PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 12 Jul 68 12/0430Z (X 12/0030)	2. LOCATION Omaha, Nebraska
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Probable: AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 - 10 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Sighting: Two 18 yr old boys saw light near the ground coming toward them. When nearly overhead they stated it was 150 ft above them and the "size of a cotage" and retangular. The observer reportedly chased object up to 90mph but it angled away.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE	COMMENTS: Both boys were requested to complete an AF Form 117 but neither has done so as of 4 Mar 69. Although the boys stated they reported the sighted to the plice, the Omaha police depot. stated that they had not received any reports on this date, and that none of the officers on duty that night saw anything either. The boys had just been talking about space ships and things of this"sort", when they sighted the object. About 3 days to a week later the observers reportedly sighted the same object again in same area and traveling in the same direction. There are several airfields SE of the observers position and the lighting configuration of the "UFO" is very similar to that of an aircraft. Although no record could be found of an [redacted] (OIR)
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☐ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☐ No	

FORM
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12 JULY 68 OMAHA, Neb.

aircraft in the area at 0030CDT on 12 July 68, the sighting still appears to be of an aircraft.

SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED PHENOMENA QUESTIONNAIRE

BUDGET BUREAU APPROVAL NUMBER 21-R258

THIS QUESTIONNAIRE HAS BEEN PREPARED SO THAT YOU CAN GIVE THE U.S. AIR FORCE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE CONCERNING THE UNIDENTIFIED PHENOMENON THAT YOU HAVE OBSERVED. PLEASE TRY TO ANSWER ALL OF THE QUESTIONS. THE INFORMATION YOU GIVE WILL BE USED FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES. YOUR NAME WILL NOT BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH ANY OF YOUR STATEMENTS OR CONCLUSIONS WITHOUT YOUR PERMISSION. RETURN TO AIR FORCE BASE INVESTIGATOR FOR FORWARDING TO FTD (TDETR), WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO 45433, IAW AFR 80-17. *(IF ADDITIONAL SHEETS ARE NEEDED FOR NARRATIVE OR SKETCHES ATTACH SECURELY TO THIS FORM OR ANNOTATE WITH YOUR NAME FOR IDENTIFICATION.)*

1. WHEN DID YOU SEE THE PHENOMENON? DAY 11 MONTH JULY YEAR 68

2. WHAT TIME DID YOU FIRST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON? HOUR 12 MINUTES 30 ☐ A.M. ☒ P.M.

3. WHAT TIME DID YOU LAST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON? HOUR 12 MINUTES 35 ☐ A.M. ☒ P.M.

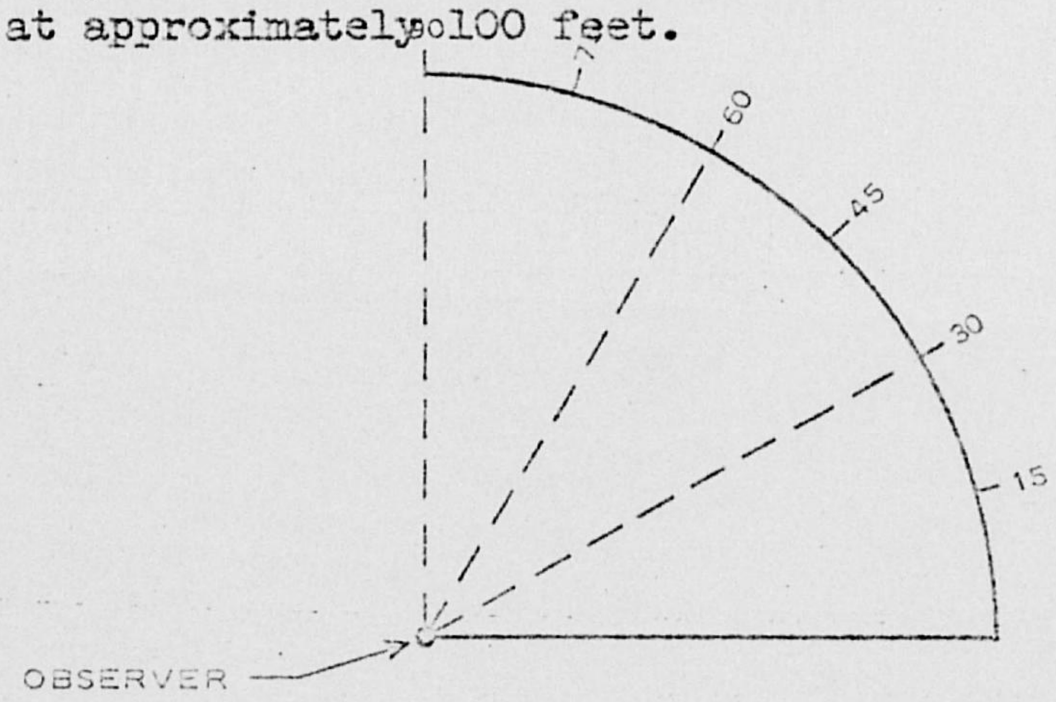
4. TIME ZONE ☐ EASTERN ☒ CENTRAL ☐ MOUNTAIN ☐ PACIFIC ☐ OTHER ☒ DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ☐ STANDARD

5. WHERE WERE YOU WHEN YOU SAW THE PHENOMENON? IF IN CITY, GIVE THE NEAREST STREET ADDRESS AND INDICATE ON A HAND DRAWN MAP WHERE YOU WERE STANDING WITH REFERENCE TO THE ADDRESS. IF IN THE COUNTRY, IDENTIFY THE HIGHWAY YOU WERE ON OR NEAR AND TRY TO FIX A DISTANCE AND DIRECTION FROM SOME RECOGNIZABLE LANDMARK.

Outside of the city of Omaha at approximately 168th Street and Dodge Street. Object was cited in a field between the Roberts Dairy Farm and Harm's junk yard. The area is mostly farmland and rolling hills.

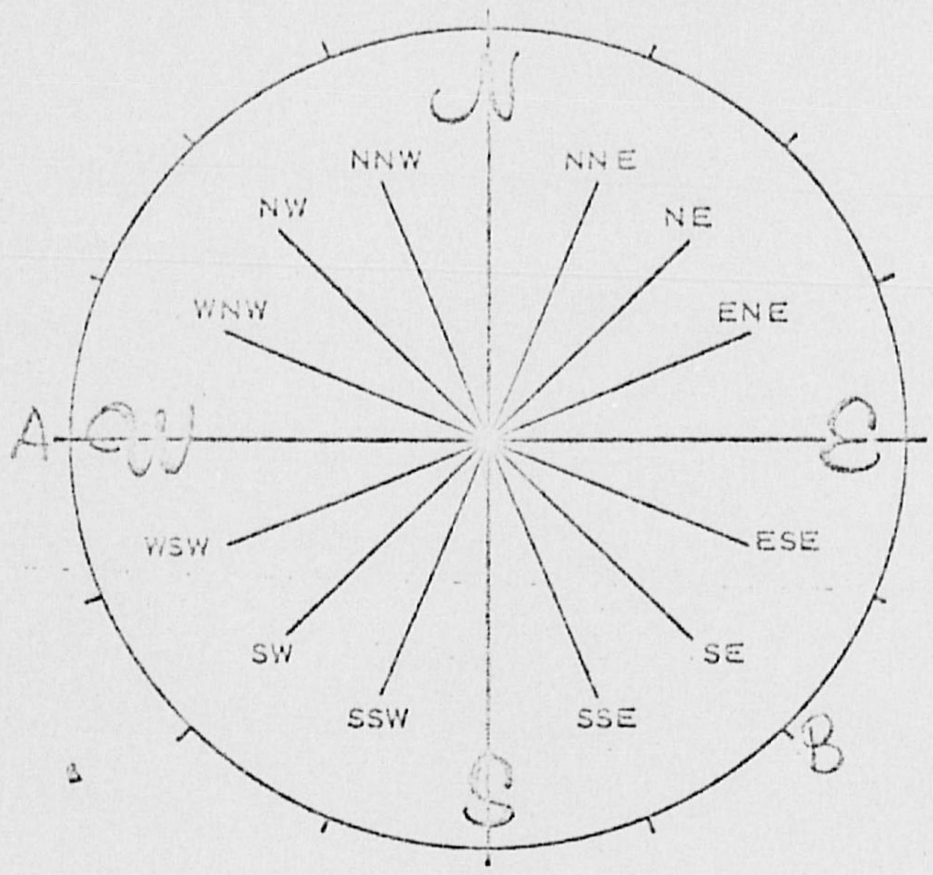
6. IMAGINE YOU ARE AT THE POINT SHOWN IN THE SKETCH, PLACE AN "A" ON THE CURVED LINE TO SHOW HOW HIGH THE PHENOMENON WAS ABOVE THE HORIZON, OR SKYLINE, WHEN FIRST SEEN. PLACE A "B" ON THE SAME CURVED LINE TO SHOW HOW HIGH ABOVE THE HORIZON THE PHENOMENON WAS WHEN LAST SEEN.

Object was first sighted as it came up from small valley between the dairy farm and the junkyard. It was below the horizon when first sighted and passed overhead at approximately 100 feet.

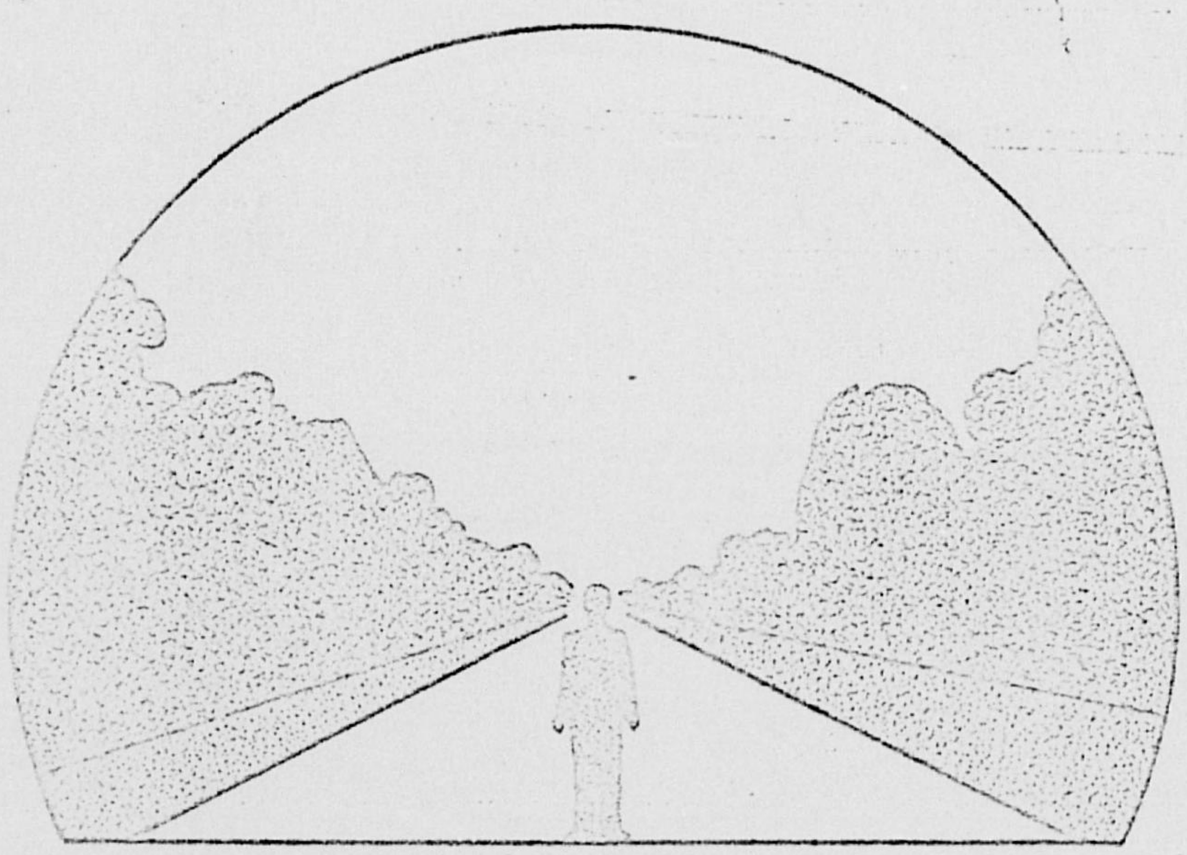


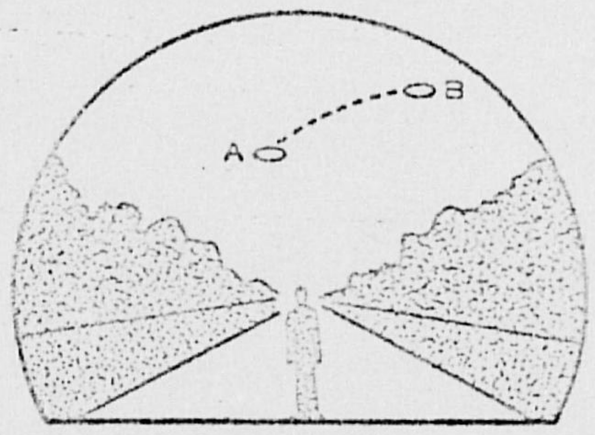
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6A. NOW IMAGINE YOU ARE AT THE CENTER OF THE COMPASS ROSE. PLACE AN "A" ON THE COMPASS TO INDICATE THE DIRECTION TO THE PHENOMENON WHEN FIRST SEEN. PLACE A "B" ON THE COMPASS TO INDICATE THE DIRECTION TO THE PHENOMENON WHEN LAST SEEN.



7. IN THE SKETCH BELOW, PLACE AN "A" AT THE POSITION OF THE PHENOMENON WHEN FIRST SEEN, AND A "B" AT THE POSITION OF THE PHENOMENON WHEN LAST SEEN. CONNECT THE "A" AND "B" WITH A LINE TO APPROXIMATE THE MOVEMENT OF THE PHENOMENON BETWEEN "A" AND "B". THAT IS, SCHEMATICALLY SHOW WHETHER THE MOVEMENT APPEARED TO BE STRAIGHT, CURVED OR ZIG-ZAG. REFER TO SMALLER SKETCH AS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW TO COMPLETE THE LARGER SKETCH.





8. WHERE WERE YOU WHEN YOU SAW THE PHENOMENON? *(Check appropriate blocks.)*

X	OUTDOORS (Standing by car)		IN BUSINESS SECTION OF CITY
	IN BUILDING		IN RESIDENTIAL SECTION OF CITY
	IN CAR ☐ AS DRIVER ☒ AS PASSENGER	X	IN OPEN COUNTRYSIDE
	IN BOAT		NEAR AIRFIELD
	IN AIRPLANE ☐ AS PILOT ☐ AS PASSENGER		FLYING OVER CITY
	OTHER		FLYING OVER OPEN COUNTRY
			OTHER

A. IF YOU WERE IN A VEHICLE, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

WHAT DIRECTION WERE YOU MOVING?

	NORTH	X	EAST
	SOUTH		WEST
	NORTHEAST		SOUTHEAST
	NORTHWEST		SOUTHWEST

HOW FAST WERE YOU MOVING?
80 to 90 miles per hour

DID YOU STOP ANYTIME WHILE OBSERVING THE PHENOMENON?
Standing outside of car when first sighted. ☐ YES ☐ NO

EXPLAIN WHETHER SUCH MOVEMENT AFFECTS YOUR SKETCHES IN ITEMS 5 AND 6.

DESCRIBE TYPE OF VEHICLE YOU WERE IN AND TYPE OF ROAD, TERRAIN OR BODY OF WATER YOU TRAVERSED DURING THE SIGHTING. STATE WHETHER WINDOWS OR CONVERTIBLE TOP WERE UP OR DOWN.
1953 Ford Sedan. Drove down four lane Macadam highway towards the city of Omaha.

HOW MUCH OTHER TRAFFIC WAS THERE?
practically non existent

DID YOU NOTICE ANY AIRPLANES? ☐ YES ☐ NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE WHEN THEY WERE IN SIGHT RELATIVE TO THE TIME OF SIGHTING THE PHENOMENON AND WHERE THEY WERE IN THE SKY RELATIVE TO THE POSITION OF THE PHENOMENON.

9. HOW LONG WAS THE PHENOMENON IN SIGHT?

LENGTH OF TIME
five minutes

X	CERTAIN OF TIME		NOT VERY SURE
	FAIRLY CERTAIN		JUST A GUESS

HOW WAS TIME DETERMINED?
wrist watch

WAS THE PHENOMENON IN SIGHT CONTINUOUSLY? ☒ YES ☐ NO. IF "NO," INDICATE WHETHER THIS IS DUE TO YOUR MOVEMENT OR THE BEHAVIOR OF THE PHENOMENON, AND DESCRIBE SUCH MOVEMENT OR BEHAVIOR. INDICATE DISAPPEARANCES ON PREVIOUS SKETCHES.

10. IF THERE WERE MORE THAN ONE PHENOMENON, HOW MANY WERE THERE? DRAW A PICTURE TO SHOW HOW THEY WERE ARRANGED. DID THIS ARRANGEMENT CHANGE DURING THE SIGHTING?

ONLY ONE

11. CONDITIONS *(Check appropriate blocks.)*

A. SKY		B. WEATHER			
	DAY		CUMULUS CLOUDS *(Low fluffy)*		FOG OR MIST
	TWILIGHT		CIRRUS CLOUDS *(High fleecy or Herring-bone)*		HEAVY RAIN
	NIGHT				LIGHT RAIN OR DRIZZLE
	CLEAR		NIMBUS CLOUDS *(Rain)*		HAIL
	PARTLY CLOUDY		CUMULONIMBUS CLOUDS *(Thunderstorms)*		SNOW OR SLEET
	COMPLETELY OVERCAST				UNKNOWN
			HAZE OR SMOG		NONE OF THE ABOVE

C. IF THE SIGHTING WAS AT TWILIGHT OR NIGHT, WHAT DID YOU NOTICE ABOUT THE STARS AND MOON?

(1) STARS		(2) MOON		
	NONE		BRIGHT MOONLIGHT	NO MOONLIGHT
	A FEW		MOON WITH HALO	UNKNOWN
	MANY		MOON HIDDEN BY CLOUDS	
	UNKNOWN		PARTIAL *(New or quarter)*	

D. IF SIGHTING WAS IN DAYLIGHT, WAS THE SUN VISIBLE? ☐ YES ☐ NO. IF "YES," WHERE WAS THE SUN AS YOU FACED THE PHENOMENON?

	IN FRONT OF YOU	TO YOUR RIGHT	OVERHEAD *(Near noon)*
	IN BACK OF YOU	TO YOUR LEFT	UNKNOWN

E. SPECIFY THE MAJOR SOURCE OF ILLUMINATION PRESENT DURING THE SIGHTING, SUCH AS THE SUN, HEADLIGHTS OR STREET LAMP, ETC. FOR TERRESTRIAL ILLUMINATION, SPECIFY DISTANCE TO LIGHT SOURCE.

Sky was light and object was silhoutted. Object also appeared to have lights.

12. GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHENOMENON, INDICATING WHETHER IT APPEARED DARK OR LIGHT, WHETHER IT REFLECTED LIGHT OR WAS SELF-LUMINOUS AND WHAT COLORS YOU NOTICED. DESCRIBE YOUR IMPRESSION OF WHETHER IT WAS SOLID OR TRANSPARENT, WHETHER EDGES WERE SHARP OR FUZZY. DESCRIBE THE SHAPE OR INDICATE IF IT APPEARED AS A POINT OF LIGHT. INDICATE COMPARISONS WITH OTHER OBSERVED OBJECTS, LIKE STARS, A LIGHT OR OTHER OBJECT IN YOUR FIELD OF VIEW.

Object appeared to be dark as compared to the light sky. It was not luminous and no color was discernible. It appeared to be solid and edges were sharp. It appeared to be very large, approximately 50 feet across or more. It had three white lights across the front and two green lights in back. It appeared to be " U " shaped, the front section running the width of it with two pontoon shaped sections at the very extreme width of the object and running to the rear. I am attaching drawings of the object.

13. DID THE PHENOMENON	YES	NO	UNKNOWN
MOVE IN A STRAIGHT LINE?	X		
STAND STILL AT ANYTIME?		X	
SUDDENLY SPEED UP AND RUN AWAY?	X		
BREAK UP IN PARTS AND EXPLODE?		X	
CHANGE COLOR?		X	
GIVE OFF SMOKE?		X	
CHANGE BRIGHTNESS?		X	
CHANGE SHAPE?		X	
FLASH OR FLICKER?		X	
DISAPPEAR AND REAPPEAR?		X	
SPIN LIKE A TOP?		X	
MAKE A NOISE?		X	
FLUTTER OR WOBBLE?		X	

14. WHAT DREW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE PHENOMENON?

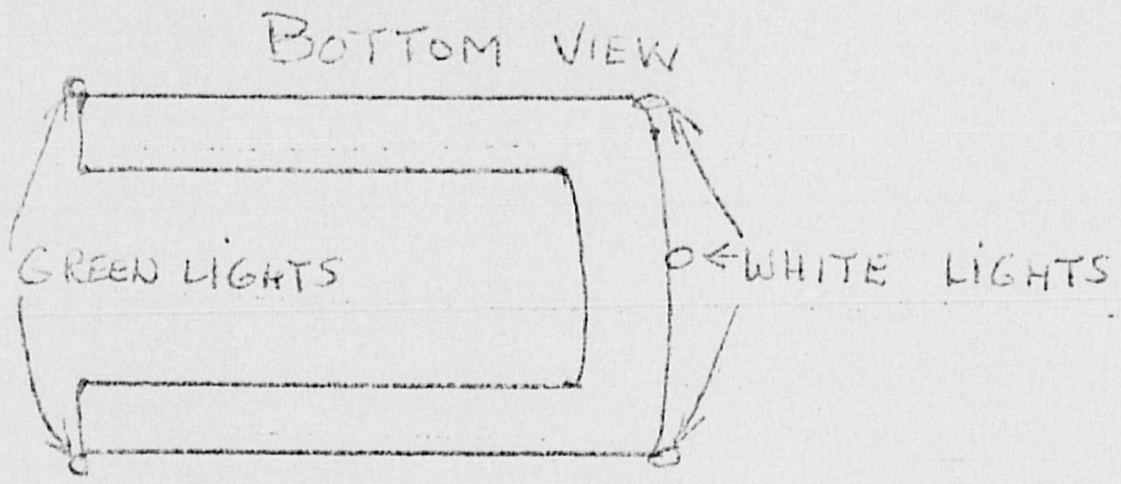
The boys were looking across the field when the object came from the valley between two hills directly in their line of sight. After it appeared above the hill line its lights turned on. It was moving slowly from their left to their right. It then made its only turn, turning towards them and passing almost directly overhead, slightly to their right.

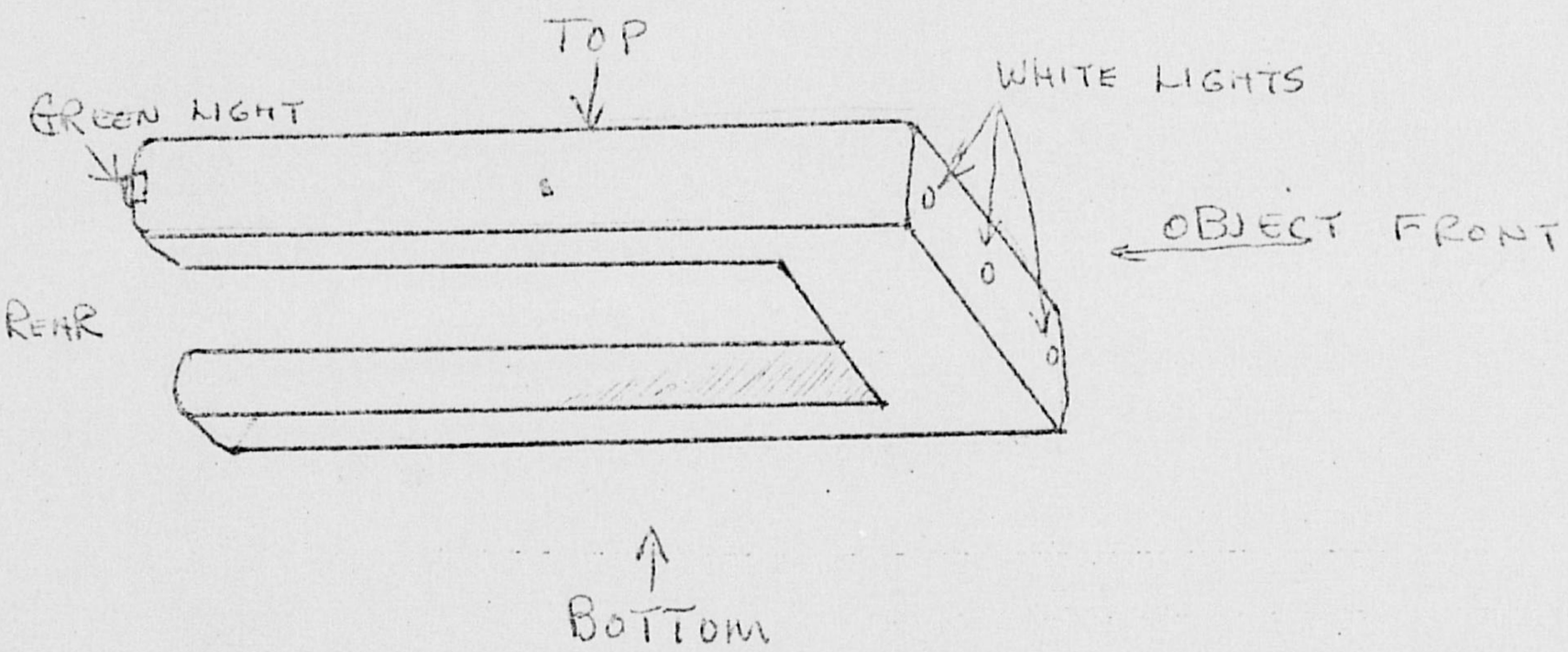
A. HOW DID IT FINALLY DISAPPEAR?

The boys got vack into their car and pursued the object at speeds of 80 to 90 miles per hour and appeared to be able to stay up with it for a while. The object suddenly accelerated and was out of sight in the distance rapidly. Entire period of sighting was only five minutes.

B. DID THE PHENOMENON MOVE BEHIND OR IN FRONT OF SOMETHING, LIKE A CLOUD, TREE, OR BUILDING AT ANY TIME?
☐ YES ☒ NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE.

15. DRAW A PICTURE THAT WILL SHOW THE SHAPE OF THE PHENOMENON. INCLUDE AND LABEL ANY DETAILS THAT MIGHT HAVE APPEARED AS WINGS OR PROTRUSIONS, AND INDICATE EXHAUST OR VAPOR TRAILS. INDICATE BY AN ARROW THE DIRECTION THE PHENOMENON WAS MOVING.





Lights were steady, no flashing, no flickering, no noticeable change in their intensity.

16. WHAT WAS THE ANGULAR SIZE? HOLD A MATCH AT ARM'S LENGTH IN FRONT OF A KNOWN OBJECT, SUCH AS A STREET LAMP OR THE MOON. NOTE HOW MUCH OF THE OBJECT IS COVERED BY THE HEAD OF THE MATCH. NOW IF YOU HAD BEEN ABLE TO PERFORM THIS EXPERIMENT AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING, ESTIMATE WHAT FRACTION OF THE PHENOMENON WOULD HAVE BEEN COVERED BY THE MATCH HEAD.

The object appeared approximately the size of three hands at arms length. It was very low and appeared very large. It seemed to be as " big as a house."

17. DID YOU OBSERVE THE PHENOMENON THROUGH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING? INCLUDE INFORMATION ON MODEL, TYPE, FILTER, LENS PRESCRIPTION OR OTHER APPLICABLE DATA.

	EYEGLASSES		CAMERA VIEWER
	SUNGLASSES		BINOCULARS
X	WINDSHIELD		TELESCOPE
	SIDE WINDOW OF VEHICLE		THEODOLITE
	WINDOWPANE		OTHER

A. DO YOU ORDINARILY WEAR GLASSES? ☐ YES ☒ NO

B. DO YOU USE READING GLASSES? ☐ YES ☒ NO

18. WHAT WAS YOUR IMPRESSION OF THE SPEED OF THE PHENOMENON? GIVE ESTIMATE OF SPEED 80 - 90 MPH

19. WHAT WAS YOUR IMPRESSION OF THE DISTANCE OF THE PHENOMENON? GIVE ESTIMATE OF DISTANCE 500 FT. AT CLOSEST POINT

20. IN ORDER THAT WE MAY OBTAIN AS CLEAR A PICTURE AS POSSIBLE OF WHAT YOU SAW, DESCRIBE IN YOUR OWN WORDS A COMMON OBJECT OR OBJECTS WHICH, WHEN PLACED IN THE SKY, SIMILAR TO WHERE YOU NOTED THE PHENOMENON, WOULD BEAR SOME RESEMBLANCE TO WHAT YOU SAW. DESCRIBE SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE COMMON OBJECT AND WHAT YOU SAW.

No common object could be thought of that was similar. It appeared to look like two pontoons joined by a front section. It was slightly longer than it was wide.

21. DID YOU NOTICE ANY ODOR, NOISE, OR HEAT EMANATING FROM THE PHENOMENON OR ANY EFFECT ON YOURSELF, ANIMALS OR MACHINERY IN THE VICINITY? ☐ YES ☒ NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE.

A. DID THE PHENOMENON DISTURB THE GROUND OR LEAVE ANY PHYSICAL EVIDENCE. ☐ YES ☒ NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE.

22. HAVE YOU EVER SEEN THIS OR A SIMILAR PHENOMENON BEFORE? ☐ YES ☒ NO. IF "YES," GIVE DATE AND LOCATION.

23. WAS ANYONE WITH YOU AT THE TIME YOU SAW THE PHENOMENON? ☒ YES ☐ NO. IF "YES," DID THEY SEE IT TOO? ☒ YES ☐ NO.

A. LIST THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESSES

[redacted]
Omaha, Nebraska
68105

24. GIVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF

LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME
[redacted]

ADDRESS (Street, City, State and Zip Code)
[redacted] Omaha Nebraska 68106

TELEPHONE (Area code and number)	AGE				
[redacted]	18	X	MALE		FEMALE

INDICATE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION INCLUDING OCCUPATION AND ANY EXPERIENCE WHICH MAY BE PERTINENT.

25. WHEN AND TO WHOM DID YOU REPORT THAT YOU HAD SIGHTED THIS PHENOMENON?
Patrolman Dozak, Omaha Police Dept. Thf
NAME _____ DAY Fri 12 MONTH JULY YEAR 68

26. DATE YOU COMPLETED THIS QUESTIONNAIRE.
DAY 15 MONTH JULY YEAR 68

27. INFORMATION WHICH YOU FEEL IS PERTINENT BUT WHICH IS NOT ADEQUATELY COVERED IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE, ALTERNATIVELY PROVIDE A NARRATIVE EXPLANATION OF THE SIGHTING.

I interviewed both boys separately. I allowed each to tell his story in his own words. The stories were basically the same. I asked the same questions of both boys and their answers were the same.

On thursday night, 11 July 68 at 1230 (PM) CDT, the two boys were out on a country road hear Harm's Auto junk yard. They were looking across the fields towards a Roberts dairy farm building approximately one mile away. In the area between their position and the farm building is a valley. A hill obscures the valley from view from the position of the two boys.

Suddenly, the object appeared rising from the valley and was in sight as it rose above the hill line. They do not remember if it was rising vertically only or if it had any discernible forward movement at that time. After gaining approximately thirty feet of altitude above the hill line it became illuminated by three white lights in the front and two green lights on the rear. I asked them if the lights could have possibly been on all the time but just were not noticed till then. They feel that the object was dark until that time and then appeared to turn on the lights.

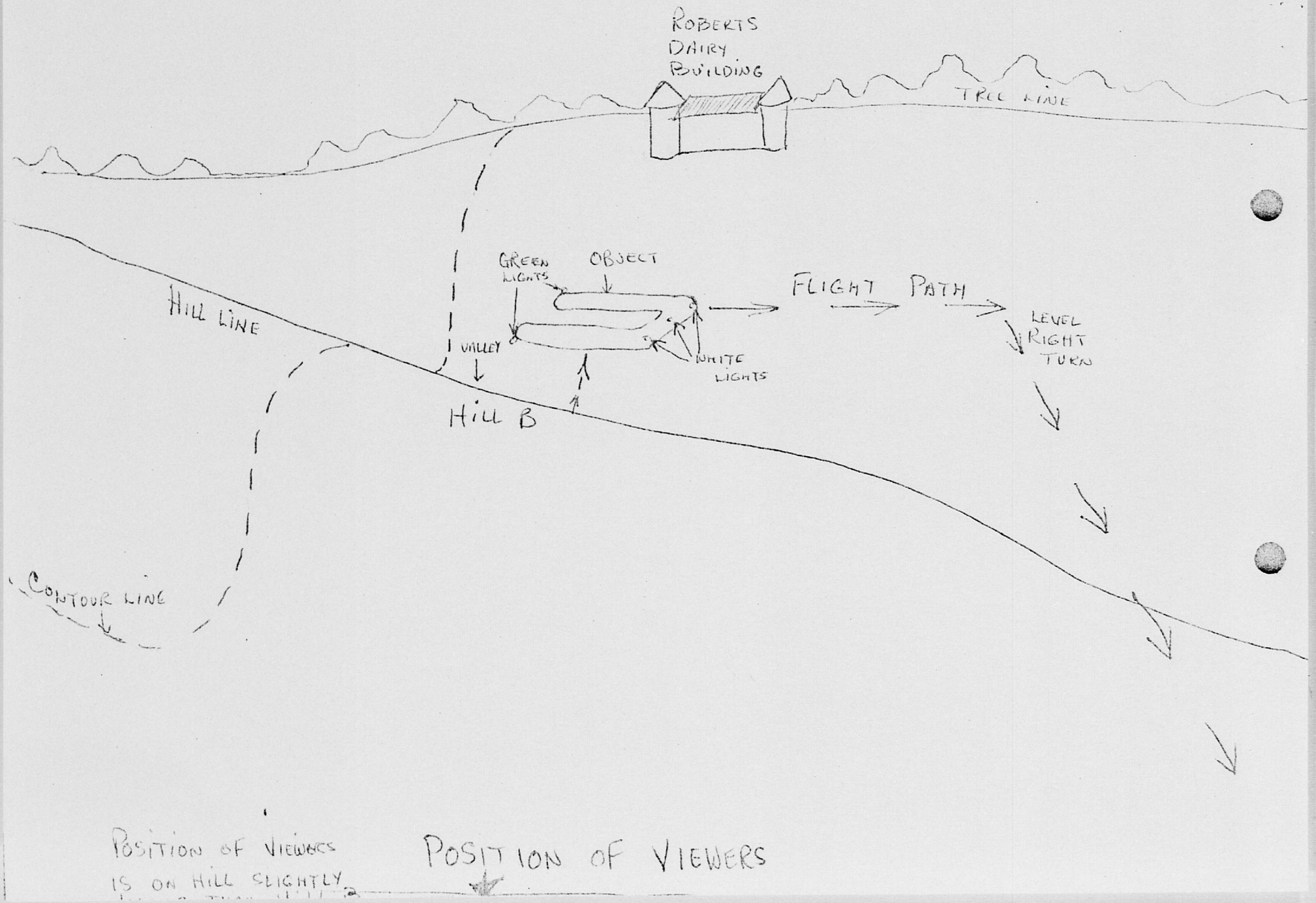
It continued to climb until it was high enough to be above the horizon. No ground disturbance, noise, or smell was detected. The object appeared to level off at about 200 feet above the ground after traveling apprpximately 1000 feet in a northeasterly direction. It then made its only turn, turning right to a southeasterly direction. It flew towards the viewers and passed by them approximately 500 feet to their right. At this time they pursued it in their car, a 1953 Ford sedan. They were able to maintain a position approximately one half mile behind the object while traveling 80 to 90 miles per hour.

After approximately three minutes it accelerated rapidly and did not appear to gain any altitude. It rapidly disappeared in the distance south of the city of Omaha.

The boys returned on Saturday night in hopes of seeing the object again but it was not seen. The boys were 18 years old and appeared to be very responsible. They seemed to be sincere and quite positive in all their responses to my questions.

Roy R Cunningham

ROY R CUNNINGHAM, Capt., USAF
Deputy Chief, Base Information Division


ROBERTS
DAIRY
BUILDING
TREE LINE
HILL LINE
GREEN LIGHTS
OBJECT
FLIGHT PATH
LEVEL RIGHT TURN
VALLEY
WHITE LIGHTS
HILL B
CONTOUR LINE
POSITION OF VIEWERS
POSITION OF VIEWERS

11 July 68

MEMO FOR THE RECORD

23 July 1968

Subj: UFO Sighting, 11 July 1968

I called Offutt AFB to talk to Capt Cunningham but he was not in so I talked to Sgt McCoy. I asked him to tell Capt Cunningham to find out if any aircraft had landed at Offutt or Omaha City Airport at approximately 12:35am. Also, if the city police had received any calls about a UFO at that time or if Offutt Tower had anything unusual in the log that night, and if anything unidentified was tracked on radar.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 3902D AIR BASE WING (SAC)
OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, NEBRASKA, 68113

REPLY TO ATTN OF: BCXI (Capt Cunningham/402-294-4050) 6 August 1968

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting of 11 July 1968

TO: FTD (TDETR-Lt Morano)

1. No known aircraft were flying in the area at the time of the sighting. Offutt AFB had only one aircraft landing close to the time. An EC-135 aircraft landed at Offutt at 0031 CDT on runway 30. By landing on runway 30 this would mean that the aircraft approached Offutt from the east and would not have been anywhere near the area of the sighting. The sighting was to the west of Offutt AFB approximately 16 miles. There were no aircraft departing Offutt during this time frame.

2. There are only two airports in the vicinity of the sighting, the Millard Municipal and the South Omaha. Neither of these airports are very close. The closest one is at Millard. It is approximately seven miles southeast of the position of the sighting.

3. I visited the Millard airport and no one there had seen anything unusual or had heard of anything unusual. There were no unusual design aircraft there. There are no homemade or experimental aircraft present at the airport. All aircraft were of the usual light aircraft style, both high wing and low wing. The same results were obtained at the other airport.

4. I contacted the Omaha Radar Approach Control facility and spoke with Mr. Elmer Gerfen, the manager. He questioned all the radar controllers on duty that night and no unidentified targets were noted.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Roy R Cunningham

ROY R. CUNNINGHAM, Capt, USAF
Deputy Chief, Information Division

Peace . . . . is our Profession

12 July 68

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, 12 July 1968

TO: [redacted]
Omaha, Nebraska 68106

Reference your recent unidentified flying object sighting which you reported to the Air Force. The information which we have received is not sufficient for a scientific investigation. Request you complete the attached AF Form 117 and return it in the self-addressed envelope. Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

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

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AF Form 117 w/envelope

2 - Two sheets given to Dr. A
on 30 Aug 68

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

REPLY TO ATTN OF: TDPT (UFO)

18 AUG 1968

SUBJECT: UFO Observation, 12 July 1968

TO: [redacted]
Omaha, Nebraska 68105

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AF Form 117 w/envelope

TDPT (UFO) Lt Col Quintanilla/70916/mhs/16 Aug 68

16 AUG 1968

UFO Observation, 12 July 1968

Millard Airport
Millard, Nebraska 68043

1. The Aerial Phenomena Office is in receipt of an unidentified flying object (UFO) report which occurred on 12 July 1968 at 0030 hours, just outside of Omaha (168th and Dodge Streets).

2. The observers stated that they sighted an "U" shaped object that had three white lights across the front and two green lights in back. The object appeared to be approximately fifty feet across and was traveling toward the southeast at low level.

3. Did any aircraft land at your airport on 12 July at approximately 0030 hours, CDT? Any assistance you provide will be appreciated.

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

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16 AUG 68

TDPT (UFO) Lt Col Quintanilla/70916/mhs/15 Aug 68

UFO Observation, 12 July 1968

Omaha Police Department
Omaha, Nebraska 68100

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2. The observers stated that they sighted an "U" shaped object that had three white lights across the front and two green lights in back. The object appeared to be approximately fifty feet across and was traveling toward the southeast at low level.

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 on this matter.

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

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
RICHARD R. ANDERSEN
CHIEF OF POLICE

City of Omaha

POLICE DIVISION

OMAHA 2, NEBRASKA

A. V. SORENSEN
MAYOR

L. K. SMITH
PUBLIC SAFETY DIREC

20 August 68

Aerial Phenomena Office
Wright-Patterson AFB
Ohio 45433

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of 16 August 68, be advised that we have received no reports of Unidentified flying objects in this area on or about 12 July 68 at 0030 hours.

We have contacted Police Officers who were on duty, but they, likewise, report that they saw no such object in the sky.

We trust that this information will meet with your satisfaction and approval.

Very truly yours,

Richard R. Andersen
Chief of Police

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Glen W. Gates
Inspector of Detectives
Captain Murdock J. Platner

12 July 68

30 SEP 1968

TDPT (UFO) Lt Col Quintanilla/70916/ber/30 Sep 68

UFO Observation, 12 July 1968

Dr J Allen Hynek
Dearborn Observatory
Northwestern University
Evanston, Illinois 60201

You had previously stated that you were going to call regarding a sighting of 12 July 1968, 0300 hours, Omaha, Nebraska. If you did telephone the observers, please make a written transcript of your conversation; your evaluation of the sighting; and forward them to our office no later than 25 October 1968.

HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office
Aerospace Technologies Division
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12 Jul 68

12 NOV 1968

DPT (UFO) Lt Col Quintanilla/70916/mhs/12 Nov 68

UFO Observation, 12 July 1968, Omaha, Nebraska

Dr J Allen Hynek

Reference our letter of 30 September 1968, with regards to the unidentified flying object sighting of 12 July 1968 from Omaha, Nebraska. To date we have not received the results of your investigation. If you did not actually investigate it in any form please notify us so that we can take the appropriate action. If you did contact the observers, please comply with our requests, as stated in our letter of 30 September 1968. Request your compliance, with contents of this letter, on or before 25 November 1968.

HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Branch
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NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
EVANSTON, ILLINOIS 60201

DEPARTMENT OF ASTRONOMY

LINDHEIMER ASTRONOMICAL RESEARCH CENTER

18 November 1968

FTD (TDETR)
Research and Aerial Phenomena Division
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Attn: TDPT (UFO)

Subj: Sighting of 12 July 1968, Omaha, Nebr., Ken Woita

To: Lt. Col. Hector Quintanilla, Jr.

1. Enclosed is the complete transcript of my taped interview with Kenneth, witness in the above referenced sighting.

2. Will you please forward me another evaluation card so that I may fill it in in connection with the 25 February 1967, Fargo, No. Dakota, sighting. The original one you sent has, unfortunately, been misplaced. Thank you.

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JULY 2, 1968 Call to [redacted] Omaha [redacted] July 12,1968

[redacted] Since [redacted] is in the army, I'll have to rely on you.
What was the date?
I don't remember what the date was.
What time of the day was it?
Well it was about, I think, about 12:00 at night, and it was about, possibly, 140th and Dodge. You probably don't know where that is.
No I don't, but what is important is what the neighborhood is like.
It was out in the country. There's a junk yard right close there too.
Were you and Jim in the junk yard at the time?
No, we were coming down Dodge Street, at about 130th and Dodge, and Jim looked out in this field. Well, we'd been previously talking about space ships and things of this sort, you know, and then he said "Look down in that field. It looks like a space ship or something.
And then he said "It looks like a big light in that field there, a big street light or something"
. This was night-time then? W. Right H. About what time? W. About 12;00.
. Then you're coming down, and you were driving...
. No, he was driving.
. And the windows were closed?
. No, I rolled my window down.to look at it.
. So first it looked light a street light that was on the ground, sort of.
. Right. It was kind of a... well I couldn't really tell, because the hill was sloping a little bit, sort of, and I couldn't tell if the thing was on the ground or hovering above it. And so we approached it closer, and we got out of the car and looked down in this field, and then it was up in the air then. And then it started coming toward us, and it wasn't making any noise, and the size of it was kind of like a small cottage or a house, It was approximately, oh I don't know, about 50' by about 175', kind of a rectangular shape.
. The thing itself had a rectangular shape and not oval? It had sharp corners then?
. Yes, and it was approximately 100' above us.
. How could you judge that? Did it pass in front of anything?
. Yeah, there were some telephone poles that were above us, that were close by, and it was very very close. I mean we weren't seeing things, We could tell that.
. Well if there were some telephone poles close by, or a house, it would tell you roughly how far away it was.
. Well there were some telephone poles close by, and they were possibly, oh, thirty feet. You could judge by that. It went directly over us.
. Was the sky clear or cloudy?
. Oh, I think it was clear. Yeah, it was clear.
. Was the moon out?
. I don't think that it was. But I remember that it was a clear night, so it must have been.
. Well, it's not out every night. Let's go back to the light. When did it seem to change from a light to an object?
. Well, when we aproached closer., From where we were when we first saw it, we thought it was just a big light.
. And what was the color of that light?
. White.
. How bright did it seem?
. About like a car light.
. About how far away? What would you compare it to?
. Well I'll just give you this comparison. When it passed over us it had a number of, like, car lights in front of it. It was kind of

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projecting out like it was a car in the area and it had the lights fixed as such.
What did you and Jim think about it at the time? Were you frightened or interested or what?
Well, very interested, really.
What did you think it was, at first?
Oh I thought it might - we really did think that it might have been some kind of flying object, or it might have been something of the Air Force, something experimental of the Air Force.
Wasn't it making any noise at all?
No.
Were there any noises aroung you at the time?
No, none whatsoever.
Completely silent, then.
Uh-hmm.
So as far as you're concerned it would completely rule out any aircraft?
Right.
How many people did you tell about this?
Well first of all, we saw it was going at a southeast angle across this field, and so we went back into Dodge Street, which we saw it was going to pass over. So we were trying to chase it down Dodge, and we were going approximately 90 miles an hour down Dodge Street, trying to keep up with it, but it just kept angling across this field and it seemed to pick up speed, after a while until it got
Did it change color as it was moving?
No it didn't .
Only one light or more?
The lights were in the front like car lights, and then there were some green lights underneath and it was kind of lit up underneath, as if it kind of had pontoons on the bottom, or something. And we got to this phone booth, and we called up the police, because that was the only number that I knew right away, and told them about it.
What was their reaction?
They said that they would notify SAC Air Force Base of our sighting.
Well, that's how we got hold of it, most likely. Now, about the shape and the contrast. Was the light so bright that it was hard to make out the shape?
Well, it wasn't real easy to make out the shape, because it was above us, you know, just directly over us, and we could more or less just see the bottom, and then as it passed by, the top part of it wasn't lit up. And therefore we could just kind of make an outline.
Were you conscious , as it passed over, that it actually blocked out the light of stars, or was it transparent at all?
No, it blocked out.
How long did this whole thing last? By the way, when you first saw it, what direction were you looking in?
We were looking into the west, or rather the northwest.
Are there trees or houses in that direction?
There are trees along the highway, there, somewhat, and you could see at for a while, and then there's some slopes and it would be cut off, and then as you traveled along there would be slopes with trees and then you could see it. And after a while there was a dirt road, and we turned onto the dirt road to approach it.
Now now long was it stationary on the ground after you saw it?
From the time we first saw it till the time we got to the junk yard where it took off, probably just a matter of minutes.

. Yous mean minutes or seconds?
. Minutes.
. So it was actually stationary there for several minutes?
. Right.
. How far away from the junk yard were you when you first saw it?
. Oh, possibly... maybe a half mile.
. Where did you park the car.
. Right into the junk yard parking area.
. Could you estimate the distance?
. Well there's a milo field down behind the junk yard a ways, and it wasn't sitting in the junk yard, it was sitting down in open fields.
How far away was that open field?
I'd say approximately two blocks.
Did you feel you could get closer to it, or was this as close as you could get?
Well, when we first got there, we just got out in utter amazement to look at it, then as we were viewing it, we didn't have time to do anything to go look at it, because then it started moving, toward us.
. Did it rise up first or did it come directly at you?
. It rose up first.
. Straight up or at an angle?
. I'd say straight up.
. And how long did it take to go straight up?
. Well it rose very slowly, really. It wasn't on the ground, it was off the ground somewhere....And I don't believe that it did rise up until we got there.
. Did you examine the ground there later, for marks?
. Well we went out with some Air Force gentlemen, and we didn't observe it ourselves, But it's kind of hard to get to. It's down through some bushes, and fences and weeds and stuff. They said - where we were standing we couldn't see any more, but they said they would investigate it.
. I don't think they found any marks. Let's preteend that you have just got to the junk yard and are reliving the experience. When I say go, pretendbyou are watching the object or light and when it gets over head say "Now!" Okay, start.....
. Now!
. 25 seconds, but probably it seemed like a lot more to you at that time. Describe its motions, were they jerky, wobbly or smooth?
. They were smooth.
. And when it rose up straight, did it stop and then come toward you or did it sort of curve around?
. Well I don't really recall that it even rose. When we approached it, it was just above this field. It might have angled up somewhat when it came toward us. It is on a down slope where it was hovering.
. So what you think now is that it was hovering to begin with and just came toward you. (W. Right) H. ..... In what direction was it traveling?
. In a southeasterly direction.
. How much longer did you see it/? How did it disappear?
. Well it appeared to be going very slowly, and it seemed to pick up speed as it went along, but that might be kind of deceptive because it was going at an angle across fields, you know. But it just seemed to maybe keep to the same pace. After it was traveling for a while, it just kept on going in this direction at about the same height.

And then what did you do?
Well when it first got out of our sight, I got in my car and we went down Dodge to try to see it again, but it had already angled past Dodge, and then we went to call.
You didn't see it after you got in the car again.
Oh yes. We watched it, and it kept on angling across in a southeasterly direction.
And Dodge Street runs what?
East to west.
So you went east on Dodge St. (W. Right) But it kept angling off to the southeast. (W. Right) And it was then you got up to 90 mph? (W. Right) But it was going in a different direction.(W. Right) So then did it just seem to disappear in the distance or did it ever go up?
No, it just seemed to disappear in the distance.
How many minutes would you say the whole thing took?
Between ten and fifteen minutes, I'd say., till it was completely out of sight.
Was most of that time spent in chasing it?
Maybe just a little bit over half the time was chasing it. (pause)
Did I mention that we thought we saw one on another night?
No. Tell me about that.
One other night we were out in the country, This kid and I.....
Was it also Jim?
Yes. And this time we didn't get very close. This time we just sort of chased it off, we just didn't get close enough to see
Well do you think it was the same thing or something different?
It wasn't no airplane, I'm sure of that. It was the same object. and it came - this time we were south of Dodge, approximately two or three miles from where we had seen it the first time, where was hovering above this field, and it seemed to angle in the same direction, a southeasterly angle and about the same height and it seemed to be going , ah, seemingly faster this time.
How much later was that?
I think it was three days to a week later.
What makes you think it was the same thing?
Motion and height, the lights on it,Speed...It wasn't no airplane, we could very well distinguish that.
How close were you this time?
Maybe within about four blocks.
Did you ask if anyone else had seen it?
No, but the Air Force did.
Did the police get any other calls, do you know?
No.
Was it written up in the newspaper at all?
I don't believe it was.
When you told your friends about this, what did they think?
Most of them kind of just laughed,but there were a couple of them that believed in them. Most of them don't believe in them. I didn't believe in them myself. It's just that I know that I wasn't seeing things. I've read about these people that have seen things - images in the air like cloud formations and things such as this, but this was right over your head.
You had a witness also, so it would be hard to say that you were both seeing things. If you could put something up in the air, what common object would you put that would most closely resemble this?
Well something in the line of, maybe a small cabin, not too large, with lights in the front, white lights, and green lights in the back

. That light underneath, was it a glow or a definite light?
It seemed to be a glow, like it reflected off of something. And it also seemed to have pontoons on the bottom of it.
. The lights underneath, what color were they?
. They were white. And I wouldn't say that a light was underneath, I'd just say it was a reflection.
. Could it have been that the pontoons were reflecting the white light in the front?
. Very possible.
. Did it look to you as if it might have come from outer space?
. Yes I really did think that, and I thought so more after hearing the Air Force say that they had nothing of this type, you know, experimental.
. When did the Air Force come out to see you?
. Between a week and two weeks later.
That's the Offutt Air Force base there? (W. Yes) And how did they treat you? Reasonably well or were they skeptical?
. Well they seemed to believe us, what we told them, but then they don't really believe in such objects as they are, because they've had very limited reports on these things and they've proven that about 95% of them are things other than flying objects. I think there's a very small percentage that haven't been identified. But this gentleman himself said that he really didn't believe in them, but he said that he did believe us, I mean he treated us very well.
. Well that's good....Well it's quite true that many of them are explained but there are a nuumber that are unexplained and those are the ones we're interested in from a scientific standpoint.
Did [redacted]ve any different ideas about this? Did he see it a longer or shorter time than you?
. No, about the same time that I did, except that when he spotted it in the field, he spotted it first. Immediately when he spotted it, he told me.
. Do you remember what he first said?
. Well I believe that he said "Look out in that field" and then "There's a space-ship out there." something along this line. And I kind of chuckled to myself and then I looked out there, you know, and I - it looked like some big light in the field, like a, really, like just a street light in the field, is what it looked like from the distance that we were. Now that I look back, it's impossible that we really could see that and believe that.
. Is the field completely barren, or does it have things in it?
. No there are crops growing in it, some type of - milo or something. It wasn't corn or any thing like that.
. Could there have been anyone out there with a tractor light?
. No. There's a Roberts Dairy right close by, though.
. Do you think you could get hold of a city map and draw in where you were and what direction the thing was and go on.
. O.K. I guess I could.
. I'd sure appreciate that. Anything else that you think I should know?
. This [redacted], he's going to call me tonight, and would you like me to have him contact you some way?
. Well yes, he could call me collect if he'd like to.
. I'm almost sure I could have him do that.
. Well that would be fine. Where is he stationed?
. He's stationed in Fort Lewis, Washington.
. Well thanks very much, etc.

12 July 68
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UFO sighting of 12 July 1968, Omaha, Nebraska

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Reference our letter of 30 September and 12 November 1968 requesting that you not only forward a written transcript but also your evaluation of the 12 July 1968, Omaha, Nebraska UFO sighting. As requested in your letter of 18 November 1968 enclosed are 20 analysis cards. We would like you to complete a card on, not only the 25 Feburary 1967, Fargo, North Dakota sighting, but also on the 12 July 1968, Omaha, Nebraska sighting. The card should include a summary of the sighting, your evaluation, and your analysis as to why you evaluated the case as you did.

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Request for Evaluation of UFO Sightings

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1. Reference our letters of 30 Sep 68, 12 Nov 68 and 9 Dec 68, regarding a UFO sighting of 12 Jul 68 from Omaha, Nebraska. We again request that you complete a project record card on this sighting. The card should include a summary of the sighting and analysis as to why you evaluated the case as you did.

2. Reference the UFO sighting of 25 Feb 67 from Fargo, North Dakota. This case has been pending your evaluation since early in 1968. Please forward a project record card evaluating this sighting to us before 1970 since we do not wish to hold it in pending another year.

3. Reference our letters of 22 Nov 68 and 9 Dec 68 regarding a UFO sighting of 3 Apr 68 near Cochrane, Wisconsin. If you have been unable to gather any additional pertinent data, please notify us. If you telephoned the observer, please send us transcripts. Please evaluate the sighting on the project record card that was sent to you on 22 Nov 68.

4. Reference the UFO sighting of 17 Apr 67 near Jefferson City, Missouri. Please comply with our request of 7 Jan 69.

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Reference: Your letter of 14 February

To: Lt. Col. Hector Quintanilla

1. I enclose evaluation cards for all four cases requested. I regret that some of these cases are being sent to you unduly late. Reorganization of my office and files should prevent this in the future.

2. I regret also, from your standpoint, that all four cases must in my opinion be evaluated as unidentified.

3. I would rate the 12 July 1968, Omaha, Nebraska, case as the weakest in this category and the one at Cochran, Wisconsin, the strongest. I obtained a good tape recording in the Cochran case, and will send you a copy of the transcriptic as soon as my secretary can accomplish this. I obtained an additional taped phone conversation from Mr. Metz of Jefferson City because I needed to clear up several points, particularly the matter of the sighting possibly being caused by the launching of a hot air balloon. I will send that transcript also if you should wish it.

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PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 12 July 1968 0030 CDT	2. LOCATION Omaha, Nebraska
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Unidentified
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One (1)	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 - 10 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Two 18-year old boys, called responsible by interrogating office (concurred in by Hynek through phone call) saw a light near the ground coming toward them. When nearly overhead they stated it was 150 feet above them and the "size of a cottage"50'x70' and rectangular. Boys chased it up to 90 mph but it angled away. Boys called police, police notified SAC. Hynek's experiment with boys indicated it took 25 seconds for object to come overhead. The fact that object seemed to have pontoons underneath and white lights in front and green lights in back indicates outside possibility that boys could have seen an aircraft and grossly misidentified it. However, they stated it was noiseless and blocked out the light of stars as it passed.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION visual	
7. COURSE Northwest to southeast passing nearly directly overhead	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes XX No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes X ☒ No	

FORM
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