

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE TIME GROUP 9 Feb, 68 9/0920Z	2. LOCATION Groneton, Missouri
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION UNIDENTIFIED
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1-5 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS <i>Occurred 4:30 AM on 9 Feb 1968</i> The observer was awakened by several of his cows bawling. The observer rushed to his living room and sighted a craft that was estimated to be about 100 ft. in diameter and had concave sides. A bright yellow-green light came from the concave sides of the craft and the craft itself produced a pulsating sound similar to a piece of wire whirled at high speed above a person's head. During this time the cows were staring at the object which ^{the observer estimated to be} about 100 to 200 ft away and about 25 ft. above the ground. Finally the cows whirled and ran into the barn. Shortly afterward the craft moved away rapidly toward the SW. When ^{the object} the object moved toward the SW the noise was ^{reportedly} two or three times louder and the sound pulsations were ^{more rapid} . The duration of the sighting was 1 to 5 minutes. NOTE: The observer is somewhat nearsighted but was not wearing his glasses during the observation.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE SW	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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.

COMMENTS: Several Police Depts. and Airports in the area were contacted to determine if they had received any reports; had themselves seen anything unusual; and if there were any helicopter activities in the area. No one else in the area seems to have seen anything unusual and although several people thought the description somewhat similar to that of a turbine helicopter no record could be found of any helicopter activity in the area.

NOTE: The observer is near sighted but did not have his glasses on at the time of the sighting.

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
EVANSTON, ILLINOIS 60201

DEPARTMENT OF ASTRONOMY

LINDHEIMER ASTRONOMICAL RESEARCH CENTER

1 April 1968

FTD (TDETR)
Research and Aerial Phenomena Division
Wright Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio 45433

Attn: TDPT (UFO)

Subj: Mr. [REDACTED] of 8 February 1968, Groveton, Mo.

To: Major Hector Quintanilla, Jr.

1. In accordance with your letter of 26 March 1968 requesting that I contact Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED], Groveton, Missouri with reference to Mr. [REDACTED] UFO sighting, I have the following to report.

2. Mr. [REDACTED] is in the hospital with a kidney stone so I first talked with Mrs. [REDACTED], who, however, did not experience the sighting. I wanted to evaluate her manner of speaking and thinking. The conversation revealed that she is a matter-of-fact, down-to-earth individual who has lived in that community all her life. The [REDACTED] own their own farm and raise registered cattle for breeding purposes. Nothing in my conversation with Mrs. [REDACTED] would indicate that she is excitable or any other than a common sense person.

The following day I called Mr. [REDACTED] at the hospital and had an extended talk with him. No other significant facts concerning the sighting itself emerged from the conversation. His letter, as you note, was articulate and concise and covered the basic facts. Mr. [REDACTED] does not wish to fill out our questionnaire. He feels that little could be added, and he pointed out that he nearly didn't write his letter in the first place but did so only because he felt the matter might be of some interest to the government. I questioned him on such matters as duration, angular sizes, acceleration, and trajectory. The object did not pass in front of any object but he thought it may have passed somewhat behind two walnut trees. He stated that it had been completely stationary close to the ground for about ten times as long as the duration of takeoff and disappearance.

Mr. [REDACTED]'s whole manner of speech was careful and he made no attempt to embellish his story, or to do anything other than stick to the facts. He does not desire publicity and has not mentioned the incident to anyone other than his wife. He feels no good could come from talking about it. I would have to give Mr. [REDACTED] a very good rating as to stability and unexcitability.

1 April 1968

He is, however, nearsighted and although he tells me he can drive without glasses he rarely does. Had he had his glasses on he feels he could have observed more details than he did.

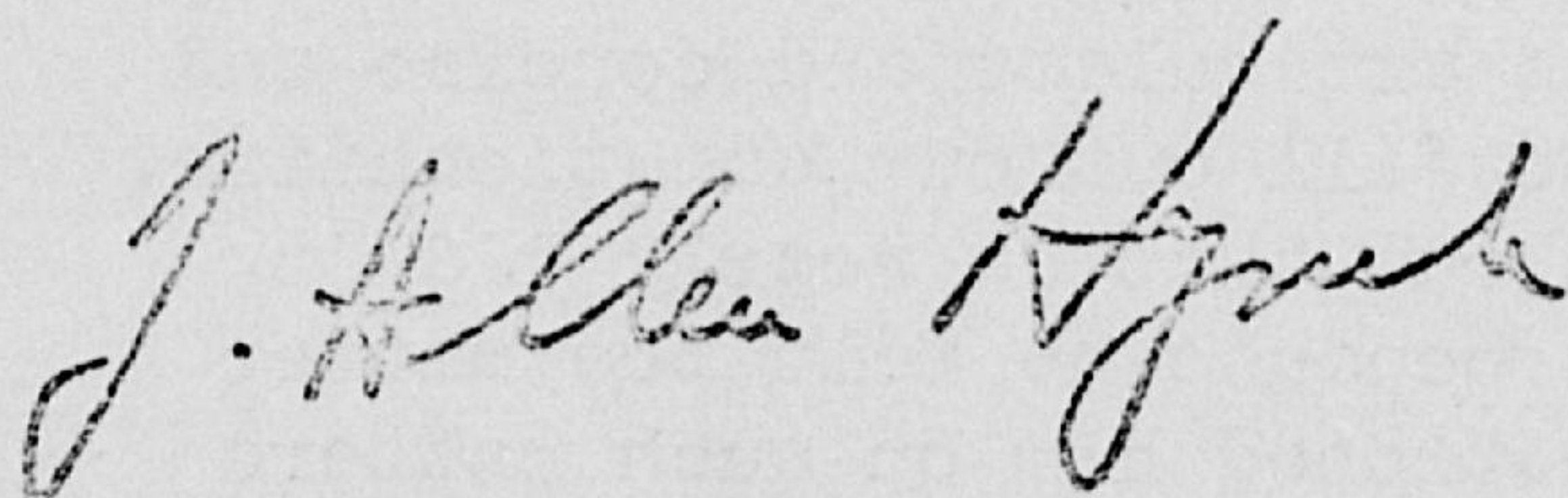
3. This case must be evaluated as unidentified. Since it is a one-witness case (if we exclude the cows as witnesses) we are up the familiar blind alley with the question as to whether there was an actual image on Mr. [REDACTED] retina at the time of his sighting. There is always the possibility that this could have been a vivid dream or an outright hallucination. We do not understand under what conditions such hallucinations occur but in my recent visit in London I spoke at great length with a well-known psychiatrist who is doing research in hypnosis and he tells me the following:

One out of 20 people appear to be capable of deep trance hypnosis. In some five cases in which he had hypnotised the people who have had spectacular UFO sightings he has found that in all cases these people were capable of deep trance hypnosis. Deep trance subjects are capable of hallucination under suggestion by the hypnotist. The question remains whether they are also capable of hallucination without the aid of hypnotist. This is an interesting possibility and might go a long way toward explaining many of the single witness cases.

I questioned Mr. [REDACTED] as to whether he had ever been hypnotised and he said that he never had and that "sort of stuff was out of his field".

If we do not accept hallucination, and there is no a priori reason to accept it, we are faced with the generally unpalatable conclusion that Mr. [REDACTED] did indeed see what he said he saw. I find no ordinary artifact, weather condition, aircraft, or mirage, etc., which would serve to explain this sighting.

[REDACTED]



J. ALLEN HYNEK, Director
Lindheimer Astronomical Research Center
Department of Astronomy
Northwestern University

JAH:lp

THE FOLLOWING UFO REPORT WAS FORWARDED TO THE UNIV OF COLORADO
ON 12 MARCH 1968

8 Feb 68 report from Mr. [REDACTED], Groveton, Missouri, Conservation Acres Ranch

February 9, 1968

The Honorable Robert F. McNamara
The Secretary of Defense
Department of Defense
The Pentagon
Washington, D. C. 20301

Re: U. F. O.

Dear Sir:

I reside on a farm approximately 30 miles north of Kansas City, Missouri. The residence is approximately 1/4 mile back from the highway with a pasture in front of the dwelling. I am employed in town and operate a cow herd on an all grass farm. If there is a disturbance among my cattle, I arise to their bawling as would a mother to her crying child.

Last night I heard several cows bawl as though frightened or scared. I immediately jumped from my bed and ran to the picture window in my living room. It was a dark night but there was a distinct glow giving off considerable light immediately in front of the house (approximately 300 to 350 feet away). It made sufficient light for me to maneuver around a card table left in the middle of the room, and to see cattle in the pasture in a rough semi-circle to the left of the light glow.

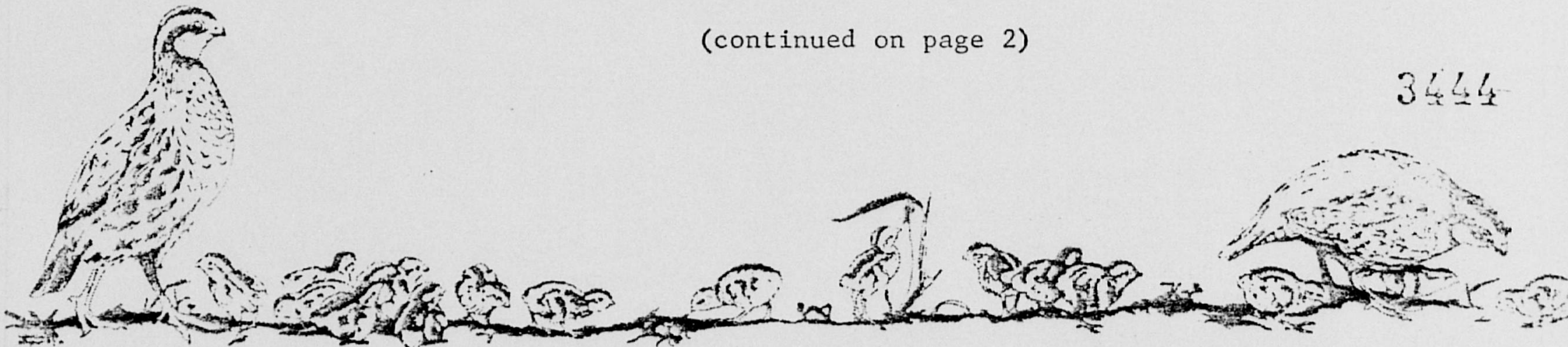
As my vision adjusted from darkness to this moderate light, I was able to see parts of what appeared to be a tremendous circular object, reproduced as best I can on the attached sketch.

The light was a yellowish green and came from the concave sides of the craft. I could not tell whether it came from a translucent surface or was reflected from the base of the craft against a shiny surface and then back to the ground. In any event, there was sufficient light to see the major limbs on some walnut trees, a stump, the cows, fence in the foreground and other details.

The object appeared to be at least 100 feet in diameter, and to be hovering 20 to 23 feet above the ground...although I could not say that it was not on

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on the ground, or possibly higher in the air. There were definitely seven openings or portholes in the approximate center of the concave sides. Their spacing would indicate that, if the craft were in fact round, there were probably 16 of these equally spaced around the craft. I could not see distinctly enough to tell if they were square, rectangular, oval or round. It was difficult to arrive at a perspective to judge their size but I would "guess" they were two feet to 30 inches in approximate diameter. I saw no door or distinct opening. I saw no living thing enter or depart the craft. I have no idea whether I watched half a minute or five minutes, I was so entranced by the sight.

I have been losing a cow or two now and then, undoubtedly stolen, without a trace. My first reaction, on hearing the cows, was that someone was among them. On seeing the craft I remember thinking "No wonder I have found no evidence. They are being hauled off by air." At that moment I had no thought of what I saw being a possible U.F.O., but rather some monstrous helicopter or other craft.

Some of the cows were staring at this object from perhaps 100 to 200 feet away. Cows with younger calves were bawling, and some of the calves were answering. Finally one cow whirled and ran, with tail high, toward the barn. The others followed and in only a few seconds there were no cattle in sight. The craft remained some little time after the cows departed, but I have no idea whether this was half a minute or considerably longer. It was during this time that I concentrated on the object in an attempt to make out all details I could.

All during this time there had been a distinct noise that I have difficulty in describing. It sounded something like the swish of a piece of wire which one might whirl around above his head at high speed and yet it had a pulsating rhythm of some kind. When the craft departed, this noise was two or three times louder and the sound pulsations were more rapid. The craft moved away rapidly toward the Southwest, arising at about a 45 degree angle without the craft being tilted in any way from the horizontal position it had maintained at, or above, ground level.

When this brief experience was over I had hot flashes and felt chilled at the same time, and was perspiring all over. I went back to the bedroom and was surprised that my wife had not awakened. I then recalled I had not seen my dog or heard him bark although he is usually quite alert to any disturbance.

I am 57 years of age, employed as [REDACTED] for Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company in Kansas City, Missouri, and of sober habits. Last night I had attended the County Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, of which I [REDACTED]. I came home about a quarter to ten, watched the news on T-V and retired. Mrs. [REDACTED] was away at an AAUW meeting, came home later, bathed and retired without awakening me. When I returned to the bedroom, after the experience related in the above paragraphs, it was 4:35. I must have been awakened sometime between 4:20 and 4:30.

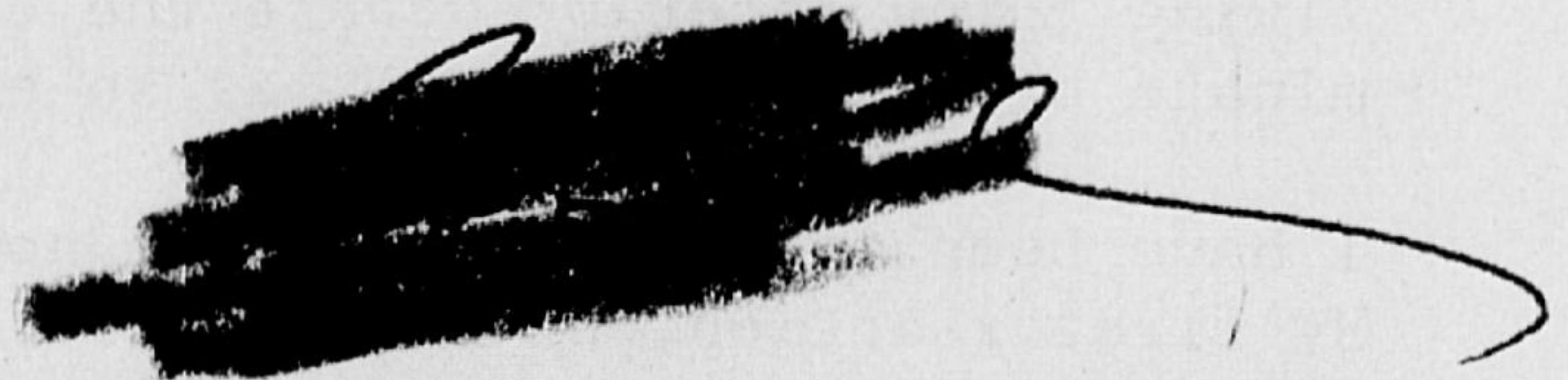
More I cannot tell you. I have made no announcement to anyone in the local area. I certainly seek no notoriety or publicity of any kind. If I can be of any

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assistance to any one who is seriously investigating this kind of report, I will be pleased to cooperate on a "no publicity" basis.

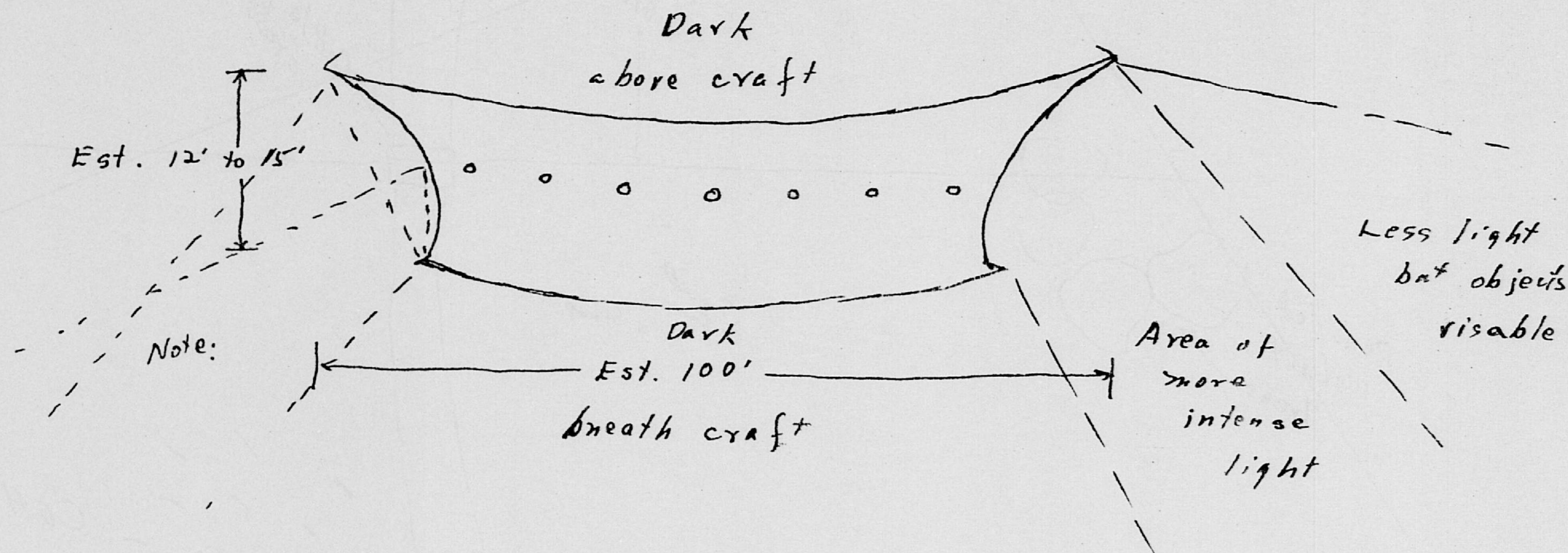
Yours very truly,

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RWB/vb

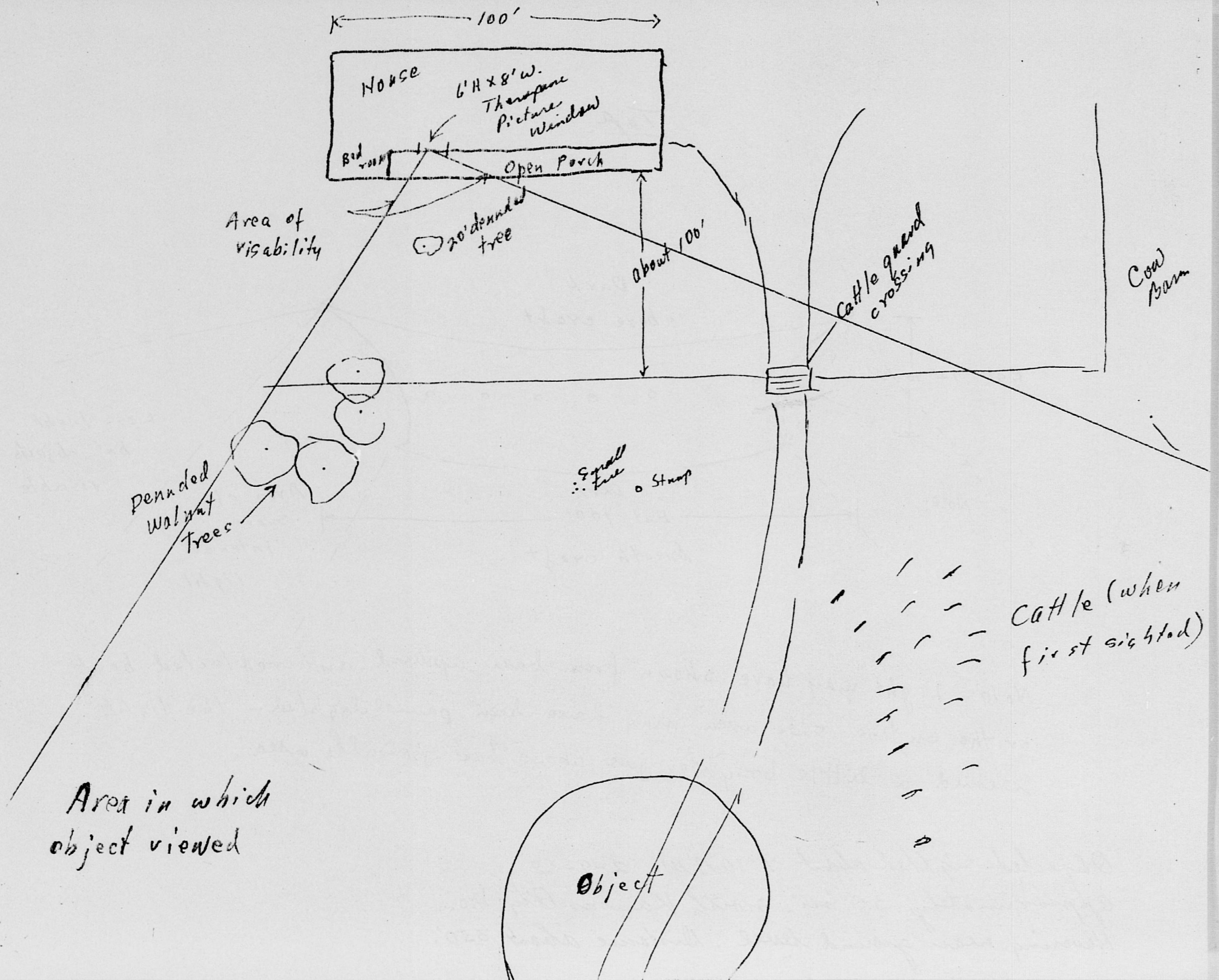
Attachments --
Two Sketches

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Note: Light may have shown from base upward and reflected back or the entire side area may have been panel lighted - the light seemed a little brighter just above base of visible area.

Object sighted about 4:30 A.M. 2-9-68
 Approximately 30 mi. north Kansas City, Mo.
 Hovering near ground level. Distance about 350'.



Postmarked
23 APR 68

Mrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - #2
Kansas City, Mo. 64111

Dear Major Quintanilla;

I am enclosing an article which appeared in our Kansas City Star, on April 23, 1968. I was very interested because sometime during February, both my daughter and I heard the same kind of noise.

I was awakened one night about 2:30, by this sound. Please understand I am not a flying saucer buff. I am very interested and neither believe nor disbelieve but have an open mind. I have never heard a sound to compare with this, and interestingly enough, half awake and rushing to the window, my first thought was "UFO" - I could see nothing, but my description of the sound is exactly the same as the one quoted in the article.

My daughter, who is 22, heard the same sound several nights later.

but by the time she awakened me,
I could only hear it faintly, receding
into the distance -

We mentioned this to some friends
who told us perhaps this was a new
device the police were occasionally
using on their cars - we were finally
able to hear this, and tho similar to
some degree, it was not the same
thing by any means -

Roughly speaking, I think we
heard these noises about the middle
of February -

I had to write you, because I
was actually disappointed to read
such a literal description of what I
too, had heard, but not seen -

Sincerely

~~M. J. [illegible]~~

ends tomorrow night.

FOR MORE ON UFO

Air Force Asks St. Joseph, Mo., Official for Report

St. Joseph, Mo. (AP)—Assistance in obtaining information concerning a reported unidentified flying object in the Gower, Mo., area at 4:30 o'clock in the morning, February 9, was asked of John C. Riley, jr., city aviation director, by the Air Force.

The request came from Maj. Hector Quintanilla, chief of the Aerial Phenomena office of the Foreign Technology division of the Air Force headquarters at the Wright Patterson base in Ohio.

The letter from the Air Force stated:

The Aerial Phenomena office is in receipt of an unidentified flying object report from Gower, Mo.

The observer sighted an extremely bright light and also heard a noise. It sounded similar to the swish of a piece of wire, whirled at high speed above a person's head, and had pulsating rhythm of some kind. Initially the object was hovering, but when it moved toward the southwest, the noise was two or three times louder and the sound pulsations were more rapid.

Phone Sunday Want Ads in before noon Saturday. BA 1-5500.—Adv.



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS FORT RILEY
FORT RILEY, KANSAS 66442

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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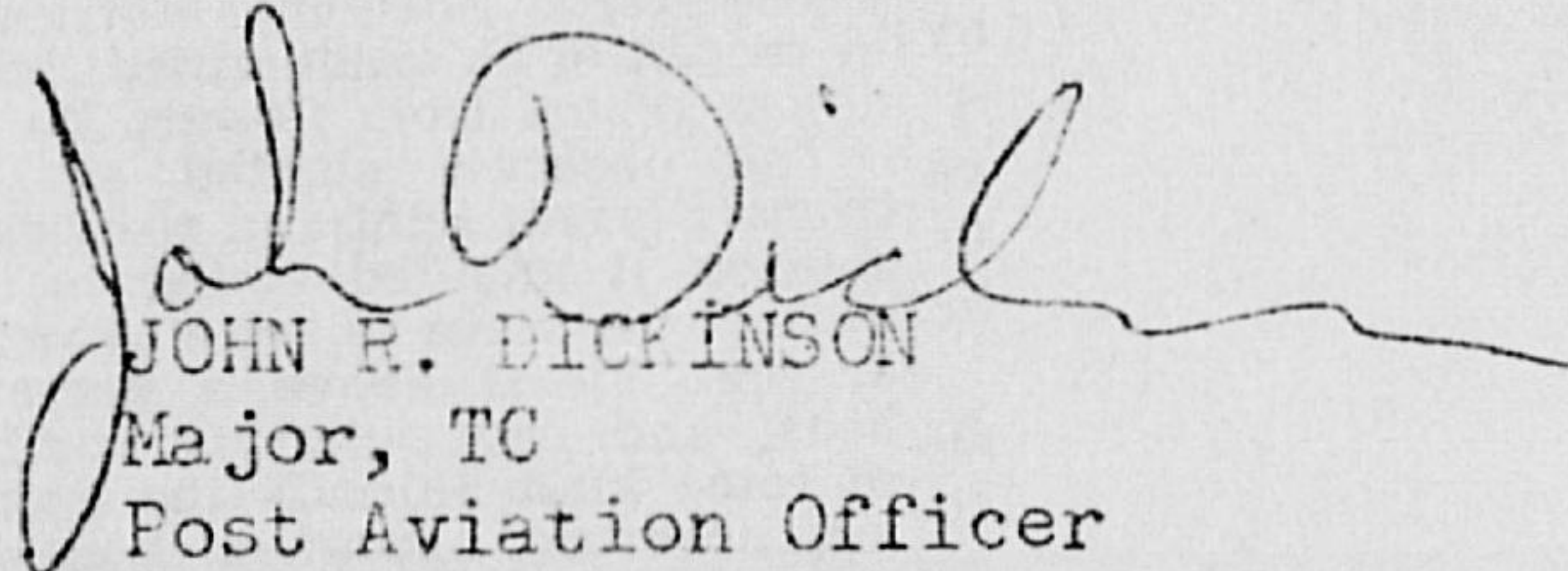
3 May 1968

SUBJECT: UFO Observation, 9 February 1968

Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office
Aerospace Technologies Division
Production Directorate
ATTN: LTC Hector Quintanilla

1. A check of our aircraft operations indicates that no aircraft operating from Marshall Army Airfield were flown in or around the area of Gower, Missouri on 9 February 1968.

2. Our normal helicopter low level training is restricted to an area in the immediate vicinity of Fort Riley and Smokey Hill Bomb Range, Salina, Kansas. The area around Gower, Missouri is not used by this Post for helicopter training or flight missions. We do, on occasion, use the instrument landing facilities at Rosecrans Memorial, Saint Joseph, Missouri. However, no assigned aircraft operated at Rosecrans Memorial on 9 February 1968.


JOHN R. DICKINSON
Major, TC
Post Aviation Officer

9 Feb 68

TDPT (UFO) Lt Col Quintanilla/70916/mhs/29 Apr 68


29 APR 1968

UFO Observation, 9 February 1968

Marshall AAF
Fort Riley, Kansas 66442

1. The Aerial Phenomena Office is in receipt of an unidentified flying object report from Gower, Missouri which occurred on 9 February 1968 at approximately 4:30 am.
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3. Mr. [REDACTED], Facility Chief at the Kansas City Municipal Airport, has suggested that the sighting may have been of a low altitude operation of a turbine-powered helicopter and suggested that we contact you. Do helicopters from your field ever operate in the area in question? Do you have records for the above date and time that would indicate whether a helicopter or other aircraft would be in the area at the time? If so, was there any activity in the area at that time.
4. To obtain this data, we realize that you must do quite a bit of research, however, we would sincerely appreciate your answering these questions.
5. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

FOR THE COMMANDER


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

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POLICE DEPARTMENT
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI 64106



CLARENCE M. KELLEY
Chief of Police

APRIL 25, 1968

HECTOR QUINTANILLA, JR, MAJOR, USAF
CHIEF, AERIAL PHENOMENA OFFICE
AEROSPACE TECHNOLOGIES DIVISION
PRODUCTION DIRECTORATE

DEAR SIR:

IN REFERENCE TO YOUR INQUIRY DATED APRIL 17, 1968,
SUBJECT, UFO OBSERVATION, FEBRUARY 9, 1968, THE FOLLOWING
IS OFFERED.

THE KANSAS CITY MO. POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS NOT RECEIVED A VERBAL OR WRITTEN REPORT OF THE DESCRIBED INCIDENT TO THIS DATE. SINCE GOWER, MISSOURI IS LOCATED NEAR THE TWA OVERHAUL BASE, NORTH OF KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, IT COULD BE ASSUMED THAT THE ACTIVITIES AT THE BASE WOULD HAVE A BEARING, WHAT MAY HAVE CAUSED THIS UNUSUAL REPORT.

WE REGRET NOT BEING ABLE TO ASSIST YOU IN THIS MATTER.

YOURS TRULY,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lieut Gaylord Mayer".

LIEUT GAYLORD MAYER
COMMANDING
RECORDS & IDENT. UNIT
K. C. MO. POLICE DEPT.

9 Feb 68


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TDPT (UFO) Maj Quintanilla/70916/mhs/15 April 1968

UFO Observation, 9 February 1968

Police Departments at
Kansas City, Missouri 64141 St. Joseph, Missouri 64501
Plattsburgh, Missouri 64477

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3. Did you receive any reports of unusual objects for this date? We would appreciate your comments as to a possible cause for this sighting.
4. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.


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

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*Sherman Army Airfield
Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas*

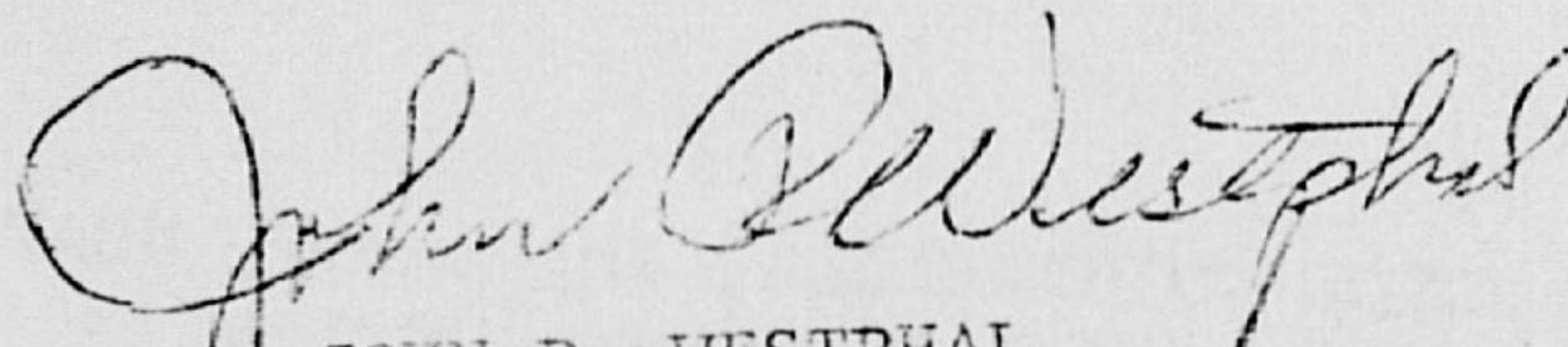
24 April 1968

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SUBJECT: UFO Observation, 9 February 1968

Hector Quintanilla, Jr. Major, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office
Aerospace Technologies Division
Production Directorate

1. Your letter subject as above, dated 17 April 1968, was referred to this office by the Public Information Office, Headquarters, Fort Leavenworth for action.
2. The description of the sighting does resemble, in an intangible way, the manner in which members of the laity describe our helicopters. However, our helicopters seldom operate in the vicinity of Gower, Missouri. More specifically, our records reveal no helicopter flights on 9 February 1968.
3. Sherman Army Airfield Control Tower is non-operational during the period 2300 to 0700 hours, therefore, it was not in a position to receive any reports of unusual objects or noise. The airfield operations office is open on a 24 hours basis and no report pertinent to the alleged sighting was received.
4. The attached news clipping will support your query for information about the UFO.


JOHN P. WESTPHAL
LTC, Inf
Aviation Officer

17 APR 1968

TDPT (UFO) Maj Quintanilla/70916/mhs/15 Apr 68

UFO Observation, 9 February 1968

This letter was sent to the following addresses:

Rosecrance Airport
St Joseph, Mo 64501


Fairfax Municipal Airport
Kansas City, Kansas 66115

Mid Continent Inter-
national Airport,
Kansas City, Mo 64141

Pulic Info Off
Ft Leavenworth, Kansas 66027

Kansas City Mun Airport
Kansas City, Mo 64141

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3. Do helicopters from your field ever operate in the area in question? Do you have records for the above data and time that would indicate whether a helicopter or other aircraft would be in the area at the time? If so, was there any activity in the area at that time.
4. Did anyone at the control tower receive a report of an unusual object or noises for the early morning hours of the 9th of February?
5. To obtain this data, we realize that you must do quite a bit of research, however, we would sincerely appreciate your answering these questions.
6. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.


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

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



REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

TDPT (UFO)

17 APR 1968

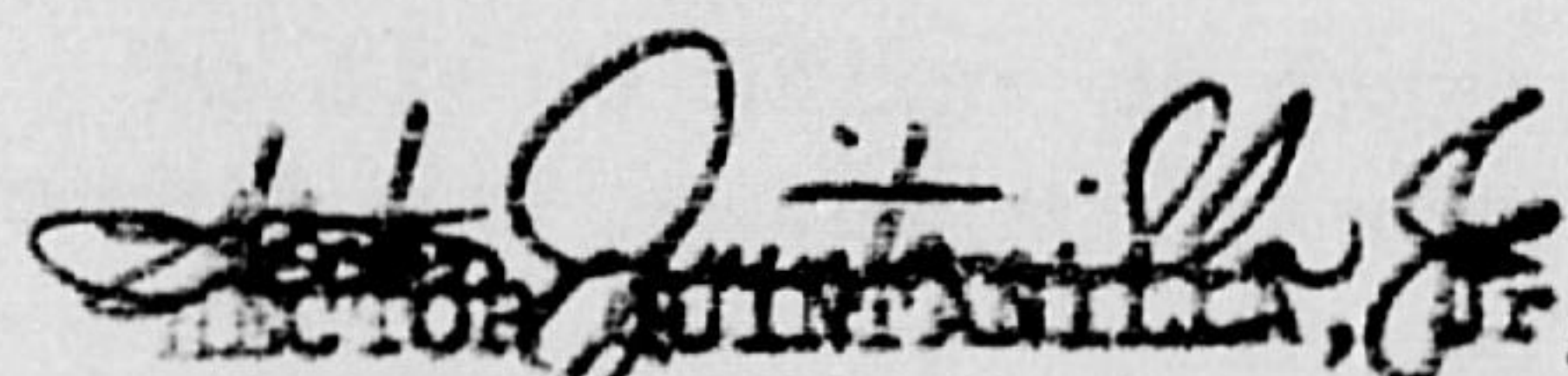
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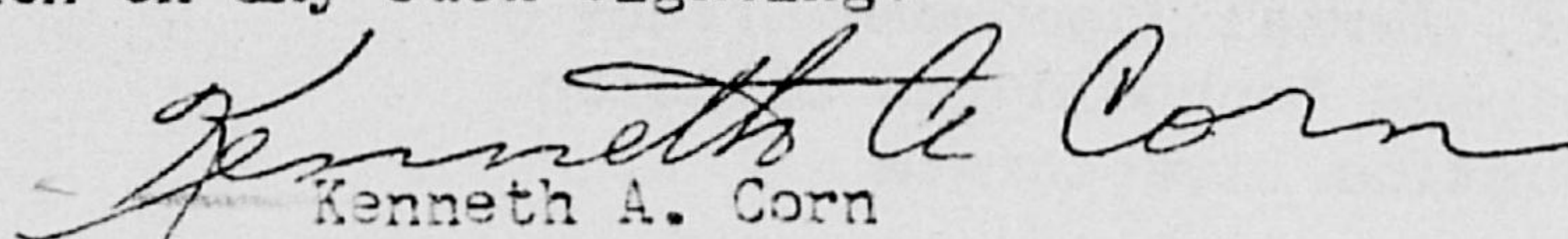
TO:

Plattsburgh Police Department
Plattsburgh, Missouri 64477

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

I have no information on any such sighting.


Kenneth A. Corn
Police Clerk

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



REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

TDPT (UFO)

SUBJECT:

UFO Observation, 9 February 1968

17 APR 1968

TO:

Mid Continent International Airport
Kansas City, Missouri 64141

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John J. Gantman, Jr.
John J. Gantman, Jr., Major, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office
Aerospace Technologies Division
Production Directorate

No helicopters are based or operate from here. No reports were received from controllers in the tower.

Emerson S. Capps
Emerson S. Capps
Tower Chief 5/1/68



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

ATCT (Municipal)
Kansas City, Missouri

April 23, 1968

IN REPLY
REFER TO:

Major Hector Quintanilla, Jr., USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office
Aerospace Technologies Division
Production Directorate
Wright-Patterson Air Force, Ohio 45433

Dear Major Quintanilla:

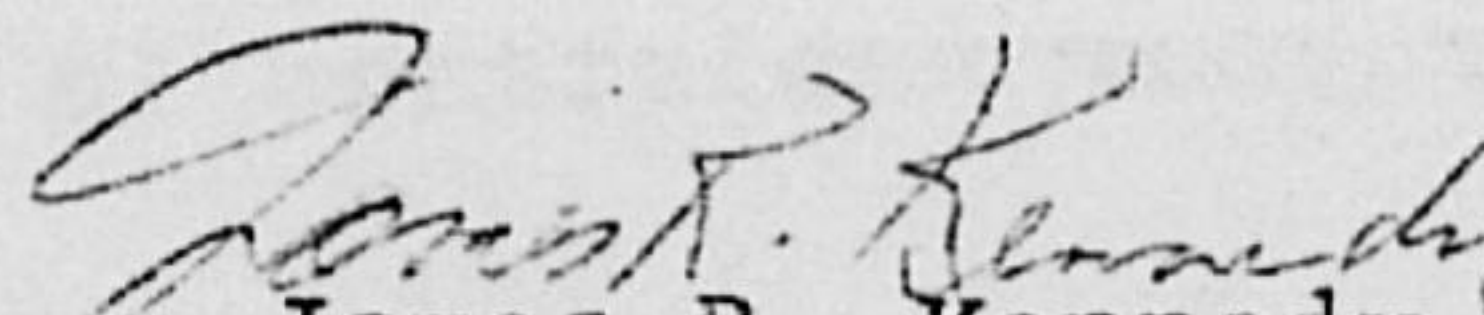
Your memorandum of April 17, 1968, in reference to a reported UFO observation at Gower, Missouri, on February 9, 1968, was relayed to me by the Municipal Aviation Department.

Except for unusual incidents, we have disposed of our aircraft movement records for the concerned date. No incident similar to the UFO observation was recorded at the control tower.

Helicopter operations from this airport normally do not operate in the area or at the time involved.

The observations related in paragraph 2 of your memorandum give indication of low altitude operation of a turbine-powered helicopter. I would suggest contacting Sherman AAF, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, and Marshall AAF, Ft. Riley, Kansas, for possible information. Those facilities are both southwest of the location reported and conduct extensive helicopter operations.

Sincerely,


James R. Kennedy
Facility Chief

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TDPT (UFO) Maj Quintanilla/70916/mhs/25 Mar 68

UFO Observation, 8 February 1968

Dr. J. Allen Hynek

Reference the attached report from Mr. [REDACTED] of Groveton,
Missouri, Conservation Acres Ranch on his unidentified observation
of 8 February 1968. Please contact the [REDACTED] and let us know of
your evaluation on this observation.

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

SAF-OIC/Miss Turnure/76526/Feb. 16, 1968

Copy sent to Univ. of Colo.

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Your letter of February 9, 1968, to the Secretary of Defense has been referred to this office for reply.

Without additional information, we cannot offer an explanation of the unidentified flying object (UFO) you observed. However, if you will complete the attached questionnaire and mail it in the inclosed envelope, our technical people at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base will be able to investigate further and make an evaluation.

Should you ever sight another UFO, please report it as soon as possible to the nearest Air Force base. Each base has a UFO investigator, who is in a better position to make an on-the-spot investigation which usually results in a more accurate analysis.

In the meantime, we are sending you some literature that may help you identify your sighting. Thank you for reporting it to the Air Force.

Sincerely,

DAVID L. STILES
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Civil Branch
Community Relations Division
Office of Information

Attachments

Mr. [REDACTED]

Missouri 64454

SAF-OIC

Coord Cy - SAP-OIC
Cmbk Cy - SAP-OIC
Activity Cy - SAP-OIC
Reader Cg - SAP-OIC
Stayback

cc. WPAED

FOR MORE ON UFO

Air Force Asks St. Joseph, Mo.,
Official for Report

St. Joseph, Mo. (AP)—Assistance in obtaining information concerning a reported unidentified flying object in the Gower, Mo. area at 4:30 o'clock in the morning, February 9, was asked of Joan C. Riley, jr., city aviation director, by the Air Force.

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The letter from the Air Force stated:

The Aerial Phenomena office is in receipt of an unidentified flying object report from Gower, Mo.

The observer sighted an extremely bright light and also heard noise. It sounded similar to the swish of a piece of wire, whirled at high speed above a person's head, and had pulsating rhythm of some kind. Initially the object was hovering, but when it moved toward the southwest, the noise was two or three times louder and the sound pulsations were more rapid.

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