

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

<b>1. DATE</b> 20 Jul 58	<b>2. LOCATION</b> NW of Chicago/Crystal Lake		<b>12. CONCLUSIONS</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
<b>3. DATE-TIME GROUP</b> Local 1607 CDT GMT 20/2207Z	<b>4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
<b>5. PHOTOS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<b>6. SOURCE</b> Civilian		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
<b>7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION</b> 4-6 secs	<b>8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS</b> one	<b>9. COURSE</b> SE	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
<b>10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING</b> Disc shaped obj, size of basketball, non-reflective white. No sound. Had straight flight, passed fm view behind a/c.		<b>11. COMMENTS</b> Everything points to obj being a balloon.	

4E4

1 Witness

20 Jul 1607 CDT

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
WASHINGTON

HEADQUARTERS, 24TH DISTRICT  
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATION  
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF  
529 SOUTH LA SALLE STREET  
CHICAGO 5, ILLINOIS

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: (U) Unidentified Flying Object

JUL 22 1958

TO: Commander  
Air Technical Intelligence Center  
Wright-Patterson AFB  
Dayton, Ohio

1. Synopsis: Unidentified flying object sighted in vicinity of Crystal Lake, Illinois, 1607 hours, Central Daylight time, 20 July 1958.

2. Details: This District was telephonically advised on 21 July 1958 of the above sighting. The following information is furnished.

a. In accordance with paragraph 15, AFR 200-2, the following is submitted: a(1) - Sphere or disc. a(2) - Basketball. a(3) - white; non-reflective. a(4) - One. a(5) - not applicable. a(6) - Negative. a(7) - None. a(8) - no sound. a(9) - none. b(1) - Observer flying small acft observed object approaching from front, below and to right of acft. b(2) - object at 3500 to 4000 feet traveling on course of 280° to lower right of acft. b(3) - object at 3500 to 4000 feet traveling on course of 280° to lower right of acft. b(4) - straight flight, no maneuver. b(5) - passed from view behind acft. b(6) - four to six seconds. c(1) - airborne visual. c(2) - naked eye. c(3) - Cessna 182, 4500 feet, 100 degrees, privately owned. d(1) - 1607 CDT, 20 Jul 58. d(2) - day. e - 3 mi S of Crystal Lake, Illinois. f - civilian - [redacted], age 44, [redacted] Road, Evanston, Illinois, Investment Security. g(1) - clear, layer of haze around 4200 feet, visibility excellent on top of haze, visibility 10 to 20 miles in haze, wind 10 knots SE at 7000 feet. g(2) - east at 11 knots (6000 100° 5K) (10,000 280° 10K) (16,000 270° 20K) (20,000 290° 30K) (30,000 260° 30K) (50,000 260° 45K). g(3) - unlimited. g(4) - visibility 10 miles. g(5) - 3000 feet, scattered high thin broken. g(6) - none. h - unknown. i - none. j - aircraft noted by observer to the far NE of his location at altitude of aprx 1200 feet. k - none. l - none.

*noted on date of sighting  
haze at 6000 ft. altitude! Major spot*

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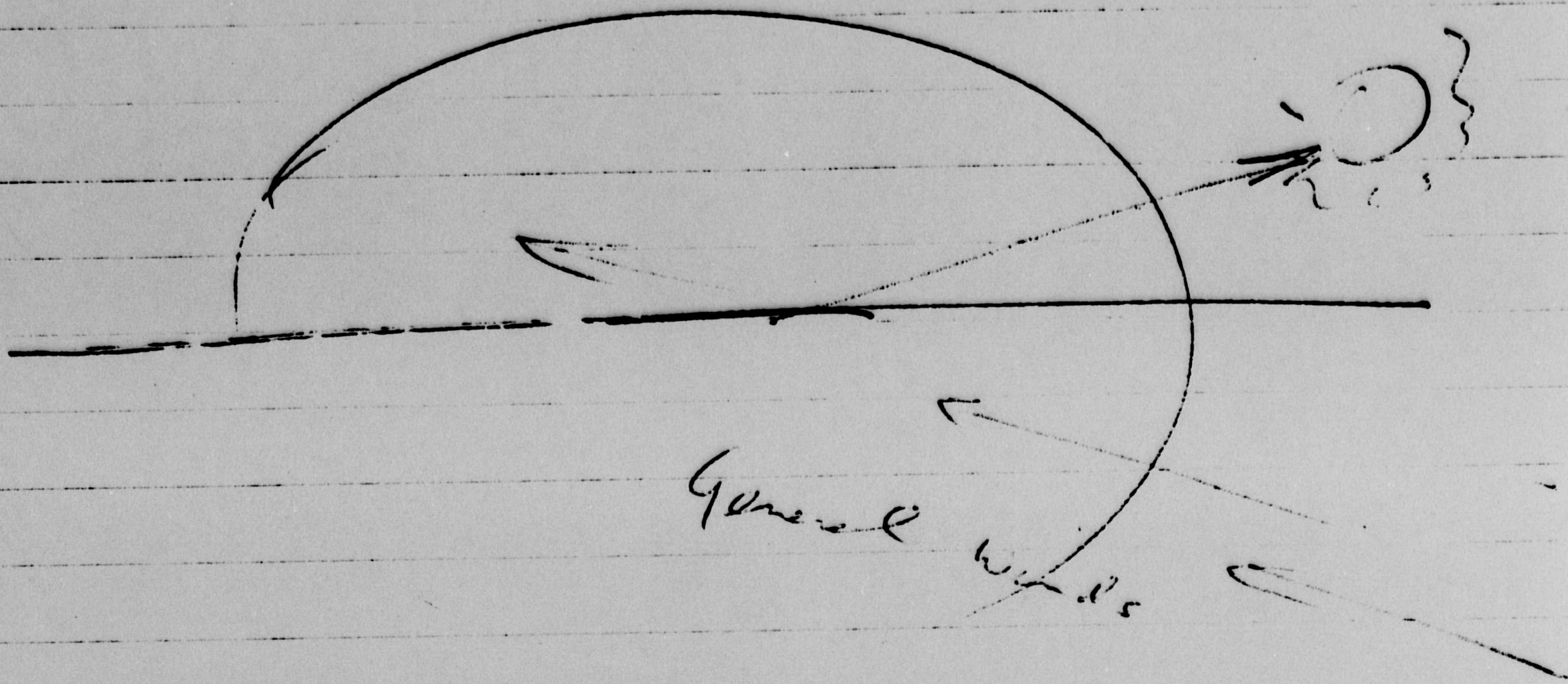
cc: Dir OSI USAF  
Comdr, 56th Ftr Gp  
O'Hare Intl. Apt.  
(thru O'Hare Det)

IN THE ABSENCE OF THE DISTRICT COMMANDER  
WANSLEY  
Lt. Colonel, USAF  
District Commander

*Call the Bureau  
at 1000-4000 ft  
at that time, include  
100 + miles to East.  
- 479*

1607 CDT - 5 = 1607 AM

SUN fairly high



1100 Local

Change to Ft. Wayne - 150 miles  
 " " Muskegon - 110 miles

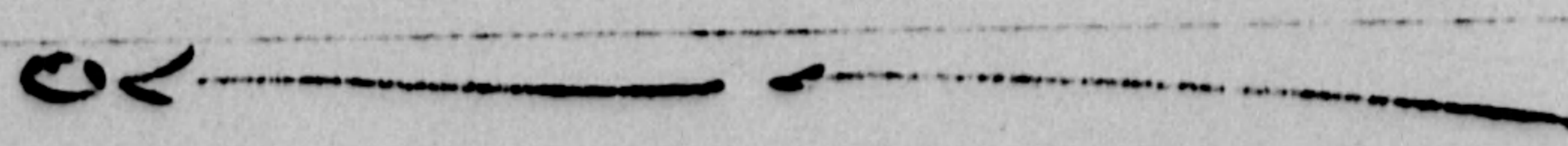
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Course speed of  
 course about  
 110-120° - Rate  
 of head-on approach  
 in course each  
 for the short-sight  
 duration



②

No observations of  
 any UFO in the  
 area. Object is  
 without any doubt a  
 balloon.



MEMO ROUTING SLIP		NEVER USE FOR APPROVALS, DISAPPROVALS, CONCURRENCES, OR SIMILAR ACTIONS	
1	NAME OR TITLE <i>Capt Gregory</i>	INITIALS	CIRCULATE
	ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION <i>6th Weather Group, USAF</i>	DATE	COORDINATION
2			FILE
			INFORMATION
3			NECESSARY ACTION
			NOTE AND RETURN
4			SEE ME
			SIGNATURE
REMARKS <p><i>Capt Ingram, 6th Weather Group, USAF called:</i></p> <p><i>1- Winds in Chicago Area</i> <i>3-4000 ft - 12k / 100-110°</i></p> <p><i>2. Winds 100-150 East of Chi. Area - between</i> <i>10-15 knots / 100-130°</i></p> <p><i>3. If more info wanted, call 67/300</i></p>			
FROM NAME OR TITLE <i>YMK</i>		DATE	
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION <i>(over)</i>		TELEPHONE	

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Replaces DA AGO Form 895, 1 Apr 48, and AFHQ Form 12, 10 Nov 47, which may be used.

☆ GPO: WASHINGTON - D.C. 400461

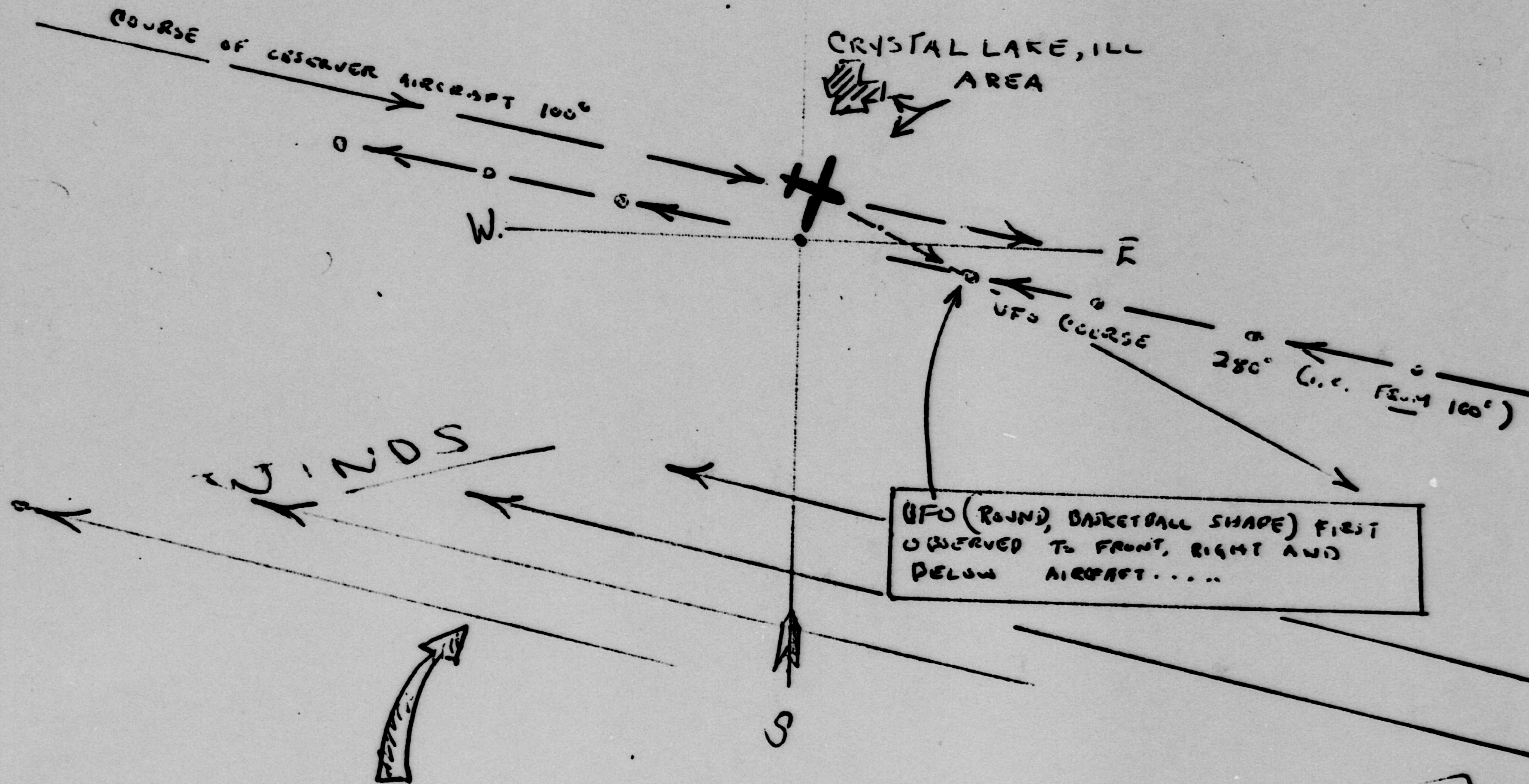
1. This balloon ~~justly~~ ~~was~~ ~~from~~  
the Ft. Wayne Wx station.

2. Winds were rather stable  
and low all the way from  
there to the N.W. Chicago  
area.

(Comments by Capt Ingram)

NOTE: SCATTERED CLOUDS  
AND HAZE AT  
3000 - 9200 FT

SUN FAIRLY  
HIGH AND TO  
THE EAST AT  
THE TIME (1107AM)



WINDS AT THE TIME OF  
SIGHTING FROM 100° - EXACTLY  
THE RECIPROCAL OF THE UFO'S  
HEADING, I.E. THE OBJECT WAS  
MOVING EXACTLY WITH THE WIND  
AT THAT TIME.

CHICAGO

LAKE MICHIGAN

1957  
19 JULY 1958

15 February 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, LEGISLATIVE LIAISON, SAFLI  
ATTENTION: Major Allen F. Will

SUBJECT: Letter from C/M Pucinski

Follows a draft of a suggested reply to Congressman Pucinski  
reference his letter from Mr. [REDACTED]

I refer to your recent letter concerning unidentified flying  
objects from your constituent, Mr. [REDACTED]

A search of the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center's  
UFO files reveals no case reported for Illinois on 4 November 1957,  
nor is there a case for the area on the 3rd or 5th of November 1957.

The case referenced as taking place on 19 July 1958 actually  
occurred on 20 July 1958. The object was sighted in the Crystal Lake  
area of Illinois and was identified by the Aerospace Technical  
Intelligence Center analyst as a balloon. The description of the  
object, position of the sun, and wind vector substantiate the conclusion.  
The sighting was made from an aircraft which was moving in the exact  
opposite direction from the wind, and the high closure rate accounts  
for the relatively short duration of the sighting. Other factors which  
probably contributed to the lack of identification of this object were  
the scattered clouds between the aircraft and object plus the fact that  
the object was between the aircraft and the ground and therefore probably  
blended into this complex background.

This sighting took place during the month of November 1957 which  
recorded more UFO sightings than most years. (See attached press release.)

Memo for SAFL, Subj: Letter from C/M Pucinski

Mr. ██████████ is a confirmed believer that space travel in reverse exists and we are being watched by intelligent beings from other planets. He believes that UFO's or popularly termed "flying saucers" are space ships.

We have had considerable correspondence with Mr. ██████████ on this subject and he has been informed on two or three occasions that the joint Army-Navy-Air Force publication #146 is out of print and is too voluminous to copy. In this regard he is invited to visit this Office where he can read and copy this publication in whole or in part.

His request for Army publications should, of course, be directed to the Department of the Army and Mr. ██████████ should be informed that classified documents are not available.

Attachment

WILLIAM J. TACKER  
Major  
Chief, Book Branch  
Office of Information

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200 FEB 12 12 50

Comeback OI-3d  
Reader OI-1

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



REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: AFCIN-4E2

SUBJECT: UFO Letter - Congressman R. C. Pucinski

10 FEB 1960

TO: SAFDI-3d (Major Tacker)

1. A search of the ATIC UFO files reveals no case reported for Illinois on 4 November 1957, nor is there a case for the area on the 3rd or 5th of November 1957. ~~It should be noted in Mr. [redacted] letter that he points out the fact that this case was not reported to ATIC.~~

2. The case referenced as taking place on 19 July 1958 actually occurred on 20 July 58. The object was sighted in the Crystal Lake area of Illinois and was identified by the ATIC analyst as a balloon. The description of the object, position of the sun, and wind vector ~~tend to~~ substantiate the conclusion. The sighting was made from an aircraft which was moving in the exact opposite direction from the wind, and the high closure rate ~~could~~ account for the relatively short duration of the sighting.

a. Other factors which probably contributed to the lack of identification of this object were:

• Scattered clouds between the aircraft and object.

b. ~~The~~ The object was between the aircraft and the ground and therefore probably blended into this complex background.

*P* This sighting took place during the month of November 1957 which recorded more UFO sightings than most years. *(See attached [redacted] memo.)*

*Philip G. Evans*  
PHILIP G. EVANS  
Colonel, USAF  
Deputy for  
Science and Components

1 Atch  
Ltr to C/M Pucinski fr Mr [redacted]  
dtd 3 Dec 59 w/attachments