PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE

24 May 1957

2. LOCATION

Chestertown, Maryland

3. DATE-TIME GROUP

Local _____

GMT 25/0240Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar

☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS

☐ Yes

☒ No

6. SOURCE

Civilian & MIlitary

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

4-5 minutes

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

Bunch 20/

9. COURSE

falling

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Multi object report observed by Asst Secy of Army and others. Field investigation made. See case file.

11. COMMENTS

Investigation revealed that flares were being tested at Aberdeen Proving Groun at the time indicated and were the cause of the sighting.

12. CONCLUSIONS

- ☐ Was Balloon
- ☐ Probably Balloon
- ☐ Possibly Balloon
- ☐ Was Aircraft
- ☐ Probably Aircraft
- ☐ Possibly Aircraft
- ☐ Was Astronomical
- ☐ Probably Astronomical
- ☐ Possibly Astronomical
- ☒ Other flares
- ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
- ☐ Unknown

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

This case involves an Asst Secretary of the Army. The case was discussed with you, and it was the opinio of all concerned that Mr [redacted] would undoubtedly allow the use of his name if properly approached.

CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND
INCIDENT

24 May 1957

(Sighting by the Assistant Secretary of Defense (US Army)

Newspaper accounts of flying saucers in the vicinity of Chestertown Maryland were given sudden significance when a high-level member of the Department of Defense, Mr. [redacted] and his family observed a series of strange, weird-appearing lighted objects floating in the dark moonless sky, over the Chesapeake Bay, on the night of 24 May 1957 from the grounds of his home near Chestertown, Maryland.

Upon reporting the sightings to the Air Force, an investigation was immediately undertaken. Mr. [redacted] was interviewed in the Pentagon, and a thorough check made of the area in question, with detailed testimony from the other members of the [redacted] family and other witnesses to the sightings.

An analysis of weather conditions at the time of the sighting ruled out meteorological-created phenomena. Radar units records disclosed nothing unusual in the sky at that time. A check with air activities, both military and civil shed little light. The area was photographed for clues.

While interviewing fishermen near a wharf (in the area) suddenly a clue was found. A fisherman remembered the time and date of the event, because a brush fire occured nearby when the phenomena was taking place.

Further investigations, as a result, disclosed that the source of the phenomena was from the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, which are located Northwest across the bay.

CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND
INCIDENT

24 May 1957

It was determined that the Aberdeen Proving Grounds were giving an aerial demonstration involving aircraft, flash bombs and parachute flares for visiting West Point Cadets on the night of the incident.

Information Only
Cource: CSI Bulletin # 20, 25 July 57

25 May 1957
Cecil County, Md.

May 25, 1957: Sightings in Cecil County, Md., of large object with red and green lights around edge. — Kent County News (Chestertown), 6/7.

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U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

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1. When did you see the object?

24 (Day) May (Month) 1947 (Year)

2. Time of day: 9 (Hour) 40 (Minutes)

(Circle One): A.M. or P.M.

3. Time zone:

(Circle One): a. Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other _____

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving
b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

[redacted] (Nearest Postal Address) Owensboro (City or Town) Kentucky (State or Country)

Additional remarks: It was a clear night and there was a fairly open space where we stood

5. Estimate how long you saw the object. _____ (Hours) 4 to 5 (Minutes) _____ (Seconds)

5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

(Circle One): a. Bright daylight
b. Dull daylight
c. Bright twilight
d. Just a trace of daylight
e. No trace of daylight
f. Don't remember

a clear dark sky

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, 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

8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, 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. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky?

(*Circle One*): a. (Yes) b. No c. Don't remember

10. IF it was BRIGHTER THAN the sky background, was the brightness like that of an automobile headlight?:

(*Circle One*) a. A mile or more away (a distant car)?
b. (Several blocks away?)
c. A block away?
d. Several yards away?
e. Other

11. Did the object:

	(*Circle One for each question*)		
a. Appear to stand still at any time?	(Yes)	No	Don't Know
b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?	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. Flicker, throb, or pulsate?	Yes	No	Don't Know

12. Did the object move behind something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(*Circle One*): (Yes) No Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind: [illegible]

13. Did the object move in front of something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(*Circle One*): Yes (No) Don't Know. IF you answered YES, than tell what it moved in front of: _____

14. Did the object appear: (*Circle One*): a. Solid? b. Transparent? c. Don't Know.

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

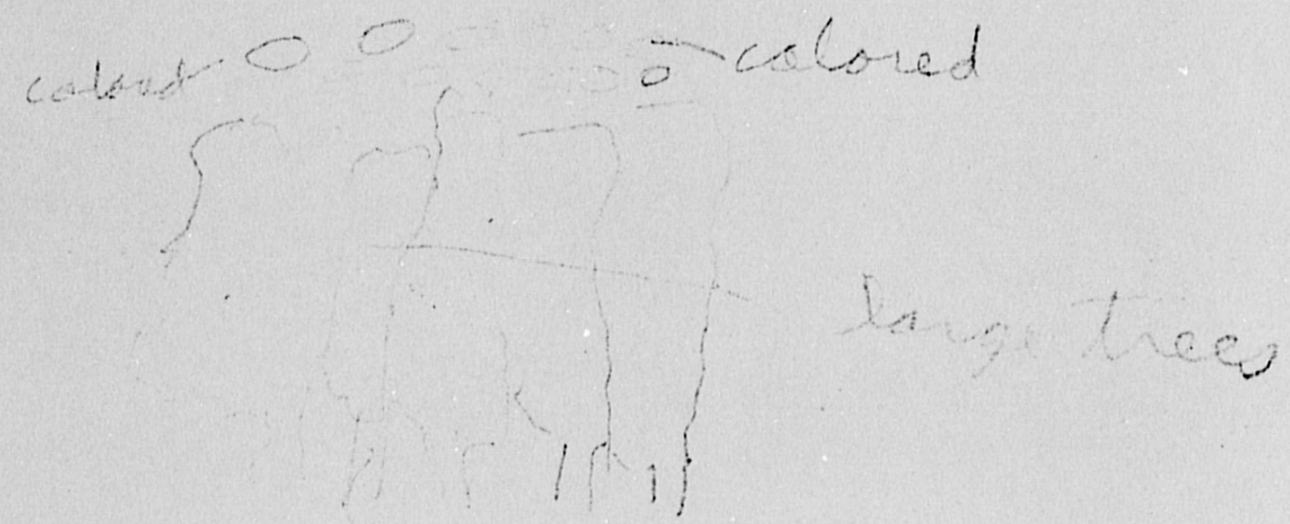
a. Eyeglasses	Yes	No	e. Binoculars	Yes	No
b. Sun glasses	Yes	No	f. Telescope	Yes	No
c. Windshield	(Yes)	No	g. Theodolite	Yes	No
d. Window glass	Yes	No	h. Other _____		

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

a. Sound the sound it all

b. Color just a bunch of bright lights with a few colored ones

17. 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.

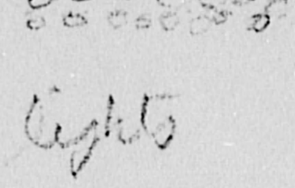


18. The edges of the object were:

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

e. Other They were clearly identified as lights

19. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? about 20 or so.
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.



20. 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.

Hardly any movement. It seemed to stand still

21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.
about 100 feet long

22. How large did the object or objects appear as compared with one of the following objects *held in the hand* and at about arm's length?

(Circle One):

a. Head of a pin
b. Pea
c. Dime
d. Nickel
e. Quarter
f. Half dollar
g. Silver dollar
h. Baseball
i. Grapefruit
j. Basketball
k. Other _____

22.1 *(Circle One* of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22.

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Uncertain

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? just went out

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could construct the object that you saw. Of what type material would you make it? How large would it be, and what shape would it have? 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.

25. 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
e. At sea
f. Other _____

26. 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. Flying near an airfield?
e. Flying over a city?
f. Flying over open country?
g. Other _____

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

We were driving in a car from eating and to dinner

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

28.1 What direction were you moving? *(Circle One)*

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

28.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

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

(Circle One) Yes No

29. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object? *(Circle One)*

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the object? *(Circle One)*

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

31.1 When it first appeared:

a. From true North _____ degrees.
b. From horizon 30 degrees.

31.2 When it disappeared:

a. From true North _____ degrees.
b. From horizon _____ degrees.

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

34.1 CLOUDS *(Circle One)*

a. (Clear sky)
b. Hazy
c. Scattered clouds
d. Thick or heavy clouds
e. Don't remember

34.2 WIND *(Circle One)*

a. No wind
b. (Slight breeze)
c. Strong wind
d. Don't remember

34.3 WEATHER *(Circle One)*

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

34.4 TEMPERATURE *(Circle One)*

a. Cold
b. (Cool)
c. Warm
d. Hot
e. Don't remember

35. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

5 (Day) — June (Month) — 1957 (Year)

36. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One) (Yes) No

36.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One) (Yes) No

36.2 Please list their names and addresses:

Mrs. [redacted]
Mrs. [redacted]

37. Was this the first time that you had seen an object or objects like this?

(Circle One) (Yes) No

37.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?

38. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

I don't know what it was, but it could have been a reflection

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

(Circle One) Yes (No)

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? _____ m.p.h.

40. 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? 1000 feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [redacted] (Last Name) [redacted] (First Name) [redacted]

ADDRESS _____ (Street) Chestertown (City) _____ (Zone) Md (State)

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted]

What is your present job? Student

Age _____ Sex M.

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school _____
b. High school 1-8
c. College _____
d. Post graduate _____
e. e. Technical school _____
(Type) _____
f. Other special training _____
_____

42. Date you completed this questionnaire: 12 (Day) June (Month) 1957 (Year)

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(SUMMARY DATA)

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NAME [redacted]
(Please Print)

SIGNATURE [redacted]

DATE June 12, 1952

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It was a clear night in a fairly open palace. The object was not clearly identified, but there were a bunch of lights that had colored lights (red) on the ends

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1. When did you see the object?

Friday - 24 (Day) MAY (Month) 1957 (Year)

2. Time of day: 9 (Hour) 9:40 (Minutes)

(Circle One): A.M. or (P.M.)

3. Time zone:

(Circle One): a. Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other _____

(Circle One): a. (Daylight Saving)
b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

[redacted] (Nearest Postal Address) Chestertown (City or Town) Maryland (State or Country)

Additional remarks: _____

5. Estimate how long you saw the object. _____ (Hours) 4 (Minutes) _____ (Seconds)

5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.

a. Certain
(b. Fairly certain)
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

(Circle One): a. Bright daylight
b. Dull daylight
c. Bright twilight
d. Just a trace of daylight
(e. No trace of daylight)
f. Don't remember

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, 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

8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, 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. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky?

(*Circle One*): (a. Yes) b. No c. Don't remember

10. IF it was BRIGHTER THAN the sky background, was the brightness like that of an automobile headlight?:

(*Circle One*) a. A mile or more away (a distant car)?
b. Several blocks away?
c. A block away?
d. Several yards away?
(e. Other)

11. Did the object: (*Circle One for each question*)

a. Appear to stand still at any time?	(Yes)	No	Don't Know
b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?	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. Flicker, throb, or pulsate?	Yes	(No)	Don't Know

12. Did the object move behind something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(*Circle One*): (Yes) No Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind: It was below trees at one point not because it moved but because we were driving

13. Did the object move in front of something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(*Circle One*): Yes (No) Don't Know. IF you answered YES, than tell what it moved in front of: _____

14. Did the object appear: (*Circle One*): a. Solid? b. Transparent? (c. Don't Know.)

15. 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 _____		

20. 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.

It was suspended and did not move

21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.
200 to 250 feet.

22. How large did the object or objects appear as compared with one of the following objects *held in the hand* and at about arm's length?

(Circle One):

a. Head of a pin
b. Pea
c. Dime
d. Nickel
e. Quarter
f. Half dollar
g. Silver dollar
h. Baseball
i. Grapefruit
j. Basketball
k. Other The size of a 12" plate head flat side up.

22.1 *(Circle One of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22.*

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Uncertain

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? The lights simply turned off.

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could construct the object that you saw. Of what type material would you make it? How large would it be, and what shape would it have? 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.

I saw No actual form of an object but there were twelve or fourteen lights suspended in an oval with two red lights at either end. It resembled an oval chandelier flat (not tiered). But there was not any darkness of the form to which the lights might have been attached.

25. 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
e. At sea
f. Other _____

26. 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. Flying near an airfield?
e. Flying over a city?
f. Flying over open country?
g. Other _____

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

We were driving home and our son remarked about "all those lights" as we came out of woods into open fields.

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

28.1 What direction were you moving? *(Circle One)*

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

28.2 How fast were you moving? 25 miles per hour.

28.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?
(Circle One) Yes No

29. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object? *(Circle One)*

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the object? *(Circle One)*

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

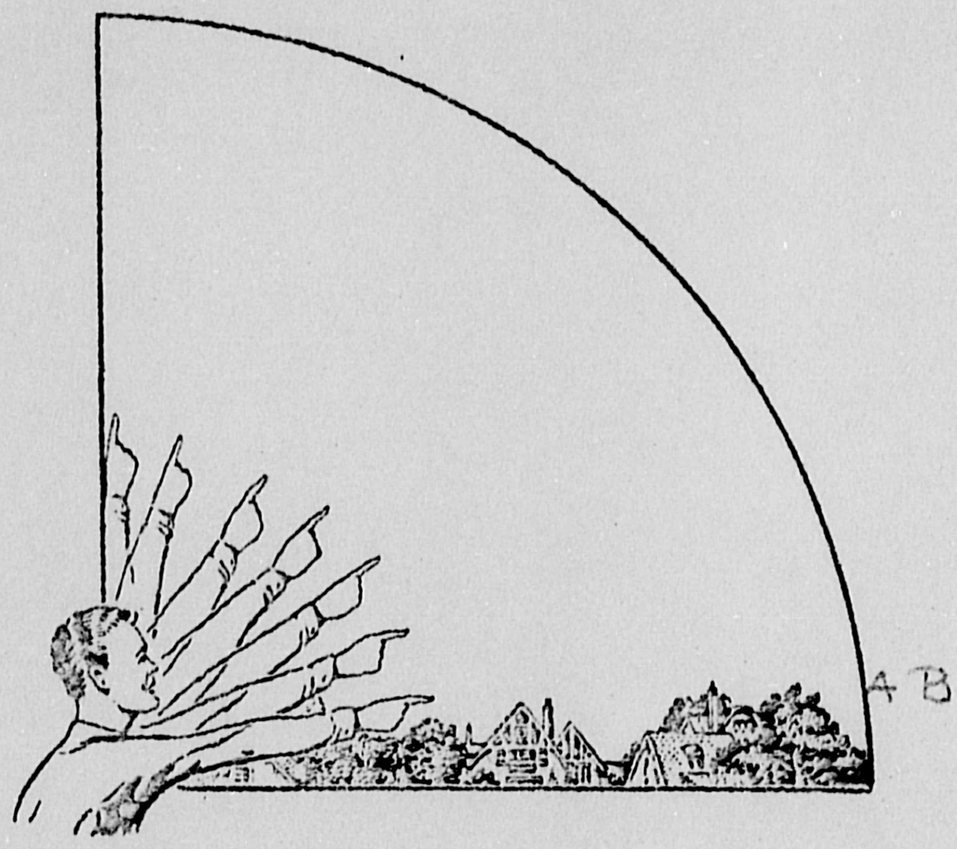
31.1 When it first appeared:

a. From true North _____ degrees.
b. From horizon _____ degrees.

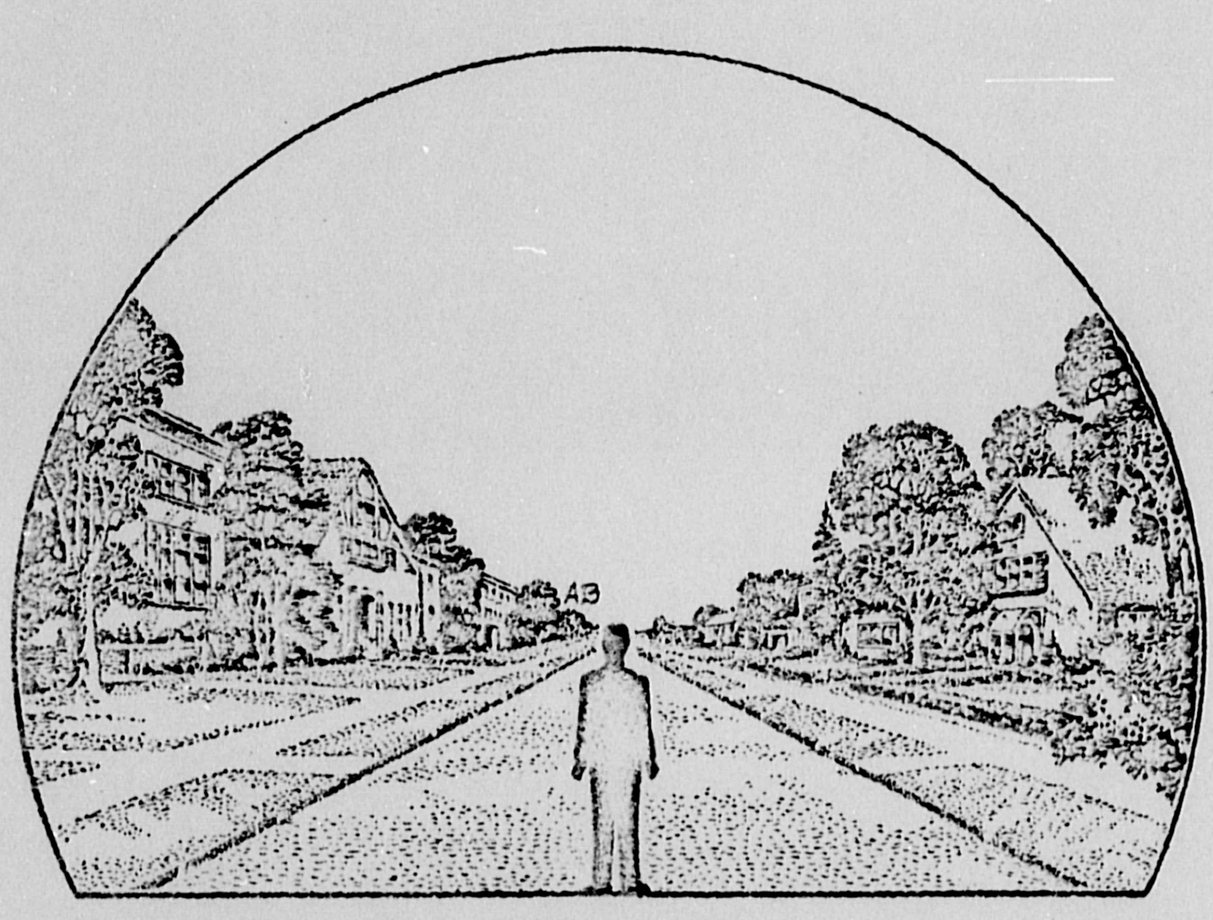
31.2 When it disappeared:

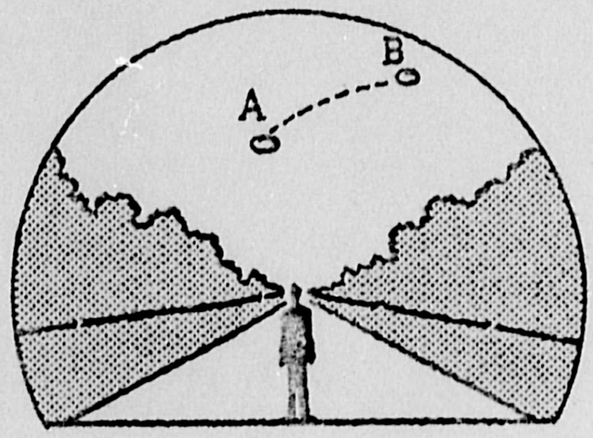
a. From true North _____ degrees.
b. From horizon _____ degrees.

32. 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.



33. In the following larger sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you *first* saw it, and a "B" at its position when you *last* saw it. Refer to smaller sketch as an example of how to complete the larger sketch.





39. Do you think you can estimate the *speed* of the object?

(*Circle One*) Yes No

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? _____ m.p.h.

40. 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? 3000 feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

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

ADDRESS [redacted] (Street) Chestertown (City) _____ (Zone) MD. (State)

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted]

What is your present job? Housewife

Age 44 Sex Female

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school ✓
b. High school ✓
c. College ✓
d. Post graduate _____
e. e. Technical school _____
(Type) _____
f. Other special training _____

42. Date you completed this questionnaire: 12 (Day) JUNE (Month) 1957 (Year)

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(SUMMARY DATA)

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NAME MRS [redacted] (Please Print)

SIGNATURE [redacted]

DATE June 12, 1957

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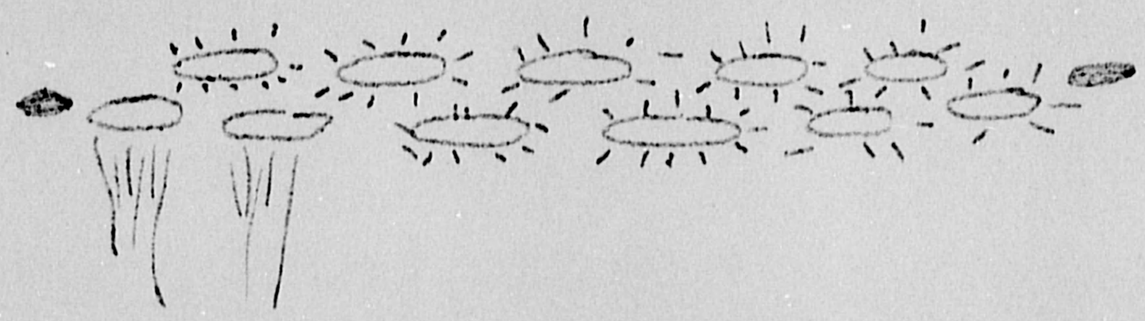
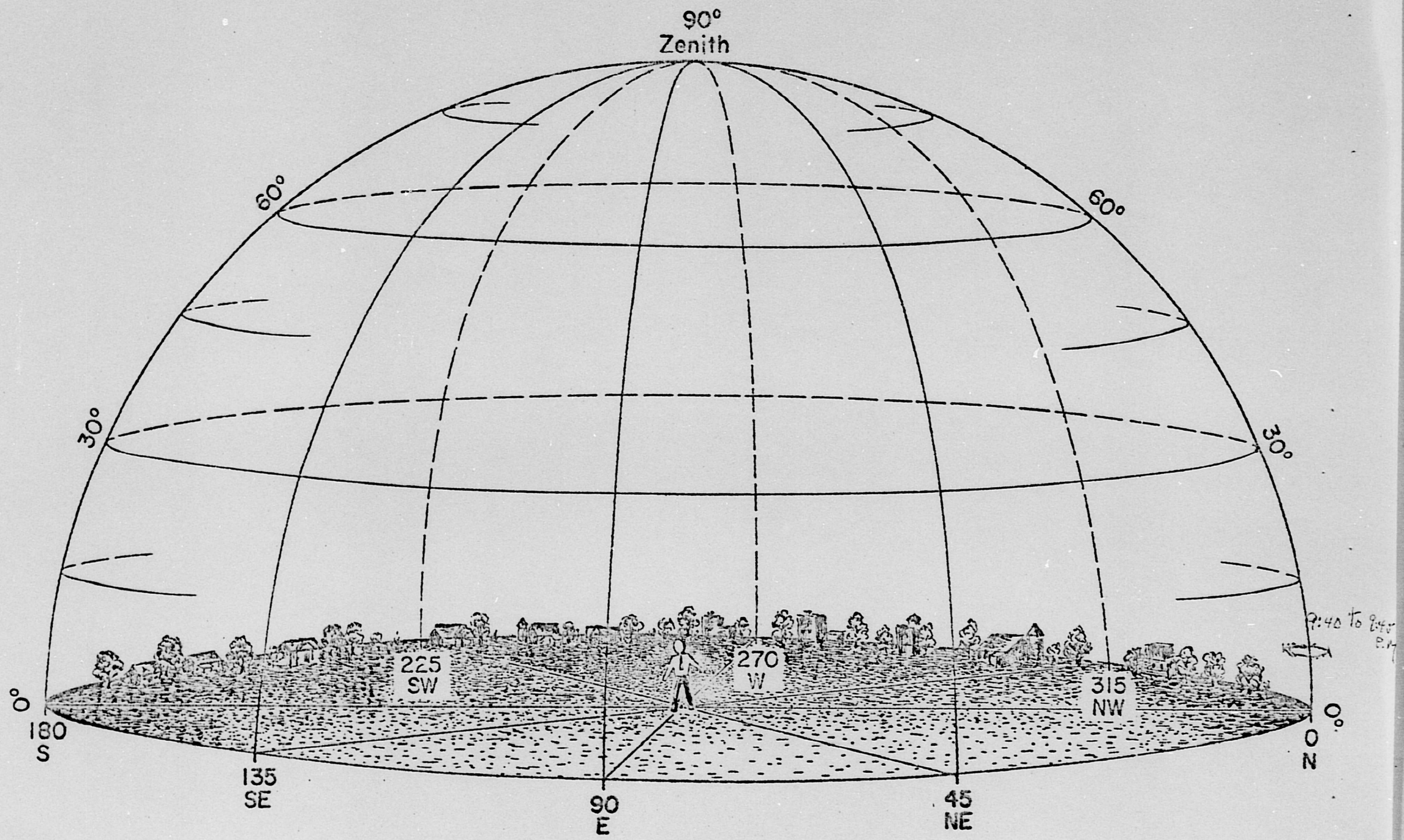
CODE:

We were driving home from dinner at Great Oak Lodge on the Chesapeake Bay, - we being Mr [redacted], our son [redacted], and myself; when my son remarked "Say what are those lights!" We looked out of the left side of the car to see what appeared as twelve or fourteen lights hanging just over the trees with a red light at each end of the oval of lights. We could see no mass that would support them but then it was pitch dark and we judged the lights to be over "Wharton's Creek" which was about ½ mile away. We discussed the fact that there was no house or structure to hold such a mass of lights. We drove down a dirt road to try and get closer but it only resulted in having the lights get lost amongst the tree tops. We could still see them and turned the car motor off to see if we could hear anything but there was no sounds that would apply to a plane or blimp or motor. We started up and as we turned around the lights simply went out. We watched for their return but there was none. These lights were white lights like large street lamps in an oval pattern, about 12 or 14, and two red lights on either end. It seemed to me that 2 of the lights on the left (west) end definitely beamed rays downward. The others were just lights.

There was no pulsation of any of the lights and they did not move separately or together. This group of lights seemed to me to be about ½ mile away and could not have been more than 300 feet off the ground. In the area over which it seemed to be suspended there is a wharf or a small Creek surrounded by fields, woods and a rise of the land not more than 70 ft high. However my judge of distance at night is not accurate. To the best of my ability the group of lights resembled this form with the two dark balls representing the red lights.



There was no change in intensity of the lights though the two lights on the end seemed definitely to brighten their light down. We were driving most of the time we were watching it, but it did not appear to move.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U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

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, and will be regarded as confidential material. 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.

1. When did you see the object?

~~SAT~~ FRI (Day) May 24th (Month) 1957 (Year)

2. Time of day: 9:45 (Hour) PM (Minutes)

(Circle One): A.M. or (P.M.)

3. Time zone:

(Circle One): a. Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other _____

(Circle One): (a. Daylight Saving)
b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

[redacted] (Nearest Postal Address) Maryland (~~City or Town~~ State) Kent (~~State or Country~~)

Additional remarks: Seven Miles North east of Chestertown - (1) mile EAST of GREAT OAK LODGE and (1) mile WEST of WHORTON'S CREEK

5. Estimate how long you saw the object. _____ (Hours) 4 (Minutes) _____ (Seconds)

5.1 *Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.*

(a. Certain)
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

(Circle One): a. Bright daylight
b. Dull daylight
c. Bright twilight
d. Just a trace of daylight
(e. No trace of daylight)
f. Don't remember

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, 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

8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, 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. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky? Only Lights were visible

(Circle One): a. Yes b. No c. Don't remember

10. IF it was BRIGHTER THAN the sky background, was the brightness like that of an automobile headlight?:

(Circle One) a. A mile or more away (a distant car)?
b. Several blocks away?
c. A block away?
d. Several yards away?
e. Other 3/4 of a mile away

11. Did the object: *(Circle One for each question)*

a. Appear to stand still at any time?	Yes	No	Don't Know
b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?	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. Flicker, throb, or pulsate?	Yes	No	Don't Know

12. Did the object move behind something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes No Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind: Atree near me but between me and distant object - Moved very slowly

13. Did the object move in front of something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes No Don't Know. IF you answered YES, than tell what it moved in front of: See Question 12

14. Did the object appear: *(Circle One)*: a. Solid? b. Transparent? c. Don't Know.

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

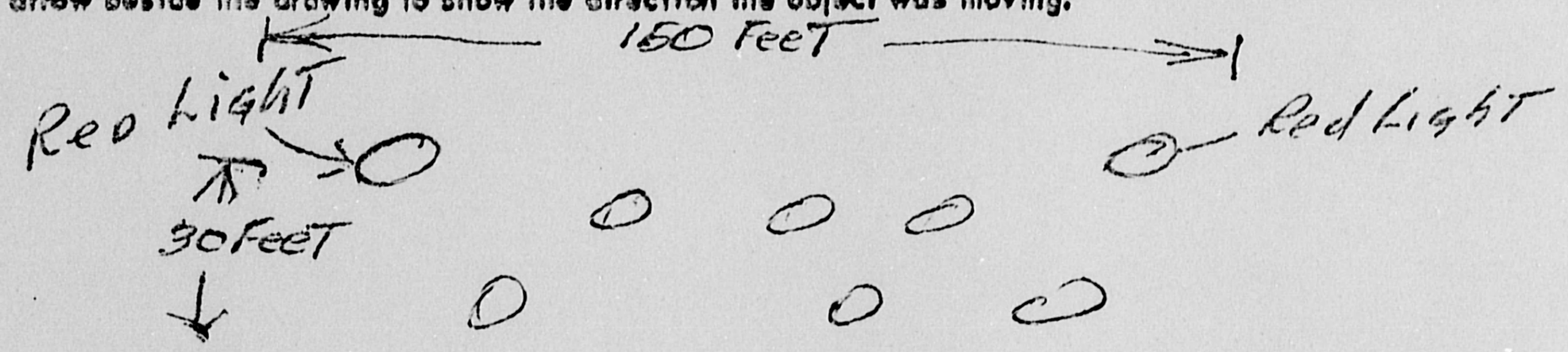
a. Eyeglasses	Yes	No	e. Binoculars	Yes	No
b. Sun glasses	Yes	No	f. Telescope	Yes	No
c. Windshield	Yes	No	g. Theodolite	Yes	No
d. Window glass	Yes	No	h. Other	one inch from eye	

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

a. Sound NO

b. Color LIGHTS BRILLIANT RED AND GREENISH WHITE. NO OUTLINE VISIBLE SINCE VERY DARK NIGHT.

17. 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.



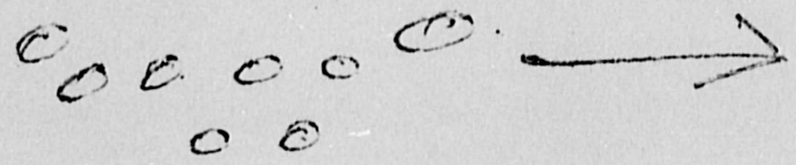
18. The edges of the object were:

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

e. Other NOT VISIBLE

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

20. 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.



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21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.
150 feet.

22. How large did the object or objects appear as compared with one of the following objects *held in the hand* and at about arm's length?

(Circle One):

a. Head of a pin
b. Pea
c. Dime
d. Nickel
e. Quarter
f. Half dollar
g. Silver dollar
h. Baseball
i. Grapefruit
j. Basketball
k. Other Looked like Lighted Supee Structuee of S.S. Queen MARY

22.1 (Circle One of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22.

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Uncertain

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? Lights went OuT

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could construct the object that you saw. Of what type material would you make it? How large would it be, and what shape would it have? 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.

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25. 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
e. At sea
f. Other Got out of car to look

26. 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. Flying near an airfield?
e. Flying over a city?
f. Flying over open country?
g. Other Rural country of Farms.

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

driving in car head on towards the object.

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

28.1 What direction were you moving? *(Circle One)*

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

28.2 How fast were you moving? 15 miles miles per hour.

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

(Circle One) Yes No

29. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object? *(Circle One)*

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the object? *(Circle One)*

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

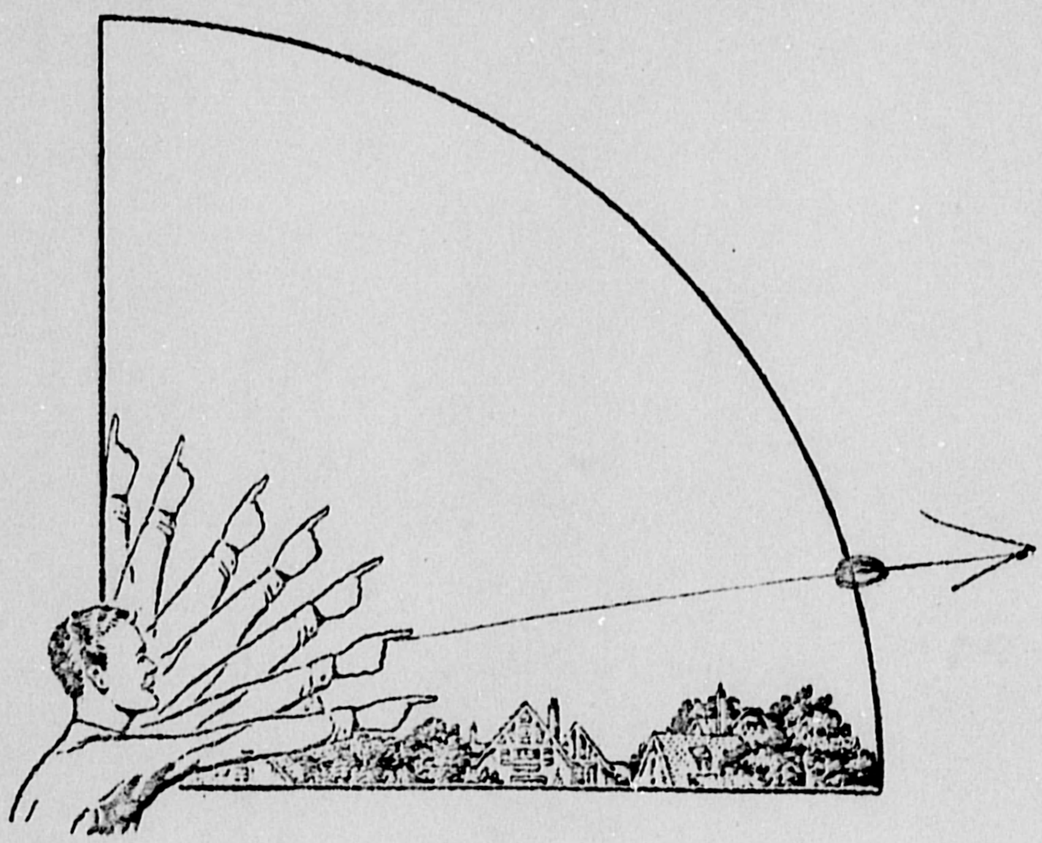
31.1 When it first appeared:

a. From true North 45 degrees.
b. From horizon 20 degrees.

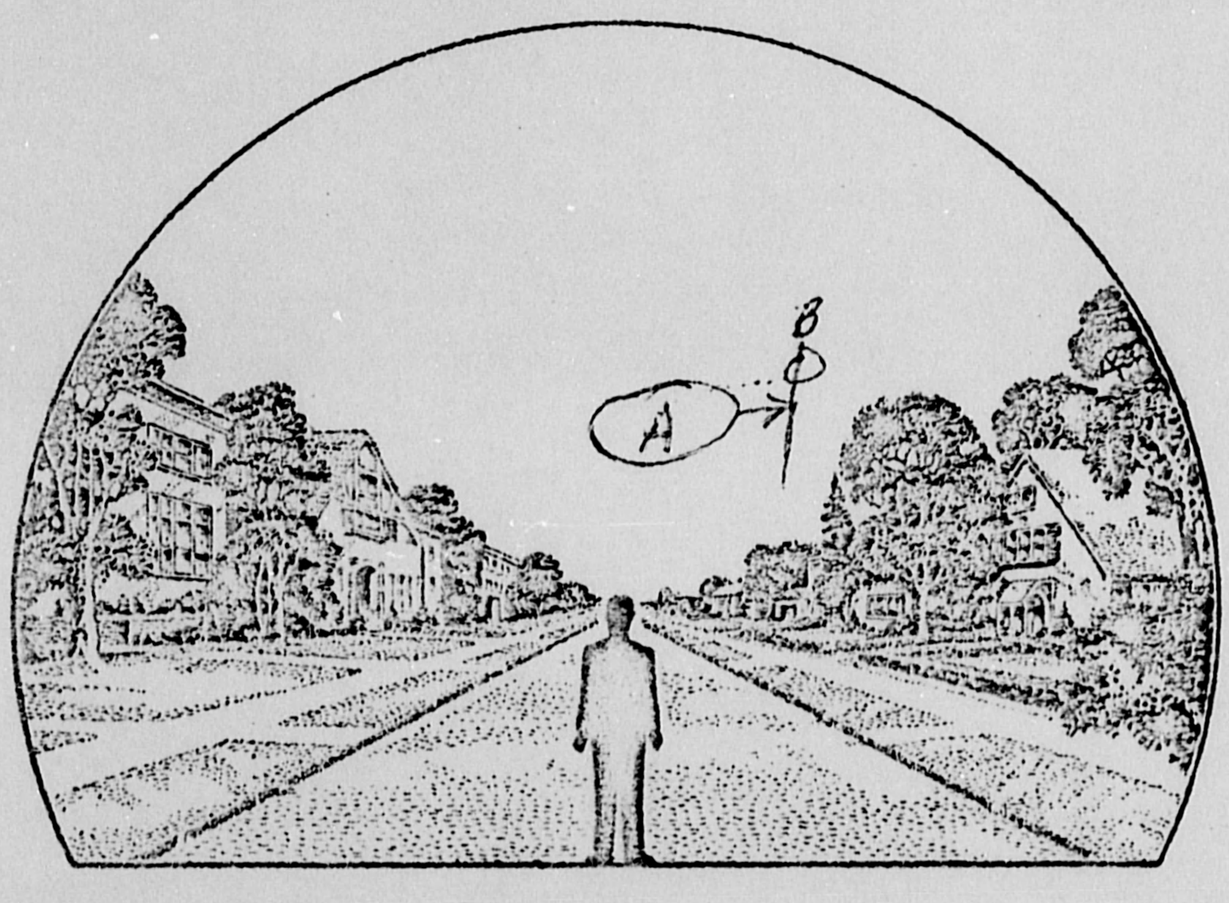
31.2 When it disappeared: Lights went out

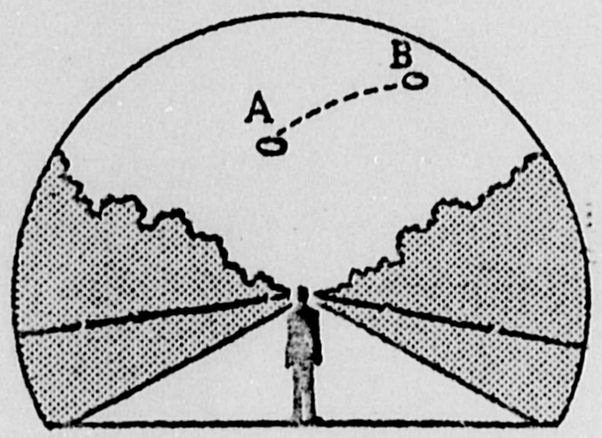
a. From true North _____ degrees.
b. From horizon _____ degrees.

32. 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.



33. In the following larger sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you *first* saw it, and a "B" at its position when you *last* saw it. Refer to smaller sketch as an example of how to complete the larger sketch.





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

34.1 CLOUDS *(Circle One)*

a. Clear sky
b. Hazy
c. Scattered clouds
d. Thick or heavy clouds
e. Don't remember

34.2 WIND *(Circle One)*

a. No wind
b. Slight breeze
c. Strong wind
d. Don't remember

34.3 WEATHER *(Circle One)*

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

34.4 TEMPERATURE *(Circle One)*

a. Cold
b. Cool
c. Warm
d. Hot
e. Don't remember

35. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

Thurs (Day) June (Month) 5 (Year) Mr [redacted]

36. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

36.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One) Yes No

36.2 Please list their names and addresses:

Wife
Son [redacted] (age 14)

37. Was this the first time that you had seen an object or objects like this?

(Circle One) Yes No

37.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?

38. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

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but believe it was power Generated.
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39. Do you think you can estimate the *speed* of the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? One m.p.h.

40. 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? 1/2 to 3/4 Miles feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

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

ADDRESS [redacted] Street Washington City 16 Zone D.C. State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted]

What is your present job? [redacted] Management

Age 49 Sex Male

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school ✓
b. High school ✓
c. College ✓
d. Post graduate

e. e. Technical school
(Type)
f. Other special training 3½ years (1941-1944) [redacted] D.C.

42. Date you completed this questionnaire: 17th Day June Month 1957 Year

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(SUMMARY DATA)

In order that your information may be filed and coded as accurately as possible, please use the following space to write out a short description of the event that you observed. You may repeat information that you have already given in the questionnaire, and add any further comments, statements, or sketches that you believe are important. Try to present the details of the observation in the order in which they occurred. Additional pages of the same size paper may be attached if they are needed.

NAME [redacted] (Print)

SIGNATURE [redacted]

DATE June 12, 1957

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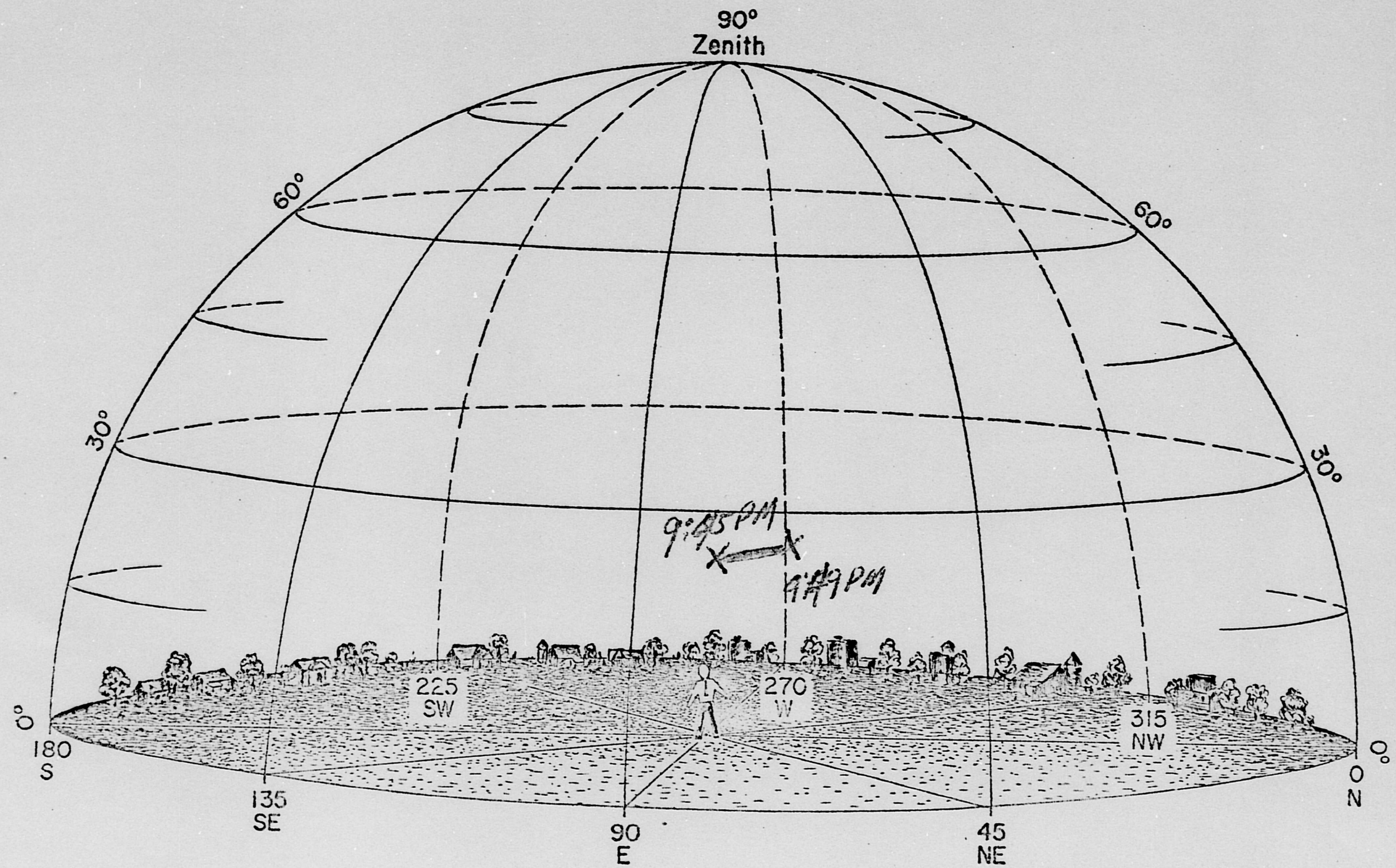
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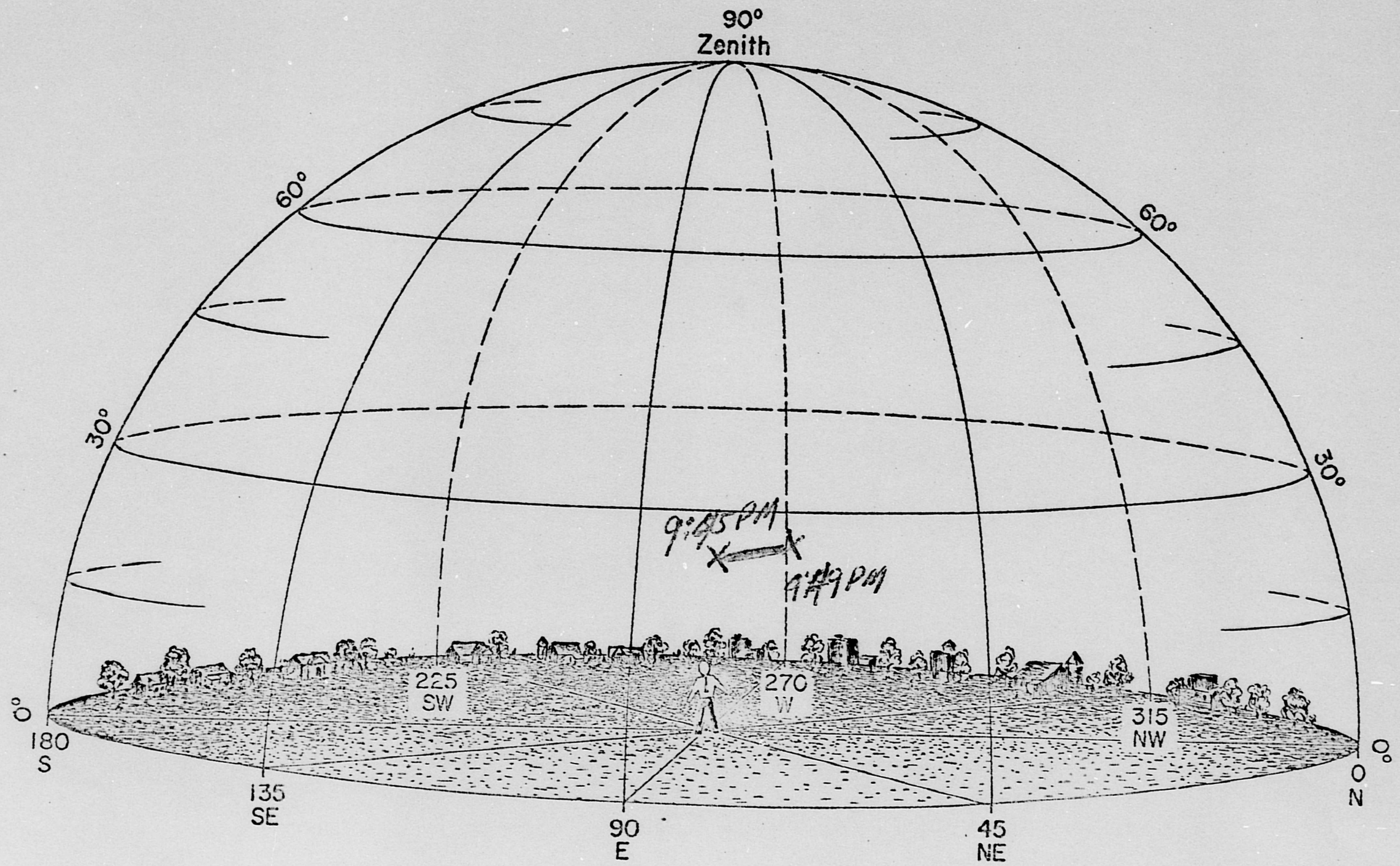
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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

[redacted]

July 3, 1957

Dear Mr. Arcier:

Thank you for your letter of June 25, 1957, reporting on the findings of M/Sgt. O. D. Hill regarding the U. F. O. observed by me and my family at Chestertown, Maryland.

We are glad that Sgt. Hill was able to determine at least to his satisfaction the cause for our concern and interest in what we observed.

I am looking forward to receipt of the book that you are publishing on this whole subject when it is available for distribution. The public should receive considerable comfort from the thorough and careful manner in which the Air Technical Intelligence Center of the Air Force is approaching this matter.

With highest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

Mr. A. Francis Arcier
Scientific Advisor
Air Technical Intelligence Center
United States Air Force
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

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UNCL/FROM: AFOIN-4E4 (AF GRNC) CITE 6-834-E

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 200-2, UFO REPORT, REQUEST CHECK OF ANY KNOWN ACTIVITIES OR OPERATIONS THAT WOULD ACCOUNT FOR UFO SIGHTING VICINITY OF WHARTON'S CREEK OR CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND, BETWEEN 2100 TO 2230 HOURS, EDT, NIGHT OF 24 MAY 1957.

COORDINATION:

AFOIN-4E4 G. J. Mintel DATE 18 June 57
Dr. Henry A. Miley
Jr

DATE 18 | TIME 1030

MONTH JUNE | YEAR 1957

WRITER

SYMBOL: AFOIN-4E4

TYPED NAME AND TITLE (Signature, if required): M/Sgt O. D. Hill

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SIGNATURE: Robert E. O'Connor

TYPED (or stamped) NAME AND TITLE:

ROBERT E. O'CONNOR
Captain, USAF
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OUR ACQRO 13 CITING YOUR 6-834-E FURTHER INVESTIGATION VERIFIES NINE (9) FLARES SERIES T11, 12, 13, 17, 18 AND 26 SIGNAL AIRCRAFT RELEASED FROM B-26, SERIAL NUMBER 44-35836 AND THREE (3) M12ØA1 PHOTOFLASH AND THREE (3) TI BOMBS (FLASH) M89 RELEASED FROM B-26 SERIAL NUMBER41-39370 APPROXIMATELY 2130 ON 24 MAY 57

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Note time: See Mr. Gaki's Report

Confirmation of flash bombs and flares

Incl #1

1 July 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

SUBJECT: Investigation of UFO

At 1430 hours, 27 June 1957 the undersigned had a telephone conversation with Col. Desens, Operations Officer, Air Force at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. It was determined at this time by his records that on the night of 24 and 25 May 1957 at approximately between the hours of 930 and 1030 PM EDT that a demonstration did take place over the area Wharton Creek, Maryland, and that World War II parachute flares were dropped. This drop was for the benefit of West Point Cadets who were visiting the Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Oliver D. Hill

OLIVER D. HILL
M/Sgt, USAF

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ITEM NO.	ITEM NOT ON TIME	STATUS OF ITEM	NEW COMPLETION DATE
		AFOIN-4E COMMENT NR. 1 25 June 1957 The attached trip report is forwarded for necessary coordination and approval. Oliver D. Hill 1 Incl OLIVER D. HILL, M/Sgt, USAF Trip Report AFOIN-4E4	

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Approved.

Nicholas Pal
AFOIN-4E

AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
WRIGHT PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

PROJECT NUMBER 5771 DATE 18 June 1957

TRAVEL ORDER NUMBER 00160 DIVISION Air Sciences

SUBJECT: (U) Travel to Washington, D.C. and Chestertown, Maryland
Re: UFO Sighting Investigation

A. PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this travel was to investigate a particular UFO sighting brought to the attention of ATIC by Mr. [redacted] Office Assistant Secretary of Defense (U.S. Army).

B. FACTUAL DATA

2. Travel commenced on 11 June 1957 and terminated 16 June 1957.

3. Travel was performed by M/Sgt Oliver D. Hill, Air Sciences Division, AFOIN-4E4, acting in the capacity of UFO investigator.

4. Names of persons contacted for interview, interrogation and/or information regarding the UFO sighting in question:

a. Mr. [redacted] entagon, Washington, D.C.
b. Mrs. [redacted] Washington, D.C.
c. Master [redacted] Maryland
d. Numerous local citizens, Wharton Creek, Maryland
e. Capt Cunnion, Flight 3D, 4602d AISS, Washington, D.C.
f. Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Maryland

5. Travel for the purpose stated was approved after submission of all pertinent facts, and reasons for recommending this investigation.

6. The following is a summary of the case investigated, statement regarding results, opinions, impressions, and other pertinent highlights of the interviews and interrogations regarding subject UFO case.

a. Interview with Mr [redacted] Office Assistant Secretary Defense (U.S. Army) Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

(1) Mr [redacted] received the undersigned in his office at the Pentagon on the afternoon of 12 June 1957 where he gave a full and clear account of the UFO sighting that he, in the company of his wife and 14 year old son, had made on the night of Friday, 24 May 1957 at 2145 hours EDT. Mr. [redacted] agreed at this time to fill out AF Form #164 as completely as possible for the information and analysis

by ATIC. Mr. [redacted] also stated that he "Was sure he had seen something but didn't know what it was." It was then arranged to have an interview with Mrs [redacted] the following morning at Mr [redacted] Washington residence. Mr. [redacted] took an extra AF Form #164 for Mrs. [redacted] to complete.

b. Interview with Mrs. [redacted] Washington, D.C.

(1) Mrs. [redacted] in substance gave the same account of subject sighting as her husband, and submitted the completed AF Form #164. Mrs [redacted] and the undersigned had approximately an hour's discussion on the subject of UFO's and various writers who have published books on the UFO's. Mrs. [redacted] stated she was positive they had seen an unusual object but was of the firm opinion that it was man-made and nothing of an extraterrestrial nature.

c. Interview with [redacted] 14 years old, at Wharton Creek a few miles from Chestertown, Maryland.

(1) [redacted] gave in substance the same account of the sighting as had been given by his mother and father, and completed AF Form #164. He then agreed to take the undersigned to the exact location of the sighting. This was accomplished and photographs were taken of the area. [redacted] then accompanied the undersigned to Wharton Creek.

d. Interviews with seven persons at Wharton Creek Pier and Boat House.

(1) These people did not give their names or addresses but as they all either work at the pier or are fishermen there, they would be available in the future if it should be necessary to interrogate them again.

(2) It was while interviewing these individuals that the only reasonable solution was arrived at. These seven persons all remembered the time and date as given by the [redacted] family and this event was vivid in their minds because of a brush fire which occurred a few minutes after the sighting was made; they all had seen the phenomenon and all agreed that the cause of the sighting was an experiment from Aberdeen Proving Grounds, which is located to the Northwest across the creek or sound from the boat house. All seven stated that they had in the past observed such experiments quite often. None of these people completed AF Forms #164 but several forms were left with them at their request. The owner and operator of this boat house was most cooperative and helpful, and stated that if he could be of any help in the future to call on him personally.

e. Capt Cunnion, Commander, Flight 3D, 4602d AISS, Andrews AFB, Washington, D.C.

(1) Capt Cunnion was contacted and the purpose of the undersigned's mission was explained. Capt Cunnion agreed that he would get all the weather and radar information for the period 2100 to 2230 hours, 24 May 1957 and dispatch it to ATIC. However, on Friday 14 June 1957 Capt Cunnion was again contacted by phone and a verbal account of weather and radar were given as follows: weather, clear, dry and cool-winds 1½ to 2 mile per hour. There was no moon, only a few stars visible.

(2) A U.S. Army site which was the nearest point to the sighting area with radar gave a negative report for the period indicated above.

f. Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Maryland.

(1) A request was sent to the Commanding General, Aberdeen Proving Ground, for all available information concerning any activities taking place at the base on the night of 24 May 1957 to be forwarded to ATIC. At 1430 hours 27 June 1957 in a telephone conversation between Col. Desens, Operations Officer, US Air Force at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, and undersigned, it was determined by review of records that on the night of 24 and 25 May 1957 between 9:30 and 10:30 PM EDT that an aerial demonstration involving B-26s took place over the area of Wharton Creek, Maryland; and that World War II parachute flares were dropped. Verification of this demonstration is contained in inclosure #2 of this report.

AND FLASH BOMBS

C. CONCLUSION

7. Based on all the information obtained from this investigation, it appears certain that this sighting was caused by an experiment or test of certain types of flares by the U.S. Army and that they originated from Aberdeen Proving Ground, which is located near the subject sighting.

D. RECOMMENDATION

8. That the UFO case investigated herein be entered in the UFO case file under the category of OTHER,(Flares)of unusual nature.

1 Incl
Msg TT9089

OLIVER D. HILL
M/Sgt, USAF

1. Reviewed, approved and forwarded.
2. Two (2) copies of this report for files.

Lt. T. Gregory
Capt USAF