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ADC FOR ADDIN. AFSC FOR FTD. HQ USAF FOR AFNIN. OSAF FOR SAFOI.

SUBJ: UFO REPORT. FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM INDIANAPOLIS
CENTER AT 0040Z 3 MAY 66: PILOT OF BRANIF 707 FLIGHT 42, EASTBOUND
ON JET 6, ALTITUDE 33000 FEET, TRUE AIRSPEED 500 KTS CALLED INDIAN-
APOLIS CENTER TO REPORT A UFO SIGHTING NEAR NEWCOMB, KENTUCKY.
SIGHTED A BRIGHTLY LIGHTED OBJECT TRACKING ALONG WITH HIM, AT OR
ABOVE HIS ALTITUDE. THVSRYXCELLS VERY INTENSE. THE OBJECT TRACKED

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ALONG WITH HIM FOR A SHORT WHILE AND THEN BROKE SHARPLY TO THE LEFT,
UP AND OVER THE AIRLINER AND DISAPPEARED TO THE SOUTHWEST AT A VERY
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HIGH RATE OF SPEED. THE HIGH ALTITUDE CONTROLLER AT INDIANAPOLIS
CENTER, MR. [REDACTED] OBSERVED THE OBJECT ON HIS RADAR SCOPE AS
IT TRACKED THE AIRLINER FOR APPROXIMATELY 15 MILES. HE ALSO
OBSERVED THE OBJECT MAKE BREAKAWAY TO THE LEFT AND DISAPPEAR TO
THE SOUTHWEST. THERE WAS NO IFR TRAFFIC CARRIED ON THE CENTER
BOARDS AT THIS TIME. AN AMERICAN AIRLINE PILOT, 20 MILES BEHIND
THE BRANIFF AIRCRAFT SAW THE LIGHTS AND TURNED HIS LANDING
LIGHTS ON FOR ID. REPORT RECEIVED BY TELECON FROM MR. AGNESS,
INDIANAPOLIS CENTER WATCH SUPERVISOR. THE BRANIFF FLIGHT TERMINATES
AT DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, THEREFORE RECOMMEND INVESTIGATION
RESPONSIBILITY BE ASSUMED BY AFNIN.

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PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 4 May 66 04/0840Z	2. LOCATION Charleston, W. Va. (Jet Route # 6) (Multiple)
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Aircraft (Landing Lights)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 - 4 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Airplane crew reported observing unidentified object which was above plane and descending at about a twenty degree angle. Object painted on radar for several minutes. Additional aircraft crew saw object which appeared to them as an airplane, at some distance 6 - 8 miles, who turned on his landing lights. Object did not appear on 2nd airplane's radar.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Air Visual	
7. COURSE NE	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

May 6, 1966

Dear Sirs:

This is an account of what transpired on the morning of May 4, 1966.

I was the radar controller at the Charleston W. VA. high altitude sector in the Indianapolis Air Route Traffic Control Center.

At approximately 3:40 A.M. a Braniff 543 called me on frequency and asked if I had any traffic for his flight at eight-thirty to nine-o'clock his position. I looked on the radar scope and saw a fast moving target to the left of Braniff 543 at the advised position. I advised that I did have a target and it was no known traffic. I told 543 to stand-by while I checked with my low-altitude sector to see if they had anyone. He advised that would not be necessary because the object was above him and descending at about a twenty degree angle. Braniff 543 was at 33,000 ft.

Braniff 543 called again and stated ^{the} object was not an aircraft, was fast moving and very bright and was now in a sharp left turn.

At this time I also observed the target turning at a high rate of speed.

American 90 then came on the frequency and asked Braniff 543 if he had his landing lights on. 543 advised that he did not. American 90 was twenty miles behind Braniff and at 37,000 ft. (I assume American 90 also had this bright object in sight.)

For confirmation I asked Braniff 543 if the object was fast moving and never quite got to his nine o'clock position. Braniff 543 replied in the affirmative and stated that the object didn't look like ~~an~~ ^{any} aircraft and was very bright in color.

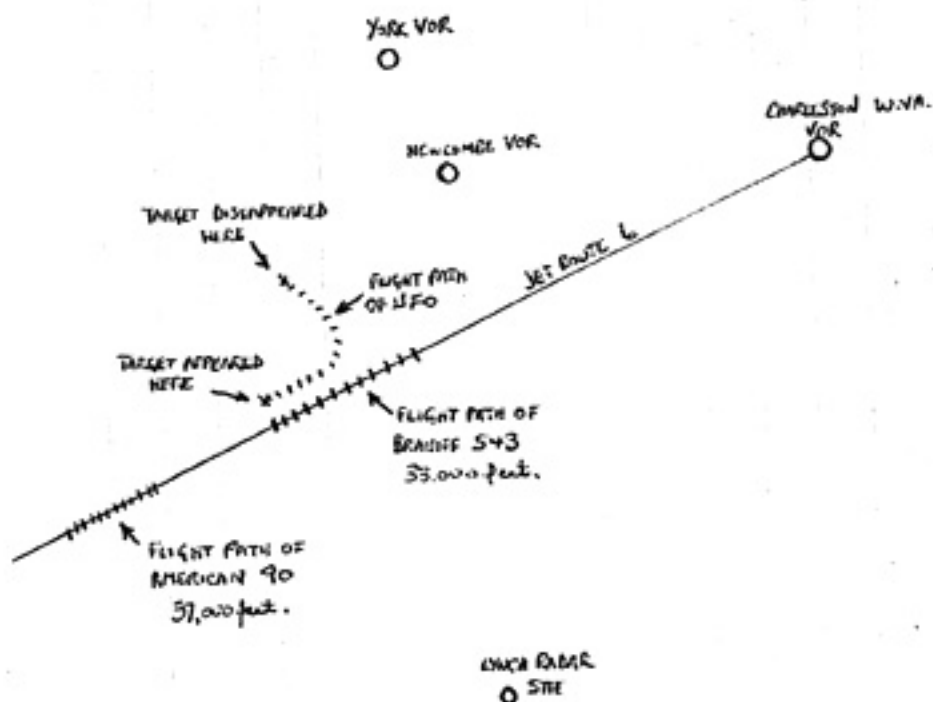
I would estimate the object was traveling at about 750 to 800 miles an hour. The object was parallel to the Braniff for about ten miles and then made a turn of about 110 degrees to the left. The target faded about five miles after rolling out of the turn.

Braniff 543 was later asked by Washington Center by Indianapolis Center request what color the object was. Braniff said it was a brilliant white changing to blue.

Sincerely,



Note: Diagrams enclosed.



U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION

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. 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?

4 Day MAY Month 66 Year

2. Time of day: 03 Hour 40 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?

Nearest Postal Address

City or Town

State or County

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration)

3 or 4 minutes
Hours Minutes Seconds

a. Certain

b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure

d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined? _____

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes ✓ No _____

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY
a. Bright
b. Cloudy

NIGHT
a. Bright
b. Cloudy

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, 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, 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. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

CLOUDS (Circle One):

- a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds

WEATHER (Circle One):

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

10. The object appeared: (Circle One):

- a. Solid
- b. Transparent
- c. Vapor
- d. As a light
- e. Don't remember

11. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? (Circle One):

- a. Brighter
- b. Dimmer
- c. About the same
- d. Don't know

11.1 Compare brightness to some common object:

landing lights of airplane

12. 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 _____

13. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- | | | | |
|---|-----|----|------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time? | Yes | No | Don't know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | Yes | No | Don't know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | Yes | No | Don't know |
| d. Give off smoke? | Yes | No | Don't know |
| e. Change brightness? | Yes | No | Don't know |
| f. Change shape? | Yes | No | Don't know |
| g. Flash or flicker? | Yes | No | Don't know |
| h. Disappear and reappear? | Yes | No | Don't know |

14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how?

15. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes No Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what
it moved behind: _____

16. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes No Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what
in front of: _____

17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

a. Sound _____

b. Color _____

18. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head?

19. 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.

20. 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? _____

21. 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? _____

22. 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 (type) _____
- e. At sea
- f. Other _____

23. 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. Near an airfield?
- e. Flying over a city?
- f. Flying over open country?
- g. Other _____

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

24.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

- | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | c. East | e. South | g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

24.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

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

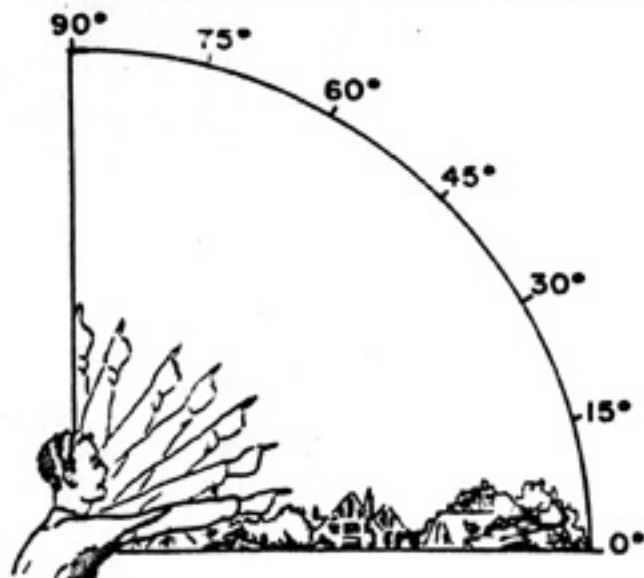
(Circle One) Yes No

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

- | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|----|----------------|-----|----|
| a. Eyeglasses | Yes | No | e. Binoculars | Yes | No |
| b. Sun glasses | Yes | No | f. Telescope | Yes | No |
| c. Windshield | Yes | No | g. Theodolite | Yes | No |
| d. Window glass | Yes | No | h. Other _____ | | |

26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, 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.

27. 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. Place an "A" on the compass when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the compass where you *last* saw the object.



28. 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.

29. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? _____

Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

30. Have you ever seen this, or a similar object before. If so give date or dates and location.

31. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object? (Circle One) Yes No

31.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too? (Circle One) Yes No

31.2 Please list their names and addresses:

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

Street

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

AGE

SEX

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any special experience, which might be pertinent.

airline pilot for 25 yrs.

33. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?

Day

Month

Year

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

30 June 66
Day Month Year

35. Information which you feel pertinent and which is not adequately covered in the specific points of the questionnaire or a narrative explanation of your sighting.

Dear Major:

I did not place any significance to the incident, and to me it only appeared to be an airplane at some distance, say 6 or 8 miles who turned on his landing lights. And kept them on for 3 or 4 minutes, then turned them off.

I asked the radar operator if he had a target at my 9 or 10 o'clock position, he replied that he did not have, and I said "well there's one there alright". I had no idea, he was going to turn in a UFO report. I thought nothing further of it. I presumed it was the airforce refueling. I have noticed that they turn on lights for long periods of time when I have been informed that air refueling operations were in progress.

I still think it was just an airplane with his landing lights on.

Respectfully,

Capt. Cascan Allen

Bricken Case

- 1) Called Mr. [REDACTED]

There were 3 distinct objects on scope -
No photo was obtained.

Near York, Kentucky -

Radar sighting from Lynch, Ohio

- 2) Requested written report from [REDACTED]

- 3) Letters to airlines trying to locate pilots
of Braniff & A.A. flights.

4 May 66

TDEW

Name of Observer for 4 May 1966 Sighting

MAY 13 1966

Braniff Airlines
O'Hare International Airport
Chicago, Illinois 60666

1. Our office has been delegated by the United States Air Force to investigate unidentified flying objects. We have a UFO report which indicates that a Braniff Airlines Pilot observed an object on 4 May 1966. The information which we received was not sufficient for evaluation. The following is all the information we have regarding flight, time, location, etc:

a. Braniff 543 (or Braniff 707 flight 42) at approximately 0340 hours, 4 May 1966, while at 33,000 ft. altitude on Jet Route #6, near Lynch Radar Site and Charleston, West Virginia observed an object.

2. If you could provide us with the pilot's name and where he may be located it would aid in our evaluation of the sighting. Any information which you may be able to provide will be appreciated. This may be forwarded to:

FTD (TDEW)
Attn: Major Hector Quintanilla, Jr
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

E. J.
ERIC T. de JONCKHEERE, Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology and Subsystems

COORDINATION:

ORIGINATOR: *H. Quintanilla, Jr.* DATED *17 May 66*
TDEW/UFO *Ma H Quintanilla, Jr*

M. H. Perkins DATED *17 May 66*
TDEW



AMERICAN AIRLINES

LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
LOS ANGELES, CALIF. 90009 • MADISON 5-7241
CABLE ADDRESS ANAIAH

May 25, 1966

Col. Eric T. deJonckheere
Department of the Air Force
AFSC
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

Dear Col. deJonckheere:

With reference to your letter of May 18, the crew of our
Flight 90 on the day in question consisted of Captain [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] First Officer [REDACTED] and Flight Engineer [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Their home addresses are listed below:

[REDACTED] d
[REDACTED]
Venice, Calif.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Ventura, Calif.

[REDACTED]
Camarillo, Calif.

Very truly yours,

T. M. Melden

T. M. Melden
Manager-Flight

TMM/jf

BI**MEMO**

TO Major Hector Quintanilla, Jr.
FROM Regional Flight Manager-Southern Region
DATE June 7, 1966
SUBJECT Name of Observer for May 4, 1966, Sighting

Capt. [REDACTED] was the Captain of Flight 542 of May 4th. He reported a sighting to ATC at the time of observation.

His address is: [REDACTED], Naples, Texas. 75568

[REDACTED]

SEA:sp

BRADIFF INTERNATIONAL

EXCHANGE PARK, DALLAS, TEXAS 75235

6 July 66

Attempt to locate aircraft in area of Eastern Kentucky at about 0340 EST
4 May 66.

From
AR 315 (PROP WASH)

160th ARG Clinton County AFB, O. Negative

Oil Burner-Orange Tree

17th BW WPAFB, Ohio Negative

5TH A.F. Westover AFB

call ex 2440

FTD (TDEW)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433
7 June 1966

First [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Ventura, California 93003

Dear First Officer [REDACTED]


We are in receipt of an unidentified flying object report which indicates that you observed an object on 4 May 1966. The information which we received was not sufficient for evaluation.

The information which we have received states that an American GO observed an unidentified object at approximately 0340 hours, 4 May 1966, while at 37,000 ft. altitude on Jet Route #6, near Lynch Radar Site and Charleston, West Virginia.

To aid in our evaluation we would appreciate your completing the attached FTD Form 164 and returning it in the envelope provided.

I wish to thank you for any information which you are able to provide.

Sincerely,


HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Major, USAF
Chief, Project Blue Book