PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 23 Jan 68 24/0110Z	2. LOCATION Near ~~Cincinnati~~ Columbus, Ohio (2 Witnesses)
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Probable (AIRCRAFT) JPH
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Two	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION About 30 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observers watched 2 bright bluish white lights that had the ability to hover and move at extreme speeds. After 20 to 30 minutes the lights disappeared to the SE. COMMENTS: A deep temperature inversion existed during sighting and two KC-135 aircraft were shooting instrument approaches to runway 05R at Lockbourne AFB during this time. Report indicated that the lights were seen in the general vicinity of Lockborne. Tower and GCA were queried at the time of sighting with negative results. Crews of the KC-135's did not see anything unusual. ELIOTT
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE See Case	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes XX No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes XX No	

FORM
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23 Jan 68

TDPT (UFO) Maj Quintanilla/70916/mhs/26 Mar 68 26 MAR 1968

UFO Observations, 23 January 1968

Base Operations
Attn: Colonel Hinkle
Lockbourne AFB, Ohio 43217

Reference telephone conversation between Col Hinkle, your organization, and 2nd Lt Carmon Marano, this office, on 25 March 1968. Request you investigate the attached UFO reports of 23 January 1968 in accordance with AFR 80-17. Request you provide your data to our office by 3 April 1968.

FOR THE COMMANDER

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HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Major, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office
Aerospace Technologies Division
Production Directorate

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UFO Rpts, 23 Jan 68,
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MEMO FOR THE RECORD (1500) 25 March 1968

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting of 23 January 1968

Called Lockborne AFB, regarding 23 Jan 68 sighting. Talked to the Base UFO Officer (Col Hinkle), phone 987-4484. He had two reports of UFO's on the 23d. They were not investigated because they did not fall under the catagory of UFO's since the regulation state that just lights in the sky do not constitute valid UFO reports. Lt Marano told Col Hinkle that we would probable receive a Congressional on the report and that it would have to be investigated. Lt Marano stated he would send him a copy of the letters we had received and asked him to investigate it since it was reported to them first. He replied that he would do what he could.

SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED PHENOMENA QUESTIONNAIRE

BUDGET BUREAU APPROVAL NUMBER 21-R258

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DAY 23 MONTH JAN YEAR 1968

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HOUR 20 MINUTES 05 ☐ A.M. ☒ P.M.

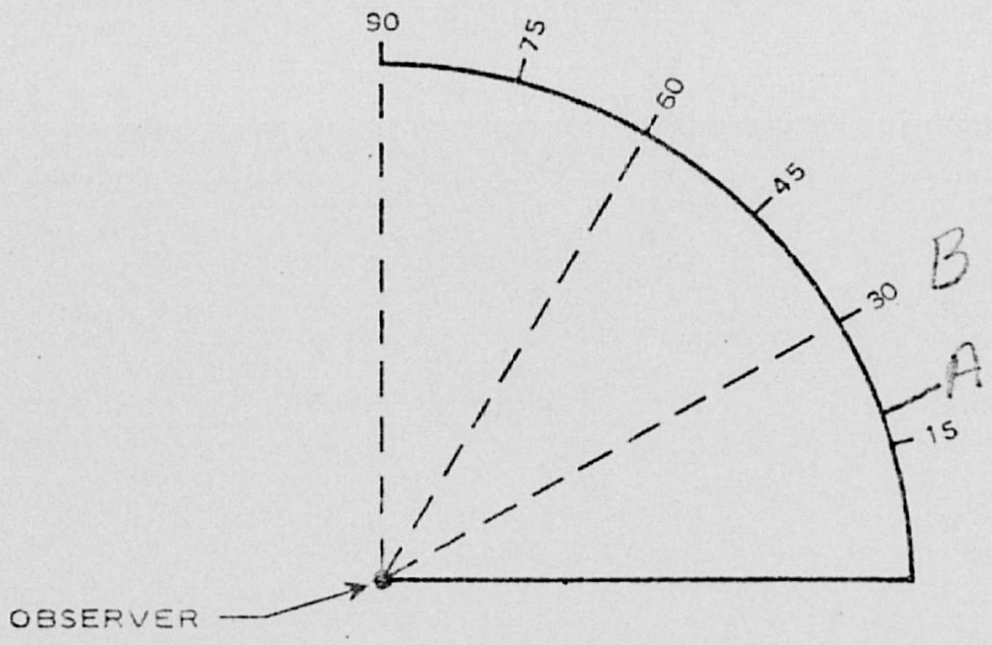
3. WHAT TIME DID YOU LAST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON?
HOUR 20 MINUTES 45 ☐ A.M. ☒ P.M.

4. TIME/ZONE ☐ DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ☒ STANDARD
☒ EASTERN ☐ CENTRAL ☐ MOUNTAIN ☐ PACIFIC ☐ OTHER

5. WHERE WERE YOU WHEN YOU SAW THE PHENOMENON? IF IN CITY, GIVE THE NEAREST STREET ADDRESS AND INDICATE ON A HAND DRAWN MAP WHERE YOU WERE STANDING WITH REFERENCE TO THE ADDRESS. IF IN THE COUNTRY, IDENTIFY THE HIGHWAY YOU WERE ON OR NEAR AND TRY TO FIX A DISTANCE AND DIRECTION FROM SOME RECOGNIZABLE LANDMARK.

E. GROVE CITY ½ mi E. of towers 1 object later joined by second.

6. IMAGINE YOU ARE AT THE POINT SHOWN IN THE SKETCH, PLACE AN "A" ON THE CURVED LINE TO SHOW HOW HIGH THE PHENOMENON WAS ABOVE THE HORIZON, OR SKYLINE, WHEN FIRST SEEN. PLACE A "B" ON THE SAME CURVED LINE TO SHOW HOW HIGH ABOVE THE HORIZON THE PHENOMENON WAS WHEN LAST SEEN.



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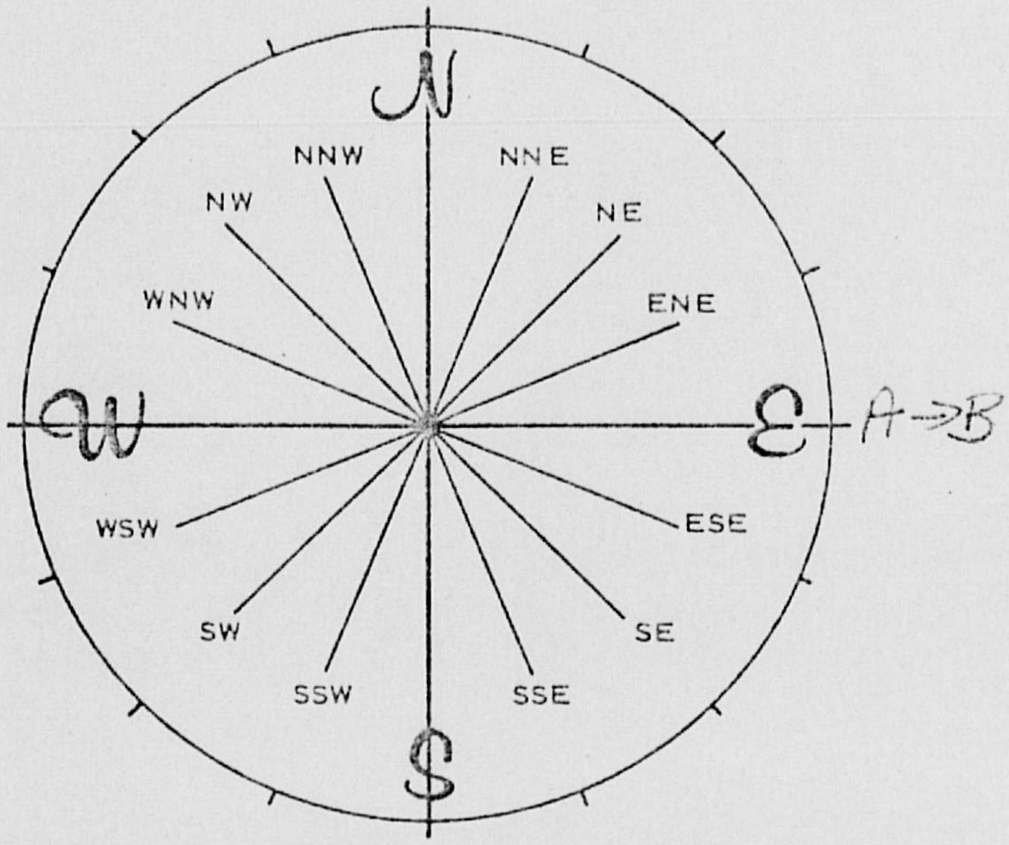

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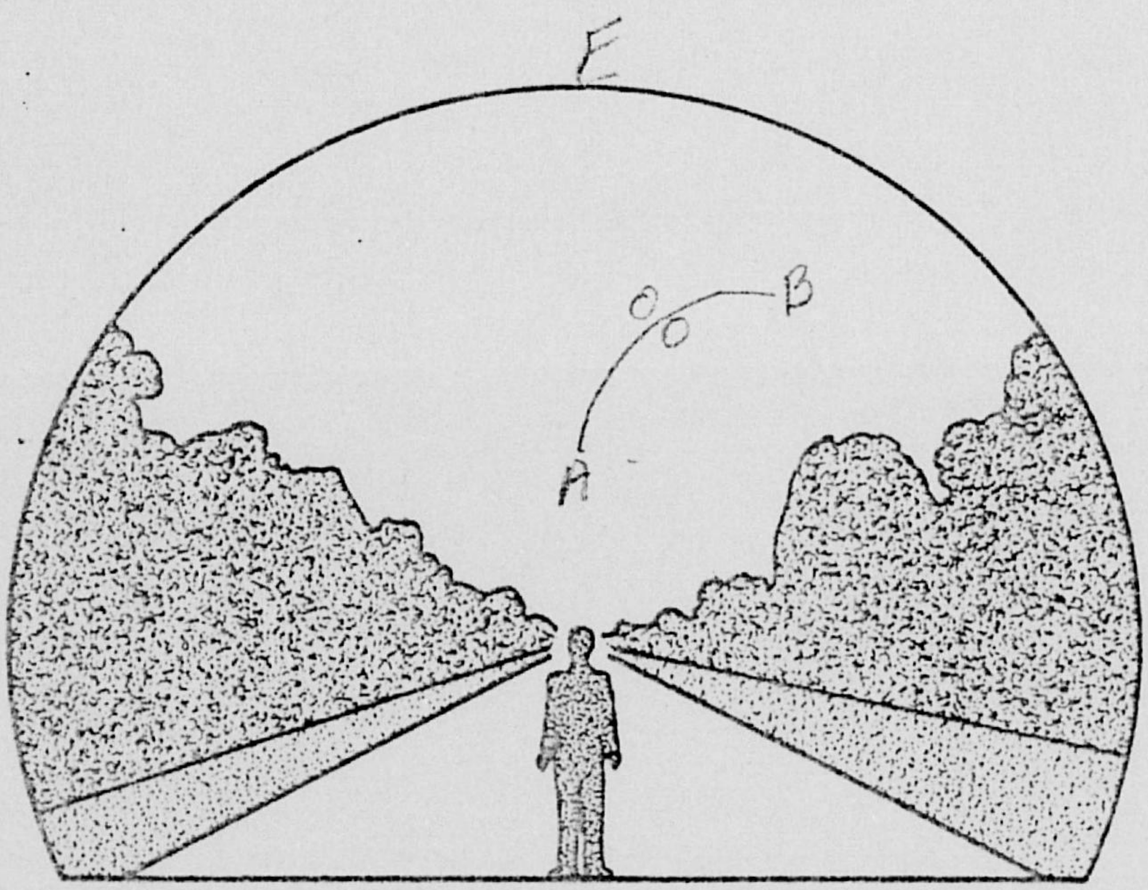
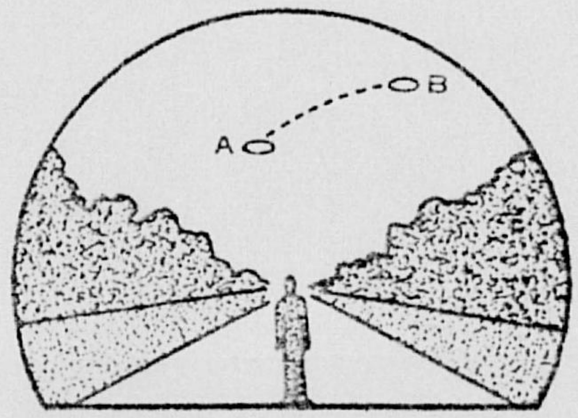




8. WHERE WERE YOU WHEN YOU SAW THE PHENOMENON? *(Check appropriate blocks.)*

X	OUTDOORS		IN BUSINESS SECTION OF CITY
	IN BUILDING	X	IN RESIDENTIAL SECTION OF CITY
X	IN CAR ☐ AS DRIVER ☒ AS PASSENGER	✓	IN OPEN COUNTRYSIDE MOVED TO
	IN BOAT		NEAR AIRFIELD
	IN AIRPLANE ☐ AS PILOT ☐ AS PASSENGER		FLYING OVER CITY
	OTHER		FLYING OVER OPEN COUNTRY
			OTHER

A. IF YOU WERE IN A VEHICLE, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

WHAT DIRECTION WERE YOU MOVING?

	NORTH		EAST
	SOUTH		WEST
X	NORTHEAST		SOUTHEAST
	NORTHWEST		SOUTHWEST

HOW FAST WERE YOU MOVING? 35-75 MPH

DID YOU STOP ANYTIME WHILE OBSERVING THE PHENOMENON? ☒ YES ☐ NO

EXPLAIN WHETHER SUCH MOVEMENT AFFECTS YOUR SKETCHES IN ITEMS 5 AND 6.

NO

DESCRIBE TYPE OF VEHICLE YOU WERE IN AND TYPE OF ROAD, TERRAIN OR BODY OF WATER YOU TRAVERSED DURING THE SIGHTING. STATE WHETHER WINDOWS OR CONVERTIBLE TOP WERE UP OR DOWN.

MOSTLY FREEWAYS

SEDAN WINDSHIELD AND WINDOW OPEN. ALSO OUTSIDE CAR

HOW MUCH OTHER TRAFFIC WAS THERE?

MINIMUM

DID YOU NOTICE ANY AIRPLANES? ☒ YES ☐ NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE WHEN THEY WERE IN SIGHT RELATIVE TO THE TIME OF SIGHTING THE PHENOMENON AND WHERE THEY WERE IN THE SKY RELATIVE TO THE POSITION OF THE PHENOMENON.

One light plane West. One jet North

9. HOW LONG WAS THE PHENOMENON IN SIGHT?

LENGTH OF TIME 40 MINS.		CERTAIN OF TIME		NOT VERY SURE
	X	FAIRLY CERTAIN		JUST A GUESS

HOW WAS TIME DETERMINED?

WATCH

WAS THE PHENOMENON IN SIGHT CONTINUOUSLY? ☐ YES ☒ NO. IF "NO," INDICATE WHETHER THIS IS DUE TO YOUR MOVEMENT OR THE BEHAVIOR OF THE PHENOMENON, AND DESCRIBE SUCH MOVEMENT OR BEHAVIOR. INDICATE DISAPPEARANCES ON PREVIOUS SKETCHES.

Observer's and object movement.

Two others North of Worthington same altitude.

Sighting was short.

10. IF THERE WERE MORE THAN ONE PHENOMENON, HOW MANY WERE THERE? DRAW A PICTURE TO SHOW HOW THEY WERE ARRANGED. DID THIS ARRANGEMENT CHANGE DURING THE SIGHTING?

Two  stopped

11. CONDITIONS *(Check appropriate blocks.)*

A. SKY		B. WEATHER			
	DAY		CUMULUS CLOUDS *(Low fluffy)*		FOG OR MIST
	TWILIGHT		CIRRUS CLOUDS *(High fleecy or Herring-bone)*		HEAVY RAIN
X	NIGHT				LIGHT RAIN OR DRIZZLE
	CLEAR		NIMBUS CLOUDS *(Rain)*		HAIL
X	PARTLY CLOUDY		CUMULONIMBUS CLOUDS *(Thunderstorms)*		SNOW OR SLEET
	COMPLETELY OVERCAST				UNKNOWN
			HAZE OR SMOG	X	NONE OF THE ABOVE

C. IF THE SIGHTING WAS AT TWILIGHT OR NIGHT, WHAT DID YOU NOTICE ABOUT THE STARS AND MOON?

(1) STARS		(2) MOON		
	NONE		BRIGHT MOONLIGHT	X NO MOONLIGHT
X	A FEW		MOON WITH HALO	UNKNOWN
	MANY		MOON HIDDEN BY CLOUDS	
	UNKNOWN		PARTIAL *(New or quarter)*	

D. IF SIGHTING WAS IN DAYLIGHT, WAS THE SUN VISIBLE? ☐ YES ☐ NO. IF "YES," WHERE WAS THE SUN AS YOU FACED THE PHENOMENON?

N/A

	IN FRONT OF YOU		TO YOUR RIGHT		OVERHEAD *(Near noon)*
	IN BACK OF YOU		TO YOUR LEFT		UNKNOWN

E. SPECIFY THE MAJOR SOURCE OF ILLUMINATION PRESENT DURING THE SIGHTING, SUCH AS THE SUN, HEADLIGHTS OR STREET LAMP, ETC. FOR TERRESTRIAL ILLUMINATION, SPECIFY DISTANCE TO LIGHT SOURCE.

Headlights streetlamps etc

12. GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHENOMENON, INDICATING WHETHER IT APPEARED DARK OR LIGHT, WHETHER IT REFLECTED LIGHT OR WAS SELF-LUMINOUS AND WHAT COLORS YOU NOTICED. DESCRIBE YOUR IMPRESSION OF WHETHER IT WAS SOLID OR TRANSPARENT, WHETHER EDGES WERE SHARP OR FUZZY. DESCRIBE THE SHAPE OR INDICATE IF IT APPEARED AS A POINT OF LIGHT. INDICATE COMPARISONS WITH OTHER OBSERVED OBJECTS, LIKE STARS, A LIGHT OR OTHER OBJECT IN YOUR FIELD OF VIEW.

Light glow, self luminous. Gold whitish. Solid. Fuzzy
Circular flat. Grid pattern in middle.

13 DID THE PHENOMENON	YES	NO	UNKNOWN
MOVE IN A STRAIGHT LINE?	✓		
STAND STILL AT ANY TIME?	✓		
SUDDENLY SPEED UP AND RUN AWAY?	✓		
BREAK UP IN PARTS AND EXPLODE?		✓	
CHANGE COLOR?		✓	
GIVE OFF SMOKE?		✓	
CHANGE BRIGHTNESS?	✓		
CHANGE SHAPE?		✓	
FLASH OR FLICKER?		✓	
DISAPPEAR AND REAPPEAR?			✓
SPIN LIKE A TOP?		✓	
MAKE A NOISE?		✓	
FLUTTER OR WOBBLE?		✓	

14. WHAT DREW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE PHENOMENON?

Sheriff's radio report

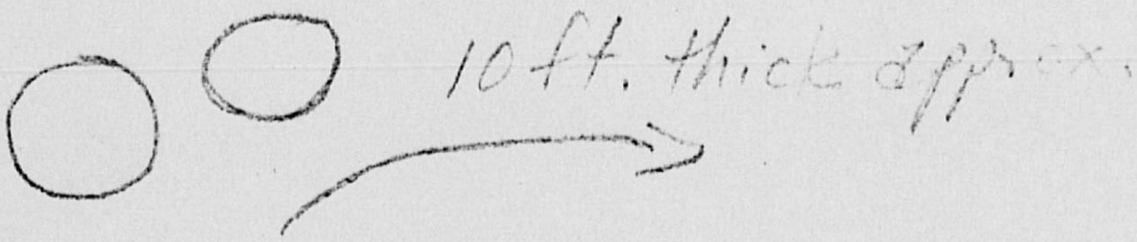
A. HOW DID IT FINALLY DISAPPEAR?

To the East straight out within 5 seconds

B. DID THE PHENOMENON MOVE BEHIND OR IN FRONT OF SOMETHING, LIKE A CLOUD, TREE, OR BUILDING AT ANY TIME?
☒ YES ☐ NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE.

Due to observer's at object alignment.

15. DRAW A PICTURE THAT WILL SHOW THE SHAPE OF THE PHENOMENON. INCLUDE AND LABEL ANY DETAILS THAT MIGHT HAVE APPEARED AS WINGS OR PROTRUSIONS, AND INDICATE EXHAUST OR VAPOR TRAILS. INDICATE BY AN ARROW THE DIRECTION THE PHENOMENON WAS MOVING.



16. WHAT WAS THE ANGULAR SIZE? HOLD A MATCH AT ARM'S LENGTH IN FRONT OF A KNOWN OBJECT, SUCH AS A STREET LAMP OR THE MOON. NOTE HOW MUCH OF THE OBJECT IS COVERED BY THE HEAD OF THE MATCH. NOW IF YOU HAD BEEN ABLE TO PERFORM THIS EXPERIMENT AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING, ESTIMATE WHAT FRACTION OF THE PHENOMENON WOULD HAVE BEEN COVERED BY THE MATCH HEAD.

closest point as large as orange slice

17. DID YOU OBSERVE THE PHENOMENON THROUGH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING? INCLUDE INFORMATION ON MODEL, TYPE, FILTER, LENS PRESCRIPTION OR OTHER APPLICABLE DATA.

	EYEGLASSES		CAMERA VIEWER
	SUNGLASSES		BINOCULARS
X	WINDSHIELD		TELESCOPE
X	SIDE WINDOW OF VEHICLE		THEODOLITE
	WINDOWPANE		OTHER

A. DO YOU ORDINARILY WEAR GLASSES? ☒ YES ☐ NO

B. DO YOU USE READING GLASSES? ☐ YES ☒ NO

18. WHAT WAS YOUR IMPRESSION OF THE SPEED OF THE PHENOMENON? GIVE ESTIMATE OF SPEED 70-100 mph To infinite

19. WHAT WAS YOUR IMPRESSION OF THE DISTANCE OF THE PHENOMENON? GIVE ESTIMATE OF DISTANCE 2-3 miles

20. IN ORDER THAT WE MAY OBTAIN AS CLEAR A PICTURE AS POSSIBLE OF WHAT YOU SAW, DESCRIBE IN YOUR OWN WORDS A COMMON OBJECT OR OBJECTS WHICH, WHEN PLACED IN THE SKY, SIMILAR TO WHERE YOU NOTED THE PHENOMENON, WOULD BEAR SOME RESEMBLANCE TO WHAT YOU SAW. DESCRIBE SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE COMMON OBJECT AND WHAT YOU SAW.

Could think of none

21. DID YOU NOTICE ANY ODOR, NOISE, OR HEAT EMANATING FROM THE PHENOMENON OR ANY EFFECT ON YOURSELF, ANIMALS OR MACHINERY IN THE VICINITY? ☐ YES ☒ NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE.

A. DID THE PHENOMENON DISTURB THE GROUND OR LEAVE ANY PHYSICAL EVIDENCE. ☐ YES ☒ NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE.

22. HAVE YOU EVER SEEN THIS OR A SIMILAR PHENOMENON BEFORE? ☐ YES ☒ NO. IF "YES," GIVE DATE AND LOCATION.

23. WAS ANYONE WITH YOU AT THE TIME YOU SAW THE PHENOMENON? ☒ YES ☐ NO. IF "YES," DID THEY SEE IT TOO? ☐ YES ☐ NO.

A. LIST THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESSES

Dispatch Photo [redacted]

24. GIVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF

LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME [redacted]

ADDRESS *(Street, City, State and Zip Code)* [redacted]

TELEPHONE *(Area code and number)*	AGE				
[redacted]	22	X	MALE		FEMALE

INDICATE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION INCLUDING OCCUPATION AND ANY EXPERIENCE WHICH MAY BE PERTINENT.

25. WHEN AND TO WHOM DID YOU REPORT THAT YOU HAD SIGHTED THIS PHENOMENON?

NAME HUKLE, FRANK E. LT COL DAY 4 MONTH APRIL YEAR 1968

26. DATE YOU COMPLETED THIS QUESTIONNAIRE.

DAY _____ MONTH _____ YEAR _____

27. INFORMATION WHICH YOU FEEL IS PERTINENT BUT WHICH IS NOT ADEQUATELY COVERED IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE, ALTERNATIVELY PROVIDE A NARRATIVE EXPLANATION OF THE SIGHTING.

Intensity of lights increased and speed increased

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HOUR 2040 MINUTES _____ ☐ A.M. ☒ P.M.

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[redacted] Rd. Franklin Co. Ohio

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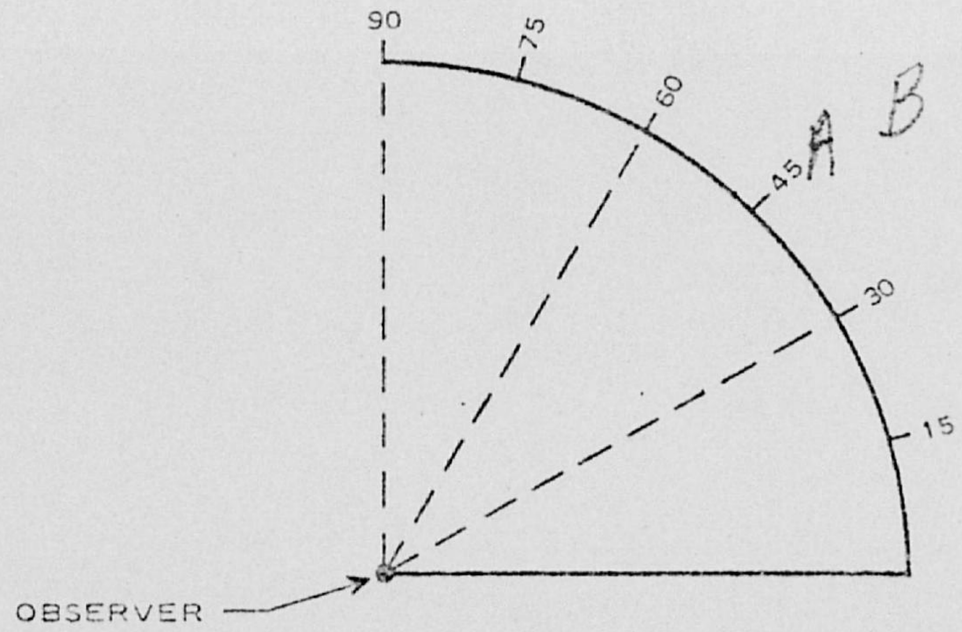

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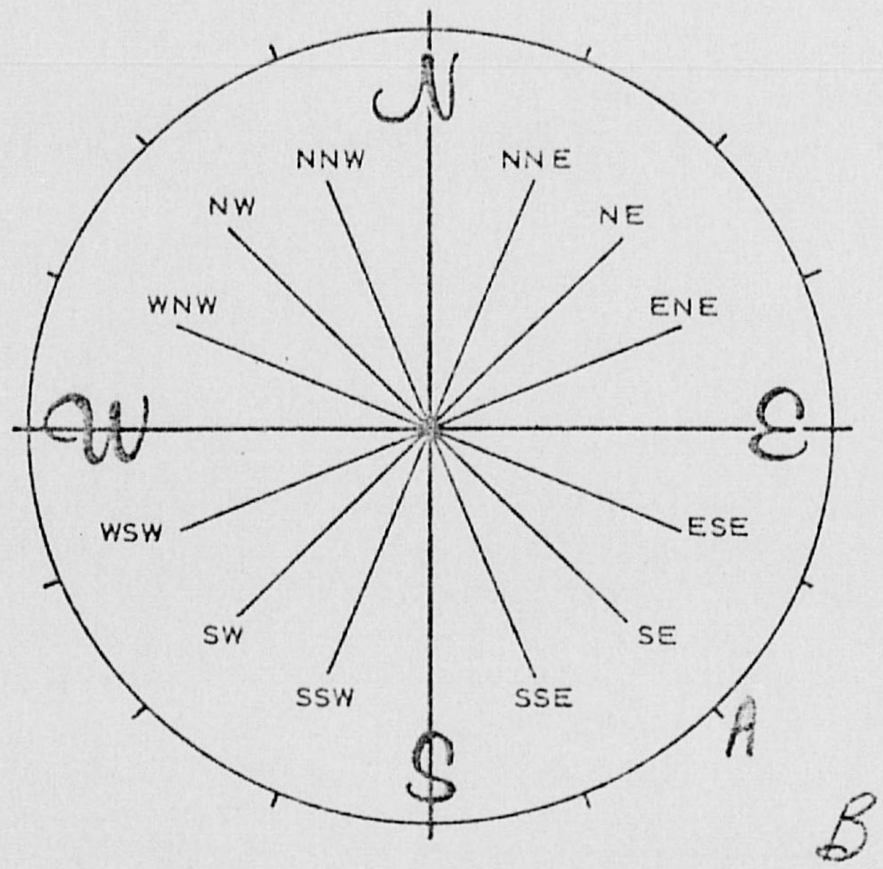

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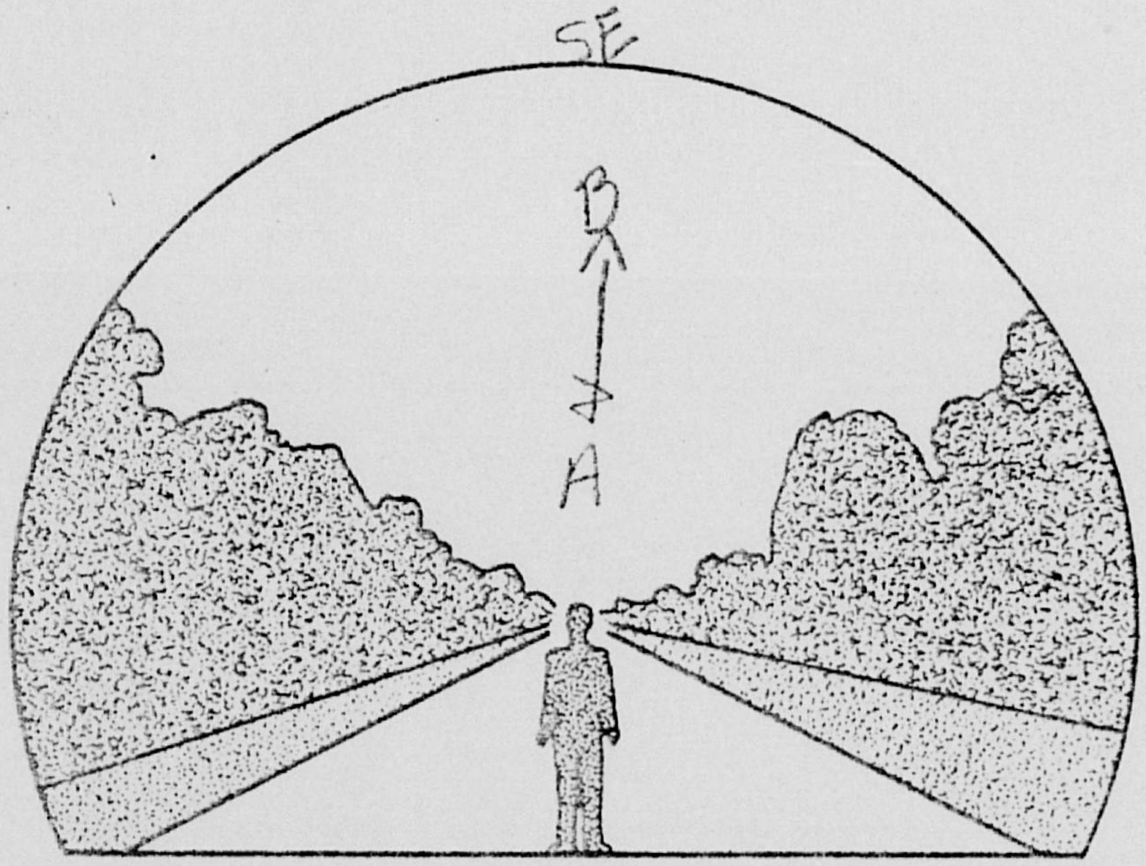

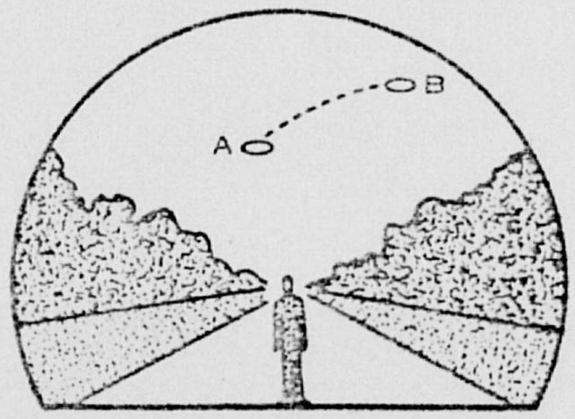

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OUTDOORS			IN BUSINESS SECTION OF CITY
IN BUILDING			IN RESIDENTIAL SECTION OF CITY
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IN BOAT			NEAR AIRFIELD
IN AIRPLANE ☐ AS PILOT ☐ AS PASSENGER			FLYING OVER CITY
OTHER			FLYING OVER OPEN COUNTRY
	X	OTHER SPARSE RESIDENCES	

A

IF YOU WERE IN A VEHICLE, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

WHAT DIRECTION WERE YOU MOVING?			HOW FAST WERE YOU MOVING?
NORTH		EAST	
SOUTH		WEST	DID YOU STOP ANYTIME WHILE OBSERVING THE PHENOMENON?
NORTHEAST		SOUTHEAST	
NORTHWEST		SOUTHWEST	☒ YES ☐ NO

EXPLAIN WHETHER SUCH MOVEMENT AFFECTS YOUR SKETCHES IN ITEMS 5 AND 6.

DESCRIBE TYPE OF VEHICLE YOU WERE IN AND TYPE OF ROAD, TERRAIN OR BODY OF WATER YOU TRAVERSED DURING THE SIGHTING. STATE WHETHER WINDOWS OR CONVERTIBLE TOP WERE UP OR DOWN.

CRUISER (Sheriff's Dep't) STOPPED FOR OBSERVATIONS.

HOW MUCH OTHER TRAFFIC WAS THERE?

NO

DID YOU NOTICE ANY AIRPLANES? ☐ YES ☒ NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE WHEN THEY WERE IN SIGHT RELATIVE TO THE TIME OF SIGHTING THE PHENOMENON AND WHERE THEY WERE IN THE SKY RELATIVE TO THE POSITION OF THE PHENOMENON.

Not in sight, though two jets were heard passing over during period.

9

HOW LONG WAS THE PHENOMENON IN SIGHT?

LENGTH OF TIME				
20-30 MINS		CERTAIN OF TIME		NOT VERY SURE
	X	FAIRLY CERTAIN		JUST A GUESS

HOW WAS TIME DETERMINED?

WATCH

WAS THE PHENOMENON IN SIGHT CONTINUOUSLY? ☒ YES ☐ NO. IF "NO," INDICATE WHETHER THIS IS DUE TO YOUR MOVEMENT OR THE BEHAVIOR OF THE PHENOMENON, AND DESCRIBE SUCH MOVEMENT OR BEHAVIOR. INDICATE DISAPPEARANCES ON PREVIOUS SKETCHES.

At some times when low, was seen thru leafless Tree branches,

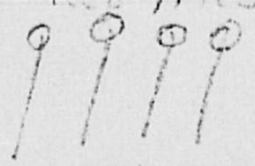
10. IF THERE WERE MORE THAN ONE PHENOMENON, HOW MANY WERE THERE? DRAW A PICTURE TO SHOW HOW THEY WERE ARRANGED. DID THIS ARRANGEMENT CHANGE DURING THE SIGHTING?

Two.



YES, Suspected. Then one disappeared for a few minutes & returned.

Red lites



LIGHTS TOWERS

Appeared to hover directly above four towers during certain times.

11. CONDITIONS *(Check appropriate blocks.)*

A. SKY		B. WEATHER			
	DAY		CUMULUS CLOUDS *(Low fluffy)*		FOG OR MIST
	TWILIGHT		CIRRUS CLOUDS *(High fleecy or Herring-bone)*		HEAVY RAIN
X	NIGHT				LIGHT RAIN OR DRIZZLE
	CLEAR		NIMBUS CLOUDS *(Rain)*		HAIL
	PARTLY CLOUDY		CUMULONIMBUS CLOUDS *(Thunderstorms)*		SNOW OR SLEET
X	COMPLETELY OVERCAST				UNKNOWN
			HAZE OR SMOG	X	NONE OF THE ABOVE

C. IF THE SIGHTING WAS AT TWILIGHT OR NIGHT, WHAT DID YOU NOTICE ABOUT THE STARS AND MOON?

(1) STARS		(2) MOON			
X	NONE		BRIGHT MOONLIGHT	X	NO MOONLIGHT
	A FEW		MOON WITH HALO		UNKNOWN
	MANY		MOON HIDDEN BY CLOUDS		
	UNKNOWN		PARTIAL *(New or quarter)*		

D. IF SIGHTING WAS IN DAYLIGHT, WAS THE SUN VISIBLE? ☐ YES ☐ NO. IF "YES," WHERE WAS THE SUN AS YOU FACED THE PHENOMENON?

N/A

	IN FRONT OF YOU		TO YOUR RIGHT		OVERHEAD *(Near noon)*
	IN BACK OF YOU		TO YOUR LEFT		UNKNOWN

E. SPECIFY THE MAJOR SOURCE OF ILLUMINATION PRESENT DURING THE SIGHTING, SUCH AS THE SUN, HEADLIGHTS OR STREET LAMP, ETC. FOR TERRESTRIAL ILLUMINATION, SPECIFY DISTANCE TO LIGHT SOURCE.

Head lights

12. GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHENOMENON, INDICATING WHETHER IT APPEARED DARK OR LIGHT, WHETHER IT REFLECTED LIGHT OR WAS SELF-LUMINOUS AND WHAT COLORS YOU NOTICED. DESCRIBE YOUR IMPRESSION OF WHETHER IT WAS SOLID OR TRANSPARENT, WHETHER EDGES WERE SHARP OR FUZZY. DESCRIBE THE SHAPE OR INDICATE IF IT APPEARED AS A POINT OF LIGHT. INDICATE COMPARISONS WITH OTHER OBSERVED OBJECTS, LIKE STARS, A LIGHT OR OTHER OBJECT IN YOUR FIELD OF VIEW.

Self luminous. Like mercury vapor lites



Halo edges.

When closer 

13. DID THE PHENOMENON	YES	NO	UNKNOWN
MOVE IN A STRAIGHT LINE?	X		
STAND STILL AT ANYTIME?	X		
SUDDENLY SPEED UP AND RUN AWAY?	X		
BREAK UP IN PARTS AND EXPLODE?		X	
CHANGE COLOR?	X	white to blue	
GIVE OFF SMOKE?		X	
CHANGE BRIGHTNESS?	X		
CHANGE SHAPE?	X		
FLASH OR FLICKER?		X	
DISAPPEAR AND REAPPEAR?	X		
SPIN LIKE A TOP?		X	
MAKE A NOISE?		X	
FLUTTER OR WOBBLE?		X	

14. WHAT DREW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE PHENOMENON?

Phone call to Sheriff's Dept. from residents in area. On arrival, objects were immediately spotted

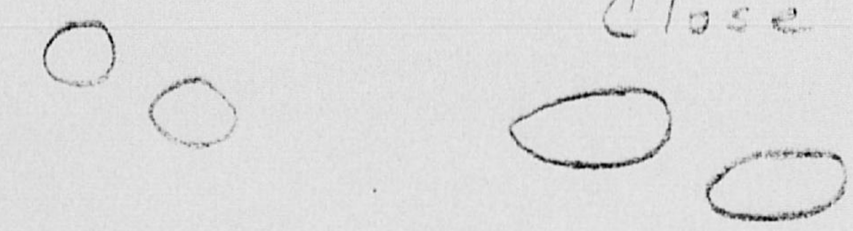
A. HOW DID IT FINALLY DISAPPEAR?

Straight out to SE

B. DID THE PHENOMENON MOVE BEHIND OR IN FRONT OF SOMETHING, LIKE A CLOUD, TREE, OR BUILDING AT ANY TIME?
☒ YES ☐ NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE.

Trees, which were leafless, so objects still in sight.

15. DRAW A PICTURE THAT WILL SHOW THE SHAPE OF THE PHENOMENON. INCLUDE AND LABEL ANY DETAILS THAT MIGHT HAVE APPEARED AS WINGS OR PROTRUSIONS, AND INDICATE EXHAUST OR VAPOR TRAILS. INDICATE BY AN ARROW THE DIRECTION THE PHENOMENON WAS MOVING.



16. WHAT WAS THE ANGULAR SIZE? HOLD A MATCH AT ARM'S LENGTH IN FRONT OF A KNOWN OBJECT, SUCH AS A STREET LAMP OR THE MOON. NOTE HOW MUCH OF THE OBJECT IS COVERED BY THE HEAD OF THE MATCH. NOW IF YOU HAD BEEN ABLE TO PERFORM THIS EXPERIMENT AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING, ESTIMATE WHAT FRACTION OF THE PHENOMENON WOULD HAVE BEEN COVERED BY THE MATCH HEAD.

Coverage of About a dime at arm's length
When close About a nickel

17. DID YOU OBSERVE THE PHENOMENON THROUGH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING? INCLUDE INFORMATION ON MODEL, TYPE, FILTER, LENS PRESCRIPTION OR OTHER APPLICABLE DATA.

	EYEGLASSES		CAMERA VIEWER
	SUNGLASSES		BINOCULARS
X	WINDSHIELD		TELESCOPE
	SIDE WINDOW OF VEHICLE		THEODOLITE
	WINDOWPANE		OTHER

A. DO YOU ORDINARILY WEAR GLASSES? ☐ YES ☒ NO

B. DO YOU USE READING GLASSES? ☐ YES ☒ NO

18. WHAT WAS YOUR IMPRESSION OF THE SPEED OF THE PHENOMENON? GIVE ESTIMATE OF SPEED Jet.

19. WHAT WAS YOUR IMPRESSION OF THE DISTANCE OF THE PHENOMENON? GIVE ESTIMATE OF DISTANCE 2 to 5 miles

20. IN ORDER THAT WE MAY OBTAIN AS CLEAR A PICTURE AS POSSIBLE OF WHAT YOU SAW, DESCRIBE IN YOUR OWN WORDS A COMMON OBJECT OR OBJECTS WHICH, WHEN PLACED IN THE SKY, SIMILAR TO WHERE YOU NOTED THE PHENOMENON, WOULD BEAR SOME RESEMBLANCE TO WHAT YOU SAW. DESCRIBE SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE COMMON OBJECT AND WHAT YOU SAW.

Mercury vapor lights, though larger. Appeared round at a distance and oval when closer in.

21. DID YOU NOTICE ANY ODOR, NOISE, OR HEAT EMANATING FROM THE PHENOMENON OR ANY EFFECT ON YOURSELF, ANIMALS OR MACHINERY IN THE VICINITY? ☐ YES ☒ NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE.

A. DID THE PHENOMENON DISTURB THE GROUND OR LEAVE ANY PHYSICAL EVIDENCE. ☐ YES ☒ NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE.

22. HAVE YOU EVER SEEN THIS OR A SIMILAR PHENOMENON BEFORE? ☐ YES ☒ NO. IF "YES," GIVE DATE AND LOCATION.

23. WAS ANYONE WITH YOU AT THE TIME YOU SAW THE PHENOMENON? ☒ YES ☐ NO. IF "YES," DID THEY SEE IT TOO? ☒ YES ☐ NO.

A. LIST THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESSES [redacted] Lawrence St. New Kensington.

24. GIVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF

LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME [redacted]

ADDRESS (Street, City, State and Zip Code) C/o Franklin County Sheriff's Dept.

TELEPHONE (Area code and number)	AGE		MALE		FEMALE
[redacted] or [redacted]	26	X			

INDICATE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION INCLUDING OCCUPATION AND ANY EXPERIENCE WHICH MAY BE PERTINENT.

Included in letter

25. WHEN AND TO WHOM DID YOU REPORT THAT YOU HAD SIGHTED THIS PHENOMENON?

NAME Hinkle, Frank E. Jr Col. DAY 1 MONTH April YEAR 68

26. DATE YOU COMPLETED THIS QUESTIONNAIRE.

DAY _____ MONTH _____ YEAR _____

27. INFORMATION WHICH YOU FEEL IS PERTINENT BUT WHICH IS NOT ADEQUATELY COVERED IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE, ALTERNATIVELY PROVIDE A NARRATIVE EXPLANATION OF THE SIGHTING.

During period two jet type aircraft were heard passing overhead. Were not seen.

Objects followed zigzag path and up and down almost quicker than eye, when moving. Appeared to hover for a minute or so at times.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 840TH COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP (TAC)
LOCKBOURNE AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO 43217

REPLY TO ATTN OF: DO

3 APR 1968

SUBJECT UFO Observations, 23 January 1968

TO TDPT(UFO) WPAFB, ATTN: 2nd Lt. Carmon Marano

Copy sent to Hqtrs of Col. 8th Lt CE

1. Reference your letter dated 26 Mar 1968, same subject, following information is submitted:

a. Only observer contacted was [redacted] of Franklin County sheriff's department. In addition to his letter which you have, AF Form 117 has been completed from information given over phone, and is attached. Attempts were made to contact Mr. [redacted] on 1 and 2 April. The news department of the Columbus Dispatch did not have a home phone listed for him, and a request was made that he contact me at [redacted]. There has been no reply to date. Called a listed [redacted] at [redacted] and was told he did not live there, but that his mother was a Mrs. [redacted] who lived on Garrett Street. Phone listing was found to be 451-2885 but no answer was received on two or three attempts.

Since 117 for Capt

b. Am attaching a report in the electrical report format outlined in Para 11, AFR 80-17.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Frank E. Hinkle

FRANK E. HINKLE, Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Operations and Training Division

SUBJECT: UFO

a. Description of objects:

(1) Round at distance, oval when closer

(2) Undetermined

(3) Bluish white

(4) Two

(5) N/A

(6) None

(7) None

(8) None

(9) Ability to hover and move at extreme speeds

b. Description of course of objects:

(1) Neighborhood reports of bright lights in sky.

(2) Approximately 45°

(3) Same

(4) First seen in formation, one slightly above other, then changed positions. Descended and rose at rapid rate, became parallel. Moved almost instantaneously to new location. Appeared to hover at low altitude (about 1000') at times.

(5) Straight out to SE in approximately 5 seconds of movement.

(6) 20 to 30 minutes

c. Manner of observation:

(1) Ground-visual

(2) None

(3) N/A

d. Time and date of sighting:

(1) 240110Z 232010L January

(2) Night

e. Intersection Big Run Rd. and Gantz Rd., Franklin County, Ohio. Just south of Columbus City limits.

f. Identifying information on observer:

(1) [redacted], 26, c/o Franklin County Sheriff's Dep't., [redacted], Columbus, Ohio, Deputy Sheriff, education unknown, estimate reliable.

(2) N/A

g. Weather and winds-aloft conditions at time and place of sightings:

(1) Night, completely overcast, no precipitation

(2) (a) Sfc. 010°/06

(b) 6M 340°/15

(c) 10M 310°/30

(d) 16M 270°/75

(e) 20M 260°/75

(f) 30M 270°/30

(g) 50M 270°/25

(3) 3200'

(4) 7 miles

(5) Broken to overcast

(6) None

(7) Surface-4°C, 2000'-13°C, 6000'-10°C, 8000'-10°C, 10,000'-11°C, 16,000'-15°C, 20,000'-25°C, 30,000'-49°C, 40,000'-54°C, 53,000'-56°C

h. Deep inversion

i. None

j. Two KC-135 aircraft shooting instrument approahces to runway 05R at Lockbourne AFB.

k. Chief, Operations and Training Division, Hinkle, Frank E., Lt Col, Hq 840th Cmbt Spt Gp, Lockbourne AFB, Ohio 43217, area 614, DP 4484, HP 497-0877. With a deep inversion and cloud cover at 3200', tops 4700', possibility of light reflections are high. Report indicates these objects were seen in the general vicinity of Lockbourne. Tower and GCA were queried at time of sightings with negative results. Crews of KC-135's had negative sightings. Not known whether any promotional activity was going on involving the use of searchlights.

11 Mar 68

Major Hector Quintanilla, Director
Project Blue Book
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

Dear Major Quintanilla:

I wish to submit, officially, the following report which is a record of my observations the night of 23 Jan 68. Many persons observed UFO activity in this Central Ohio area on 23 Jan 68 and 24 Jan 68. Some of these observations were reported to Lockbourne Air Force Base, but I understand from the Public Information Office at Lockbourne Air Force Base that the information was not reported to Project Blue Book. I feel that my observations may be of sufficient interest that they should be brought to your attention.

On the night of 23 Jan 68 at approximately 2000 hours, I was dispatched to the general vicinity of Big Run Road and Gantz Road in Franklin County. The nature of my call was to investigate two bright lights seen by many persons, hoovering in the southeastern section of the sky. At the time I was dispatched our switchboard had already received five calls from public citizens living on Big Run Road. Upon arriving at the Big Run Road area I could readily see the lights in question. At first these objects appeared to be standing quite still. After several minutes the objects made some very amazing movements or maneuvers. They had the ability to remain motionless for extended periods of time and then, as if under intelligent control, they could move any direction with an instant burst of speed. This amazing speed and the extreme brightness of the objects in question was very impressing to say the least.

I must say that I am not at all satisfied with the manner in which Lockbourne Air Force Base handled this particular sighting. I am, however, aware that it may have been handled this way for security or for some other reason that should not be known to the public and myself.

At this time I will not burden you with a detailed description of my observations, but I do wish to bring to your attention that I am sending eleven detailed graphs showing movements of these objects, one overlay map of the area involved and a copy of this letter to Dr. J. A. Hynek of Northwestern University.

To qualify myself, at least as an intelligent and accurate observer, I offer the following experience where accurate and detailed observations were of utmost importance in carrying out the objective:

1) Federal Bureau of Investigation, Identification Division
   (Fingerprint Classification)
2) United States Army, Military Police
   (Patrol Division)
3) Presently with Franklin County Sheriff's Department, Columbus, Ohio
   (Patrol Division)

Sincerely,
Thomas L. Barker
Thomas L. Barker, Deputy
Franklin County Sheriff's Depar
Criminal Division
1725 Alum Creek Drive
Columbus, Ohio

postmarked
22 Jan 68

Dear sirs:

It has come to my attention that although this sighting has been reported to NICAP, Dr. J. Allen Hynek at Northwestern University' Dept. of Astronomy and University of Colorado's UFO center, the case enclosed has not been 'officially reported' to Project Bluebook' at WPAFB, although it was reported to Lockbourne AFB. Please consider this "official", because you'll undoubtedly be hearing more about it if you haven't already.

On the night of Jan. 23rd, 1968, I witnessed the story I wrote and enclose with this le tter; 43 others in my area have been interviewed or contacted who saw essentially the same phenomena I did. I followed objects which were not jets-or any type of traditionally propelled vehicles- for about 40 minutes afetr I was notified by radio that sheriff deputies were watching 2 circular glowing objects hover over a landing light tower in southern Franklin County.

Two objects hovered one above another, one o'clock position, and switched places as I watched. At closest point of sightting, a " grid" of some sort was visible on nearest object. Object appeared approximately the size of a DC-3 only circular, glowing, and silent.

Objects' borders (edges) were defined by light. I'm not sure whether the glowing intensified when objects moved or not, but nearest I can explain is that when objects moved they seemed to 'gather themselves up ' with light, in sort of a preparation against inertia, before moving.

Objects disappeared to the east, straight out into the sky, approx 15 degree angle, so fast it seemed to pull and hurt one's eyes, when they finally disappeared.

For credentials, if they're necessary, I'm a senior at Ohio State

University, 22 years old, and have been a part time newspaper reporter the Columbus Dispatch for almost two years. I'm majoring in creative wr and can express myself reasonably well. I have good eyesight.

If there are any questions, write or call.

Thank you,

[redacted]

[redacted]
Columbus Dispatch
[redacted]
Columbus Ohio 43201

THE FOLLOWING UFO REPORT WAS FORWARDED TO THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
ON 11 APRIL 1968

23 January 1968

Franklin County, Ohio
(South of Columbus, Ohio)

JAN. 24TH 1968 COLUMBUS DISPATCH

Glowing Objects Hover Over City in Amazing UFO Display

By E. E. ELLIOTT
Of The Dispatch Staff

Franklin County sheriff's deputies, newsmen, and residents viewed an amazing UFO demonstration over Columbus about 8 p.m. Tuesday. But mysteriously, Lockbourne AFB authorities concerned with UFO's reported they saw nothing on radar and received no telephone calls about socalled "flying saucers."

SHERIFF'S deputy Thomas Barker and Deputy Edward Durbin of the Prairie Township police department gave this account:

About 8 p.m. the two were dispatched to the vicinity of Big Run and Gantz Rds. to look for "lights hovering in the sky" after the sheriff's office received five telephone calls from southeast area families.

On arriving, the deputies immediately saw two such lights.

"THEY APPEARED round," Barker said, "it was like looking into a spotlight up close . . . about the brightest thing I ever saw in the sky.

"They appeared to hover about as high as most commercial airplanes fly around here — about 1500 to 3000 feet. One hovered a little higher than the other, and they stayed in that position for about 30 seconds," Barker said.

"Then, as we watched, they changed positions with each other, and hovered that way for two to three minutes."

WITHIN another minute or so, the deputies reported, the upper of the two glowing, yellowish vehicles "zipped down" to meet the other, and the two remained parallel and motionless.

The deputies remained in contact with the sheriff's office by radio, and by this time the sheriff's radio dispatcher had telephoned the Lockbourne AFB UFO office to inform military specialists.

As the deputies continued to watch, one of the vehicles left the other "so quickly that it was like trying to watch a bullet in flight," Barker said, and disappeared from view while the other waited motionless.

AFTER several minutes the object which had left returned, and the two moved in formation to a point above the four antennas of the old approach lights for the Lockbourne runway, west of I-71 and slightly south of Rt. 665.

There both objects descended, until "they appeared to hover almost on top of the antennas," and remained above the light towers for several minutes.

"Then they moved away from the towers," Barker said, "and one of them began moving southeast, horizontally and at a slight upward incline. It was completely out of sight in less than five seconds."

SEVERAL area residents and the Franklin Township and Grove City police departments corroborated the deputies' stories, the sheriff's office said Wednesday.

This reporter and Dispatch Photographer Thom Rockey arrived in the area about 15 minutes after initial reports and soon sighted one of the objects hovering about three miles east of Grove City.

It appeared flattened, vaguely circular in shape and shone all over with a glowing, yellowish-white light. The ob-

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ject seemed to be about the size of an airliner, except for its shape. It made no noise.

THE OBJECT would hover for as much as a minute at a time, then would move several miles away as fast as the eye could follow, and hover motionless again.

The reporter and photographer tried to follow the object in its erratic path to get close enough to photograph it, but were hampered by its ability to move "as the crow flies."

After The Dispatch team had followed the object around southern Franklin County by freeway for nearly a half hour, a second appeared and hovered near the first in a one o'clock position.

ABOUT 8:45 p.m. two identical vehicles appeared over the North Side of Columbus, glowing brightly and hovering in close formation for several minutes. By this time a number of airplanes appeared presumably in search of the objects, but apparently did not succeed in approaching the disc-like objects.

Shortly before 9 p.m. all objects disappeared: the hovering pair near northern Columbus appeared to simply extinguish themselves like candle flames.

The pair of objects south of Columbus disappeared to the east slowly at first, then vanished almost instantaneously in a burst of speed.

Both Lockbourne officials and Port Columbus tower spokesmen denied reports of UFO sightings or radar identifications of any such vehicles.

Lockbourne base officials Wednesday said the call from the sheriff's office was the only report they had of the incident. They said officials of Project Blue Book (which checks UFO reports) at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, were notified immediately and a form report was sent to them Wednesday.

The Lockbourne spokesman said if aircraft were ordered to investigate the sighting, they would have been sent from Dayton on Wright-Patterson orders.