# PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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| 1. DATE<br>6 Oct 1963 | 2. LOCATION<br>Philadelphia, Pennsylvania | 12. CONCLUSIONS<br>☐ Was Balloon<br>☐ Probably Balloon<br>☐ Possibly Balloon<br>☐ Was Aircraft<br>☐ Probably Aircraft<br>☐ Possibly Aircraft<br>☐ Was Astronomical<br>☐ Probably Astronomical<br>☐ Possibly Astronomical<br>☐ Other ~~UNEXPLAINED~~<br>☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation<br>☒ Unknown UNRELIABLE REPORT |
| 3. DATE-TIME GROUP<br>Local 1800<br>GMT 06/2350Z | 4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br>☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar<br>☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar | |
| 5. PHOTOS<br>☐ Yes<br>☒ No | 6. SOURCE<br>Civilian | |
| 7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>20 Sedonds | 8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>One | 9. COURSE<br>Manuvered |

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING
See case file with letters and form 164.

11. COMMENTS
Essential data indicates A/C towing electrical banner with the exception that the duration was only 20 seconds and sudden appearance and disappearance of object carried as unidentified pending further review. Speed of object inconsistant with duration.
UNRELIABLE REPORT.

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

6 oct

[redacted]
Phila. Penna., 19126

22 November 1963

HQ USAF
SAF-OIPB
WASHINGTON, D.C., 20330

Dear Sirs:

I am enclosing FTD Form 164; U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION.

Contained in this questionnaire are details of a sighting which took place during the early evening hours of 6 October 1963. The original information was compiled on the day of the sighting.

The information contained on the enclosed form is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct. I shall be happy to notarize a statement to that effect.

It would be appreciated if I may be informed of your analysis of this sighting.

Sincerely,
[redacted]

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?

6 (Day) 10 (Month) 1963 (Year)

2. Time of day: 0600 (Hour) 50 (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) [redacted] (City or Town) PENNSYLVANIA (State or County)

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration) 00 (Hours) 00 (Minutes) 20 (Seconds)

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

5.1 How was time in sight determined? COMPARISON WITH STOP-WATCH

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes X 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 154, Jul 61, which is obsolete.

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 flame-like — completely surrounding object.

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

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| 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 |

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

Vanishing completely, though much more rapidly than if you compared it with turning off a light bulb

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:

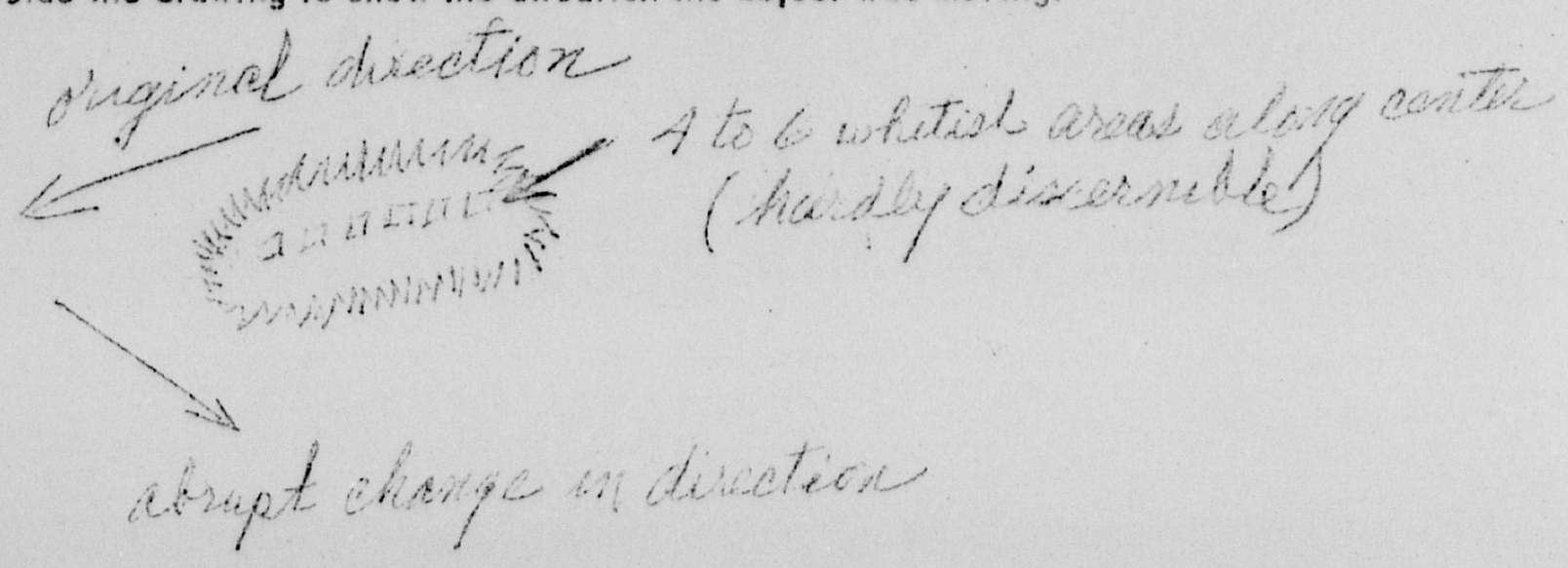
a. Sound no discernible sound

b. Color yellow-orange, like that of a bon-fire

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?

a match-head would cover about one-sixth of the object

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.



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? 40-60 m.p.h

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? 7 miles

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 atop 4-story building

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 (b) above — alt. of 232 ft.

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
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
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?

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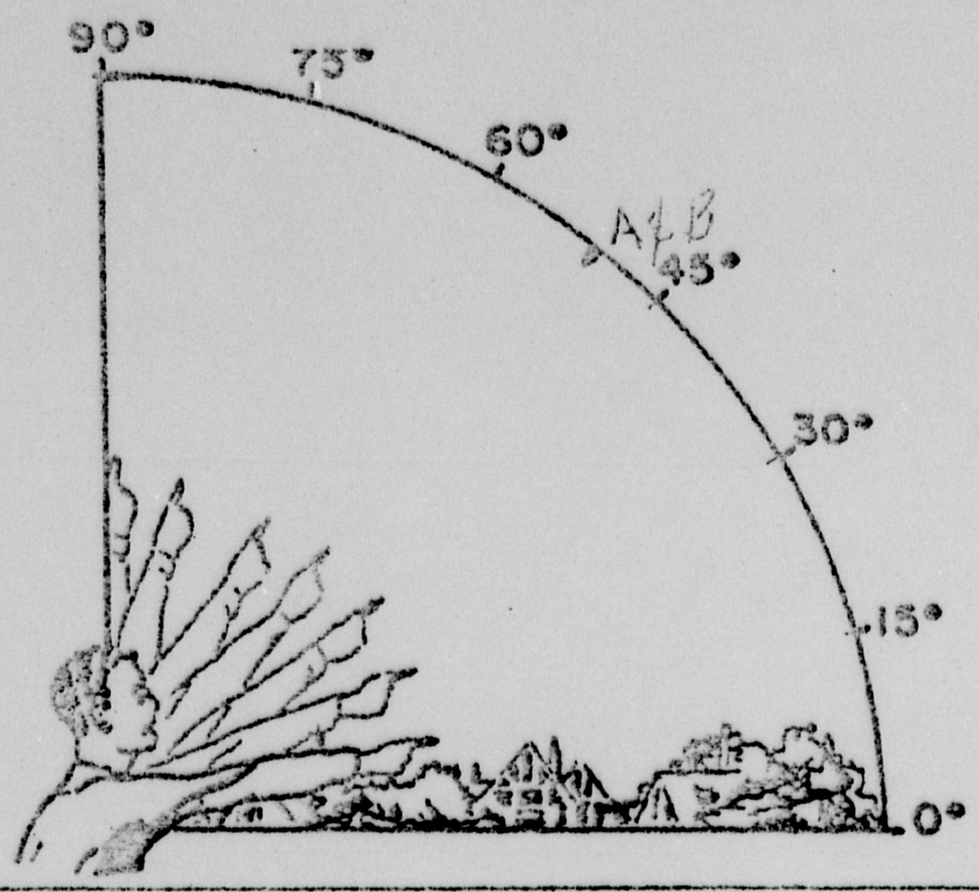
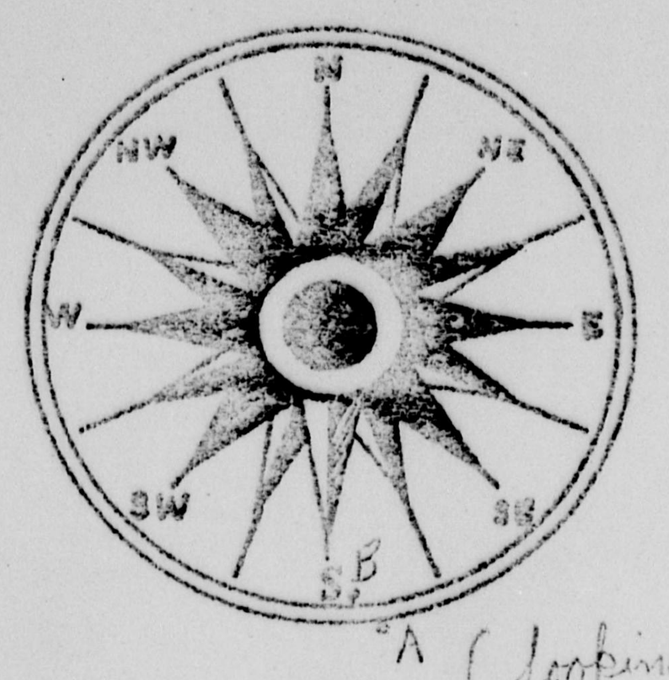
| a. Eyeglasses | (Yes) | No | e. Binoculars | Yes | (No) |
| b. Sun glasses | Yes | (No) | f. Telescope | Yes | (No) |
| c. Windshield | Yes | (No) | g. Theodolite | Yes | (No) |
| d. Window glass | Yes | (No) | h. Other _____ | | |

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 bon-fire in a light haze

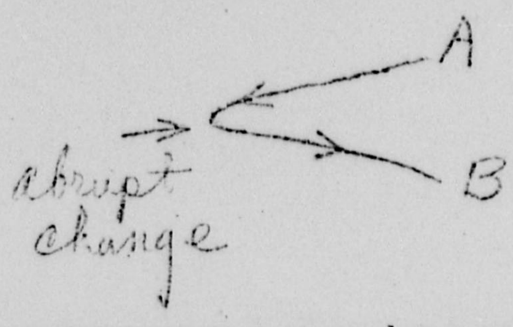
27. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *last* saw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




(looking south)

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.

34. Date you completed this questionnaire: 22 (Day) 11 (Month) 1963 (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.

The day following this sighting, I contacted the U.S. Weather Bureau at International Airport and the Franklin Institute Astronomy Dept. Both sources said they received no reports of a meteor on the day of the sighting.

There was a light plane located below and to the east of the object. Its red navigation lamp flashed and was easily discernible.

The object appeared over, or just west of, the Delaware River at Market Street.

The sun was below the horizon at the time of the sighting. The sky in the extreme west appeared bright orange due to refraction of sun's light.

The object did not rise or fall at any time - even upon vanishing.

Information concerning the object was originally compiled on the day of the sighting.

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[redacted]B
[redacted]
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear M[redacted]r,

Upon reviewing the UFO cases for 1963 we find that additional information is necessary for evaluation of your sighting. Would you please answer the following questions.

a. The reported duration of 20 seconds included a manuever of the object. Could you tell us what the duration was for the approach, turn and the duration of the object as it went away?

b. At anytime did there appear to be two objects, particularily at that point where the object changed directions?

c. How was the speed of 40-60 mph and the distance of 7 miles determined?

d. The drawing which you made to describe the objects showed 4-6 whitish areas along the center. Was this apparent as the objects approached during the turn and as the objects retreated?

e. Indicate the relationship of the light a/c, mentioned by you, to the UFO and its position before, during and after the sighting.

f. This drawing is very similar to those previously received by us where evaluations have been confirmed sightings of aircraft towing electrical advertising banners. Could this have been the cause of your sighting?

We are inclosing a self-addressed envelope for your convenience.

Sincerely,

HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr
Captain, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena
Branch

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13 January 1964

Hq USAF SAF-OIPB
Wash 25 D C 20330

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is a copy of a communication sent me for answering.

a. Approach-10 seconds; turn-instantaneous(impossible to estimate); in view approximately 9-10 seconds thereafter.

b. At no time did there appear to be more than one object.

c. Airspeed of 40-60 mph determined on the basis of comparable ground speed. Distance of 7 miles was the apparent distance of object using center city Philadelphia as mark.

d. To the best of my knowledge the whitish areas were noticed after object completed its manuever.

e. The aircraft was eastward and slightly below the object(eastward distance from object comparable to 12-inch straight-edge held at arms length). Aircraft proceeded south during time object was in view.

f. It is my opinion that the cause of my sighting could not be attributed to electrical advertising banner, as such devices are rarely, if ever, used over this city. Also, the complete reversal of flight path seems extremely unlikely in the case of air-advertising.

If I can be of any furthur help in determining the nature of the object seen by me, or if furthur information is desired, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

[redacted]

After 1/30/64, use—

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Philadelphia, Penna.,
19152

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Philadelphia, Penna.,
19126

The

NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE ON AERIAL PHENOMENA

announces the appointment, as of 2 January, 1964,

of

MR. MICHAEL RICHARD FREEDMAN

as the sole representative of its Youth Council

for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

All correspondence relative to Unidentified Aerial

Objects (U.A.O.s) may be forwarded by mail to

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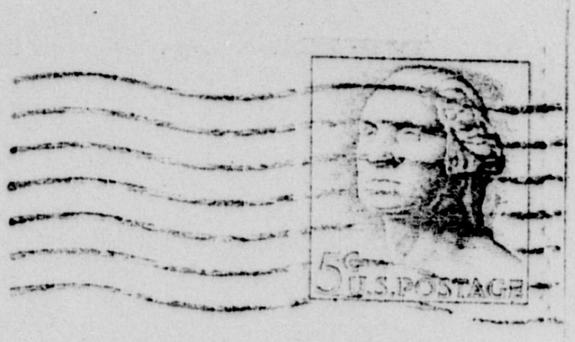


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