PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE: 13 & 14 Jan 61	2. LOCATION: Reardon, Washington	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☒ Possibly Aircraft Helo ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local: Varied GMT:	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE: Military and Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS: Varied	9. COURSE: Varied

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING: Several people saw bright lights in the sky, near or in the vicinity of a Nike Site. Most witnesses described the action of the lights was similar to those on a helicopter.

11. COMMENTS: After an exhaustive investigation was made by the reporting agency, it was determined that a privately owned helicopter, with alternating flashing red beacons fore and aft, flying in the vicinity of Reardon Wash. Lighting arrangement is not standard arrangement. The owner installed the lights to suit his needs, and as a result this lighting arrangement is not familiar to most people.

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REARDON, WASHINGTON UFO SIGHTING OF 13 & 14 JAN. 1961

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It is therefore concluded that the lights observed by the witnesses were those on this helicopter.

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KVL NONE NONE

KUL TEMPERATURE	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SURFACE	36F	45F
6000	25F	37F

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10000	25F	24F
16000	0F	4F
20000	-15F	-11F
30000	-61F	-54F
50000	-73F	-65F

PARA H. NO OTHER UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OR CONDITION WHICH MIGHT ACCOUNT FOR THE SIGHTING. PARA I. NONE. PARA J. THERE IS QUITE A LOT OF AIR TRAFFIC IN THE AREA, BUT NO RECORD OF BALLOON RELEASES OR OF CHOPPER FLYING AT THAT TIME. PARA K. THE PREPARING OFFICER IS THE CHIEF OF COMBAT INTELLIGENCE SECTION OF THE 92D BOMB WING. THE OBJECT WAS OBSERVED ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY MORNING, 13 AND 14 JANUARY, AT APPROXIMATELY LOCAL TIME. ONE OF THE OBSERVERS SAID IT WAS ABOUT 10 DEGREES WIDE AND TO HAVE FIVE OBJECTS, NOTED BY THE REPORTING OFFICER WAS ONLY BEING ABLE TO SEE FOUR OF THE OBJECTS. IT IS NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME WHETHER THE OTHER PEOPLE WHO

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FIELD HAS BEEN IN THE USAF FOR YEARS AND IS ON FLYING STATUS AT THE PRESENT TIME. THERE IS NO REASON TO DDOUBT HIS RELIABLIITY AND CERTAINLY WITH HIS EXPERIENCE, HE SHOULD BE ABLE IDENTIFY AN OBJECT, WERE IT ACTUALLY AN AIRCRAFT. MOST OF THE OBSERVATIONS WERE MADE ACCORDING TO THE OBSERVERS WITHIN 100-200 YARDS OF THE OBJECTS. THEY COULD SEE THE LIGHTS, BUT COULD NOT HEAR A SOUND OF ANY SORT., NOR SEE ANY SILHOUETTES OF THE OBJECTS THEMSELVES. THE PREPARING OFFICER, THE BASE POLICE OFFICER AND THE SECURITY OFFICER WENT OVER THE GROUND WHERE THE OBJECTS WERE SUPPOSE TO HAVE SETTLED, BUT

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FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF ANYTHING HAVING LANDED OR DISTURBED THE SURROUNDING TERRAIN. THESE THREE OFFICERS AND CHIEF OF INTELLIGENCE SPENT SEVERAL HOURS SUNDAY NIGHT, 15 JANUARY, AT THE MISSILE SITE, BUT OBSERVED NOTHING UNUSUAL. BLINKING RED LIGHTS WERE OBSERVED INTHE DISTANCE, UPON LEAVING THE SITE, BUT THESE WERE UNDOUBTEDLY FROM AN AIRCRAFT FLYING IN THE VICINITY. FROM THE PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS, THE PREPARING OFFICER HAS NO IDEA OF THE POSSIBLE CAUSES OF THE SIGHTINGS. PARA 1. NONE. PARA M ADDED 9 REPORT PREPARED BY MAJOR GEORGE A. BRENNER, USAF, CHIEF OF COMBAT INTELLIGENCE, 92D BOMB WING H, FAIRCHILD AFB, WASH. CH-4 2-11

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HQ 92 BW, DCOI, YOUR MSG DCOIC 5444, DTD 17 JAN 61, AND TELECON BETWEEN MAJ G. BRENNER, YOUR ORG, AND SGT BOLIEU, ATIC. THE FOLLOWING IS REQUESTED CONCERNING THE RPTD UFO SIGHTING MADE IN VICINITY REARDAN, WASH: HOW BRIGHT WERE THE OBJECTS AT THEIR BRIGHTEST? DID THEY CAST SHADOWS? WHEN THE OBJECTS WERE CLOSEST TO THE WITNESSES, HOW CLOSE WERE THE OBJECTS TO THE GROUND? ESTIMATE THE DISTANCE FROM WITNESSES TO OBJECTS WHEN OBJECTS WERE CLOSEST TO THE GROUND. DID THE OBJECTS PASS BETWEEN WITNESSES AND SOME OTHER OBJECT SUCH AS A POLE, TREE, ETC? OVER HOW LARGE AN AREA OF THE SKY DID THE OBJECTS MANEUVER? WHAT WAS THE FASTEST AND SLOWEST RATE OF MOVEMENT? DID THE RATE OF MOVEMENT HAVE AN EFFECT ON THE COLOR OF THE OBJECTS? HOW LONG WAS EACH OBJ IN SIGHT? DID THE OBJECTS SEEN ON 14 JAN HAVE THE SAME CHARACTERISTIC MOVEMENTS AS THOSE SEEN ON 13 JAN? REQ A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EACH OBJECT'S MANEUVERS. AS THERE WAS A LOT OF

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THING IF THE WIND WERE BLOWING RIGHT. IT IS VERY POSSIBLE THAT THIS COULD ACCOUNT FOR THE LIGHTS SEEN BY THE OBSERVER ON THE EVENINGS IN QUESTION. PILOT STATED THAT HE INSTALLED THE PECULIAR LIGHTING ARRANGEMENT ON HIS HELICOPTER BECAUSE HE DOES QUITE A BIT OF NIGHT FLYING AND HE WANTED TO BE SURE THAT HE WOULD BE SEEN BY ANY AIR TRAFFIC IN THE AREA.

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
FAIRCHILD AIR FORCE BASE, WASHINGTON

9 FEB 1961

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: DCOI

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting

TO: Air Technical Intelligence Center
ATTN: AFCIN-4E2X
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. Reference your message AFCIN-4E2X 1-725, 24 January 1961, subject same as above.

2. All persons who witnessed the UFO were given a questionnaire to answer. Most of these people work different shifts with Convair, therefore, it has taken several days to get the questionnaires all answered.

3. No sightings have been reported since 13 and 14 January 1961. The ceiling on the nights in question was 4000 feet overcast with a few scattered clouds in the area. This was the observation at Fairchild Air Force Base weather station. Reardan, Washington, is about 23 miles to the west of the station.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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Maj., USAF
Base Dir of Admin Svcs

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NAME: [redacted] Rank/Position Mechanic

AGE: Serial Number(Military Only)

1. How bright were the objects at their brightest?

As bright as the lights you might see on a helicpptor.

2. Did they cast shadows?

No.

3. When the objects were closest to the witnesses, how close were the objects to the ground?

Only saw one. Approximately two or three hundred feet.

4. Estimate the distance from witnesses to objects when objects were closest to the ground.

From one quarter to one half mile.

5. Did the objects pass between witnesses and some other object such as a pole, tree, etc.?

No.

6. Over how large an area of the sky did the objects maneuver?

I first observed it coming from the West, passing South and going East.

7. What was the fastest and slowest rate of movement?

About 40 to 50 miles per hour.

8. Did the rate of movement have an effect on the color of the object?

No.

9. How long was each object in sight?

About five minutes.

10. Did the objects seen on 14 January have the same characteristic movements as those seen on 13 January?

I did not see it on the 13th.

11. Give a detailed account of each objects maneuvers.

It behaved such as a helicoptor would behave.

12. What was the ceiling height on 13 January?

I did not see it on the 13th.

13. Did you attempt to photograph the objects?

No.

14. Were the sightings all made from the confines of the missile site?

Yes.

15. How far from another witness were you?

Arms length.

16. List any other information pertaining to the sightings.

None.

17. Suppose you were able to place an object in the sky at approximately the same position as the lights that you saw. What type of an object would you use to simulate the lights?

I would use a helicoptor.

NAME: Pete F. Bisson Rank/Position Security Guard.

AGE: 26 Serial Number(Military Only)

1. How bright were the objects at their brightest?

Bright.

2. Did they cast shadows?

No shadows---No sound.

3. When the objects were closest to the witnesses, how close were the objects to the ground?

200 Feet.

4. Estimate the distance from witnesses to objects when objects were closest to the ground.

one quarter mile.

5. Did the objects pass between witnesses and some other object such as a pole, tree, etc.?

Yes Trees.

6. Over how large an area of the sky did the objects maneuver?

2 miles.

7. What was the fastest and slowest rate of movement?

Standstill
Unestimated rate of speed.

8. Did the rate of movement have an effect on the color of the object?

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9. How long was each object in sight?

Half hour.

10. Did the objects seen on 14 January have the same characteristic movements as those seen on 13 January?

I don't know.

11. Give a detailed account of each objects maneuvers.
Standstill---Slow movement from Westward to the Southeast and back to spot where first seen. Also very fast movement.

12. What was the ceiling height on 13 January?

I don't remember. I think it was a clear night.

13. Did you attempt to photograph the objects?

No.

14. Were the sightings all made from the confines of the missile site?

Yes.

15. How far from another witness were you?

8 Feet.

16. List any other information pertaining to the sightings.

None

17. Suppose you were able to place an object in the sky at approximately the same position as the lights that you saw. What type of an object would you use to simulate the lights?

Helicoptor stopped in mid-air with the speed of a jet plane or faster.

NAME: [redacted] Rank/Position T/Sgt, USAF

AGE: 30 Serial Number(Military Only) [redacted]

1. How bright were the objects at their brightest?

Very bright

2. Did they cast shadows?
No, It was at night

3. When the objects were closest to the witnesses, how close were the objects to the ground?

30 to 40 Ft

4. Estimate the distance from witnesses to objects when objects were closest to the ground.

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5. Did the objects pass between witnesses and some other object such as a pole, tree, etc.?

Yes, tree

6. Over how large an area of the sky did the objects maneuver?

Approximately 5 miles

7. What was the fastest and slowest rate of movement?

At times very fast
At times very slow

8. Did the rate of movement have an effect on the color of the object?

Unknown

9. How long was each object in sight?

30 Min

10. Did the objects seen on 14 January have the same characteristic movements as those seen on 13 January?

Unknown

11. Give a detailed account of each objects maneuvers.

Object was about 1/4 to 1 mile from house. It was from 30 to 40 ft from the ground, until a car was about 50-75 yards away. Then the object went up at a high speed to about 5,000 ft where it went behind a cloud.

12. What was the ceiling height on 13 January?

Unknown

13. Did you attempt to photograph the objects?

No

14. Were the sightings all made from the confines of the missile site?

No, Mine was from my home

15. How far from another witness were you?

My wife was with me

16. List any other information pertaining to the sightings.

None

17. Suppose you were able to place an object in the sky at approximately the same position as the lights that you saw. What type of an object would you use to simulate the lights?

When close to the ground, it was like a helicopter
But when going up the light was as large as a big
search light but with no beam.

NAME: Luddie V. McMahon Jr. Rank/Position Janitor

AGE: 34 Serial Number(Military Only)

After closer observation, the light I saw was a star.

1. How bright were the objects at their brightest?

Bright Star.

2. Did they cast shadows?

No.

3. When the objects were closest to the witnesses, how close were the objects to the ground?

From one mile to a thousand miles.

4. Estimate the distance from witnesses to objects when objects were closest to the ground.

Same as above.

5. Did the objects pass between witnesses and some other object such as a pole, tree, etc.?

No.

6. Over how large an area of the sky did the objects maneuver?

None

7. What was the fastest and slowest rate of movement?

No. Movement.

8. Did the rate of movement have an effect on the color of the object?

No.

9. How long was each object in sight?

1 hour.

10. Did the objects seen on 14 January have the same characteristic movements as those seen on 13 January?

Did not see it on the 14th

11. Give a detailed account of each objects maneuvers.

None.

12. What was the ceiling height on 13 January?

N/A

13. Did you attempt to photograph the objects?

No.

14. Were the sightings all made from the confines of the missile site?

Yes.

15. How far from another witness were you?

five feet.

16. List any other information pertaining to the sightings.

None.

17. Suppose you were able to place an object in the sky at approximately the same position as the lights that you saw. What type of an object would you use to simulate the lights?

Star.

NAME: G. Thomas Rank/Position SATAF

AGE: 43 Serial Number(Military Only)

1. How bright were the objects at their brightest?

About like a spot light.

2. Did they cast shadows?

No.

3. When the objects were closest to the witnesses, how close were the objects to the ground?

Just over tree top level.

4. Estimate the distance from witnesses to objects when objects were closest to the ground.

Approx. 500 yds.

5. Did the objects pass between witnesses and some other object such as a pole, tree, etc.?

Yes

6. Over how large an area of the sky did the objects maneuver?

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7. What was the fastest and slowest rate of movement?

By guess 80 miles per hour.

8. Did the rate of movement have an effect on the color of the object?

No.

9. How long was each object in sight?

Ref. #11.

10. Did the objects seen on 14 January have the same characteristic movements as those seen on 13 January?

13 Jan. only.

11. Give a detailed account of each objects maneuvers.

Two units of light moving in a South Easterly direction. They came in into sight, passed behind a hill and reappeared again on the other side. They were still moving at the same approx. speed. Then they disappeared behind some trees.

12. What was the ceiling height on 13 January?

Unknown.

13. Did you attempt to photograph the object?

No.

14. Were the sightings all made from the confines of the missile site?

Yes

15. How far from another witness were you?

150 feet.

16. List any other information pertaining to the sightings.

Lighting was identical to lighting on a helicoptor which passed over head toward Reardan as I was headed back to the base at approx. 23:55 on the 16 of Jan.

17. Suppose you were able to place an object in the sky at approximately the same position as the lights that you saw. What type of an object would you use to simulate the lights?

Helicoptor.

NAME: [redacted] Rank/Position A/CO

AGE: 33 Serial Number(Military Only) _____

1. How bright were the objects at their brightest?
White Light, quite bright as a search light might be coming out of the sky over the main gate.

2. Did they cast shadows?
No.

3. When the objects were closest to the witnesses, how close were the objects to the ground?
100 ft. off ground.

4. Estimate the distance from witnesses to objects when objects were closest to the ground.
100 yds.

5. Did the objects pass between witnesses and some other object such as a pole, tree, etc.?
Passed over trees and appeared to decend about a quater of a mile away to the South of gate house.

6. Over how large an area of the sky did the objects maneuver?
Over an area of a half mile. At this time light was red and Square, but what ever it was it had no outline.

7. What was the fastest and slowest rate of movement?
When last seen from gate house it traveled toward the West and seemed to move as a helicopter might move across the sky. Hard to say as to speed.

8. Did the rate of movement have an effect on the color of the object?

No.

9. How long was each object in sight?

First time about five minutes. Second time about five minutes.

10. Did the objects seen on 14 January have the same characteristic movements as those seen on 13 January?

Didn't see on the 13th.

11. Give a detailed account of each objects maneuvers.

Going out to gate house the object seemed to have a white light like a search light. I went in to the gate house and told guard and he said that it was the object. I said, "I just saw it." I went back out and at that time object had landed to the south of gate, maybe a half mile or so away. Later saw object or what appeared to be a helicoptor to the east. No detail or outline.

12. What was the ceiling height on 13 January?

It was dark, had been raining, but lights were quite visible.

13. Did you attempt to photograph the objects?

No.

14. Were the sightings all made from the confines of the missile site?

Outside of gate about 15 to 25 feet.

15. How far from another witness were you?

There were five or six of us watching the lights within three or four feet of each other.

16. List any other information pertaining to the sightings.

None.

17. Suppose you were able to place an object in the sky at approximately the same position as the lights that you saw. What type of an object would you use to simulate the lights?

First time I saw it it looked like a search light.

Second time I saw it it looked like a Helicoptor.

NAME: David R. Gelb Rank/Position

AGE: 31 Serial Number(Military Only)

1. How bright were the objects at their brightest?

Quite Bright

2. Did they cast shadows?

No Shadows

3. When the objects were closest to the witnesses, how close were the objects to the ground?

They were a fair distance awayand I am not a good judge of distance. I would estimate 1500 to 2000 ft.

4. Estimate the distance from witnesses to objects when objects were closest to the ground.

About 12 miles

5. Did the objects pass between witnesses and some other object such as a pole, tree, etc.?

No.

6. Over how large an area of the sky did the objects maneuver?

I saw them for omly a short time before I lost track of them.

7. What was the fastest and slowest rate of movement?

Speed was apparently constant and not exceedingly fast.

8. Did the rate of movement have an effect on the color of the object?

No.

9. How long was each object in sight?

I saw them for only about thirty to fourty five seconds.

10. Did the objects seen on 14 January have the same characteristic movements as those seen on 13 January?

I saw them only on the thirteenth of january.

11. Give a detailed account of each objects maneuvers.

I spotted the red blinking lights low on the horizon. I did not see them for some time after the other witnesses had. At first I saw only one light, then there were three moving from West to East. I lost sight of them after about 30 seconds. They were red blinking lights that looked exactly like the beacon lights on an aircraft. I remember having the impression that they were helicoptors. One of them seemed to change direction rather abruptly.

12. What was the ceiling height on 13 January?

I believe it was a fairly clear night.

13. Did you attempt to photograph the objects?

No.

14. Were the sightings all made from the confines of the missile site?

Yes.

15. How far from another witness were you?

Side by side.

16. List any other information pertaining to the sightings.

17. Suppose you were able to place an object in the sky at approximately the same position as the lights that you saw. What type of an object would you use to simulate the lights?

Beacon lights on an aircraft.

NAME: Robert M. Rosenbom Rank/Position Time Keeper

AGE: 29 Serial Number(Military Only)

1. How bright were the objects at their brightest?

A Bright star.

2. Did they cast shadows?

No.

3. When the objects were closest to the witnesses, how close were the objects to the ground?

200 Ft.

4. Estimate the distance from witnesses to objects when objects were closest to the ground.

10 miles.

5. Did the objects pass between witnesses and some other object such as a pole, tree, etc.?

No.

6. Over how large an area of the sky did the objects maneuver?

Fifty Feet.

7. What was the fastest and slowest rate of movement?

Object was going about 100 MPH.

3. Did the rate of movement have an effect on the color of the object?

No.

9. How long was each object in sight?

Five minutes.

10. Did the objects seen on 14 January have the same characteristic movements as those seen on 13 January?

Didn't see it on the 14th.

11. Give a detailed account of each objects maneuvers.

I would have had to say this was a star, but the object moved to the right and to the left.

12. What was the ceiling height on 13 January?

Have no idea.

13. Did you attempt to photograph the objects?

No.

14. Were the sightings all made from the confines of the missile site?

Yes.

15. How far from another witness were you?

right next to me.

16. List any other information pertaining to the sightings.

I have seen other lights out here that could very well have been an aircraft. The object I saw moved and it wasn't an aircraft.

17. Suppose you were able to place an object in the sky at approximately the same position as the lights that you saw. What type of an object would you use to simulate the lights?

Star.

NAME: J. R. McDaniel Rank/Position Guard (Site A-9)

AGE: 45 Social Number(Military Only)

1. How bright were the objects at their brightest?

Very Bright.

2. Did they cast shadows?

No.

3. When the objects were closest to the witnesses, how close were the objects to the ground?

Approx. 10 Feet.

4. Estimate the distance from witnesses to objects when objects were closest to the ground.

Approx. 50 yards.

5. Did the objects pass between witnesses and some other object such as a pole, tree, etc.?

No.

6. Over how large an area of the sky did the objects maneuver?
I would guess one quadrant of the sky.

7. What was the fastest and slowest rate of movement?

Fastest--faster than any jet that I have seen.

Slowest--very slow to stopped

8. Did the rate of movement have an effect on the color of the object?

No.

9. How long was each object in sight?

Longest time--five min.
Shortest time--a few seconds.

10. Did the objects seen on 14 January have the same characteristic movements as those seen on 13 January?

Yes.

11. Give a detailed account of each objects maneuvers.

Their movements were sm oth and very fast in all directions of flight. They did seem encumbered with the law of gravity or inertia or ~~xxxxxx~~ friction.

12. What was the ceiling height on 13 January?

I would guess about 5000 feet.

13. Did you attempt to photograph the objects?

Yes but they were too far away and all I would have gotten was a light, so I did not activate the camera.

14. Were the sightings all made from the confines of the missile site?

No.

15. How far from another witness were you?

From four feet to three quarters of a mile on one occasion.

16. List any other information pertaining to the sightings.

There was a complete absence of sound. There were no light rays from the lights, and there was no heat from the bottom. It had fabulous speed.

17. Suppose you were able to place an object in the sky at approximately the same position as the lights that you saw. What type of an object would you use to simulate the lights?

On one occasion a triangular red light and a round white light with no rays and no sound or no silhouette. The red light was about five feet above the white light. Looked like a stick hanging in the air holding two lights.

On another occasion just a lantern flashlight hanging in the air with nothing around it, but with no rays eminating. It was white and very bright.

On another occasion like a large round board with a round flourescent light attached to the bottom.

NAME: [redacted] Rank/Position High School Student

AGE: 15 Serial Number(Military Only)

1. How bright were the objects at their brightest?

Very Bright.

2. Did they cast shadows?

No.

3. When the objects were closest to the witnesses, how close were the objects to the ground?

10 Feet.

4. Estimate the distance from witnesses to objects when objects were closest to the ground.

50 Yards.

5. Did the objects pass between witnesses and some other object such as a pole, tree, etc.?

No.

6. Over how large an area of the sky did the objects maneuver?

One fourth of the sky.

7. What was the fastest and slowest rate of movement?

Fastest----faster than any jet that I have seen.

Slowest---stopped.

8. Did the ratio of ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ No.

9. How long was each object in sight?

Eight minutes

10. Did the objects seen on 14 January have the same characteristic movements as those seen on 13 January?

The characteristic movements were the same each time that I saw them. Idid not see them on the 13th.

11. Give a detailed account of each objects maneuvers.

Their maneuvers were swift and smooth, even in starting and stopping at all times.

12. What was the ceiling height on 13 January?

I didn't sight the objects on the 13th.

No.

14. Were the sightings all made from the confines of the missile site?

No.

15. How far from another witness were you?

four to five feet.

16. List any other information pertaining to the sightings.

I sighted the objects six times. At no time was there sound silhouette, or reflection of any kind.

17. Suppose you were able to place an object in the sky at approximately the same position as the lights that you saw. What type of an object would you use to simulate the lights?