westhampton [illegible] and a spokesman for the base reported that no more reports [illegible] Blue Book. At last report had been studied and hopefully were presently investigating the case.

Several Were Possibly Aircraft

Blue Book Director Maj. Hector Quintanilla said that several of the Long Island sightings were [illegible] aircraft and weather had been described because of conflicting testimony. But that [illegible] balloons could be at Amagansett [illegible] Quintanilla said. The Air Force [illegible] to the Blue Book [illegible] Department [illegible] unidentified flying objects sighted in Long Island, but the most interesting was the Amagansett one. Two women, he said, had reported [illegible] large cloud object with a red light on top [illegible] of Amagansett Pass. And [illegible] he said he [illegible] that night and found nothing and no [illegible] of radiation from the [illegible] reported [illegible] and discovered a 50 foot circle of flattened grass and saw that nearby trees had been stripped of bark "just like you would peel a banana."

He said a photograph in a recently published book on flying saucers showing a circular, flattened, blackened area of grass in Australia where persons reported seeing a delta-like object "described pretty much what I found." But he added: "I am completely mystified." Jacobs also said he had received several reports since March of a large, bellshaped light that travels along the Atlantic Coast at a low altitude at speeds over two thousand miles per hour in Nassau.

Patchogue Incident Reported

Included in the reports sent to Blue Book were the sightings by several persons including three police officers, of a bright object hovering in the Patchogue area. The case also was puzzled. A spokesman for the Suffolk Air Force Base said that the base had conducted its own investigation into the case but "we were unable to make any determination at all." Of the four of the 26 Long Island reports that came from Nassau County [illegible] And as the police cruisers were speeding [illegible] last night, Suffolk Detective Joseph Kobert and Lieutenant David Hoyer [illegible] saw an object at about 8:30 PM moving across the eastern horizon. Kobert, who lives in Huntington Station, called police and two other officers went to his home and also saw the object. Kobert described it as "round and very high with a red and green color with yellow in the middle." Police later said they believed it was a satellite pointing out that [illegible] Lake Huron visible at [illegible] at the same time, making it unidentifiable. [illegible] Suffolk [illegible] dangers in Amagansett.

Spot flying object near Patchogue

PATCHOGUE (UPI) — Five Suffolk County Policemen who observed a brightly lit object hovering over the Patchogue area early Friday said they could discern no shape to it and they declined to speculate as to the nature of it.

But a New York Daily News photographer, James Mooney of Medford, said it was "definitely shaped." Mooney made 20 pictures of the object during a two and one half hour period, looking at it through a telescopic lens.

The Police all insisted that they were absolutely sober during the period they had been observing the object and said they could not explain it.

Patrolman James [illegible] first man to see it, was on routine check of the docks on the Phelps Avenue School in Port Jefferson at 2:30 a.m. Friday.

"Might Have Been Two"

"I looked up and I saw a bright light," he said. "It might have been two lights, one right on top of the other, but I could not tell for sure. It was as bright as a street light," he added.

Tate said that the object was about 20 degrees above the horizon and that it remained motionless for about 15 minutes. Then, he said, it moved in a southerly direction.

Tate said he watched it for about two minutes and then called his brother Patrolman Kenneth Tate. Kenneth Tate's story

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man and Patrolman Frederick Kroger.

For the next four hours the three policemen kept their eye on the object as it slowly speculated, constantly changing colors.

Sergeant Maimon estimated that it was about 100 miles away but difficult to estimate its altitude.

Sergeant Maimon alerted the Suffolk County Air Force Base at Westhampton Beach almost immediately after he saw the object.

Patrolman Kroger said that when he last observed it at about 6:30 am it was slowly "zig zagging" as it approached the peak of its ascent.

Detectives Eugene Koehler and William Schemmer, both of the Suffolk 6th Precinct, were aware of the report of the flying object as they went off duty.

Schemmer said that he pulled his car to the side of the road and both got out to get a glimpse of it. "It was three or four times brighter than a star," Schemmer said.

Koehler's wife, Rosalie, was waiting for him at his home and the couple watched the object through a window of their house.

"It was descending slowly," Koehler said. "And after we saw it a while I had to go inside to see if Irene, it was over the roof."

"The light slowly changed and it seemed to fade into different colors. The brightest color was white, and the other colors were about the same intensity," Koehler said.

Patrolman Kroger said that he and his two companions saw an airplane in the area shortly after Sergeant Maimon had notified the Suffolk Air Force Base.

"The airplane was moving much faster and in a much lower altitude than the object. We saw a lot of stars but I've never seen anything like that," Kroger said.

Some of the patrolmen said that they were frightened by the sight of the unidentified flying object.

Tate laughed and said "But when I asked for the other car, I didn't tell them what I saw. I decided to let them see for themselves."

This was the fourth report of UFO's in the Patchogue area since last July.

Only last Sunday night, Warren Niemeyer, of 176 Carman St., Patchogue, reported seeing a series of changing colored lights inside two white outboard lights.

By coincidence, when he called police, the man who took the report was Patrolman Tate.

BRIGHT LIGHT SEEN IN PATCHOGUE SKY

U.F.O. Is Called Multicolored by 5 Suffolk Policemen

By FRANCIS X. CLINES
Special to The New York Times

PATCHOGUE, L.I., Oct. 21—Five Suffolk County policemen reported having observed early this morning a multicolored light "far brighter than any star" moving slowly through the night sky.

The policemen said they had watched the light gradually ascend above the southeast horizon during a four-hour period while it changed in color from white to green, red and blue.

Their observations were presented to the Suffolk County Air Force Base in Westhampton as a report of an unidentified flying object. Initial news accounts had described the source of light "as sausage shaped."

In interviews at the police precinct this afternoon, however, the five policemen said they could not ascribe any shape to the light. A sixth observer, a photographer for The Daily News, took photographs of the light.

Report Under Study

A spokesman at the Air Force base said the report was being investigated and that there was no immediate explanation.

The light was first observed by Patrolman James Tutolo at 3:10 A.M. as he drifted his boat in the South Shore community. He had just checked the dock of the Patchogue Yacht School, he said, and he thought the light was a star.

"But it was not to the left of the usual heavenly bodies," he said. "And it was as bright as the brightest star."

The light was not moving and appeared to be far away, the patrolman said. He said it was like no star he ever saw, and immediately summoned assistance. Two patrolmen who responded, Sgt. Pedro Munoz and Patrolman Frederick Kenny, observed Patrolman Tutolo's sighting.

'Funny at First'

"I thought it was funny at first and kidded Tutu," Detective Eugene Riehlen, a fifth witness, said. "But then I saw it on the way home."

He said that he had roused his wife, Rosalie, and they had watched through the picture window of their home in Patchogue for 90 minutes, until 3:00 A.M.

"And then, I swear to God, it was joined by two other lights," he said.

Four of the others reported sighting the light.

The fifth police witness, Detective William Delbrugge, said the light had been "three or four times as big and bigger than any star, but would have had to be pointed out to command one's attention."

UFO, Away We Go! A Spot a What

What is it? This is how a UFO looked to News photographer Jim Mooney's Pentax camera using Tri-X film. The Camera's F 300 mm Takumar lens was set at f/4.5 and exposure was for one-half second. Image on the negative was .525 of an inch and picture shown here was enlarged 21.475 times.

By HENRY MACHIRELLA

We're not saying it is and we're not saying it isn't.

But early yesterday morning, three Suffolk County police officers and a photographer from Fire Island spotted a glowing object hovering and rising in the night sky south of Patchogue, L.I. It darted quickly at times and gave off a pulsating light that changed color from red to white to green.

A spokesman at Suffolk County Air Force Base said he could offer no explanation. But he said the report would be relayed to Washington.

"Looked like Sausage"

It all started at 4:30 A.M. when Patrolman James Tate, 21, was cruising north on Montauk Highway in Patchogue. Tate said he was driving near the Ventnor Diner when he saw a bright blinking light in the sky just over the treetops.

It was mostly visible, but what might say was a dimmed red-white — to green and then back to red. It looked to have a tether ball, only it was a bright light. It was about the size of a car. It was moving slowly in our direction. It came to a point over the treetops.

Patrolman Tate radioed headquarters and Sgt. Vincent Talmont and Patrolman Richard Miller responded in a patrol car. Talmont said: "It looked like a sausage. It was shaped like a sausage."

Talmont also said the object was "pulsating" and changed color from red to white to green.

Patrolman Miller reported later: "It was just as Tate said. It blinked, changed color and moved slowly around. We watched for an hour and then radioed the police station in Westhampton."

Meanwhile, Jim Mooney, a photographer for the Daily News, arrived at the Ventnor Diner to meet the police officers. He couldn't have gotten there at a more opportune time. Mooney said, but when I saw it, it was a similar color and zigzag in the sky. I knew we had something.

Although Mooney couldn't estimate it to be 100 miles away, he snapped 20 pictures of it anyway. Mooney said. He described the object as speeding quickly at times in different directions, although generally upward, and giving off a steady reddish, orange light.

Mooney and Kramer remained watching the object until 6 A.M., when it finally seemed to disappear in the morning light.

The Air Force, which has led the long research on UFO's showed considerable interest in the News photographs. A spokesman stated that it was virtually impossible to determine the distance of a lighted object in the night sky with no point of reference, but he said the fact that the object was in sight for so long a time is deemed interesting to us and we definitely would like to have a look at the photographs."

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BY HENRY MACHIRELLA

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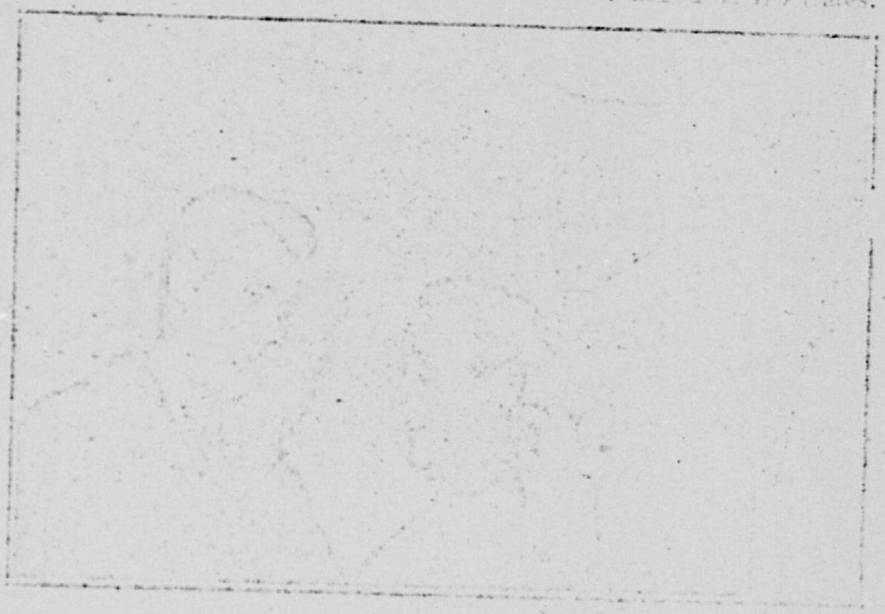
Maybe it all sounds like an old story, but flying saucers have gone then zoomed back into the middle eye. So much so that Air Force Secretary Harold Brown recently announced that $300,000 will be spent in the next 15 months to find out who is seeing what.

The government has hired the University of Colorado, where Dr. Edward U. Condon will direct a study project which will involve more than 100 scientists down here to determine who's up there. Its aim: to get the Air Force off the spot and convince the public that earthmen are not in great danger from [illegible] officially known as



Patrolman James Tate, Sgt. Forrest [illegible] and Fire Chief Fred Krueger (L to R) discuss UFO [illegible]

20 Pictures Taken

"Even though Mahoney and [illegible] heard it to be [illegible] 20 minutes with the [illegible] they said.

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[illegible] Air Force [illegible] Light and the [illegible] light changes color from red to [illegible] green, they said.

Inquiries From Many

Newspapers, wire services, TV [illegible] from as far away as [illegible]

U.N. Urged To Find Out About UFOs

A flying saucer enthusiast says the United Nations had better try to find out what's up with unidentified flying objects —at least before one lands at the door of the secretariat building.

Ralph Rankow, chief photographic advisor to the National Investigating Committee on Aerial Phenomena, told officials at the U. N. that investigation of UFOs should be brought before the General Assembly.

"It's a worldwide problem, not just a U. S. problem," said Rankow. He noted UFOs have been sighted in almost every country of the world and Britain has as many sightings for its land area as does the United States.

VISITORS TO EARTH

Rankow said the organization's official position is that the earth is being visited by some intelligent beings from outer space and U.S. Air Force investigators have hidden the truth from the public.

His U.N. pitch yesterday came only a few hours after five Suffolk County policemen and a newspaper photographer observed a brightly lit, object hovering over Patchogue, L.I.

The policemen watched over a period of four hours as the object moved in a southerly direction, changed color repeatedly, and then ascended into the heavens. The photographer took pictures.

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Report UFOs, Of Some Sort

Patchogue—One man said it looked like a tennis ball, and another said it was cigar-shaped, and a photographer insisted it looked like a sausage, even though his picture indicated that it was round. That's the way it goes with unidentified flying objects.

The latest UFO was sighted early yesterday over Patchogue by a number of persons with disconcertingly responsible positions. Three were policemen, one an ex-navigator and one a photographer who took pictures of whatever it was. The pictures showed a fuzzy round light in the sky.

The whatever-it-was hovered in the sky over Patchogue between 5:15 AM and 5:30 AM yesterday, more than half a dozen witnesses said. And one of them, a detective's wife, said she saw it again at 6:45 AM yesterday. "It was just about dusk when I came over my house on the north side of the street," Mrs. Rosalie Kerschbaum, 142 Circle Dr. S., Patchogue, said. "I could see the sky around it. It had no shape that I could discern, but there was a white light and it gave the impression that it was moving."

Police who also viewed different descriptions. P.O. Police Sgt. Lindsay Johnson, who viewed it along with Pfc. James Tuite and Pfc. Fred Kerger, the whatever it was had alternating white, red, neon and blue lights. To Mrs. David Dornbusch of 2511 Sunset Cir., Medford, it looked like a twinkling white light. To a Greenlawn youth, Joseph Rendine of 17 Grafton St., it was "orange, blue, red and green." Most of the witnesses agreed the thing was moving east on a northeast course. Nassau and Suffolk police said today that they had received additional reports of UFO sightings last night and early this morning.

The light on the 15 aforesaid was real enough, but whether it had anything to do with the question. Nothing was recorded on the radar screens of the Air Force or the Federal Aviation Agency. A spokesman for Project Blue Book, the Air Force's source for identifying unidentified flying objects, suggested that the light source might have been the result of East Coast base experiments. Lasers are beams of concentrated light. The spokesman said the lighting would be unusual.

Another possible explanation was that it was a balloon filled with blinking lights. Two such balloons were stolen last week from Northrop Aircraft Inc. of North Amityville, it seems

Objects Sighted All Over the Place

UFO Reports Fly Thick and Fast on Li

Authorities are being deluged with reports of unidentified flying objects by the sighting of a glowing object during the night over Patchogue.

First there was Peg Hanlon, Police Det. Bo[illegible] doch who said he saw a flashing red and green object over the village. A radio disc jockey said he saw the same thing.

Next, there was Dorothy Kolchin, wife of a Suffolk detective, who saw a flashing object over her home in North Patchogue. Both she and her husband said they saw the earlier UFO object.

Then, Robert Roesch reported seeing a yellow light in the sky over his home at 340 Fire Island Ave., West Islip. Roesch said the light suddenly changed to [illegible] and disappeared.

At 1:15 a.m. Saturday when Pfc. James Tuso, 21, was on routine radio car patrol in the East Patchogue area, [illegible] was checking a rear [illegible] Denton Flemington Road," he told a news[illegible], "when I saw [illegible] flashing in the [illegible] over the treetops."

The object was "as bright as a street light," he said, [illegible] changed color repeatedly. "First it was red, [illegible] then green, then [illegible]."

Tuso, a Navy veteran, watched the object for several minutes, then put in a call to Sgt. Bruce Maimoni of Great River and Pfc. [illegible] Kruger of East Patchogue.

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UP AND ON for the next four hours the officers kept a "watch" on the object as it alternately dimmed and brightened in the southeast, somewhereover the Atlantic.

Maimoni — who alerted the Suffolk Air Force Base in Westhampton Beach almost immediately after he saw the object — said he thought the object was about 100 miles away, but he couldn't estimate its altitude.

Kruger said that when he first observed the object about 3:30 a.m. it was slowly "zigzagging" as it approached the peak of its ascent.

Detectives Eugene Klechlin and William Schoenig, both of the Fifth Precinct, were aware of the report of the flying object when they went off duty at 2 a.m.

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SCHOENIG SAID he pulled his car to the side of the road and got out to get a glimpse of the object. "I saw it three or four times, each time like a star," he said.

"It kept changing colors and ascending into the southern sky," said Schoenig, who, like the other officers, tracked the object with a pair of binoculars.

Klechlin's wife, Rosalie, was waiting when he arrived home. The couple watched the object through the window.

"It was descending slowly," Klechlin said, "and after an hour and a half I had to go outside to see it because it was over the roof."

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"THE LIGHT slowly changed and it seemed to fuse into different colors," he said. "The brightest was white; and the other colors were about the same intensity."

Kruger said he and two fellow officers saw a plane in the area shortly after Maimoni notified the Air Force about the object.

"The plane was moving much faster and in a much lower altitude than the object," he said. "I've seen a lot of stars, but I've never seen anything like this."

None of the policemen said they were frightened by the sight of flying object, the fourth reported in the Patchogue area since

ONLY LAST Sunday night, Warren Niemeyer, who manufactures neon lighting equipment, reported seeing a series of changing colored lights inside ring of white lights in the sky above his home at 176 Carman St., Patchogue.

By coincidence, when Niemeyer telephoned police, the man who took the report was Pfl. Tate, who recalled that he thought "the man had seen something.

James Mooney, a newspaper photographer who captured the flying object on film with the help of a telephoto lens, said it was "shaped something like a "sausage."

Mooney said he had one bad moment as he followed the object from Mastic to his Mastic to his home in Ronkonkoma.

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"IT HAPPENED when I looked at it from my car at the Dayton Avenue School," he said. "I heard a 'peep-peep-peep' sound. How did I get scared! Then I found out I was near some chickens."

Sgt. Aldrich said he came across the object after receiving [illegible] police received a call from [illegible] Neville.

"Neville said he wouldn't tell me what he saw," Aldrich said, "but that I should take a look for myself."

The object he saw at 7:45 p.m. had no shape or form, "only brightness." It was [illegible] Sgt. Aldrich said he called the Air Force immediately. He said officials questioned him at length and said [illegible] handled with calm, [illegible]

AN AIR FORCE spokesman said the reports are being forwarded to the Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, where they will be studied as part of the "Project Blue Book" program, a study of UFO sightings conducted by the University of Colorado.

The object Mrs. Felchlin spotted and which also was viewed by newsmen twinkled a multitude of colors in the northeast sky. It moved slowly to the right.

Sgt. Stanley Dixon of the Patchogue precinct, who flew aircraft in Alaska, said he was certain the flying object was a plane. "I've seen flashing lights with even more brilliant colors in Alaska."

"But," Dixon quickly added, "it would feel pretty foolish if a bunch of green men suddenly walked into the [illegible] asking for directions."

23 - 31 OCTOBER 1966 SIGHTINGS

DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
23	Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina	Multiple	Other (BIRDS)
23	Dayton, Ohio	Multiple	Astro (CAPELLA)
24	Dayton, Ohio	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
24	Dayton, Ohio	[redacted]	Astro (JUPITER)
24	Blytheville, Arkansas	[redacted]	Satellite (ECHO II)
24	Diamond Springs, California	[redacted]	Possible Aircraft
25	Centerville, Ohio	[redacted]	Astro (CAPELLA)
25	Bellbrook, Ohio	[redacted]	Possible Aircraft
25	Guadalupe, Arizona	Multiple	Possible Aircraft
26	Dayton, Ohio	[redacted]	Possible Aircraft
26	Casey, Illinois	[redacted]	Satellite (ECHO II)
26	Longmont, Colorado	Multiple	Astro (CAPELLA)
26	New Rochelle, New York	Multiple	Possible Aircraft
26	Winona, Mississippi	Multiple	Astro (CAPELLA)
26	Syracuse, New York	[redacted] (PHOTOS)	1. Vis: Insufficient D 2. Photo: Insufficien
26	Massillion, Ohio	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
26	Cold Bay AFS, Alaska	[redacted]	UNIDENTIFIED
26	Bellbrook, Ohio	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
27	Dayton, Ohio	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
27	Beavercreek, Ohio	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
27	Cloverdale, Ohio	[redacted]	Astro (VENUS)
28	Atlanta, Georgia	Multiple	Insufficient Data
28	Jefferson, New York	[redacted]	Possible Aircraft
28	Hankins, New York	[redacted]	Astro (ARCTURUS)
28-31	Washington, D. C.	[redacted]	Astro (METEOR)
28	Atlanta, Georgia	Multiple	Possible Aircraft
29	Springfield, Ohio	Multiple	Possible Aircraft wit Afterburner
29	St Louis, Missouri	[redacted] (PHOTOS)	Vis: Astro (JUPITER) Photo: Astro (JUPITER
30	Cherry Hill, New Jersey	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
30	Minneapolis, Minnesota	Multiple	Insufficient Data
30	Youngsville, New York	[redacted]	Astro (ARCTURUS)
30	West Chester, Pennsylvania	Multiple	Other (CONFLICTING DA
30	Chicago, Illinois	[redacted]	Possible Aircraft
30	Roscoe, New York	[redacted]	Possible Aircraft
31	West Hyattsville, Maryland	[redacted] (PHOTOS)	Vis: Insufficient Dat Photo: InsufficientCl

ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

DATE	LOCATION	SOURCE	EVALUATION
23	Toronto, Ontario	[redacted]	
23	Fort Rucker, Alabama	[redacted]	
26	Warsaw, Indiana	[redacted]	
28	Lawrence, Massachusetts	[redacted]	
30	Virgin Islands	[redacted]	