

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

DATE 9 Dec 58	LOCATION MADISON, WISCONSIN	12. CONCLUSIONS
TIME 9/1745CST 07/2345Z	1. TYPE OF OBSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon
2. SOURCE AF Pilots	<input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual	<input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Balloon
3. NUMBER OF OBJECTS four	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual	<input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
4. COURSE	<input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft
5. COMMENTS	<input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	<input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft
		<input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical
		<input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical
		<input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
		<input type="checkbox"/> Other
		<input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unknown

four bright lights were sighted at 6000' traveling approximately 400 mph. Observers chased the objects and passed them at 450 mph in a T-33 a/c. The a/c became low on fuel and landed at Traux Field.

([REDACTED]) S-R 10
Madison, Wisconsin

9 December 1952

I. Description of Incident

Four bright lights in diamond formation were sighted at 1745 by a captain and a lieutenant flying in a T-33 aircraft located south of Madison, Wisconsin. The pilots followed until they overtook the objects and continued following them until low on fuel at which point they returned to their base. At no time was a silhouette visible, even against the lights of Milwaukee. Visibility was almost unlimited with a broken cloud deck at 25,000 feet. The observing aircraft was at an altitude of 8,000 feet.

II. Discussion of Incident

Local radar was contacted to determine if they picked up the unidentified objects with negative results. The objects were traveling at a very high speed, excessive for weather balloons. The only possible explanation would center around aircraft in the area. To fit the speed of the object the aircraft would probably have to be in the jet category. There is no record of local or transient aircraft in the area. Furthermore, local radar was carrying the T-33 on its scope but had no return from the unidentified object. If the unknown was an aircraft it would have been evident on the scope.

III. Conclusion

Unknown

(Classification)

UNCLASSIFIED

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Country U.S.A.	Report No.	(Leave Blank)
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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

Subject Sighting of Unidentified Objects		
Area Reported On WAC 308 - Madison to Racine	From (Agency) 433rd FIS	433rd FIS
Date of Report 10 December 1952	Date of Information 9 December 1952	Truax Field Madison, Wisc.
Prepared by (Officer) Charles W. Youngson 2/Lt.	Source W. D. Bridges, Capt.	
References (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)		

Notes

Summary: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

Four unidentified objects were sighted by Capt. W. D. Bridges, AC2067480, and 1/Lt. J. E. Johnson, 20439A, assigned to the 433rd FIS, Truax Field, Madison, Wisc., while flying in T-33, TR-518912.

Four bright lights in diamond formation were sighted at 17:458 on 9 Dec 1952 at an approximate altitude of 8000 ft. heading 130°, estimated speed 400 mph. Position at sighting was about 10 miles south of Madison, Wisc. (WAC 308) (89°20'W-42°57'N). Pilots followed the objects at speed of 450 mph until about 10 miles NE of Janesville, Wisc. (88°55'W - 42°47'N) at which time the Pilots passed the objects - time 17:508. At this time Capt. Bridges called 753 ACW Sq. (Soapberry) and reported the sighting and following of the objects. Soapberry was unable to pick-up the objects on radar, but did have contact with the T-33.

Objects continued on a heading of 90° and Pilots followed until low on fuel. At 17:558, they broke away and landed at Truax Field at 18:008.

Point of break-away was about 10 miles west of Racine, Wisc. (88°00'W - 42°45'N). At no time was a silhouette visible, even against the lights of Milwaukee. Visibility was practically unlimited, with a ceiling of 25000ft. - broken - overcast.

Only visible object during the entire period of sighting were the four bright lights in diamond formation.

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8 miles in 10 min: 480MPH

John E. Johnson
1/Lt USAF
Charles W. Youngson
2/Lt USAF

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12/19/52

In reply refer to
AFOTIAA-5

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object

TO: Commanding Officer
43rd Fighter Interceptor Squadron
ATTN: Intelligence Officer
Truax Field
Madison, Wisconsin

1. With reference to your unidentified flying object report (FMICRAFT) of 9 December 1952, the Air Technical Intelligence Center requests the following additional information:

- a. Did the T-33 aircraft piloted by Capt W. D. Bridges and 1st Lt J. E. Johnson pass over, under, or around the four bright lights? At what estimated distance was the aircraft from the bright lights when it passed them?
- b. What color were the four bright lights?
- c. Does the "contact" which you refer to in paragraph 2 between the 755th AGMW Squadron and the T-33 aircraft refer to radio or radar contact? If the T-33 aircraft was painted on the radar scope, was the image clear and distinct or was it fuzzy and blurred?
- d. Did the four bright lights maintain the diamond formation constantly? Were the four bright lights always the same distance apart? Was there any apparent maneuvering or did they seem to fly straight and level at all times?
- e. Did the 755th AGMW Squadron attempt to pick up the unidentified flying objects even after the T-33 aircraft broke visual contact? If so, for how long and what were the results?

2. Inclosed you will find two U.S. Air Force Technical Information Sheets. The Air Technical Intelligence Center requests that you distribute these to Capt Bridges and Lt Johnson for completion and then return the sheets to this office along with your answers to paragraph 1.

1 Incl
Tech Info Sheets (2)

433rd Fighter-Interceptor Squadron
Truax Field
Madison, Wisconsin

7 Jan. 1952.

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects
In reply to AFOIN-ATIAA-5

TO: Robert E. Kennedy
Major, USAF
Air Adjutant General
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

1. With reference of your questions of letter dated 29, Dec. 1952, the following information is submitted.

a. The T-33 aircraft piloted by Capt. W. D. Bridges and 1st Lt. J. E. Johnson first passed the objects on their right hand side, then crossing over to their left hand side, flying level along side the objects. Then the T-33 went low to go under and pass in front of the objects. An estimated speed of 450 mph was required to pass in front of the objects, and then the T-33 crossed back behind the objects and followed them.

The estimated distance when the T-33 passed the objects was 1000 ft.

b. The color of the four lights was a very bright white.

c. The 755th AC&W Squadron had both radio and radar contact with the T-33. 755th AC&W Squadron reported it could paint the T-33 clear on radar, but could not paint the objects.

d. The four bright lights always remained the same distance apart in a diamond formation. Objects flew straight and level, but did turn from a Southeast heading to a East heading.

e. On talking with the 755th AC&W Squadron this morning, they stated that they tried to contact the objects for twenty minutes, with negative results after the T-33 broke contact.

2. The two U. S. Air Force Technical Information Sheets have been completed with Capt. W. D. Bridges. At the present time 1st Lt. J. E. Johnson is TDY at Maxwell, Ala, attending the Squadron Officer's Course. I interrogated Lt. Johnson on 10 Dec. 1952, and his statements were identical with those of Capt. Bridges.

3. An article appeared in the Wisconsin State Journal of Madison, Wisconsin on the morning of 10 Dec. 1952, of the sighting of four bright lights moving in the sky by a farmer, a World War II pilot, in the same general area and approximately the same time as the sightings by Capt. Bridges and Lt. Johnson.

Charles W. Youngson
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2nd Lt. USAF
Intelligence Officer

U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET
(SUMMARY DATA)

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NAME _____
(Please Print)

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CODE:

SIGNATURE _____

DATE 7 Jan 1953

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This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U. S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes, and will be regarded as confidential material. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that, if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object?

9 DEC 1952
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

17:45 5:45 PM
Hour Minutes

(Circle One): A.M. or (P.M.)

3. Time zone:

(Circle One): a. Eastern

(b) Central

c. Mountain

d. Pacific

e. Other _____

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving

(b) Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

ABOUT 10 MI. SOUTH MADISON, WISCONSIN
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks: FLYING IN T-33 - (TA-51-6912) ALTITUDE 3,000'

5. Estimate how long you saw the object. 00 10 00
Hours Minutes Seconds

5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.

(a) Certain

b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure

d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

(Circle One): a. Bright daylight

b. Dull daylight

c. Bright twilight

d. Just a trace of daylight

(e) No trace of daylight

f. Don't remember

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One): a. In front of you

b. In back of you

c. To your right

d. To your left

e. Overhead

f. Don't remember

8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS (Circle One):

- a. None
- ☒ b. A few
- c. Many
- d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON (Circle One):

- a. Bright moonlight
- b. Dull moonlight
- ☒ c. No moonlight — pitch dark
- d. Don't remember

9. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky?

(Circle One):

☒ a. Yes

b. No

c. Don't remember

10. IF it was BRIGHTER THAN the sky background, was the brightness like that of an automobile headlight?:

(Circle One) a. A mile or more away (a distant car)?

☒ b. Several blocks away?

c. A block away?

d. Several yards away?

e. Other _____

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- | | | | |
|---|-----|-------------------------------------|------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time? | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't Know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't Know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't Know |
| d. Give off smoke? | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness? | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't Know |
| f. Change shape? | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't Know |
| g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate? | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't Know |

12. Did the object move behind something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

Yes

☒ No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

it moved behind: _____

13. Did the object move in front of something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

Yes

☒ No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

it moved in front of: _____

14. Did the object appear:

(Circle One):

a. Solid?

b. Transparent?

☒ c. Don't Know.

15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

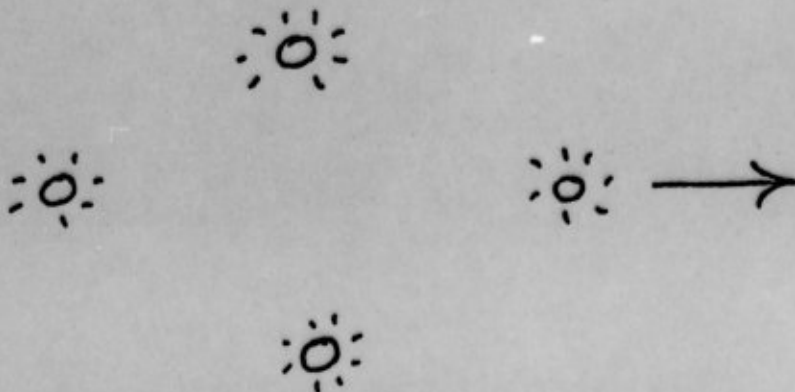
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|-----------------|--------------------------------------|----|----------------|-----|----|
| a. Eyeglasses | Yes | No | e. Binoculars | Yes | No |
| b. Sun glasses | Yes | No | f. Telescope | Yes | No |
| c. Windshield | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No | g. Theodolite | Yes | No |
| d. Window glass | Yes | No | h. Other _____ | | |

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

a. Sound NO SOUND

b. Color BRIGHT WHITE

17. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.



18. The edges of the object were:

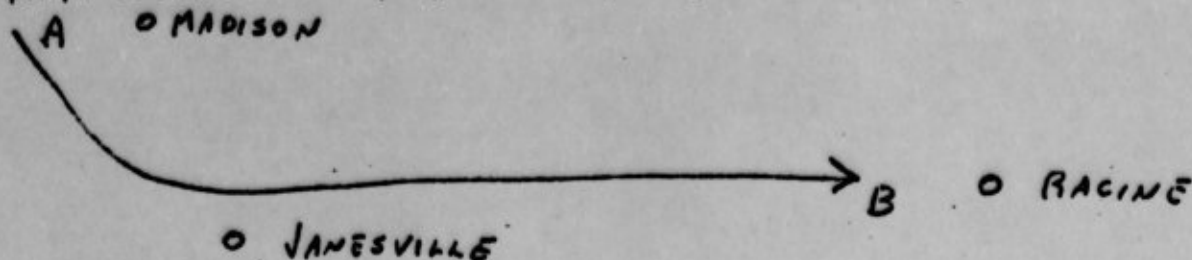
- (Circle One):
- a. Fuzzy or blurred
 - ☒ b. Like a bright star
 - c. Sharply outlined
 - d. Don't remember

e. Other _____

19. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? 4
 Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

(SAME 17. ABOVE)

20. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.



21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.
_____ feet. LIGHTS APPEARED TO BE 200' APART.

22. How large did the object or objects appear as compared with one of the following objects held in the hand and at about arm's length?

(Circle One):

- a. Head of a pin
- b. Pea
- ☒ c. Dime
- d. Nickel
- e. Quarter
- f. Half dollar

- g. Silver dollar
- h. Baseball
- i. Grapefruit
- j. Basketball
- k. Other _____

- 22.1 (Circle One of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22.

- a. Certain
- ☒ b. Fairly certain

- c. Not very sure
- d. Uncertain

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? T-33 BROKE CONTACT DUE
TO FUEL SHORTAGE.

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could construct the object that you saw. Of what type material would you make it? How large would it be, and what shape would it have? Describe in your own words a common object or objects which when placed up in the sky would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

UNKNOWN (NO SILHOUETTE WAS SEEN)

25. Where were you located when you saw the object?
(Circle One):

- a. Inside a building
- b. In a car
- c. Outdoors
- ☒ d. In an airplane
- e. At sea
- f. Other _____

26. Were you (Circle One)

- a. In the business section of a city?
- b. In the residential section of a city?
- c. In open countryside?
- d. Flying near an airfield?
- e. Flying over a city?
- ☒ f. Flying over open country?
- g. Other _____

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

PARACHUTE AN INSTRUMENT LET DOWN ON MARISON
OUTER MARKER.

28. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

28.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

- | | | | |
|--------------|---|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | c. East | e. South | g. West |
| b. Northeast | <input checked="" type="radio"/> d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

28.2 How fast were you moving? 400 miles per hour.

28.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One) Yes ☒ No

29. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object? (Circle One)

- | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|---|--------------|
| a. North | c. East | <input checked="" type="radio"/> e. South | g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the object? (Circle One)

- | | | | |
|--------------|--|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | <input checked="" type="radio"/> c. East | e. South | g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

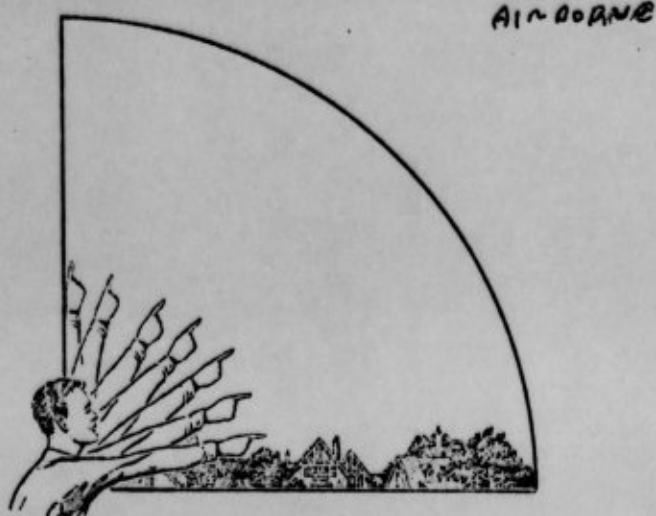
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 134 degrees.
- b. From horizon _____ degrees. SEEN FROM ABOVE

31.2 When it disappeared:

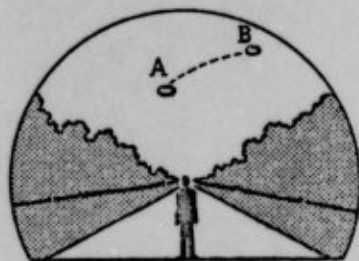
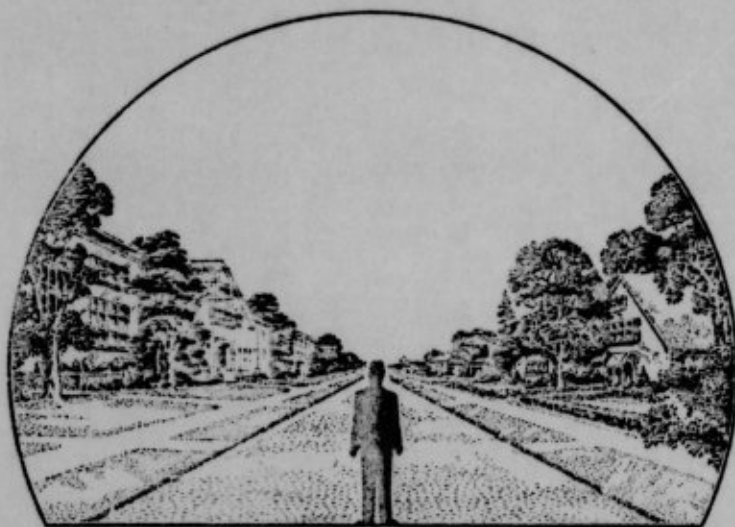
- a. From true North 090° degrees.
- b. From horizon 0° degrees.

32. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *last* saw it.



33. In the following larger sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you *first* saw it, and a "B" at its position when you *last* saw it. Refer to smaller sketch as an example of how to complete the larger sketch.

SAME AS ABOVE



34. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

34.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

- a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- ☒ c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds
- e. Don't remember

34.2 WIND (Circle One)

- a. No wind
- b. Slight breeze
- c. Strong wind
- ☒ d. Don't remember

34.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

- ☒ a. Dry
- b. Fog, mist, or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

34.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

- a. Cold
- ☒ b. Cool
- c. Warm
- d. Hot
- e. Don't remember

35. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

9 DEC 1952
Day Month Year

CALLED 755TH ACFT W SQDN
SHORTLY AFTER SIGHTING.

36. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One) ☒ Yes No

36.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One) ☒ Yes No

36.2 Please list their names and addresses:

[REDACTED]
MADISON, WISCONSIN

37. Was this the first time that you had seen an object or objects like this?

(Circle One) ☒ Yes No

37.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?

38. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

APPEARED TO BE SOME TYPE OF FORMATION
LIGHTS

39. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One)

Yes

No

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate?

375

m.p.h.

40. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One)

Yes

No

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was?

1000

feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Last Name

First Name

ADDRESS

MADISON

City

WISCONSIN

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

What is your present job?

AIRCRAFT PILOT USAF

Age

27

Sex

MALE

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school

e. e. Technical school

b. High school ✓

(Type)

c. College

f. Other special training AIR FORCE SCHOOLS

d. Post graduate

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

7

Day

JAN.

Month

1953

Year

1 - 15 DECEMBER 1952 SIGHTINGS

DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
Dec	St Augustine, Florida	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
1	Mitchel AFB, New York	Multiple	Astro (JUPITER)
4	Congaree AFB, South Carolina	Gd (RADAR)	Other (ELECTRONIC INTERFERENCE)
4	Colorado Springs, Colorado	[REDACTED]	A/C
4	Laredo AFB, Texas	[REDACTED]	Balloon
4	Tanana, Alaska	(Native)	Astro (METEOR)
6	USSR (ATIC Document)(Probable Meteor Showers)(INFO)	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
6	Bitburg, Germany	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
6	Angeon, Alaska	[REDACTED]	Astro (VENUS)
6	McGuire AFB, New Jersey	Military (Gd & Air)	Other (Radar Analysis)
6	Gulf of Mexico	Military Air (RADAR)	
8	Indian Ocean (H.O. Bulletin)(INFO)	Meteor Report	
8	Ladd AFB, Alaska	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
9	Madison, Wisconsin	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
10	Pope AFB, South Carolina	[REDACTED] (RADAR)	Weather Inversion
10	Odessa, Washington	[REDACTED] (RADAR)	Balloon
		Air Visual	
10	Ladd AFB, Alaska	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
10-12	Greenland (CARD MISSING)	Military	Other (CONTRAILS)
11	Karachi, Pakistan	Not Stated	Insufficient Data
11	Woodland Hills, California	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
11	Leonardo, New Jersey (CARD MISSING)	[REDACTED]	A/C
12	London, England	Not Reported	Insufficient Data
12	McGuire AFB, New Jersey	[REDACTED]	A/C
12	Los Alamos, New Mexico	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
14	Southern Japan	Military	Astro (CANOPUS)
14	Charlottesville, Virginia	[REDACTED]	Other (Debris in Air)
15	Honshu, Japan (CARD MISSING)	Ground (RADAR)	
15	Hartsville, South Carolina	Military Air	
	Greensboro, North Carolina	Military Air	
15	Goose AFB, Labrador	[REDACTED]	1. Visual: Astro (VENUS)
		Ground/Air (RADAR)	2. Radar: Probable (RADAR MALFUNCTION)

ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

DATE	LOCATION	SOURCE	EVALUATION
Dec	Chicago, Illinois	[REDACTED] (164)	
Dec	North Hollywood, California	Ltr	
8	Indian Ocean	News Report	
15-16	North Pacific	News Report	