[redacted]

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE	2. LOCATION	12. CONCLUSIONS
15 Jul 60	Pensacola Bay, Florida	☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 0345 GMT 0845Z	**4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION** ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	**6. SOURCE** Civilian	☐ Was Astronomical ☒ Probably Astronomical Meteor ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not given	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** one	**9. COURSE** descending
		☐ Other_____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Red hot object, which appeared to be three ft in diameter was seen to fall straight down into the waters of Pensacola Bay. Shortly after the object fell, an explosion-like sound was heard.

11. COMMENTS

An attempt was made to recover the object, but with no success. Due to about 3 ft of mud in the bottom of the bay and a shortage of funds, the recovery attempt was abandoned. Object was probably a meteorite.

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

Lt Reese 32 ADIV DOBBINS AFB
Dir of Intel 4784461 ext 316
(Comdr McLean ext 304)

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FISHMN SITO 06; at 3000; obsd
to SFC impct, in Pensacola Bay, Fla
Size 2½-3" dia, length unknown
red hot, was not trailing smoke
[redacted] observer can be contacted
thru. Navy Liason officer until mid of 73 Fly
[redacted]
Pensacola, Fla.

(1830 z ~~1700~~ 2100 17 July 6C)
over S. Pacific

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ROUTINE

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[redacted]/PENSACOLA FISHERMAN REPORTED HE SAW BURNING OBJECT FALL INTO PENSCACOA BAY 15 JUL. OBJECT SIZE ESTIMATED 3 FT. SIGHTING CONFIRMED BY OTHER SOURCES. OBJECT IN 26 TO 30 FT WATER APPROX 1 MILE SOUTH OF PENSACOLA. BOTTOM 2 TO 3 FT SOFT MUD. VIS 6 IN TO 1 FT. SEARCH BY NAS PENSACOLA NEG TO DATE. ATIC WPAFB ~~OHIO~~ HAS PRIME INTEREST IN RECOVERY FOR INTELL PURPOSES. CONTACT ONI REP AND NAS PENSACOLA OPS OFF FOR ADDITIONAL INFO. REQUEST YOU RENDER ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE IN SEARCH

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DURING TWO DAYS SEARCH OPS FOUR PROMINENT TARGETS AND NUMEROUS
SMALL TARGETS WERE DEVELOPED BY EXPERIMENTAL SHADOW DEVICE.
2 LIKELY PROMINENT TARGETS INVESTIGATED BY DIVERS WITH PQS SONAR
WERE LOG AND BOTTOMDEBRES. DUE BREAKDOWN SHADOW DEVICE ONLY CENTER
OF TARGET AREA COVERED (APPROXIMATELY 20 PERCENT OF ONE SQUARE
MILE TARGET AREA) POOR VISIBILITY SOFT MUD BOTTOM, AND HIGH NUMBER
SMALL SONAR TARGETS RENDER POSSIBILITY OF SUCCESS EXTREMELY REMOTE
COSTS INCURRED TO DATE APPROXIMATELY $2700 WRIGHT PATTERSON
FUNDS. IF FURTHER ACTION DESIRED THIS ACTIVITY, REQUIRE APPROXIMATELY
6 DAYS TO READY SHADOW DEVICE. ESTIMATE 2 WEEKS REQUIRED TO

[redacted]

COMPLETE INVESTIGATION TARGET AREA WITH SHADOW DEVICE AT COST
APPROXIMATELY $20,000 AND 3 TO 4 WEEKS WITH A MINIMUM 8 DIVERS
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CCM 6 ORDANCE DEMOLITION UNIT 2

[redacted] REF NAVHINDEFLAB PANFLA 152240Z NOTAL.

UD-1 DISCONTINUED SEARCH 19 AUG DUE TO REQUIRED MAINTENANCE OF GEAR AND EST 40,000 DOLLARS ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THOROUGH SEARCH. RECOMMEND ATIC CONFER WITH NAVHINDEFLAB PAN FLA EVALUATING PROSPECTS OF RECOVERY. RECOMMEND COORDINATION BETWEEN ATIC AND CNO FOR FUNDING AND APPOINTMENT QUALIFIED PROJECT OFFICER TO SUPERVISE LOCAL OPERATIONS IF FURTHER SEARCH DESIRED. NAVINT PNCLA CONCURS WITH THE LATTER RECOMMENDATION.

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Major Conkey, AFCIN-4A2 Stated that recovery of the object aledged to have fallen in Pensacola Bay had been canceled due to excessive funds required.

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

An attempt was made to recover the object that was reported to have fallen into Pensacola Bay on 15 July 1960. Due to the type of bottom, the presence of debris, and a shortage of funds, the recovery attempt was abandoned. The object observed was probably a large ~~meteorxthat~~ meteorite that failed to burn up in the earths atmosphere, or possibly a parts of an artificial earth satellite. However, due to the apparent size of the object, it was more probably a meteorite.

DISTRICT INTELLIGENCE OFFICE
FOURTH NAVAL DISTRICT
U. S. NAVAL BASE
PHILADELPHIA 12, PA.

IN REPLY REFER TO
ND4/92D2/rps
Ser: 0677
9 SEP 1960

[redacted]

From: Officer in Charge
To: District Commander, 5th District, Office of Special Investigations, (IG) USAF, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio

Subj: FLYING OBJECT, Pensacola, Florida

Encl: (1) Cy of DIO-6ND Conf 119 of 24 Aug 60, same subj

1. Enclosure (1) is forwarded herewith for further transmittal by your office to the Aero Space Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, in accordance with the request of the originator.

Encl (4 cys)
USNI Rept 24 Aug 60

G. H. ROBERTS
John D. Grady
JOHN D. GRADY
By direction

1st Ind (5D 24-21-203) 14 Sep 1960

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TO: ATIC (AFCIN-4E2)

Forwarded.

DOYLE REES
Colonel, USAF
Commander

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INVESTIGATION REPORT

U. S. NAVAL INTELLIGENCE

CO NAVFORM 5520/13 (REV 3-59)

DATE: 24 August 1960

SUBJECT:
FLYING OBJECT
PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

REPORT MADE BY: H. B. NEELAND, Special Agent/[redacted]/[redacted]

REPORT MADE AT: SIXTH Naval District, PENSACOLA, Fla.

ORIGIN OF THE CASE: ATIC WPAFB, OHIO telecon req of 25 Jul 60

AGENTS PARTICIPATING: E. C. ALFORD, Jr., Special Agent

REFERENCES:
(a) 6ND-152 dtd 3 Aug 1960, same subj.

ENCLOSURES:
(1) Sketch of Pensacola, Fla., area reflecting appropriate location of object and positions of witnesses

COPY TO ONI (21): 620 (1) 6ND (2)

PERIOD COVERED: 15 Jul 1960 to 16 Aug 1960

CHARACTER OF INVESTIGATION: SPECIAL INVESTIGATION - PERSONAL

ONI FILE NO.: [redacted]

STATUS: CLOSED

SYNOPSIS:

PURPOSE: Assistance in identifying and recovering an object which reportedly fell into Pensacola (Fla.) Bay about 15 Jul 1960 was requested by COL William VAN ANTWERP, USAF, Aero Space Technical Intelligence Center. Investigation disclosed independent sightings from four different positions in the locality by the following apparently reliable witnesses: Mr. [redacted], fisherman; Mr. [redacted] Quarter Master [redacted] Petty Officer, Station attendant; and Mr. [redacted] garage owner. Mr. [redacted] fixed the date of the sighting as 15 Jul 1960; others agree that this was approximately the date, and the hour was about 0345 to 0410 CST. Object generally described as round, from about three feet in diameter to about the size of a basketball, emitting a fiery red or orange glow, and falling straight down from the skies. Object reportedly fell with screaming noise; entered bay with bubbling sound, rendering checks or explosion efforts as result of its entry into the water. Encl. (1) reflects approximate positions from which witnesses reportedly sighted object and the spot where object reportedly fell into Pensacola Bay. Commanding Officer, NAS-Pensacola and activities of SIXTH Naval District are rendering assistance in efforts to recover the object.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE: DIO-6ND is requested to advise the Aero Space Technical Intelligence Center, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio of the results of this investigation to date.

Files of DIO-6ND contain no previous record of the individuals named in this report.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

NONE

THIS REPORT CONSISTS OF FIVE (5) PAGE(S)

APPROVED: H. W. SADLER, CAPT., USNR, OinC, DIO-6ND

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FLYING OBJECT
PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

SAD-30-7(a)

PREDICATION

1. This investigation is predicated on a telephonic request of 25 Jul 1960 by Colonel William VAN METER, Aero Space Technical Intelligence Center, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, requesting the aid of Resident Agents Office, Pensacola, Fla., in attempting to identify and recover an object reportedly seen by [redacted] a Pensacola, Fla., fisherman, and described as a screaming, red hot, bubbling object that fell into the waters of the Pensacola (Fla.) Bay at approximately 0345 about the 15th of Jul 1960. All facts were reported to District Intelligence Officer, SIXTH Naval District, who directed further inquiry. This investigation was conducted by Special Agents [redacted], Jr. and [redacted].

DETAILS

2. Special Agents of RAC-Pensacola, Fla., identified [redacted] as [redacted] Pensacola, Fla., and interviewed him on 25 Jul 1960. Few additional facts were elicited beyond those originally reported by Colonel VAN METER. [redacted], who is believed fairly reliable, declared that a Naval officer, on leave from his duty station somewhere in Georgia and who was visiting the area, was the original individual to whom he reported the sighting, and that this individual undoubtedly made further report to his superiors. [redacted] related that at approximately 0345, about 15 Jul 1960, he was in his fishing boat, east of the Pensacola Bay Three Mile Bridge, U. S. Highway 98, and east of the Municipal Pier, when he sighted a red hot object, which appeared to be three feet in diameter, falling straight from the heavens into the waters of the Bay. He said the object, upon entering the water, engendered three distinct shocks to the hull of his craft. [redacted] reiterated the fact that the object was red hot, but could contribute nothing further to help in identifying it. He added he had taken a bearing of the approximate spot the object entered the water and felt he could come within about 300 feet of that spot in any future attempt to locate the object (see encl. (1)). [redacted] added there were several shrimp boats in the area, but he questioned their crews and found that none had seen the object. He attributed this failure to observe to the fact that they had been out all night, were probably dozing, and further intimated some of the crews were probably intoxicated. He remarked he later understood that a man by the name of [redacted], a charter boat captain, had seen the object from across the Bay, a distance estimated as possibly seven miles.

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FLYING OBJECT
PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

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3. Mr. [redacted] was reinterviewed on two subsequent occasions, but could add nothing further to the information he originally furnished.

4. On 26 Jul 1960, CAPT H. C. DeLONG, Commanding Officer, NAS-Pensacola, Fla., was briefed on the foregoing information and directed his Boat Division Officer, [redacted], to make an attempt to locate the object through use of Navy scuba divers. On 27 Jul 1960, LCDR BRUNNER, CWO [redacted] and [redacted] rendezvoused in the critical area, and with the benefit of the latter's estimated place of entry into the bay, commenced diving operations in order to recover and identify the object. This operation was conducted with limited personnel and proved unsuccessful. [redacted] pointed out that in the area under examination, the water is approximately 30 feet deep with a mud bottom of about 18 inches. It was further noted that several shrimp boats had dragged the area, which might preclude recognition of the spot of the object's possible entrance into the Bay mud.

5. On 9 Aug 1960, the charter boat captain mentioned by [redacted] as having seen the object was fully identified as [redacted] East Pensacola Heights, Fla., owner of the craft, [redacted] Mr. [redacted], who is apparently reliable, was interviewed that same day and stated his charter boat is harbored at the Breezeway Marina on the south end of the toll bridge between U. S. Highway 98 and Santa Rosa Island. Captain [redacted] said he could not fix the exact date on which he sighted an unidentified object in the sky, but believed it was about the middle of July. He related he had left his home in East Pensacola Heights, by automobile, proceeded across Pensacola Bay Intracoastal Bridge toward Ft. Walton Beach on U. S. Highway 98, and was approximately a half mile beyond the southern end of the bridge and about opposite the Gulf Breeze, Fla., Post Office (see encl. (1)), when he heard a noise, and turning about, noticed a fiery object dropping straight from the skies behind the trees and into Pensacola Bay to the west of the bridge he had just crossed. He stated it was approximately 0345 in the morning and was still dark, but that it was a clear night. He added he first thought it was a signal from a Very pistol, and described it as brilliant in color. He declared he had no basis for comparison and was unable to arrive at a conclusion as to the size of the object. Shortly after the object fell behind the trees, he said he heard a noise that sounded like the explosion of "both barrels of a double-barreled shotgun." Captain [redacted] added he did not see the object enter the water, but from its place of disappearance from view, he believed he is pretty certain of the area in which it landed. Captain

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[redacted] related that he drove a short distance down the road and pulled into a Standard Oil Station (see encl. (1)), where the night attendant asked him if he had seen the previously described object. He added they compared notes as to the sighting and were in agreement on the appearance of the object. [redacted] said later, upon his arrival at the marina (see encl. (1)) where his boat is moored, he encountered an individual, who was one of his charter party, and this person queried him as to whether he had also seen an unidentified object in the sky. Captain [redacted] does not recall the name of this individual.

6. On 9 Aug 1960, the filling station attendant at the Standard Oil Station on U. S. Highway 98 (see encl. (1)) was identified as [redacted] whose residence address is [redacted] Myrtle Grove, Fla., and mailing address is P[redacted] Myrtle Grove, Fla. According to Mr. [redacted] operator of this station, [redacted] has proven a dependable and reliable employee. [redacted] stated he is on night duty at the aforementioned station from 1900 to 0700 and is the lone attendant. [redacted] commented he could not recall the exact night, but during the middle of July, about 0400, while he was washing the islands surrounding the gas tanks, he noted an object falling straight from the sky which emitted a bright orange glow, becoming brighter as it continued its path downward. He declared the object disappeared behind the trees, northwest of the station and shortly thereafter, he heard an explosion that shook the windows of the filling station. He said it was a clear night, but he could not give any further information that would be helpful in identifying the object. [redacted] mentioned having talked with Captain HILLIS about the object and recalled that a garage man from further down the road had stopped by the station on his way fishing and had also mentioned the spectacle.

7. On 10 Aug 1960, Mr. [redacted] Gulf Breeze, Fla. (see encl. (1)) was identified as the garage man who operates a business on U. [redacted] about a quarter of a mile south of Pensacola Bay Bridge. Mr. [redacted], who is apparently reliable, when queried, instantly recalled sighting an object on the morning of 15 Jul 1960 from the back porch of his home at about Ch10[redacted] fixed the exact date by the fact that his brother from Mississippi was visiting him and both had arisen at that early hour to go fishing on the Pensacola Beach pier (see encl. (1)). [redacted] related that on opening the back door of his home, facing the northwest, he was greeted by the sight of an object that was fiery red,

[redacted]

[redacted]

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and about the size of a basketball, falling straight downward from the sky. He related that the object disappeared behind the trees and adjacent houses and shortly thereafter, he heard an explosion which reminded him of "dynamite blasting of stumps." He said he first thought it was a jet plane that exploded and then discounted the thought, owing to the roundness of the object. Mr. [redacted] described the night as clear, but he could not recall any other distinguishing features of the object. He added that when he reached the fishing pier on Pensacola Beach, two or three other fishermen, names unknown, asked him if he had seen the fiery object, and upon comparing notes, all were in agreement with what he described as having seen.

[redacted], Executive Officer, NAS-Pensacola, Fla., was advised of additional confirmation regarding the sighting of the object, and as a result of a conference with the Commanding Officer, NAS-Pensacola, and [redacted], Boat Division Officer, arrangements are presently being made to bring in Ordnance Disposal Unit No. Two from Minecraft Base, Charleston, S. C., with new sonar equipment, and another unit of divers from Mine Test Station Unit, Panama City, Fla., for further extensive search of the Pensacola Bay area in an endeavor to locate and identify the object.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE: ONI-4ND is requested to advise the Aero Space Technical Intelligence Center, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio of the results of this investigation to date.

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(1) INPUT AREA, ACCORDING TO [redacted]

(2) [redacted] STANDARD SERVICE STATION

(3) [redacted] RESIDENCE

(4) [redacted] CHINTER

[redacted] MOORING

PENSACOLA

PENSACOLA BAY

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GULF OF MEXICO

GRAPHIC SCALE

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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
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:

_____

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_____

13. 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. Flash or flicker?	Yes	No	Don't know
h. Disappear and reappear?	Yes	No	Don't know

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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.

1. When did you see the object?

? Day | July Month | 1960 Year

2. Time of day: 11 Hours | 00 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 | NILES City or Town | ILLINOIS COOK State or County

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration) _____ Hours | 4 Minutes | _____ Seconds

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

5.1 How was time in sight determined? Aproximate guess

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes ✓ No ____

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY
(a) Bright
b. Cloudy

NIGHT
a. Bright
b. Cloudy

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

FTD FORM OCT 62 164 This form supersedes FTD 164, jul 61, which is obsolete.

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20. 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?_____

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? ALMOST STRAIT UP

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_____

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?_____miles per hour.

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

(Circle One) Yes No

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_____		

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.

a 5¢ cigar painted silver and held at 2 arm's lengths

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14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? no

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: _____

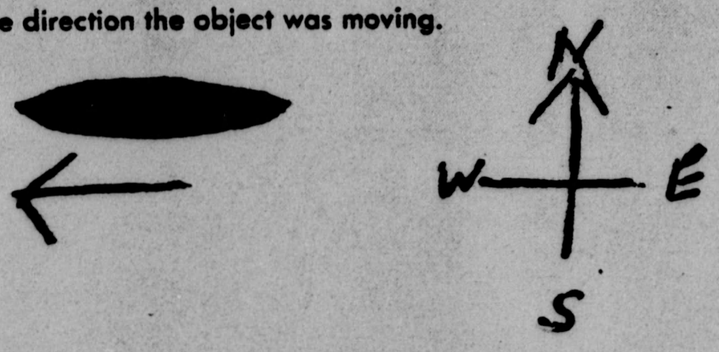
17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

a. Sound no sound at all

b. Color silver or metalic

18. We wish to know the angular size. 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? 1/3

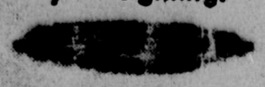
19. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.



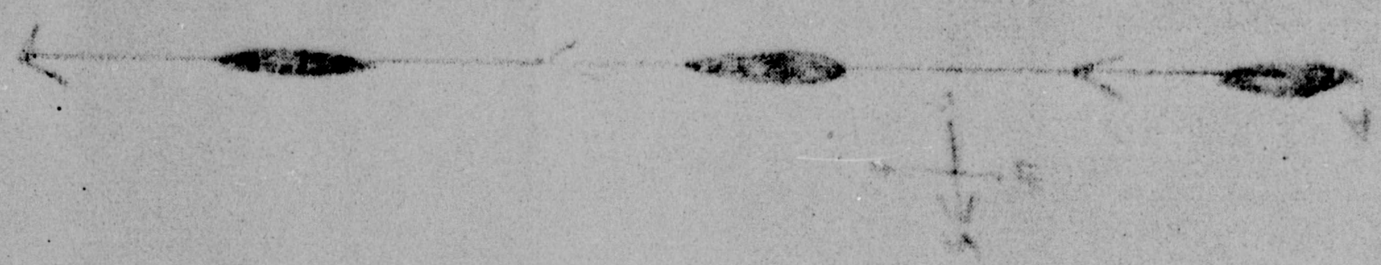
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34. Date you completed this questionnaire: 1 Day APRIL Month 1967 Year

35. Information which you feel pertinent and which is not adequately covered in the specific points of the questionnaire or a narrative explanation of your sighting.



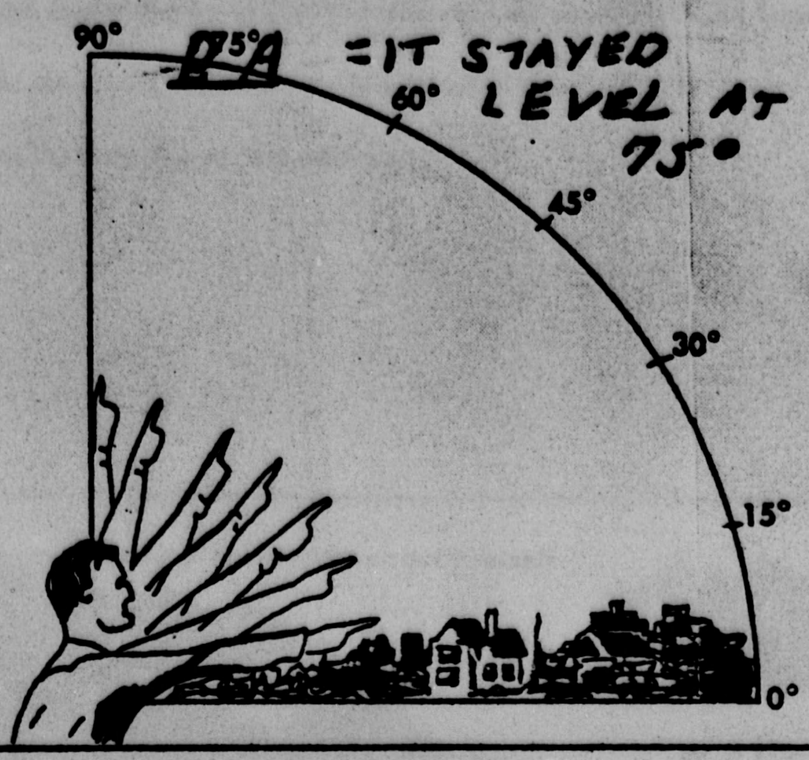


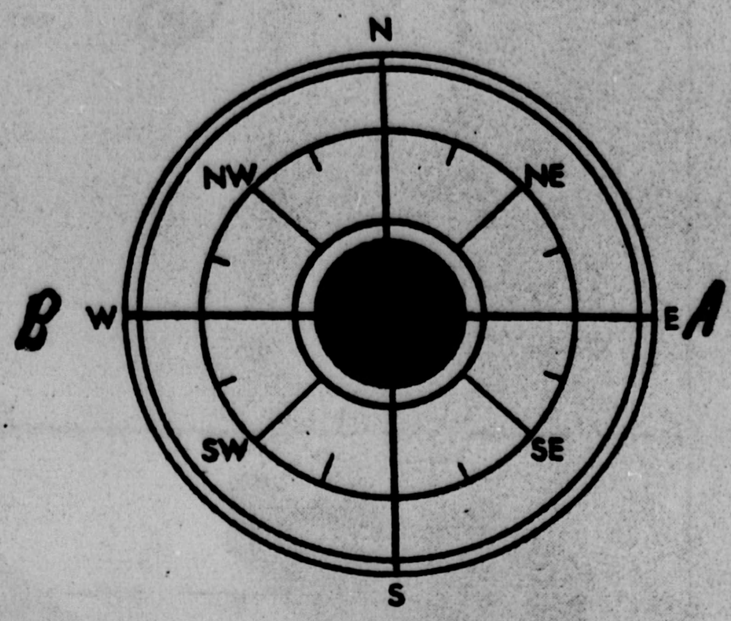


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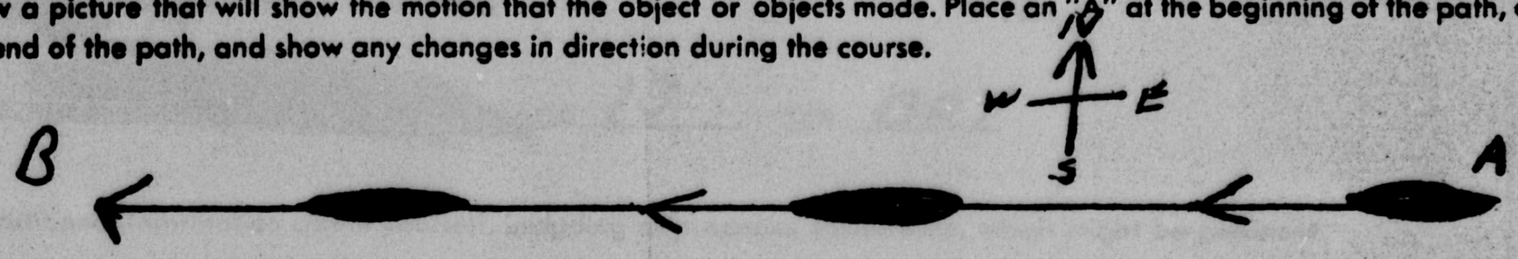
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27. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object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



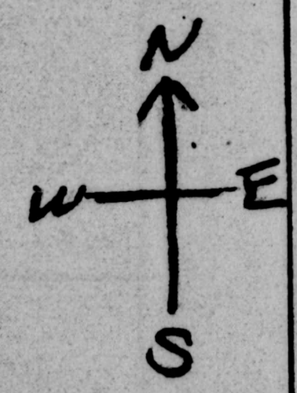


28. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.



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.





ALSO

UFO form continued

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

NO

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:

32. Please [illegible] the following information about yourself:

NAME [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
First Name

ADDRESS [redacted] NILES 48 ILLINOIS
City Zone State

TELEPHONE NU[redacted] AGE 13 SEX BOY

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

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

13 APRIL 1967
Day Month Year

MY MOTHER

I TOLD HER THEIR WAS A CHANCE THAT I HAD SPOTTED A "CIGAR SHAPED" OBJECT BECAUSE of what I had JUST READ- SEVERAL OTHER REPORTS of "cigar shaped" objects ~~in~~ AROUND the SAME WEEK I HAD SEEN MINE.

THE REPORTS CORRESPONDED CLOSELY WITH MINE

Dear Sirs:

After you read this report you may think it strange that I have not said anything a reported my sighting of a "cigar shaped" object, but when I saw it I had never heard of UFO's or flying saucers and I thought the "cigar" to a new type of plane and did not say anything to my friend who was with me because I did not think it was that important so I didn't call it to my friends attention.

Sincerely

[redacted]

P S. I have a friend who has lived in the area of New York While he was living there he's made sightings. He would like you to send him a form like I am sending to you. His name is (OVER)

[redacted]

Des Plains, Illinois

No Case (Information Only)

July 1960
Sheep Rock Mountain
Coeburn, Virginia

...The unidentified lights at Sheep Rock Mountain, near Coeburn, Virginia were back in the news again this past July. Last year, local authorities and hundreds of citizens joined in a search for the source of the persistently-appearing objects, but uncovered nothing. This time the sighters were Hiram Atkins and his son, who said they saw a light on each of two successive nights. Each was traveling in a northerly direction, about 500 feet above the hills near their home. The first time, the light seemed to go into the side of Sheep Rock Mountain, and the second one disappeared from view before it reached the mountain..

No Case (Information Only)

1 July 1960
Montpelier, Idaho

.....A nicely detailed sighting made last July 1st is reaching us only now, almost a year later. The object was seen by several people near Montpelier, Idaho. It was bright, silver colored, and appeared to be made of highly polished metal having the shape of two dinner plates face to face. One of the sighters estimated that it had a diameter of 185 feet, and was 14 feet through the center. Five transparent bubbles projected from the bottom. The object was viewed from a distance of only about 400 feet, and was seen to descend to a height of 50 feet above the ground. It then suddenly ascended and took off at tremendous speed. There was no evidence of jets, rocket exhaust, propellers, fumes, or smoke, and no sound was heard....

Aerial Phenomena Research Organization
4407 E. Linden
EA 6-0059
TUCSON, ARIZONA

17 October 1960

Lawrence J. Tacker, Major, USAF
Public Information Division
Department of the Air Force
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am writing again in regard to the UFO residuals which have been discussed in previous correspondence (see my letter dated 9 March 1960 which you answered 14 March 1960)

We have delayed sending this material to A. T. I. C. for several reasons. We feel for one thing that Air Force analysts should have an opportunity to study the complete history of the material before attempting tests of their own.

A complete report of this type has been prepared for some time but we have encountered problems in getting it published. These problems appear at present to have been resolved ahd copies will be forwarded to your office and to A.T.I.C. as soon as possible.

For reasons not entirely clear, you have chosen to withhold comment on our suggestion that the proposed tests be performed by an independent testing agency under the cognizance of USAF and APRO representatives.

I urge the sincere consideration of this procedure for this reason: The accusations of Donald Keyhoe together with certain grave inconsistencies between fact and Air Force public information releases has resulted in a loss of public confidence which frankly speaking is shared by APRO. The procedure we recommend would eliminate any basis for suspicion concerning test results by demonstrating the good faith of all parties concerned.

I would also like to inquire whether or not the Air Force has reached any official conclusions concerning the following listed cases and, if so, what these conclusions are:

(1) The case at Red Bluff, California, August 13, 1960, involving Sgts. Scott and Carson and jailer Clarence Fry (simultaneous viewing from two locations provided range and altitude data).

(2) The incident near Boulder, Colorado (in Left Hand Canyon) on 11 August 1960 involving Ray Hawks. He stated "saucer" "repaired itself" in mid-air, caused engine of his tractor to stop and described emotional reactions symptomatic of Gamma radiation.

(3) The case at Leefe, Wyoming involving five employees of the San Francisco Chemical Company who described a UFO hovering as if to land on a slag dump on July 1, 1960.

Sincerely Yours,

Coral E. Lorenzen

Coral E. Lorenzen
Director

AEROSPACE TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: AFCIN-4E2x

SUBJECT: Information Request, UFO (Mrs [redacted]

TO: SAFOI-3d (L/Col Tacker)

1. Reference attached copy of a letter to Department of the Air Force from Mrs [redacted], dated 17 October 1960.

2. The Red Bluff, California sighting was probably due to the refraction of common objects. Weather data reveals that there were temperature inversions throughout the general area during the period of the sightings. While the actual object responsible for each sighting cannot be determined, it is highly probable that the UFO seen by the highway patrol officers was the planet Mars.

3. The ATIC files do not contain any reports of sightings occurring at Boulder, Colorado, 11 August 1960, or at Leefe, Wyoming, 1 July 1960.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

for Nicholas Post

NICHOLAS POST
Acting Deputy
Science and Components

1 Atch:
Cy ltr 17 Oct 60 fr
Director, APRO

SAFOI-3d/Lt Col Tacker/mhb/72291

4 November 1960

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

This is to acknowledge your letter of 17 October 1960 concerning the possible UFO residuals that your organization claims to possess. We will, of course, be most interested in examining this material and any report or reports in connection with this finding.

The Air Force has not withheld comment on your suggestion that proposed outside tests be performed by an independent testing agency and I suggest that you do just this with some responsible laboratory. We will be interested in their results and, of course, would like to check this material ourselves at the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center.

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Sincerely,

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mrs. [redacted]
Tucson, Arizona

Comeback OI-3d
Reader OI-1

No Case (Information Only)

2 July 1960
Maiquetia, Venezuela

Source: UFO Investigator Jul-Aug 1960

July 2; Maiquetia, Venezuela— The crew of a Venezuelan airline Super Constellation which arrived in the morning from Spain, announced that their plane had been followed for twenty minutes by a strange lighted UFO. The UFO was first noted at 3:00 a.m. while the plane was at 10,000 feet, a few hours away from the airport. After paralleling the plane on an apparent intercept course for twenty minutes, the UFO suddenly shot away at terrific speed, the pilot told newsmen.

No Case (Information Only)

2 July 1960
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

No Case (Information Only)

2 July 1960
Illinois

.....During the early morning hours of July 2nd [redacted] and three other occupants of his automobile had an extremely frightening experience while driving through Illinois. Suddenly the whole sky lit up with a blue light, and according to the witnesses, it became almost as bright as day. Then an object like a ball of flame came out of the south and passed right over their car. It had a tail like a streak of blue lightning behind it. The atmosphere grew so hot that the people in the car could hardly breathe. Then gradually the light faded, and the UFO disappeared toward the north.

The CHICAGO SUN-TIMES of August [illegible] carried an item "Blue Lights in the Night Add to Meteorite Mystery."

"Consider the hair-raising experience of four occupants of an auto southbound on Illinois 49 during the early-morning hours of July 2.

Dave Darnell, 58, of 1745 N Drake, a punch-press operator, was driving. Next to him was his wife Alean, 49. In the back seat, sleeping, were the Darnells' daughter, Mrs. Nell Braddy, 20, and son-in-law, Jerry Braddy, 22, both of the Drake address.

The family was Tennessee-bound. Nothing out of the ordinary occurred until they were about two hours' journey south of Kankakee.

And then, as Mrs. Darnell tells it:

"The sky lit up with a beautiful blue light. It began in the south and got brighter and brighter until the whole earth was bathed in a light that was bright as the moon, and then bright as the sun. It was so bright you could see to pick a pin off the highway.

An object like a ball of fire came out of the south and passed right over our car with a tail like a streak of blue lightning behind it. We speeded up because we were afraid and the car got so hot we could hardly breathe. It woke up my mother and her husband in the back seat. They actually woke up fighting for air. Then gradually the light faded and the glowing in the sky went away in the north." Unquote.

NO CASE (INFORMATION ONLY)

2 Jul 1960
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Source: Fate Magazine - March

FLYING SAUCER

On July 2, 1960, at 3:18 A.M., I observed from the terrace of my residence, which faces east, a white form moving in the sky. This form was circular and whitish and many times bigger than the biggest star in sight. It was not bright nor did it have clearly defined borders like a circle drawn on paper. It can be compared with a thin powder puff. Focusing on it with a small telescope I saw something like shafts of light emerging from a center or core.

I called my wife who was sleeping and she also saw this form moving in the sky.

It was not an airplane, nor a star or planet, nor the reflection of a searchlight. The night was clear and the stars were visible. I live in a place where the residences have big lots and it is quiet and peaceful.

The form was at an approximate angle of 40 degrees from the horizontal plane and was moving slowly at approximately 40 degrees from the vertical—to the southeast. It faded gradually and disappeared completely at 3:24 A.M.

I am an attorney at law, also a pharmacist, and when I was discharged from the army I had the rank of captain. These remarks are made only to demonstrate that I have some training in observation and objective analysis. — *A. L. Garcia Martinez, San Juan, Puerto Rico.*

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4 July 1960
No Case, Info Only

TDET/UFO

16 January 1967

Possible UFO Sighting, 4 July 1961

USAF (SAFOICC)

Reference the attached letter from Mrs. [redacted] in which she requests information on unidentified flying objects. Attachment two is a proposed reply.

FOR THE COMMANDER

JAMES C. MANATT, Colonel, USAF
Director of Technology and Subsystems

2 Atchs
1. Ltr, Mrs. [redacted], 28 Nov 66
2. Proposed Reply

TDET 1 atch

Proposed Reply to letter from Mrs [redacted], 28 November 1966

Dear Mrs [redacted]

Please excuse the delay in answering your letter of 28 November in which you requested information on unidentified flying objects.

A check of the case files at Wright-Patterson AFB reveals that no UFO sighting was reported to the Air Force on 4 July 1961 from the state of Massachusetts.

7 Dandy Rd
Stoneham, Mass

4 Jul 60 Revere Beach, Mass

No Case Info Only

TDETR /Maj H Quintanilla, Jr/70916/mhs/14 Sep 66

UFO Sighting, 4 July 1960, Revere Beach, Massachusetts

SEP 1 9 1966

Hq USAF (SAFOICC)

Reference the attached letter from Mrs. [redacted] requesting information on an observation which she made on 4 July 1960. The following is a suggested reply.

a. Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Reference your recent letter regarding an observation which you made on 4 July 1960 at Revere Beach, Massachusetts. A check of the files reveals that no sightings were reported to the Air Force on or about 4 July 1960 from your area.

Because of the lapse of time in reporting your observation, a comprehensive investigation at this time is impossible. Your sighting will be filed for information purposes.

FOR THE COMMANDER

W. S. Wheeler

WARREN S. WHEELER, Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology and Subsystems

1 Atch
Ltr, Mrs. [redacted]
23 Aug 66

COORDINATION:

TDETR/MAJ H QUINTANILLA, JR — DATE 14 Sept 66

for Fred P. Van Dame — DATE 15 Sept 66
TDET

TDETR OFFICIAL FILE CY

August 23, 1966

[redacted]
Stoneham, Mass. 02180
Mrs. [redacted]

Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

Gentlemen:

SUBJ: UFO Sighting Around July 4, 1960, Revere Beach, Mass.

After six years, you are probably wondering why I finally decided to report my sighting. Curiosity, time, and courage to write are my answers. I am now a married mother of one child, and I was in the library the other day and decided to obtain a book on UFO'S. I think the title was something like, "The Air Force and UFO'S" by a Lt. Col. Talbert (not sure of author's correct name). In that book, I noticed that most letters from civilians are answered, even a few that border the ridiculous.

Could you please tell me whether anyone reported this sighting and whether it has been explained or not? Approximately 1,000 people might have been watching the same Fourth of July Fireworks and seen the same thing. Here is my story.

The Fourth of July Fireworks were held within a few days XXXXXX of the 4th, 1960. My then boyfriend [redacted] of Salem, Mass. (have not seen for five years) and myself were parked along the beach waiting for the fireworks to begin at about 10:00 p.m. About 9:45 p.m.

(OVER)

I noticed an orange disk in the sky a little right of center of car. (Diagram to follow) I mentioned it to Bob and he said he had been watching it for 10 minutes and didn't tell me. The fireworks were about an hour late, not starting until around 11:00 p.m. We then continued to watch this object which was not moving. [redacted] put his head out the window to make sure it wasn't a reflection. We ruled out the moon for reasons I can't remember now. We watched it for about another twenty minutes before it moved swiftly down closer to the ocean where we were startled to see a reflection in the water of the orange disk above. It was hard to tell how low to the water it was or how big because it was out some distance.

That was about ~~10:15~~ 11:05 p.m. that we first saw it move. About ten minutes later we spotted another disk move to the right of the one we had been watching. The second disk could not be seen in its entirety because about half was still blocked by the first disk. We watched about another 10 minutes before we saw them zoom off in the distance, and when they were leaving we noticed that there were then three. The fireworks display came about twenty minutes after the disks left and they were way to the right of the car and certainly had nothing to do with what we saw. When I said they zoomed away, that was an understatement - they went like lightning. Revere Beach, Mass. is an amusement park, but they were way to the right of the car and also had no reflecting bearing on what we saw.

Please could you answer me and tell me whether there is any explanation for this sighting, because it took a lot of courage to tell it.

DIAGRAM ON PAGE 3.

Very truly yours

[redacted]

1ST SIGHTING
½ HOUR

OCEAN

FIRE WORKS SHOT
FROM BARGE

No Case (Information Only)

10 July 1960
Troy, New York

On July 10th a UFO was reported to have crashed in a mountain area near Troy, New York. The object was spotted by several people shortly before it crashed. They described it as circular in shape, and red and white in color. The UFO descended slowly to the ground at some distance from the viewers, who were watching through high power field glasses. Fire appeared to be coming out of the bottom of the object as it settled to the ground. A search by local authorities failed to locate the exact site of the crash.

16 - 31 JULY 1960 SIGHTINGS

DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
16	Chico, California	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
16	Syosset. New York	[redacted]	Aircraft
16	Devils Lake. North Dakota	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
16-20	West Babylon, New York	[redacted]	Balloon
17	Behshahr, Iran CASE MISSING	Multi	Astro (METEOR)
18	Mineral Wells, Texas	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
18	Verona, Italy	Multi [redacted]	Astro (METEOR)
19	Misawa AB, Japan	Military	Astro (METEOR)
19	Tacoma, Washington	[redacted]	Astro (METEOR)
19,20,21	St Louis, Missouri	Multi [redacted]	UNIDENTIFIED
20-21	Charleston, West Virginia	[redacted]	Astro (METEOR)
21	Dayton, Ohio	[redacted]	Astro (METEOR)
21	Hyattsville, Maryland Patuxent Riv	Multi	Astro (METEOR)
21	Ft Worth, Texas	[redacted]	Astro (METEOR)
23	Alexandria, Louisiana	Multi [redacted]	Astro (METEOR)
24	Dayton, Ohio/Columbus. Ohio	[redacted]	Astro (METEOR)
25	Kodiak, Alaska	Civilian	Astro (METEOR)
24-4 Aug	Moose Lake, Minnesota	[redacted]	Astro (CAPELLA)
26	Monticello, Illinois	[redacted]	Astro (MOON)
27	Boyce, Louisiana	[redacted]	Astro (MARS)
27	Chanute AFB, Illinois	[redacted]	Astro (METEOR)
27	Flores Island	Military Air	Astro (METEOR)
28	Ankara, Turkey	[redacted]	Astro (METEOR)
28	Lorain, Ohio	[redacted]	Astro (VEGA)
29	Dayton. Ohio	[redacted]	Aircraft
29	Atlantic Ocean	[redacted]	Other (MISSILE)
29	Springfield, Ohio	[redacted]	Astro (OCCULATION GAMMA & VIRGO)
29	Cincinnati. Ohio	[redacted]	Balloon
31	Los Angeles, California	Multiple	Astro (METEOR)
31	Arnold, California	[redacted]	Astro (METEOR)

ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

DATE	LOCATION	SOURCE	EVALUATION
22	Kennebunkport, Maine	Newsclipping	
25	Atlanta, Georgia	[redacted] (Ltr)	