PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP	2. LOCATION
9-10 Oct 66 10/0145Z	KODIAK, YAKUTAT, ALASKA
3. SOURCE military	**10. CONCLUSION** BALLOON (POSSIBLE) JAH Possible Japanese transonic balloon
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 29 mins	**11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS** Observers noted diamond shaped object silver in color with a translucent fuselage. Objs had fuselage material as in skyhook balloon-ribbed lengthwise. Object appeared to drift with the wind with the nose pointed in the direction of movement. Object appeared to move over top of cloud layer estimated to top at 12,000 ft. Looked like a plastic dry cleaning bag. Description is consistent with that of a balloon observation.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ground visual (BX)	
7. COURSE ENE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☐ No	

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UNCLAS ALNT 55304 10 OCT 66.

UFO REPORT

A. DESCRIPION OF OBJECT

(1) SHAPE--DIAMOND SHAPED NOSE WITH FUSELAGE ABOUT TWICE AS LONG AS NOSE SECTION. FUSELAGE-OBSERVERS TERM.

(2) COLOR: SILVER NOSE, TRANSLUCENT FUSELAGE

(3) SIZE: BASEBALL AT ARM'S LENGTH AS SEEN THROUGH BINOCULARS. O NAKED EYE SIZE OF PEA AT ARM'S LENGTH BUT NO DISCERNIBWE SHAPE.

(4) NUMBER: ONE, (5) FORMATION: N/A

(6) DETAILS: FUSELAGE MATERIAL TRANSLUCENT AS IN SKYHOOK BALOON-RIBBED LENGTHWISE

G WEATHER: 25,000 FEET SCATTERED, 14,000 BROKEN, VISIBILITY FIFTEEN MILES, WINDS AT SURFACE: 280 DEGREES/10 KNOTS--WINDS AT 35,000 FEET 280 DEGREES AT 25 KNOTS.

H. INTERCEQ ACION; PILOT OF COAST GUARD HELICOPTER GOT TO 14,500 FEET, OBTAINED SIGHTING. ESTIMATED TO BE 20,000 FEET DIRECTLY ABOVE HIM. OBJECT DESCRIBED AS TREMENDOUS; ABOUT SIZE OF HANGAR. FIFTY FEET IN DIAMETER. WENTY FEET LONG. LOOKED LIKE PLASTIC DRY CLEANING BAG. NO PHOTOS. PILOT WILL SUBMIT SKETCH. PILOT WAS LT CDR BREED, COAST GUARD STATION, KODIAK ALASKA, PHONE 487-5888.

I. OTHER OBSERVEJ: LT PHILIP H. TAYLOR, USN, FLEET WEAHER CENTRAL, FORECAST DUTY OFFICER: COMPARISON OF DESCRIPTION: (1) SHAPE: CYLINDRICAL SHAPED, DROOPING FROM TOP, SOME METALLIC OBJECT IN TOP OF BALOON, BALOON WAS HANDUNG DOWN IN VERTICAL POSITION. LIKE FIRE-BOTTLE ON BULK-HEAD. (2) SIZE: BASEBALL. (3) COLOR: WHITE METALIC OBJEKT ON NOSE OR TOP. BELIEVED SILVEJ COLOR PREVILUSLY REPORTED COULD HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY SUN GLARE.

B. COURSE:

(1) ANGLE FIRST OBSERVED 35 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON AT 230 DEGREES FROM FLT WX CENTRAL

(2) OBJECT PASSED OVERHEAD INCREASING IN SIZE TO LARGER THAN BASKETBALL.

(3) ANGLE A DISAPPEARANCE 65 DEGREES AT 050 DEGREES FROM FLT WY CENTRAL

(4) DRIFTED WITH WIND (NO ALTITUDE CHANGE NOTED)

(5) HOW LONG OBSERVED; 45 MINUES

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(7) TAIL, TRAIL, EYHAUST: N/A

(8) SOUND (N/A)

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE:

(1) OBJECT CALLED TO ATTENTION OF OBSERVER BY COAST GUARD.

(2) ANGLE/AZIMUTH WHEN FIRST OBSERVED: FIFTY DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON HEADING EAST NORTH EAST. 232 DEGREES.

(3) ANGLE/AZIMUTH WHEN LAST OBSERVED: VERTICAL

(4) FLIGH PATH OR MANEUVERS: APPEARED TO DRIFT WITH WIND. NOSE POINTED IN DIRECTION OF MOVEMENT. NO CHANGE OF ALTITUDE NOTED. NO CHANGE OF SIZE NOTED.

(5) HOW OBJECT DISAPPEARED: OBJECT APPEARED TO MOVE OVER TOP OF CLOUD LAYER ESTIMATED TO TOP AT 12,000 FEET

(6) HOW LONG VISIBLE: 29 MINUTES

MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(1) GROUND VISUAL

(2) BINOCULARS (7 X 50 POWER)

(3) TYPE: UNKNOWN

(4) IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: NOT SEEN

(5) ALTIUDE: ABOVE 12,000 FEET

(6) HEADING EAS NORTH EAST

(7) SPEED: FUFTY KNOTS

(8) HOME STATION: UNKNOWN

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

(1) 0145 TO 0214Z 10 ~~SEP~~ OCT 66

(2) LIGHT CONDUTIONS: DAY

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER: KODUAK NAVAL AIR STATION (5745N/15229W).

F. IDENTIFICATION OF OBSERVER:

MICHAEL BROWN, AC-2, USN, AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER, OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT, KODIAK NAVAL AIR STATION

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS ALASKAN AIR COMMAND
APO SEATTLE 98742

REPLY TO ATTN OF: ALNT

SUBJECT: UFO Report (ALNT Msg, 55304, 10 Oct 66)

TO: AFSC (FTD)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

1. This office received a call on 10 October 1966, from Mr. [redacted] co-pilot on Northwest Airlines Flight [redacted] Mr. [redacted] sighted an unknown object at 10/1635Z, 10 miles south of Yakutat, Alaska (5930N/13945W). He was unable to determine size or altitude because of the long distance between himself and the object; but he did say it appeared to be a balloon.

2. We feel this may have been the same object as sighted at Kodiak Naval Air Station, Kodiak Island, Alaska, 10/0145Z, and reported in the referenced message. Prevailing, high altitude winds over the Gulf of Alaska were such that a free floating object at the altitude reported from Kodiak would have reached the vicinity of Yakutat at this time.

3. The original drawings and personal comments from observers at Kodiak are attached.

FOR THE COMMANDER

RICHARD H. SPOONER, Lt Col, USAF
Deputy ACS/Intelligence

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Observers drawings
and comments (6 Cys)

(2) BUNOCULARS: US NAVY BUSHIPS MARK I, MOD I BAUSH LOMB

OPTICAL 7 X 50

(3) HEADING 050 DEGREES

(4) SPEED 25-30 KNOTS

(5) ALTITUDE 35,000 FEET

POSITION, TITLE, COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER.

CHIEF, COLLECTIONS DUVISION, ACS/I, HQ AAC. COMMENTS:

OBJECT IS PROBABWE BALOON. TYPE, AND ORIGIN IS UNKNOWN.

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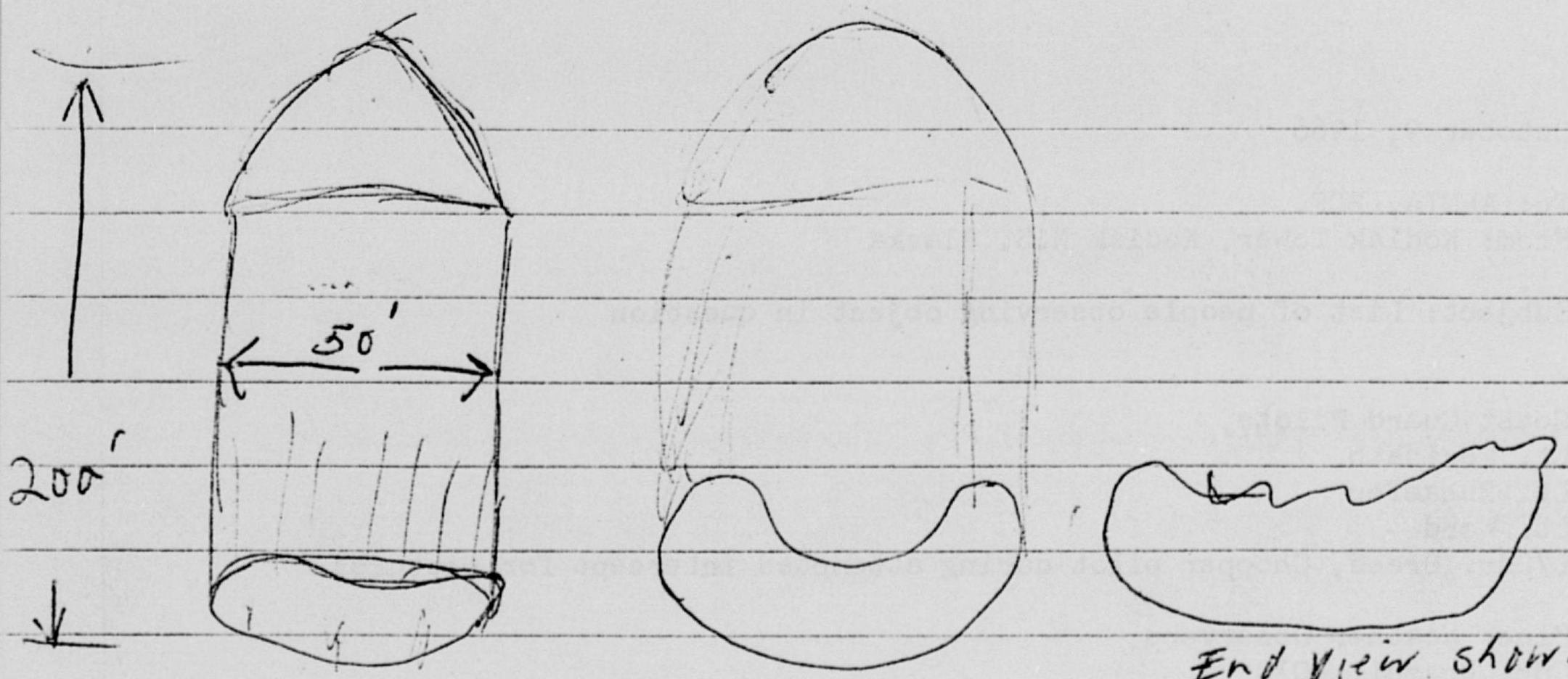
. . Dimensions are estimates based on it being above cloud layer in excess of 14500' high



End View showing partial collapse

Clear Plastic Bag open at bottom closed at Top. Not perfectly cylindrical it looked partially collapsed

First viewed from the ground with 8x30 binoculars. it was above about a 3000' scattered layer. IT disappeared above a higher layer.

I Climbed Helicopter to 14500' and cloud layer it disappeared above was still several Thousand feet above us. Saw object briefly once or twice through this spot in clouds. Estimate it in excess of 20,000'. Looked like a huge plastic dry cleaning bag.

Ob Reed Lodr insc.

October 9, 1966

To: ALNTA, EDF.
From: Kodiak Tower, Kodiak N.S. Alaska

Subject: List of people observing object in question

Coast Guard Pilots,
Lt. Merideth
Lt. Schaefer
Lt. Word
L/Cdr. Breed, Chopper pilot during attempted intercept for pictures.

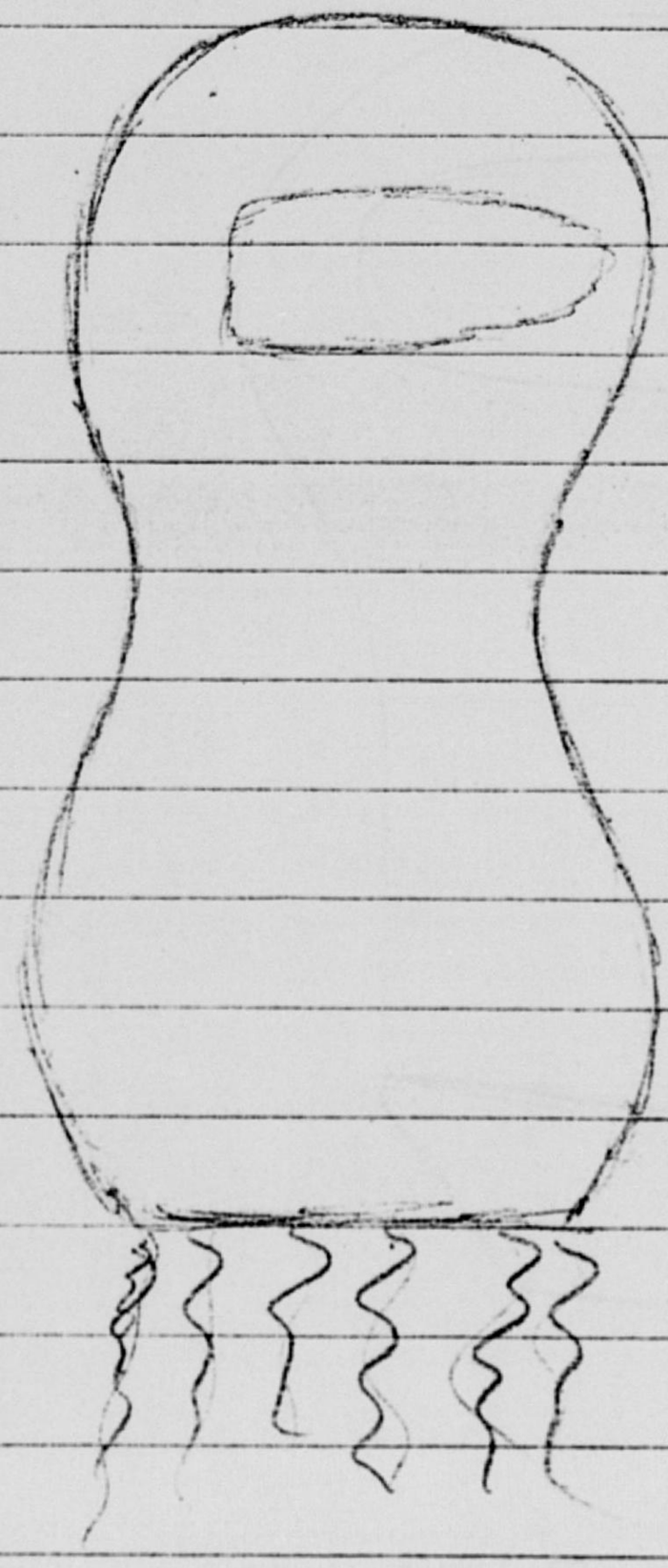
Fleet Weather Observers
Cdr. Brazell, OIC
Lt. Taylor, Wx Observer and Naval Aviator
Englehart, AG 2

Tower Operators
Michael Brown AC 2 Box 7, Kodiak
Patrick Foy AC 3
Jerry Meekins AC 3

Kodiak Airways
[redacted] Aircraft Dispatcher

Object was sighted by a party at Uganik Bay and also Pt. Loins.

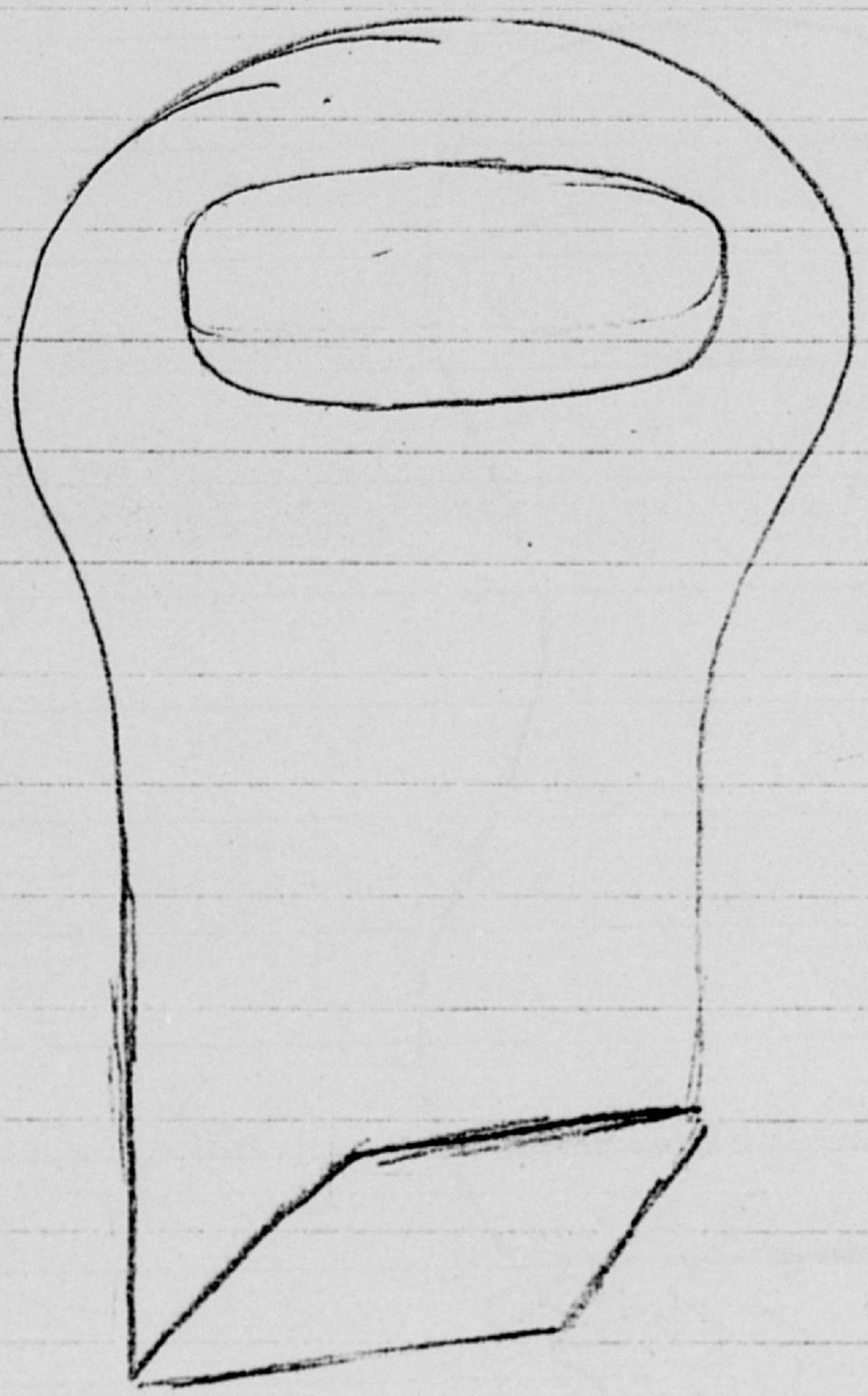
All other information was passed via a telephone call on this date.



CLEAR PLASTIC LOOKING WITH RIGID STREAMERS EXTENDING BELOW, ENTIRE OBJECT APPEARED TO BE OF A RIGID MATTER.

U. K. English 402

Post Kodiak, Alaska



Looked Like a Clear Plast. Balloon open at the bottom end with some object in the top.

R. H. Taylor
LT USN
FLEWEACEN
Kodiak Alaska.

NAME: [redacted] 3 9032034

[redacted] 727 C/O FPO

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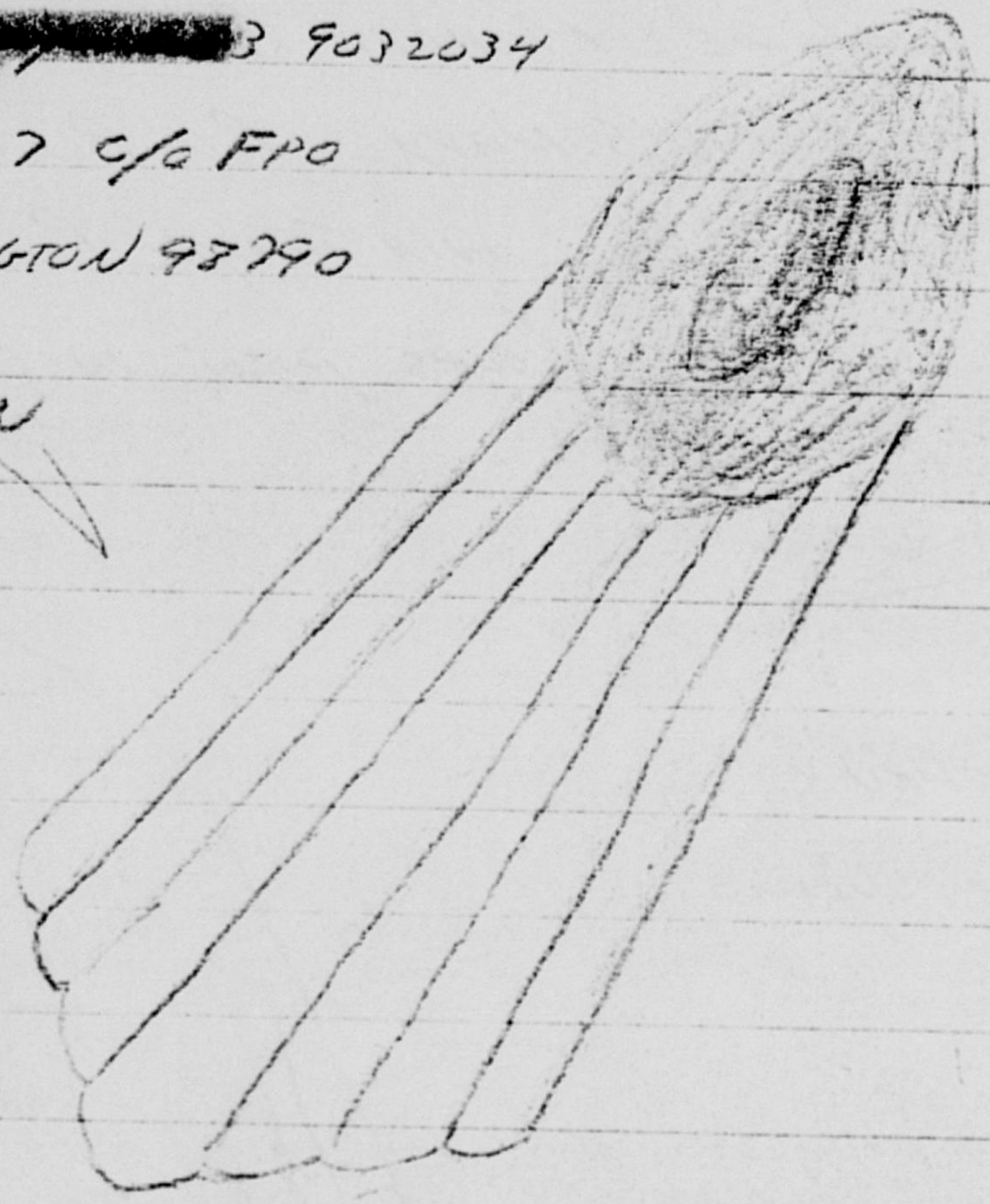

OBJECT APPEARED TRANSLUCENT ON THE RIBBED PORTION, OPAQUE ON THE EGG SHAPED PORTION WITH A SLIGHTLY DARKER PORTION IN THE CENTER WHEN VIEWED THROUGH BINOCULARS (7X). OVERALL APAERANCE SUGGESTED THAT THE OBJECT WAS AN EXTREMELY LARGE BALOON, PURPOSE AND TYPE UNKNOWN

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NAME: MICHAEL BROWN AC-2 290 28 69

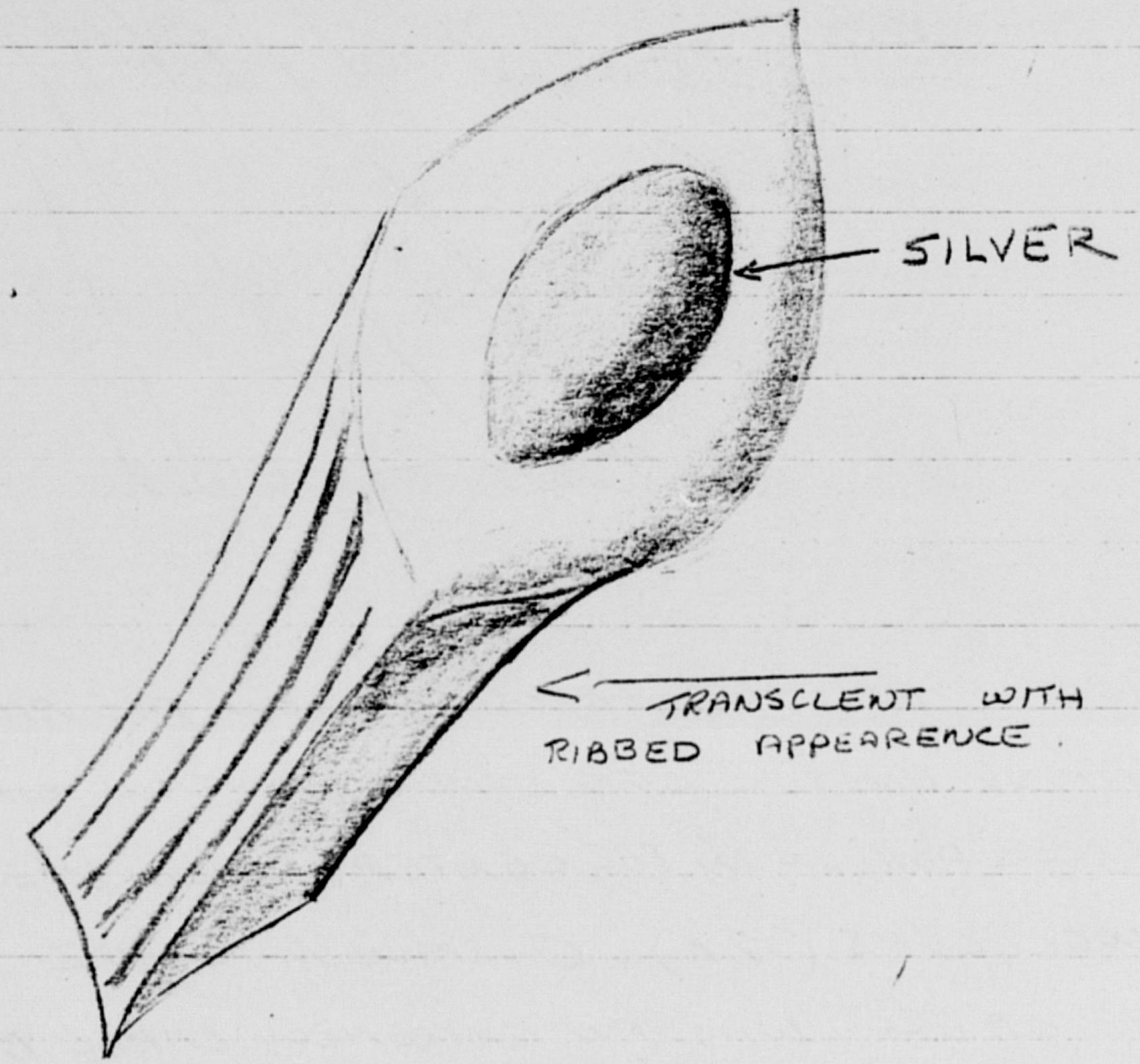
U.S. NAVY P.O. BOX 7 U.S. KODIAK, AK.

DUTY AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL KODIAK, TOWER.

1500 HOURS PILOT IN COMMAND TIME (CIVIL)

VIEW SEEN THRU

7X50 BINOCULARS.



WITH OUT GLASSES

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It look like a quiet day clearing sky blowing in the wind with a solid object in the center. Pointed end was down wind or pointing toward the direction it was moving

12 Oct. 66

Contact with the Kodiak radiosone balloon launch station, Kodiak, Alaska. (487-3313) revealed that the sighting was not a balloon from the Kodiak area. The object was verified a balloon by several persons from the Kodiak area. The balloon resemabled those launched by the Japanese. It was like a transonic balloon.
The balloon did appear to have been launched from any of the other balloon release areas in Alaska.

15 Dec. 66

From 0222Z to 0651Z 9 Oct. 66 ANR radar tracked* two slow moving objects which were moving toward the southeast at an average speed of 45 knots. Two F-102's were scrambled from Galena AFS was sent to investigate. The radar lost contact with the objects in the vicinity of Cape Romanzof, Alaska. The aircraft pilots were flying in bad weather and on three passes were unable to see the objects.

Investigating official from Elmendorf AFB, Alaska believes the objects to be balloons. Several balloons have been recently seen in the Alaska area. This balloon could have the one observed at a later time by the personnel at Kodiak Naval Air Station on 10 Oct. 66 0145Z. Prevailing winds from the Cape Romanzof area to the Kodiak area were counter-clockwise from 0600Z/9 Oct. 66 to 0200Z/10 Oct. 66. At altitudes from 25,000 to 35,000 feet the winds were about 35 knots and could have carried an object from the Cape Romanzof area to Kodiak during this time frame.

* Reference message number 1 540 0039 66 14 October 1966