PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 26/0015 EDT 26 Aug 69 26/0415Z	2. LOCATION Skaneatales, New York
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Possible Aircraft
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One (1)	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Approx 25 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observers sighted a light that flashed at irregular intervals. Light traveled easterly and disappeared after approximately 25 minutes. COMMENTS: Possible aircraft on night aerial photography mission.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE East	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

FORM
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August 27, 1969

26 Aug 69

U.F.O. Headquarters
Colorado Springs, Colo.

Dear Sirs,

We are writing this letter to report the sighting of an unidentified flying object near Skaneateles, New York, on Aug. 26 at 12:15 A.M. These are the circumstances surrounding the sighting:

Three of us were approaching East Lake Road on Woodland Road when two of us noticed a bright flash near the horizon. It was a round form; about twice the size of a full moon and bright orange in color. The flash lasted about a second, then faded out. We knew that it was not the moon because the moon was behind us and the object was much brighter. Also, the object was off the ground, about 10 degrees up from the horizon.

About fifteen seconds later we saw a second flash. This time the object appeared to be moving eastward into a low cloud bank. Only a small part of the cloud bank was lit by the flash leading us to believe that it was not lightning. Flashes appeared at irregular intervals as the object seemed to continue moving eastward. It was too bright, in our opinion, to be a beacon or search light.

We took one of our friends home because he requested it. Leaving the car at his house we thought we saw the flash reappear once again, but we are not certain. Our friend noticed a low, rumbling sound at irregular intervals. We discounted the sound as thunder because, unlike thunder, the sound seemed to be coming from a definite direction.

Returning to Woodland Road we, again, looked for the object. We thought we saw a similar light from the same direction coming from below the horizon. We then drove to the top of a hill on Otisco Lake Road, the highest point around, but we saw nothing.

On returning home we recounted our experience to our parents and were advised to write this letter. We checked the local newspaper but, apparently, no one else had noticed it.

If we can be of any other assistance our addresses follow:

[redacted]
Manlius, N.Y. 13104

Thomas Owens
[redacted]
Fayetteville, N.Y.
13066

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

16 SEP 1969

REPLY TO ATTN OF: TDPT (UFO)

SUBJECT: UFO Observation, 26 August 1969

TO: [redacted]
Manlius, New York 13104

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HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office
Aerospace Technologies Division
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AFR 80-17(C1)

SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED PHENOMENA QUESTIONNAIRE

BUDGET BUREAU APPROVAL NUMBER 21-R339

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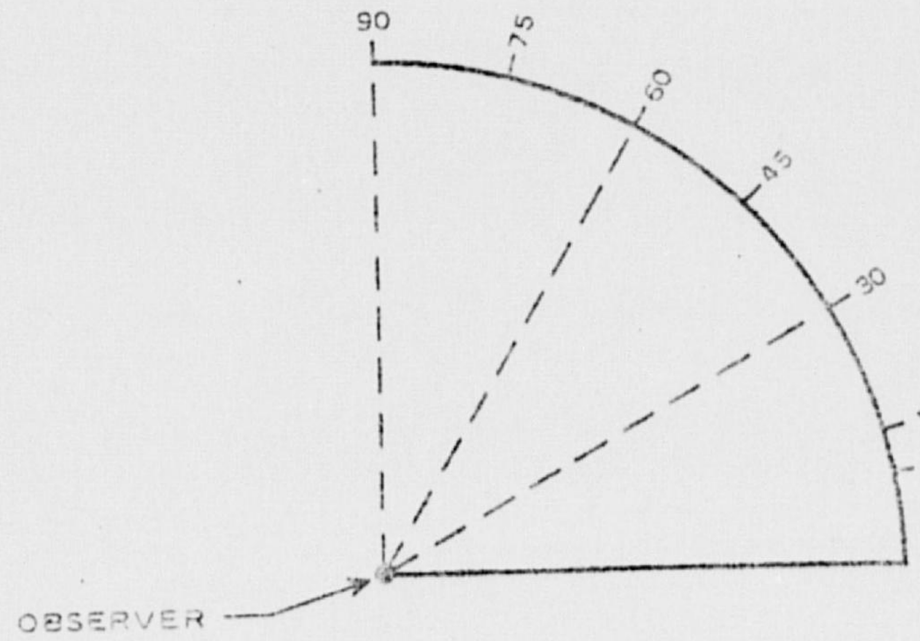
WE WERE ON WOODLAND ROAD, WHICH IS A DRIVEWAY LEADING TO SOME CAMPS ON SKANEATELES LAKE) AND WE WERE APPROACHING EAST LAKE ROAD (N.Y. RT. 41) WE WERE APPROXIMATELY 50 YARDS FROM THE MAIN HIGHWAY.

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.



A, B (THE OBJECT DID NOT APPEAR TO BE MOVING UPWARD.)

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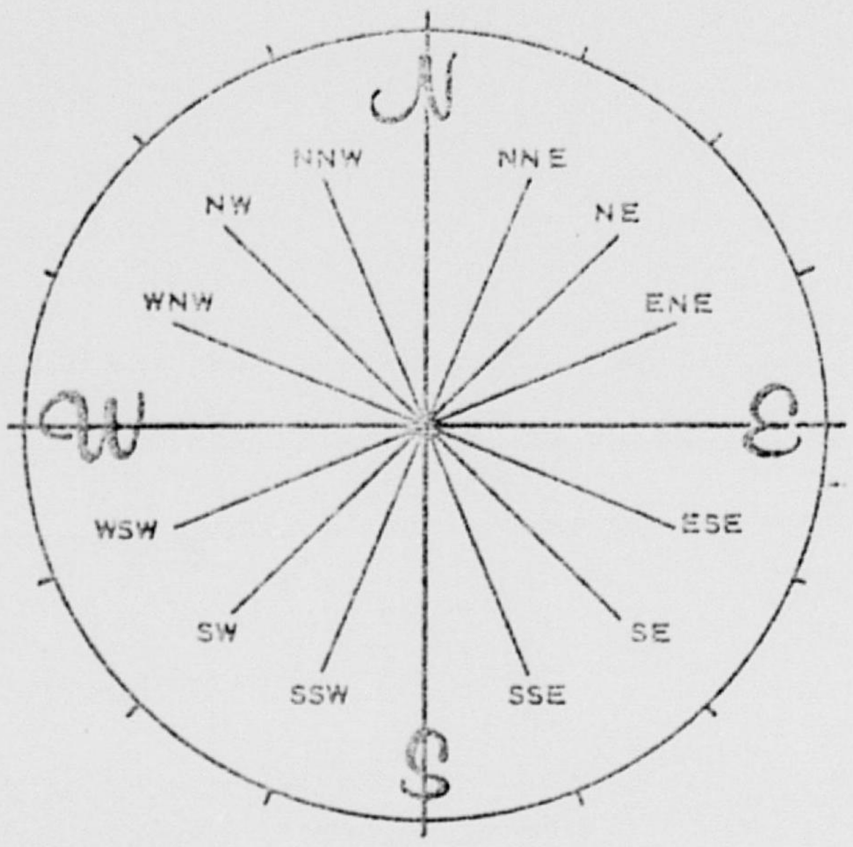
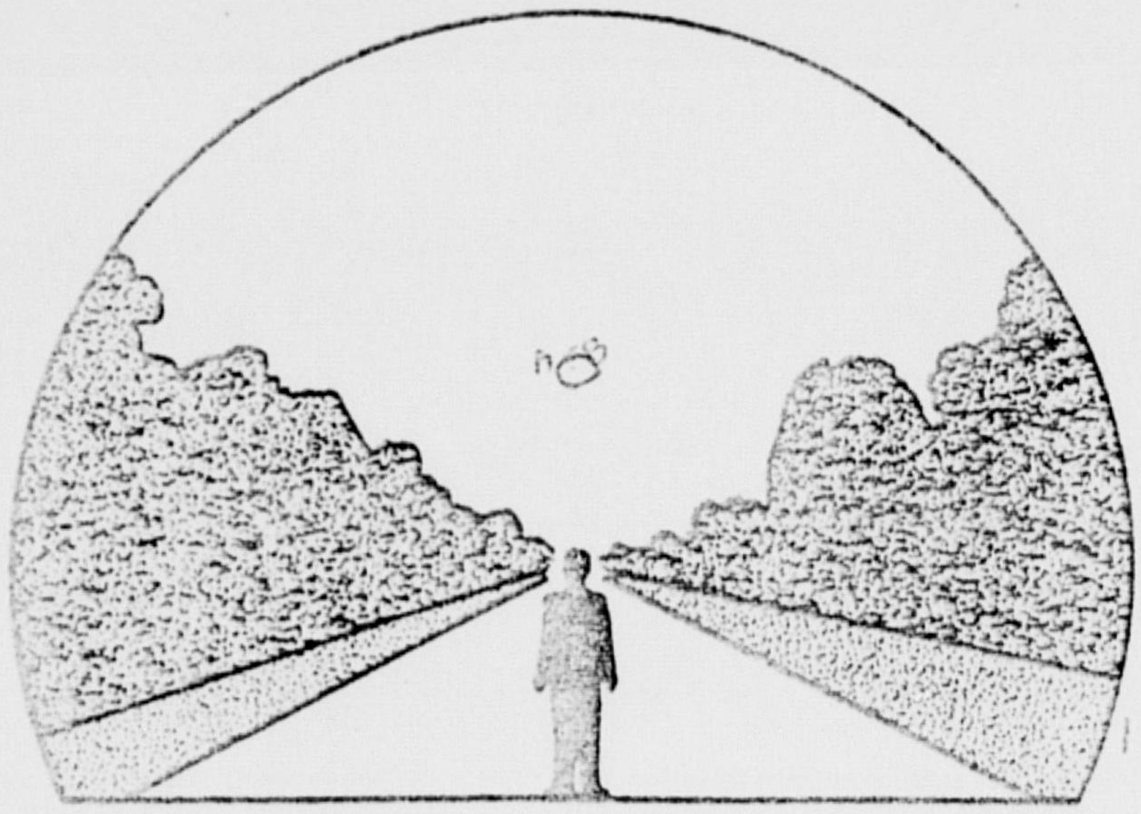
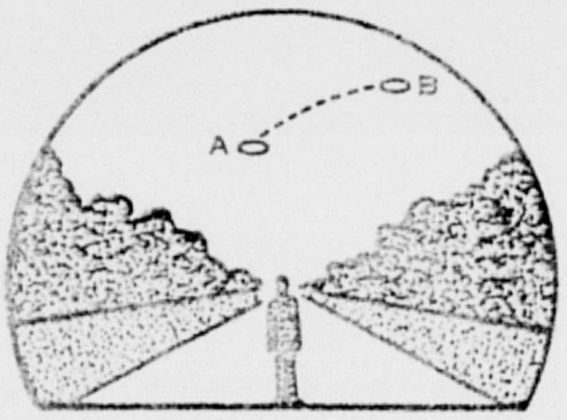
5A. NOW IMAGINE YOU ARE AT THE CENTER OF THE COMPASS ROSE. PLACE AN "A" ON THE COMPASS TO INDICATE THE DIRECTION TO THE PHENOMENON WHEN FIRST SEEN. PLACE A "B" ON THE COMPASS TO INDICATE THE DIRECTION TO THE PHENOMENON WHEN LAST SEEN.



A,B CONCEPTION, THE OBJECT DID NOT APPEAR TO BE MOVING EITHER DIRECTION)

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.





THE ONLY MOVEMENT I WAS ABLE TO DETECT, WAS THAT MOVEMENT DIRECTLY AWAY FROM US, WHICH, BECAUSE I NOTED NO OTHER SHIFTS, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN STEADY.

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?

	NORTH	X	EAST
	SOUTH		WEST
	NORTHEAST		SOUTHEAST
	NORTHWEST		SOUTHWEST

HOW FAST WERE YOU MOVING? WE HAD BEEN MOVING APPROX. 20mph, BUT STOPPED AFTER WE SAW IT THE FIRST TIME

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

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

NO IT DOESNT. AS I SAID ABOVE, WE STOPPED IMMEDIATELY AFTER WE SAW IT THE FIRST TIME

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.

1969 FORD SEDAN, ON A DIRT ROAD, WE SAW THE OBJECT THROUGH WINDSHIELD (OTHER WINDOWS WERE UP)

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?

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

LENGTH OF TIME IT LASTED FOR 1-2 SECOND INTERVALS

HOW WAS TIME DETERMINED? THE FLASHES WERE VERY SHORT SO WE DETERMINED THE TIME ON THAT BASIS

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.

THIS WAS NOT DUE TO OUR MOVEMENT BECAUSE WE HAD STOPPED. THE FIRST TIME WE SAW THE OBJECT IT HAD A DEFINITE CIRCULAR SHAPE BUT QUICKLY FADED OUT. AROUND 15 SECONDS LATER WE NOTED THE FLASH AGAIN BUT THIS TIME IT HAD NO DEFINITE SHAPE BUT WAS STILL AS BRIGHT. IT APPEARED BEHIND A CLOUD BANK THAT TIME SO WE ASSUMED THAT IT MAY BE MOVING AWAY FROM US. WE SAME THIS SAME FLASH AT LEAST FIVE TIMES BEHAVING IN THE SAME MANNER EACH TIME, LASTING ONLY 1 OR 2 SECONDS.

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?

WE ONLY SAW ONE FLASH AT A TIME SO WE ASSUMED THAT IT WAS ONLY 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	X	NONE OF THE ABOVE

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

(1) STARS		(2) MOON			
	NONE	X	BRIGHT MOONLIGHT		NO MOONLIGHT
	A FEW		MOON WITH HALO		UNKNOWN
X	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?

NOT (IN DAYLIGHT)

	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 MOON WAS FULL AND VERY BRIGHT. IT WAS TO THE RIGHT, ABOVE, AND A LITTLE BEHIND THE CAR.

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. WE ONLY SAW THE SHAPE OF THE PHENOMENA THE FIRST TIME. IT WAS ROUND WITH SHARP EDGES, VERY BRIGHT AND ORANGE-YELLOW IN COLOR. IT LOOKED VERY MUCH LIKE THE FULL MOON THAT NIGHT YET IT WAS TWICE THE SIZE OF IT AND MUCH MORE POWERFUL, IN OTHER WORDS IT LIT THE SKY MORE, WHERE THE FLASH WAS SO BRIEF IT WOULD BE HARD TO TELL WHETHER OR NOT IT WAS TRANSPARENT OR NOT, YET THE FIRST FLASH, WHERE IT HAD DEFINITE SHAPE, APPEARED TO BE SOLID. IT MOVED INTO A CLOUD-BANK (THE ONLY ONES IN THE SKY) AND THUS HAD NO DEFINITE SHAPE FOR THE REST OF THE FLASHES

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?

I NOTICED THE ROUND SHAPE AS WE WE DRIVING UP WOODLAND BUT DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING TO THE OTHERS BECAUSE I THOUGHT I WAS SEEING THINGS. WHEN THE SECOND FLASH APPEARED WE ALL NOTICED IT AND OF COURSE WERE ALARMED. AS WE BEGAN TO DISCUSS IT I FOUND OUT THAT [redacted] HAD NOTICED THE FIRST FLASH TOO. IT WAS DIRECTLY OUT OF OUR WINDSHIELD SO WE INEVITABLY HAD TO NOTICE IT.

A. HOW DID IT FINALLY DISAPPEAR?

WE DON'T KNOW, [redacted] (THE 3RD PASSENGER IN THE CAR) REQUESTED THAT WE'D TAKE HIM HOME, HE WAS RATHER SHOOK UP BY IT. WHEN WE GOT TO HIS HOUSE (ABOUT 4 MILES DOWN THE ROAD) WE LOOKED FOR IT AGAIN BUT COULD NOT SEE IT. WE HAD LOST OUR PERSPECTIVE AND IT WAS HARD TO GET THE DIRECTION OF IT AGAIN BECAUSE IT WAS SO CLOSE TO THE GROUND. WE RETURNED TO WOODLAND AGAIN BUT SAW NOTHING.

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.

IT APPEARED TO BE MOVING AWAY FROM US INTO A LOW CLOUD BANK, THE ONLY CLOUDS IN THE SKY. THIS IS WHY IT ONLY HAD A DEFINITE SHAPE ONCE, THE LIGHT LIT THE ~~WHOLE~~ END OF THE CLOUD BANK, NOT THE WHOLE THING. THAT IS WHY WE DISREGARD IT AS LIGHTING (AS WELL AS FOR OTHER REASONS)

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.

A PICTURE IS NOT NECESSARY BECAUSE IT HAD A DEFINITE SHAPE ONLY ONCE AND WE ARE POSITIVE OF THAT DESCRIPTION — A ~~ROUND~~ BRIGHT CIRCULAR FORM, ORANGE IN COLOR. IT HAD NO WINGS OR PROTRUSIONS. IT WAS SO BRIGHT THAT ANY SMALL DETAILS COULD NOT BE DETECTED.

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.

IT WAS APPROXIMATELY TWICE THE SIZE OF A FULL MOON

IT WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY ~~THIS SIZE~~ THE SIZE OF A PENNY AT ARMS LENGTH.

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

THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME

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], [redacted] CAMPUS PARKWAY, UNIV. OF WASH. SEATTLE, WASH. 98105

[redacted], [redacted], FAYETTEVILLE, N.Y. 13066

24. GIVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF

LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME [redacted]

ADDRESS (Street, City, State and Zip Code) [redacted] MANLIUS, N.Y. 13104

TELEPHONE (Area code and number)	AGE		MALE	X	FEMALE
	17				

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

I'M VERY SORRY THAT THIS FORM WAS SO LATE. [redacted] LEFT FOR COLLEGE BEFORE WE RECEIVED THESE FORMS AND I NEEDED SOME INFORMATION FROM HIM BECAUSE I DID NOT KNOW THE AREA (THE ROADS ETC.)

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

NAME U.S. AIR FORCE DAY 27 MONTH AUG. YEAR 1969

26. DATE YOU COMPLETED THIS QUESTIONNAIRE.

DAY 2 MONTH NOV. YEAR 1969

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 UNKNOWN.

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

IF A FULL MOON FLASHED ON IN 1-2 SECOND INTERVALS IT WOULD APPEAR VERY SIMILIAR TO WHAT WE SAW. IT WOULD HAVE TO BE TWICE AS LARGE AND A LITTLE BRIGHTER, BUT THE COLOR AND SHAPE IS VERY CLOSE,

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.

WHEN WE ARRIVED AT STEVES HOUSE WE LOOKED FOR THE OBJECT AGAIN AND THOUGHT WE SAW IT, BUT WERE UNCERTAIN THAT IT WASNT JUST OUR IMAGINATIONS. WE DID HEAR A LOW RUMBLING NOISE COMING IN SIMILIAR INTERVALS AS THE PHENOMENON, AND THAT WAS FOR CERTAIN. BECAUSE IT WAS COMING FROM A DEFINITE DIRECTION WE DISREGARDED IT AS THUNDER

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

WE DID NOT SEE THE GROUND THAT IT WAS NEAR,

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We were approaching East Lake Road (N.Y. Rt. 41) on Woodland Road. Woodland Rd is a private driveway leading from Rt 41 to a group of camps on Skaneateles Lake. It is in the Town of Spafford, New York. We were about 50 yards down the road heading towards Rt 41 (heading East). We were about 30 yards down the driveway from a large red barn on the left as you face East.

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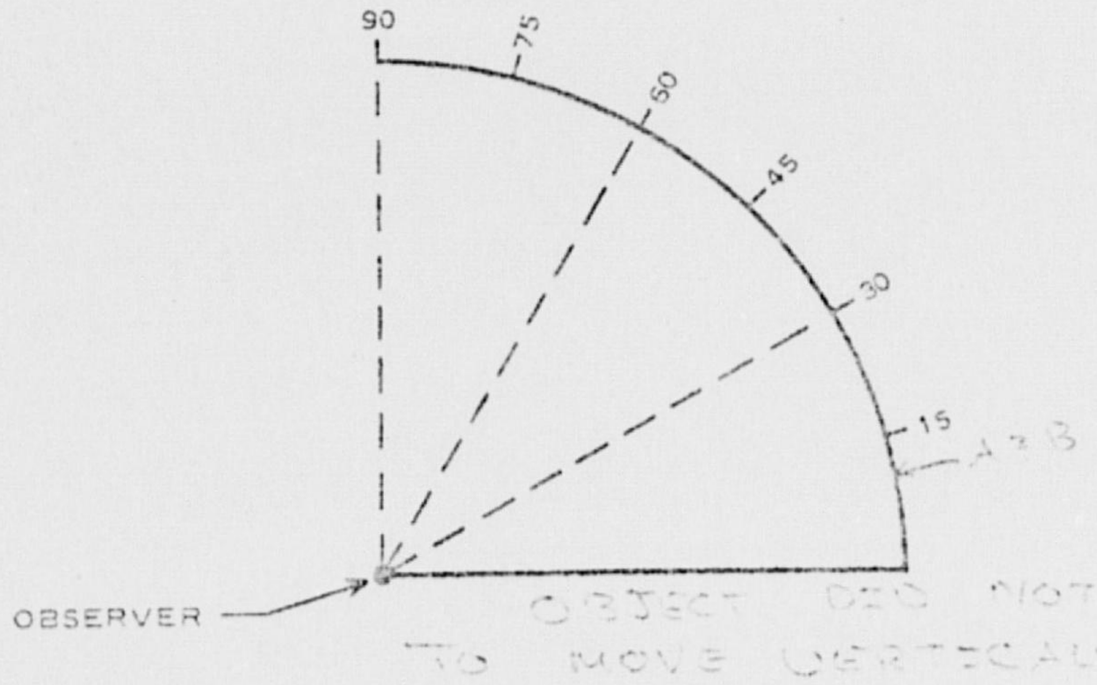

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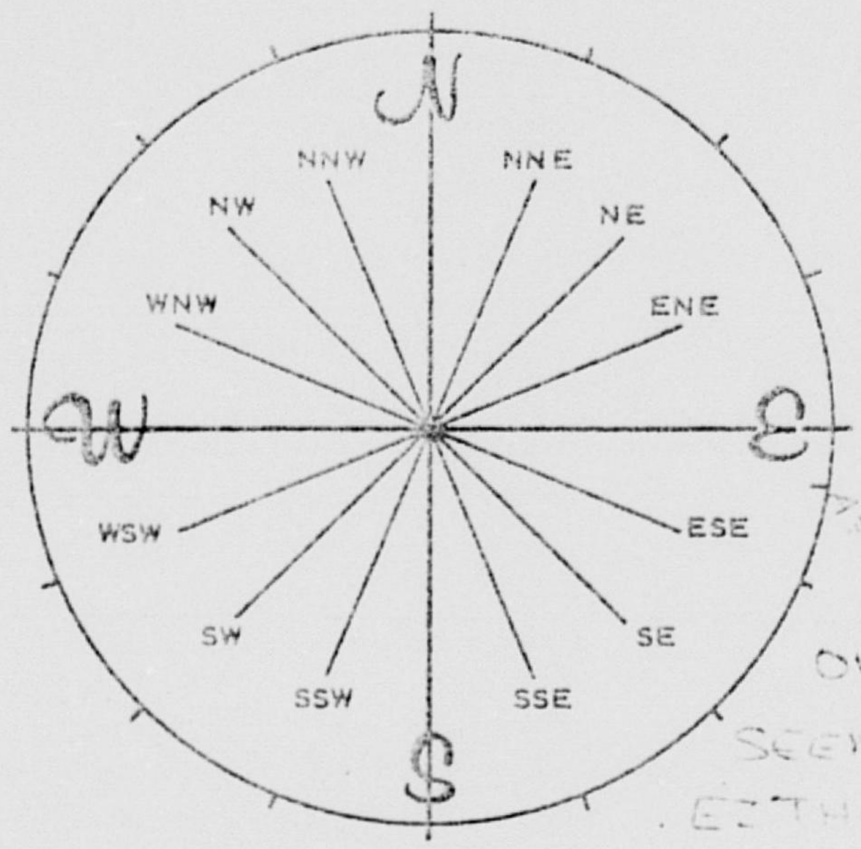

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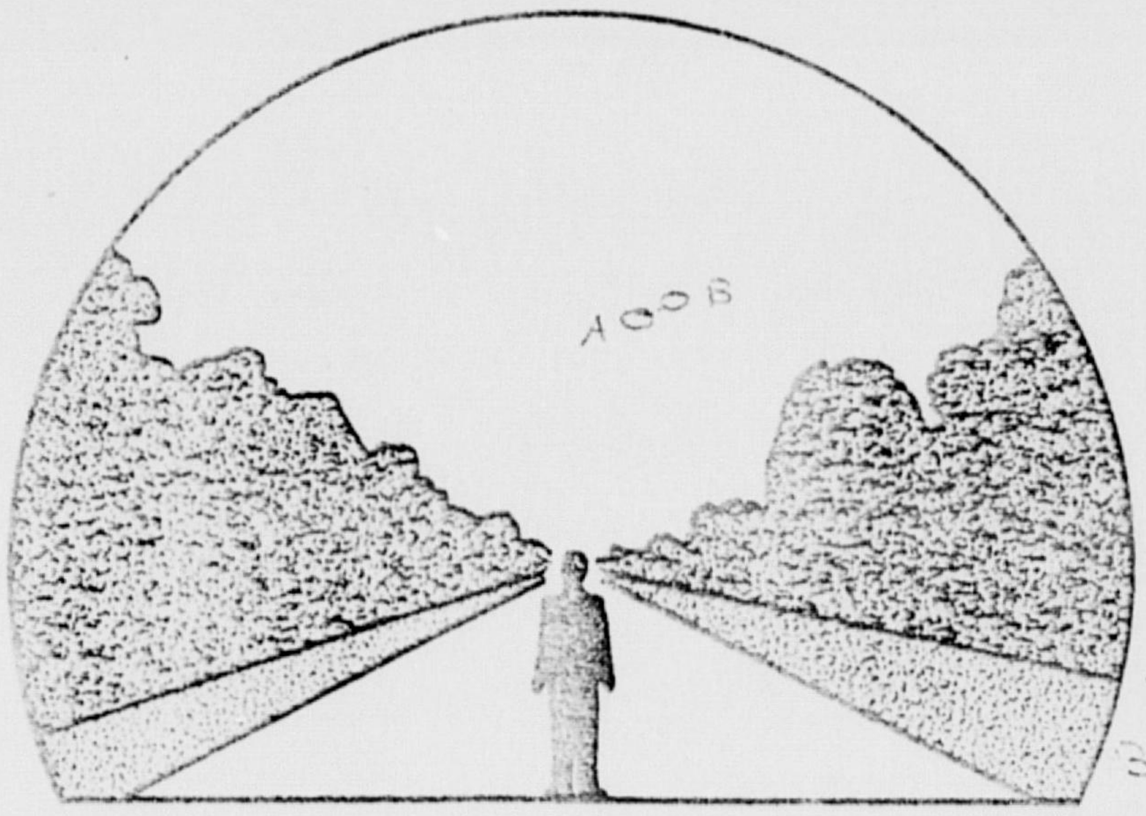
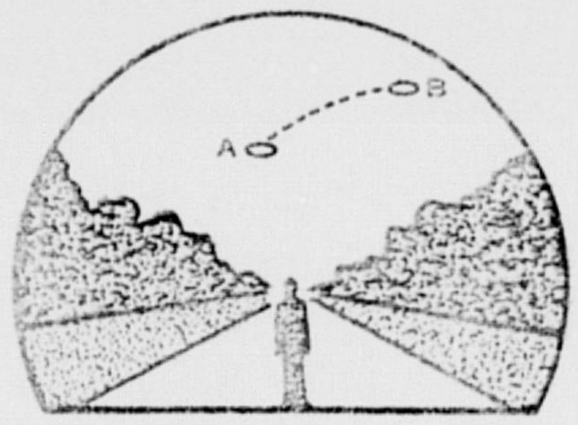
7. IN THE SKETCH BELOW, PLACE AN "A" AT THE POSITION OF THE PHENOMENON WHEN FIRST SEEN, AND A "B" AT THE POSITION OF THE PHENOMENON WHEN LAST SEEN. CONNECT THE "A" AND "B" WITH A LINE TO APPROXIMATE THE MOVEMENT OF THE PHENOMENON BETWEEN "A" AND "B". THAT IS, SCHEMATICALLY SHOW WHETHER THE MOVEMENT APPEARED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





THE OBJECT SEEMED TO MOVE ONLY SLIGHTLY FROM LEFT TO RIGHT AND SLIGHTLY UPWARD BUT IT DID SEEM TO BE MOVING ALMOST DIRECTLY ALONG FROM US (EAST)

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?

ONLY ONE OBJECT WAS SIGHTED. AT LEAST ONE FLASH COULD BE SEEN AT A TIME. THE OBJECT WAS NOT VISIBLE BETWEEN FLASHES.

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	X	NONE OF THE ABOVE

C. IF THE SIGHTING WAS AT TWILIGHT OR NIGHT, WHAT DID YOU NOTICE ABOUT THE STARS AND MOON? NOTHING UNUSUAL

(1) STARS		(2) MOON			
	NONE	X	BRIGHT MOONLIGHT		NO MOONLIGHT
	A FEW		MOON WITH HALO		UNKNOWN
X	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? NOT IN DAYLIGHT (12:15 AM)

	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 SKY WAS LIT BY A VERY BRIGHT FULL MOON WHICH WAS ABOVE AND SLIGHTLY BEHIND THE CAR.

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. WE ONLY SAW THE SHAPE OF THE OBJECT CLEARLY ONCE, THE FIRST FLASH. IT WAS ROUND WITH SHARP EDGES, VERY BRIGHT AND ORANGE IN COLOR (THE COLOR OF A "HARVEST" MOON) IT WAS SO BRIGHT IT OUTSHADOWED THE FULL MOON AND SEEMED TO LIGHT THE GROUND BELOW. IT WAS APPROXIMATELY TWICE THE SIZE OF THE FULL MOON. DEPTH PERCEPTION WAS IMPOSSIBLE BECAUSE THE FLASHES WERE SO BRIEF AND BRIGHT. AFTER THE FIRST FLASH IT MOVED AWAY FROM US INTO AND THROUGH A LOW CLOUD BANK, THAT ONLY [illegible] THAT NIGHT.

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?				HOW FAST WERE YOU MOVING? STOPPED AS SOON AS WE SAW OBJECT.
	NORTH	X	EAST	
	SOUTH		WEST	DID YOU STOP ANYTIME WHILE OBSERVING THE PHENOMENON? ☒ YES ☐ NO
	NORTHEAST		SOUTHEAST	
	NORTHWEST		SOUTHWEST	

EXPLAIN WHETHER SUCH MOVEMENT AFFECTS YOUR SKETCHES IN ITEMS 5 AND 6.
NO EFFECT. WE STOPPED AS SOON AS WE SAW THE OBJECT

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.
1969 FORD COUNTRY SEDAN ON A DIRT ROAD. OBJECT WAS SIGHTED DIRECTLY FORWARD THROUGH WINDSHIELD

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 PERIODS OF 1-2 SECONDS AT IRREGULAR INTERVALS.		X	CERTAIN OF TIME		NOT VERY SURE
			FAIRLY CERTAIN		JUST A GUESS

HOW WAS TIME DETERMINED? THE FLASHES WERE SHORT, EASY ENOUGH TO SAY HOW LONG THE FLASHES WERE.

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. NOT DUE TO OUR MOVEMENT. THE FIRST TIME THE OBJECT FLASHED IT WAS VERY CLEAR, BUT THE FLASH SEEMED TO FADE OUT, LIKE AN ELECTRIC LIGHT BULB THAT IS SUDDENLY TURNED OFF. IT FLASHED AGAIN ABOUT 15 SECONDS LATER. BUT THE OBJECT APPEARED TO HAVE MOVED DISTANTLY AWAY FROM US INTO A CLOUD BANK. AFTER THAT THE OBJECT FLASHED IN IRREGULAR INTERVALS RANGING FROM 10 SECONDS TO TWO OR THREE MINUTES. BUT EACH FLASH WAS FOR THE SAME BRIEF TIME, ABOUT 1-2 SECONDS, THEN QUICKLY FADED.

SEE SKETCHED.

13. DID THE PHENOMENON	YES	NO	UNKNOWN
MOVE IN A STRAIGHT LINE?	X		
STAND STILL AT ANY TIME?			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?

AS WE WERE DRIVING A FRIEND, STEVE ANDERSON, I SAW THE BRIGHT FLASH DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THE CAR (AS PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED). I SLOWED TO A STOP BUT DID NOT SAY ANYTHING. ABOUT 15 SECONDS AFTER THE FIRST FLASH, IT FLASHED AGAIN. ALL THREE OF US SAW IT AND IMMEDIATELY MENTIONED IT. DISCUSSING, WE FOUND THAT ONLY LOIS AND I HAD SEEN THE FIRST FLASH.

A. HOW DID IT FINALLY DISAPPEAR?

AS RELATED IN THE INCLUDED PAPER DESCRIBING THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE SIGHTING, WE NEVER ACTUALLY SAW THE OBJECT DISAPPEAR. WE LEFT THE AREA WHEN STEVE ASKED US TO TAKE HIM HOME. WHEN LOIS AND I RETURNED TO THE AREA, THE OBJECT WAS GONE.

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.

AFTER THE FIRST FLASH, THE OBJECT MOVED DIRECTLY AWAY FROM US INTO AND POSSIBLY THROUGH A LOW CLOUD BAND. WE COULD NO LONGER SEE THE SHAPE OF THE OBJECT, ONLY ITS BRIGHT ORANGE COLOR REFLECTING OFF A SMALL PART OF THE CLOUDS.

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.

A PICTURE IS NOT NECESSARY. EVEN THOUGH WE ONLY SAW THE SHAPE OF THE OBJECT ONCE, I AM POSITIVE OF THE DESCRIPTION. THE OBJECT APPEARED ONLY AS A ROUND, BRIGHT ORANGE FLASH. IT HAD NO PROTRUSIONS, ETC. DEPTH PERSEPTION WAS IMPOSSIBLE BECAUSE OF THE BRIGHTNESS OF THE OBJECT. IN OTHER WORDS, THE OBJECT APPEARED IN ONLY TWO DIMENSIONS.

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.

THE OBJECT WAS ABOUT TWICE THE SIZE OF A FULL MOON. A PENNY AT ARMS LENGTH WOULD BE A GOOD ESTIMATE OF ITS ANGULAR SIZE.

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 _____.

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

THE SUN IS A GOOD APPROXIMATION. THE OBJECT WAS VERY BRIGHT AND MADE ALL THE SKY BEHIND IT SEEM DARK. THE COLOR WAS A BRIGHT ORANGE, UNLIKE THE SUN. THE OBJECT DID SEEM TO BE VERY CLOSE, A MILE AT THE MOST.

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.

FROM [redacted] HOME WE HEARD A LOW ROLLING NOISE IN SHORT, IRREGULAR INTERVALS COMING FROM THE DIRECTION OF THE OBJECT. THE EFFECT ON MYSELF WAS ONE OF REAL FEAR. I WAS AFRAID TO DRIVE AROUND A CORNER.

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

THE GROUND DID NOT APPEAR TO BE DISTURBED AND NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE WAS NOTED BY ANYONE OR THE OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY.

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], MANLIUS, N.Y. 13104
(SHE HAS ALSO RECEIVED THIS FORM)

[redacted] FAYETTEVILLE, N.Y. 13066
(HE HAS NOT RECEIVED THIS FORM)

24. GIVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF

LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME [redacted]

ADDRESS (Street, City, State and Zip Code) [redacted] CAMPUS PKWY SEATTLE WASH. 98105

TELEPHONE (Area code and number) [redacted]

AGE		MALE		FEMALE
18	X			

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

I AM SORRY THIS FORM IS SO LATE BEING RETURNED. IT WAS SENT TO MY HOME (FAYETTEVILLE NEW YORK) AFTER I HAD LEFT FOR COLLEGE. MY PRESENT ADDRESS IS LISTED ABOVE.

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

NAME US Air Force DAY 27 MONTH AUG YEAR 1969

26. DATE YOU COMPLETED THIS QUESTIONNAIRE.

DAY 28 MONTH Oct 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.

SEE ACCOMPANING PAGES

CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE SIGHTING

Two of my friends had been at my summer camp that night and about midnight one friend, [redacted], requested to be taken home. My other friend, [redacted] was staying at my camp that night as a guest of my family. As we drove up our driveway we spotted the UFO. After observing the object for about 15 minutes, [redacted] who was quite shaken up by the incident, wanted to be taken home. I did not want to drive, but [redacted] was very upset, so I drove him to his camp. He has a summer camp about four miles up the lake from my camp (about two and a half miles out of the village of Skaneateles). By the time we reached [redacted]'s camp, we had all settled down enough that we got out of the car to see if we could still see the object. We thought that we saw the object flash from behind the clouds through a tree, but we cannot be certain. But we did definitely here the sound coming from the direction of the object.

[redacted] and I returned to the same spot on my driveway but were unable to see or hear anything. We then drove to the top of the hill over which we had first sighted the object. This was on Otisco Lake Road or otherwise known as Ferret Hill Road. Here we also saw and heard nothing. Returning home, we recounted our experience to my mother.

The followin day we looked in the local newspapers and listened to the news but we heard nothing of anyone else spotting the object.

Within the next few days [redacted] and I wrote our letter to the Air Force reporting the sighting.

Details to the sighting follow in the questionaire.

Thank you for your interest.

[redacted]

QUESTION 9.

FIRST
FLASH