PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 24 Jan 67 25/0305Z	2. LOCATION Over Yardley, Pa./Plattsbury AFB, New York (Multiple)
3. SOURCE Civilian/Military	10. CONCLUSION ~~ASTRO (METEOR-FIREBALL)~~ OTHER (SATELLITE DECAY) OBJECTS # 2668 AND 2669 DECAYED ON DAY IN QUESTION.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30sec.-3 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object was round and discribed anywhere from as big as a planet to the size of the moon. All observers stated the object had a tail as like a shooting star.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Air-Visual	
7. COURSE Southeast	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes XX No	

FORM
FTD SEP 63 0-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

Submitted by [redacted]

THE RECORD-POST, AU SABLE FORKS, N. Y., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1967

Local People Report U.F.O. Seen Last Week Wed.

Wayne Strong, Randy Miller and Steve Mace all of AuSable Forks and several others spotted an unidentified flying object flying in a southeast direction over AuSable Forks last Wednesday night. They saw the object overhead about 10:30 p. m. while they were standing in the parking lot next to the National Commercial Bank and Trust Co.

Strong said he had reported the UFO to the Platsburgh Air Force Base. It was similar to a jet aircraft, he said, but "round." He ruled out the possibility it was a bomber or a tanker with its landing light on. The object moved noiselessly, he said, and it appeared to have "light all over; they were white like plane lights."

"It just appeared." said Strong. "There wasn't anything there before and then, all of a sudden, it was overhead. It took about 45 seconds to a minute before it had glided off to the southeast. He could not estimate the object's distance from the ground. It was approximately the size of the moon, Strong said, and appeared to be about the height of an aircraft would fly. Not that large

Strong, Miller and Mace had the impression the object had descended toward the ground and then moved away, slowly.

The UFO was also seen by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Maicus, who were traveling towards Jay. Maicus, a World War II gunner said he had never seen anything like it in his 2000 hours of flying. He described the object as having a bright tail.

It was also viewed by Howard Snow and George Yando. Snow thought it looked like a comet with a tail but didn't act like one.

Akron (meteor + 7 inches)

25 Jan 67

Youngstown Pa.
Plattsburg AFB, New York

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION (AFSC)
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO 45433

REPLY TO ATTN OF: TDET/UFO

15 March 1967

SUBJECT: UFO Observation, 25 Jan 67

TO: M[redacted]n
[redacted]
Jay, New York 12941

Reference your unidentified observation. The information which we have received is not sufficient for a scientific evaluation. Request you complete the attached FTD Form 164 and return it in the envelope provided. Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

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Headquarters 8
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AF IN: 53814 (28 Jan 67) Q/jcw

ACTION: RDC-4 INFO: XOP-1 XOPX-2 SAFOS-3 NIN-7 DIA-1 (19)

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UNCLAS DX100800, JAN 67. SEC 1 OF 2 UFO. FOR AFNIN, SAFOI.

SIGHTINGS WERE REPORTED TO INVESTIGATING OFFICER AT

25/0345Z JAN 67. SECERAL WITNESSES WERE INTERVIEWED. IAW

PARAGRAPH 14, AFR 200-2, THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUB-

MITTED:

A. DESCRIPTION

(1) SHAPE- ROUND

(2) SIZE- VARIES WITH WITNESSES, BIG PLANET, LARGE

STAR, SMALL ORANGE, SIZE OF MOON.

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(3) COLOR - WHITE

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(4) NUMBER - ONE

(5) N/A

(6) NO DISCERNIBLE FEATURES

(7 TAIL - ALL WITNESSES DESCRIBED TAIL AS LIKE A SHOOTING STAR EXCEPT ONE WHO COMPARED IT TO JET CONTRAIL VAPOR. APPROXIMATELY TEN TIMES SIZE OF OBJECT.

(8) NO SOUND

B. COURSE OF OBJECT

(1) BRIGHT MOVING SPOT CALLED ATTENTION TO OBJECT.

(2) ANGLE OF OBSERVATION, FROM NNW TO SSE. PAFB TOWER 30 DEGREES FROM HORIZON, LT COL NARANJO & MAJOR SCHWIETZ 10 TP 20 DEGREE ANGLE, AIRMAN LEAL - 45 DEGREES, MR AUSTIN -35 DEGREES.

(3) ANGLE UPON DISAPPEARANCE - OVER THE HORIZON TO THE SOUTH EAST.

(4) LEVEL COURSE TRACKING APPROXIMATELY ONE TWO ZERO DEGREES. STABLE FLIGHT AND COURSE.

(5) OBJECT DISAPPEARED INTO THE DISTANCE

(6) OBJECT VISIBLE THREE ZERO SECONDS TO THREE MINS.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION: VISUAL, GROUND AND AIRBOURNE

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CHECK WITH ACW SITE AT ST. ALBANS, VT. WAS NEGATIVE BOTH ELECTRICAL AND VISUAL. AIRCRAFT T THREE NINE, TAIL NUMBER SIX ONE SIX FIVE SIX AT THREE THREE THOUSAND FEET HEADING ZERO SEVEN SIX DEGREES OVER YARDLEY, PENN. HEADING TOWARD JFK, ONE HUMDRED MILES SOUTHWEST OF NEW YORK CITY. ALSO GROUND IN PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK.

D. TIME AND DATE:

(1) 25/0318Z JAN 67 BY AIRCRAFT AND PAFB TOWER... AIRMAN LEAL ESTIMATED 25/0305Z...MR AUSTIN,25/0325Z. AIR CANADA NUMBER THREE ZERO NINE REPORTED OBJECT OVER SHERBROOK (80-90 MILES NORTHEAST OF PLATTSBURGH) AT 25/0336Z JAN 67.

(2) LIGHT CONDITIONS NIGHT WITH BRIGHT MOON.

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVERS:

(1) MAJOR SCHWIETZ AND LT COL NARANJO, OVER YARDLEY, PENN. ONE HUNDRED MILES SOUTHWEST OF NEW YORK CITY.

(2) TSGT THOMAS IN CONTROL TOWER AT PAFB, NY

(3) AIRMAN LEAL ON PAFB, TWO MILES SOUTH OF PLATTSBURGH

(4) MR. AUSTIN AT HOME IN TOWN OF JAY, NY

(5) THREE YOUTHS IN TOWN OF AUSABLE FORKS, NY

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F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSEVERS:

(1) CIVILIAN

A. [redacted], AGE [redacted], JAY NY

B. [redacted], AGE 18, [redacted], AUSABLE FORKS, NY, STUDENT, ATTRIBUTED SIGHTING TO JET AIRCRAFT.

(2) MILITARY:

A. LT COL ANTHONY NARANJO, AGE 38, OPERATIONS & TRAINING, HQ 8 AF, WESTOVER AFB MASS., USAF RATED OFFICER

B. MAJOR THOMAS SCHWIETZ, AGE 34, OPERATIONS PLANS DIVISION, HQ 8 AF, WESTOVER AFB MASS., USAF RATED OFFICER WITH TEN YEARS FLTING EXPERIENCE.

C. TSGT RICHARD C. THOMAS, AGE 37, HILL STREET, KEESVILLE, NY, SENIOR CONTROLER, PAFB TOWER, RELEABLE.

D. A/3C ROBERTO LEAL, AGE 19, BOX 2383, PAFB NY, AIR OPERATIONS SPECIALIST, RELEABLE.

G. WEATHER AND WINDS:

(1) CLEAR, BRIGHT NIGHT. WITH CIRRUS CLOUDS A HALO EFFECT IS FREQUENTLY OBSERVED. THIS AREA WAS EXPERIENCING AN OCCLUDED FRONTAL PASSAGE. WINDS TO THE SOUTH FROM

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25/0315Z TO 25/0325Z.

(2) WIND DIRECTION AND VELOCITY:

SURFACE 280 DEGREES AT 14 GUST TO 21 KTS

SIX THOUSAND 270 DEGREES AT 60 KTS

TEN THOUSAND 270 DEGREES AT 50 KTS

16000 260 AT 50 KTS

20000 260 AT 65 KTS

30000 270 AT 85 KTS

50000 270 AT 60 KTS

(3) CEILING, 400 SCATTERED, UNKNOWN BROKEN

(4) VISIVILITY, FOURTEEN MILES

(5) SKY COVER, SIX TENTHS

(6) NO THUNDERSTORMS IN THE AREA

(7) VERTICAL TEMPERATURE GRADIENT:

SURFACE TO 3000 FEET PLUS ONE DEGREE/1000 FEET

(INVERSION), 3000 TO 5000 FEET MINUS 2.5 DEGREES/1000

5000 TO 18000 FEET MINUS 1.2 DEGREES/1000 FEET

H. NONE.

I. NOT FEASIBLE

J. COULD NOT BE DETERMINED LOCALLY

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NOTE: SECTION 2 IS AF IN: 53703 (28 Jan 67)

MEMO for the Record: 1 Feb 67

Contact with SPADATS revealed that on 25 Jan 67 there were several decays. The one most likely responsible for the observation was the decay of object number 2658 and object number 2659. Object #2658 was the rocket body of Cosmos 139 while object # 2659 was some additional space debris. SPADATS said that object # 2658 had no time for decay since it decayed shortly after launch. No definite data was obtained on the object since it had such a short life.

Submitted by Harold R Austin

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?

Wednesday 25th (Day) January (Month) 1967 (Year)

2. Time of day: approx. 11 (Hour) 25 (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?

Glen Road (Baxter) (Nearest Postal Address) — Jay (City or Town) — Essex County (State or County) New York

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration) — Less than a minute — 40-45 seconds.

Hours Minutes Seconds

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

5.1 How was time in sight determined? Comparison with a B-52 bomber

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes X No _____

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY	NIGHT
a. Bright	a. (Bright)
b. Cloudy	b. Cloudy

No clouds

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

FORM FTD OCT 62 164 This form supersedes FTD 164, 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) Overlap from being full.
b. Dull moonlight
c. No moonlight – pitch dark Was on other side (On the East)
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) It looked like a bright star with a short contrail of vapor or light gray smoke. It was very bright. The flare-like contrail stayed in sight for a few seconds.
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:

Slightly dimmer than Venus - Light was star color.

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 Vapor or light gray smoke
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

Appeared to turn off and on during a time straight course & deviation when accompanied by fighter aircraft

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

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. Only objects I can easily have a B-52 flying at 30,000 feet.

b. Color White bright - star color

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?

Using a kitchen match - arm length - the head of the match would not have quite covered the disc.

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 on arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving. See Question No 10

Appeared to be in orbit - or flying a true straight course in direction in any direction. Speed of light was constant like a piece of debris burning in the atmosphere. The color of the light should have been orange or flame color. The type of material would radiate diffused. It appeared low altitude. Needs another question. Six sharp brilliant another question

Question 20-21 bottom: The altitude was approximately determined. It appeared to be at 20,000 to 25,000. B52 bombers from Plattsburgh Air Force Base fly over our area constantly. They usually make a contrail at 30,000 feet (depending on the condition of the atmosphere.)

20. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object? It can be established that the object was at least much over 400 knots - the speed of a B-52 bomber at 30,000 feet.

(Circle One) Yes ? No

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? _____

Photographic data was subsequently obtained from Base Headquarters (See Enclosure #1) and compared with my observation (See Enclosure #2) - My first reaction was that I was looking at a piece of space debris reentering the atmosphere. However, upon reconsideration I do not think it could have been a piece of space debris - the angle of the sighting and the high speed of the object.

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? _____

22. Where were you located when you saw the object? (Circle One):

a. Inside a building (Living Room Picture Window 5' x 7' 4" from floor)
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? Plattsburgh Air Force Base 23 miles Airline
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
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

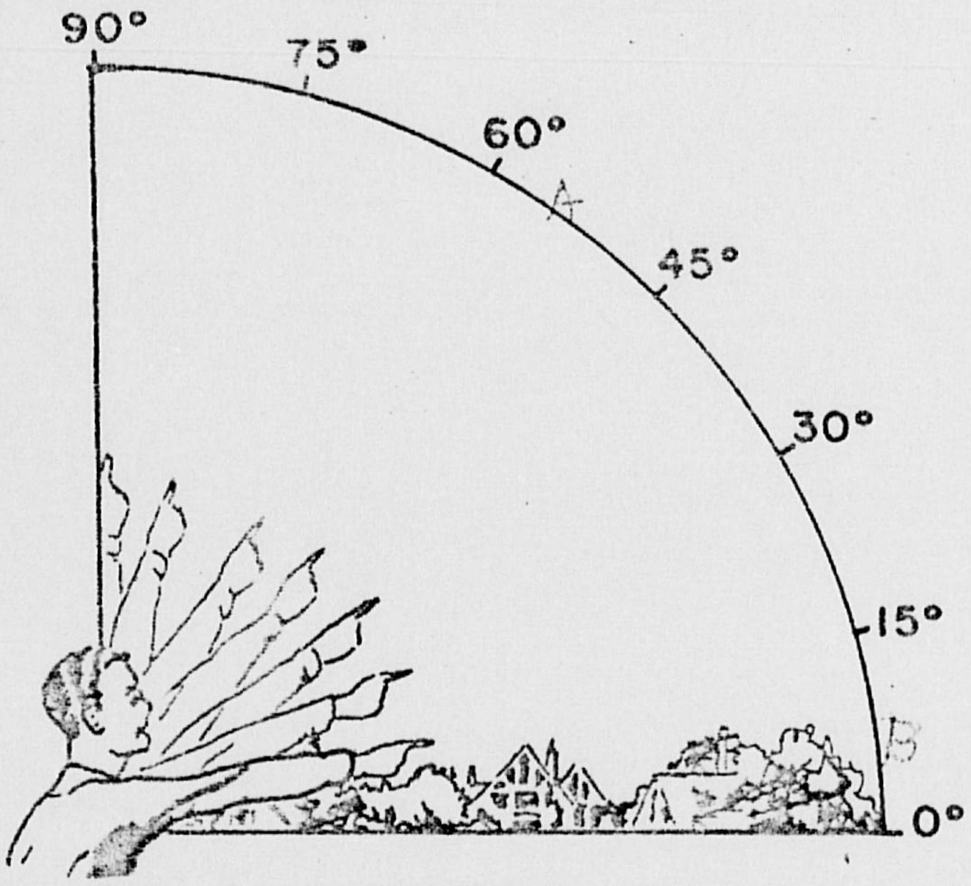
25. Did you observe the object through any of the following? Note: I and I both have eye wear and are in excellent health.

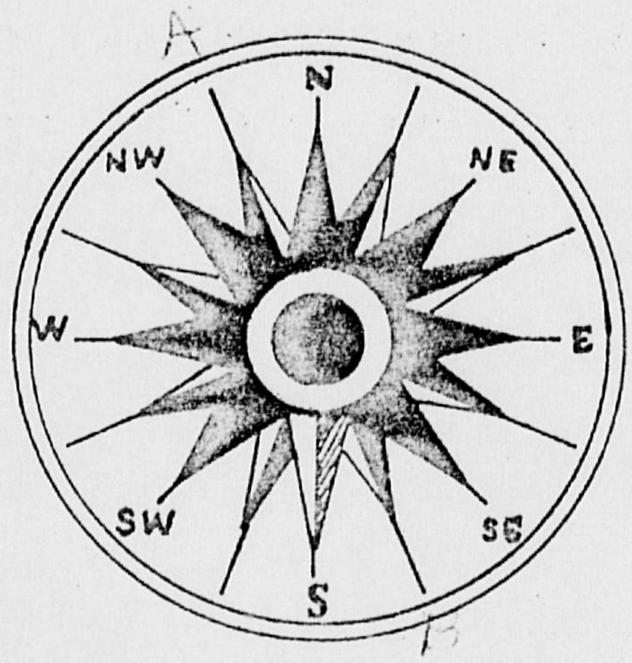
a. Eyeglasses	(Yes)	No	e. Binoculars	Yes	No
b. Sun glasses	Yes	No	f. Telescope	Yes	No
c. Windshield	Yes	No	g. Theodolite	Yes	No
d. Window glass	Yes	No	h. Other _____		

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.

Have been unable to think of anything that has the same appearance. Just a bright ball of light with a short vapor contrail or it could have been a contrail of bright gray smoke.

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.





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.

Appeared to be on orbit or flying a true straight course no deviation when seen - Speed of flight constant

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.

One object, See enclosed maps for direction

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 Wife was looking for Echo or Echo 2

31.2 Please list their names and addresses: My wife (Mrs Ellamay Austin) many others saw this UFO. (Sedenobord clipping.)
I know the War II gunner mentioned. His description of the UFO is very similar to mine.

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS [redacted] Jay, New York 12941
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted] AGE 71 SEX Male

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any special experience, which might be pertinent.
During World War I I was in the Airforce, Aeronautics about two-years. I held a Lieutenants Commission in U.S. Army and was attached to both heavier than air and lighter than air sections. Have a pilots rating Aeronautique Internationale AeroClub of America. Am a rated Observer with a certificate for artillery control and Observer-Artillery Observation balloons etc.
I am a retired metallurgist by profession - specializing in non-ferrous metals. Was a superintendent of a large brass manufacturing plant. The above is only mentioned to establish my familiarity with aerial observation and experience with molten metal heat and color

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

Thursday 5 January 1967
Day Month Year

Col. Mack, ret. USAF. Before he retired Col Mack had charge of Air Security at Plattsburg AFB. He said I should report this sighting and directed me to Col. Berhalter and Capt Townsend at Plattsburg Airforce Base

34. Date you completed this questionnaire: 29th (Day) March (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.

It would seem that the altitude of the UFO is of importance. Would it be possible to check the attitude by bringing the SAC Base at Plattsburgh into the investigation. The only 23-24 air miles from our house. Their radar may have picked up a UFO at that time and recorded its range. Along the Northern Perimeter Defense radar near St Albans, Vermont, (on radar 38-40) may have the angle (provided the radar in actual operation) If both radar picked up the blip - giving their angle and one angle the altitude could be approximated.

Maybe the U.S. or Russia etc have developed a low orbiting satellite or drone, made of material that reflects heat efficiently in the atmosphere and at a low flying altitude (but unfortunately) from the standpoint of secrecy also shows up brilliantly when a full moon shines upon it (Moon was one day from full)

This sort of conjecture is certainly not objective thinking but might be to describe what it looked like, so what it actually was.

I presume that the Air Force has every piece of space debris catalogued. If it records a hit that a piece of space debris were burning up in the atmosphere Jan 25th at approx. 10:30 P.M. in our location, then that is the answer & total illusions would then leave to be the answer for the unexplained appearance of the UFO. (Conclusion)

The geological survey maps of the area would show the line of flight we had nearly parallel to our living room picture windows. This gave us an

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reinterrupted wand from the time my wife
sighted the fast moving object on the horizon
until it disappeared. She is interested in Echo I
and Echo II and was looking for them from the
darkened living room. Same to the window
immediately. We were able to pinpoint the path
of the UFO by let position relative to mountains shown
on the maps.

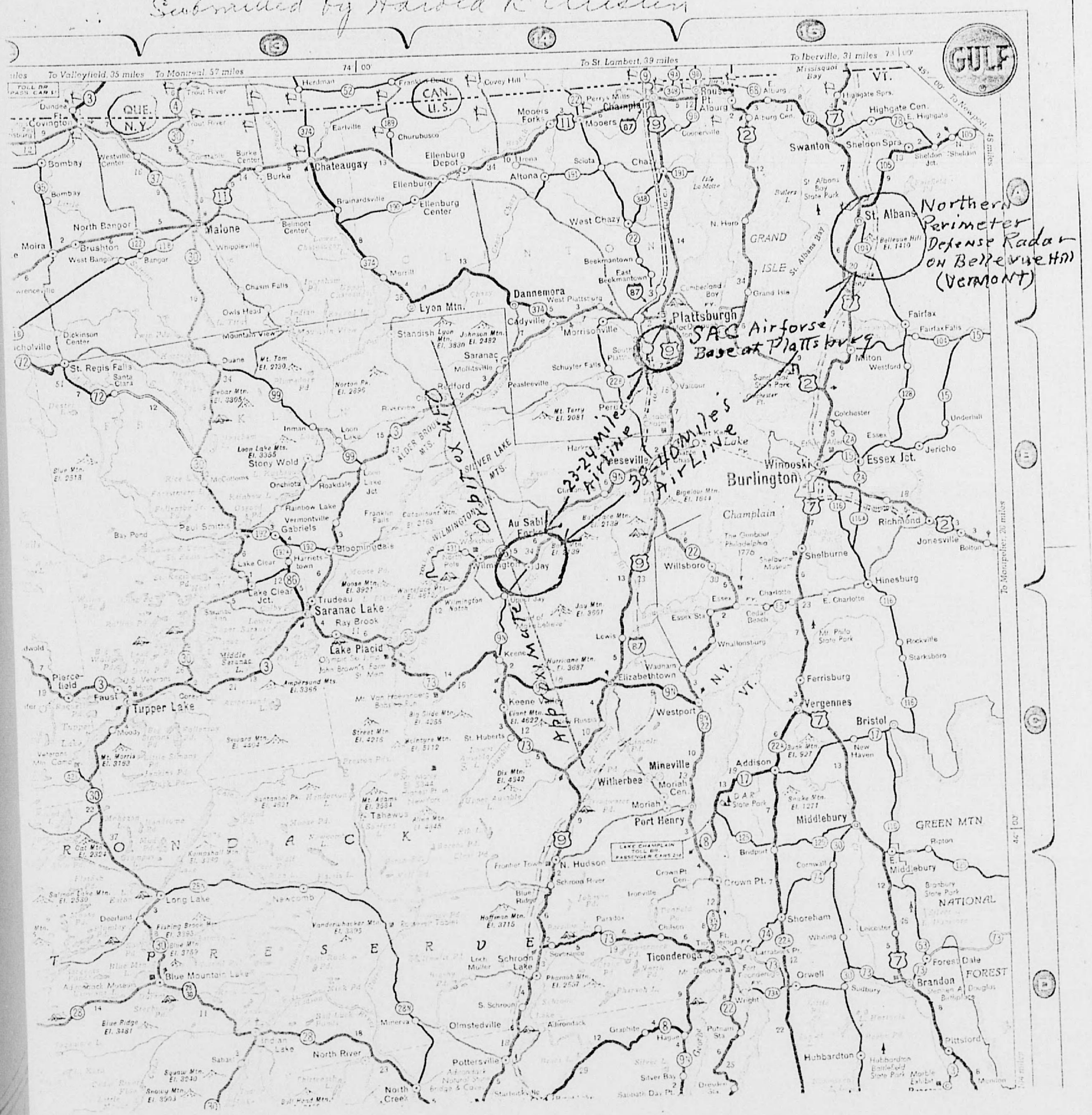
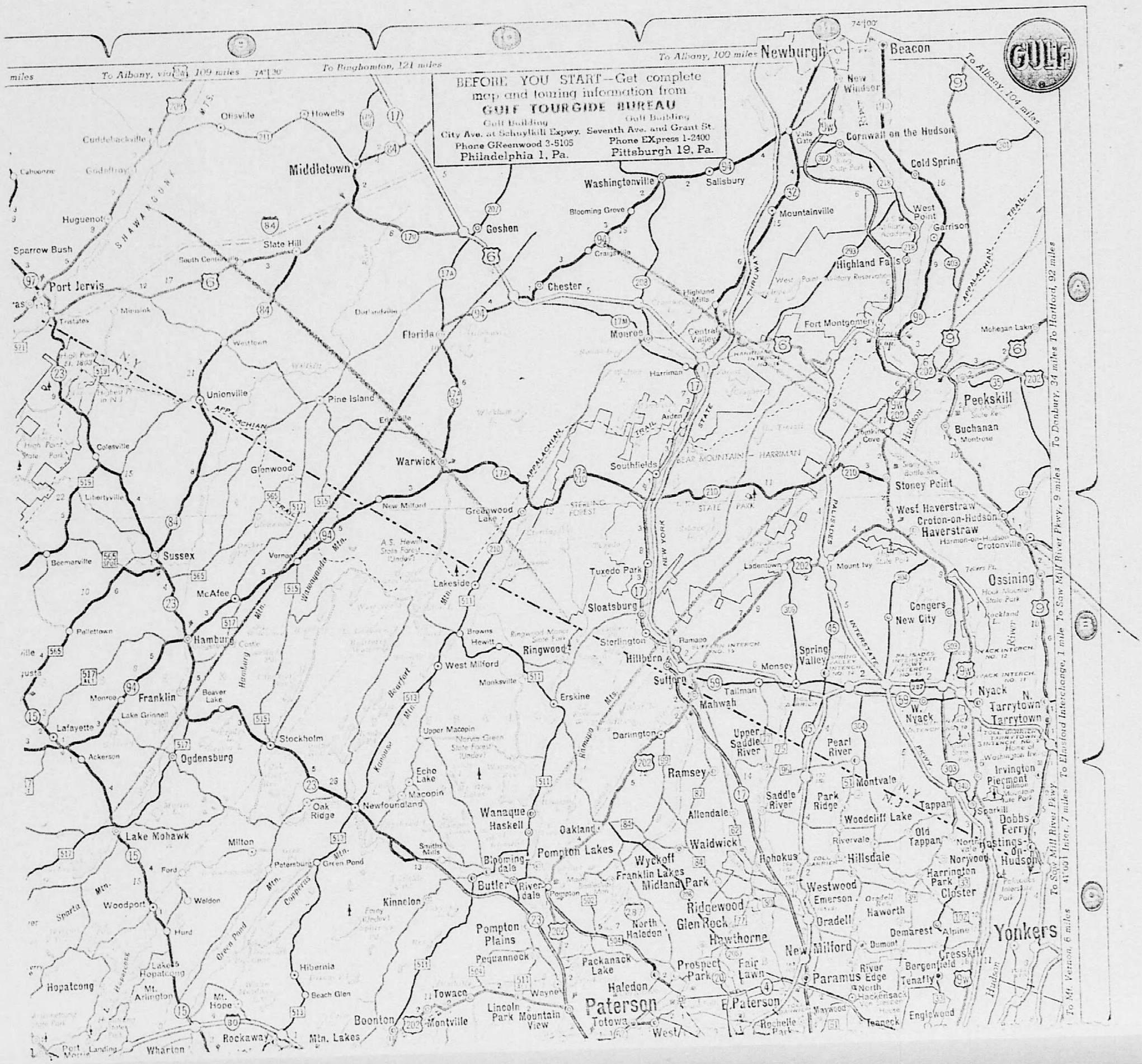
In our area many strange sightings have occurred
in the skies. One occurred 2 days ago. The known
Electric Radio station at Shanksville, Pa. (WKOV) said
that a woman driving a car on the Somerset (Route 81) saw
that an object (20-40 feet in size) came down a
distance in front of her. As passing shut off the
motor and nearly extinguished the lights. The lights
came back on when it went away.

I think most of these UFOs can be explained
by the gyrations of ball lightning, Atmospheric
conditions and electrical surges from the Earths
and air turbulance in this Mountainous Region
might be the cause of such phenomenon.

If anyone else in said would be interested in hearing the
outcome of our UFO.

Map of Northeast corner of New York State enclosed
2 — Geological survey maps of the area
1 — Newspaper clipping of the Record Book of Arcadia Township
(Weekly Paper)

Submitted by Harold R Austin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