PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 4 April 68 04/2015 05/0215Z	2. LOCATION Cochrane, Wisconsin
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Probable Astro (MOON)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION About 5 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS SEE SUMMARY SHEET
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE See Case	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes XX No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes XX No	

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

4 Apr 1968

Cochrane, Wisconsin

On 4 Apr 1968 at about 8:15 p.m. CST, the observer and her young son were driving on Route 35 about 4 miles south of Cochrane, Wisconsin when the lights of the car ahead went out. The observer then sighted an orangish-red crescent shaped object that appeared to be hovering over the car in front. The observer stopped her car and the object appeared to move and hover over her car. The engine of her car then reportedly stopped and the lights and radio stopped working also. During this time, the interior of the car seemed to become very hot, particularly the feet of the observers. The object then appeared to move away and then started to return again. The observer then started her car and left the area of the sighting. Duration of the sighting was about 5 minutes.

WEATHER DATA: At 6:00 p.m. CST, the sky was obscured and visibility was 1/2 mile with light drizzle.

At 7:00 p.m. CST, there was a 3/4 cloud cover with fog from the surface to the base of clouds and visibility of 4 miles.

At 10:00 p.m. CST, it was overcase with fog from the surface to the base of the clouds and visibility was 5 miles.

COMMENTS: Although the observer indicated that she was traveling NE, the map of the area indicates that the road goes primarily NW. The observer stated in her description that the object was crescent shaped. There was a crescent moon relatively low in the western sky. The broken cloud cover and fog may have confused the observer into thinking that it was something near rather than far away. This assumption would have led her to conclude that it was rapidly moving, chasing her, and then when she stopped, hovering over her. The fog in the area would have caused a bluring of the outline of the moon and would account for the observer commenting that the object had cloudy stuff around it that looked like angel hair. Further the observer indicated that there was no moonlight the night of the sighting, but a police officer who interviewed the observer approximately one hour after the sighting mentioned that the moon was quite bright. When the object appeared to be hovering over the observer's automobile, she rolled up the windows and locked the doors, presumably for protection. It seems to be at this point that the observer began to feel hot. However, the observer stated that she had the heater on and going full. This would account for the sensation of heat, particularly on the feet.

The observer was quite upset during the sighting and states in her testimony that "...I started crying a little bit..." It seems quite possible that in her excitement and fear she may have stalled or turned off the ignition of her car, thus accounting for the engine stopping.

The use of the word "angel-hair" by the observer is quite interesting. There is some evidence from her testimony that she was interested in the subject of UFO's, had read about them, and when she ran into something that confused her, immediately assumed it was a UFO.

Although Dr. J. Allen Hynek, the Air Force consultant on UFO's feels that this sighting is unidentified, as a result of the extensive analysis of Dr. Donald Menzel of the Harvard College Observatory, the sighting is being carried in the Air Force files as being possibly caused by the moon.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS CHANUTE TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTER (ATC)
CHANUTE AIR FORCE BASE, ILLINOIS 61866

REPLY TO ATTN OF: XPO

21 May 1968

SUBJECT: Report of UFO Sighting

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

1. Attached report of UFO investigation is submitted in accordance with AFR 80-17.

2. No electrical report has been submitted on this sighting, due to the fact that it was reported by letter and considerable delay was encountered in investigation due to this fact.

FOR THE COMMANDER

ROBERT H. FICKE, Colonel, USAF
Director, Plans/Operations

4 Atch
1. Ltr TSDWB (Capt Giza) 20 May 68
2. Ltr Maj Hartman, Apr 24, 68, to Col Klotz
3. Ltr, handwritten (no date) 2 page.
4. UFO Sighting Information Report

Winona Airport a 5 mi from sighting

Rochester Minn. (Airport) Eau Claire Wis (Airport)
La Crosse Wis (Airport) and Camp McCoy are all less
Than 50 mile from observation pt.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 3345th TECHNICAL SCHOOL (ATC)
CHANUTE AIR FORCE BASE, ILLINOIS 61866

REPLY TO ATTN OF: TSDWB (Capt Giza/6151) 20 May 1968

SUBJECT: Investigation of Unidentified Flying Object

TO: XPO

1. Basic Reporting Data and Format.

a. Description of the Object:

(1) Shape: Like a pointed boomerang.

(2) Size: Bigger than a car, smaller than an airplane, bigger than the road was wide.

(3) Color: Orangish.

(4) Number: One.

(5) Formation: N/A.

(6) Discernible features or details: None.

(7) Tail, trail, or exhaust: Cloudy stuff around it that looked like fog, smoke, or angel hair.

(8) Sound: None.

(9) Other pertinent or unusual features: None.

b. Description of Course of Object:

(1) What first called the attention of observer to the object?

An automobile passed observer and after some distance ahead, it appeared to stop and it's lights went out. This is when observer saw object above that automobile.

(2) Angle of elevation and azimuth of object when first observed:

I estimate from observer's report the elevation to be approximately 15° and azimuth NNE. Then object was overhead at approximately 60 feet.

(3) Angle of elevation of object upon disappearance:

Appeared to go straight down until out of sight.

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(4) Description of flight path and maneuvers of object:

Object traveled west of observer at about same elevation of 15°, then appeared to return and follow observer north towards Cochrane, Wisconsin, but then seemed to go straight down and disappear.

(5) How did the object disappear? Almost instantly.

(6) How long was the object visible?

According to the observer, about 8 to 10 minutes; according to Mr. Zeichert, to whom observer first reported object, about 45 seconds to one minute.

c. Manner of observation:

(1) Ground-visual.

(2) Object viewed with the naked eye.

(3) Sighting not from aircraft.

d. Time and Date of Sighting:

(1) 4 April 1968 at approximately 0215Z or 3 April 1968 at approximately 2015 Central Standard Time.

(2) Light conditions: Night.

e. Location of Observer: About 4 miles south of Cochrane, Wisconsin on Route 35 or approximately 44.4 N and 91.9 W.

f. Identifying Information on Observer:

(1) Civilian: Mrs. [redacted], about 30 years old; [redacted], Cochrane, Wisconsin 54622; schoolteacher; college; reliability - good.

g. Weather and Winds-aloft Conditions at Time and Place of Sighting:

(1) Observer account of weather conditions:

It had been raining previously, was damp, foggy, and could not say if sky was clear or cloudy.

(2) Winds: Not available.

(3) Ceiling: Not available.

(4) Visibility: No official report, but fog at sighting.

(5) Amount of cloud cover: Not available.

(6) Thunderstorms in area: No official report but I was told there were none at that time.

(7) Vertical temperature gradient: Not available.

h. Any other unusual activity or condition, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise, that might account for the sighting:

Only a quarter moon and fog in area.

i. Interception or identification action taken: None.

j. Location, approximate altitude, and general direction of flight of any air traffic or balloon released in the area that might possibly account for the sighting: None.

k. Preparing Officer: Captain Ronald T. Giza, FR3135266, Instructor, Forecaster Branch, Department of Weather Training, Chanute AFB, Illinois 61866.

COMMENTS: I received notification of this report on 30 April 1968. I talked with Mrs. [redacted] by telephone on 13 May 1968. She repeated practically every detail exactly as written in her letter. She is a former member of the Air Force and is now a teacher of the elementary grades. She seemed to be a rational person, an observation supported by Mr. [redacted] a Buffalo County traffic officer. He was called by Mrs. [redacted] at approximately 2030 hours (0230Z, 4 April) 3 April.

I telephoned him on 15 May and his account of Mrs. [redacted]s sighting was essentially the same. She told him she first thought the object was an airplane and then a helicopter because it was stationary. At first he thought nothing of the report, but about an hour later he drove to her house to talk personally with her. Her story was still the same.

Mr. [redacted] said that there had been a heavy rain prior to the report and that a heavy fog was prevalent. The moon was also quite bright. In addition, he said that between the Mississippi River and Route 35, which is about a mile from the river, there was a swampy area near the sighting position.

I have two possible explanations: (1) That Mrs. Liethe saw a reflection of the moon onto the base of the fog layer from either the Mississippi River or the swamp and (2) that she saw the moon dimly visible through the fog layer.

Her report that here seemed to be a haze around the object such as smoke, fog, or angel hair would tie in. The moon was in its quarter phase that night and moonrise was approximately 200 local time (0200Z). This possibly would be sufficient for a reflection of the moon onto the base of the fog layer in the form of a boomerang, which was the shape of the object described by Mrs. Liethe.

[redacted] was due west at 39° elev.

I do not have an explanation for why the automobile engine stopped and why the lights went out. She insists the ignition key was on all the time. The make is a 1966 Pontiac. Perhaps moisture from the road or in the air shorted the ignition system. There also is the question of why the person in front of Mrs. [redacted] did not report the same occurrence since, according to her report, the same thing must have happened to him.

Ronald T. Giza

RONALD T. GIZA, Captain, USAF
UFO Project Officer

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT RESERVE
AREA REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE

REPLY TO ATTN OF: Major Roger L. Hartman

SUBJECT: Unidentified flying objects

April 24, 1968

TO:
Colonel Robert C. Klotz
Asst. Director, plans/Operations
Chanute Technical Tng. Center
Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois

Dear Mr. Klotz:

This is in reply to your request in your letter of 17 April, 1968 concerning the sighting of the unidentified flying object in Buffalo County, Wisconson.

The report was made by a Mrs. [redacted], Cochrane, Wisconsin, 54622, to a Buffalo County traffic officer, H. A. Zeichert, who also lives in Cochrane, Wisconsin. Mr. [redacted] received the report at about 8:20 or 8:25 P.M. on April 3, 1968. Mrs. [redacted] and her son [redacted] were driving on Highway # 35 at about 8:15 P.M. going North between Fountain City, Wisconsin and Cochrane, Wisconsin at a point in the road known as Czechville, when they sighted the object. Mr. [redacted] then phoned my home and made the report to me, knowing that I was a Major in the USAF (Res.) and acting as Judge Advocate General Area Representative as well as District Attorney for Buffalo County.

I then phoned Mrs. [redacted] and knowing that she was a school teacher, I requested that she make a written report for me immediately, putting down every detail that she could remember as to sight, sound, and feeling. I received the enclosed written statement from her. I have retained a photostatic copy of this and you may, therefore, keep this report. I am sorry it is not in better penmanship but believe you will be able to read it.

The telephone number of Mrs. [redacted], in Cochrane, Wisconsin is [redacted] The witness, her son [redacted] lives with her at that same address and phone number. The Buffalo County Traffic Officer, [redacted] telephone number at Cochrane, Wisconsin is 608-248-2225.

If my office may be of any further help, please call on me.

Very truly yours,

[redacted] Roger L. Hartman

Roger L. Hartman
Box 337
Alma, Wisconsin

Flat #2

Marc & I were coming up the hwy. (3 5)
at 8:12 to 8:20 or there abouts.

by the Dunn home a car came roaring past
us occup. by 1 person - a tan-metallic
color a 65-66 Ford. - we continued
past the high pch. at the dip in the hwy.
at the dip in the hwy. Marc
asked me what time it was - it was 8:10 +
I he said - we were on the road about 2 hrs.
coming from Stoddard. I noticed a car come
down the hwy - near the Prairie Moon road it
passed us - a 60 Ford light blue wagon -
another car was coming out from the Prairie
Moon road - not yet up to the hwy yet.
When up the hwy at this time the Ford which
was driving so fast at least 65-70 or 75
just had no lights in the hwy - none at all.
At the same moment that thing came from
the dip in the hill - real fast but real real
smooth like something gliding but lower
than any plane & hovered & stopped above
that car then is when it's lights went out and I
pulled onto the gravel because I thought it was
a bird & he just put out his lights and I didn't
want to smash into him - at all of this my lights
were dimming slightly but I didn't think
anything until my engine, lights & radio went
out & stopped - this happened to me when
it left that car & came down the hwy it moved
slow & yet so smooth it was fast - I didn't
watch the other car after that because the object
came down the hwy & was above us - it came
down over the other car. I saw the mill lights on
Cochrane - the X the mill - the thing ⊂ and
the ∥ telephone poles. It was pretty low.
Att'd #3 ∥ ⊂ When I looked, out of my window (shield)

I had to bend forward toward the wheel & looked straight up and there it was above us — with the car dead — I had opened the window when the other cars lights went out & it was open then — absolutely no sound. The key in my car was on — because after the thing went over the field toward Kennewick I tried my car & I had to grind & grind & finally about the 3rd or 4th time it went (the car) — when the car started I floored it to get away car or no car in front of me & the thing started back at us — I told Marc to watch so I could know where it was — when the thing moved it could go up & down and side ways (the way it came at us) and in waves ~~~~~.
The thing when it stood still was a Indian orange color and less bright & had cloudy stuff around it — when it was moving the light got brighter & redder — it wasn't a shiny or bright light like our lights it just lit up. The thing had a bluish white color in this area but only when above us. It had no analogy or body just this shape. It was black & yet not black just blue black. I didn't look for windows I was just interested in the shape & staying to distinguish the lights. I was calm this whole time until the thing started to come back to us from the fields then I drove fast but not reckless. It was damp outside so when the car was on the heater was going full at times & I wasn't cold but that seemed to cool the area more — I felt with the windows open. When we were going up the hwy. the thing didn't go over the hwy again Marc said but it started to go down straighter but then



disappeared.
This color in the area was the same kind I had seen when coming home from school one night this Fall — the ruby. It was on the car in front of me only I didn't think anything of it because the I looked at the west & thought the sun had come through a cloud as it was setting. Later on I read in the papers where people had sighted an object (UFO) over Stevens. I saw this near the Archery Road on Hwy. 35.

You said remember anything and everything. One thing I remember — my feet burning for sometime after — when I first stepped out of the car it felt like scalding dry heat on them. I always thought if I saw one of these I'd just get out & walk up to it but it didn't give any inkling of being an earthly thing as I just stayed the car was completely dead & wouldn't go any place — I guess I was just waiting for I don't know what.

Another thing I remember — as though I was lighter in weight & airy. Something like the first time you experience an angelore that is or a drop from an air pocket. It felt like a dip in the road. It felt like the air & everything was lighter & weightless.

UFO SIGHTING INFORMATION

1. NAME OF OBSERVER: Mrs. [redacted]a and son [redacted] about 7 yrs old.
2. ADDRESS: Route 1, Cochrane, Wisconsin 54622
3. TELEPHONE NUMBER: [redacted]
4. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING: 2015 Central Standard Time; 0215Z, 4 Apr 68.
5. LOCATION (IN RELATION TO KNOWN GEOGRAPHICAL OR PHYSICAL FEATURE): About 4 miles south of Cochrane; between Cochrane and Fountain City, Wisc.

6. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:
   a. SHAPE: Like a pointed Boomerang.
   b. SIZE (COMPARATIVE): bigger than car, smaller than airplane, bigger than road was wide.
   c. COLOR: Orangish.
   d. HOW MANY OBJECTS WERE SIGHTED: One
   e. ANY SIGNIFICANT FEATURES OR DETAILS APPARENT: None.
   f. WAS ANY TYPE OF TRAIL OR EXHAUST VISIBLE?: Looked like fog, smoke, or angel hair around it.
   g. WAS THERE ANY AUDIBLE SOUND?: No.
7. ALTITUDE AND AZIMUTH FROM HORIZON:
   a. 30° c. 60° e. Overhead
   b. 45° d. 75°
8. DIRECTION OF OBJECT FROM OBSERVER AND DIRECTION OF TRAVEL: NNe. Traveled south towards observer.
9. DID OBJECT DISAPPEAR SUDDENLY OR SLOWLY? Suddenly.
10. HOW LONG WAS THE OBJECT VISIBLE? 8 to 10 minutes.
11. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:
    a. GROUND VISUAL
    b. AIR VISUAL
    c. GROUND ELECTRONIC (RADAR, etc)(IF SO, TYPE EQUIPMENT)

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d. AIR ELECTRONIC (IF SO, TYPE EQUIPMENT)

e. ANY OPTICAL AIDS (BINOCULARS, TELESCOPE, etc)

f. DOES OBSERVER WEAR GLASSES? Sometimes, but not when driving.

12. IF OBSERVER WAS AIRBORNE: N/A

a. TYPE AIRCRAFT:

b. CALL SIGN:

c. AIRCRAFT ALTITUDE AT TIME OBJECT WAS SIGHTED?

d. AIRCRAFT HEADING:

e. INDICATED AIRSPEED:

f. HOME BASE (OR AIRPORT, IF CIVILIAN)

13. OBSERVER WAS (MILITARY) (CIVILIAN)

14. AGE: About 30.

15. MAILING ADDRESS: [redacted], Cochrane, Wisconsin 54622.

16. TECHNICAL OR SCIENTIFIC BACKGROUND OF OBSERVER: schoolteacher; former stewardess in Air Force.

17. WEATHER CONDITIONS AT TIME OF SIGHTING:

a. CLEAR Observer not sure whether there were clouds or not.

b. FEW CLOUDS

c. OVERCAST

d. CLOUDS IN LAYERS

e. VISIBILITY:

GOOD ____	RAIN ____	FOG _X_
FAIR ____	SNOW ____	HAZE ____
POOR _X_	DUST ____	

f. ANY THUNDERSTORMS OR LIGHTNING IN AREA: No

g. WAS SUN VISIBLE? No

h. WAS MOON VISIBLE? QTR _X_ HALF ____ THREE-QTR ____ FULL ____

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7 JUN 1968

TDPT (UFO) Lt Col Quintanilla/70916/mhs/6 Jun 68

UFO Observation, 3 April 1968

Winona Police Department
Winona, Minnesota 55987

1. The Aerial Phenomena Office is in receipt of an unidentified flying object (UFO) report from four miles south of Cochrane, Wisconsin. The observation occurred on 3 April 1968 at 8:15 pm CST.

2. The observer stated that she saw a large orange boomerang shaped object that seemed to be surrounded by smoke or fog. The object hovered over her car and the car engine stopped and her lights and radio went dead. The observer is uncertain of how long the object was in sight but it appears to have been visible for several minutes.

3. Did you receive any reports of unusual objects for this date? We would appreciate your comments as to a possible cause for this sighting.

4. Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

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

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

7 JUN 1968

REPLY TO ATTN OF: TDPT (UFO)

SUBJECT: UFO Observation, 3 April 1968

TO: Winona Police Department
Winona, Minnesota 55987

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HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office
Aerospace Technologies Division
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Dear Chief Quintanilla:

Our files reveal that we have not received any reports of unusual objects on April 3, 1968 or any other date.

WINONA POLICE DEPARTMENT
Winona, Minn.

30 Apr 68

7 JUN 1968

TDPT (UFO) Lt Col Quintanilla/70916/mhs/5 Jun 68

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Winona Municipal Airport
Winona, Minnesota 55987

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3. Request information on whether you had any aircraft landing or departing your airfield (particularly helicopters) at the approximate time of the observation. Did anyone in the control tower see anything unusual and/or was anything unusual reported to them? We realize that checking aircraft records is difficult, but we would appreciate any assistance you can provide.

4. Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office
Aerospace Technologies Division
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7 JUN 1968

TDPT (UFO) Lt Col Quintanilla/70916/mhs/6 Jun 68

UFO Observation, 3 April 1968

Public Information Officer
Camp McCoy, Wisconsin 54660

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3. Did you have any helicopter activity in that area that may have been responsible for the sighting. We would appreciate your comments as to a possible cause for this sighting.

4. Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

FOR THE COMMANDER

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

TDPT (UFO) OFFICIAL FILE CY

Public Information Office
Camp McCoy, Wisconsin 54656

31 July 1968

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SUBJECT: UFO Observation

Department of the Air Force
Headquarters Foreign Technology Division (AFSC)
ATTN: TDPT (UFO)
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio 45433

Reference your letter dated 7 June 1968, there was no helicopter activity in that area on 3 April 1968 which belonged to this installation.

Albert H. Maloney

AELRED H. MALONEY
MAJOR, CA-USAR
Information Officer

3 Apr 68

TDPTR/Lt Col Smith

Request surface weather observations for
Winona, Minnesota for 3 April 1968,
2015 hours, CST.

TDPT (UFO) Lt Marano 6 Jun 68

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SURFACE OBSERVATIONS DATA SHEET

Amarillo AFB, Texas - March 6, 1968

0400L *3505 7402* 10205 ***** 52****
0500L *3305 7402* 10505 ***** 52****
0600L 83306 74012 10905 20977 53303
0700L *3304 7402* 12902 ***** 53****
0900L *0204 7402* 13005 ***** 52219

Winona, Minnesota - April 3, 1968

1800L 91321 08515 95211 9***** 10629 70030
1900L 61418 5645* 92510 ***** 09****
2200L 81610 5845* 91708 ***** 08****

Salisbury, N.C. - February 3, 1966

0430Z 03002 74000 14300 00900 55****

Houston, Texas - February 4, 1966

1200Z 00204 74000 32101 00900 52****

Surfside, Texas - March 20, 1966

0735Z 72112 74022 20819 754** 16302

Truth or Consequences, N.M. - April 3, 1966

0100Z 22915 74031 03328 00901 00****

Lycoming, New York - April 5, 1966

0800Z 82710 58858 99600 883** 51****

Bloomington, Indiana - July 4, 1966

0130Z 22405 6603* 14432 214** 28****

Donnybrook, North Dakota - August 19, 1966

2250Z 61208 6403* 18421 6087* 07****

Pecos, Texas - August 27, 1966

0300Z 21605 7402* 13124 214** 13****

Rome, Georgia - August 27, 1966

0251Z 33005 7402* 19323 3086* 18****

East Dennis, Mass. - October 8, 1966

2350Z 81808 48585 14512 872** 12****

1800 L Completely overcast
wind from 130 at 21 Knots
vis. ½ mile
Surface Temp 11° C
Overcast of Low clouds or
ob'dsn.
Dew Point 10° C

1900 L
wind from 140 at 18 Knots
vis. about 4.5 mi
Temp 10° C
Dew point 9° C
Clearing slightly 6/8 cloud cover.
Fog from ground to cloud bases

2200 L.
wind from 160 at 10 knots.
Temp 9° C
Dew Point 8° C
Vis 4 mi

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

REPLY TO ATTN OF: TDPT (UFO)

15 OCT 1968

SUBJECT: UFO Observation , 3 April 1968

TO:
Mrs [redacted]
Rt 1
Cochrane, Wisconsin 54622

Reference your recent unidentified flying object sighting which you reported to the Air Force. The information which we have received is not sufficient for a scientific investigation. Request you complete the attached AF Form 117 and return it in the self-addressed envelope. Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

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

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AF Form 117 w/envelope

SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED PHENOMENA QUESTIONNAIRE

BUDGET BUREAU APPROVAL NUMBER 21-R258

THIS QUESTIONNAIRE HAS BEEN PREPARED SO THAT YOU CAN GIVE THE U.S. AIR FORCE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE CONCERNING THE UNIDENTIFIED PHENOMENON THAT YOU HAVE OBSERVED. PLEASE TRY TO ANSWER ALL OF THE QUESTIONS. THE INFORMATION YOU GIVE WILL BE USED FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES YOUR NAME WILL NOT BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH ANY OF YOUR STATEMENTS OR CONCLUSIONS WITHOUT YOUR PERMISSION. RETURN TO AIR FORCE BASE INVESTIGATOR FOR FORWARDING TO FTD (TDETR), WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO 45433, IAW AFR 80-17. *(IF ADDITIONAL SHEETS ARE NEEDED FOR NARRATIVE OR SKETCHES ATTACH SECURELY TO THIS FORM OR ANNOTATE WITH YOUR NAME FOR IDENTIFICATION.)*

1. WHEN DID YOU SEE THE PHENOMENON?
DAY 3 MONTH April YEAR 1968

2. WHAT TIME DID YOU FIRST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON?
HOUR 2000 MINUTES 002 [ ] A.M. [X] P.M.

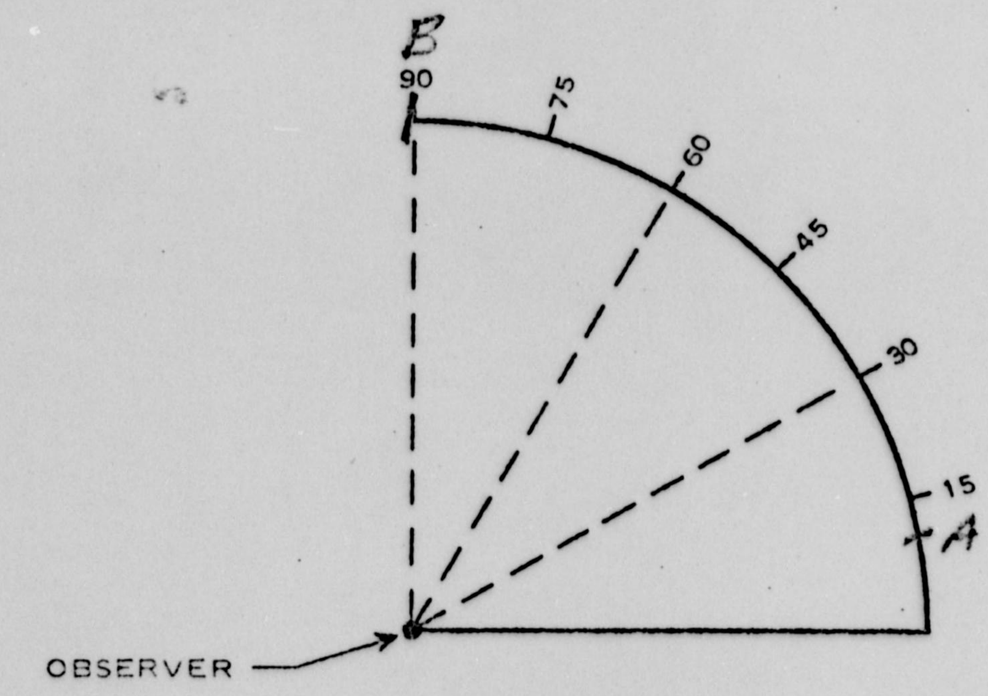
3. WHAT TIME DID YOU LAST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON?
HOUR 2000 MINUTES 0020 [ ] A.M. [X] P.M.

4. TIME ZONE [X] DAYLIGHT SAVINGS [ ] STANDARD
[ ] EASTERN [X] 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.

On highway #35 about 1½ miles South of Cochrane, Wis in my automobile travelling northerly. At the site of an old creamery butter churn that stood along side of the highway.

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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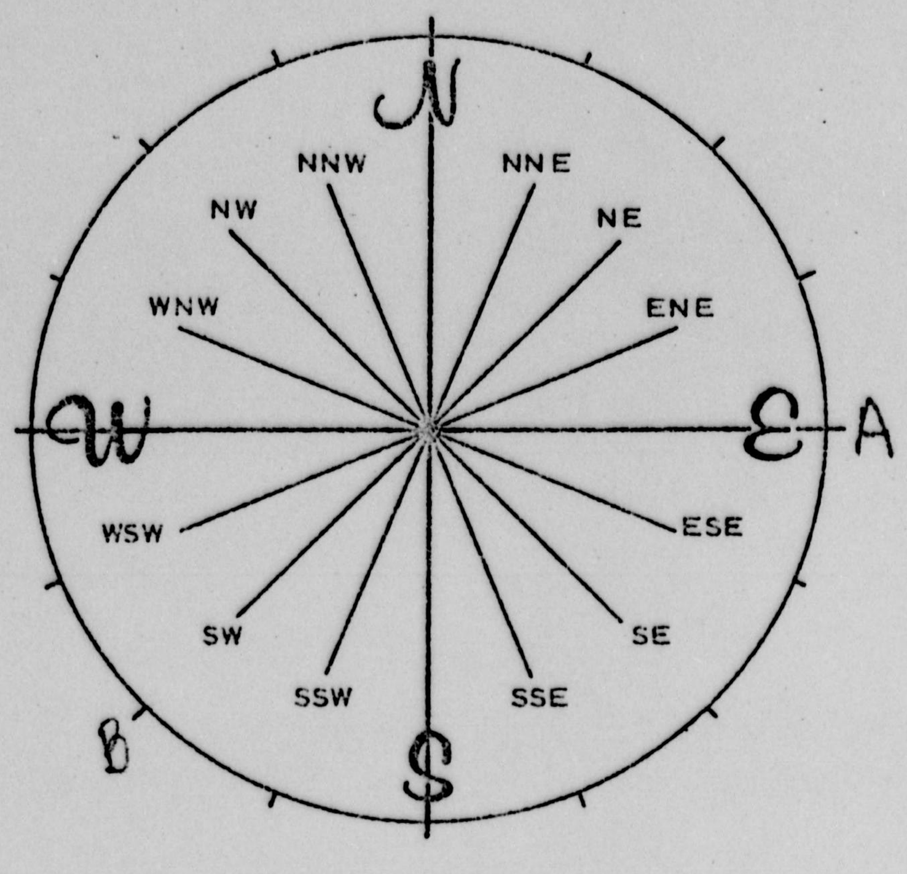
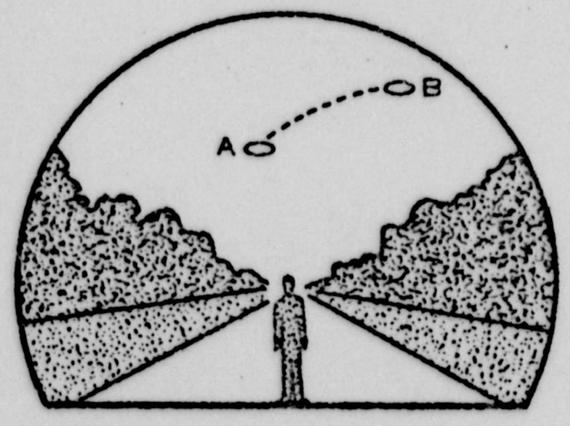
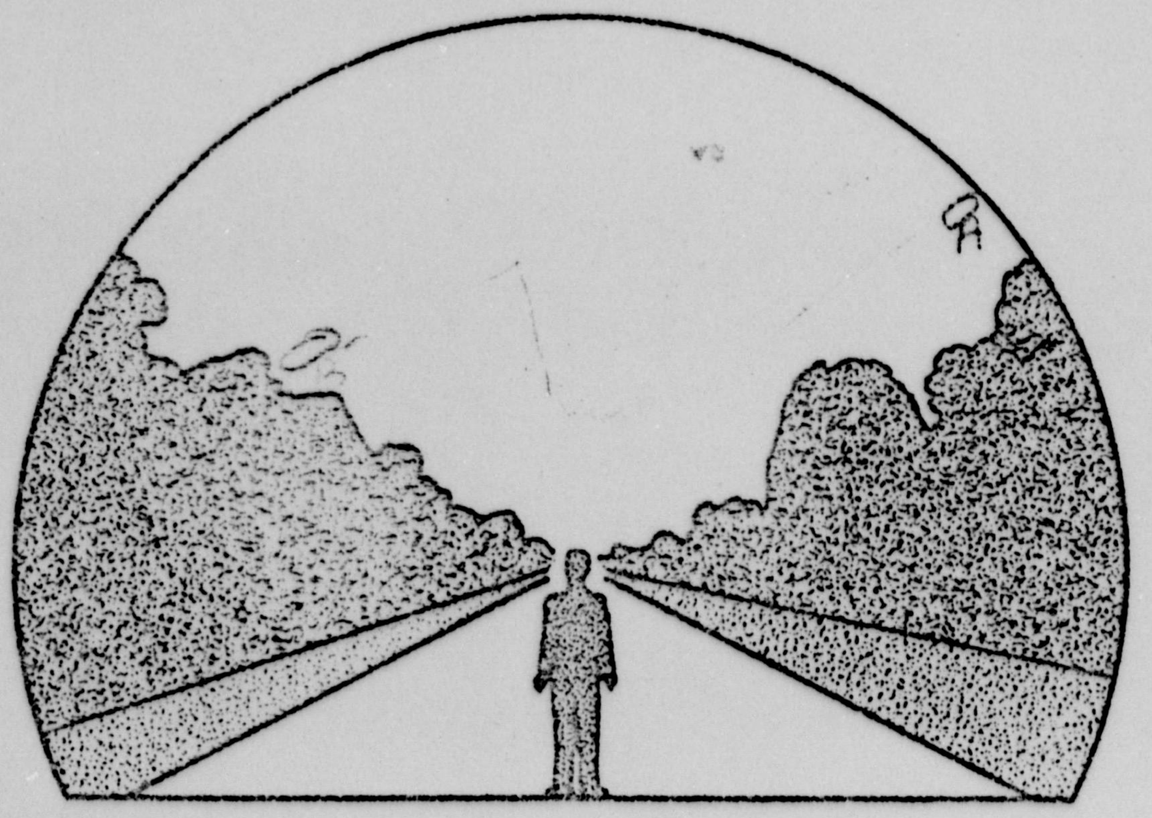
6A. NOW IMAGINE YOU ARE AT THE CENTER OF THE COMPASS ROSE. PLACE AN "A" ON THE COMPASS TO INDICATE THE DIRECTION TO THE PHENOMENON WHEN FIRST SEEN. PLACE A "B" ON THE COMPASS TO INDICATE THE DIRECTION TO THE PHENOMENON WHEN LAST SEEN.



7. IN THE SKETCH BELOW, PLACE AN "A" AT THE POSITION OF THE PHENOMENON WHEN FIRST SEEN, AND A "B" AT THE POSITION OF THE PHENOMENON WHEN LAST SEEN. CONNECT THE "A" AND "B" WITH A LINE TO APPROXIMATE THE MOVEMENT OF THE PHENOMENON BETWEEN "A" AND "B". THAT IS, SCHEMATICALLY SHOW WHETHER THE MOVEMENT APPEARED TO BE STRAIGHT, CURVED OR ZIG-ZAG. REFER TO SMALLER SKETCH AS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW TO COMPLETE THE LARGER SKETCH.





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

	OUTDOORS		IN BUSINESS SECTION OF CITY
	IN BUILDING		IN RESIDENTIAL SECTION OF CITY
X	IN CAR ☒ AS DRIVER ☐ AS PASSENGER	X	IN OPEN COUNTRYSIDE
	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?

X	NORTH		EAST
	SOUTH		WEST
	NORTHEAST		SOUTHEAST
	NORTHWEST		SOUTHWEST

HOW FAST WERE YOU MOVING?
45 mph

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

EXPLAIN WHETHER SUCH MOVEMENT AFFECTS YOUR SKETCHES IN ITEMS 5 AND 6.
Car in front of us just disappeared + I slowed down afraid I would hit him.

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.
'66 Pontiac - 4dr. auto. Driver side window was down but when UFO came over I closed all windows.

HOW MUCH OTHER TRAFFIC WAS THERE?
One car passed us just before sighting + then disappeared.

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.

9. HOW LONG WAS THE PHENOMENON IN SIGHT?

LENGTH OF TIME 5 or 7 minutes

	CERTAIN OF TIME		NOT VERY SURE
X	FAIRLY CERTAIN		JUST A GUESS

HOW WAS TIME DETERMINED?
estimated by elapse of time

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.

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?

one phenomenon

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
X	CLEAR		NIMBUS CLOUDS *(Rain)*		HAIL
	PARTLY CLOUDY		CUMULONIMBUS CLOUDS *(Thunderstorms)*		SNOW OR SLEET
	COMPLETELY OVERCAST				UNKNOWN
			HAZE OR SMOG		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
	A FEW		MOON WITH HALO	UNKNOWN
	MANY		MOON HIDDEN BY CLOUDS	
X	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?

	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.

phenomenon gave off its own light.

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 orange-red, self-luminous, fuzzy like angel hair covered the ground with light around us, not bright light but fluorescent like.

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	
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?

My son called my attention to it as it came out of between the hills. Look at that red thing.

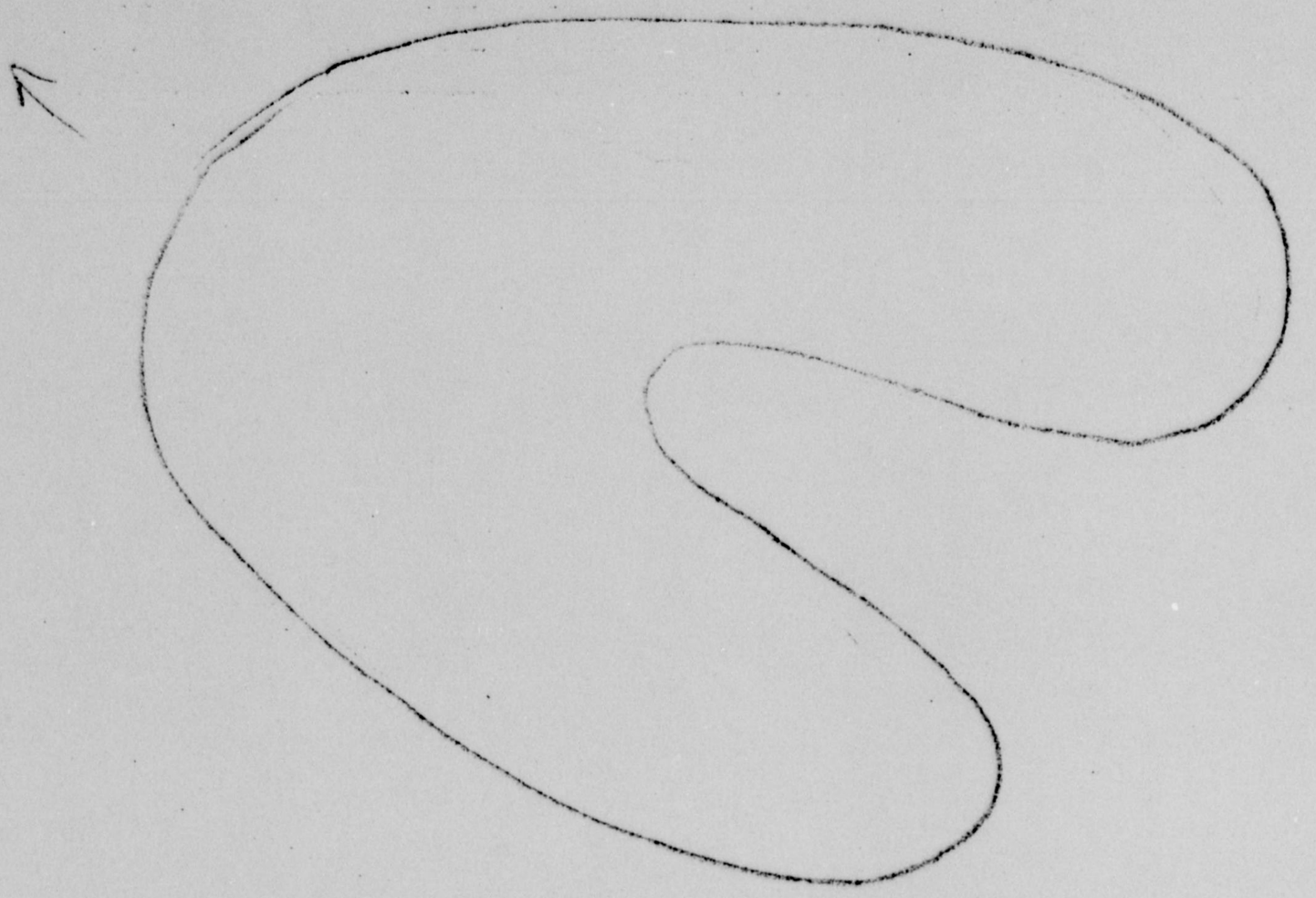
A. HOW DID IT FINALLY DISAPPEAR?

Straight down into a cornfield over the horizon

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.

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.

looking straight up at it it was shaped like below.



fuzzy angel hair-like appearance

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.

If was wide enough to cover the 2 lane highway. I would estimate 20'-2 2' wide

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 moved at about the speed of my own car more-or-less.

19. WHAT WAS YOUR IMPRESSION OF THE DISTANCE OF THE PHENOMENON? GIVE ESTIMATE OF DISTANCE Never over 1 mile right above telephone poles

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.

Looked like a crescent roll in the sky, Covered with angel-hair, fuzzy light, soft tomato red or orange color light.

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.

Palms of hands & bottom of feet became hot like touching dry ice. Like walking on dry needles.

A. DID THE PHENOMENON DISTURB THE GROUND OR LEAVE ANY PHYSICAL EVIDENCE. ☐ YES ☐ NO. Don't know
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

My son - [redacted]
Cochrane, Wis.

24. GIVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF

LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME [redacted]

ADDRESS (Street, City, State and Zip Code) Cochrane, Wis. 54622

TELEPHONE (Area code and number)	AGE		MALE	X	FEMALE
[redacted]	31				

INCLUDING OCCUPATION AND ANY EXPERIENCE WHICH MAY BE PERTINENT.

By occupation a school teacher & housewife.

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

NAME [redacted] DAY 3 MONTH April YEAR '68

26. DATE YOU COMPLETED THIS QUESTIONNAIRE.

DAY 14 MONTH Nov YEAR '68

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

I have already sent you a statement in my handwriting.

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TDPT (UFO)

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UFO Report, 3 April 1968

Dr J Allen Hynek

Reference the attached unidentified flying object (UFO) report from Cochrane, Wisconsin which occurred on 3 April 1968. We feel that all pertinent data has already been gathered for you to evaluate the case. However, if you wish to investigate the sighting, please write us and let us know what additional information you feel can be gathered at this late date. We would appreciate it if you would place your evaluation on the attached Project Record Card. Also, request your comments as to the possibility of the object being the moon. We would like to hear from you by 15 December on this sighting.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ASTRONOMY

LINDHEIMER ASTRONOMICAL RESEARCH CENTER

3 December 1968

FTD (TDETR)
Research and Aerial Phenomena Division
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio 43533

Attn: TDPT (UFO)

Subj: Your Memo of November 22 concerning the UFO report from Cochrane, Wisconsin, (3 April 1968)

To: Hector Quintanilla, Jr., Lt. Colonel

I cannot agree that all pertinent data has been gathered. For example, the comments of the preparing officer stated that "the moon was in its quarter phase that night and moonrise was approximately 2000 hours local time". Moonrise on that day was approximately noon (!) and moonset was just about midnight. Therefore, at the time of sighting, approximately 2015, the moon was still 4 hours from setting and fairly high in the sky. It was not yet in its first quarter phase. The observer was looking toward the north northeast at initial elevation of approximately 15 degrees. Moonrise is thus no possible explanation for this sighting.

Evaluation of this sighting depends largely, as I see it, on the reliability of the witness. Either she and her son were overexcited to the point of hallucination (but for what reason?), or something similar to that reported in many other cases happened. I feel it would be eminently worthwhile to obtain Mrs. Lietha's testimony on tape by telephone, and to send you a transcript, so that we can collectively make some judgement as to her objectivity and reliability.

I fail to understand how the preparing officer could have been so ill-prepared.

J. Allen Hynek

J. ALLEN HYNEK, Director
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3 Apr 68

TDPT (UFO)

UFO Report of 3 April 1968

9 DEC 1968

Dr J Allen Hynek
Northwestern University
Evanston, Illinois 60201

Dr J Allen Hynek

Reference your letter of 3 December 1968 regarding the UFO sighting of 3 April 1968 near Cochrane, Wisconsin. If you feel that significant new information can be gained by a telephone call to the observer, you may do so. However, we want a complete transcript of all telephone conversations and copies of all letters you write regarding the sighting. Evaluate the sighting on the Project Record Card that was sent to you on 22 November 1968.

HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Branch
Aerospace Technologies Division
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TDPT (UFO) 14 FEB 1969

Request for Evaluation of UFO Sightings

Dr. J. Allen Hynek
Lindheimer Astronomical Research Center
Northwestern University
Evanston, Illinois 60201

1. Reference our letters of 30 Sep 68, 12 Nov 68 and 9 Dec 68, regarding a UFO sighting of 12 Jul 68 from Omaha, Nebraska. We again request that you complete a project record card on this sighting. The card should include a summary of the sighting and analysis as to why you evaluated the case as you did.

2. Reference the UFO sighting of 25 Feb 67 from Fargo, North Dakota. This case has been pending your evaluation since early in 1968. Please forward a project record card evaluating this sighting to us before 1970 since we do not wish to hold it in pending another year.

3. Reference our letters of 22 Nov 68 and 9 Dec 68 regarding a UFO sighting of 3 Apr 68 near Cochrane, Wisconsin. If you have been unable to gather any additional pertinent data, please notify us. If you telephoned the observer, please send us transcripts. Please evaluate the sighting on the project record card that was sent to you on 22 Nov 68.

4. Reference the UFO sighting of 17 Apr 67 near Jefferson City, Missouri. Please comply with our request of 7 Jan 69.

HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Branch
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27 February 1969

FTD (TDETR)
Research and Aerial Phenomena Division
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio 45433

Attn: TDPT (UFO)

Reference: Your letter of 14 February

To: Lt. Col. Hector Quintanilla

1. I enclose evaluation cards for all four cases requested. I regret that some of these cases are being sent to you unduly late. Reorganization of my office and files should prevent this in the future.

2. I regret also, from your standpoint, that all four cases must in my opinion be evaluated as unidentified.

3. I would rate the 12 July 1968, Omaha, Nebraska, case as the weakest in this category and the one at Cochran, Wisconsin, the strongest. I obtained a good tape recording in the Cochran case, and will send you a copy of the transcription as soon as my secretary can accomplish this. I obtained an additional taped phone conversation from Mr. [redacted] of Jefferson City because I needed to clear up several points, particularly the matter of the sighting possibly being caused by the launching of a hot air balloon. I will send that transcript also if you should wish it.

J. Allen Hynek

J. ALLEN HYNEK, Director
Lindheimer Astronomical Research Center
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PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP April 3, 1968 2015 CST	2. LOCATION Cochrane, Wisconsin
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Unidentified
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One (1)	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 - 10 minutes overall 60 secs. close encounter	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS A 30-year old school teacher and her 10-year old son coming home from across Wisconsin, approaching Cochran saw luminescent object hovering overhead, stopped, and put out lights of car ahead. Witness stopped several car lengths behind and pulled off to side of road with engine running. Object then hovered over her car stopping motor which she was unable to start until object left. They experienced intense heat inside of car; the soles of their feet were particularly hot. After object left the starter worked and the witness floored car on the way home and locked herself in. The young son was thoroughly frightened and did not wish to talk about it much.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Visual	
7. COURSE NE to overhead stationary, followed car north, disappeared to east	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes XX No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes XX No	EVALUATION CRAD AS EVALUATED by Dr. Hynek 34

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10 March 1969

FTD (TDETR)
Research and Aerial Phenomena Division
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio 45433

Attn: TDPT (UFO)

Reference: Your letter of 3 March

to: Lt. Col. Hector Quintanilla

1. Enclosed is the taped transcription of the [redacted] case, and the Lietha case of Cochrane, Wisconsin.

2. Since the former transcription contains material which should certainly be at least administratively confidential, I would appreciate your considering it so and labeling it appropriately.

J. Allen Hynek

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TRANSCRIPT OF PHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN HYNEK & MRS. LEITHA

H Hello, is Mrs [redacted] there?

Just a minute.

L Hellow

H Hellow, Mrs. [redacted]. This is Allen Hynek at Northwestern University.

L Oh yes.

H Hi. Do you a minute to talk with me now?

L Yes

H Good. I am quite interested in the sighting that you had bakk there in April, the third of April I believe it was.

L Yes, it was.

H And several questions that I'd like to ask and I'm not sure whether the best thing to do here is to ask those questions or to ask you to sort of take a deep breath and start over again. First of all, are there any questions you want to ask of me, as to why this is being done, or that sort of thing? Or did I explain enough of that in the letter?

L Well, I kind of know that, but the thing that I wondered about is, Is it really something or isn't it? You know, because so many people look at you - like the other day there was some distant relation of mine I happened to see him on business, and he wanted to see me - and he looked at me just asmuch to say, well gee, what's the matterwith you. Maybe I don't want to do business with you. You know. And I was just wondereing if there is something or if there isn't or . .

H Well, of course this is precisely what we're trying to find out. And you might think that after all this time we would know, but we don't.

because you see, people are reluctant to talk, and there are no good photographs, or very, very few, and it's a very tricky subject, and the only way we'll get anyplace is by talking to as many people who have had this experience, and seeing what patterns there are, seeing what things hang together, what things arethe same and what things are different and so forth, and so you really will be helping us if you do this.

Now, there's a few basic points I wanted to check out. You, did you manage to get a compass and did you find out the directions.

L Well, the Highway 35 is where it is and it's ~~Nexthwe~~ northeast a little bit, goes northeast a bit . .

H Well, you see at first the Air Force thought - the Air Force at Wright Field anyway, generally . .

L See, that road is so - at times it's north and at times it's northwest and then its norhteast on Hiway 35

H Yes. Well, basically you were going north. How fast were you traveling?

L Oh gee. See when I was down, maybe about 3 miles below_____ and then a car passed me real fast and it was 65 or 66 Ford, it was tan or tannish colored and it looked like a car that my uncle owns and I though maybe he'd given it to her a grandson and he went by me at a terrific speed and when I dimmed my lights right away them, and I could see, I though I could justone person - of course you would probably just take that for granted, you know - and well then he went on a terrific speed down the highway and I was going about, oh I'd say about 55 - 60 at the time when he passed me, and we went up the highway a ways, maybe 2 miles or so, mile and a half, and then all of a sudden Mark said to

Me, "Mom, look at that red thing," and I looked and all of a sudden I saw the red thing and then this car that was in front of me when the red thing came up between the hills and the valley there, it, uh, the car just nothing. The lights went out and there was no lights/or anything then anymore.

H Now these were the lights on which car?

L On the other car.

H On the other car - ~~the head~~

L The headlights and the taillights went out. And I thought, well isn't that a crazy trick to play on me at this time of night, you know. So then I kind of started to pull over to the right hand side of road so in case he would be there, I wouldn't hit him from the back. Well then, when this red thing started, it was above this car in the area, and all of a sudden there was no car there.

H I can't hear you now, is somebody on the line?

L Are you there?

H Hellow

L Yes, are you there?

H I'm there but I somebody must have picked up the phone again.

L No, there's no one down now, he's upstairs now.

H well, I can hear you reasonably well. Go ahead. Can you hear me?

L I can hear you very little, but I can hear you.

H Well, I don't know whether to try this connection again, or not Maybe I'd better try to get - let's keep on, maybe it'll get better.

L OK - and I started

H I'll tell you what - why don't I get the operator and have them call you

back because this is no good. If you'll just hang up I'll get the operator.

Connection repaired

H I don't know what went wrong, but something did. At any rate, where were we? Oh yes, the car in front of you had just stopped and the lights out.

L Well, I thought it had stopped because all of a sudden there were no lights, you know, at about the time this thing came above it, and it was in the road, you know. Except this other thing, this object was, it was above the telephone posts, I remember that, above that height . .

H And how far ahead was this other car of you, would you say?

L Oh, maybe around 4, 5 6 car lengths, that's all.

H That close. So you must have had to stop pretty fast yourself.

L I did. It stopped and then I stopped; I was slowing down all thetime and so this thing - you know the other car, after it had passed me, had slowed down to normal speed, and then I pulled over to the side of the road see, or kind of on the side because I didn't want to hit it.

H But now, did you put your lights out yourself?

L No, I pulled over to the side of the road and I left my lights on so I could see if anything happened, and then, all of a sudden, my car kept running, and then I watched this thing as it was up in the air above this other car; well, then pretty soon I waswatching it, I didn't watch the other car and it may have driven on - or I don't know. See, that's why I won't say what happened to it, because I don't know. But I know when I was watching this, it could have driven off, but it didn't turn on its lights if it did. And then Mark and I looked and it came up

and it was above out car and we looked up underneath the windshield, you know, and we had to bend way down in the front seat to look up under the windshield. And then at that time is when it cut my engine and this and that on our car.

H Now, let's go into that in a little more detail, because this is very important. What happened first?

L Well, let's see. It's been so long ago. I'd have to have that letter back, you know, and I took that it to Mr. [redacted]n.

H Yes, I wonder if I have - well I do have part of your letter here I think. It says, "[redacted] and I were coming up the highway 35 and 8:12 to 8:20 or thereabouts by the [redacted] House. Car came along and passed us occupied by one person, a tan metallic color," and so forth and so on. Is that the letter you mean?

L Yes, You told me to write every detail I could think of.

H Yes, well, I'll read that very carefully after a bit, but just go ahead and to the best of your recollection, I'll tell you this, well, did you - were conscious at all of stopping your car or did the motor go out entirely by itself?

L No, I stopped it.

H You stopped the car

L And the car was running.

H Well, I mean the engine. The engine was still running.

L Yes, the engine was still running.

H And then what happened?

L I was parked over there, I might have had one tail out in the gravel or womething, you know, and then this red object came, it hovered, it

came sort of smooth and slow and it passed from up above that other car in the sky and it came above us and that's when we looked down and all of a sudden everything got real still and it got real quite because the car engine stopped, and I think I had the car radio on too, because I usually do, and it, everything went off, just like that.

H How about the lights? HOw about your car lights?

L Oh gee, there was quite a bit of light at that time so I don't know - I'd have to look back and remember out of my letter that detail - that's kind of small.

H Well, it's very important to know if yourlights went out by themselves.

L Well, if they went out, they (you know I'd have to look in my letter) if they went out and I think they did, it was when that happened, because everything cut then.

H Well now, tell me about the - if you had some magic way of putting something up in the sky say that closely resembled what you say, what more-or-less common thing that you have around would you put up there that would most closely resemble it in shape would you say?

L Well, you know those rolls that you buy of Bisquick or Pillsbury and they're in that little tube in your refrigerator case in the store?

H I think I do.

L And you rap that on the side of your counter and then you get out triangle shaped of dough and then you roll that up and it looks like a crescent shape, that's what it would look more like.

CRESCENT MOON last night

H I see. Well, I'm not exactly a cook, but I can figure this. Let's see, are you acquainted with Australian boomerangs?

L Australian?

H Well, boomerang, you know what a boomerang looked like?

L I've never had one

H Would it look anything like that?

L It would be like that, similar, except it was more rolled, than to be flat.

H Now then, you kept calling it a red color. What shade of red?

L I oil point, and the best color I can say it would be, is an orangish-reddish color and it looked like, sort of like angel hair that you could see through, and yet it had an orange and red, and it was like an Indian sunset or something color.

H I see. Now did it have sharp edges, or did it get fuzzy toward the edges?

L When I lookked at it, and what I could get from Mark, too, when it was away from us, then it looked like it was all lines, but it wasn't a distinct line like a pencil mark, but it had, it wasn't foggy, kind of. And yet it had a shape.

H Did the shape change?

L Well, when it came above us, then we got to see it more clearly, then we looked up directly underneath it, then it had. Before that it didn't, because we could see it an angle.

H Did it appear to be a solid object, or did it appear to be mostly light?

L Well, when it came above us, then it was definite, I mean, there was a definite pattern, but it seemed to be more solid, and then toward the edges it was more like that angel hair.

H Then, did it ever stand still.

L Uh huh, when it was in the air it did. Of course, it was always in the air, but when it stood right above us and I tried to start the car and

I tried and I tried, and as long as that thing was above us I just couldn't get that car to go. It just didn't even want to - it just nothing. It wouldn't even turn over, just grunt a little bit and that was it. And then when it was above the other car it stood still and it seemed like everything was so still at that time, and then it moved off . .

H How long did this last? How many seconds?

L At the time I was shocked, I couldn't believe it, that it wasn't something like that and I didn't know what it was going to do. Oh, maybe a minute seems so long then, you know, maybe it was - at the most maybe four minutes.

H I'll tell you what. Let me try a little experiment here. When I say go pretend the thing has just stopped over your car and the engine has stopped, and then just, even if we are silent for a while here, just relive that, image it's happening, and you don't have to say anything, and then when it goes away, say OK.

L Yes, OK.

H Algight, Go.

L About now.

H It was exactly 61 seconds. So, but when things like this are happening, time seems much longer, so don't worry about that. Alright, then, I wanted to ask if your starter worked when the thing was overhead and the engine wasn't going, did the started try to turn over or what.

L At this time I was trying to start it see, and it might a little bit longer, because I asked Mark I just wonder what that thing is doing,

and he just didn't want to talk and I thought something was wrong with him so I tried to take care of him too, so it might have been longer than time and I turned it and it went "urp" and then it wouldn't go any more, nothing.

H You mean, what I'm trying to get at, you know how things are when your battery is dead, that is, if you don't have any guess, then the starter turns over, goes zzzzzzzzzzzzzz

L Yes, that's turning over

H Or otherwise, it doesn't go at all. Which did it do in this case?

L Well, I turned the key and it went uph, and that was all. Then it didn't do anything, it was like a dead battery.

H Well, that's very important to know that. Now, then, when it left, did it go up or sideways, or what.

L No, it didn't go straight up. It went straight over towards, southwest, it went sort of, because it went behind us on my side, and it went over in the field toward a farmhouse there, and it might have risen a little bit, but from where we were it just went straight.

H And now, I'd like to ask whether at any time it passed in front of anything, like a tree, so we could judge how close it got to you. See, what I mean. If I asked you just how close was it, well, it's sometime very hard to judge distances unless it's very, very close.

L Well, I think that if I went straight up in the air, it would be maybe as far as a three story apartment building or something like that. That's how close it was.

H That's how close, huh?

L And then when it came out of - it came down that road - , is

came down there, right in between that farm there, and it came from between the trees and it went between telephone poles, you know, I mean in fron t of them but it was above them. I was ~~drwnxxw~~ coming down the road and I could see the telephone poles in front of it.

H Incidentally, are there any power lines - high tension lines - near there?

L Are those high tension lines there, Ralph, or are those just telephone lines? He said he thought they were high tension lines.

H The kind of high tension lnes I mean are those, you know, you've seen them cross the fields, these high poles with big insulators on them and all that.

L No, they don't have any great big insulators on them, cause we've got one of those out there. Anyway, when I was down the highway, see there's a mill near Cochran and that's maybe about 5 floors high, and I could see this thing against the mill, and that was a mile up the road.

H OK. By the way, is [redacted] there?

L Yes, he's here.

H After while, I would like very much to just say Hello to him.

L OK

H I want to also ask something about the brightness of the light. Did it light up the road, or could you read a newsppper by it?

L If I was standing outside I think I could have, directly under it, except it wouldn't have been a light like in the house, it was more of a, like a darkroom light; about like that. It wasn't real light, but you could have if you would have strained.

H I see. In other words, not a brilliant light. Now after it left, you say it went near the farm house. Did it stop there at the farm house or

did it go . . .?

L No, it went toward that farm house and it was going up the field, you know and it stopped. It just went real smooth and it didn't hesitate and it didn't jerk and it went straight over.

H How long did it take to disappear?

L It didn't right away. I finally - then when it left, then the car sort of jerked. It turned over it went ur-ur-ur and then finally it turned over real good and I finally got the car started.

H That is, you were using the starter?

L Yes, I was using it. And it went over there above/ the field, and then as soon as I got the car started, then it started to come back toward me again, like it was teasing me or something, and by that time I had floored the car and I gotten up to Cochran by the mill there and the high way is lighted, so then it just gradually went back again, and I saw it crossing the railroad tracks and then I looked down the railroad tracks toward th/at field there and it was just going slowly down.

H You didn't hear any reports from any witnesses, or any other people around there? Of course, people often don't talk about this. This is the trouble.

L No. There's a lady in Cochran that saw something like this come from that same direction one ~~xxx~~ morning, because I talked to her sister and I mentioned this about my - you know - and she told me her sister had seen something but she won't talk to anybody because she said, people'd figure she was crazy.

H Yes. This is of course a problem I run into time and again, and it's a rough one. Now, I also want to know - we haven't talked about sizes,

If you had - why don't you do this right now, even though it looks a little silly, hold your hand straight out in front of you, as far out as you can get it, and your thumb now, straight out (I'm doing it here too). Now if you'd held your thumb up against the light, would your thumbnail have covered it, would your thumb have covered the whole thing?

L Ex If I held my thumb up against the light, w would my hav

H Yes, that is, pretend your holding your thumb up toward the light and how much of the light,would it have covered all of it?

L Oh, see those two ends went back, you know. It would cover the whole middle part.

H Isee. But your whole hand would have covered it?

L I just have my thumb up. No, the middle part maybe. You'd still see the edges.

H Uh huh. Let me put it this way. As you were looking through the windshield at first - you never got out of the car did you?

L No, I was too scared. My feet and hands were hot. Everything in the car got real hot.

H Now this is something new that you hadn't told me before. Tell me about ~~yeuxxpxxgxxx~~ that now. Did you, I'll shut up now and you go ahead and tell me.

H Well, Mark was - you know, Mark saw it first and he was looking at it and I asked him what that is, and he said he didn't know and then he wouldn't talk any more. He just sat there and looked. And then, if I remember I started crying a little bit, you know, I said Don't be scared. Lock all the doors. And we didn't get out because everything got hot. It seemed like the inside of the car got hot, the bottoms of our feet

and our hands started to burn and I could hardly hold onto the wheel and it seemed like everything in the car got real hot like you were put in an oven, you know. And it was real stuffy, real hot in there, and that's about all I know of that.

H Now, when you said you had to look down under the windshield sort of

L Yes, I had to put my head up toward the dash and look up in order to

H Yes, if you'd had a ruler on the windhsield, how many inches do you think the object would have covered, if you'd had the ruler on the windshield?

L If I'd had the ruler on the windshield?

H Yes, how many inches then would the object have measured?

L When it was away from us or on top . .

H No, when it was quite close.

L When it was on top of up it was bigger than the road, from side to side.

H I see. That's important to know.

L Yes, I think the highway if 18 feet wide there, cause I looked after I

H ~~you looked~~ Now when you looked, when it was over you then, could you see anything at all when you looked out the side of the windows, the side of the car?

L You mean, the bushes and things?

H No, I mean could you see any part of the object. Was the object big enough to spill over the sides.

L Oh yes. Yes it was.

H So - well, if you want to take a guess, and of course this would just be a guess - but assuming it was this close, how many feet across its largest part would you say it was? Compare it let's say to a car or

a house or a pumpkin or whatever you want to compare it to.

L Oh boy, see there were three sort of like points, but they weren't points you know, like that crescent-shaped roll, you know, and from the two back ones, oh it was maybe - cause see it went over the sides of road too because when you looked out to seeit and I looked the side windows too, it was maybe about as wide as the road and maybe 3 or 4 feet on each side.

H Now did you, you could just probably fit it into a good size living room?

L No, it would be much bigger than that.

H Much bigger than that.

L It was maybe as big as an F89, I think. Isn't that - a jet like that. That's about the nearest thing. I was in one of those in Panama one time. That's why I ~~ken~~ kind of remeber that size, you know.

H Ok, now you certainly gave me some additional information in that heat because I can tell you now that this is a thing that other people have reported also, you see. Now, did you ever find out who owned the other car?

L No, because I - right away I called the traffic officer that lives in town and I thought it was maybe my cousin with his grandmother's car and I really called her first to find out if [redacted] had her car that night and she said No. So then I didn't say anything to her, and so then I called and I reported it to [redacted] because I thought that sure was a fool trick to do to somebody you know, in case he had done something liek this, and then he asked me what happened, and I told him. So then he said, Well you better call - no he said, I'll have [redacted] call you and he said, I'm coming down to get - then he had [redacted]

[redacted] call me, then he said I had to write down every detail I could possibly remember and that he and _____ would come over and pick it up and that he did that night, I think.

H Now, who was this again?

L The traffic officer. He's country Traffic Officer.

H Well, he did the right thing. This is fine. That's how it got then to the Air Force.

L q And then [redacted] called me that night and then some other man called me from Indianapolis and he told me not to tell anybody anything until I talked to him first and he never called me back and I can't even remember his name or anything, and then a different man called me from Chanute - that was a day or two later, and that one [redacted] could verify, I guess, if I remember right - because he knew him, but he said he never heard of this other one, but they told me not to say anything until they talked to me first.

H Well, that's certainly strange. I don't think that could have been from the Air Force. Now, the information I have here is that you are a school teacher there, is that right?

L Yes. Not this year though. My mother-in-law was too sick, so I took off a year.

H How long - what grade do you teach there? Or grades?

L I taught Grades 1 through 8 and then I had first grade.

H Uh huh. Kept you busy, didn't they?

L Oh yes.

H Well, now is [redacted] within hearing distance. I want

L Oh, he's right here.

H Can you - maybe I'd better ask him what he said, and how he - and then I'd like to ask you a few more questions before we sign off, so if I could talk to [redacted] it would be fine.

M Hello.

H Hello, [redacted], how are you?

M Fine.

H This, of course, has been some time now since all this happened, but you probably still remeber it pretty well, don't YOu?

M Yes.

H What did you think about whil e the whole thing was happening?

M I was just scared.

H Did you say anything, or were you just too scared to talk, or what?

M I was just too scared to talk. I just watched it, it just stayed up there.

H Did you think that it was going to harm you?

m Sort of.

H Now, let me see. From the standpoint of color, what color did you think it was?

M Reddish-orange.

H Reddish-orange also. So you heard your mother talking. Is there anything you'd like to add, or anything that you think could be corrected a little bit. Let me ask you this, did it get hot in the car?

M Yes, it did.

H What I really should have asked you, I know it got hot, what I should have asked is how hot. You've been in very hot rooms at school or someplace, how hot - just how hot did it get?

M Oh, I gues hotter than our school room, I guess 70 or so, 80.

H Like, something like a hot summer day?

M Yes, real hot.

H Was it hot enough though, did it hurt at any time?

M Yes, my hands and stuff, my feet. They just got like, burning up.

H How about your eyes?

M They burned a little bit.

H Alright, well I'll go back to the first thing I asked you, is there anything that you would like to add - well, let me ask you this way. What of the whole thing - the whole thing happening - what impressed you the most? What do you remember most easily?

M When we stopped the car it got hot, it just stayed up there.

H Uh huh. What did you think it was, when you first say it?

M At first I thought it was a helicopter, but ~~after that~~ I've saw helicopters and airplanes; dothen, and then, all the stuff in the papers of people seeing flying saucers and then I thought it wasthat and I just sat and watched it, cause I wasn't sure.

H By the way, I should have askedyour mother and I'll ask you. What was the weather like that night?

M Where we came from all the clouds were _____ you could see the moon, but it

H What direction was the moon from you?

M Well, it wasn't

H Was the moon in front of you or back of you or what?

M I remember it was behind us or on the side of us. which is it back or side?

H Well, that's where it should have been because the moon was aft first

quarter that night - I looked it up - and it would have been in back of you, so that's - I was trying to catch you on that one, [redacted], a little bit. But now, let me see. Somebody said it was foggy that night. Is that right?

M Not too, not too mcuh. At that time of the year it isn't too much.

H Let me see. Could you see the stars?

M No, one or two by the moon.

H OK. Alright, then, can I talk to your mother again?

M OK

H Thanks very much Mark.

L Hellow

H Yes, well, enjoyed tlakeng to [redacted]. He apparently got quite scared.

L Yes. He didn't say much; in fact when I got home I tried to help him have him help me piece the story together and he couldn't - he just didn't want to talk about anything. He just seemed to huddle up in his bed and that was about it. He was ten at the time.

H Well, what do you think of this whole experience now, now that a year or so has gone by.

L Well, I'll tell you ~~xxxxxxxx~~ once I got in my bouse I stayed there and I wouldn't even go outside for a long time at night.

H Uh huh. Now, what sort of treatment have you had from people that you have talked to about it. Do they ? How about at school?

L Well, my kids of course, are real interested, but I didn't say anything when they told me not to at first, and then after that they were real ~~xxxxxx~~ interested, and afterI had had this experience, then came out this Weekly Reader with a UFO in it. They were really interested then.

And some of the school teachers were , other ones looked at me like I was a crack, and my husband said he wished it had been him instead of me, and I wished it would have too.

H Well, I wish it would have been me, because I have never seen anything like that; I would like to.

L I'd never want to see one again.

H You don't, huh?

L No Sir. Not after that, because I thought it had control of me, and when it came above us - you know if you stay in a house at hight and everything is still, there's still the noises of living, you know, but when this thing was there, there wasn't even the noise of living. It was nothing. It was an eerie ~~xxxx~~ quiet.

H I see.

L And then something else I was thinking about. When it got hot it was so hot that you're feet and your hands, it was ~~xxxx~~ like when you ~~xxxx~~ touch dry ice. That's the kind of hot it was. Real hot like that, but it seemed like it was in an oven, and yet it was just that hot. It was just instant hot.

H So I' suppose you'd call it a sort of a dry heat.

L Yes, and at the same time it was stuffy. Kind of choked in your breathing.

H Well, is there anything more that you could tell me. For instance, how did you feel the next day. Both physically and mentally?

~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ I don't mean that it affected you mentally, I mean how did you think about it?

L Well, every time I went outside I was looking up. And I guess maybe inside I felt ~~x~~ kind of jittery and outside I ddidn't shake or anything, but I was still uneasy and I kept looking up and for a while - now it's almost a year later - but for a while, I though, Gee, if they have

that much control they could come and just stop me cold anyplace. You know, it'Is like kind of always wanted to be around people. I didn't want to be alone.

H Yes, you had a - your car was a fairly recent car, wasn't it?

L Yes, it was a 66 Pontiac Catalina.

H I just looked it up here. Your report said it was a '66 Pontiac.

L It was in tip-top condition, otherwise he wouldn't have let me take it to LaCrosse.

H Well, Gee, I certainly do thank you for this information. It has to go down in the books now as a completely unidentified - because I dont' know what it was.

L I don't either.

H And I wish I did. But it fits a pattern, a very definite pattern we've been having from not only this country, but other countries, and sometime I hope we find out what it is.

L I do too.

H Now if anything else happens up in your part of - where is Cochrane by the way? How close to Oshkosh or something?

L This is on the Mississippi River, 65 miles north of La Crosse, we are. But you know, one day - in was in Spring and I was coming home from school, this was way down by the Archery Club, maybe about a mile and a half or two or three out of Winona, and you know, the sun setting you know - and all of a sudden everything in the road lit up in front of me, and I didn't think anything of it. I thought, Gee, this is areal pretty sunset, you know, and I looked over to the West, there was no sunset. And that night in the paper - and I can't remember the day or

anything - that night in the paper and there were people talking about it, then other people in Winona had spotted this flying object too, and they said it had come from across Wisconsin over the river you know,

H That sounds very much to me like a very bright, what we call in astronomy a fireball.

L Oh

H And it probably lasted only a few seconds. That's not a UFO; that we know about.

L Oh, and then there's - I think it was here. Mrs. [redacted], she's from Elmer, she's a school teacher and she did at that time drive down to Fountain City every day which is about 20 miles from where he home is, oh, maybe about 5 or 6 miles above where I saw this thing quite a few mornings she saw ~~g~~ flying object come from in the valleys there and hills, and it came down - and this is early in the morning. She always went to school real early, had to be htere I'd say about 7 o'clock, quarter to 7.

H Do you think you could get her to write me a ~~x~~ description of this?

L I don't know her that well, but I know other people were talking about it and that she was talking that she had seen it, you know, and I don't whetеher whe would or not, because I haven't talked to her about it, but I know other people told me - this was before I had even, or no, it was right after I had seen mine - then I said something, and they told me, well, she those kind of things.

H Well, if you can get me any more information on that, I'd appreciate it. Now, I think I've taken enough of your time. You've been very kind and all this, and if I - I would like to think that something will come of

this, but if something does, or if you have any further thoughts, I can always be reached right simply the Dept. of Astronomy at Northwester University.

L I have the address here.

H So if you have any further things, after we hang up, you say well, I should have told him this, or something, please jot it down, would you?

L I'll try to think of every thing I can.

H Good, alright now. I think that's about all I can ask about it now. Thanks again very much. It's been very nice talking to you. Goodby.

(3 Apr 68

17 MAR 1969

TDPT (UFO)

UFO Sighting of 3 Apr 68 from near Cochrane, Wisconsin

Dr. J. Allen Hynek
Lindheimer Astronomical Research Center
Northwestern University
Evanston, Illinois 60201

In the transcript of the conversation between Mrs. [redacted] and yourself that you forwarded to us on 10 Mar 69, you mention a letter that you had previously sent to Mrs. [redacted] In our letter of 9 Dec 68, we asked you for complete transcripts of all telephone conversations and copies of all letters that were written regarding the sighting. Please furnish us with a copy of the above referenced letter so that our records will be complete.

HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Lt Col, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Branch
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26 March 1969

Lt. Colonel Hector Quintanilla, Jr.
FTD (TDETR)
Research and Aerial Phenomena Division
Wright Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio 45433

Dear Colonel Quintanilla:

Dr. Hynek is presently in Redlands, California, investigating a UFO case and will then proceed to Seattle, Calgary, Minot, Bismarck and Lincoln, Nebraska.

In his absence I am taking the liberty of sending you the material you requested. However, the copy of the letter to Mrs. [redacted] referred to in your letter of 17 March is in Dr. Hynek s files at his home and I am unable to get it until he returns.

Sincerely yours,

La Verne Parrott

La Verne Parrott (Mrs.)
J. Allen Hynek's secretary

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23 APR 1969

UFO Sightings of 3 Apr 68 from Cochrane, Wisconsin and 17 Apr 67 from Jefferson City, Missouri

Dr. J. Allen Hynek
Lindheimer Astronomical Research Center
Northwestern University
Evanston, Illinois 60201

1. Reference our letters of 9 Dec 68 and 17 Mar 69 regarding the UFO sighting of 3 Apr 68 from Cochrane, Wisconsin. To date we have not received the letter that you sent to Mrs. Leitha. Please furnish us with a copy of this letter so that our records will be complete.

2. Also reference the UFO sighting of 17 Apr 67 from near Jefferson City, Missouri. On 3 Mar 69, we requested transcripts of all conversations that you have had with Mr. [redacted]. Our records indicate that you have had two telephone conversations with Mr. [redacted]. On 10 Mar 69, you forwarded the second conversation with Mr. [redacted]; but as of this date we have not yet received a transcript of your first conversation with him. Please forward a transcript of this conversation as soon as possible so that our records will be complete.

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24 April 1969

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Attn: TDPT (UFO)

Reference: Your letter of 23 April 1969

Subject: UFO Sightings of 3 April 68 from Cochrane, Wis. and 17 April 1967 from Jefferson City, Missouri

To: Lt. Col. Hector Quintanilla, Jr.

1. Enclosed is copy of letter to Mrs. [redacted] dated 18 February 1969 as requested in your above referenced letter.

2. I am unable to send you the first transcript of my conversation with Mr. [redacted]z simply because inadvertantly something had gone wrong with my recorder and I got nothing but a garbled sound. I can assure you that the contents of the second tape are largely the same as the first.

would have been on the first, if intelligible.

J. Allen Hynek

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18 February 1969

Mrs. [redacted]
Route 1
Cochran, Wis. 54622

Dear Mrs. Lietha:

In my capacity as scientific consultant to the U. S. Air Force on the matter of unidentified flying objects I have had occasion to examine in some detail your report of a sighting of a UFO near Cochran on April 3, 1968. My particular assignment is to see whether anything of scientific value can be gleaned from various UFO reports. Your sighting fits a definite pattern and hence is of definite possible scientific interest.

Although your report was quite detailed, there are still a few items I would like to have cleared up such as the exact direction you were moving, the condition of the sky, and the matter of whether the moon was or was not visible. Even more important, I would just like to talk with you to see what you now think of the whole incident, now that nearly a year has passed. I am also interested in knowing how your account of the sighting was treated by your friends and acquaintances. Sometimes it happens that a person is subject to considerable personal inconvenience by reporting a sighting such as this.

I would like to place a call to you some evening during the week of February 24, preferably Wednesday the 26th, or Thursday the 27th. Would either of these evenings be convenient for you? I am enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope to facilitate your reply.

I wish to assure you that no publicity or inconvenience will result from your talking with me since I have made it a practice over many years never to disclose the name of a person who makes a sighting without their specific permission. I hope, therefore, that you will cooperate with me in the interests of science and that perhaps your sighting will contribute to the eventual solution of this perplexing problem.

Sincerely yours,

J. Allen Hynek
Director

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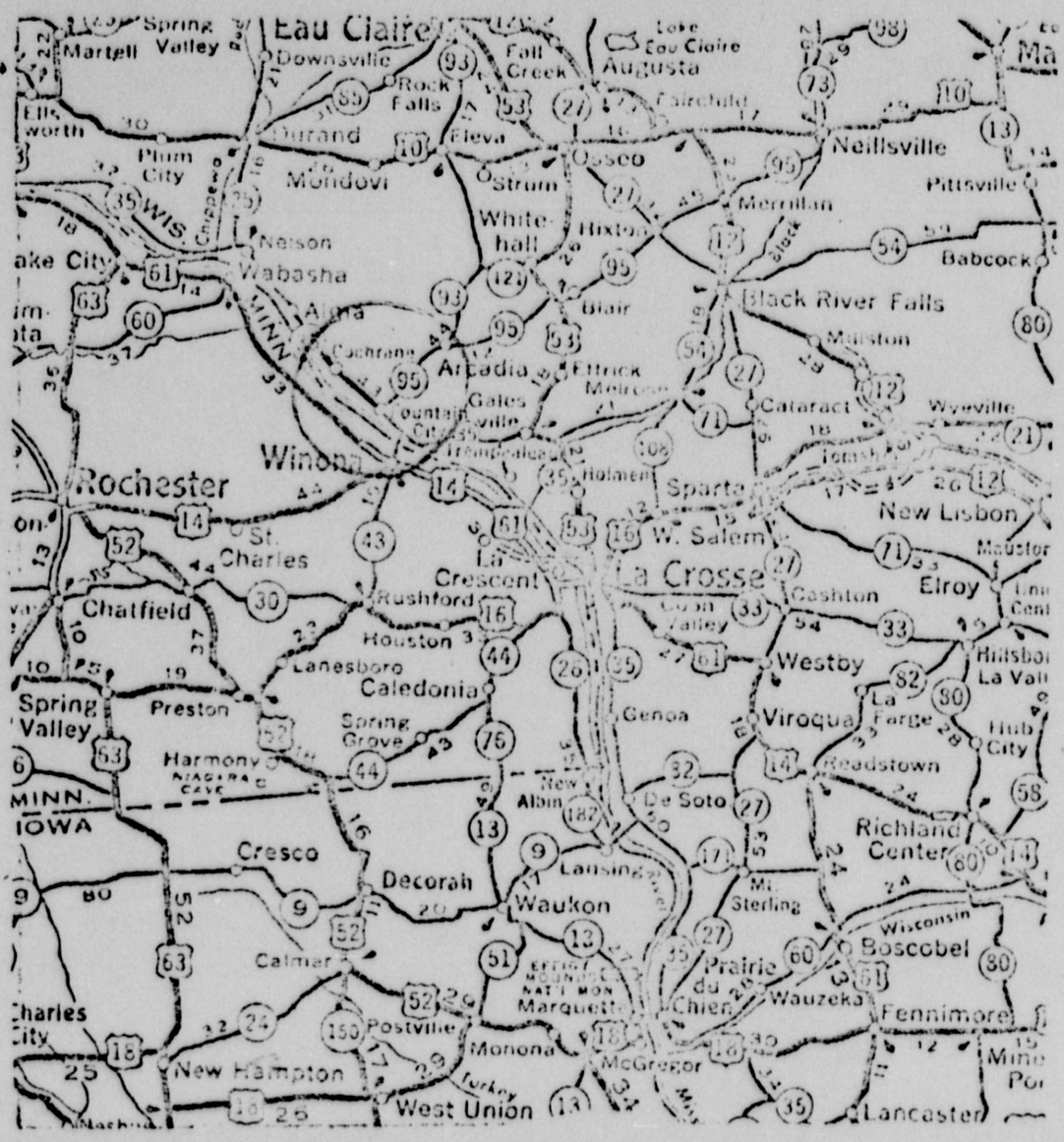
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TDPT (UFO)

UFO Observation of 3 Apr 68

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1. Reference the attached UFO sighting from near Cochrane, Wisconsin. Dr. Hynek feels that this sighting should be carried as unidentified. We would like to have your views on the sighting before we reach a final decision as to the stimulus. Our analyst feels that the stimulus was possibly the moon. The observer was driving NW (see map page 63) and the moon was almost due west at about 39° elevation, yet the observer indicated in her AF Form 117 (page 23 c(2)) that there was no moonlight. The Buffalo County traffic officer, who interviewed the observer shortly after the sighting, stated that the moon was quite bright. Yet it seems unlikely that the moon would appear orange-red when at such a high angular elevation.

2. You may keep the copy of the sighting if you wish.

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Dear Hector:

I am sorry to have been so long in replying to your letter of 14 May, concerning the UFO sighting of April 3, 1968, by a Mrs. [redacted] near Cochrane, Wisconsin. I have been out of the country and, on my return, found myself swamped with so many things that I couldn't really give the report the attention it deserves until now. However, I have read and re-read the report and have some fairly definite ideas, some of which were not mentioned in any of the report or correspondence. Some of the questions I would like to have had answers to were not asked and probably no answers will ever be obtained.

Considerable emphasis is placed at the very beginning on the car passing Mrs. [redacted] at high speed and, apparently, disappearing into the distance. Yet she seems to think it was just ahead. In my opinion her impression of its putting out lights or losing its lights was caused when the car went over a distant rise. It was going at high speed and nothing in her original report indicates that it ever slowed down. The fact that she slowed down because she was afraid she might run into it is perhaps just her own illusion. She does not wear glasses, but I should really like to know what her true correction is.

It is perfectly clear that she did not know what direction she was traveling in. She said northeast, but the map clearly indicates

that the road goes northwest. There may be, of course, some turns that do not show in the map.

Her description of it as a "boomerang" or "crescent" is revealing in itself. There was a crescent moon relatively low in the western sky. There was also some haze. And she could easily have become confused into thinking that it was something near rather than something far in the sky. And this assumption would have led her to conclude that it was rapidly moving, chasing her, and then when she stopped, hovering over her. I think her use of the word "angel-hair" again and again is revealing, though no one seems to have previously pointed out that this is a word closely associated with flying saucers. There is evidence from some of her testimony that she was interested in the subject of UFO's, had read a lot about them, and when she ran into something that confused her, immediately assumed that it was a UFO. There is no way of checking, but when she stopped the car and took her foot off of the gas, the car engine simply died. It had nothing whatever to do with the thing above her. I think she was so frightened that she killed her own engine and turned out the lights. Naturally the radio went off as she turned off the engine. Clearly she was pretty scared and her fright communicated itself to the susceptible boy. For protection they locked the doors and presumably rolled up the windows. It was then that she began to feel hot. After all, she points out that the heater was on and going full. And hence the sensation of heat that she experienced was greatly over exaggerated. There may, of course, have been a heater or even engine malfunction so that the floorboard of the car felt somewhat hotter than usual.

I don't believe her when she says that she kept cool. The record shows quite the reverse. And her description of additional sensations are not dissimilar to those experienced by people who are so frightened that they have what is sometimes referred to as a "sinking feeling in their guts." The report by Captain Giza also leaves something to be desired. He says,"I estimate from the observer's report the elevation to be approximately 15 degrees in azimuth NNE. If the observer was going northwest rather than northeast, as her original report indicated, then the moon could well have been west. The estimated altitude of 15 degrees is not inconsistent with the elevation of the moon, 39 degrees. The moon was two days out of first quarter and very near maximum part of the declination. The horns of the crescent, therefore,

would thus have been tilted upward and to the right, for the moon is seen in the west. She had the horns pointing down, but at least they do point toward the right, so that at least part of the record is clear.

The driver specifically says that the side windows were down but she closed them when she saw the UFO. This would account for the increase in temperature and possibly also contributed to the blurred appearance of the object. How clean were the windows?

Sorry that I cannot do anything more with the sighting, but I shall be interested in hearing your reaction to my analysis. I think there is absolutely no reason to keep this in the unknown category. I think it was, without question, the moon. And I bet two to one that Mrs. [redacted] needs glasses.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

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