

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 17/0324 17 January 69 17/0824Z		2. LOCATION Crittenden, Virginia	
3. SOURCE Civilian		10. CONCLUSION UNIDENTIFIED	
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One			
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 90 - 120 Seconds		11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS The observer was awakened by a sound similar to the hum of an electric motor or a transformer that was in the process of going bad. Upon looking out the bedroom window the observer sighted several amber lights that were arranged in an elliptical fashion. (One was blinking). It appeared to have a slow forward up and down motion except when it made a left banking turn.  COMMENTS: The most likely stimulus was a helicopter with an unusual lighting system. However a check of the 4 airports in the area revealed that 3 definitely did not have any helo activity in the area and the other had destroyed flight records for that date and was therefore unable to say if any helicopter activity originated from their airfield that night. It is also possible that a light aircraft such as an aerial advertiser, the goodyear blimp, or an aircraft doing infra-red photography may have been the stimulus for the sighting. However because it has not been definitely established that an aircraft of this type was in the area, the sighting is being carried as unidentified.	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual			
7. COURSE S - WNW			
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			

FORM  
FTD SEP 63 0-329 (TDE)

Previous editions of this form may be used.

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17. DID YOU OBSERVE THE PHENOMENON THROUGH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING? INCLUDE INFORMATION ON MODEL, TYPE, FILTER, LENS PRESCRIPTION OR OTHER APPLICABLE DATA.	
EYEGASSES	CAMERA VIEWER
SUNGLASSES	BINOCULARS
WINDSHIELD	TELESCOPE
SIDE WINDOW OF VEHICLE	THEODOLITE
X WINDOWPANE	OTHER
A. DO YOU ORDINARILY WEAR GLASSES? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	B. DO YOU USE READING GLASSES? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
18. WHAT WAS YOUR IMPRESSION OF THE SPEED OF THE PHENOMENON? GIVE ESTIMATE OF SPEED <u>30 MPH</u>	19. WHAT WAS YOUR IMPRESSION OF THE DISTANCE OF THE PHENOMENON? GIVE ESTIMATE OF DISTANCE <u>100 ft.</u>
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. Cigar - A cigar would not have the same proportion unless it were a stubby or blunt cigar one third as wide as it was long. The ends were half round instead of kind of pointed as a cigar would be. It was very much larger than a cigar and it was lighted all around the bottom with an incandescent-amber looking type of lighting with one of these blinking. These lights were glowing through glass or some semitransparent material.	
21. DID YOU NOTICE ANY ODOR, NOISE, OR HEAT EMANATING FROM THE PHENOMENON OR ANY EFFECT ON YOURSELF, ANIMALS OR MACHINERY IN THE VICINITY? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE. No, except being frightened, kind of having a feeling of <del>it</del> being charmed or hypnotized by it, and effect of tingling my nerves or something to that effect.	
A. DID THE PHENOMENON DISTURB THE GROUND OR LEAVE ANY PHYSICAL EVIDENCE. <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE. Not that I could tell.	

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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

M. [REDACTED] den, Va.  
 [REDACTED] en, Va.

24. GIVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF

LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME  
 [REDACTED]

Address (State and Zip Code)  
 [REDACTED]

TELEPHONE (Area and local numbers)  
 [REDACTED]

AGE	30	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MALE	<input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION INCLUDING OCCUPATION AND ANY EXPERIENCE WHICH MAY BE PERTINENT.

Test Facility Mechanic - National Aeronautics and Space Administration for 6 years and 4 months  
 Graduated from NASA Apprentice school in 1966  
 Worked as an electrician helper Union Bag Camp Paper Mill, Franklin, Va. from July of 1961 to Sept. 1962.  
 Spent 4 years in Navy as an Electricians mate from June 1957 to March of 1961.  
 1957 - Graduated from high school

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

NAME U.S. Air Force DAY 17 MONTH January YEAR 1969

26. DATE YOU COMPLETED THIS QUESTIONNAIRE.

DAY 10 MONTH February YEAR 1969

NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE ON AERIAL PHENOMENA  
1536 Connecticut Avenue N. W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

North 7-9434

REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT(S)

This form includes questions asked by the United States Air Force and by other Armed Forces' investigating agencies, and additional questions to which answers are needed for full evaluation by NICAP.

After all the information has been fully studied, the conclusion of our Evaluation Panel will be published by NICAP in its regularly issued magazine or in another publication. Please try to answer as many questions as possible. Should you need additional room, please use another sheet of paper. Please print or typewrite. Your assistance is of great value and is genuinely appreciated. Thank you.

1. Name [REDACTED] Place of Employment *NASA Langley Field VA.*  
 Address [REDACTED] 42 Occupation *TEST FACILITY TECHNICIAN*  
[REDACTED] Education *HIGH SCHOOL, NASA APPRENTICE SCHOOL*  
 Telephone [REDACTED] Special Training *ELECTRICIAN SCHOOL (NAVY)*  
 Military Service *U.S. NAVY*
2. Date of Observation *1/17/69* Time *3:25 AM* PM Time Zone *EST*
3. Locality of Observation *FRom bedroom window*  
*RURAL*
4. How long did you see the object? Hours *2* Minutes Seconds
5. Please describe weather conditions and the type of sky; i.e., bright daylight, nighttime, dusk, etc. *Nightime, CLEAR*
6. Position of the Sun or Moon in relation to the object and to you. *EXCEPT HAZE effect when looking AT lights AT night*  
*DON'T KNOW*
7. If seen at night, twilight, or dawn, were the stars or moon visible? *DON'T KNOW*
8. Were there more than one object? If so, please tell how many, and draw a sketch of what you saw, indicating direction of movement, if any. *NO.*
9. Please describe the object(s) in detail. For instance, did it (they) appear solid, or only as a source of light; was it revolving, etc? Please use additional sheets of paper, if necessary. *APPEARED SOLID AND LIGHT SOURCE BOTH.*
10. Was the object(s) brighter than the background of the sky? *YES*
11. If so, compare the brightness with the Sun, Moon, headlights, etc. *DIMMER THAN ANY OF THESE. APPEARED TO BE HALO LIGHT GLOW WITH FLASHING RIGHT REAR SAME COLOR AND BRIGHTNESS.*
12. Did the object(s) — (Please elaborate, if you can give details.)
  - a. Appear to stand still at any time?
  - b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?
  - c. Break up into parts or explode?
  - d. Give off smoke?
  - e. Leave any visible trail?
  - f. Drop anything?
  - g. Change brightness?
  - h. Change shape? *FROM BOTTOM AND SIDE - TO BOTTOM AND END, AS IT TURNED*
  - i. Change color?
13. Did the object(s) at any time pass in front of, or behind of, anything? If so, please elaborate giving distance, size, etc, if possible. *MOVED FORWARD WITH A SLOW UP AND DOWN MOTION*  
*OVER HOUSES NEXT DOOR OVER MERCURY VAPOR YARDLIGHT IN YARD NEXT DOOR*
14. Was there any wind? *DON'T KNOW* If so, please give direction and speed.
15. Did you observe the object(s) through an optical instrument or other aid, windshield, *Both* windowpane, storm window, screening, etc? What?
16. Did the object(s) have any sound? *Yes* What kind? *ELECTRICAL* How loud? *VERY LOUD AND*
17. Please tell if the object(s) was (were) — *TRANSFORMER OR MOTOR* *CHANGING TO LOW, OVER AND OVER*
  - a. Fuzzy or blurred.
  - b. Like a bright star.
  - c. Sharply outlined.*COMBINATION OF THESE DEPENDING ON WHAT PART OF OBJECT LOOKING TOWARDS*

18. Was the object —

- a. Self-luminous?
- b. Dull finish?
- c. Reflecting?
- d. Transparent?

COMBINATION OF THESE

19. Did the object(s) rise or fall while in motion? *YES, Slowly*

20. Tell the apparent size of the object(s) when compared with the following held at arm's length:

- |            |                  |                  |
|------------|------------------|------------------|
| a. Pinhead | d. Nickel        | g. Orange        |
| b. Pea     | e. Half dollar   | h. Grapefruit    |
| c. Dime    | f. Silver dollar | i. <u>Larger</u> |

Or, if easier, give apparent size in inches on a ruler held at arm's length.

21. How did you happen to notice the object(s)? *The NOISE from it AWAKENED me.*

22. Where were you and what were you doing at the time? *IN the bed ASleep*

23. How did the object(s) disappear from view? *OVER the trees AND Houses STILL Low*

24. Compare the speed of the object(s) with a piston or jet aircraft at the same apparent altitude.

*2 to 3% of a Jet, 20 to 30% of a PISTON TYPE AIRCRAFT.*

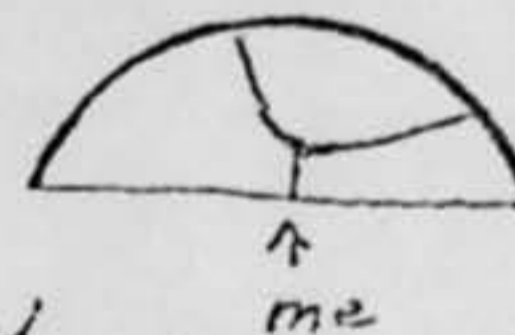
25. Were there any conventional aircraft in the location at the time or immediately afterwards? If so, please elaborate.

*NO ACCORDING to the AIR FORCE*

26. Please estimate the distance of the object(s). *Closest to be 100'*

27. What was the elevation of the object(s) in the sky? Please mark on this hemisphere sketch:

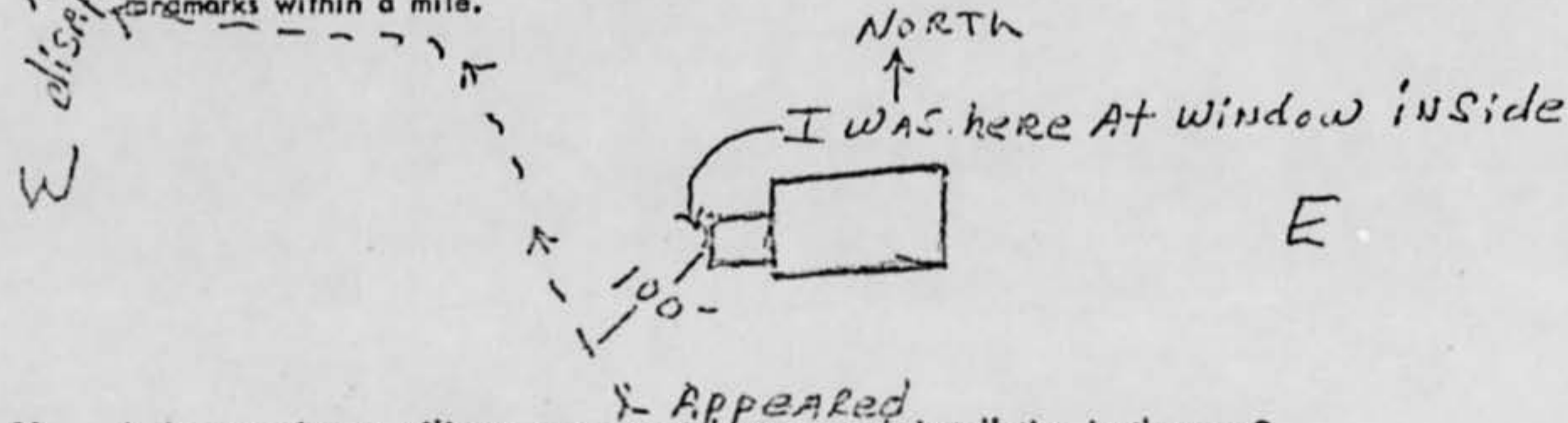
*75° ANGLE to 30° ANGLE, DISAPPEARING.*



28. Names and addresses of other witnesses, if any. *EAR WITNESSES IS ALL I CAN*

*SUPPLY. I'll be glad to do this ON A SEPARATE SHEET if wanted*

29. Please draw a map of the locality of the observation showing North; your position; the direction from which the object(s) appeared and disappeared from view; the direction of its course over the area; roads, towns, villages, railroads, and other landmarks within a mile.



30. Is there an airport, military, governmental, or research installation in the area?

31. Have you seen other objects of an unidentified nature? If so, please describe these observations, using a separate sheet of paper.

32. Please enclose photographs, motion pictures, news clippings, notes of radio or television programs (include time, station and date, if possible) regarding this or similar observations, or any other background material. We will return the material to you.

33. Were you interrogated by Air Force investigators? By any other federal, state, county, or local officials? If so, please state the name and rank or title of the agent, his office, and details as to where and when the questioning took place.

Were you asked or told not to reveal or discuss the incident? If so, were any reasons or official orders mentioned? Please elaborate carefully.

34. We should like permission to quote your name in connection with this report. This action will encourage other responsible citizens to report similar observations to NICAP. However, if you prefer, we will keep your name confidential. Please note your choice by checking the proper statement below. In any case, please fill in all parts of the form, for our own confidential files. Thank you for your cooperation.

You may use my name. (X)

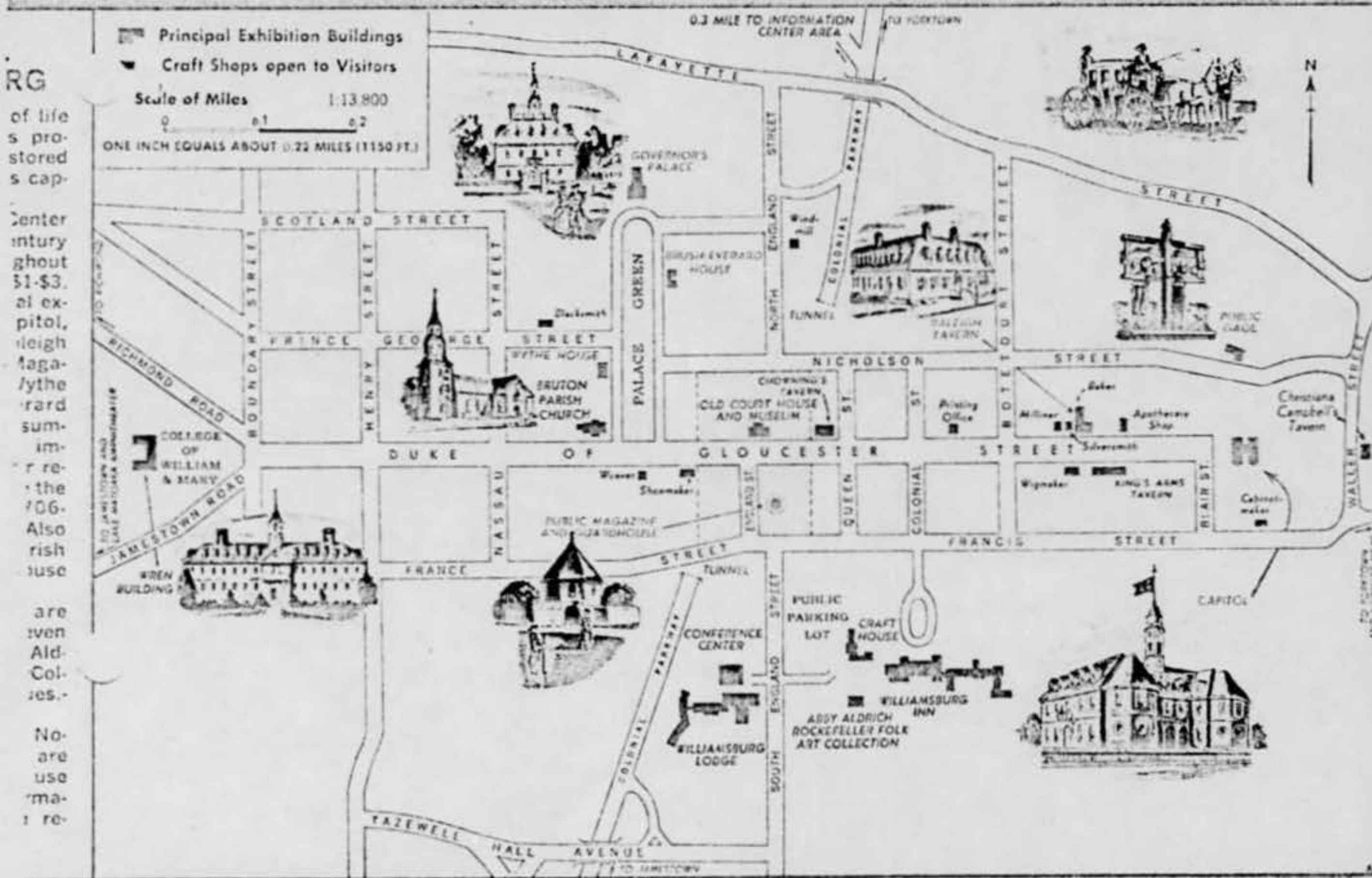
Please keep my name confidential. ( )

35. Date of filling out this report: *2/10/69*

Signature: *[Redacted]*

People who heard sound

1. Louise Bailey Eclipse, Va.
2. Granddaughter 3 yr. old Robin Harvill Eclipse, Va.
3. Adrienne Carron and Eclipse, Va.
4. Daughter 4 yr. old Evelyn Carron Eclipse, Va.
5. Roman Keith Lupton Eclipse, Va.
6. Alice Lupton Eclipse, Va.
7. Jerry Pendleton Eclipse, Va.
8. Bruce Northam Carrollton, Va.
9. Margaret Northam Carrollton, Va.
10. Telephone Operator at time phone call was made. (so stated)
11. Sunday School Teacher's name was [REDACTED] - Eclipse, Va.  
Mrs. [REDACTED] someone else called Langley Field.



Blue Ridge Mountains, Shenandoah National Park is a 300-square-mile wilderness of forested peaks, wildflowers and sparkling streams and waterfalls.

The winding 105-mile Skyline Drive, traversing mountain crests, offers panoramic views of the magnificent scenery from 75 overlooks along the route. Wildflowers bloom from mid-April to late summer, and deep woods, azaleas and trillium brighten the woods in May and June, and in October the woodland foliage bursts into a riot of red, brown and russet.

There are eight picnic areas. Camping and trailer sites are at Big Meadows, Lewis Mountain and Loft Mountain. Trout fishing is permitted April to mid-October (state license required). Picnic tables are at Skyland and Big Meadows (\$3.00 first hour, \$2.50 each added hour). There are 200 miles of hiking trails. Park Ranger Naturalists conduct hikes daily mid-June to Labor Day. Illustrated talks and evening campfire programs also are given. For details stop at the Big Meadows and Dickey Ridge visitor centers.

The park is open all year but Skyline Drive is closed during inclement winter weather. Entrance fee to the park is 25 cents per person. For information write Superintendent, Shenandoah National Park, Luray, Virginia. For lodging and restaurant information write Virginia Sky-Line Co., Luray, Virginia.

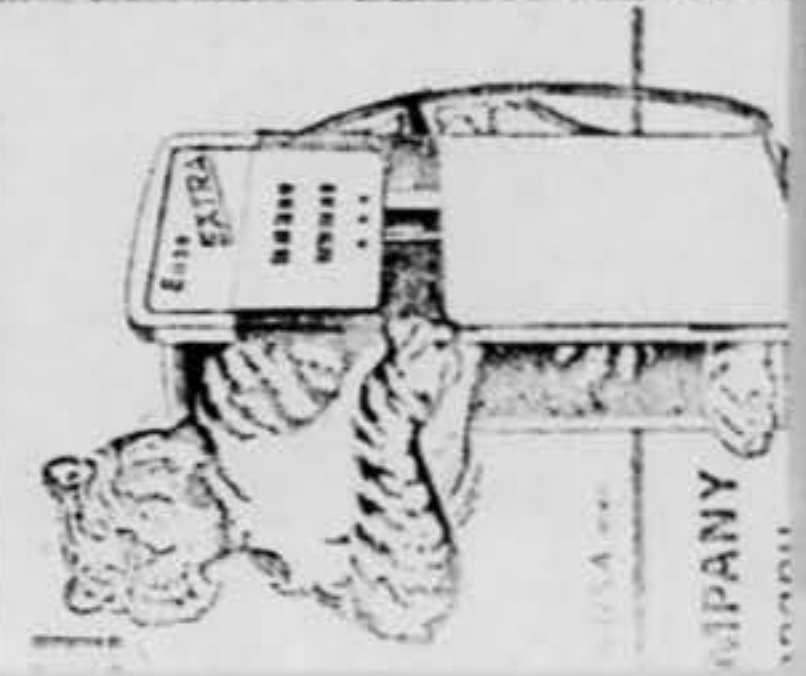
DEVELOPED AREAS	Accommodations	Camping	Meals	Picnicking
Big Meadows	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dickey Ridge	✓	✓	✓	✓
Panda	✓	✓	✓	✓
Elkton	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lewis Mountain	✓	✓	✓	✓
Loft Mountain	✓	✓	✓	✓
Panorama	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pinnacles	✓	✓	✓	✓
Skyland	✓	✓	✓	✓
South River	✓	✓	✓	✓
Swift Run Gap	✓	✓	✓	✓

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440	370	225	550	425	370	395
350	270	105	445	320	270	265
305	315	150	495	370	355	325
505	310	185	475	500	160	425
165	55	115	235	110	270	95
300	260	220	345	225	95	150
390	210	230	240	135	130	70
195	150	80	300	240	370	220
165	195	320	60	95	345	170
305	210	170	320	200	130	135
365	265	225	335	225	70	150
235	150	210	150	45	220	50
145	55	160	175	50	290	85
270	185	290	190	80	220	80
260	175	225	175	70	195	45
285	225	225	175	115	240	115
445	355	235	525	470	190	340
230	130	50	300	175	265	130
185	115	55	300	170	310	155
370	275	235	320	210	75	140
200	135	130	220	105	245	50
100	245	105	190	435	230	
430	335	260	430	305	05	235
80	35	165	185	130	360	165
240	245	350	130	140	345	195
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100	165	195	105	325	140	
245	165	350	225	260	130	
105	195	230	120	375	190	
270	100	85	270	145	225	95
20	110	265	115	205	445	245
190	105	225	120	265	72	
435	335	290	375	255	200	
290	105	70	360	235	240	180
45	50	215	140	150	300	155
230	215	365	105	110	320	170
230	140	180	190	75	200	
315	245	80	430	305	315	255







1/24/69

1/27/69

3:24 - 3:26 AM APPROX. Recorded 3:27 <sup>Langley</sup> Field

30' wide X 100' Long, could have been  $\frac{1}{3}$  smaller depending on Altitude  
CIGAR (Bottom View) HALF ROUND - both ends

APPEARED to be metal with GLASS windows + lights

Less than 100 mph, even less than 50 I believe

100' to 150'

From SSE 160° banking left turn W 270°

Slow Forward with up + down Motion

SILVER, with Dim INCANDESCENT - Amber Color Lights

Loud VARYING SIMILAR to Electric motor OR TRANSFORMER UNDER A load

3 min. Sight AND Sound

Clear, but A foggy effect OR haze Around Lights. Both ON object AND mercury VAPOR YARD light

Good mileage to me UNKNOWN

? UNKNOWN to me

CIGAR Shaped object with lights on bottom moving IN AN up + down FORWARD motion (slow) towards the North direction MAKE A BANKING turn to west still with AN UP AND DOWN motion. HAD A ~~tail~~ + Tail same color

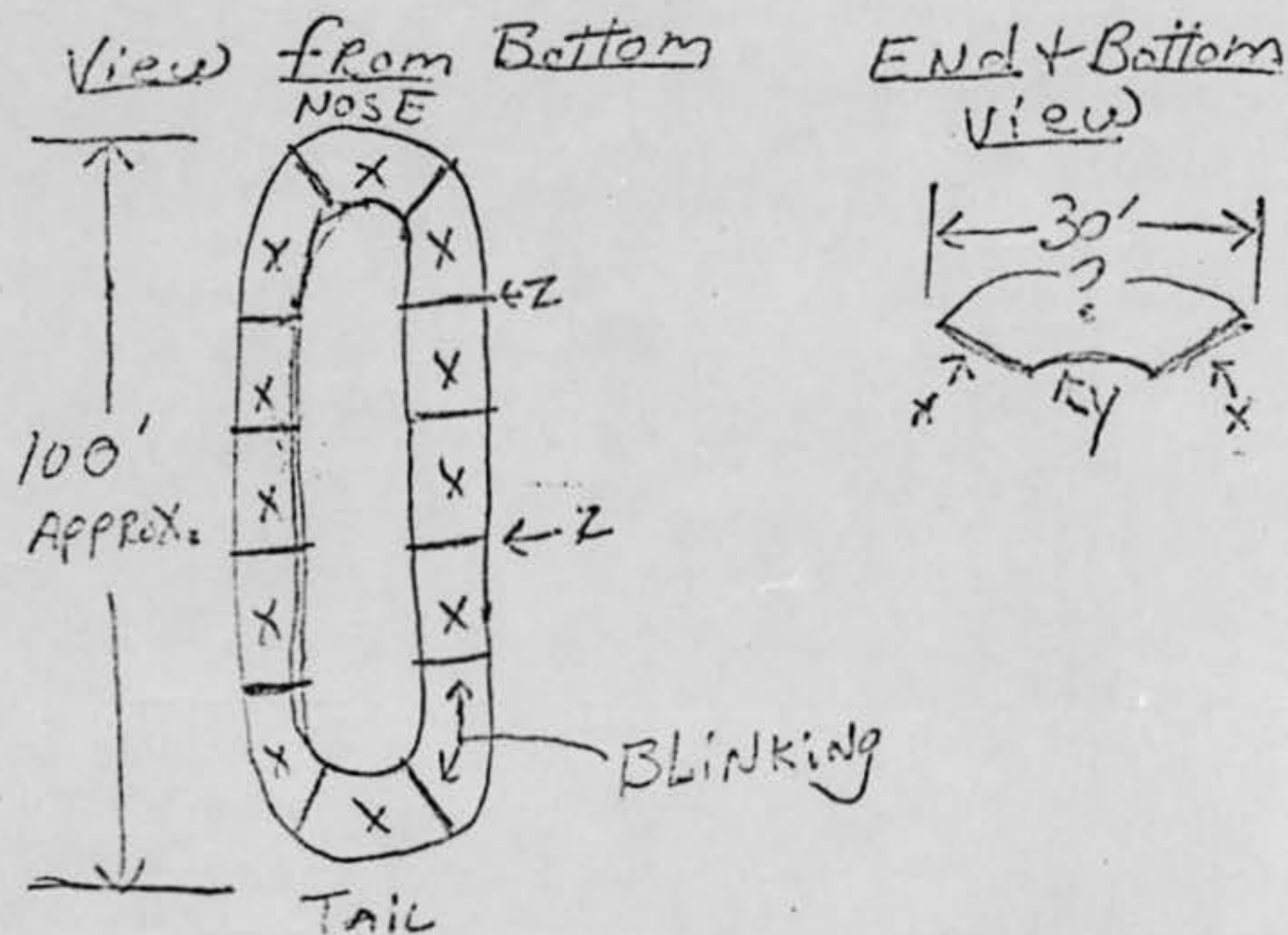
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yes, Friends + Hobbies

AIR FORCE

AS Rest of Lights, The Light was flashing AT A Steady beat AS WAS the Sound AND ALSO the UP AND down motion, But I Am Not Sure if they were Synchronized Although they were Very close to the SAME beat it APPEARED AND MAYBE they were.



- ① x Lighted Continously Also blinking end view
- ② NOSE AND TAIL IDENTICAL except for blinking light
- ③ ? Couldn't have ANY idea of Shape of top
- ④ y SILVER Shiny. This AREA AS SHOWN think but NOT SURE could be curved OUTWARD instead.
- ⑤ z All these dividers between windows

SIGHTING OF UFO AND IT'S SOUND by Roman K. Lupton 1-17-69

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I went to the bedroom window, lifted a venetian blind slat and looked in the direction of the sound for a few seconds before it came into sight (at 75° angles). As it was in view directly in front of the window and at a fairly high angle 45°. I asked my wife to come and look but the noise outside and my back being toward her must have kept her from hearing me since she did not get up to look out of the window.

I watched this object with lights all around the bottom move slowly forward with an up and down motion which was also slow, 30 mph varying not more than 25 feet up and down. It went forward over a yard light in my neighbors yard next door, a little further forward and started in a banking left turn with the same speed and motion as before. At this point the object seemed to tilt and turn instead of changing elevation except for this banking motion it was the same as it had been previously appearing to remain in the same rhythm. At this time as it was turning, the blinking light was the clearest and possibly could have been the first time I saw it. I'm not sure but it remained in a ~~banking~~ state until the object was out of sight.

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At this point it went out of sight. I said to my wife as I turned away from the window towards her "Did you hear that?" again louder and she replied "yes". She wanted to know what it was and I stated "It was a UFO". With the noise still in the background but getting fainter, I contacted the telephone operator in Smithfield, as I was telling her what I had heard and seen she stated "I think I can hear it" or "I can hear it" ..just to be sure...because I was wondering if this whole situation was a dream or nightmare ..I asked her "You can! are you sure?" she replied "Yes, I can hear it". During the time that I was speaking with the telephone operator the noise was deep in the background ... the noise ceased for perhaps 5 seconds or so and then recurred for a short time before going out of hearing distance. At this point I told the telephone operator that I should contact someone and notify them of this situation. I was trying to decide whether to notify law enforcement or the Air Force. I decided on the Air Force. I got her to get Air Force Langley Field, Hampton, Virginia. The operator answered for Langley and stated what needed to be done and he connected me to the airman who records UFO's and I again told him what I had seen and he wanted a description and I gave it to him.

When I returned to bed it was 3:30AM January 17, 1969. I had not noticed any weather conditions or if the moon or any stars were shining even though it had been plenty clear enough for me to see the unidentified object out of my window.

I had been unable to go back to sleep and just a little before 6:00AM the alarm clock went off and I got out of bed and made preparations for going to work. I related my experience of the night to the two members of my driving combinations - one from Portsmouth and one from Churchland - as we were driving to NASA on the morning of January 17, 1969 and they gave no reply. After I arrived at work I told my fellow workers - they seemed concerned and a good deal of discussion followed. I related my experience to ~~the Chief operator~~ and he in turn contacted the local newspaper. A reporter from the newspaper called me and I told him what I had seen and heard during the night. I also told him about my discussion with the telephone operator and what she had said to me during our telephone conversation. I was unable to get the name of the telephone operator I had talked to on January 17, 1969 however; after trying every day since January 19, 1969 I finally got an answer from the Chief operator on Wednesday evening January 22, 1969 - she said "I have had a talk at length with her and the only thing she could have possibly heard during the course of the night was the normal sound of an aircraft going over". I tried to tell her that the girl had stated different to me and that I would like to talk to her under any circumstances with any one present and get her name but she said "it would do no good" because she repeated the same thing over again just as if a briefing had gone on and that she had rehearsed her statement over and over.

On January 17, 1969 I wondered all day who else might have seen or heard what I had. When I got home I started looking for someone and was real discouraged in a way when I asked my neighbors next door. The wife stated "No" but she remembered her mother saying she had heard something. Sure enough the lady and her 3 year old granddaughter both had heard it. The lady stated "it had awakened the girl and both were frightened", but the lady did not look out of her window to see what was making the sound. She said that she wished she had. She said she would have had plenty of time to look. She wished she had since I saw what I did. She also stated that "it sounded as if it were coming through the roof". It sounded as if it was that low. I asked her what it sounded like and she explained to me fully that it had a varying sound and when it got to a point that she thought was directly over the roof it made a loud explosion and she didn't hear any more. This is something I did not hear (explosion).

Well, I still couldn't sleep that night either very well. I was up early and out - I asked directly and called on the phone a few neighbors to ask if they had heard or seen anything. Finally during the evening, January 18, 1969, I found another neighbor and she stated "yes" and that "the sound was loud and varying and it was coming from almost right on the roof top and it also frightened her four year old daughter, and she also was scared but now wishes she had looked.

Well, I discussed my problem with a couple of aeronautical engineers in the building in which I work and they were very interested and wanted me to explain everything to them. I did, I drew a picture on the blackboard and described its motion. I had thought quite a bit about the sound and knew



in my mind what it was like but had not tried to make it. Well, they questioned me about that so, I described it to them but would not try to make it at that time. Well, I went home and on the way home I practiced this noise. (January 20, 1969) I practiced until I thought I could make this noise well enough to imitate what I had heard. On January 21, 1969 I went to them and endeavored to imitate the sound of the flying object as I had heard it. I also learned on January 21, 1969 that an older couple in Carrolton had heard this unusual noise and I went to talk with them. They were convinced as I was that we had heard the same noise.. Taking a road map and drawing a direct line between Smithfield and Eclipse, Carrolton falls right on this straight line.

Well my story goes on.. I came to the conclusion that I was not going to find anyone else that had heard this noise when my neighbor asked me if I had asked someone who I had completely forgotten. I went and asked a lady and her son and the son stated he also had heard this noise. Today (1-21-69) my Sunday school teacher told me not to worry that I was not the only one who called Langley - that someone else heard the noise and called Langley and that they had given this person a rough time. I had told her previously (1-19-69) of my story and she evidently found this out during the week.

My conclusion to this story is that I saw and heard an unidentified flying object and I have reported it to the proper authorities. I hope my government will do research to discover satisfactorily an answer to this puzzle.

TDPF (UFO)/Lt Marano/sac/typed 7 Apr 69

7 APR 1969

UFO Sighting of 17 Jan 69 From Crittenden, Virginia

FAA  
Municipal Airport  
Norfolk, Virginia 23513

PIO  
U. S. Naval Air Station  
Norfolk, Virginia 23511

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Langley AFB ✓  
Hampton, Virginia 23365

PIO  
Fort Eustis  
Newport News, Virginia 23604

1. The Aerial Phenomena Branch is in receipt of a UFO sighting from Crittenden, Virginia (approximately 76° 30' longitude, 36° 55' latitude) for the early morning of 17 Jan 1969.
2. On 17 Jan 1969 at about 0324 hours EST, the observer stated that he sighted a cigar shaped object that produced a low pulsating sound similar to an electrical transformer or motor. The object was seen for approximately 2 minutes and disappeared toward the WNW.
3. Because the report is similar to past reports of helicopter activity, we would like to know if you had any helicopter activity in the area that could account for this sighting.

FOR THE COMMANDER

*[Signature]*  
 DIRECTOR QUINPANILLA, Jr, Lt Col, USAF  
 Chief, Aerial Phenomena Branch  
 Aerospace Technologies Division  
 Production Directorate

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER  
NORFOLK REGIONAL AIRPORT  
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA 23518



DATE: April 16, 1969

IN REPLY  
REFER TO: 7000/KJ

SUBJECT: UFO sighting of 17 Jan 69 from Crittenden, Virginia; Your memo  
of 7 April 1969

TO: Chief, Aerial Phenomena Branch  
Aerospace Technologies Division  
Wright-Patterson Air Force  
Base, Ohio 45433

In reply to the referenced memorandum concerning the subject, a review of our records did not reveal any reports of cigar shaped objects or unusual noises. For your information, flight progress strips and tape recordings are retained for a period of 15 days and then destroyed.

There is considerable helicopter activity in the Norfolk/Newport News area and it is possible helicopters could have been operating in the vicinity of Crittenden at the time of the reported sighting.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert P. Fletcher".

ROBERT P. FLETCHER  
Chief, Norfolk Tower



U. S. NAVAL AIR STATION  
Norfolk, Virginia 23511


In reply refer to  
Code AO  
3750/2/459  
25 APR 1969

From: Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Virginia 23511  
To: Commander, Headquarters Foreign Technology Division, Wright-Patterson  
Air Force Base, Ohio

Subj: UFO sighting of 17 Jan 1969 from Crittenden, Virginia

Ref: (a) Cdr, Hdqtrs, FTD, Wright-Patterson AFB ltr TDPT (UFO) of  
7 Apr 1969

1. Records of this Command were thoroughly screened for helicopter activity in the vicinity of Naval Air Station, Norfolk which could account for the sighting indicated in reference (a).
2. Negative helicopter activity was recorded in the vicinity of this Station.

  
O. J. DUSSIA  
By direction



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
U. S. ARMY TRANSPORTATION CENTER AND FORT EUSTIS  
FORT EUSTIS, VIRGINIA 23604

AHBE-10

16 April 1969

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting of 17 Jan 69 from Crittenden, Virginia


Lieutenant Colonel Hector Quintanilla, USAF  
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Branch  
Aerospace Technologies Division  
Production Directorate  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio - 45433

Dear Colonel Quintanilla:

In response to your letter of 7 April 1969, I have contacted the flight scheduling clerk, Mrs. Lurlene Martin, at Felker Army Airfield here concerning flight activities near Crittendon, Virginia on the night of 16-17 January 1969.

Mrs. Martin said that there were no Fort Eustis aircraft flying after 2130 hours, 16 January 1969, and flights did not resume until 0830 hours on 17 January 1969. She said that because of poor weather conditions, all helicopter flights were cancelled even earlier in the evening of 16 January 1969.

Thank you for your inquiry, but I am sorry that we can provide so little information concerning a possible UFO sighting. If we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

  
JOHN H. EVANS  
Major, TC  
Information Officer

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS 4500TH AIR BASE WING (TAC)  
LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, VIRGINIA 23365



REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: OI

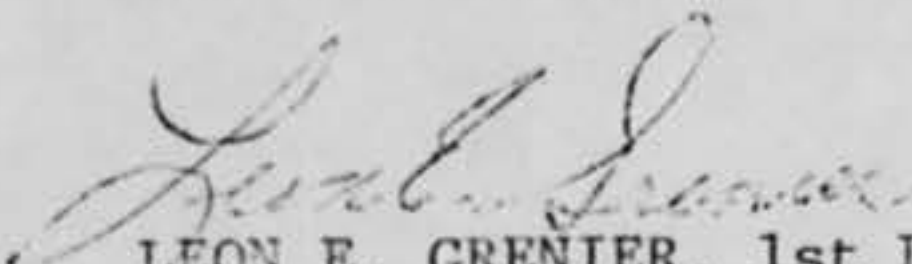
11 April 1969

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting of 17 Jan 69 from Crittenden, Virginia

to: Hq Foreign Technology Division (TDPT)

Langley had no helicopter activities on or around the 0324 EST time frame referenced in your letter dated 7 Apr 69, same subject.

FOR THE COMMANDER

  
LEON E. GRENIER, 1st Lt., USAF  
Chief, Information Division

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS 4500TH AIR BASE WING (TAC)  
LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, VIRGINIA 23365



REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: DOO-L (Lt Col Swansiger)

26 MAR 1969

SUBJECT: UFO's

SMC

TO: FID (TDETR)

Enclosed AF Form 117, UFO Sighting [REDACTED], is being forwarded to you for further study. Due to the proximity of Fort Eustis, the Norfolk Navy Air Station and Langley AFB, and after discussing this sighting with [REDACTED] I attempted to bring into focus the similarity between his UFO Sighting and a jet powered Helicopter. He was not receptive to this line of reasoning. In response to a card received the 19th of March 1969 from a Mr. [REDACTED], a civilian employee at Fort Eustis, Va., I phoned to discuss this sighting with him. He wanted an immediate statement as to any or all findings on Mr. [REDACTED] sighting. I informed [REDACTED] that I had no information to disclose and Mr. [REDACTED]'s questionnaire would remain on file to assist in evaluating other reports. Mr. [REDACTED] a firm believer in UFO's stated he would contact your office for a final answer on this sighting. Enclosed road map identifies observer's position and surrounding airfields/airports servicing the local area.

FOR THE COMMANDER

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Everett M. Worthington", is written over the typed name.

EVERETT M. WORTHINGTON, Lt Col, USAF  
Last Deputy Commander for Operations

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1. AF Form 117  
2. NICAP Form  
3. Post Card  
4. Road Map

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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 17 MONTH January YEAR 1969

2. WHAT TIME DID YOU FIRST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON?

HOUR 3 MINUTES 24  A.M.  P.M.

3. WHAT TIME DID YOU LAST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON?

HOUR 3 MINUTES 26  A.M.  P.M.

4. TIME ZONE

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

STANDARD

EASTERN

CENTRAL

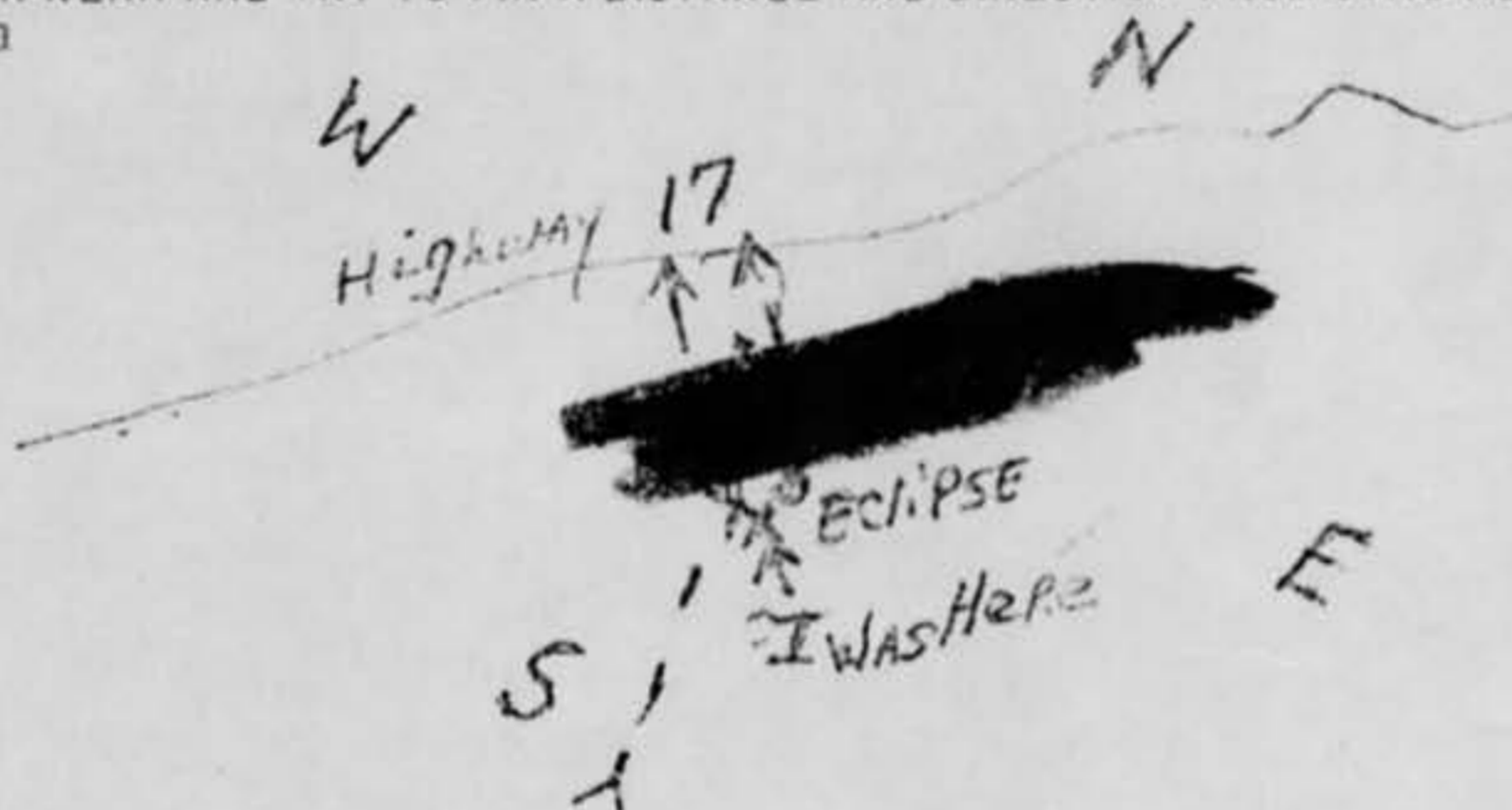
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PACIFIC

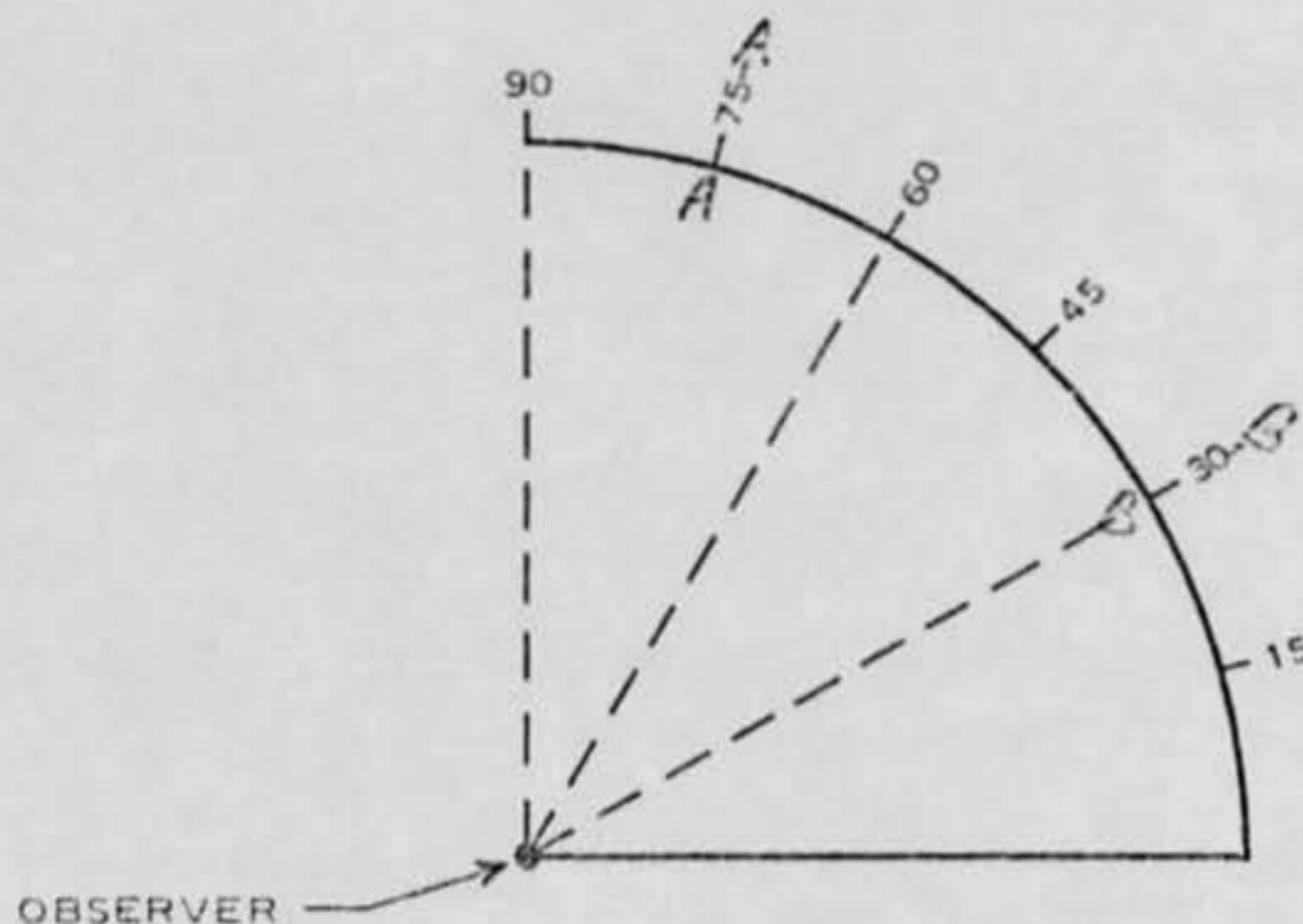
OTHER

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.

Eclipse, Virginia

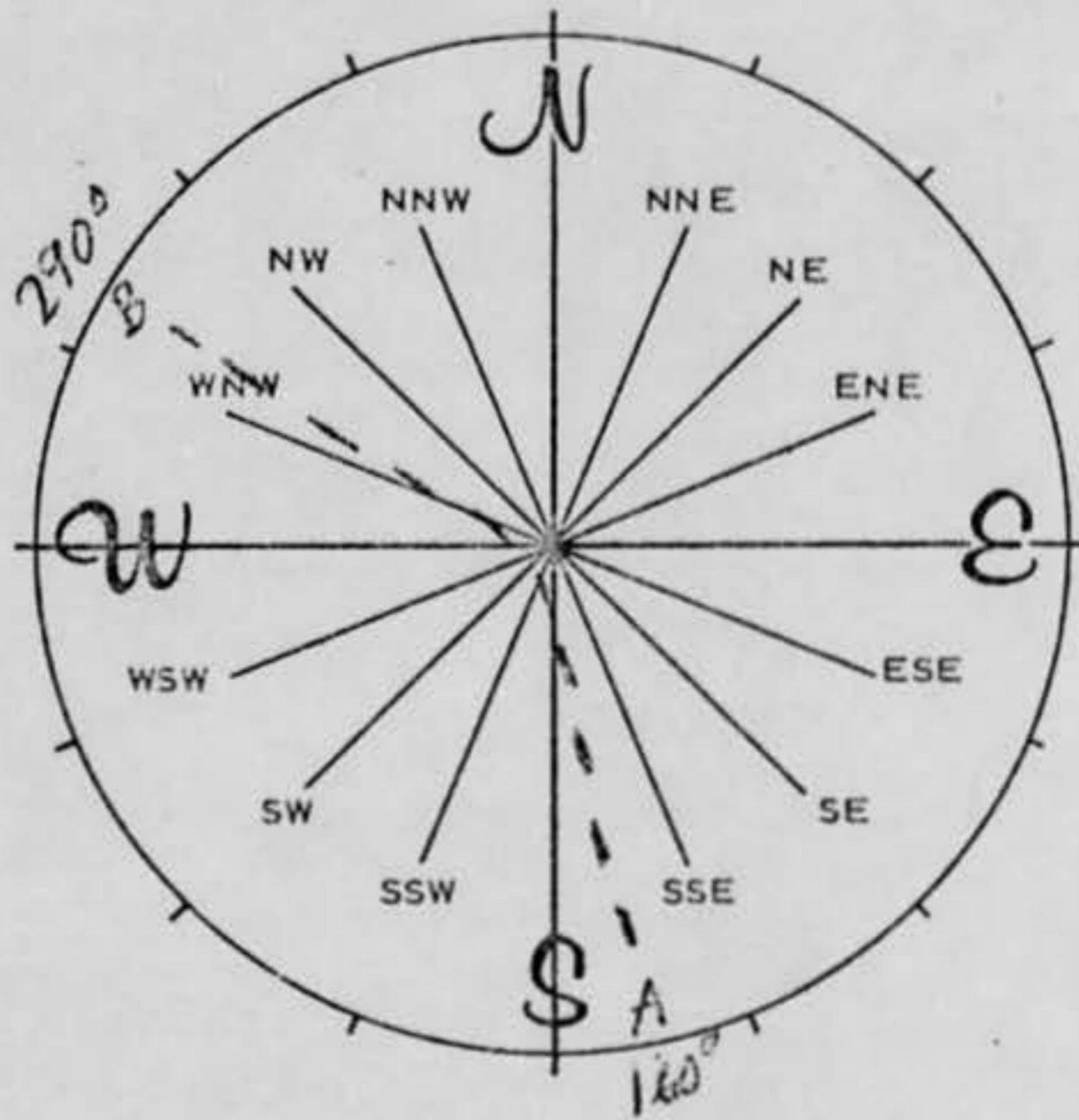


6. IMAGINE YOU ARE AT THE POINT SHOWN IN THE SKETCH, PLACE AN "A" ON THE CURVED LINE TO SHOW HOW HIGH THE PHENOMENON WAS ABOVE THE HORIZON, OR SKYLINE, WHEN FIRST SEEN. PLACE A "B" ON THE SAME CURVED LINE TO SHOW HOW HIGH ABOVE THE HORIZON THE PHENOMENON WAS WHEN LAST SEEN.

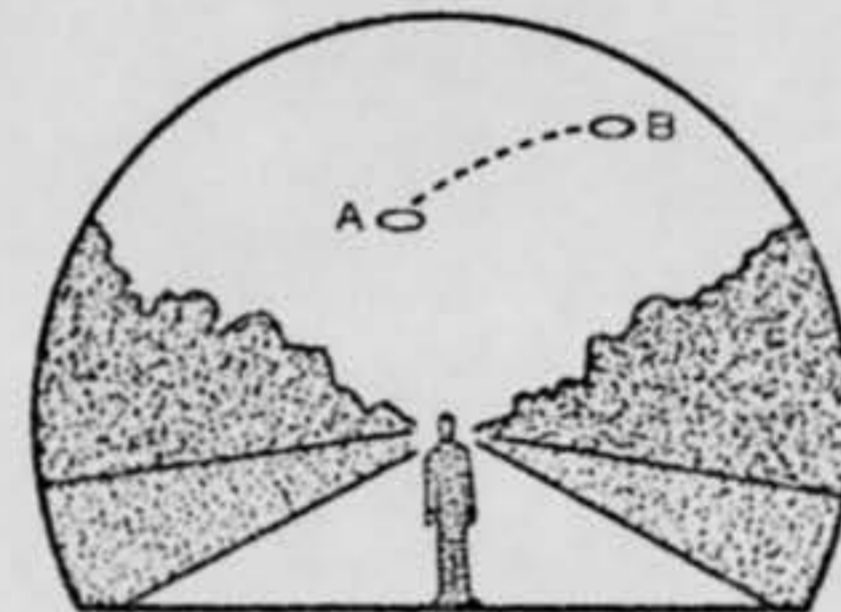
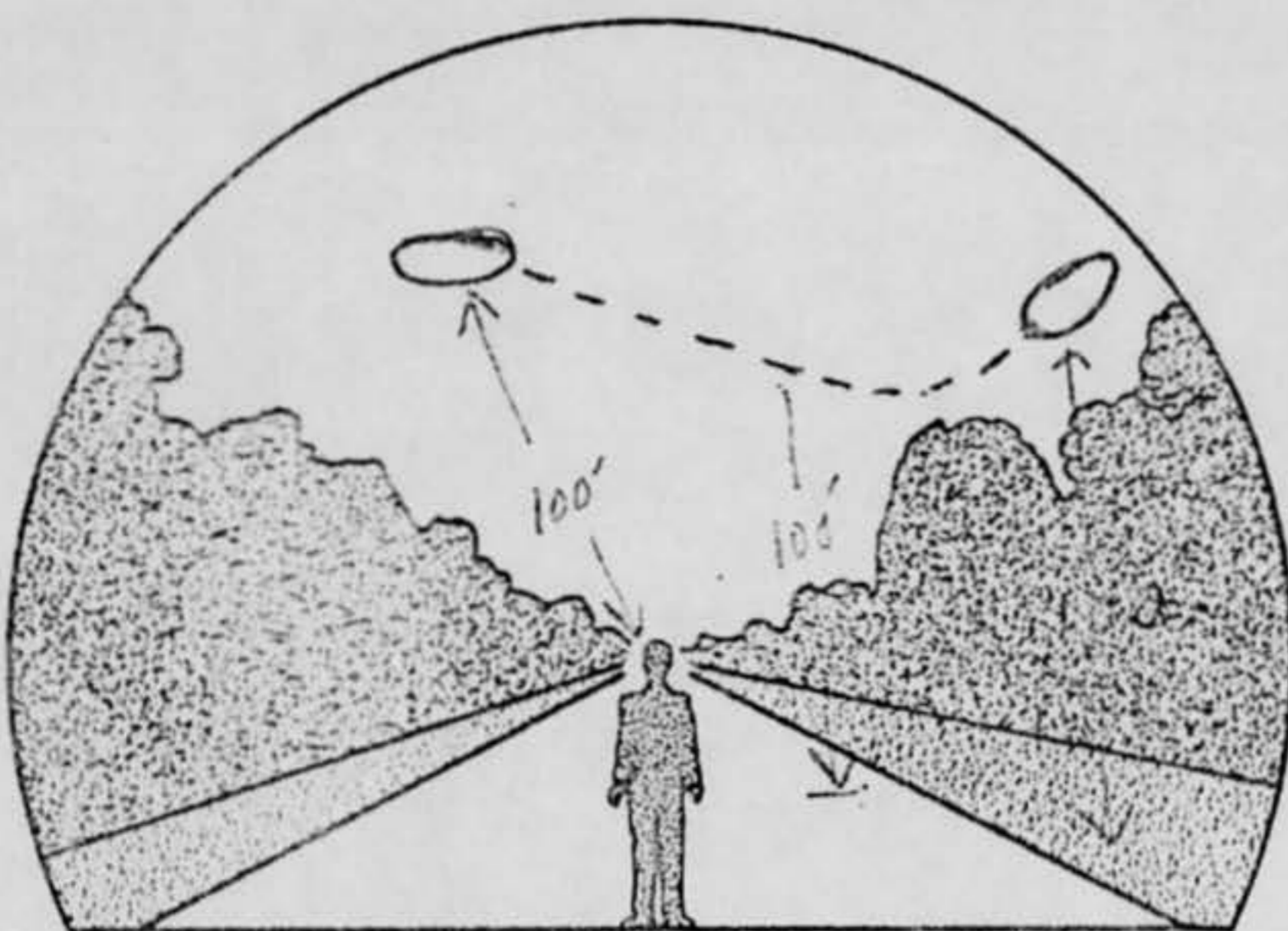




6A. NOW IMAGINE YOU ARE AT THE CENTER OF THE COMPASS ROSE. PLACE AN "A" ON THE COMPASS TO INDICATE THE DIRECTION TO THE PHENOMENON WHEN FIRST SEEN. PLACE A "B" ON THE COMPASS TO INDICATE THE DIRECTION TO THE PHENOMENON WHEN LAST SEEN.



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.



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8. WHERE WERE YOU WHEN YOU SAW THE PHENOMENON? (Check appropriate blocks.)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	OUTDOORS	<input type="checkbox"/>	IN BUSINESS SECTION OF CITY
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	IN BUILDING	<input type="checkbox"/>	IN RESIDENTIAL SECTION OF CITY
<input type="checkbox"/>	IN CAR <input type="checkbox"/> AS DRIVER <input type="checkbox"/> AS PASSENGER	<input type="checkbox"/>	IN OPEN COUNTRYSIDE
<input type="checkbox"/>	IN BOAT	<input type="checkbox"/>	NEAR AIRFIELD
<input type="checkbox"/>	IN AIRPLANE <input type="checkbox"/> AS PILOT <input type="checkbox"/> AS PASSENGER	<input type="checkbox"/>	FLYING OVER CITY
<input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER	<input type="checkbox"/>	FLYING OVER OPEN COUNTRY
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OTHER rural
A. IF YOU WERE IN A VEHICLE, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:			
WHAT DIRECTION WERE YOU MOVING?		HOW FAST WERE YOU MOVING?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	NORTH	<input type="checkbox"/>	EAST
<input type="checkbox"/>	SOUTH	<input type="checkbox"/>	WEST
<input type="checkbox"/>	NORTHEAST	<input type="checkbox"/>	SOUTHEAST
<input type="checkbox"/>	NORTHWEST	<input type="checkbox"/>	SOUTHWEST
		DID YOU STOP ANYTIME WHILE OBSERVING THE PHENOMENON?	
		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> 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? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> 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		<input type="checkbox"/>	CERTAIN OF TIME
90 seconds - 120 seconds		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FAIRLY CERTAIN
		<input type="checkbox"/>	NOT VERY SURE
		<input type="checkbox"/>	JUST A GUESS
HOW WAS TIME DETERMINED? By estimation and by looking at the clock as I was going to bed.			
WAS THE PHENOMENON IN SIGHT CONTINUOUSLY? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> 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.			

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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

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11. CONDITIONS (Check appropriate blocks.)

A. SKY		B. WEATHER	
<input type="checkbox"/>	DAY	<input type="checkbox"/>	CUMULUS CLOUDS (Low fluffy)
<input type="checkbox"/>	TWILIGHT	<input type="checkbox"/>	CIRRUS CLOUDS (High fleecy or Herring-bone)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NIGHT	<input type="checkbox"/>	NIMBUS CLOUDS (Rain)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CLEAR	<input type="checkbox"/>	CUMULONIMBUS CLOUDS (Thunderstorms)
<input type="checkbox"/>	PARTLY CLOUDY	<input type="checkbox"/>	HAZE OR SMOG
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMPLETELY OVERCAST	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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	
<input type="checkbox"/>	NONE	<input type="checkbox"/>	BRIGHT MOONLIGHT
<input type="checkbox"/>	A FEW	<input type="checkbox"/>	MOON WITH HALO
<input type="checkbox"/>	MANY	<input type="checkbox"/>	MOON HIDDEN BY CLOUDS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	UNKNOWN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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? NA

<input type="checkbox"/>	IN FRONT OF YOU	<input type="checkbox"/>	TO YOUR RIGHT
<input type="checkbox"/>	IN BACK OF YOU	<input type="checkbox"/>	TO YOUR LEFT
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	OVERHEAD (Near noon)
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	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.

Yard light (mercury vapor) 50 feet

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, reflected light in the area away from the lights (metal looking). This part looked solid. The windows looked to be semitransparent. Not real clear through them, but enough for light to glow through them.

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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	

*ONE LIGHT*

14. WHAT DREW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE PHENOMENON?

The very unusual and loud noise it was making.

A. HOW DID IT FINALLY DISAPPEAR?

The same way it appeared with a slow forward up and down motion except for when it was disappearing it made a left banking turn with the above motions.

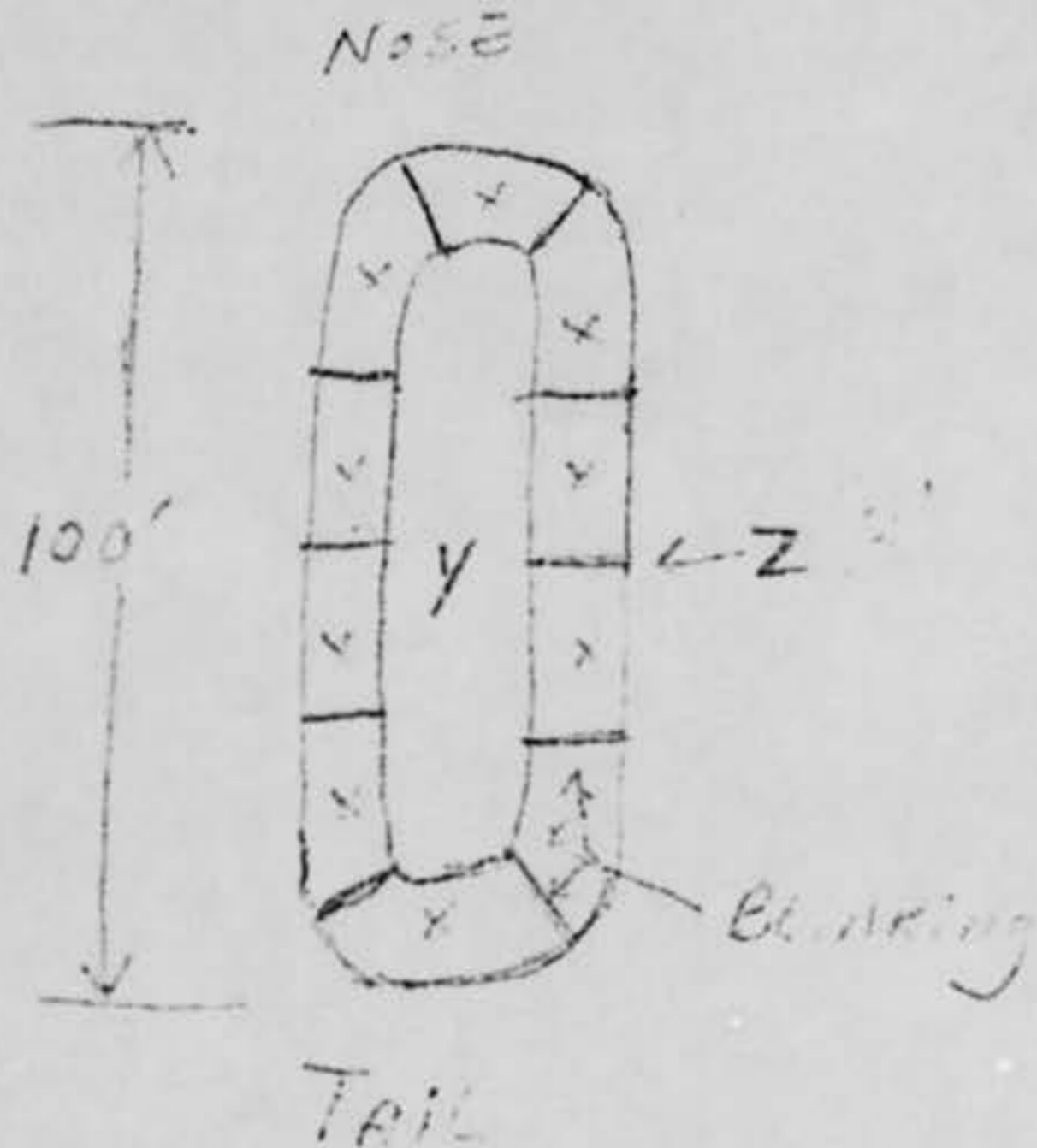
B. DID THE PHENOMENON MOVE BEHIND OR IN FRONT OF SOMETHING, LIKE A CLOUD, TREE, OR BUILDING AT ANY TIME?  
 YES  NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE.

Behind trees and houses as it was going out of sight.

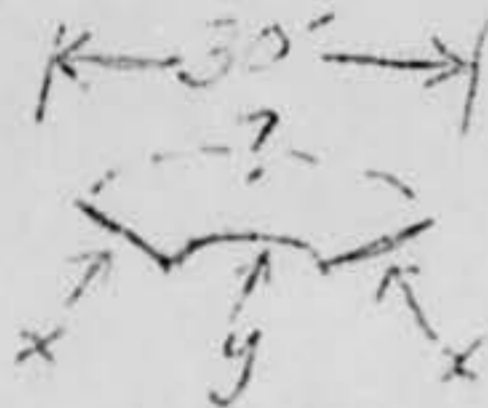
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15. DRAW A PICTURE THAT WILL SHOW THE SHAPE OF THE PHENOMENON. INCLUDE AND LABEL ANY DETAILS THAT MIGHT HAVE APPEARED AS WINGS OR PROTRUSIONS, AND INDICATE EXHAUST OR VAPOR TRAILS. INDICATE BY AN ARROW THE DIRECTION THE PHENOMENON WAS MOVING.

View from Bottom



End & Bottom View



- ① x Limited Continuously Also Blinking 2712 View
- ② Nose And Tail Identical except for Blinking Light.
- ③? Couldn't have any idea of SHAPE of TOP
- ④ y SILVER SHINY. This AREA AS SHOWN, think but NOT SURE could be Curved Outward instead
- ⑤ z All these dividers between windows

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.

~~1/200~~ of it the match would cover only a small area it was so close.