PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 5 June 69 05/1750 05/2250Z	2. LOCATION Illinois, Iowa Area
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astro (METECR)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 - 30 Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Stimulus identified by the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory as a meteor.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE W	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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

Send 117

14 May 69
Saturday, ville, Ky.
May 24, 1969

Dear Sirs:

My name is [redacted]
I am 19 years old and live in Nelsonville, Ohio. Just recently I had quite an unexplained experience happen to me as I was on my way home from South Carolina. I was traveling by thumbing rides, and on Wednesday night, May 14th, my last ride of that evening ended in a very mountainous region near Pikesville, Kentucky. This was not the exact location, but it was the only town of any size close. Wednesday night I stayed in the car which had brought me here, planning to leave early in the morning. The car was parked between two mountains, which was in a valley with a couple of crude houses near. I was totaly unable to sleep, so I was starring up at the beautiful, clear

sky. At approximetly 4:00 a.m.,
which was Thursday morning,
I was puzzled by a particularly
larger and outstanding glowing
object which stood out very
clearly from everything else.
After much observand and
concentration on this strange
sight, I came to these conclusions
concerning the size and behavior
of this object: It was approximetly
5 times as large as any of
the stars directly surrounding
it. The object's color changed
and switched between a dull
orange and a grayish-silver,
mostly staying the orangish
colou. Unpredictable, this object
would change positions by
moving in spurts, either up
and down or sometimes from
side to side. The night was
quite, yet this object made no
sound. It beautifully glided
silently up and down, and from

side to side. But what I saw next around this object was truly very strange. This sight which I saw next was; and is very hard to explain. The best possible way to describe it is to say that all at once, tiny, cross-shaped, multi-colored lights began flashing beautifully tiritstly around the now stationary object. They only lasted fractions of seconds, but they showed up very clear against the black sky. These specks of colored light lasted a few minutes, then as suddenly as they began, they ceased.

I continued to watch this bizzare object for a few more minutes, then it diminished completly from my sight. I approximate the total time observed by me as around 45 minutes. Being a sparsly populated area, and the time

of the sighting being at a very early morning hour, I was unable to find or see anyone near who'd saw the object as I did.

Summing up, I would like to say that this occurance was the most unexplainable, thought provoking incident I have ever witnessed personally. Seeing this really had me baffled and this is the first time since it happened, I have really tried to convey what I saw, although after I did see it, how can you or I describe something so very strange? But if you are intrested more, please contact me, and I will gladly do anything to help myself find out exactly what it was. What I would really like to do is go back to the sighting area, and hope others might sd. what I did. I know probably you receive

many letters from people who have saw something indeed, and others STORIES that are found out later to be just made up or the persons were mislead by a conventional object, which under certain circumstances mislead them to jumping to wild conclusions. But, I suppose your main headache is deciding between the real and unreal. But whatever you do with this, please at least consider that I was patient enough to try to explain what the UFO actually was.

If possible, I would like to know what you have to say about my sighting.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

My Address:

[redacted]

[redacted] St.

[redacted] Ohio

[redacted] 57764

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14 May 69

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

REPLY TO ATTN OF: TDPT (UFO)

29 MAY 1969

SUBJECT: UFO Observation, 14 May 1969

TO: [redacted]et
Nelsonville, Ohio 45764

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

AFR 80-17(C1)

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.)*

May 14 1969

1. WHEN DID YOU SEE THE PHENOMENON?
DAY 15 MONTH May YEAR 1969

2. WHAT TIME DID YOU FIRST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON?
HOUR 4:00 AM MINUTES _____ ☑ A.M. ☐ P.M.

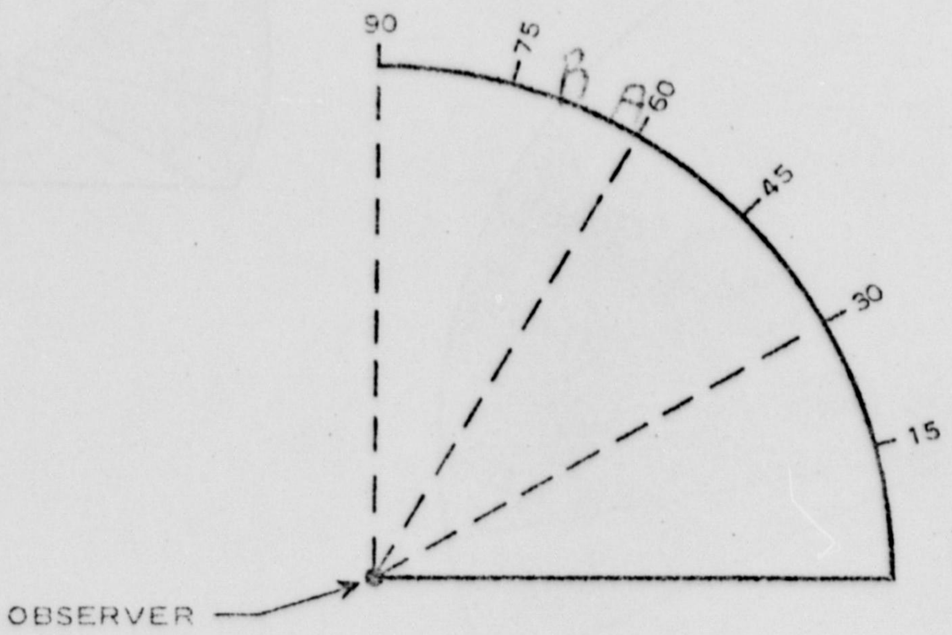
3. WHAT TIME DID YOU LAST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON?
HOUR 4:45 AM MINUTES _____ ☑ A.M. ☐ P.M.

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.

near the town of Pikeville, Ky.
location was in the woods, near a small
road which route number is unknown.

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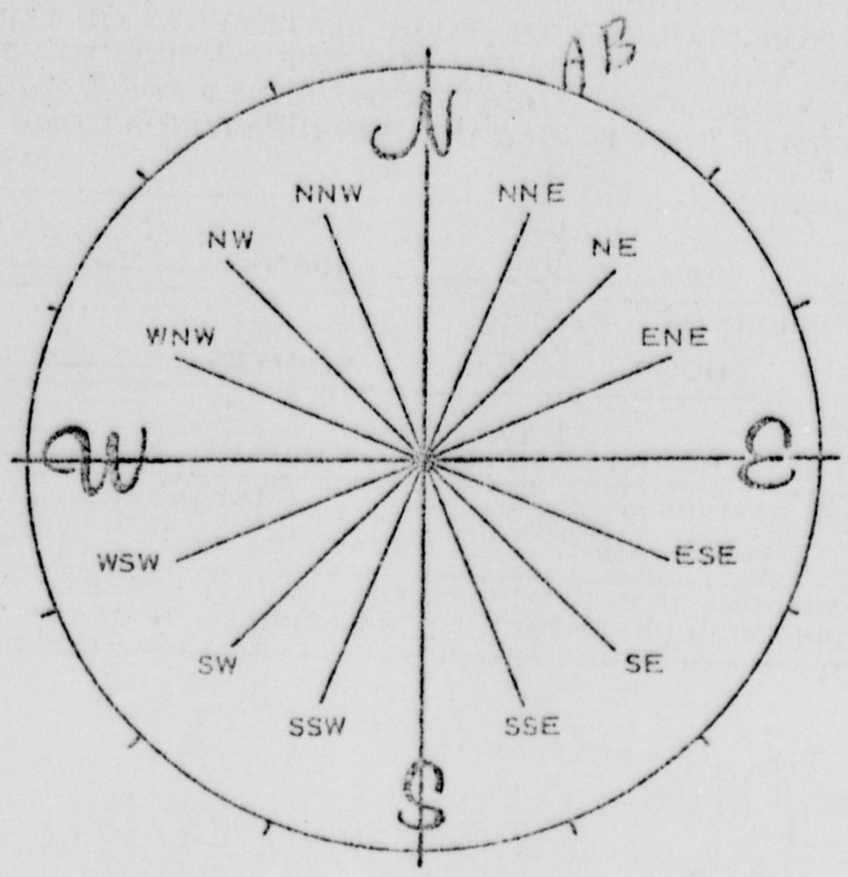
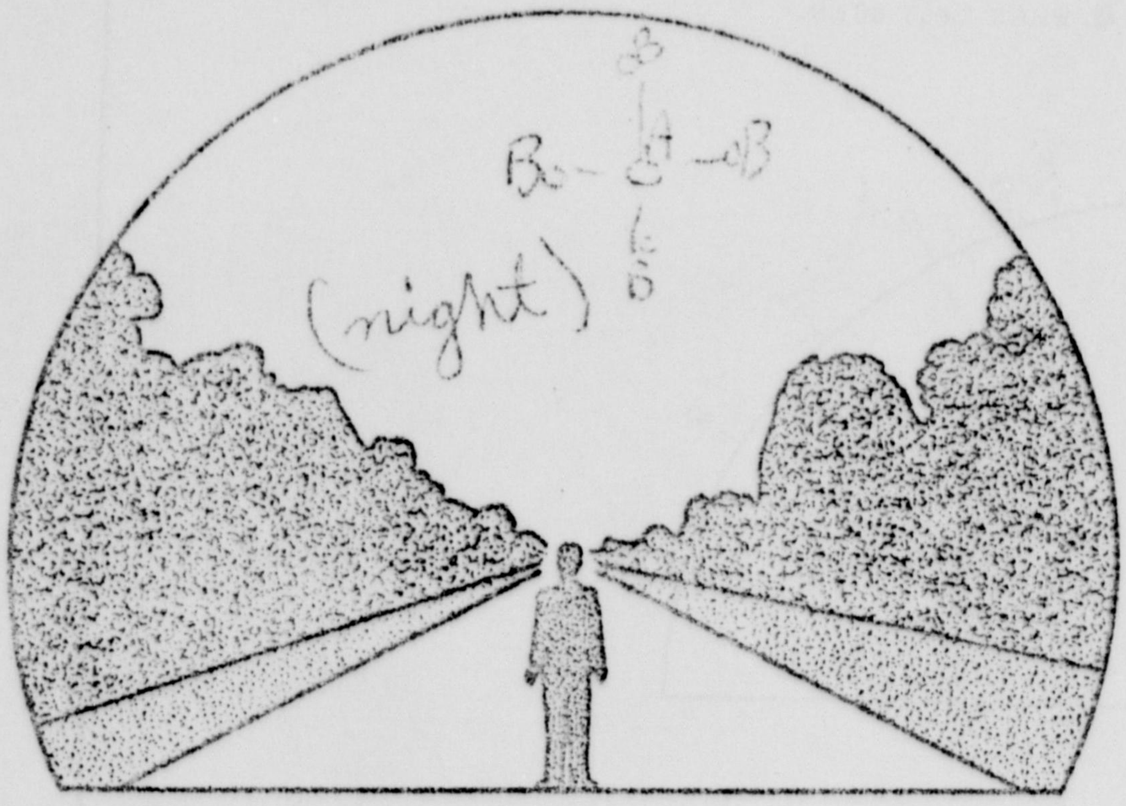
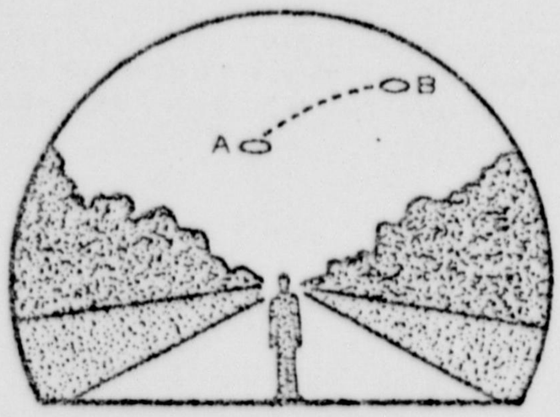
6A. NOW IMAGINE YOU ARE AT THE CENTER OF THE COMPASS ROSE. PLACE AN "A" ON THE COMPASS TO INDICATE THE DIRECTION TO THE PHENOMENON WHEN FIRST SEEN. PLACE A "B" ON THE COMPASS TO INDICATE THE DIRECTION TO THE PHENOMENON WHEN LAST SEEN.



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 - mountains
	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? none

	NORTH		EAST
	SOUTH		WEST
	NORTHEAST		SOUTHEAST
	NORTHWEST		SOUTHWEST

HOW FAST WERE YOU MOVING?
vehicle was parked

DID YOU STOP ANYTIME WHILE OBSERVING THE PHENOMENON?
all time ☑ YES ☐ NO

EXPLAIN WHETHER SUCH MOVEMENT AFFECTS YOUR SKETCHES IN ITEMS 5 AND 6.
no

DESCRIBE TYPE OF VEHICLE YOU WERE IN AND TYPE OF ROAD, TERRAIN OR BODY OF WATER YOU TRAVERSED DURING THE SIGHTING. STATE WHETHER WINDOWS OR CONVERTIBLE TOP WERE UP OR DOWN.
1962 Buick 4 door sedan, not on road, parked in ranch terrain was very mountainous. The window was down, and I was leaning out the window.

HOW MUCH OTHER TRAFFIC WAS THERE?
none.

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				
approx. 45 minutes		CERTAIN OF TIME		NOT VERY SURE
	✓	FAIRLY CERTAIN		JUST A GUESS

HOW WAS TIME DETERMINED?
Radio was on at very first, after sighting saw clock.

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?

1 only

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.

the stars, and the object itself.

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.

Object was light in appearance. It was self-luminous. Colors noticed were dull-orange and a silver tone. It was a solid object. The edges were round because the entire was shaped circular. Compared with the surrounding stars, it was bigger and quite briter.

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?

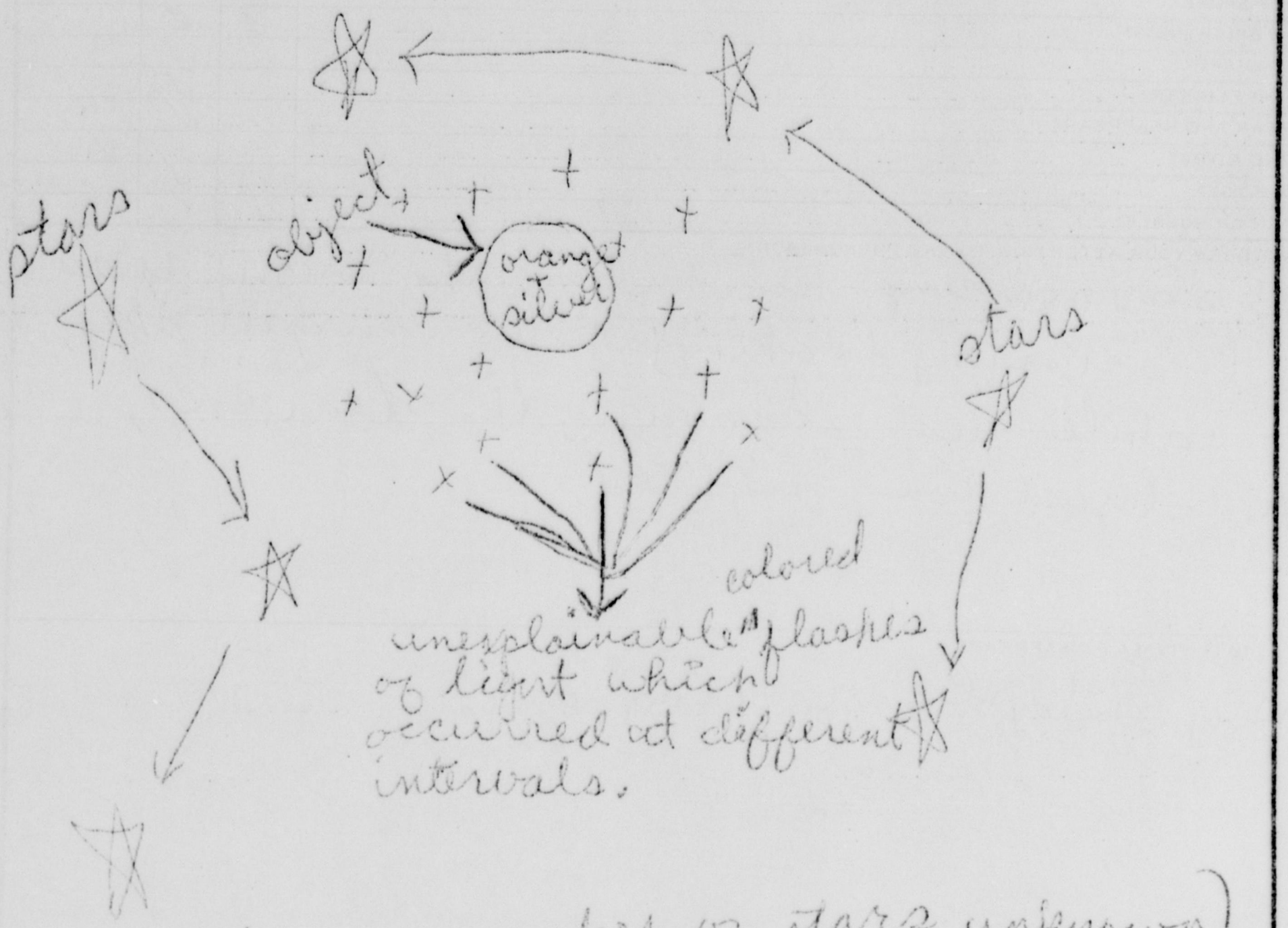
I was noticing how clear the night was and I enjoy looking at the night sky; so while just scanning the heavens, the object was sighted.

A. HOW DID IT FINALLY DISAPPEAR?

By simply darting off.

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.



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.

a match held at arms length would cover ~~object~~ about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a full moon, so a match held at the time of the sighting, would have covered probably the entire object.

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 leaning out		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 Unknown Not fast

19. WHAT WAS YOUR IMPRESSION OF THE DISTANCE OF THE PHENOMENON? GIVE ESTIMATE OF DISTANCE 3 to 10 Small-round

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.

Probably a small round ball would describe the objects of course the object could change color and dart about quite fast. Also the edges of the object weren't seen to be sharp as a perfectly round balls outer edges.

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

24. GIVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF

LAST NAME [redacted] FIRST NAME

[redacted] (Zip Code) + Nelsonville, Ohio 45764

TELEPHONE [redacted] AGE 19 ✓ MALE ☐ FEMALE

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

occupation - laborer
high school graduate, experienced in
business subjects such as typewriting, etc.

(Please check my first letter as to the exact day.)

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

NAME Project Bluebook DAY ? MONTH May YEAR 1969

26. DATE YOU COMPLETED THIS QUESTIONNAIRE.

DAY 2 MONTH June YEAR 1969

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

Only thing not covered was the occurrence of the small colourd blashes of light which were visable sometimes directly surrounding the object. They were cross-shaped and blashed very fast; only I blash to a cross, as far as I could tell. No sound whatsoever. But very unusual.