

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 25 March 1951		2. LOCATION Presque Isle, Maine		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <b>Venus</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical  <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>2017 EST</u> GMT <u>26/0117Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE Falling		
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Strange light or object in sight in NW at elevation of 15 degrees slowly descending below horizon after observation of more than 10 minutes. Light or object changes colors from yellowish white to brilliant red. Observed on other occasions in same location. Thought by observer to be star close to horizon with peculiar atmospheric conditions causing change in color. Object described as spherical. Color change every six seconds. Object 290 deg azimuth.			11. COMMENTS Venus at 2h 8' 11" on or slightly below horizon at the reported time of observation. Sighting attributed to refraction of this Astronomical Body.		

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23D FIGHTER-INTERCEPTOR WING  
PRESQUE ISLE AIR FORCE BASE  
Presque Isle, Maine

CO 000.92

SUBJECT: Unusual Celestial Phenomenon

TO: Commanding General  
Air Materiel Command  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio  
ATTN: MGIS

1. At 2017 E.S.T., 25 March 1951, Pfc [redacted], an observer in the Presque Isle Air Force Base Weather Office, noticed an unidentified spherical light or object near the horizon on a bearing of 290 degrees from the base. This object changed color from white to red about every six seconds as it settled to the horizon.

2. The same phenomenon was reported by [redacted] CAA Control Tower Operator, and confirmed by the control tower operator at Limestone Air Force Base. Mr. [redacted] statement is included herein.

*Charles H. MacDonald*  
CHARLES H. MACDONALD  
Colonel, USAF  
Commanding

1 Incl:  
Mr. Hanson's statement

cc: EADF, Attn: Dir of Intell.  
ADC, Attn: Dir of Intell.

*Sounds like meteor  
JHR*

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S T A T E M E N T

At 2017 the base operations clerk on duty called the tower and requested if we knew of any beacons of any type located about a Northwest direction from the field. On getting a negative answer, he went on to explain a strange light or object in the sky. I went out on the catwalk of the tower and observed what looked at first to be a star. On closer investigation thru the field glasses this object changed its color from a yellowish white to a very brilliant red about once every six seconds. It appeared to be located at a great distance on an angle of about 15 degrees above the horizon. I kept the glasses on the object for a period of about ten minutes after which time it disappeared below the horizon at 2028. I called IIZ tower and the operator on duty confirmed sighting the object, and also reported that it had been observed several times before at about the same position and time.

The only logical explanation that can be given is that a star close to the horizon was the object and that peculiar atmospheric conditions were causing the change in color although I have never seen a heavenly body change from a white or yellow to such a vivid red.

The weather at the time of incident was: 0 15 21/13 W3 2983

s/t/ Norman W. Hanson

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12 March 1951  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
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12 Mar. 1951 - Report from Albuquerque, N.M. by two individuals  
of ball-shaped object, shining-white appearance.  
The object descended rapidly to the horizon.

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BELL AIRCRAFT CORPORATION  
POST OFFICE BOX ONE, BUFFALO 5, NEW YORK

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March 15, 1951  
HAFB: 32:1:0315-1:DR

Memo to: Lt. John G. Albert  
Operations and Projects  
Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico

Subject: Unidentified Flying Objects

The following Bell Personnel reported the sighting of unidentified flying objects on March 14, 1951:

[REDACTED]

The above personnel are located at the Bell Hardstead awaiting the return of B-50 No. 6002, following the completion of a Captive Flight mission.

Mr. [REDACTED] made the first sighting at approximately 1500 hours while following the flight path of the B-50, which at that time was flying on a southerly heading at an altitude of approximately 15,000 feet NSL east and slightly south of the base. At the first sighting due neither to the distance involved or small individual size of the objects, Mr. [REDACTED] attached little significance to the phenomenon thinking perhaps that it was a flock of birds at a considerable distance. However, in a minute or so he began to think otherwise and called the matter to the attention of Messrs. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. At the time his sighting was verified by the latter two men, the elevation angle of the bodies appeared to be greater than that of the B-50 which had progressed a few miles further south and east of the Field.

The motion of the bodies (estimated at between 14 and 20 in number) appeared to be of a swirling nature, not unlike a flock of towering geese or a handful of leaflets in an up-draft. Either due to distance or size, it was impossible to resolve individual shape, however, the general impression was gained that the bodies were white.

Several minutes after the first sighting the writer and others were apprised of the phenomenon. At this time, the B-50 had turned to the left on a reciprocal heading and was approximately east of the Field at the same altitude. The bodies continued to swirl in somewhat random fashion and increase apparent elevation angle. During this time

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Holloman AFB, NM

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they appeared to move slowly to the north regrouping on at least two occasions into what appeared to be a V-Formation. At this time the writer apprised General Control of the phenomenon and thereafter attempted to give them bearings as seen from the Bell Hardstand.

Shortly before Queen-1 was notified, the bodies had grouped into a V-Formation and commenced heading generally northward. The bearing heading from the Hardstand changed from nearly due east to a position lined up with Sierra Blanca in what seemed to be a few minutes time. This gave the impression of relatively high velocity. When last seen the bearing heading from the Bell Hardstand was slightly west of Sierra Blanca.

Impressions gained by various Bell Personnel were as follows:

- a. Not unlike a handful of leaflets thrown from an airplane.
- b. Vibratory motion of individual bodies reported occasionally not unlike flapping of wings.
- c. Total time of observation, from time of first sighting, was approximately 15 minutes.

It is of interest to note that the ground-to-air and air-to-ground VHF communications were generally very poor throughout the Bell mission which commenced at 1345 hours. The ground-to-ground VHF communications were however very good. In addition, for the last ten minutes of the B-50 flight VHF communication with the tower was extremely difficult as if another carrier was simultaneously in operation. When the writer contacted Queen-1 he was advised that they also were having communications difficulty.

As additional information, winds aloft to 27,000 feet were generally west-northwest, estimated at 30 to 40 knots. The writer is morally certain that the phenomenon he witnessed could not have been balloons of Project Sky-Hook.

In conclusion, the writer wishes to emphasize that the aerial phenomenon was different from anything he has ever seen up to and including flights of birds.

BELL AIRCRAFT CORPORATION

/s/ ~~REDACTED~~

Field Test Director

DR/m

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## U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U.S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

*my name can be used*

1. When did you see the object? <i>Night? March 1951</i> Day Month Year	2. Time of day: <i>10:30 or about</i> Hours Minutes (Circle One): A.M. or <input checked="" type="radio"/> P.M. <i>night</i>
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3. Time Zone: (Circle One): a. Eastern b. Central c. Mountain d. Pacific e. Other _____	(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving <input checked="" type="radio"/> b. Standard
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4. Where were you when you saw the object? Nearest Postal Address _____ City or Town <i>Pine Bluff Ark</i> State or County <i>Union County</i>
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5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration) _____ Hours Minutes Seconds <i>10 -&gt; nearly none less</i>
a. Certain b. Fairly certain c. Not very sure d. Just a guess
5.1 How was time in sight determined? <i>it first cut car lights off then motor</i>
5.2 Was object in sight continuously? <i>until it went out. headed to East of me.</i> Yes No

6. What was the condition of the sky? DAY a. Bright b. Cloudy NIGHT a. Bright <input checked="" type="radio"/> b. Cloudy <i>still no wind to speak of dark but not black</i>
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7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object? (Circle One): a. In front of you b. In back of you c. To your right d. To your left e. Overhead f. Don't remember
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*PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS*

# FORCE UFO FORM

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

8.1 STARS (Circle One):

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

8.2 MOON (Circle One):

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

9. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

CLOUDS (Circle One):

- a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy *no stars*
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds

WEATHER (Circle One):

- a. Dry
- b. Fog, mist, or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

10. The object appeared: (Circle One):

- a. Solid
- b. Transparent
- c. Vapor
- d. As a light
- e. Don't remember

11. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? (Circle One):

- a. Brighter
- b. Dimmer
- c. About the same
- d. Don't know

11.1 Compare brightness to some common object:

*neon lights*  
*different collar lights pink white yellow*

12. The edges of the object were:

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

e. Other

*were in windows*  
*shaped blocks and when*  
*landed its lights were*  
*not going around but*  
*was on*

13. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

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

*white light when*

*it stopped motor when over me*

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

*I did watch it take off. I also started towards it. And I did see something run around it ship and got in and left. Real fast.*

15. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):      Yes       No      Don't know.      IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind: \_\_\_\_\_

16. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):      Yes       No      Don't know.      IF you answered YES, then tell what in front of: \_\_\_\_\_

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

- a. Sound *Yes it had sound like like electric motor*  
 b. Color *it had light different colors*

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

*The object I saw was about 30 foot long and was from top to bottom 7 1/2 foot high round*



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

*It was when I was headed to the east of me and tilted to north. It almost wrecked me cause I was driving about 45 when it cut off lights I was in darkness and was slowly trying to stop. I had my motor cut off by this thing before I got to the end of the bridge*

# UFO form continued

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

(Circle One)

Yes

No

*But it had plenty and could sit still in air*

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

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

(Circle One)

Yes

No

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was?

*Right about 40 feet when it cut my motor off. But light of moon*

22. Where were you located when you saw the object?

(Circle One):

a. Inside a building

b. In a car

c. Outdoors

d. In an airplane (type)

e. At sea

f. Other

*in ride car first  
Union Bridge  
Pine Bluff, Ark.*

23. Were you (Circle One)

a. In the business section of a city?

b. In the residential section of a city?

c. In open countryside?

d. Near an airfield?

e. Flying over a city?

f. Flying over open country?

g. Other

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

24.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

a. North

c. East

e. South

g. West

b. Northeast

d. Southeast

f. Southwest

h. Northwest

24.2 How fast were you moving? *45 or less* miles per hour.

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

(Circle One)

Yes

No

*at end of bridge when I stopped car and got out*

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

a. Eyeglasses

Yes

No

e. Binoculars

Yes

No

b. Sun glasses

Yes

No

f. Telescope

Yes

No

c. Windshield

Yes

No

g. Theodolite

Yes

No

d. Window glass

Yes

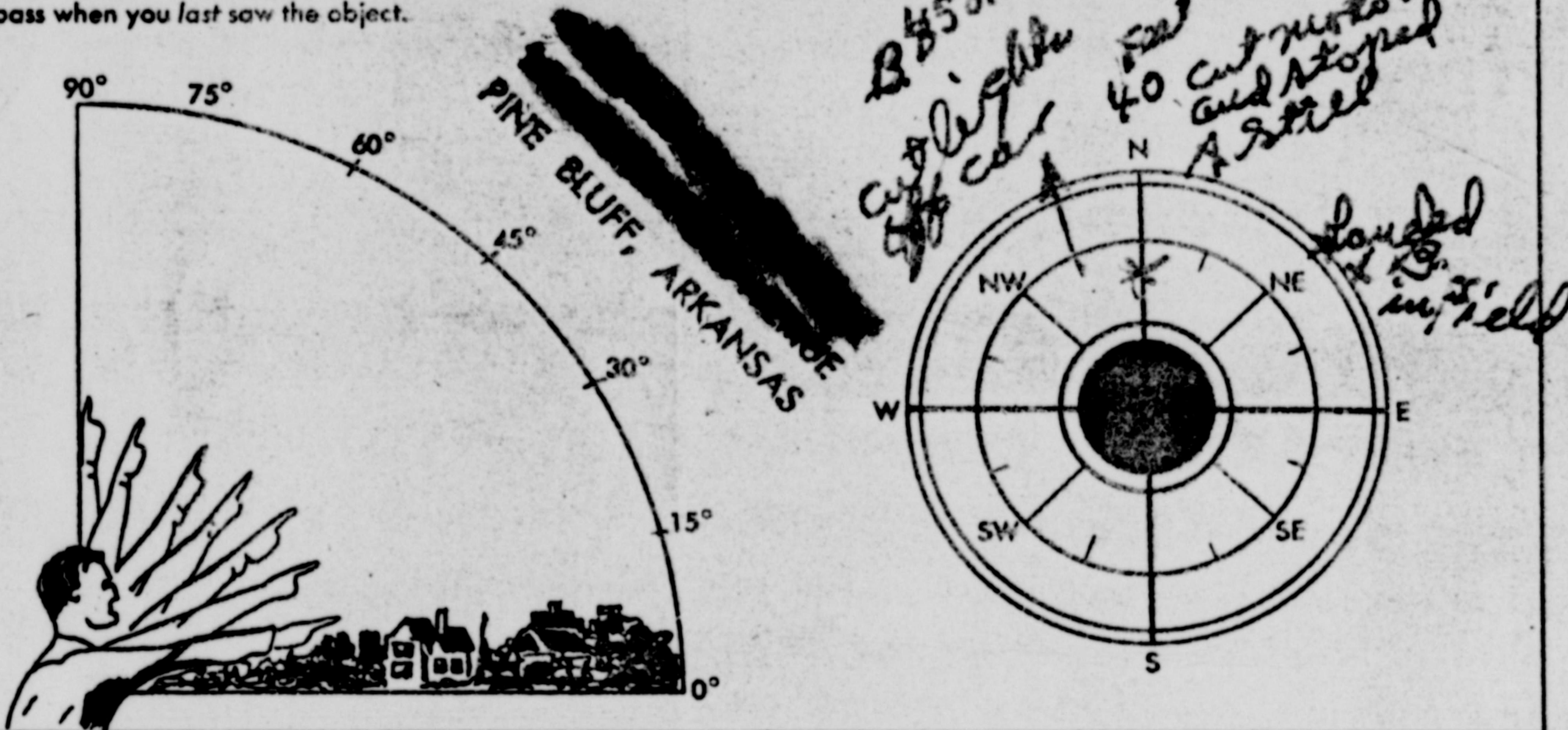
No

h. Other

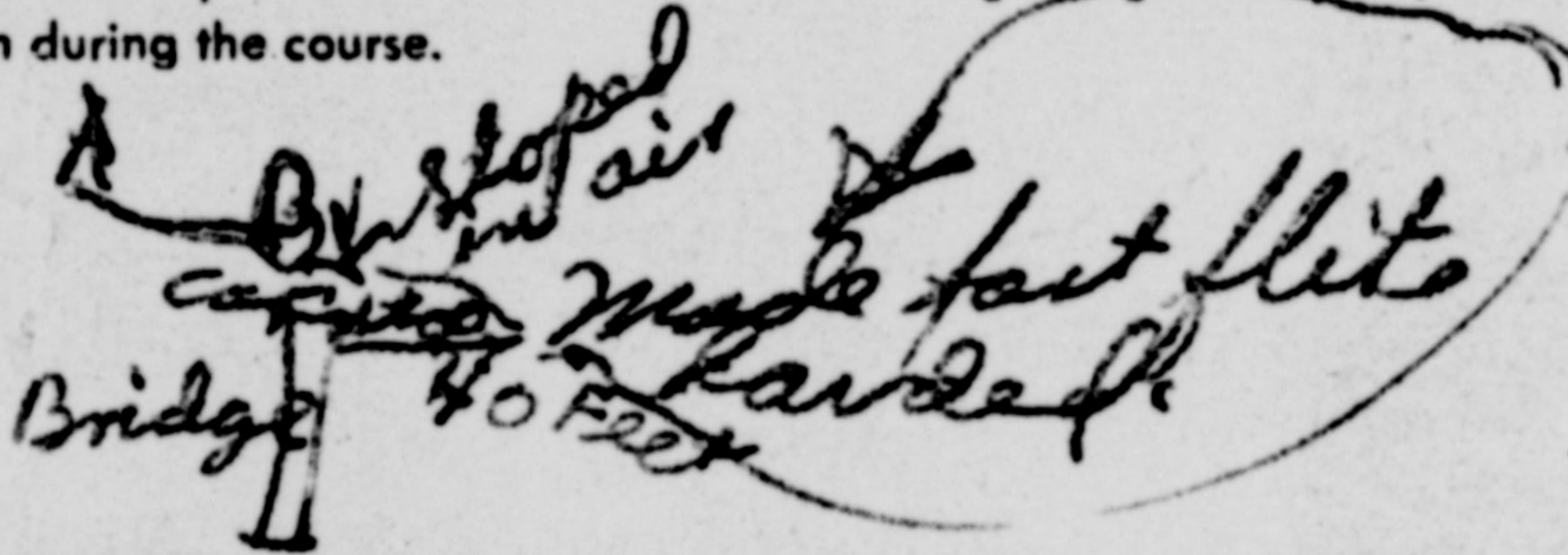
*and out side car when I stopped*

26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

27. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you first saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you last saw it. Place an "A" on the compass when you first saw it. Place a "B" on the compass when you last saw the object.



28. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.



29. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? \_\_\_\_\_  
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

# UFO form continued

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

I had never seen or been so close to any thing like this before. It could have killed us both.

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

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

31.2 Please list their names and addresses:

was X wife she lives at Cabot. Ark  
name [redacted] PO Box [redacted]  
The car was Blue Kaiser this thing  
never stopped it

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

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

ADDRESS [redacted] Pine Bluff 7169 Arkansas  
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ AGE 48 SEX White Male

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

CLIFFORD W. BOWMAN  
1517 WEST 8th AVENUE  
PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS

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

? 3 51 I didn't report it  
Day Month Year cause I was just  
some one would make a big laugh of it.  
and we both thought same we are worried now  
since 57 years.



1 April 1951  
Los Alamos, New Mexico  
INSUFFICIENT DATA

1 April 1951 - Report from a Los Alamos employee. Oblong shaped  
object moving slowly both in horizontal and vertical  
directions. Bright appearance.

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