

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 28 Jul 68 28/2230 29/0230Z	2. LOCATION Pottstown, Pennsylvania (1 Witness)
3. SOURCE - Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Possible (HOT AIR BALLOON) It is felt that the observation could have been of a garnet bag hot air balloon.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 Minutes	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE NW	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS The observer sighted a bright red to bright white to pale orange-red light. The light was first seen about 45 deg elevation in the NW.
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

648TH RADAR SQUADRON (SAGE) (ADC)

BENTON AIR FORCE STATION

BENTON, PENNSYLVANIA 17814



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 648OAC

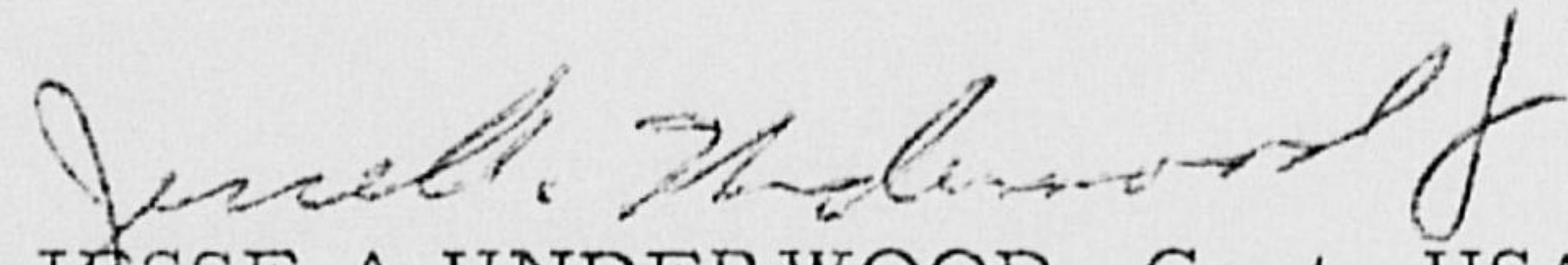
1 August 1968

SUBJECT: U.F.O. Report for 28 July 1968

TO: Foreign Technologies Division (TDPT-UFO)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

The attached information is submitted in accordance with AFR 80-17, para. 11. This information was received from Mr. [REDACTED] Pottstown, Pennsylvania who also contacted his local congressman in regard to this matter. A letter of acknowledgement was sent to Mr. [REDACTED] and attachment 2 in a copy for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDER


JESSE A UNDERWOOD, Capt, USAF
Project Officer

IAW AFR 80-17, para. 11, the following information is submitted as a UFO report:

a. Description

- (1) Shape: Round, not able to determine definitely.
- (2) Size: Similar to a B-29 airplane at same location.
- (3) Color: Bright red to bright white to pale orange-red.
- (4) Number: One
- (5) Formation: N/A
- (6) Features: None
- (7) Tail: None observed
- (8) Sound: None
- (9) Other: None

b. Description of course:

(1) Attention: Was sky watching because of similar UFO reports from area.

(2) Angle: 45 degrees from ground, N. W. direction.

(3) Angle: Disappeared at horizon, N. W. direction.

(4) Flight Path: Object was moving in Northwesterly direction. Then proceeded to follow a tight triangular pattern with quick and sudden direction changes. Upon completion of triangular pattern, object proceeded in a Northwesterly direction until out of view.

(5) Disappeared: Disappeared at the horizon.

(6) Time: Object was in view about 20 minutes.

c. Manner of Observation

(1) Ground-Visual

(2) No optical aids were used

(3) N/A

atch: 1

d. Time and Date:

(1) 0230Z, 29 July 1968, 10:30 P.M., 28 July 1968 local time.

(2) Light: Night.

e. Location of Observer: N.W. side of Pottstown, Pennsylvania.
Corner of King and Hannover Streets.

f. Information on Observer: Mr. [REDACTED]
Pottstown, Pennsylvania 19464. Tel. no. [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Occupation:
Local newspaper editor. Reliability: Judged to be good.

g. Weather:

(1) Observer: Very clear, slight N.W. wind.

*Conflicts with
Statement made by Boyle*

(2) Air Weather Service, Willow Grove, Pa. Winds aloft: not
available at this time

(3) Ceiling: Unlimited.

(4) Visibility: 8 Miles.

(5) Cloud Cover: None

(6) No storms in area

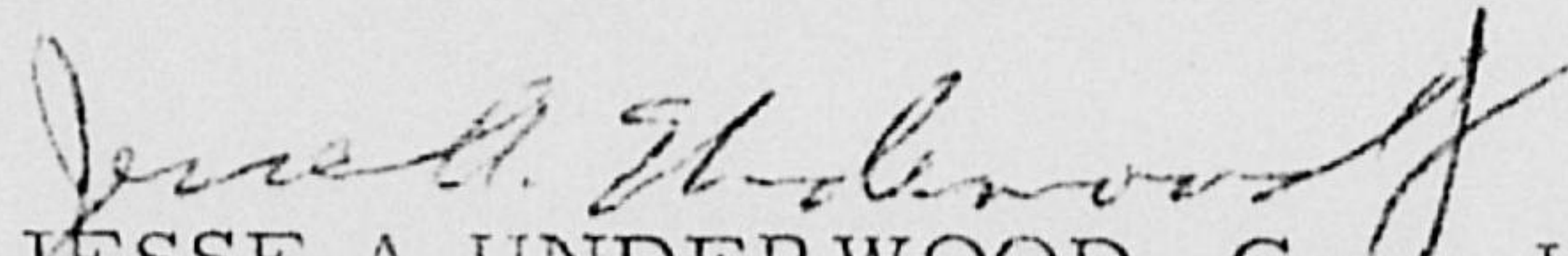
(7) Temperature gradient: Unknown.

h. No unusual weather activity.

i. N/A

J. Not available

k. Comments: The observer admitted the only possibility was a weather balloon. Since this report was three days late in being received by this unit, the chances of making an actual determination are slight. However, because a local congressman was notified of the sighting and told that the Air Force did not cooperate with Mr. [REDACTED], I recommend that followup action be taken as far as possible to assure Mr. [REDACTED] we are interested in this matter and would appreciate any further information he might have.


JESSE A UNDERWOOD, Capt, USAF
Project Officer

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1 August 1968

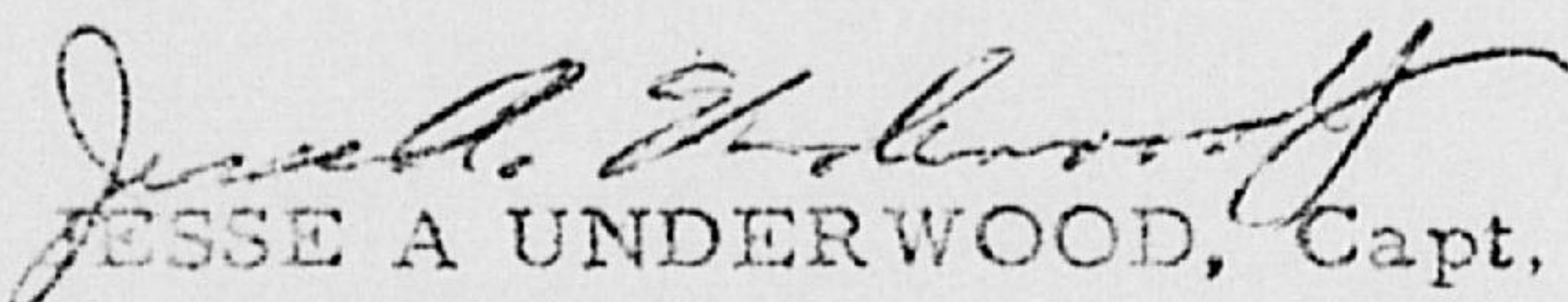
U.F.O. Sighting

Mr [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Pottstown, Pennsylvania 19464

Reference our telephone conversation of 31 July 1968: I was pleased to receive your report of a U.F.O. sighting in your area on the night of 28 July 1968. Your report has been forwarded to the Foreign Technology Division at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio for their study and review. If you have any further information I would appreciate it if you would contact us at [REDACTED], [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

FOR THE COMMANDER


JESSE A UNDERWOOD, Capt, USAF
Project Officer

MEMO FOR THE RECORD

1 Aug 68

Subj: UFO Observation, 28 Jul 68, Wooster (Montgomery County) Pa

[REDACTED] called on the morning of 30 Jul 68 and said that SAFLL had a phone call from [REDACTED] regarding a UFO observation that occurred practically in his backyard and wanted to know what the Air Force had done about it. The only information [REDACTED] had provided was that the sighting occurred on Sunday night, 28 Jul in Wooster, Pa, Montgomery County. Mrs. [REDACTED] then called Capt Underwood, 477-5910 (comm number) at Benton AFS, Pennsylvania to see if they had received any reports. Capt Underwood checked and they had not received any reports, however, he would be on the lookout and call us if he did receive the report. Mrs. [REDACTED] at 1045, 30 Jul 68 that Benton AFS, Pa had not received any UFO reports for the night of 28 Jul 68 and that if the witness wished to report his observation he may do so by contacting Capt Underwood at Benton AFS.

On 31 Jul 68 at approximately 1500 hours, Capt Underwood spoke with Lt Marano regarding the observation of 28 Jul 68. Capt Underwood had just received a telephone call from [REDACTED], a [REDACTED] 00, of Pottstown Pa who observed an UFO on Sun night, 28 Jul 68. The gentleman admitted that he had called [REDACTED] in regards to the sighting. [REDACTED] had originally called the Duty Officer at McGuire and when he called the Duty Officer gave [REDACTED] a sarcastic answer that he had been drinking too much. He thought the Duty Officer's name was [REDACTED]. He then called [REDACTED] then called

McGuire AFB back and talked with the PIO, Barney, and didn't get any satisfaction. Then [REDACTED] talked to him again. [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] of the Town Paper at Mercury. [REDACTED]'s address is"

[REDACTED] 9464. [REDACTED] said that many other people in the neighborhood had also observed UFOs but his sighting took place in the other area of the sky. His wife also observed the object. Mr. [REDACTED] said no one from the AF had called him with regards to the sighting. A civilian group of Gen Electric engineers had contacted him. Capt Underwood gave the following information on the sighting.

TIME: 1030 pm, EDT

DURATION: 20 minutes

Mr. [REDACTED] indicated that the sky was clear and he didn't use binoculars or any other aids to look at the object. He couldn't tell much about the shape, except it wasn't large/

COLOR: red, then white, then pale-red-orange.

Alt: 1500 ft

45 deg angular elevation NW, the object remained in the general area, disappeared out of sight to the NW, moved when he first saw it in the NNW, the moved like in a triangular patter, afterthis it proceeded in a NW direction. Just one object. As it was in the triangular pattern it changed color. [REDACTED] said the wind was blowing from the NW.

Capt Cunningham is sending a TWX to FTD on the sighting. Capt Cunningham can be reached on the Tactical autovan by calling through McGuire or Hancock Field. The autovan number is 596-1246

On 1 Aug 68 Lt Marano spoke with [REDACTED], McGuire AFB, New Jersey, autovan 363 plus ext 2742/2713 regarding a UFO observation of 28 Jul 68. The regular UFO investigator [REDACTED] today and was not in the office. Lt Marano informed him that a witness called in a sighting to McGuire on Sunday night and the Duty Officer informed the witness that he had been drinking too much. Lt Marano ask [REDACTED] if he would check this out. [REDACTED] asked the Duty Officer's name, Marano said it was [REDACTED] [REDACTED] replied that there was a man by that name and he had been working that night. [REDACTED] send in his version of the sighting as quickly as possible due to the congressional.

memo for the record

2 August 1968

At 0900 hours, 2 August 1968, Lt Marano received a telephone call from Col DeGore (?spelling) McGuire AFB, ext 3360/3371, in regards to UFO sighting of 28 July 1968 by [REDACTED] 11.

Col DeGore wanted to know if we wanted a formal investigation into the matter of the Duty Officer who allegedly told a UFO observer that he had been drinking too much or if it was an informal request. If it is to be treated as a formal request, Col DeGore said that we would have to submit a formal letter stating the allegations and our fulfillment requirements. I told Col DeGore that I felt that an informal reply would be sufficient.

CARMON L MARANO, 2d Lt, USAF

TDPT (UFO)

28 July 68
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30 July 1968

MEMO FOR RECORD:

At approximately 0830, had a phone call from Major Wilson, SAFLL, Ext. 57375. He stated that at a retirement party last evening for one of the L&L officers, Congressman Schwiker, 13th District of Pennsylvania, wanted to know about a UFO sighting that allegedly took place in the Congressman's home district on the evening of 28 July 1968.

Called Wright-Patterson; they had nothing on it, but called Benton AFS, the nearest base to the Congressman's home district and nearest the sighting (Worcester, Montgomery Co., Pa.). Benton had no report, but told Wright-Pat that Capt. Underwood, the local UFO investigator (Area Code 717 - 477-5910) would be glad to investigate if one of the eye witnesses would report it.

At 1040, called Major Wilson, SAFLL, and gave him the above information. He planned to relay it to the Congressman.

Jo T.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 20330



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

August 21, 1968

Dear Hector:

Reference the August 2, 1968, letter to you from Mr. [REDACTED], Editor, POTTSTOWN (Pennsylvania) MERCURY (copy attached). What was the nature of the "mickey mouse treatment" he received from McGuire Air Force Base?

Would appreciate a rundown as to whom he contacted, when, and what happened. If an official Air Force apology is called for, we will take action to have one made. We would first, however, have to have a few more details of what transpired before Mr. [REDACTED]'s August 2 letter.

Sincerely,

H. A. Susskind
H. A. SUSSKIND
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Operations Branch
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Attachment
Letter from Mr. [REDACTED] August 2,
1968

Lt Colonel Hector Quintanilla
TDPT (UFO)
FTD
Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433

28 July 68

USAF (SAFOIP)

ATTN: Lt Col H A Susskind

I have absolutely no proof, except [REDACTED]'s allegations, that he received "the mickey mouse treatment" from McGuire AFB. The memo which we received from McGuire does not indicate that he received undue or harsh treatment. However, he appears to be perturbed by the fact that the duty officer couldn't specifically identify the light to which he referred to. According to AF regulations, UFO investigators do not have to submit reports of moving lights at or near airports. It appears that the duty officer failed to satisfy [REDACTED] or his reporter, and evidently this too, has perturbed him to some extent. I probably used the wrong word when I said that McGuire had acted in an unprofessional manner. I probably should have said that McGuire was derelict in not being able to satisfy an inquisitive reporter, but then who can. After thinking about this at length, I'm not too sure that Mr. [REDACTED] really deserves an apology. However, I think it appropriate that we acknowledge his letter addressed to me, but then what do I really tell an irate reporter - any suggestions?

TDPT (UFO) Lt Col H Quintanilla, Jr
W-P AFB, Ohio 45433

26 Aug 68

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28 Jul 68

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Request surface weather observations for
Pottstown, Pennsylvania, 28 July 1968,
2230 hours, local time.

TDPT(UFO) Lt Marano

16 Aug 68

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SURFACE OBSERVATION DATA SHEET

Covington, Indiana - November 18, 1967

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2000L MISSING
2100L 22706 7401* 20002 25700 52110
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Iowa City, Iowa - July 28, 1968

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2100L 33004 7402* 21218 ***** 12***
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Pottstown, Pennsylvania - July 28, 1968

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Tucson, Arizona - August 10, 1968

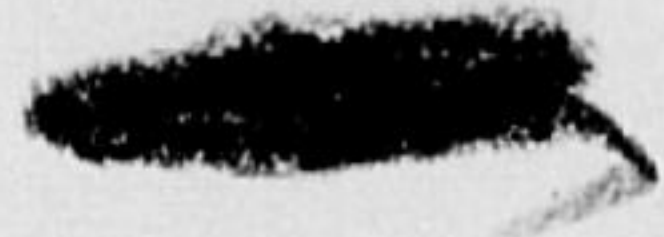
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I think this man deserves an apology and the
base commander needs a reminder.

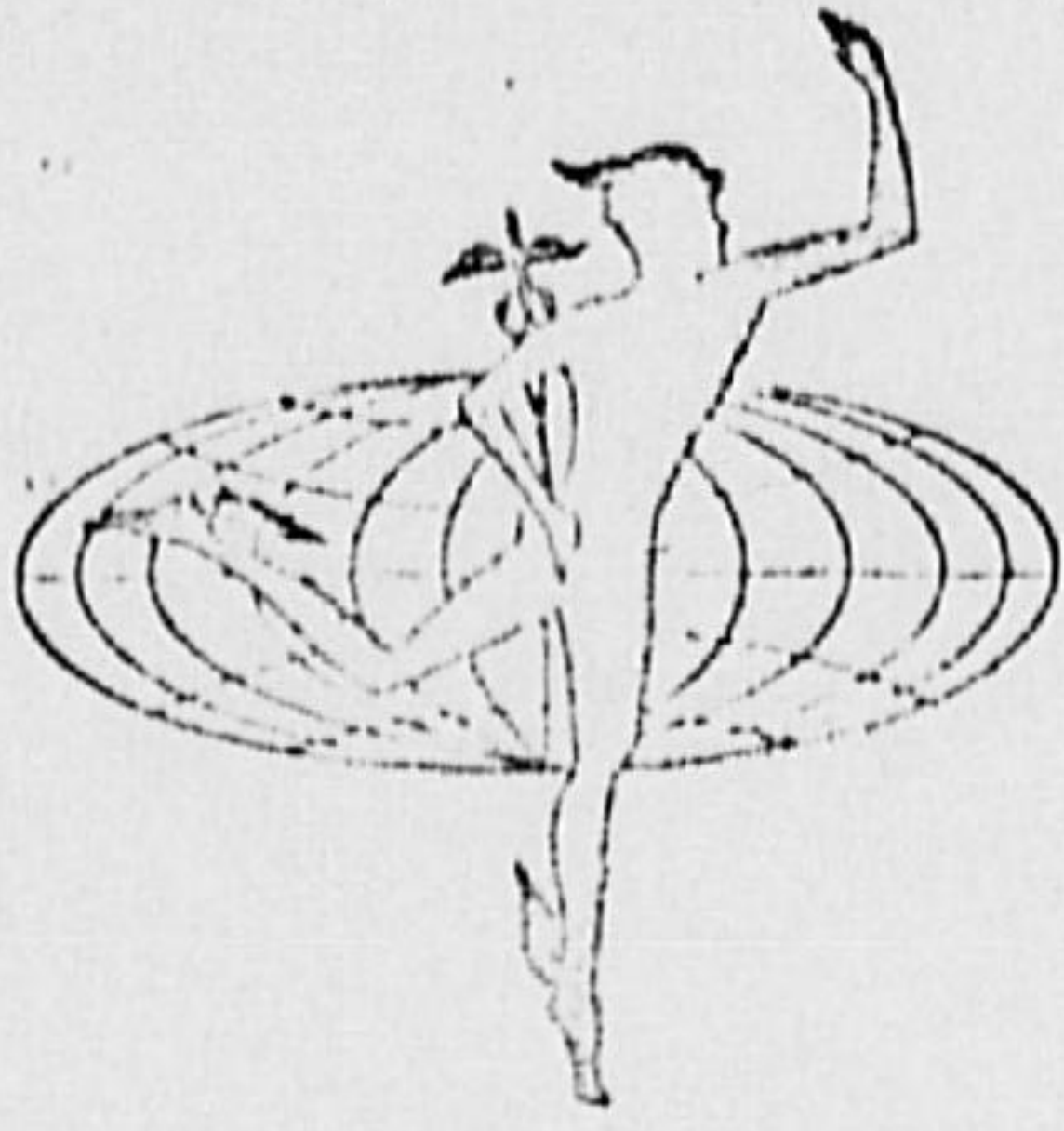
TDPT(UFO) Lt Col Quintanilla

14 Aug 68

Proposed reply

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

This replies to your letter of August 2, 1968. On behalf of the Air Force, let me apologize for the unprofessional manner in which your case was handled by McGuire AFB. Your letter has been forwarded to McGuire AFB for corrective and appropriate action.



POTTSTOWN MERCURY

Aug. 2, 1968

Lt. Col. Hector Quintanilla
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio:

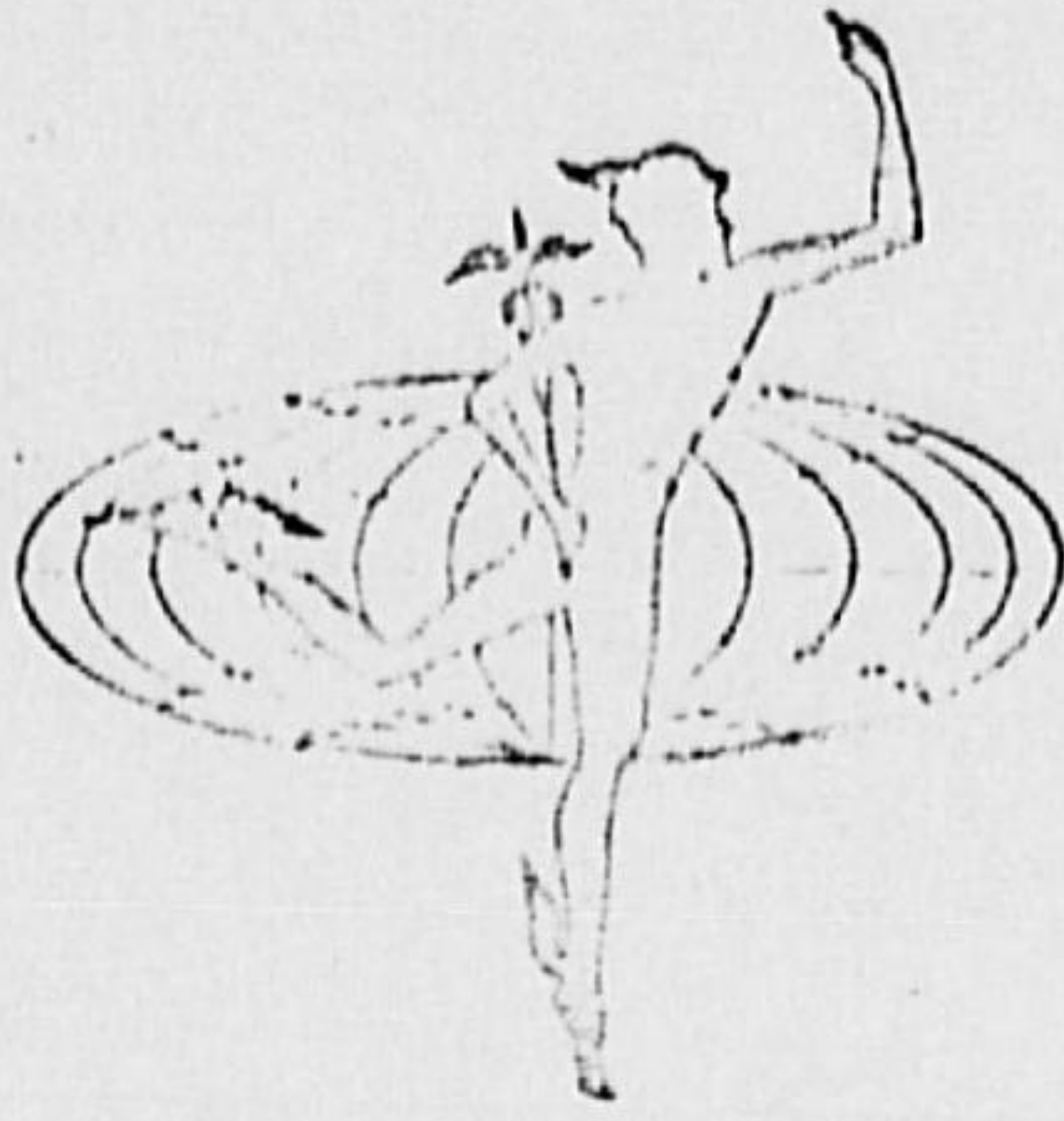
Dear Col. Quintanilla:

In reference to your request for more information concerning an unidentified flying object which I observed.

I feel that if my name in transmission from Benton Air Force Station, Pa., to Wright-Patterson is changed from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] and my newspaper's address from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] street that any data which I might supply the Air Force would become fouled up.

My sighting, incidentally, was not reported to the Air Force for the purpose of investigation. I contacted the Air Force because of numerous telephone calls The Mercury received.

Because of a Mickey Mouse treatment The Mercury received from the Air Force at Maguire AFB, I contacted Congressman Richard S. Schweiker who put me in touch with Capt. Jesse Underwood at Benton. Capt. Underwood became the first Air Force officer who showed courtesy and also investigative ability. My purpose in contacting him was not to outline my sighting. But because he was obviously capable I mentioned that I, too, observed a UFO and explained because of its actions I did not believe that it was a conventional craft. I explained that I was familiar with the patterns of air craft and assumed that they fly in different level zones. Private planes low, passenger crafts higher and Air Force bombers, etc. at the highest level. I outlined that what I observed was nothing like any craft that I previously observed. I told him all the information he requested.



POTTSTOWN MERCURY

[REDACTED]

(2)

I spent a good half hour explaining to Capt. Underwood the details of the craft I observed.

In a nutshell, what I did observe was not a conventional aircraft. If weather balloons are lighted and have lights that flare and change color and are able to change directions in a manner totally unacceptable to planes then it is possible that I observed a weather balloon. The wind at ground level was blowing toward the southwest and the craft was traveling against the wind. However, I assume that wind at a higher level could be different than that at a lower level. I also assume that the craft could have been hit by a sudden frontal system which caused its erratic movements. I assume this, but don't really believe it.

I would fill out your form if I thought for a minute that it would help. But I don't.

My own philosophy is against belief in UFOs as outlined in the attached column written by me. But recently I have had doubts.

Too many people have seen too many things too suddenly for me to accept a mass hysteria theory.

I now am inclined to believe that there is something up there but I wouldn't hazard a guess to what it is.

Again, I appreciate the courtesy that Capt. Underwood showed me. I feel he was the only representative of the Air Force who acted like what an Air Force office should represent.

If you feel I can be of any concrete help, please feel free to contact me.

Cordially
[REDACTED]

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

HEADQUARTERS 438th AIR BASE GROUP (MAC)
McGUIRE AIR FORCE BASE, NEW JERSEY 08641



REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

G438(0) (Lt Col Deakyne/3360)

2 August 1968

SUBJECT:

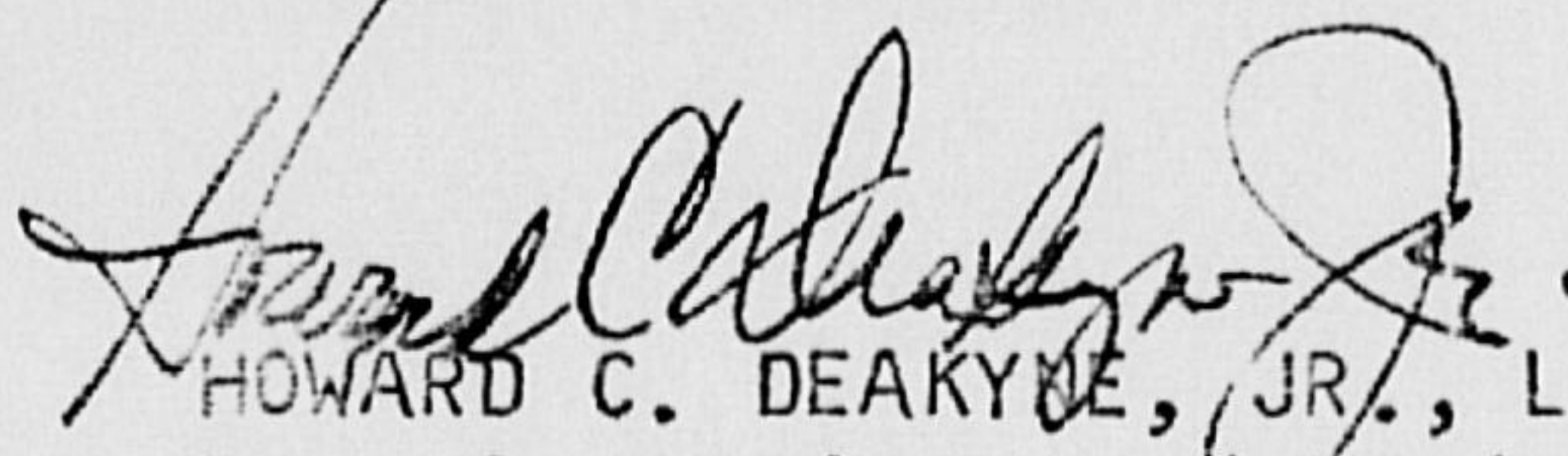
UFO Inquiry

TO:

Aerial Phenomena Officer (TDPT) (UFO)
Wright Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio

Reference telephone conversations between Lt Col H. C. Deakyne, Jr., this Headquarters and Lt Marano, Aerial Phenomena Officer, the attached statement concerning UFO incidents reported on 28 July 1968 is forwarded.

FOR THE COMMANDER


HOWARD C. DEAKYNE, JR., Lt Col, USAF
Base Operations and Training Officer

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Statement

STATEMENT

RE: UFO SIGHTING REPORTS DURING 1600 - 2300 SHIFT 28 JULY 1968.

WX - Clear- dry- cool. ^{OK} VIS. 100 miles horizontally and unlimited vertically. Wind west to northwest 6 kts surface and 90 kts at 40,000 feet.

First UFO call from man in Trenton who saw a light between Trenton and Willingboro - seemed to be moving slowly and erratically. No shape - substance - sound. Said it couldn't have been Echo Satellite because he had helped build it. Told him I had no idea what it was but would call around and thanks for the call. Time 2145L

NOTE: No report made as a light doesn't constitute a UFO - AFR 80-17.

ACTION: Went to WX and asked if north Philadelphia or Willow Grove put up WX balloons. Answer - didn't think so. Called Philadelphia FSS and asked him to call Willow Grove re WX balloon. Answer, negative.

Second UFO call from man in Asbury Park - been at the beach with friends, flew B-29 during war - thought it would never happen.

Q. What did you see?

A. Lights - one going north and one going south.

Q. What did you see behind the light?

A. Nothing. Never thought it would happen.

Said I didn't know what it was but would report it and thanks for the call. Time: 2215L

Third UFO call from man in Trenton who made first call. Light is now circling near the moon. Have you found out what it is yet? My answer negative but think I will go out and look myself.

ACTION: Told dispatcher I was going to roof, took binoculars, went to roof, couldn't find moon, scanned sky, saw about 30 planes, stars were twinkling brilliantly various colors, climbed down. Time: 2300L

Fourth call - Lady in Willingboro not satisfied with dispatcher explanation. Her concern was that Air Force Colonel next door had said she should complete a written UFO Report of her light sighting. I assured her that her report was duly noted. Time: 2320L

Fifth call - Noticed that the dispatcher completely out of words on the telephone - took over call - do not have name of caller. Caller identified himself as a reporter for the Pottstown Mercury - said his boss wanted an answer for the light reported over Pottstown. I said I didn't have an answer. Had had many calls from New Jersey

about the same light. He wanted to know what I do about these calls. I explained that we were not forwarding reports of lights, but were trying to concentrate on the shape or substance carrying the light. He asked why we didn't investigate lights. I answered that we get hundreds of calls about lights but seldom received useful information about what carried the light. He asked if he could use my name and I said no. Time: 2340L

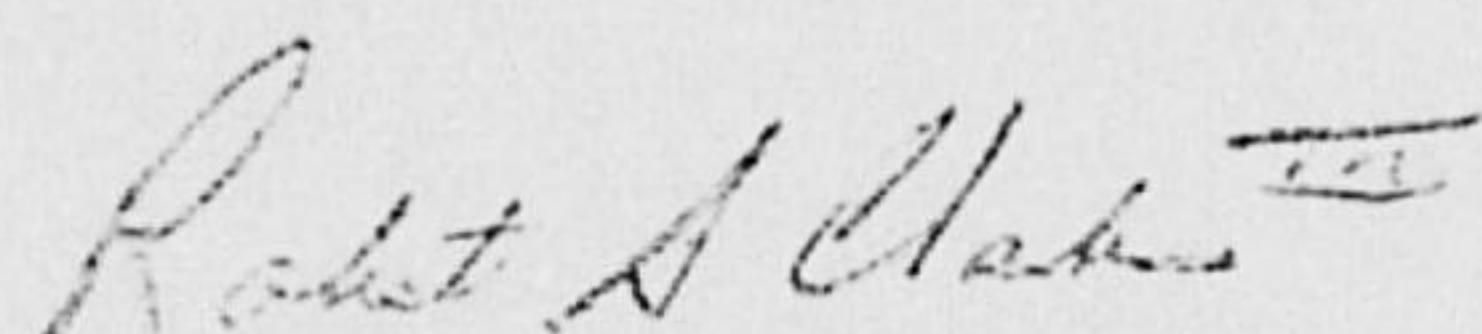
COMMENTS REGARDING [REDACTED]: I do not believe I ever spoke to Mr. [REDACTED]. I did not state that Mr. [REDACTED] or his reporter had a little too much to drink causing him to see things. I have never chided a UFO caller in any fashion.

I believe the gentleman is rankled because I could not identify the light and wasn't planning to report it.

COMMENTS ON CURRENT UFO REPORTING:

The Base Operations Duty Officer at McGuire Air Force Base is helpless to investigate and consequently identify a light over Pottstown Penna. The person who should take a call and investigate a light is a man in Pottstown, located and appointed by the Mayor of Pottstown and equipped with a sighting instrument and a night camera. A citizen of Pottstown could call the Pottstown Police who have a list of these UFO investigators by town sector. The police could then pass the phone number to the sighter who could then call direct to an appointed, equipped, and possibly trained local citizen who could meet with the sighter and possibly come up with an answer.

The current procedure of calling the nearest Air Force Base is expensive of time and money and useless as an investigative program.



ROBERT S. CLARK III
Base Operations Duty Officer

2 August 1968

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



REPLY TO
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TDPT (UFO)

31 JUL 1968

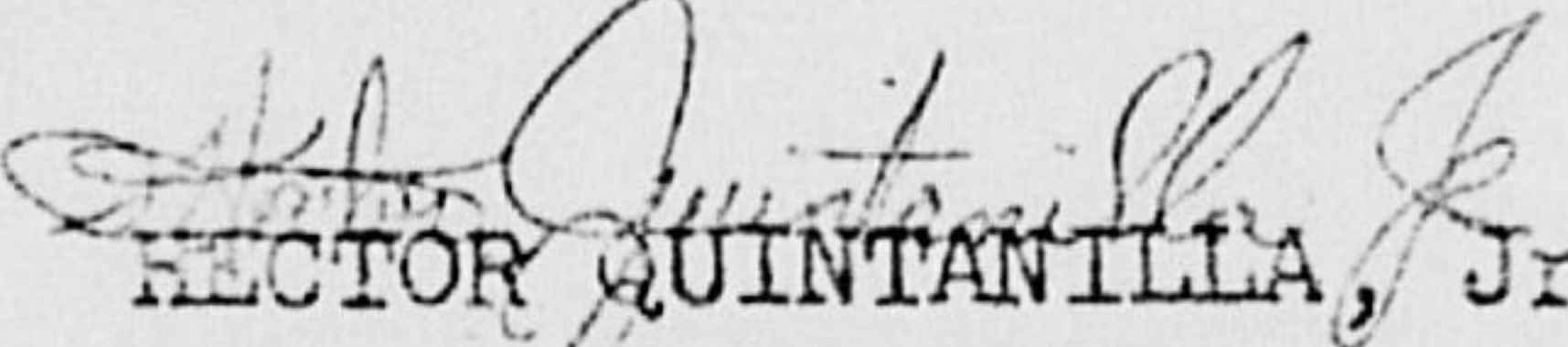
SUBJECT:

UFO Observation , 28 July 1968

TO:

[REDACTED]
Pottstown, Pennsylvania 19464

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

A Different Slant

By ROBERT J. BOYLE

Dr. Gerald Feinberg And Flying Saucers

The luster has gone from flying saucers. Maybe because they're being overplayed lately, maybe it's because most men of science don't put much stock in them, or, maybe people are getting used to far-out tales.

Any clear night over Pottstown you can see odd lights that go zing, zing, zing or lights that are standing still.

You chalk them off as helicopters and they probably are. Most national magazines ceased playing saucer stories as straight saucer tales and now are adding strange beings and stranger deaths to the saucer business.

The more a person reads about UFOs the more he is convinced that they exist but aren't coming from outer space. They're helicopter lights, swamp gas, clouds or practical jokes.

The lights may even be the particles that Dr. Gerald Feinberg is talking about.

In 1905, Albert Einstein gave the first presentation of his special theory of relativity. Included among its more important points was the conclusion that velocities greater than the speed of light have no possibility of existence.

While parts of the theory of relativity have been questioned, and most physicists acknowledge it has imperfections, the one point upon which all virtually agree is that there is nothing faster than the speed of light.

There was no disagreement, that is, until recently.

Then, Dr. Feinberg, professor of physics at Columbia University, suggested that the universe may be filled with particles traveling faster than the speed of light. In some cases, he believes, these particles may be traveling at almost infinite speeds.

Although a Princeton University team was unable to find any trace of the postulated particles, Dr. Feinberg is not discouraged. It may only mean, he said, that the particles have no electrical charge.

Ordinary matter gains energy as it increases in speed. The Feinberg particles lose energy as they gain speed.

One of the more interesting aspects of the Feinberg theory is the effect it could have on the space program. One of the basic tenets of modern physics, once again harking back to Einstein, is that there is no way to transmit energy from one point to another at any speed faster than the speed of light.



Thus, according to this theory, it would require 100,000 years for a signal on the far side of the Milky Way galaxy, to which this planet belongs, to reach observers here. It would take travelers far longer to make this trip.

But all this would be changed if the Feinberg theory is accepted. Speed, then would become unlimited.

Other physicists are working to prove the basic postulates of the theory.

If the theory is accepted, it would be the most exciting development in the world of science in the last half of this century.

One school holds that Feinberg's theory could, in some cases be responsible for the UFO sightings.

His particles, they believe, would show up as light as they lose energy surpassing the speed of light.

But then comes the puzzler; if they surpass light's speed, would they show light and if they did would the light slow down to its accepted speed of 186,000 miles per second?

If light is given off by the particles, would the light itself be traveling faster than the speed of light?

Saucer proponents see a ray of hope for their theory in Feinberg's proposals.

If the energy being lost by the particles could be harnessed as a means of propulsion, then it would be possible to reduce the time of travel in space from the accepted limits to an infinite speed.

Saucer believers like to imagine that there is an advanced civilization somewhere out there. This civilization, they hope, is able to achieve in space travel what we have just begun.

Scientists agree that in this galaxy alone there are thousands of planets which are similar to that of earth and would be able to support life.

And there are untold numbers of galaxies.

And, although it is likely that there are planets like ours, there is one big flaw in the flying saucer theory.

If there was a civilization as far advanced as saucer believers believe, why doesn't it just pick up a super space phone and contact us?

An advanced form of life surely wouldn't go zipping around a foreign planet for 20 years or more and never make any attempt at contacting us.

That would be like Columbus coming to the new world and not landing. He would have stayed off shore flicking lanterns on and off.

Some saucer believers claim that contacts have been made but they haven't been any to anyone who amounts to a pot of beans.

The first thing Jack Armstrong used to do when he met an unfriendly tribe was to seek out the chief or the medicine man.

Why would saucer occupant pilots seek out the Indians and not the chiefs?

Another debit of the saucer theory is the lack of actual contact by the military. The U.S. military is able to tell if Red China drops a huge firecracker in the Peking water works. But with all its sophisticated gadgets, including cameras that can photograph a frog hair at 250 miles away, the government has yet to come up with a single incident that would prove the existence of saucers.

Some sighting reports haven't been explained but lack of an explanation doesn't constitute proof.

I'd like to believe in saucers because they would add an air of excitement and mystery to life but until something more positive comes along, I'm putting my sky watcher's badge away.