# PROJECT 10073 RECORD

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| 1. DATE - TIME GROUP<br>6 Mar 67 1/0030Z | 2. LOCATION<br>Kilborne, Illinois |
| 3. SOURCE<br>Civilian | 10. CONCLUSION<br>Astro (VE US) ✓ 3rd<br>Venus was on Aziuth of 265 degrees at elevation of 15 dgrees |
| 4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>Varied | |
| 5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>3 hours 15 minutes | 11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS<br>Observer stated that the object appeared like a light. Brightness was compared to that of a very bright star. Edges of the object were fuzzy and blurred. Object was dim then truned to red then rotated around showing red light then a bright glare. After this it can shut off it's lights if a plane or car lights go toward. Object had not any sound of it's own. Color was red. |
| 6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br>Ground Visual | |
| 7. COURSE<br>NW - SW | |
| 8. PHOTOS<br>☐ Yes<br>☒ No | |
| 9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE<br>☐ Yes<br>☒ No | |

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

MARCH 6 ~~10~~

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Lt Colonel Josephs

1. Attached is proposed draft to Mrs. [redacted], who wrote President Johnson regarding UFOs.

2. Action officer is Mrs. Beverly Cassel, SAF-OICC, ext 79083.

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D R A F T

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

President Johnson has asked that I reply to your letter concerning the unidentified flying objects (UFOs) which are being sighted in your area.

Within the Department of Defense the Air Force has the responsibility of investigating UFOs reported to it and determining whether or not these objects constitute a threat to our national security. This program is carried out under the designation Project Blue Book. The inclosed brochure explains our program since its inception in 1947.

Blue Book personnel at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base inform me they have not received any UFO reports from your area. However, March 8-10, they received many from Gladesburg, Moline, and Monmouth. These sightings were determined to be hot air balloons.

I have inclosed an FTD Form 164 which is used in officially reporting a sighting to the Air Force. If you will complete this form and return it in the attached envelope, we will attempt to evaluate the sightings in your area. We are not testing "soundless planes from outer space."

I hope this information will be of interest to you.

Attachments

Sincerely,

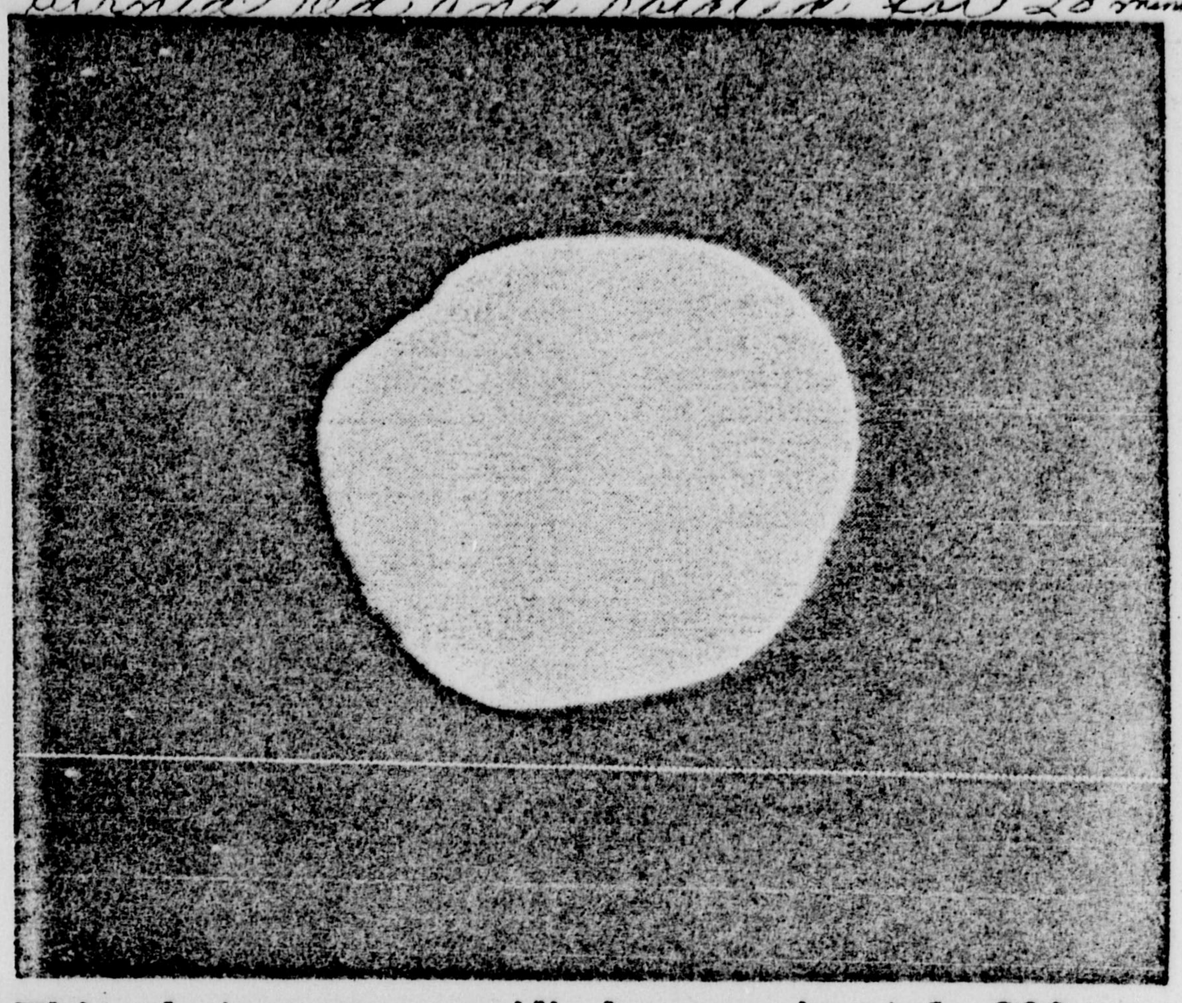
# Kilbourne's U. F. O. ??

By Ted Connolly

The subject of unidentified flying objects has long been highly disputed but ???? I was requested to try to photograph one of these U.F.O.'s this week which has been appearing around the Kilbourne area since it was first sighted on the evening of March 21, 1967, around 8 p.m. It then was sighted hovering at tree-top level and when it was approached it moved into the western horizon at a very high rate of speed.

I had at first passed this incident off as nothing but possibly barge lights reflecting off the Illinois River and then onto the clouds, which I had seen many times while living along the river. I did go to Kilbourne last night and made a few exposures of an object that seemed to hover in the sky as it brightly changed colors from a bright white glow to red and green. Take a look at the photo and come to your own conclusions or better yet, drive over to the intersection of Rt. 97 and the Bath blacktop and watch for it, then if you think it is a U.F.O., a weather balloon, or what have you, let me know. Eight people and myself saw the same thing when I made the picture and none of us could come up with an answer as to what it might be.

15 mins. after this picture was taken. This thing droped [illegible] red and [illegible] for 20 mins.



This photo was magnified approximately 200 times the size it was viewed.

ASTRO (VENUS)
6 MARCH 67
VENUS ON AZ OF 265 deg
AT EL. 15 deg

# 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?

6 (Day) March (Month) 1967 (Year)

2. Time of day: 6 (Hour) 30 (Minutes) to 8 45

(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?

Kilauea / Kilauea / Hawaii-Hawaii
Nearest Postal Address / City or Town / State or County

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration) 3 (Hours) 15 (Minutes) _____ (Seconds)

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

5.1 How was time in sight determined? I timed it as this has happened almost every night for the last 5 weeks

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes _____ No ✓

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY
a. Bright
b. Cloudy

NIGHT
(a.) Bright
(b.) Cloudy both

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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FTD OCT 62 164 This form supersedes FTD 164, Jul 61, which is obsolete.

8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS (*Circle One*):

a. None
b. A few
c. Many
d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON (*Circle One*):

a. Bright moonlight
b. Dull moonlight
c. No moonlight – pitch dark
d. Don't remember

We have watched this thing (various conditions) in Sept

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 Very
b. Dimmer
c. About the same
d. Don't know

11.1 Compare brightness to some common object:

It was like [illegible] light but light that stayed bright

12. The edges of the object were:

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

13. Did the object:

(*Circle One for each question*)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time? | Yes | No | Don't know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | Yes | No | Don't know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | Yes | No | Don't know |
| d. Give off smoke? | Yes | No | Don't know |
| e. Change brightness? | Yes | No | Don't know |
| f. Change shape? | Yes | No | Don't know |
| g. Flash or flicker? | Yes | No | Don't know |
| h. Disappear and reappear? | Yes | No | Don't know |

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

yes, it was a bright light for almost a hr, then dropped down - then turned red, then rotated around showing red light then a bright glare. after this it gave short off & on flashes of a pale blue light & got low & to the right & disappeared

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: after 2 hrs I lost it as I was coming to be behind a hill or trees at times

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: At [illegible]

17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

a. Sound none I was in too high because I was

b. Color bright light blue red.

18. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and n[illegible] how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head?

I held this match to it at arms L, th at 7:35 on Jan 14, 1967 and I couldn't even tell I had a match up to it. The match was like it was invisible.

19. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

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

(Circle One) Yes (No)

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? _____

21. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One) (Yes) No

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? 15 or 20 miles
(I repeated 20 miles to the best of my knowledge.)

22. Where were you located when you saw the object? (Circle One):

(a.) Inside a building
b. In a car
c. Outdoors
d. In an airplane (type)
e. At sea
f. Other _____

23. Were you (Circle One)

a. In the business section of a city?
b. In the residential section of a city?
(c.) In open countryside?
d. Near an airfield?
e. Flying over a city?
f. Flying over open country?
g. Other _____

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

24.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

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

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

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

(Circle One) Yes No

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

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| a. Eyeglasses | Yes | No | (e.) Binoculars | Yes | No |
| b. Sun glasses | Yes | No | f. Telescope | Yes | No |
| c. Windshield | Yes | No | g. Theodolite | Yes | No |
| d. Window glass | Yes | No | h. Other Sun glasses over my eyeglasses. | | |

I had my eyeglasses on and I put the sun glasses on top of it.

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.

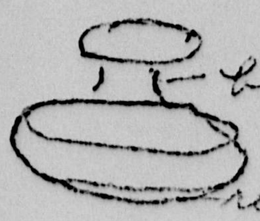
It looked to be a star at 6:30 in the evening. Then it takes 3 hrs to get down to about 2 miles from where I first saw it, the brightness gets like a regular star light and it looks like it is standing still. I can still see it through my binoculars.

On the night of March 6, 1967 at approximately 7:45, our dog, who is getting rather hard of hearing, started barking, we looked out, upon doing so saw, a very strange, very bright object in the sky to the West of us, hanging low, just a little above tree top height, right over our neighbors house, approximately 3/4 mile west of us.

It kept changing color, red, blue and white, very bright, with the red being around the bottom. at times it would turn off its lights completely for several minutes.

After about 45 minutes it moved off to the northwest getting still lower until it disappeared behind the trees.

We (3 daughters, my husband and two neighbors) saw it again on March 9, this time it was considerably lighter, but it looked just the same as before, but with a more brilliant blue.




P[redacted] do not publish this letter in any paper book or magazine.

34. Date you completed this questionnaire: 14 (Day) April (Month) 1967 (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.

After having watched it come down
from between 6:30 to 8:45, I can tell the
difference between this thing and a star. The
star one night coming home late, I saw
two lights but not moving. I told
my husband as we came into the house &
I'll just bet anything that star will start
moving, one half hours later it did. It
came down then turned red and started
it dives straight down and as we
driving on the highway pulled off the
road & stopped to watch this. It played
around, moving in a jerking motion
for an hour. Then vanished.

I appreciate the Blue Book very
much and if you have any explanation for
of these UFO's, we would very much
like to hear from you.

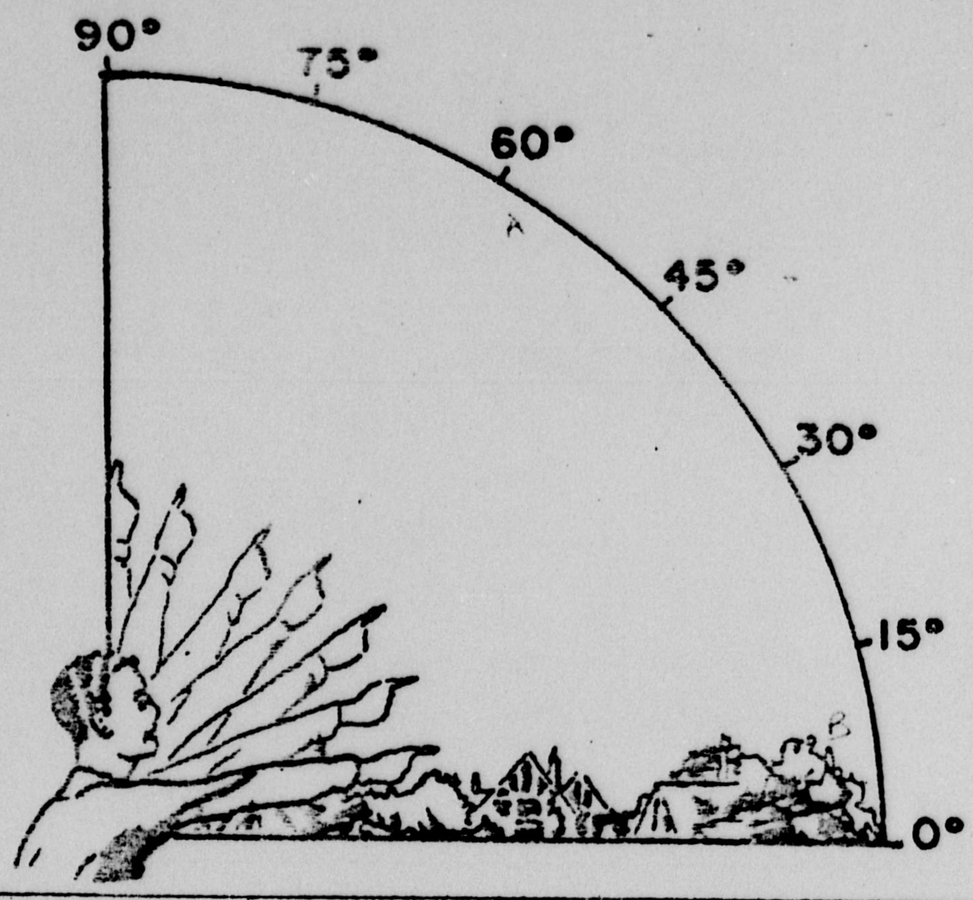
Sincerely,

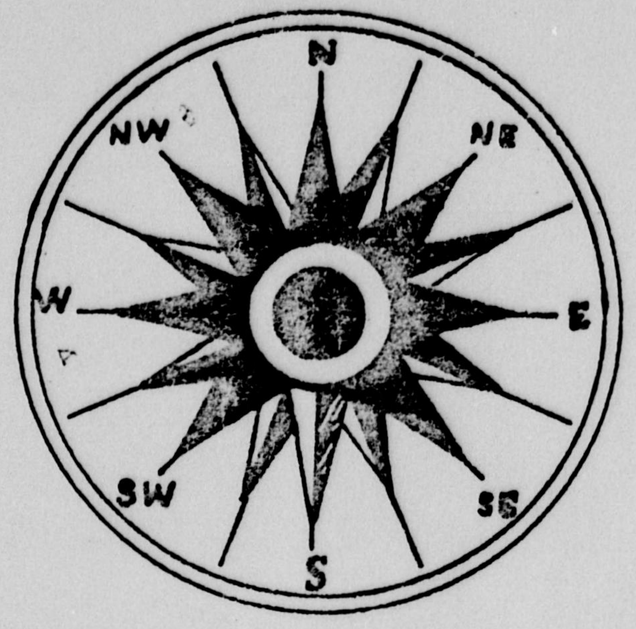
[redacted]

Mrs. D.

The Blue Book says it is more fair to take
[illegible] stations from map and the one
best date to be used was Dec. 28, 1964-
to March 6, 1965 with 805 [illegible].

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.

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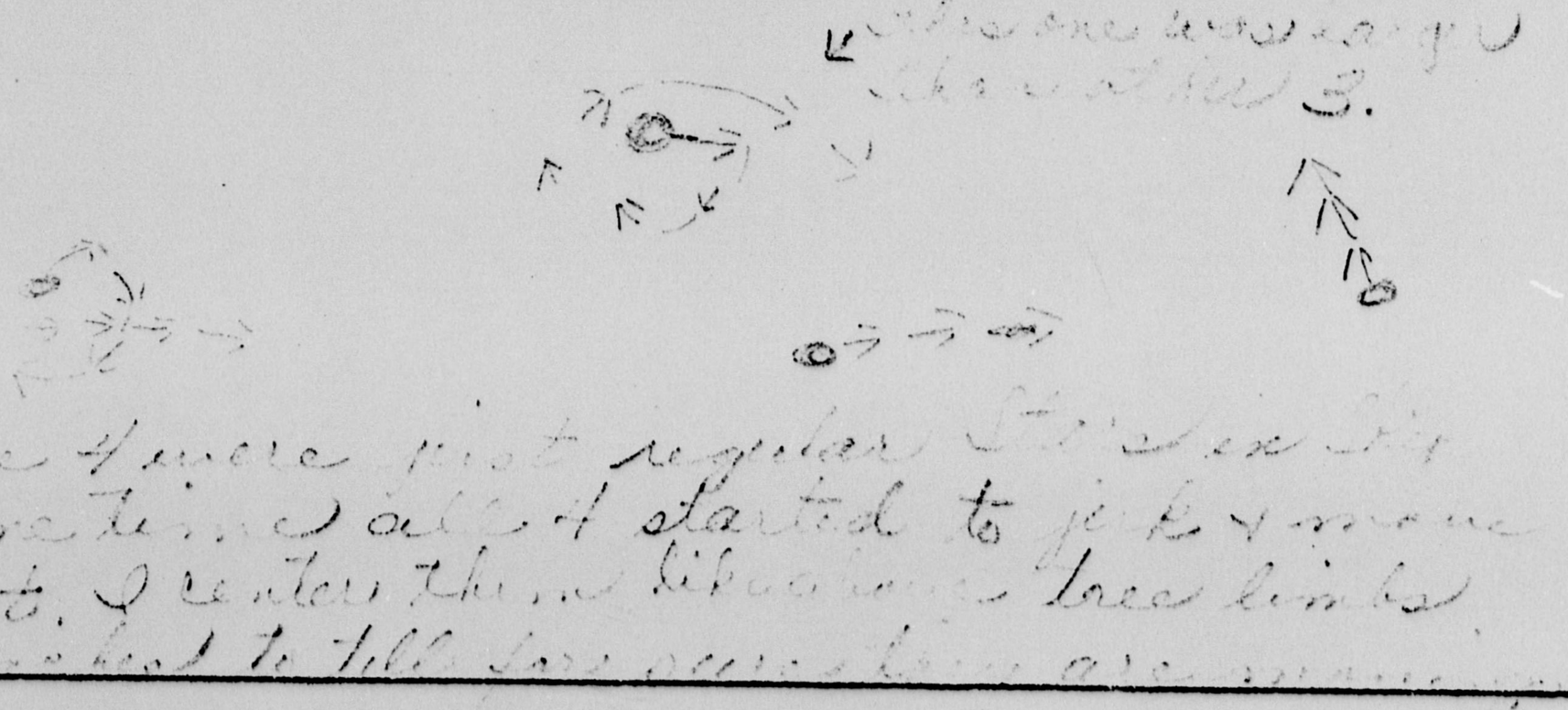
29. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? One evening we saw 4-
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.



There were not regular UFO's as the
Television called it started to jerk & move
very fast. I enter the Library and he is
and he asked me to tell him what we saw

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

just from [redacted] April 14
The [redacted] was by the [redacted] Nov. 1967
[redacted], Illinois.

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

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

31.2 Please list their names and addresses:

[redacted]

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

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

ADDRESS _____ KILBOURNE ILL.
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted] AGE 24 SEX F

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

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

22 April 68
Day Month Year

Illinois

6 March 67

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JUN 8 1967

Dear [redacted]

Reference your recent unidentified observation. Detailed investigation revealed the planet Venus was probably responsible for most of the sightings. Venus, with a stellar magnitude of -3.4 during most of March, would have been the brightest celestial body in the sky. On March 6, 1967 at 6:30 p.m., Venus would have been on an azimuth of 265 degrees at an elevation of 15 degrees.

You mentioned throughout the report that the object often appeared as a star, only brighter; also, it appeared to move at times and change colors. When stars or planets are viewed low on the horizon, the observer is looking through many more miles of the earth's atmosphere than when looking overhead toward the zenith. The earth's atmosphere actually acts as a prism which, in effect, causes the incoming rays of light to be broken down into the various colors of the spectrum. In technical terms it is said the incoming rays are refracted by the atmosphere. The closer the stars are to the horizon, the more they scintillate, simply, as mentioned above, because we are then looking through a thicker layer of air. This, in effect, causes an astronomical body to appear to erratically move about in the sky.

From the information submitted, it does appear that Venus was responsible for the majority of the sightings. The Air Force has received several reports during the months of March and April describing observations similar to yours.

Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

Sincerely,

BARNETT B. YOUNG
Lt Colonel, USAF
Civil Branch
Community Relations Division
Office of Information

Mrs. [redacted]

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