PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 13 March 69 13/2205 14/0405Z	2. LOCATION Benton, Illinois
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Probable (AIRCRAFT) No evidence presented to indicate object could not have been an aircraft. There are two airports within 20 miles of point of observation.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Several Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS SEE CASE FILE
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE N - S	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes XX No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes XX No	

FORM
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March 28, 1969

Dear Sir:

Ordinarily, I am a person who doesn't like to meddle into anyone else's business. But, during the past month, I have witnessed too unusual UFO sightings and have been informed of another.

I am not a ready believer in flying saucers, but I read a great deal on the subject and hold my own theories or tentative suggestions.

On the night of March 1, 1969, at approximately 8:00 p.m., a man and his son were driving home near a heavily wooded river-bottoms area. The man is a friend of my father's and he was very hesitant to relate any information about the sighting.

As the two people were driving along, the man glanced out his side window and saw an unbelievable sight. Hovering over a group of heavily wooded trees was a large, elliptical shaped object. The man estimated the height of the object at around 150

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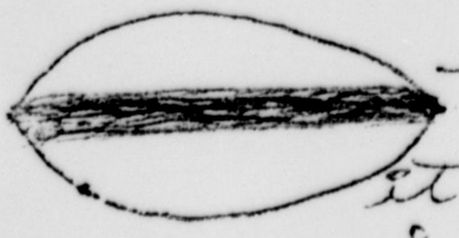
feet and said that it was probably about a couple hundred yards into the woods. The light given off by the object was brighter than the sun's light in the daytime. On top and on bottom of the object was a bright yellow in color while a row of dark area stretched across the middle. I will make a simple diagram of the object as was described to me. →

The man said  the object from where he saw it, appeared as big as a washpan. The man and his son had already pulled over to the side of the road to watch the object.

Suddenly, while the object had been motionless with a pulsating light, it took off at a fantastic rate of speed. In about five seconds, the object was out of sight altogether. The man said he and his son were shaking from nervousness and fright. He was afraid to report the sighting to authorities fearing ridicule.

Now, after hearing of this sighting, I was somewhat moved with curiosity.

However, not until the night of March 13, at about 10:05 P.M., was my belief in flying saucers bolstered. I was visiting my aunt and my Cousin, who is a Professor at a university, was also in attendance. The dog started barking furiously and eventually, after about 15 minutes, I decided to look out the window to see what was the matter. It just so happens that my aunt lives only about 2 miles from where the man and his boy saw their strange object. The window I looked out of was in the same direction as the river-bottoms area. I saw an object in the distance, in the general vicinity of the other sighting. But, as the other object in the man and boy's sighting took off going Westward at a great of speed, the object I saw was moving at a slow, leisurely rate of speed. It was white in color and would compare first-magnitude to a star in brilliance. Its light for about 1 minute, appeared a solid white. I was just getting ready to leave my window watching when the

object startled me. Its solid white light suddenly changed into a blinking red light. The object kept heading Northward in direction and was about 10 to 15 degrees above the Eastern horizon. I called my aunt & cousin to the window and both of them saw it too. We watched it for about 2 minutes more. I wouldn't have reported this sighting unless I hadn't seen the final unbelievable feat. As the object traveled Northward, it suddenly and immediately changed its direction and headed rapidly Southward.

Now, I happen to know that no airplane, helicopter, etc. can do this. The sky was crystal clear and I checked on weather inversions -- there weren't any. As for as balloons are concerned, there just isn't any in our vicinity, and still no balloon could do those feats because there was no appreciable wind. Planets & stars do not move with apparent motion, and satellites do not suddenly shift position and reverse themselves.

I had started to write Project Bluebook after this sighting, my first of

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an unidentified flying object, but gradually put it off.

But, two nights ago, March 26, at about 7:15 P.m., at my folk's home, I decided to go to the store to get something to eat. I pulled out of our Carport and headed south on our gravel road. I looked Eastward and Couldn't believe my eyes. There, about 30 degrees up in the sky, was an object that Would make the moon jealous in brightness. It shone bright yellow and had a steady light. I stopped the car to observe the object and notice if it was apparently moving, it was. It was traveling Southward and I started the car with hopes of somehow attempting to follow the object. However, as I rounded a corner directly facing the object, it Vanished into thin air. I retraced my view movement to see if the object was a reflection from something -- it wasn't.

I know that Project Bluebook cannot send anyone out to analyze view sighting. But, if this is not possible, I would very deeply appreciate it if someone

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Could analyze my information and come up with a plausible answer. Until then, I will be greatly curious and perplexed as to the nature of these sightings.

Please let me hear from you as to your analysis.

Sincerely,

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" " Mt. Vernon 2½ 20 mi north