PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP
28 July 65
2215 EDT 29/0215Z

2. LOCATION
ATTANISTA, VIRGINIA

3. SOURCE
CIVILIAN

10. CONCLUSION
ASTRO PROB MOON

4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
TWO

5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
TWO OR THREE MINUTES

6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
GROUND-VISUAL

7. COURSE
SW

8. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☒ No

9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE
☐ Yes
☒ No

11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS

The observer stated that "At first there was a small spot in the sky and it grew slowly in size. It held its fall size for a few seconds, before starting to slowly disappear. As it grew smaller the second one started to appear the same way." The second one then disappeared like the first one.

COMMENTS: The local investigator felt that the observation was of the moon fading in and out of the clouds. The moon was on the horizon at an azimuth of 280 deg at the time. Dr. Hynek agreed with our evaluation of prob. moon through clouds.

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FORM
[illegible] (TDF) Previous editions of this form may be used.

AFR 80-17(C1)

SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED PHENOMENA QUESTIONNAIRE

BUDGET BUREAU APPROVAL NUMBER 21-R359

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 28 MONTH July YEAR 1968

2. WHAT TIME DID YOU FIRST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON?
HOUR 10:00 P.M. MINUTES 10:15 P.M. ☐ A.M. ☒ P.M.

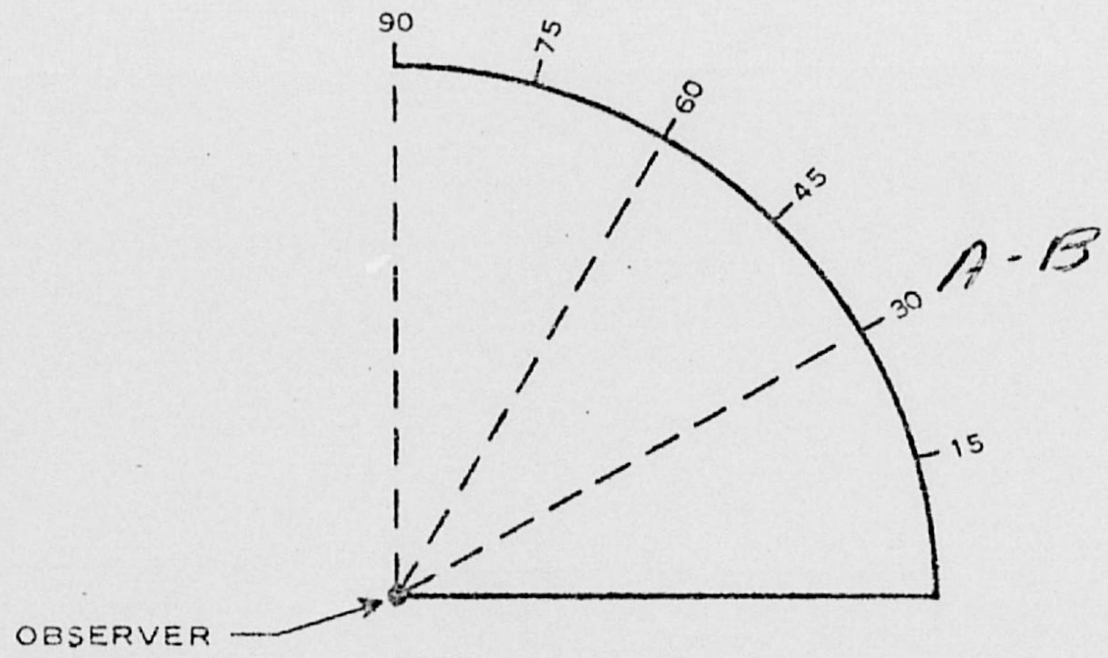
3. WHAT TIME DID YOU LAST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON?
HOUR BETWEEN 10:00 & 10:15 MINUTES _____ ☐ A.M. ☒ P.M.

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.

3 mi. NORTH OF ALTAVISTA VA. ON US. 29.
IN DRIVEWAY OF [redacted] RESTRAUNT. THE OBJECTS WERE IN A SOUTHWEST DIRECTION.

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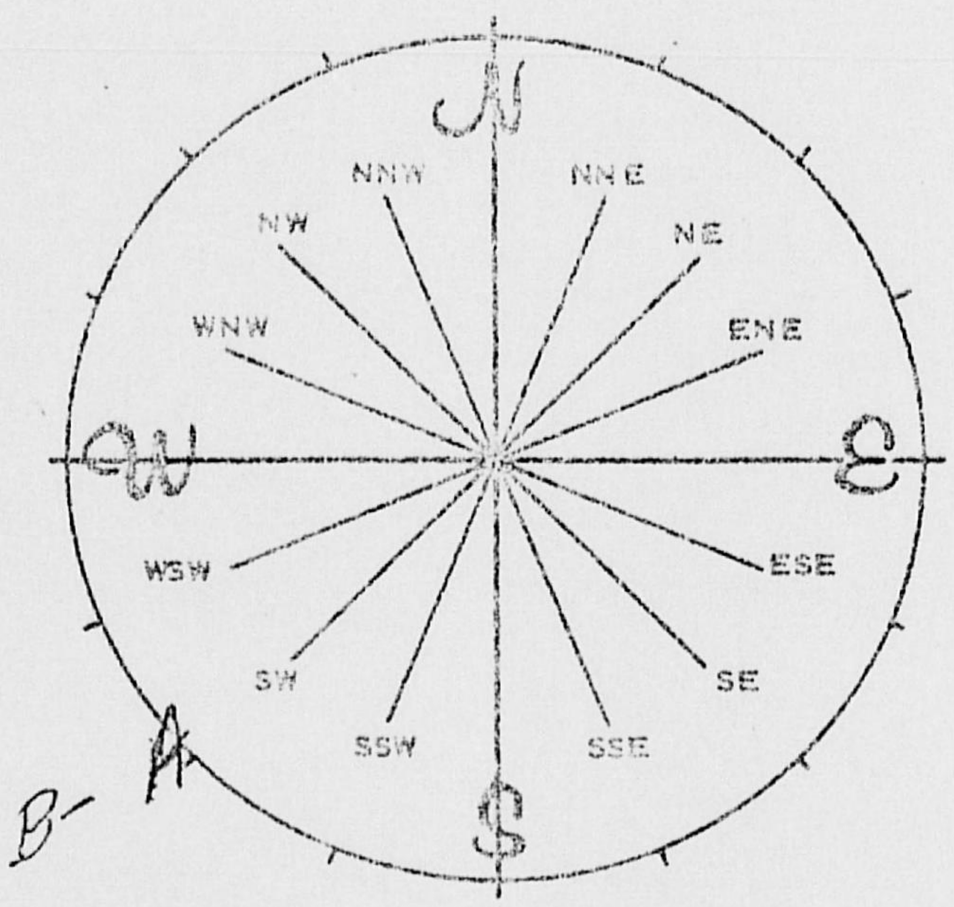
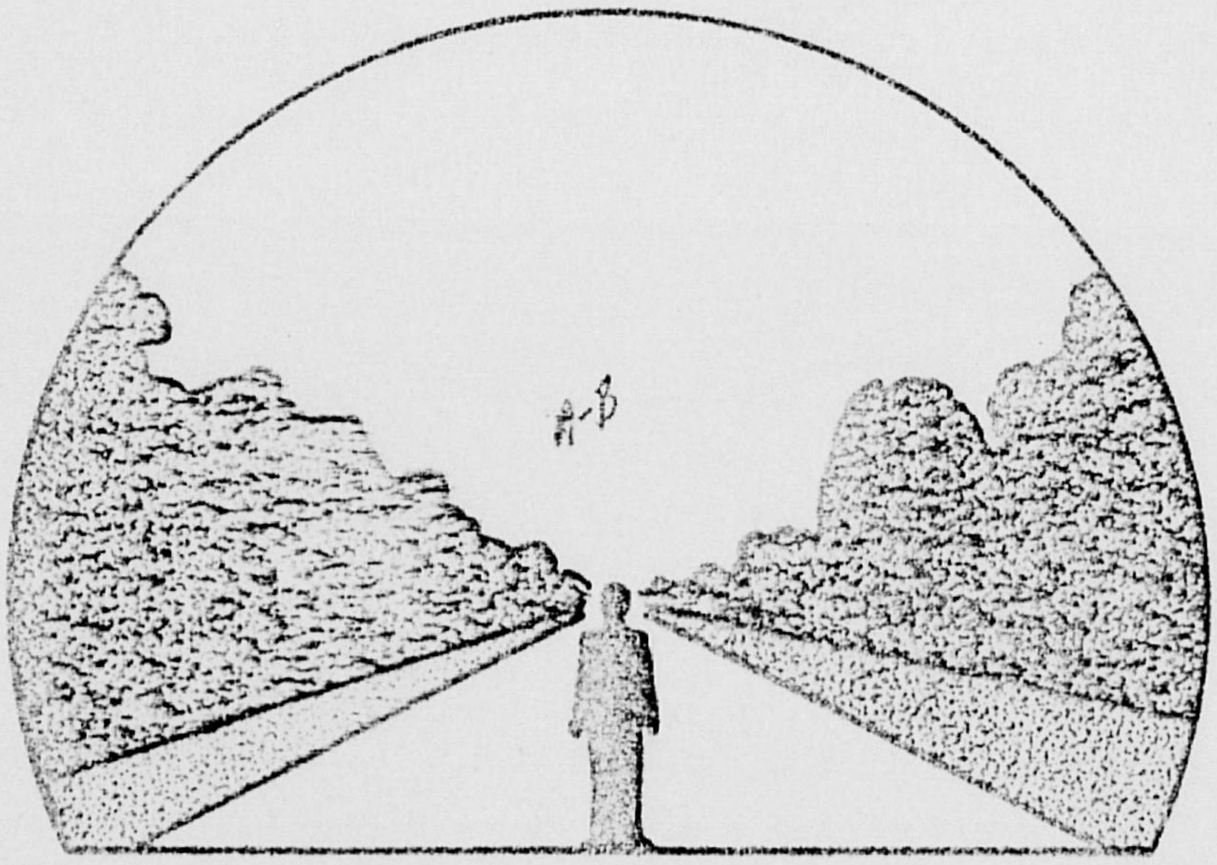
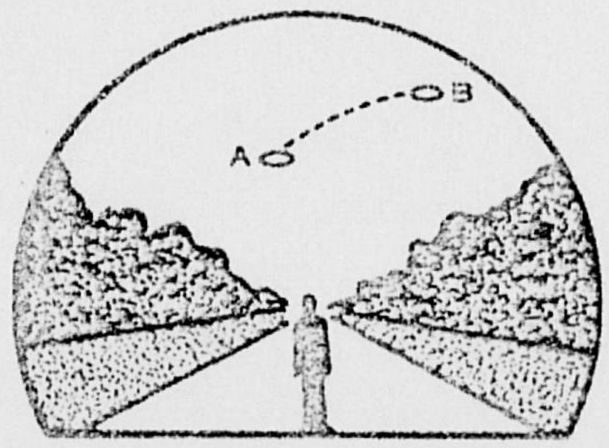
6A. NOW IMAGINE YOU ARE AT THE CENTER OF THE COMPASS ROSE. PLACE AN "A" ON THE COMPASS TO INDICATE THE DIRECTION TO THE PHENOMENON WHEN FIRST SEEN. PLACE A "B" ON THE COMPASS TO INDICATE THE DIRECTION TO THE PHENOMENON WHEN LAST SEEN.



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
	IN CAR ☐ AS DRIVER ☐ AS PASSENGER		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?

	NORTH		EAST
	SOUTH		WEST
	NORTHEAST		SOUTHEAST
	NORTHWEST		SOUTHWEST

HOW FAST WERE YOU MOVING?

DID YOU STOP ANYTIME WHILE OBSERVING THE PHENOMENON?

☐ 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.

HOW MUCH OTHER TRAFFIC WAS THERE?

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			CERTAIN OF TIME	✓	NOT VERY SURE
2 or 3 minutes			FAIRLY CERTAIN		JUST A GUESS

HOW WAS TIME DETERMINED?

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.

They were in sight from the time they were barely seen, until they enlarged to the size they became, and until they disappeared.

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?

THE second object changed position.



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
✓	NIGHT				LIGHT RAIN OR DRIZZLE
✓	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		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?

	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.

NO OBSTRUCTION

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.

IT THEY WERE SELF-LUMINOUS

THE EDGES WERE A LITTLE FUZZY.

13. DID THE PHENOMENON	YES	NO	UNKNOWN
MOVE IN A STRAIGHT LINE?			
STAND STILL AT ANYTIME?	✓		
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?

~~I~~ PEOPLE AT [redacted] PLACE TOLD ME ABOUT IT.

WE were watching for them to reappear where they were seen before I arrived. At first there was a small spot in the sky and it grew slowly in size. It held its full size for a few seconds, before starting to slowly disappear. As it grew smaller the second one started to appear the same way.

A. HOW DID IT FINALLY DISAPPEAR?

The first disappeared like it appeared, slowly getting smaller. As it got small the second one started to appear as the first did. It seemed to be a little larger than the first one.

After it ~~g~~ became full size it held it's form for a few seconds and started to turn into a vertical POSITION ~~form~~ ( ) staying that way a few seconds and starting to get smaller as the first one did, until it disappeared too.

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.

If they moved, it was directly toward and away from us. There wasn't any thing there and all at once. They could be seen as a speck in the sky growing in size.

POSITION OF SECOND ONE BEFORE STARTING TO DISAPPEAR.



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.

(Rough guess) 1/3 OF IT

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
	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 ———.

19. WHAT WAS YOUR IMPRESSION OF THE DISTANCE OF THE PHENOMENON? GIVE ESTIMATE OF DISTANCE 1/2 MILE.

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.

THEY RESEMBLANDED A 1/4 MOON WITH A BRIGHT GLOW IN ITSELF.

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] + WIFE AND SEVERAL OTHER UNKNOWN PEOPLE.

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		MALE		FEMALE
[redacted]	24	✓			

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

[redacted] LYNCHBURG VA. (OFFICE WORK)

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

NAME LT. RICHARD REUPER AIR FORCE DAY 29 MONTH July YEAR 1968

26. DATE YOU COMPLETED THIS QUESTIONNAIRE.

DAY 11 MONTH AUGUST YEAR 1968

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

This report may not give at a good description of the objects, but if you need any more information, I'll try to explain as best as I can of ~~the~~ the objects.

28 July 68

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

REPLY TO ATTN OF: TDPT (UFO)

SUBJECT: UFO Observation, 28 July 1968

TO: M[redacted]ins
[redacted]
Evington, Virginia 24550

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

10:00 - 10:15
moon on horizon at az. 250

THE FOLLOWING UFO REPORT WAS FORWARDED TO THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

ON 6 August 1968

28 July 1968 Cypalta Vista, Virginia

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
STAFF MESSAGE BRANCH
INCOMING MESSAGE

AFIN: 18582 (31 Jul 68) P/fdb

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UNCLAS 649OAC. SUBJECT: UFO REPORT. FTD WPAFB FOR TDETR, CSAF FOR AFRDC, OSAF FOR SAF-OI, 1AF FOR 1AF-OIN, 33RD ADIV FOR 33OIN. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING A UFO SIGHTING IS SUBMITTED IAW PARA 11, AFR 80-17 IN THE FORMAT PRESCRIBED.

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A. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT:

(1) QUARTER MOON SHAPED

(2) POSSIBLY SMALLER THAN THE MOON

(3) WHITE-YELLOW

(4) 2

(5) TWO OBJECTS SIDE BY SIDE

(6) NONE

(7) NONE

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(8)NONE

(9) NONE

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECTS:

(1) NOTICED BY THE PROPRIETOR OF A RESTAURANT. OBSERVER OUT OF CURIOUSITY WENT OUTSIDE OF RESTAURANT TO WITNESS EVENT.

(2) IN THE WESTERN SKY APPROXIMATELY 20-30 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON.

(3) SAME AS NUMBER 2.

(4) BOTH OBJECTS WERE PRETTY MUCH STATIONARY. THE OBJECT ON THE LEFT HAND SIDE MOVED COUNTERCLOCKWISE ONE QUARTER TURN WHILE THE ONE ON THE RIGHT REMAINED STATIONARY.

(5) INITIALLY ONLY ONE OBJECT WAS SEEN, AND THEN WHEN IT BEGAN

TO FADE THE SECOND OBJECT APPEARED AND INCREASED IN LIGHT INTENSITY. AS THE SECOND OBJECT INCREASED IN INTENSITY THE FIRST OBJECT DISAPPEARED COMPLETELY. THEN THE SECOND ONE REMAINED AT FULL INTENSITY FOR APPROXIMATELY 30 SECONDS AND THEN IT FADED OUT COMPLETELY.

(6) FIRST OBJECT; 1 MINUTES

SECOND OBJECT: 2 MINUTES

TOTAL TIME BOTH OBJECTS VISIBLE: 2 MINUTES AND 30 SECONDS

(THE LOSS OF 30 SECONDS IS DUE TO THE TIME THAT BOTH OBJECTS WERE VISIBLE SIMULTANEOUSLY).

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C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(1) GROUND-VISUAL

(2) NONE

(3) N/A

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

(1) 290200Z JULY 1968; LOCAL TIME 10 PM

(2) NIGHT

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER: 4 MILES NORTH OF ALTA VISTA, VIRGINIA, ON [redacted]

F. IDENTIFY INFORMATION ON OBSERVER:

(1) CIVILIAN; AGE: 24; [redacted]

8TH GRADE; SPOKE INTELLIGIBLY AND HIS COMMENTS ON UFO WERE VERIFIED BY A SECOND WITNESS (SEE SECTION K). I SEE NO REASON TO DOUBT THE RELIABILITY OF HIS REPORT.

(2) N/A

G. WEATHER AND WINDS - ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING:

(1) OBSERVER ACCOUNT OF WX: CLEAR

(2) REPORT OF WX FROM US WX BUREAU:

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6: 310/08/PLUS15

10: 310/20/PLUS6

16: 290/20/-1

20: 270/30/-8

30: 270/40/-31

50: 250/35/-72

80: NOT AVAILABLE

(3) CEILING: NONE

(4) VISIBILITY: UNLIMITED

(5) CLOUD COVER: 2/8 CIRRUS

(6) THUNDERSTORM: NONE

(7) VERTICAL TEMP GRADIENT: REFER TO PARA G(2)

H. NONE

I. NONE

J. A WEATHER BALLOON WAS LAUNCHED BY THE WEATHER SERVICE IN HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA, 165 NAUTICAL MILES WNW OF THE PLACE OF SIGHTING. IT WAS LAUNCHED AT 1915 EASTERN DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME AND REMAINED ALOFT UNTIL 2047 EASTERN DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME. IT REACHED ANALTITUDE OF 94,000 FEET. AZIMUTH OF BALLOON AT HIGHEST ALTITUDE APPROXIMATELY 260 DEGREES AND AT A DISTANCE OF 35 MILES FROM LAUNCHING POINT.

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K. COMMENTS OF INVESTIGATION OFFICER: 2LT RICHARD H. REUPER, GROUND ELECTRONICS OFFICER, 649TH RADAR SQ, BEDFORD AFS, VA.,; AREA CODE 703 HOME TELEPHONE 586-1351, OFFICE TELEPHONE - SAGE AUTOVON 283-4246. THIS DIFFERENCE IN TIME FROM THE REPORTED TIME OF SIGHTING 2200 LOCAL AND THE TIME THE BALLOON S JOURNEY TERMINATED (APPROXIMATELY 2100 LOCAL DISCOUNTS THE EXPLANATION OF THE SUN REFLECTING OFF OF THE BALLOON, UNLESS OF COURSE TIMES REPORTED WERE INACCURATE.

LYNCHBURG CONTROL TOWER (15 MILES NORTH OF SIGHTING) RECEIVED ONE CALL AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME AS REPORTED BY THE OBSERVER. THEY REPORTED SEEING NO OBJECT. ROANOKE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT (50 MILES WEST OF SIGHTING) WAS ALSO CALLED AND THEY REPORTED RECEIVING A NUMBER OF CALLS AT THAT TIME. THE INVESTIGATED AND NOTICED A FADING IN AND OUT OF THE MOON IN THE WESTERN SKY. THEY ATTRIBUTE MOVING CLOUDS IN FRONT OF THE MOON AS BEING THE CAUSE FOR THE ALARM, CAUSING THE FADING AND BRIGHTENING ACTION REPORTED BY OBSERVER. THE UFO INVESTIGATOR WOULD TEND TO BELIEVE THIS REPORT FROM THE ROANOKE CONTROL TOWER AND ATTRIBUTE THE TWO. OBJECTS REPORTED BY THE OBSERVER AS BEING TWO PARTS OF THE MOON S REFLECTION VARYING IN LIGHT INTENSITY.

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