

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 26 October 66 27/0230Z	2. LOCATION Syracuse, New York (1 Witness)
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Case: (INSUFFICIENT DATA) PHOTO: (INSUFFICIENT DATA)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Case was not submitted till 31 Aug 67, at which time it was too late to investigate. The original negs. was not submitted for photo analysis.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer sighted and photographed a large bright light that was silver white approaching the zenith, then <del>xxxxxx</del> became white. The object came from the east, circled and returned toward the east. No noise was heard at any time.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE See Summary	
8. PHOTOS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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

26 October 66

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TDPT (UFO) Maj Quintanilla/70916/mhs/30 Dec 67

UFO Observation, 26 October 1966

Miss [REDACTED]

Syracuse, New York 13207

1. This replies to your correspondence of August 31, 1967 on your unidentified flying object observation of October 26, 1966. Your slide was examined by photo experts at Wright-Patterson AFB with the following results.

a. The cause of the image on the film cannot be positively determined. It consists of one bright circular disk of light surrounded by several streaks. These streaks are part of the image and not scratched in the emulsion. There is also a water or air bubble in the emulsion. A comparison of the slide and the color print indicates that the streak patterns are somewhat different and possibly printed from separate negatives. Also, the water bubble does not appear on the color print. Suggested cause of the bright circular disk image was possibly the result of the camera being focused on a strong light source. The original color material is not available. Without this material, no further meaningful analysis into the possible cause of the imagery can be made.

2. No further investigation into your observation will be made since your sighting occurred in October 1966 and aircraft records, weather data, and other vital files are not kept for over thirty days in most instances.

3. Inclosed are your slide, print and one enlargement. Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

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HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Major, USAF  
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office  
Aerospace Technologies Division  
Production Directorate

1 Atch  
Slide, print and 1 enlargement

## PHOTO ANALYSIS REPORT

NR 67-87

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DATE OF REPORT 13 December 1967

SUBJECT UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

LOCATION Syracuse, New York

DATE 26 October 1966

## PHOTOGRAPHY

AF \_\_\_\_\_ IR \_\_\_\_\_ QUALITY Fair \_\_\_\_\_

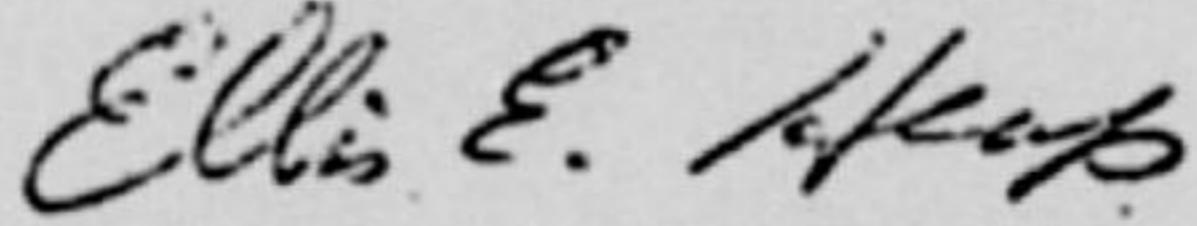
PNRS \_\_\_\_\_

One 35mm colored slide and one 3½ inch by 5 inch colored print.

1. PURPOSE: This report answers Work Order Number 67-135 submitted by Major Quintanilla, TDETR, which requested an analysis be made on the submitted photo slide in order to identify object as was reported sighted at Syracuse, New York, 26 October 1966.

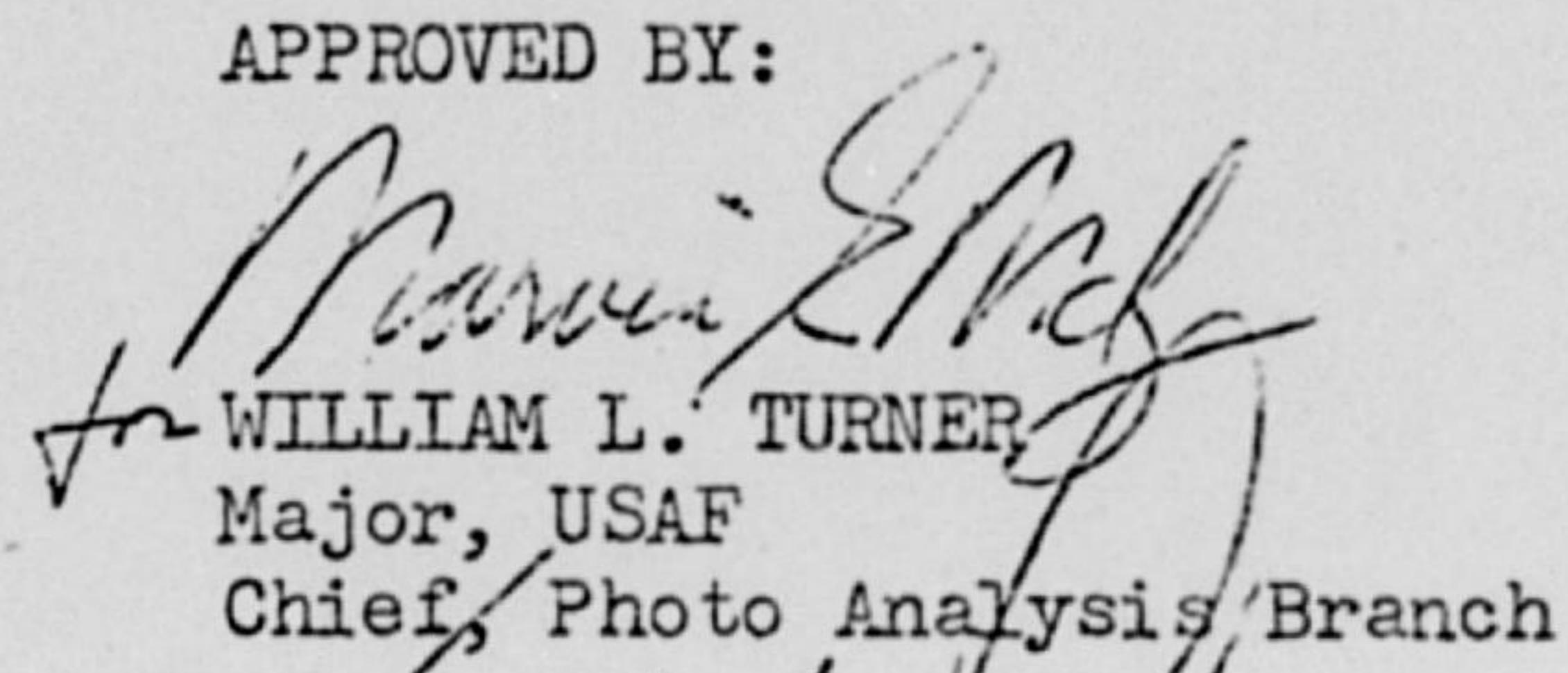
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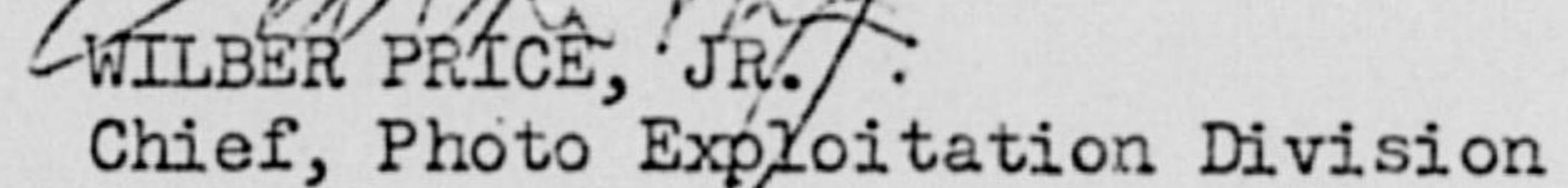


ELLIS E. HEAP  
Intelligence Research Specialist

## APPROVED BY:



for WILLIAM L. TURNER,  
Major, USAF  
Chief, Photo Analysis Branch



WILBER PRICE, JR.  
Chief, Photo Exploitation Division

**FTD WORK ORDER**

U70

26 Oct

Date Issued \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Description of Work: (Include title of unscheduled tasks.)**

Request photo analysis be accomplished on the attached slide to determine what unidentified object may be. (one slide, one 3 x 5 photo, one 8 x 10 photo).

6 October 1967 sighting Syracuse, New York.

Request all material be returned upon completion of analysis.

**-FROM-****2. FTD W.O. No.****3. Monitor****4. Phones****5. DIA Task No.****6. DIA Priority****7. Date Needed****8. Consequence Code****9. Classification of Sources****10. Classification of End Product****11. PPTD or Dep Sig.****-TO-****12. Div./Dir. Symbol****13. M-H Estimate****14. Monitor****15. Phones****16. Div. Precedence****17. Div. Chief/Dir. Sig.****18. Div. Chiefs Instructions/Modification or Expansion of Work Description**67-135  
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26 Oct 66

TDET/UFO (Maj. Quintanilla/70916/jaf/9 Oct 67)

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# UFO Observation of 26 Oct 1966

Miss

Syracuse, N. Y. 13207

Dear Miss

1. Reference your recent letter in which you requested information on unidentified flying objects.
2. Since your observation occurred on October 26, 1966, we probably won't be able to identify the cause. However, if you would fill out the inclosed forms we will attempt to evaluate your sighting.
3. When we receive your completed forms, your photograph will be analyzed. This process will require the original slide and may take several months. After analysis has been completed your photograph and slide will be returned to you intact.
4. If in the future you should observe another UFO, please contact your nearest Air Force Base so that a complete on-the-spot investigation can be made.
5. Thank you for reporting your sighting to the Air Force.

Sincerely,

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

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1. FTD Form 164 w/envelope
2. Photo Data Sheet

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;

An automobile headlight at a distance of 75' set on high beam.

12. The edges of the object were:

(Circle One): a. Fuzzy or blurred  
b. Like a bright star  
c. Sharply outlined  
d. Don't remember

e. Other \_\_\_\_\_

13. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- a. Appear to stand still at any time?
- b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?
- c. Break up into parts or explode?
- d. Give off smoke?
- e. Change brightness?
- f. Change shape?
- g. Flash or flicker?
- h. Disappear and reappear?

## 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?

2. Time of day: 9 30  
Hour Minutes

26 October 1966  
Day Month Year

(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?

Nearest Postal Address

Syracuse

City or Town

New York

State or County

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration)

2  
Hours Minutes Seconds

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

5.1 How was time in sight determined? Counted by seconds

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes        No X

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY  
a. Bright  
b. Cloudy

NIGHT  
a. Bright  
b. Cloudy

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One): a. In front of you  
b. In back of you  
c. To your right  
d. To your left  
e. Overhead  
f. Don't remember

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 \_\_\_\_\_

24. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

24.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

a. North	c. East	e. South	g. West
b. Northeast	d. Southeast	f. Southwest	h. Northwest

24.2 How fast were you moving? \_\_\_\_\_ miles per hour.

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

(Circle One) Yes  No

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

a. Eyeglasses	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No	e. Binoculars	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No
b. Sun glasses	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No	f. Telescope	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No
c. Windshield	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No	g. Theodolite	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No
d. Window glass	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 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.

A slightly enlarged hockey puck, translucent, illuminated from within by a silver-white light burning steadily, moving with the face of the puck forward and the entire puck at a right angle to the ground.

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

As it receded toward the eastern horizon, the object appeared to grow smaller and vanished approximately  $20^{\circ}$  above the eastern horizon.

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:

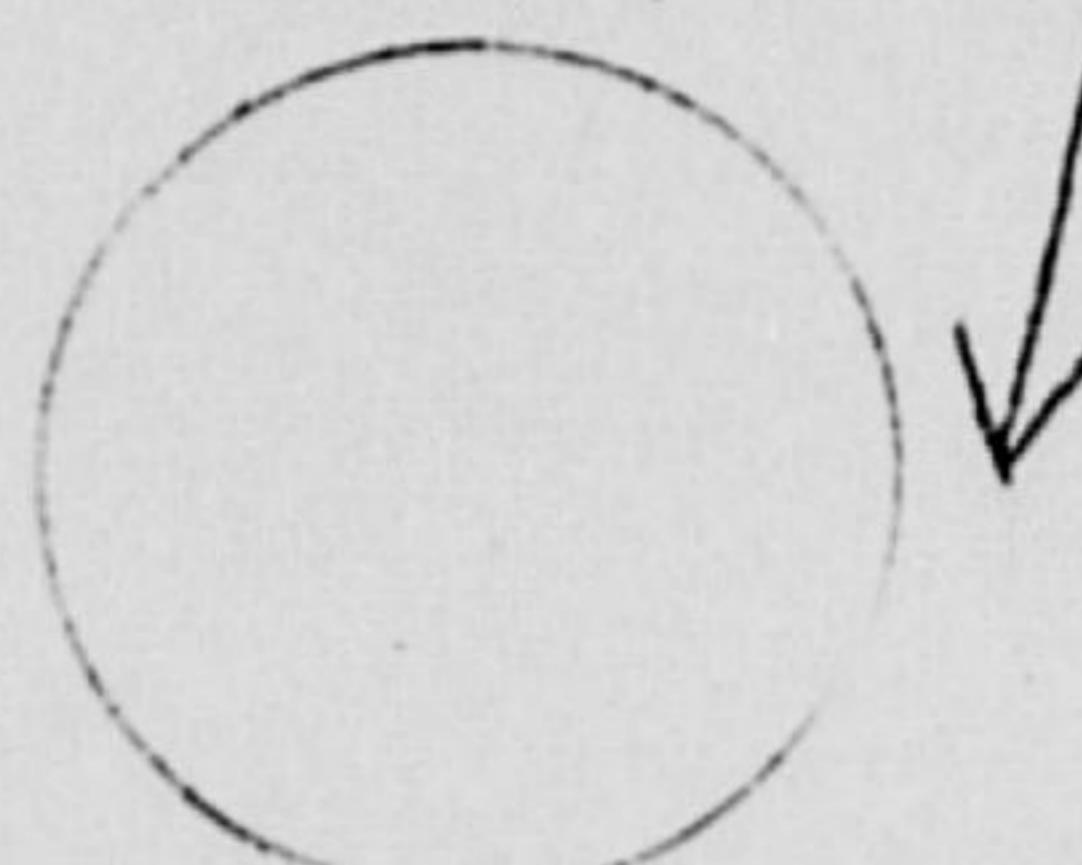
a. Sound There was absolutely no sound emitted at any time.  
b. Color Silver-white approaching zenith, became milky white

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?

Less than half of a  $\frac{1}{4}$  section of the entire object.

19. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails.

Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.



Since it is difficult to draw the arrow in proper perspective, the object as drawn is at a right angle to the ground; moving from East to West. Occasionally brilliant rays of light appeared to be emitted from the edges of this object. Since I have seen the identical phenomenon while observing the planet Venus, I would assume that they were optical illusions. As I stated in question 13, the object did not appear to flash or flicker when the rays of light were emitted. These rays were identical in color to the object.

30. Have you ever seen this, or a similar object before. If so give date or dates and location.

**FIRST SIGHTING OF THIS TYPE OBJECT.**

31. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object? (Circle One) Yes  No

31.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too? (Circle One) Yes  No

31.2 Please list their names and addresses:

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ SYRACUSE 13207 NEW YORK  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zone \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
 AREA CODE 315  
 TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ AGE 32 SEX F

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

I am a High School graduate and am employed as a Clerk-Typist in the \_\_\_\_\_ of a local bank, a position I have held for 14 years.

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

?

November 1966

Day

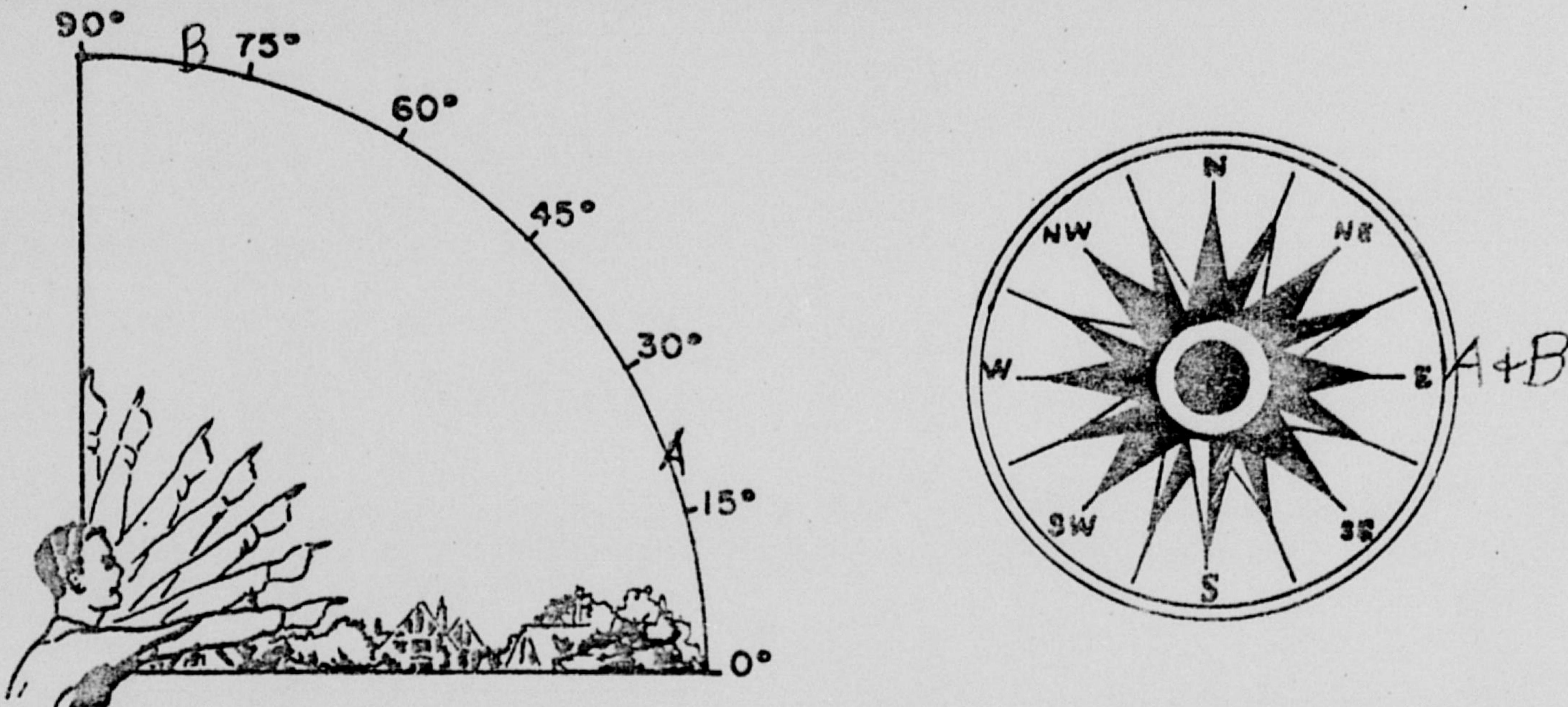
Month

Year

I contacted The Syracuse Herald Journal concerning the picture and they were interested in it. However,

after several weeks went by and they did not use it, I requested its return, with no results. It became necessary for me to call in person and as a result it was returned without being published.

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.

MOVING EAST →

TURNING  
NORTH ↑

← MOVING WEST

A+B

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

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

THERE WAS ONE OBJECT.

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

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October 1967

Day

Month

Year

35. Information which you feel pertinent and which is not adequately covered in the specific points of the questionnaire or a narrative explanation of your sighting.

Ques. 5 #2. The object made 2-1 minute flights over the city. After completing the first flight it vanished momentarily, then re-appeared, made the second flight and did not return. Both flights were made within a 5 minute period.

Ques. 10 & 11. In answer to #10 I stated that the object appeared solid. In answer to #11, the object did not appear as a light but was much brighter than the brightest stars.

Ques. 13. The object did not change brightness at any time. As it receded toward the eastern horizon and therefore was moving away from me, the object would naturally appear smaller and less outstanding as the distance between it and my position increased.

Since I took the photograph of this object, I have observed various types of aircraft at night and have attempted to photograph their lights. As of the above date I have not seen anything that resembled the object and all of the negatives were returned completely blank. My eyesight and hearing are excellent and I can hear the engine of a jet plane flying at such high altitude that it is almost impossible to see its lights. Considering the apparent size of the object in question, if there was any type of known propulsion involved I am positive I would have been able to hear it.

PHOTOGRAPHIC DATA

1. Type and make of camera Exa 35mm
2. Type, focal length, and make of lens Wirgar,  $f=135\text{mm}$ , 1:4.5 F.C
3. Brand and type of film Eastman Kodak Co., Kodacolor-X
4. Shutter speed used 1/50 sec.
5. Lens opening used; that is, "f" stop 4.5
6. Filters used None
7. Was tripod or solid stand used No
8. Was "panning" used No
9. Exact direction camera was pointing with relation to true North, and its angle with respect to the ground. Bearing:  $45^\circ$  Angle:  $80^\circ$
10. If supplemental information is unobtainable, the minimum camera data required are the type of camera, and the smallest and largest "f" stop and shutter speed readings of the camera.

[REDACTED]  
Syracuse, New York 13207  
August 31, 1967

Major Hector Quintanilla, Jr.  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Ohio

Dear Sir:

The following is a description of a possible UFO which I witnessed and photographed the night of October 26, 1966. Enclosed please find 1 Kodacolor print, 1 Kodacolor slide, 1 photocopy of a letter written by a resident of Manlius, New York with whom I am not acquainted, 1 sketch of the object's flight pattern and a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

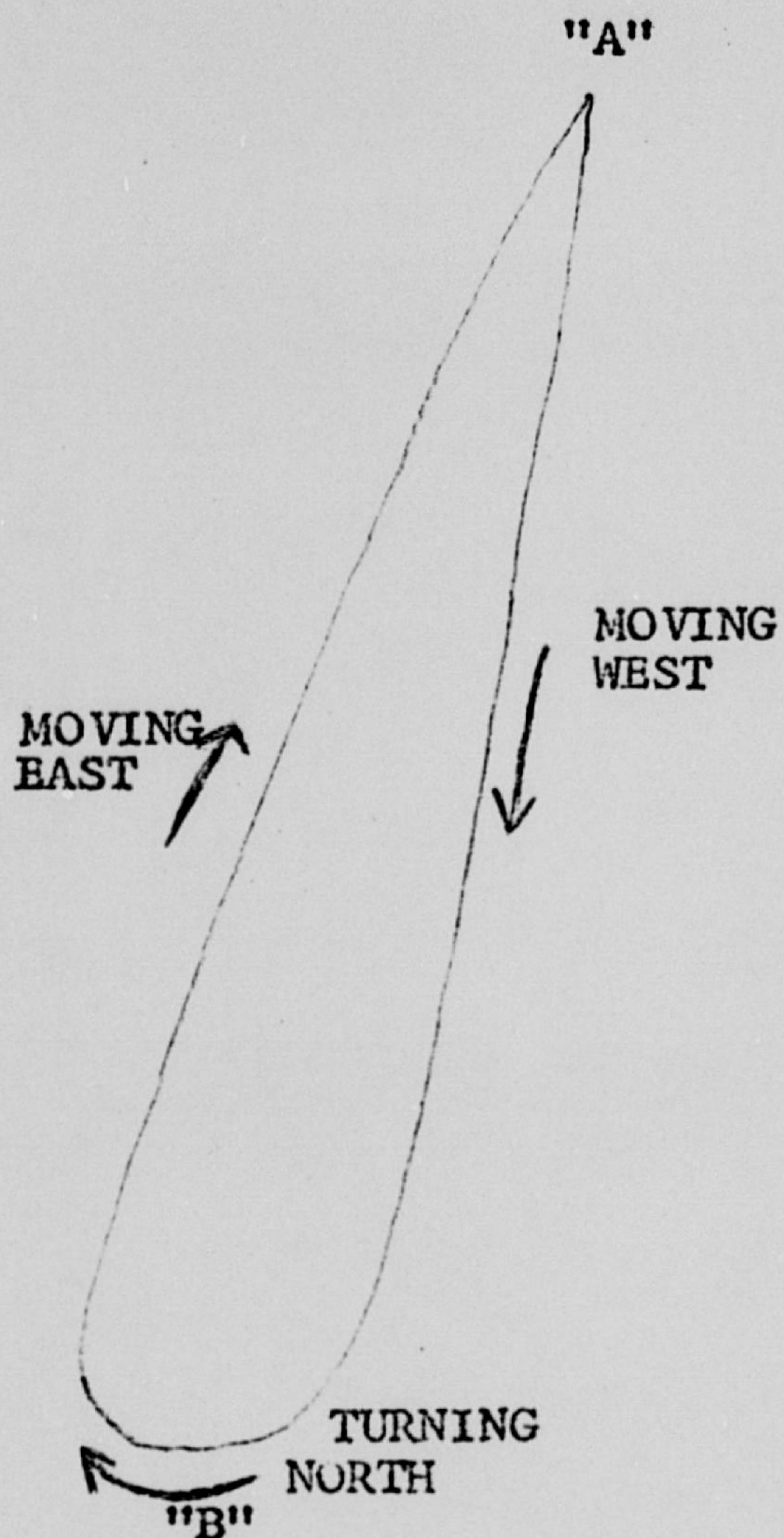
DATE OF SIGHTING: October 26, 1966

TIME OF SIGHTING: 9:30 P. M. Eastern Standard Time

I was in the back yard of my home, located at the above address, photographing the moon using an Exa with a Wirgar f=135 mm, 1:4.5 lens set at infinity with an opening of 4.5 at 1/50 a second, and a pair of 7 X 50 binoculars. Turning away from the moon which had already crossed the zenith, I saw a brilliant, silvery white light approaching slowly from the east approximately 20° above the horizon. The brightness of the light was comparable to an automobile headlight at a distance of 75' when set on high beam. It did not appear to stand still at any time, alter its speed, break up or explode, leave a visible trail, change shape or pulsate. As it approached the zenith, the light lost its silvery appearance and became milky white but did not lose its brilliance.

Although I did not see a definite shape, this object, if it can properly be classified as such, did not move in front of or behind anything and appeared to be solid. I wear eyeglasses and observed the object through 7 X 50 binoculars which did not reveal any shape or clue to its identity. The area was exceptionally quiet and I heard no sound of any kind during the entire sighting. The apparent size of the object was comparable to a baseball held at arm's length and appeared to grow smaller as it receded toward the eastern horizon. I was outdoors during the entire sighting in a residential area of the city and was facing east when the object appeared and disappeared. The sky was clear with a few stars, full moon, no clouds, haze or wind. The weather was dry and cold. No one was with me at the time of the sighting. I cannot estimate the speed or distance of the object although the slowness and sharp turn made by it would, in my opinion, rule out a conventional aircraft. The object made 2 identical flights over the city and vanished in the area in which it first appeared. Each flight took approximately 1 minute and both flights took place within a 5 minute period. I have enclosed a slide as well as a print of the object because it was not discernible as I studied the object through binoculars and did not show up on the print; however, the slide when projected shows a purple glow completely surrounding the object. Any information you can give concerning the nature of this object would be appreciated.

My name is [REDACTED] I am 32 years old, a High School graduate and am employed as a Clerk-Typist in the [REDACTED] of a local bank, a position I have held for 14 years.



X MY POSITION

The object appeared at Point "A"  $20^{\circ}$  above the Eastern horizon, moved West until it reached a point  $80^{\circ}$  above the Eastern horizon. At Point "B" the object turned North, then continued turning Eastward, continuing in that direction until it vanished.

## Another UFO? Airport 'scorns' sightings

To the Herald-Journal:

I am writing to you in reference to the article entitled, "UFO sightings" that was printed in the Oct. 30 edition.

On the night of Oct. 26, 1966, I observed a mere white dot behaving in a somewhat unusual manner. It would recede to the eastern horizon and come back to just about overhead. I was intrigued by the object and drove over to a friend's house. He studied it for a time and some of his relatives were witnesses to it also.

I called Hancock Airport and a man answered politely and asked me what I was calling for. At first I told him or rather asked him if he had had any sightings or knew of any research missions in the area. He said no. Then I inquired as to the laws regarding lights on planes. He said they were required—both Air Force and commercial—to have flashing lights. I then told him what I have stated so far. He then stated that there are not, never have been any such things as UFOs.

My point is this:

When a person has alleged to have seen something the only reaction he ever receives from the monitors at Hancock Field is one of scorn and negative views. I don't maintain that there are UFOs but maybe some of these people who have seen something whether it be of this earth or not should be listened to out of courtesy and because maybe the facts do exist.

GREG SMITH,  
Manlius.

11-7-66

In  
your  
opinion

This case contains 3, 8" x 10"  
Photos and 3, 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" slide  
negatives.

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