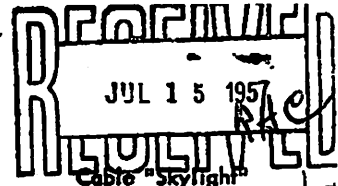


1952, December (17)?

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NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE ON AERIAL PHENOMENA  
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 Washington 6, D. C.

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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.

1. Name Michael Potash Place of Employment Penn Fruit Co.  
 Address 2451 So. 3RD ST. Occupation Cashier (part time), High school student  
Phila. 48, Penna. Education Attending H.S. (Senior year)  
 Telephone H08-7925 Special Training CIVIL AIR PATROL (2 yrs.)  
 Military Service
2. Date of Observation <sup>a pprox</sup> Dec. 17, 1952 Time AM 3:05 PM E.S.T. Time Zone
3. Locality of Observation 3rd + Mifflin STS, Phila.
4. How long did you see the object? Hours 5 Minutes  Seconds
5. Please describe weather conditions and the type of sky; i.e., bright daylight, nighttime, dusk, etc. - Clear Sunny Day
6. Position of the Sun or Moon in relation to the object and to you. The Sun was behind my right shoulder.
7. If seen at night, twilight, or dawn, were the stars or moon visible?
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. From N.E. to E.
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. FIRST appeared as bright "fire ball,"  
slowed speed, changed SHAPE & COLOR, metallic finish.
10. Was the object(s) brighter than the background of the sky?
11. If so, compare the brightness with the Sun, Moon, headlights, etc. FIRST appeared as FIRE BALL, decreased in speed, color changed to Shiny Metallic.
12. Did the object(s) — (Please elaborate, if you can give details.)  
 a. Appear to stand still at any time? Yes  
 b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? Yes  
 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? Yes  
 h. Change shape? Yes; From what appeared to be a round fireball, to a Disk shaped  
 i. Change color? Yes, as speed decreased. object. It could have possibly turned on its side
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. NO
14. Was there any wind? Don't recall 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? NO What?
16. Did the object(s) have any sound? NO What kind? How loud?
17. Please tell if the object(s) was (were) — The intensity of light made it  
Difficult To Look at.  
 a. Fuzzy or blurred.  
 b. Like a bright star.  
 c. Sharply outlined.

18. Was the object —

- a. Self-luminous? - could have been when appeared as Fireball,
- b. Dull finish?
- c. Reflecting? - Yes, reflected sunlight off a metallic finish
- d. Transparent?

19. Did the object(s) rise or fall while in motion? No

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. 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)? a Bright Flash of light caught my eye.

22. Where were you and what were you doing at the time? - leaving School at 3rd + Mifflin STS.

23. How did the object(s) disappear from view? Flew out of sight.

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

Variation of speed. Traveled faster Jet, hovered as helicopter, Speed out of sight at High speed.

25. Were there any conventional aircraft in the location at the time or immediately afterwards? If so, please elaborate. No

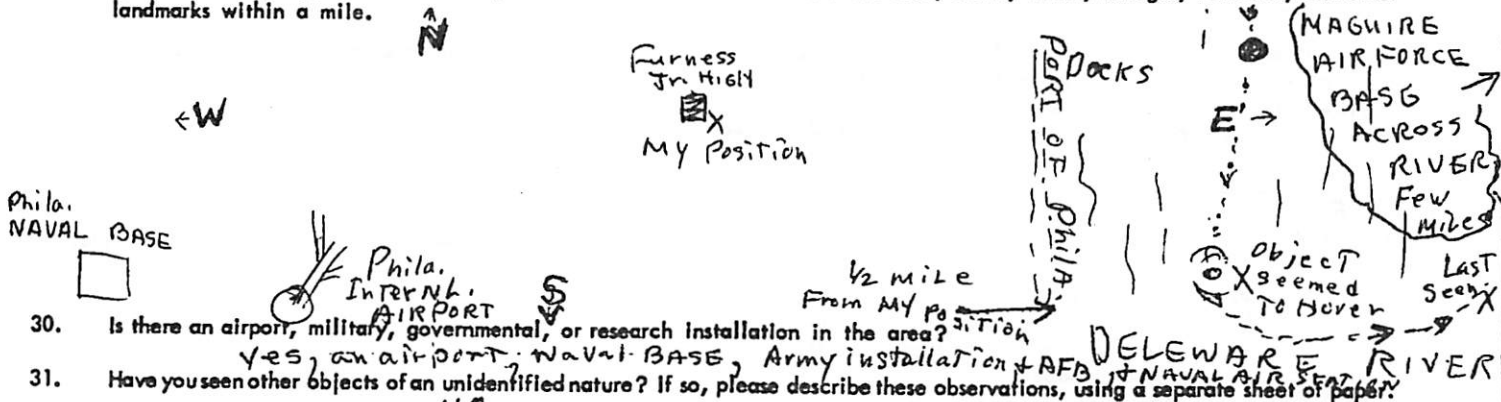
26. Please estimate the distance of the object(s). approx. 1/2 mile east of me.

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. Samuel Klein, 2233 So. 6th St. Phila.

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?

Yes, an airport, Naval Base, Army installation + AFB, NAVAL AIR STATION

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

No

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.

I DON'T RECALL NAME OR RANK. A NAVAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, PHILA. NAVAL BASE, QUESTIONED ME AT SCHOOL. Were you asked or told not to reveal or discuss the incident? If so, were any reasons or official orders mentioned? Please elaborate carefully. Don't recall

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. (✓)

Please keep my name confidential. ( )

35. Date of filling out this report:

9 July 57

Signature: Michael Potash



I was only 12 years old  
at time of sighting.

From my memory of it, I  
still think it was something  
different, in every sense  
of the word.

I'm sure it was no  
natural phenomenon.

Michael Potok

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July 15, 1957

Mr. Michael Potash  
2451 S. 3rd. St.  
Philadelphia 48, Penna.

Dear Mr. Potash,

Thank you very much for your completed UFO report form regarding the sighting on December 17, 1952, approximately.

Such detailed reports from our members and others are important additions to our files of information on the UFOs.

Thank you again for your active participation in the work of NICAP.

Sincerely yours,

Donald E. Keyhoe  
Director of NICAP

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Potash, Michael  
Signature  
12/17/52

Unidentified flying objects report sheet

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NORTH JERSEY U. F. O. GROUP  
Post Office Box # 606  
Morristown, New Jersey, U. S. A.

IMPORTANT:-

If you have any photographs, clippings, or other recordings which will verify your statements or conclusions, will you please send a copy of each, attached to this report.

Should you wish these items returned kindly check the correct box below and they will be returned unharmed. We would like to copy them for our files, in no way damaging the original. We are especially interested in photographs. If possible, please send exposure information.

Thank you for your time and energy in filling out this confidential report.

NORTH JERSEY U. F. O. GROUP

Please return

Do not return

## UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give us 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 is compiled with information from other sources, 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.

Please fill out completely and return to:

William J. Wilson  
OR  
L. Ronald Munsick  
P. O. Box 606  
Morristown  
New Jersey  
U. S. A.

1. When did you see the object? 17 Dec. 1952  
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 3 00 P.M.  
Hour Minutes A. M. or P. M.

3. Time zone: (Circle one): a. Eastern  
b. Central  
(Circle one): Standard c. Mountain  
Daylight d. Pacific  
Saving e. Other

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

Nearest Postal Address: 3rd Mifflin Sts.

City or Town: Philadelphia

State or Country: Pennsylvania

Additional remarks:

5. Estimate how long you saw the object. Hours: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes: 15

Seconds: \_\_\_\_\_

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. ~~Behind~~ <sup>Behind</sup> your right shoulder
  - d. To your left
  - e. Overhead
  - f. Don't remember
- (about 5 o'clock (17:61))

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

STARS (Circle one):

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

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 <sup>asked</sup> like a fire ball at first, then

slowed in speed & changed color to that of a silver metallic nature.

11. Did the object:

(Circle one for each)

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



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: *at one time, ~~the~~ the roof of a building blocked my view of the object. (The bldg. was 3 or 4 stories high)*  
Could you still see the outline or glow? Yes No

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:

Did it look changed or different? Yes No

14. Did the object appear (Circle one): a. Solid b. Transparent c. Don't know

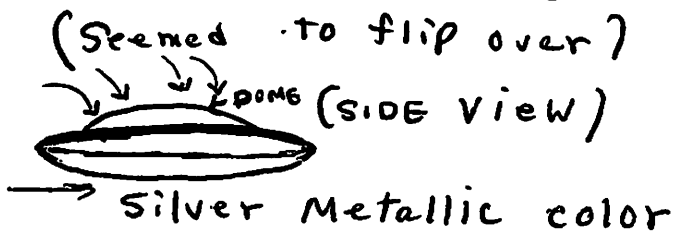
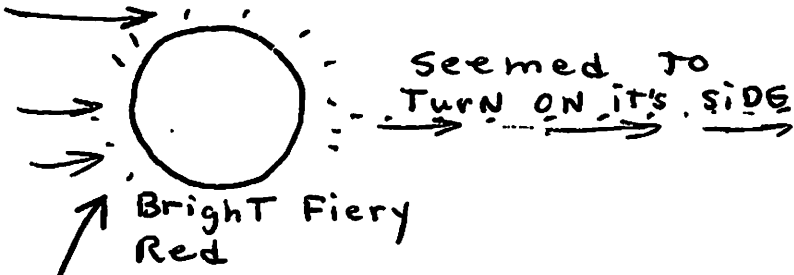
15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

- a. Eyoglasses Yes No
- b. Sun glasses Yes No
- c. Windshield Yes No
- d. Window glass Yes No
- e. Binoculars Yes No
- f. Telescope Yes No
- g. Theodolite Yes No
- h. Other \_\_\_\_\_

16. Tell in a few words something about the object regarding its-

- a. Sound Heard Noise
- b. Color at first it appeared like red Fireball, then silver metallic color.

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 or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the object to show the direction in which it was moving.



(Probably UNDER side view)

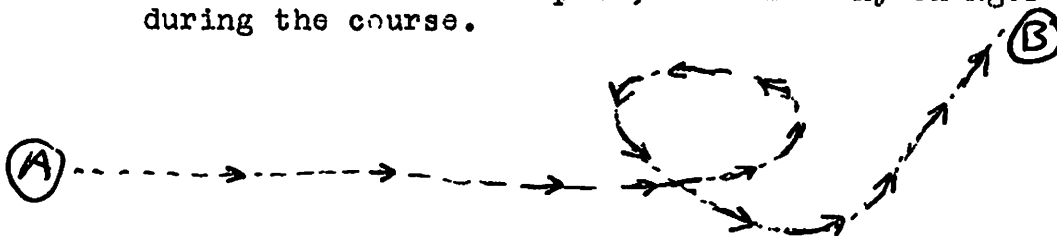
18. The edges of the object were (Circle one):

- a. Fuzzy or blurred
  - b. Like a bright star
  - c. Sharply outlined
  - d. Don't remember
- c. Other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

19. 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 indicate the direction they were travelling.

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:   x   feet.

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

- (Circle one):
- |                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| a. Head of a pin | g. Silver dollar                             |
| b. Pea           | <input checked="" type="radio"/> h. Baseball |
| c. Dime          | i. Grapefruit                                |
| d. Nickel        | j. Basketball                                |
| e. Quarter       | k. Other _____                               |
| f. Half dollar   | _____  |

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? "flew"  
out of sight ~~into the~~ in an ~~east~~  
eastwardly direction

24. In order that you can give us clear a picture as possible of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could construct the object. 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.

*an unknown metal that could withstand great heat, it looked at one time similar to 2 saucers placed end on end. at a first sight ~~it~~ it appeared to be the sun "flying" through the sky. Before it flew out of sight and after it flipped on its side, it appeared to be of a silver aluminum like material.*

PLEASE list their names and addresses, as well as the names and addresses of any others of whom you know, who saw the object:

Samuel Klein  
2233 So. 6th ST.  
Phila. (48) Penna.

There were others whose names I didn't know.

36. Was this the first time that you had seen objects or an object like this? (Circle one):  Yes  No

IF you answered NO, then where, and under what circumstances did you see the other one (s)? Do you remember enough, or was it enough different for you to fill out a form like this one for that object or objects?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

*I think it was a controlled craft of some sort. I doubt if our government has a machine comparable to its size, shape and maneuverability.*

38. 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?

\_\_\_\_\_ miles per hour

39. 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?

\_\_\_\_\_ feet



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DEC. 18

VANCOUVER  
ISLAND

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Dec. 18, 1952

Pilot reported flares seen over Vancouver Island. Search was made.

No planes missing in area. Conclusion: lights of auto on hillside.