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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.

(See cover letter)

1. Name **Alex Donald Chisholm**) *not*
Address **21950 Cunningham Warren, Michigan**
Telephone **SL 8-6110**
Place of Employment **Chrysler Corporation typewriter**
Occupation **part-time student, mechanic**
Education **grade school, high school, and**
Special Training **several yrs of trade techni**
Military Service **cal.**

2. Date of Observation **August 14, 1958** Time **day AM** **PM 7:05** Time Zone

3. Locality of Observation **West, North west of Southern Michigan area**

4. How long did you see the object? Hours **15** Minutes Seconds

5. Please describe weather conditions and the type of sky; i.e., bright daylight, nighttime, dusk, etc. **Absolute clear ether at approximately 2 hours before sundown.**

6. ^{we} Position of the Sun or Moon in relation to the object and to you. **Sun was in the west horizon, the slanting rays shone on the object. Moon was in its last quarter but not visible.**
^{if seen at night, twilight, or dawn, were the stars or moon visible?} **At that time, with clear weather conditions, it was absolutely impossible to sight any stars or the moon.**

8. Were there more than one object? **no** If so, please tell how many, and draw a sketch of what you saw, indicating direction of movement, if any. **outward, sketch indicates direction of flight, structure et**

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. **At first appearance, it appeared as a bright star, and yet too close to be one or a planet. Through field glasses it appeared metallic**

10. Was the object(s) brighter than the background of the sky? **Through the naked eye-yes, under field glasses- it appeared as a luminous metallic object.**

11. If so, compare the brightness with the Sun, Moon, headlights, etc.

It was much brighter than the moon.
(Please elaborate, if you can give details.)

12. Did the object(s) —

- a. Appear to stand still at any time? **Yes, first sighting indicated it was motionless**
- b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? **Yes, after a period of time**
- c. Break up into parts or explode? **No**
- d. Give off smoke? **no**
- e. Leave any visible trail? **no**
- f. Drop anything? **no**
- g. Change brightness? **no**
- h. Change shape? **yes, movement displayed its true structure.**
- i. Change color? **no**

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.

yes, four army air craft of World War II vintage interceded between us and the object.

14. Was there any wind? **no** If so, please give direction and speed.

15. Did you observe the object(s) through an optical instrument or other aid, windshield, windowpane, storm window, screening, etc? **yes** What? **Japanese 8 x 30 regulation army field glasses.**

16. Did the object(s) have any sound? **no** What kind? How loud?

17. Please tell if the object(s) was (were) —

- a. Fuzzy or blurred. **somewhat while in motion**
- b. Like a bright star. **yes, on first sighting**
- c. Sharply outlined. **yes**

18. Was the object —

- a. Self-luminous? **indiscernible**
- b. Dull finish? **no**
- c. Reflecting? **yes**
- d. Transparent? **detailed later**

19. Did the object(s) rise or fall while in motion? **yes, movement was indicated**

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

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| a. Pinhead | d. Nickel | g. Orange |
| b. Pea | e. Half dollar | h. Grapefruit |
| c. Dime x | f. Silver dollar | i. Larger |

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 appearance of four high flying army aircraft, traveling straight north.**

22. Where were you and what were you doing at the time? **Observing from my residence here in Warren, Michigan. Revolved in a spiraled movement to a 2:00 position**

23. How did the object(s) disappear from view? **then dipped to a 8:00 position, during the 8:00 position it revealed its outline**

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

Nothing incomparable.

25. Were there any conventional aircraft in the location at the time or immediately afterwards? If so, please elaborate. **yes, the four military planes, they were of the two motored type**

26. Please estimate the distance of the object(s). **approximately 75 to 200 miles out.**

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



28. Names and addresses of other witnesses, if any. **Mr Walter Mollanion, 22000 Cunningham, Warren,**

29. **Michigan** 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? **yes, Selfridge Field Nike Bases, Chrysler Missile, Ordinance manufacturer V. Dyke ave.**

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. **no**

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. **none available**

Yes, O.D. at Selfridge on August 18, 1958 and Air co. of operations at Selfridge Were you asked or told not to reveal or discuss the incident? If so, were any reasons or official orders mentioned? Please elaborate carefully. **not especially, although airforce regulation specifies not for**

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: **23 August 1958** Signature:

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As I mentioned in my previous report, I observed this object on the afternoon of August 18, 1958 at approximately, if not precisely 7:05 in the west by north-west part of the sky. The object shone with intense brilliance when first sighted, however, observed through the aid of the Japanese military type field glasses (8 x 30) revealed a gray, light gray metallic sphere or cylindrical object incircled by a ringed type of structure. My first observation of the object, of course, mentioned before, was the proximity of the four high flying military type of aircraft. They were of the World War II vintage aircraft traveling at an extreme altitude due north.

All told, the object was visible for about 10 minutes, some of this time I consumed in notifying my neighbor, obtaining my field glasses and orienting them upon the object. In respects to distance of the object and the aircraft, I'd say there was no significance, since it was ideal flying conditions, and it was almost at the end of the day, there were a number of civilian, and military aircraft in the vicinity prior to, during and after the appearance of the object. We must remember that the time was 7:05, therefore, it is conceivable that there would naturally be a number of civilian aircraft in the vicinity, for instance, private contractors, business executives and the like returning from different points of interest after completing the day. But taking a perspective of the location of the object, distance of all the aircraft etc., I would say there was no significance in relation of the object's appearance and the aircraft.

I contacted my neighbor (Walter Molanion-22000 Cunningham, Warren, Mich) who instructed his small daughter also to observe the bright object in the sky. At arms length the object appeared to be the size of a dime. After being somewhat motionless for about 10 minutes, it arced to a 2 o'clock position banked around in, while it was moving out at the same time, to a 8 o'clock position. It was at this position that the object appeared as an elongated line with a bubble in the center. It had a majestic movement and definitely suggested that of being something artificial to nature, in other words, manufactured.

No mention of this was made in the local news, I contacted the Astronomy departments of Wayne U. and the University of Detroit, Michigan the following day. The University of Detroit has no astronomy department, Wayne's Instructor was on vacation and the secretary on duty vaguely mentioned that someone else had mentioned sighting an object at a different time during the week-of course this is the natural comment of the nature of a woman. I mention this because, my neighbor sought to arrest the attention of his wife and she was indifferently interested in it-the children were demanding attention and the favorite television program was in progress.

As I mentioned, I've listened to newscast and no mention was made of anyone sighting the foreign object. The airforce at Selfridge treated the incident as a facetious incident in their regular routine of planning flight operations and base operations. Likewise, the local newspaper (The Tri-City Progress) reported that no one sighted the object. They made no mention of the fact, as of yet.

To summarize this report, I would make some suggestions, some of which I note you have already at one time or another suggested: Namely-

1. Establish a global watch, each government should allocate funds to subsidize professional eye watchers who would observe particular areas of the sky. A central agency should be established to gather the pertinent information, and ferret all such data for the good of mankind.

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2. Establish contact. This sounds easy but, measures could be undertaken to establish contact by several ways. One would be to locate poised rockets with a distinguishable dye that would explode at an altitude of prescribed setting whatever the individual case be. These rockets would be under the guidance of the professional watchers who would be trained to manipulate and fire the rockets. If everytime that these UFO's appeared and a rocket with this dye was sent aloft and detonated, then it would draw the attention of whatever or who these beings would be. The dye, of course, would be of uniform nature so that in time the intelligence would associate their presence with that dye thereby, there might be the chance of contact. One thing is for certain-we must establish a uniform method of establishing a uniform signal each time the object appears, then, if it can detect, it would know we observe its appearance, it would be up to them, of course, to take the initiative.

3. Educate the public, as you suggested, perhaps through television.

I will forward my subscription in the near future. It is unfortunate that this manmade recession is doing much to cripple science and development. I've been unemployed for almost 5 months.

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21950 Cunningham
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August 18, 1958

Subject: UFO

Time: 7:10-15 Place: Warren, Mich

58, August 18

To : National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena

Sirs:

I have retained your address for future references. It has been my earnest desire to become a part of your organization. However, beset with the problems at hand, trying to earn a living, trying to attend school at the same time, I've had little chance or financial resources to do so.

8-18-58

This evening I sauntered out in the back yard, observing the progress of a small garden patch I have. First it must be stated that there are several airports in the vicinity, the Wayne Major Air port, the Willow run air port and the Old Detroit Air port. There are many aircraft, therefore, in this vicinity at all times. There are some airliners which fly overhead at precise scheduled times. I am aware of their schedules, their own individual sounds and methods of flight.

This evening, I nonchalantly noticed four (4) World War two vintage aircraft flying directly north at an extreme altitude. They were two motored aircraft, flying in an orderly pattern of integrated flight plan. The two motors were hardly distinguishable from such an altitude. It was while the aircraft were in flight that I noticed a bright, extremely bright object motionless in the sky. The time was 7:10 and the sun was still slightly above the horizon and, therefore, illumination was still quite intense. It struck me, as being peculiar that such an object could, therefore, under the circumstance of the sun, be so intensely bright. What was happening, was the sun was shining against the object at a somewhat inclined angle. The aircraft had not interceded between the objects as yet when I first observed the object. However, in due time, they flew almost directly in between us and the object. I say us because by time I had requested the attention of my neighbor who, likewise was in the back yard also. Since he too, is acquainted with numbers of aircraft flying constantly about this vicinity, he too was amazed at the brightness and the unusualness of the object. The sky on August the 18th at that time was bright and clear, since the day was cool, the air had somewhat of a brittleness to it, which afforded a more clear unimpeded view of the object. Further information was afforded by the presence of the high flying aircraft (4) which, as mentioned previously, flew inbetween it and us.

I had often thought of thought provoking moments like this when I want an observing view and so I had incas ed a pair of field binoculars and a camera within my auto. And so while this object was inanimated, transfixed in the sky, I was able to secure my field glasses.

The distance was about twenty-five feet from where I stood to the auto with its door closed, required reaching under the floor and unzipping a case, opening the binocular case and focusing upon the object. I had dark sun glasses on all this time, taking them off only to observe through the field glasses. I observed for a few moments, handed them to the excited neighbor who likewise focused to his sight upon the object. All this time the aircraft had passed between us and the object, all these ensuing moments passed. After about 7 to 8 minutes, I observed the object to evolve from its transfixed position and move waverly slightly to the upper right of its former position but outward all the time, (I assumed it went directly outward) and then spiral slightly around from a 2'o'clock position to a 8 o'clock position. Now when it left its transfixed position, it seemed to right itself up so that I with my field glasses, and my neighbor with his naked eye, pictured it as a circular object such as the planet Saturn, with an object in the center, and surrounded by a ring. However, I was able to discern through the glasses, the appearance of an opaque like material between the center and the surrounding ring.

It was definitely, therefore, in the latter stages of the appearance of the object, in motion and I will illustrate roughly later herein. To get back to the final stages of the object. Its movement, as I observed through the glasses, it spiraled around and I definitely observed the object to evolve itself so that it appeared to be a flat elongated disc with a bubble in between. In the final stages of the appeared object, I was observing it through the glasses but quickly observing with out the field glasses with my ordinary glasses. Since I am near sighted, it is necessary to wear glasses. But let me add, my sight with glasses is almost perfect, in fact the record at Chrysler Corporation where I recently undertook a physical examination, reveals a definite improvement in my eyesight from former times when I had poorer eyesight-this you can check where I am employed at 12200 E. Jefferson, Detroit, Michigan. All these facts I forward to illustrate the credulousness of the object. I mentioned the bubble in between. What I failed to mention was that the bubble was afixed centrally in the elongated object when I observed it momentarily. My neighbor did not see that particular part of the movement since he was without field glasses. He did not observe it to flatten out but with the aid of field glasses it was discernible. The object was a great distance from the earth, one would say approximately 200 to 600 miles, since the aircraft which were flying north at the time, were extremely high, one could roughly estimate, on the other hand who has the precise estimate of these UFO's, all I can give is a rough estimate. The first appearance of the object was as a intense bright piercing light, but in the stages of movement, it seemed to assume a larger proportional size. Again saying and judging from the aircraft, and taking a perspective of the object, one could say it was about 60' in diameter. I won't say about any fractions over or under, much as I, or for that matter you would like, since there has been no cooperation on their part to identify themselves.

The object seemed to disappear in about 30 seconds after leaving its afixed position. I observed it in its final stages and it wanished as if in a fast vaporised moment. I theorized that distance more than anything vaporized it since it was moving outward. I cannot say it was moving defintely outward but there were definite circular and animated or rather physical movememnt. It had some intelligent control, that is our inan judgement.

Let me present some facts to illustrate the credulousness of the object.

1. We are near a number of airports, therefore we both are acquainted with all types of aircraft.

We are old enough to discern all types of aircraft such as: Balloons, dirigibles, propellar driven, jet aircraft and the like.

2. It was thought upon first sighting the object that it might have been a ballon, sent aloft by the scientist in Minnesota, but the erie height of the object, the latter movements and its appearance, dispelled that.

3. It was thought at first to be a small rocket sent aloft by some scientific group at some distant location, however, we are somewhat acquainted with the means in which a rocket is propelled and its movement in flight, and this was definetely not a rocket since a rocket cannot susspend itself, quickly circularize and then elongate itself.

4.. The ideal flying conditions of August the 18th aforded excellent altitude flight and good clear visibility, therefore, the natural height of the four aformentioned flying aircraft.

5. The location of the sun, almost at the horizon, and blocked from our view by building and surface obstruction and yet still above the horizon slanted upon the object clearly, defintely established it as an object, a highly metallic or poashed one, since in the initial stages, it shone so intensely.

6. My neighbor is of good intelligence, he's employed by the gas co. in Detroit, Michigan. I consider myself of sound mind, I've attended highschool, attended armed forces training schools, attended Western Michigan Trade technical school for 15 months, attended Chrysler Institute in Highland Park, Michigan for 2 semesters in semi-technical training, and attained a good mark in English, plus much self study, therefore, I can rēport this object.

7. The proximity of the field glasses aforded me a reasonable view of the object. I had a camera, but a photo with a reflex type of camera whose lense is 4.5 and max. speed is 300 has little chance of obtaining a photo(Oh how I'd like to have obtained moving reels of the event.).

8. Let me state again, we are both acquainted with all types of aircraft. I, even though 30 yrs old, recall dirigibles in flight, I have observed weather ballons, and all types of aircraft. My neighbor has likewise.

9. Even though this is the Missile centre, and the General motors tech centre, you can be sure, that GM or Chrysler did not send that

object in flight. Furthermore, what ballon can activate itself such as this object did...?

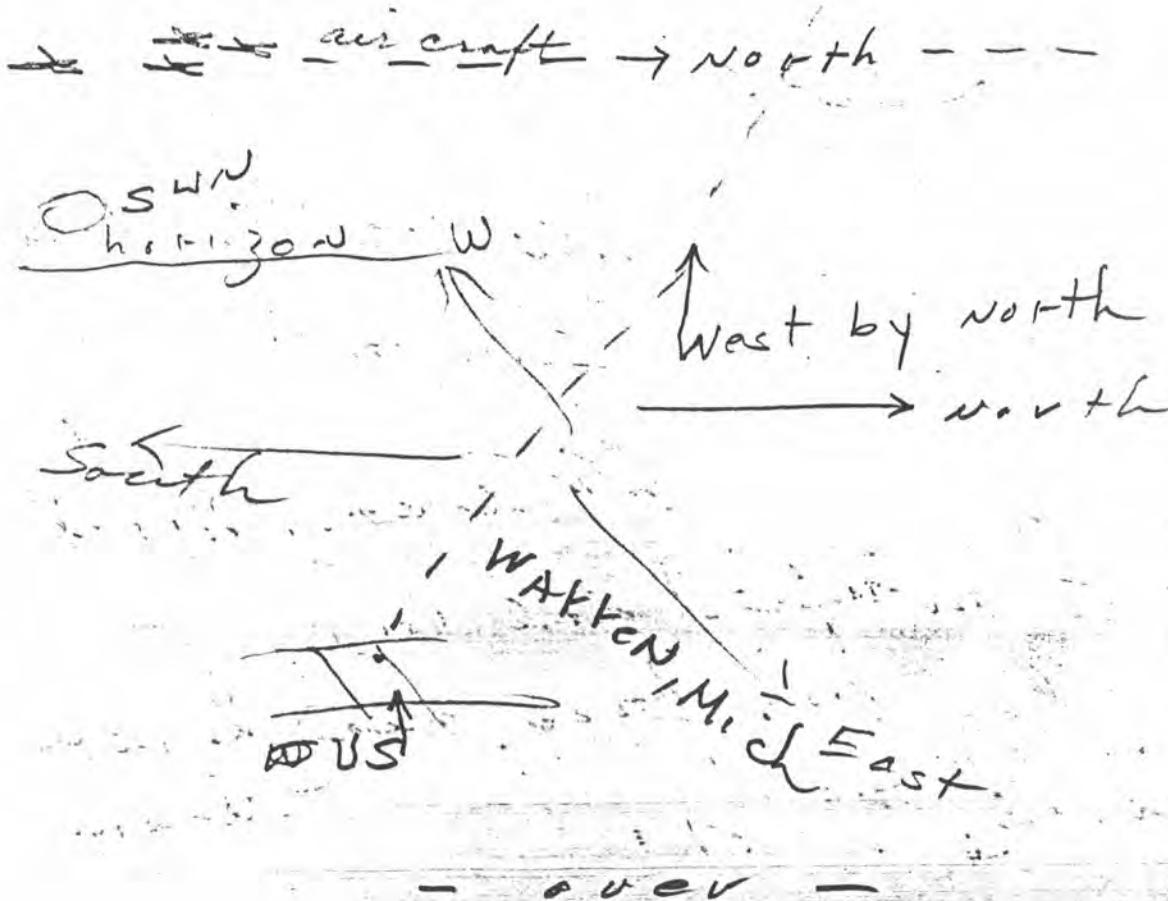
9. There was no clouds in the sky-fortunately, under the circumstances

All these facts must be taken in consideration, therefore. The perfect weather, the high flying aircraft, seen by three of us, and probably more.

I doubt whether the Soviets have such an object. If they did, their true-to-tradition boastfulness would soon betray themselves. We ask, what source of power has this object, by what means is it propelled..? How is it guided in its movement? and who controls it?

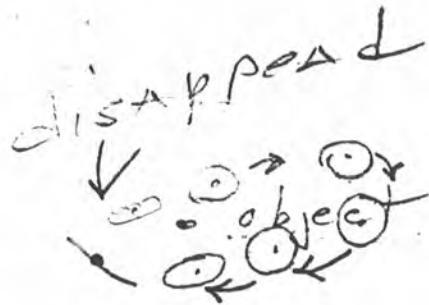
It can almost definitely be said: The being, if any, is benevolent. Since it would take much time of evolution, cooperation, and precise planning to effect such an object. And in that time, it would be necessary for teamwork cooperation, unless it is some super colossal being, and even then, with its power over such vast regions, it would be assumed that its wants would be satiated by such. I would like to further comment on the event, but I cannot at the time, however, I will follow with the illustration

bright
object



The object moved from
an upfied position clockwise
as such:

1. lighted itself



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P.S. I notified the O.D. at
Selfridge air base nearby, who
questioned me by phone. He indicated
his report.