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PRELIMINARY EVALUATION OF A UFO REPORT

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The report of a claimed UFO event witnessed by several witnesses on Aug. 31, 1994 has been evaluated. The current status of the case record is indicated below.

(A.) Complete: Preliminary ratings have been assigned. See the reverse side for clarifications.

Hynek-Vallee: MA1 (Hynek's categorizations and Jaques Vallee's expansions)

Ballester-Guasp Indexes:

Information Quality = Q = 1.0 ;

Strangeness = Σ = 0.43 ;

Reliability = Π = 0.67 ;

$Q * \Sigma * \Pi =$ Certainty = Δ = 0.29 (29 %).

B. Resolved. An event in the same time period or subsequent analysis confirms or strongly suggests _____ to be the natural or man-made reason why an apparently anomalous event was observed.

C. Incomplete: The case cannot be finalized at this time, due to the need for the following:

1. Additional form(s) _____
2. Completion of form(s) _____
3. Additional materials _____
4. Information _____
5. Further explanation(s) _____

Thank you for your continued efforts and commitment to the UFO investigative process. Please forward any materials requested, **indicating the Log Number**, to your MUFON State Director.

Jack Kasher

State Director:
Francis Ridge.

State Section Director:

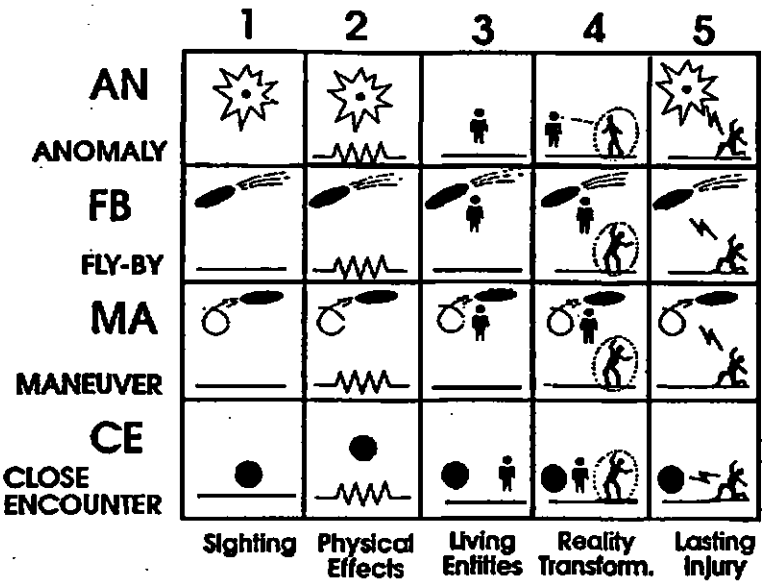

Chart courtesy Ballantine Books and Jacques Vallee; diagram by Patrick O'Brien.

AN1 - anomalies that do not have lasting physical effects, e.g., amorphous lights, unexplained explosions.
AN2 - anomalies with lasting physical effects, e.g., some poltergeist phenomena, materialized objects, flattened grass.
AN3 - anomalies with associated entities, e.g., ghosts, yetis, elves, beings.
AN4 - anomalous experiences of personal interaction with entities in the reality of the entities themselves, e.g., near-death experiences, many out-of-body experiences.
AN5 - anomalous injuries or similar e.g., unexplained wounds, some spontaneous combustions, miraculous healings.
FB1 - distant pass-over by UFO, with no lasting physical effects.
FB2 - a fly-by accompanied by physical evidence, e.g., a vapor trail.
FB3 - a fly-by accompanied by the observation of beings aboard.
FB4 - a fly-by in which witness experiences transformation to the reality of the object/occupants,e.g., envisioning interior, window views.
FB5 - fly-by resulting in physiological effects, e.g., burned skin, immediate healing, death.
MA1 - distant object has discontinuous/ nonlinear trajectories, or stationary.
MA2 - motion like MA1, but also has physical evidence, e.g., flattened grass, broken tree limbs, traces of fluid, angel hair.
MA3 - motion like MA1, but on-board beings observed.
MA4 - motion like MA1, but with reality transformation such as in FB4.
MA5 - motion like MA1, but witness experiences physiological effects, e.g., injury, healing.
CE1 - objects seen on ground or at a close distance (500 ft/less).
CE2 - close encounter with lasting physical effects, e.g., burned soil.
CE3 - close encounter having occupants observed by witness.
CE4 - witness both sees and interacts with occupants inside.
CE5 - witness experiences physiological effects during encounter.

Comments:

Much work has been put into this case. Excellent analysis by Richard Haines adds credibility & rules out a blimp. A genuine anomalous unknown

QUALITY INDEX (INFORMATION): Q

Direct	· At site	2hrs/+	1.0
		Less than 2 hrs.	0.9
	· In person	1hr/+	0.9
		Less than 1 hr.	0.8
	· Phone (or Self)	½ hr/+	0.7
		Less than ½ hr.	0.6
Indirect	· Questionnaire + Follow Up		
		Extensive	0.7
		Not extensive	0.6
	· Letter + Follow Up		
		Extensive	0.6
		Not extensive	0.5
Others	· Questionnaire only		0.6
	· Narrative	1 page/+	0.4
		Less than 1 page	0.3

STRANGENESS INDEX:
Σ = Count of applicable items + 7
- Anomalous appearance
- Anomalous movements
- Apparition of physical-spatial incongruities
- Technological detection
- Close encounter
- Presence of unusual beings
- Traces and effects

RELIABILITY INDEX:
Π = Sum of weighted-value items

	Weight	Value
1. Number of witnesses	0.25	
None		0.0
One		0.3
Two		0.5
Three-Five		0.7
Six-Ten		0.9
More than ten		1.0
2. Occupation of "best" wit.	0.20	
Not specified		0.0
Pre-college		0.3
Laborer, farmer, housewife		0.5
University student		0.6
Businessman, artist		0.7
Technician, police, pilot		0.9
University grad, military		1.0
3. Relation between witnesses	0.15	
Unknown		0.0
Friends		0.3
Single witness/family		0.6
Professional relationship		0.8
No relationship		1.0
4. Geographic relation of wit.	0.15	
Unknown		0.0
Together, or 1 witness		0.5
Separate (Independent)		1.0
5. Activity at time of sighting	0.15	
Not specified		0.0
Recreational (or sleep/rest)		0.3
Travelling (moving)		0.6
Cultural/intellectual		0.8
Working, or to-from work		1.0
6. Age of "best" witness	0.10	
Unknown		0.0
Under 10 or over 75		0.2
10-17		0.4
18-34		0.6
65-74		0.8
35-64		1.0

CERTAINTY INDEX: $\Delta = Q \cdot \Sigma \cdot \Pi$

This numerical evaluation method, including its standards and definitions, was co-developed by Vincente-Juan Ballester Olmos (MUFON - Spain) and Miguel Guasp.

September 28, 1995

TITLE: Investigator Notes

SUBJECT: Mongo, IN Case

DATE OF SIGHTING: August 31, 1994

Phase One: As of this date, this phase of the investigation (by the Indiana Group effort) is considered concluded. The investigation covered almost one year.

Exhibit 11 is the latest "UFO Intelligence Summary" and shows seven entries for the 31st of August, 1994. There is some question about the "explained" blimp sightings in that many took the word of others that the blimp explanation was correct in some cases and may have simply "passed on" the explanation to other non-deserving sightings. Before we get into the Mongo case we need to point out a few facts.

Exhibit 12 is a map of NE Indiana, marked showing sighting locations.

5:30 PM. Another Michiana Regional radar operator also saw a gray blimp, with two beer company ad symbols on it near his home in Granger.

7:30 PM. The Michiana Regional Airport Control Tower recorded an eastbound blimp passing near the airport on the NW side of South Bend, according to Larry Dernay, an ATC.

7:50 PM. The Elkhart County entry was a Bristol, IN sighting of the Family Channel blimp, or so reports Police Officer Ron Biller. The newspaper account says he could read the words.

7:50 PM. The David Martin case occurred near the Michigan/Indiana border near Bristol, IN. In two separate cars he and his wife (and 6-year old son) and other friends saw what they report was definitely not a blimp. The object was described as an oval, saucer-shaped object.

7:50 PM. LaGrange County Police received numerous calls, but a Shipshewana police officer (later found to be a town marshall) identified one object as a blimp. The ID was not clear. Many reported UFOs.

8:30 PM. The Mongo case.

Evening. (Time not available at this time) The Hamilton, IN entry is new and is a four-witness case involving a video and an object the "size of a football field" with no sound and, at one time,

overhead at about 100'. This case is under investigation and occurred closer to Mongo than any of the other sightings, only about 20 miles SE.

Although one police officer described the "Family Channel Blimp", and a town Marshall identified "a blimp", and an ATC reported a "gray blimp" with beer commercial symbols, we have only the newspaper accounts. John Timmerman of CUFOS has attempted to get flight shedules for all blimp flights, including the "Virgin Lightship" seen in N. Ohio at about the same time, but is having problems. It was desireable to eliminate the blimp explanation from the August 31, 1994 area equation so there would be no question about the Mongo case, but shedules or not, blimps seem to have been in the region. But as you will see, the Mongo case must stand alone.

The results of our investigation (which do not involve the photographic analysis) are as follows:

1) At least ten people have attested to the fact that what they saw was unidentifiable and not blimp. Six of those witnesses report that the unknown object was moving fast, then stopped, then turned and glided toward the witnesses, stopped, then abruptly vanished. This is unlike the flight characteristics of any blimp. There was no sound reported. Blimps are generally noisy, especially on calm, quiet evenings. For the record, one of the witnesses who would not file a report stated he thought the object WAS a blimp. His vision capabilities have not been established. Several of the witnesses (with 20:20 vision) told us that there was no mistake about it, this was a "flying saucer". However, by definition we cannot refer to this as a close encounter. Witness estimates of range would qualify, but evaluations by Dr. Richard Haines puts the UFO between two sets of witnesses beyond the CE range).

2) There is apparently no doubt that blimps were in the area within an hour or so. The object and the blimps were going E-W. All the sightings reported by the press show a blimp(s) moving E-W at about 7:30 PM, one hour before the Mongo sighting all were one or two counties west of Mongo's LaGrange County. One sighting of another unknown object was made about 7:50 PM near Bristol, the earlier site of a blimp report. However, it is the Mongo incident in which we are referring to at this time.

3) In the Mongo case all Natural Sources were eliminated. The motions and descriptions preclude any type of bird, insect, or weather phenomenon. Also precluded were meteors and all astronomical objects. (An EZC Skyplot for those coordinates and at those times shows Jupiter and Venus in the SW and Saturn in the SE. Motions of the object rule out these planets. The moon was a "new moon" (black) and not in view anyway. There were no other natural sources reported in the sighting area that could account for the sighting.

4) Man-Made Sources are also eliminated. Investigation indicates that this was not a sighting of an advertizing airplane or any type of commercial, military, or private aircraft. The

described motions and descriptions and lack of sound preclude any type of blimp. Also eliminated were any type of balloon, building, tower, etc. Numerous investigators (at least 6) failed to find any reason or evidence for a hoax by or on the witnesses. Missiles and satellites were also obviously eliminated.

Phase Two involves photo analysis by Dr. Richard Haines of the four photos taken at Mongo. A preliminary report (draft) was received recently for examination and comments. Phase Two began in January (1995) and is almost completed. My comments in this report are based on the sighting only. Dr. Haines evaluations of the photos are a separate report.

It is becoming increasingly apparent that bonified UFO activity began to decline in the early 80's, then began to increase by 1986. This new trend includes sightings during meteor showers, satellite re-entries, helicopter flights, and, blimp flights.

The Mongo sighting, like many others, indicates that something unidentified is in our skies.

Conclusion: UNKNOWN
Nocturnal Light, Photo Case
Berliner Strangeness Scale, 02 - Night Object
Berliner Credibility Scale, 07 - Still Photos By A Professional
Speiser Strangeness Scale, S5 - Highly Strange, Suggests Intelligent Guidance
Speiser Probability Factor, P5 - Highly Credible, Leaving Almost No Doubt.

Sincerely,

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Director, UFOFC

SOURCE TEST

940831 2030, MONGO, IN

This part of the report is a checklist of what Natural and Man-made objects were considered in an effort to identify the stimulus for the reported UFO. The reasons for rejecting or suspecting the possible stimulus are clearly noted.

SOURCE TEST, NATURAL:

1. ORGANIC SOURCE, TERRESTRIAL
   ( ) a. Animal
   ( ) b. Bird, reptile
   ( ) c. Insect
   ( ) d. By-product (spider webs, seeds)

   Immediately eliminated

2. INORGANIC SOURCE, TERRESTRIAL
   ( ) a. Adverse weather (whirlwind)
   ( ) b. Atmospheric (clouds, moondogs)
   ( ) c. Lightning (ball, bolt, heat)
   ( ) d. Swamp gas
   ( ) e. Other (debris, mirage)

   Immediately eliminated

3. INORGANIC SOURCE, TRANSTERRESTRIAL
   ( ) a. Bolides
   ( ) b. Meteors/meteorites

   A 15-20 second observation might imply this answer. However, the object moved, hovered, then moved. At least six witnesses described what appears to have been some kind of craft.

4. INORGANIC SOURCE, EXTRATERRESTRIAL (Attach skyplot if possible)
   ( ) a. Comets
   ( ) b. Moon
   (XX) c. Planet(s). Object moved, too large, disc-shaped.
   (XX) d. Star(s). Same reasoning.
   ( ) e. Sun

   Moon not visible. EZC Skyplot for Mongo coordinates during time slot shows only three planets as conspicuous targets. Jupiter and Venus were in the SW. Saturn was in the SE. Description of object, movement, and number of witnesses precludes a misidentification of an astronomical object. (See EZC Skyplot, attached).

5. OTHER (Specify)

   On-site investigation by John Timmerman failed to show any other natural source that might explain the sighting.

6. ALL NATURAL SOURCES RULED OUT
   (XX)

SOURCE TEST, MAN-MADE:

1. AIRCRAFT
   (XX) a. Advertizing.
   ( ) b. Commercial, military, private
   (XX) c. Other (blimp, experimental, helicopter). Ruled out.

   Shape reported and photographed is not compatible with any type of advertizing aircraft or blimp.

2. BALLOON
   ( ) a. Hot air
   ( ) b. Weather, test, etc.
   ( ) c. Other (prank, toy, etc.)

   Eliminated. Maneuvers and description of lighted object does not compute with balloon description.

3. FIXED STRUCTURES
   ( ) a. Buildings
   ( ) b. Lights (ground, search, etc.)
   ( ) c. Towers (water, power line, radio)

   Eliminated

4. HOAX
   ( ) a. On witness
   ( ) b. By witness. So far no evidence or motive. Ten witnesses.

   Eliminated. Witnesses are reliable, object was real, description and photos tell the story.

5. MISSILE
   ( ) a. Chemical (cloud, smoke, etc.)
   ( ) b. Cruise
   ( ) c. Launch

   Eliminated

6. SATELLITE
   ( ) a. Orbiting (high-altitude)
   ( ) b. Re-entry (similar to meteor)

   Eliminated

7. OTHER (SPECIFY)

   No other manmade source was considered as a serious option.

8. ALL MAN-MADE SOURCES RULED OUT. (XX) To be subjected to computer analysis.

940831 2030, MONGO, IN

SIGHTING EVALUATION WORKSHEET

The result of the overall analysis of the data collected by the FI.

( ) General Case (Form 1 only) (XX) Specific Case
Hynek/MUFON Form: NL/Form 1,8

1. BERLINER STRANGENESS SCALE:
( ) 0 - Identified as known object/phenomenon, lacking clear UFO content
( ) 1 - Night light with no apparent object
(XX) 2 - Night object
( ) 3 - Daylight object seen at a distance
( ) 4 - Night Close Encounter of the First Kind (within 500')
( ) 5 - Daylight CE-1
( ) 6 - Ambiguous CE-2 (Capable of being understood more than one way)
( ) 7 - Unambiguous CE-2 (Apparently only one explanation)
( ) 8 - CE-3 (Occupants on or near the craft)
( ) 9 - CE-3 (Occupant reaction to witness)
( ) 10- CE-3 (With meaningful communication)

2. BERLINER CREDIBILITY SCALE:
( ) 0 - Witness(es) lacking believability
( ) 1 - Single average witness
(XX) 2 - Multiple average witness
( ) 3 - Single exceptional witness
( ) 4 - Multiple exceptional witness
( ) 5 - Radar/visual observation
( ) 6 - Still photo(s) by amateur
(XX) 7 - Still photo(s) by professional
( ) 8 - Movie/video by amateur
( ) 9 - Movie/video by professional
( ) 10- Live television

3. SPEISER STRANGENESS FACTOR:
( ) S1 - Explainable or explained
( ) S2 - Probably explainable with more data
( ) S3 - Possibly explainable, but with elements of strangeness
( ) S4 - Strange; does not conform to known principles
(XX) S5 - Highly strange; suggests intelligent guidance

4. SPEISER PROBABILITY FACTOR:
( ) P1 - Not credible or sound
( ) P2 - Unreliable witness; possible hoax
( ) P3 - Somewhat credible or indeterminate
( ) P4 - Credible and sound
(XX) P5 - Highly credible, leaving almost no doubt

(XX) Great Significance
( ) Significant
( ) Limited Merit
( ) Borderline

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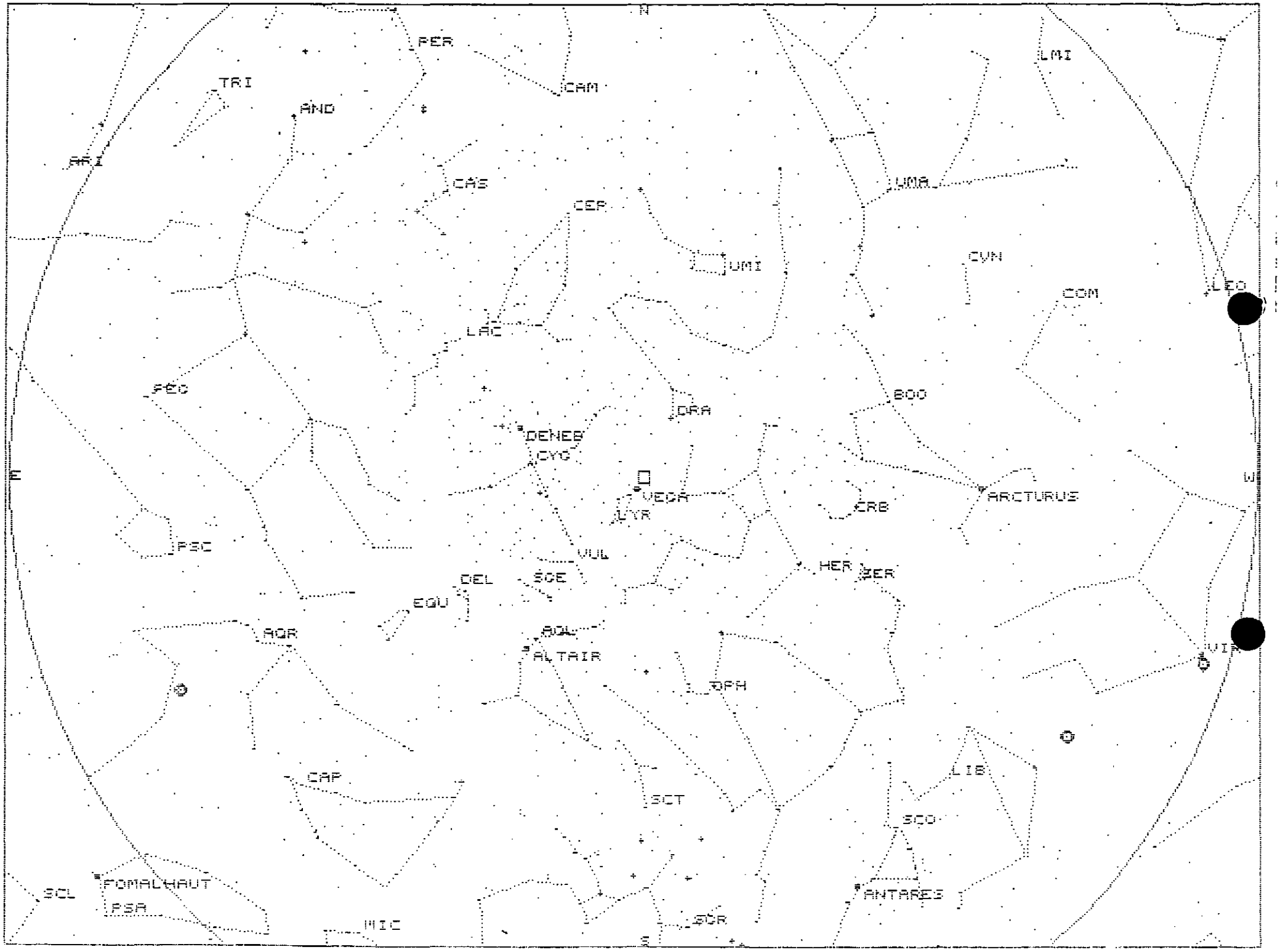
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EXHIBIT "11"

EXHIBIT 11
UFO Intelligence Summary, Updated 09/28/95

DATE	TIME	CITY	ST	HY	WT	OBJECT	SOUND	DURAT	NEW	BRIEF	SOURCE
940801	0001	RENTON	WA	NL	01	SHIPS	NONE		N	LG SHIPS SEEN W/NIGHT VISION BINOCS	NUFORC
940801	2300	DICKINSON-	TX	NL	50	LIGHTS	NONE	20M		MOTORISTS SAW LIGHTS, POSSIBLE PERSEIDS?	NCS-301,08
940808	2120	CLEARFLD CO	PA	C1	XX	OBLONG	NONE	30S+		2 SETS OF SPACED PINK LTS ON IT, LIT BEDROOM	ANOMZONE
940811	2204	GASCONADE CO	MO	NL	02	SPHERE	NONE	7M		BLUE SPHERE W/RED AURA SEEN DURING PERS.SHWR	AUN AUG 94
940813	EVEN	CULVER	IN	NL		LIGHTS	NONE			LADY FR MAPLE PARK, IL, NON-PUBL NUMBER	CUFOS
940813	EVEN	SALISBURY	NC	NL	MW	LIGHTS	NONE	2H+		LIGHT IN DISTANCE DROPPED RED DOTS	NCS-303,01
940816	EVEN	GULF BREEZE	FL	NL	MW	RBOLS	NONE			TWO STRNG RED LTS OVER 808 SYKES BRIDGE	MUJ-319,15
940817	0249	GRANTS PASS	OR	NL	01	30 OBJTS	NONE			MAN CALLED SHERIFF, 30 OBJTS SEEN NR MT.BALDY	NCS-302,01
940821	2235	CIRCLEVILLE	OH	NL	01	TRIANGLE	NONE	20S		CRAFT AT 3000', POSSIBLE AIRCRAFT	RUFOS
940821	DAYT	CHANDLER	AZ	DD	01	OVAL	NONE	2M		SILVER, OVAL, FLEW IN STRAIGHT LINE	AZ MUFON
940823	0540	BRENTWOOD	MO	NL	03	BOOMERNG	NONE			LIT FROM BOTTOM, 1,000' UP, HOVERED, MOVED	MUJ-03/95
940823	EVEN	CARLISLE	PA	NL	XX	SAUCER	NONE			POLICE NOTIFIED THAT SAUCER WAS SEEN. NO EV.	NCS-303,03
940824	2050	CUSHING	OK	NL	20	LIGHTS	NONE	80-90M		TWO SEPARATE LIGHTS, HOVERED, MOVED	MUFONEWS
940825	0008	COLEBROOK	NH	NL	01	OWL	NONE			MAN SAW 4 RED LTS IN LG PATTERN, ROTATING	NHM#22
940827	2400	GULF BREEZE	FL	C1	03	BOOMERNG	NONE			HUGE BOOMERANG LK HALF-MOON W/GASEOUS CLOUD	MUJ-319.15
940828	2300	DEL NORTE	CO	NL	02	TRIANGLE	NONE	1H		HONEYCOMB-LIKE STRUCTURE, TRIANGLE	NCS-303,02
940829	2230	BERLIN HTS	OH	NL	01	LIGHTS	WIND	3H		SOUNDS LIKE A STAR, BUT POSSIBLE XTANT BLIMP	NCS-308,04
940829	2245	CONNELLSVILL	PA	C1	XX	SAUCER	NONE	35M		HOVERED, MOVED, LEFT. LTS IN TOP SECTION	ANOMZONE
940831	1930	SOUTH BEND	IN	NL	MW	OBJECT	NONE			'EXPLAINED' BY ISP AS FAMILY CHANNEL BLIMP	MINDY
940831	1950	ELKHART CO.	IN	NL	MW	OWL	NONE			'EXPLAINED' AS FAMILY CHANNEL BLIMP BY POLICE	NCS
940831	1950	LAGRANGE CO.	IN	NL	MW	OWL	NONE			'EXPLAINED' AS BLIMP IN NEWS ARTICLE	NCS
940831	2030	MONGO ✈	IN	C2	08	OBJECT	NONE	15-20S		6 MEN AT CAMP PHOTOGRAPHED OBJECT, NOT BLIMP	MINDY
940831	2030	MONGO	IN	NL	02	OBJECT	NONE		N	2 HUNTERS ENTERING AREA SAW OBJECT	MINDY
940831	2050	MOTTVILLE	MI	NL	MW	OWL	NONE	4M		NEWS REPRTR & FAM SAW STRG OBJ, NOT BLIMP	NCS
940831	EVEN	HAMILTON	IN	C1	04	MOON	NONE			VIDEOD, KICKED UP DUST, DOGS BARKED. INDIANA?	NCS-308,01
9408XX	2130	TOPANGA	CA	NL	02	LIGHT	NONE			EXTREMELY BRT OBJ SEEMED TO FOLLOW CAR	NCS-311,04
9408XX	2330	TOPANGA	CA	NL	02	LIGHT	NONE			EXTREMELY BRT LIGHT SEEN THRU WINDOW	NCS-311,04
9408XX	XXXX	GREENSBURG	IN	CC	MW		N/A	N/A		CROP CIRCLE, 'NEST' FOUND, NOT PICTOGRAM	MINDY
940901	0100	LORAIN CO.	OH	NL	MW	BLIMP	MOTOR			CH 94 OR 96 BLIMP SIGHTED BY DEPUTIES & OTHER	FSD 127
940901	2330	GILA BEND	AZ	C1	MW	SAUCER	STEADY	3-1/2H		SAUCER MANEUVERED NEAR ROAD FOR SEV HRS.	AZ MUFON
940901	EVEN	GILA BEND	AZ	C1	02	DDISCS	NONE	3.5H		SHONE BEAM ON TRAIN, THEN LANDED IN FIELD	AZ MUFON
940901	EVEN	CLOVIS	NM	NL	01	LIGHT	NONE	40M		SMALL UFO RESPONDED TO WITNESS. NO DETAILS	NCS-306,07
940901	XXXX	MEDINA	OH	NL	01	LIGHT	NONE	5-7M	N	YOUNG GIRL REPORTS STRNG LT	NUFORC
940901	XXXX	SMITHVILLE	OH	NL	20	OBJECT	NONE		N	STRNG OBJ REPTD BY BUS DRIVER	NUFORC
940902	XXXX	PUEBLO	CO	XX	XX		N/A	4 DAYS		MAN ALLEGEDLY ABDUCTED FOR 4 DAYS BY ALIENS	CMUFONNEWS
940903	0030	HICKORY CO.	MO	C1	02	SAUCER	NONE			ANOTHER CAMPER SIGHTING OF A NEARBY SAUCER	HUJ09/94
940904	2100	DALTON	NH	NL	MW	LIGHT	NONE	30-45M		INCOR REPTD AS OHIO CASE, LIGHT W/LIGHT BEAM	NHM#22
940904	XXXX	MEDINA	OH	NL	XX	LIGHT	NONE		N	FL BLUE LT NR AIRPORT	NUFORC
940905	2030	MONTOUR CO.	PA	NL	XX	ELLIPT	NONE			SILVER, 6-8 RAYS EMANATED FROM IT	ANOMZONE
940906	2030	RACOON LAKE	IN	NL	05	CONICAL	NONE	2.5H		DATE CORRECTED. OBJECT ZIGZAGS, EXPELS PROBES	MINDY
940906	2125	GULF BREEZE	FL	NL	MW	RECTANGL	NONE			YELLOW RECTANGLE W/THREE RED LIGHTS	MUJ-319.15
940906	EVEN	GULF BREEZE	FL	NL	01	FOOTBALL	NONE			ORNG & AMBER FOOTBALL FLEW OVER PAVILION	MUJ-319,15
940907	0230	GULF BREEZE	FL	NL	02	STARLIKE	NONE			DROPPED DOWN, ZIG-ZAGGED, STRAIGHT UP	MUJ-319,15
940908	2000	GULF BREEZE	FL	NL	XX	RBOLS	NONE	1H		12 RED BALLS OF LIGHT IN GPS OF 3 & 4	MUJ-319,16
940909	1455	SHARKEY	IN	C1	01	OVAL	NONE	5S		FI SAW GRAY SPINNING VEHICLE AT 500'	MINDY
940911	2100	FORT WAYNE	IN	NL	04	LIGHTS	NONE	DAYS		IFOS, ARTURUS & CAPELLA	MINDY
940911	XXXX	CINCINNATI	OH	NL	02	DISC	NONE	2M	N	STRANGE DISC REPTD, NO DETAILS	NUFORC
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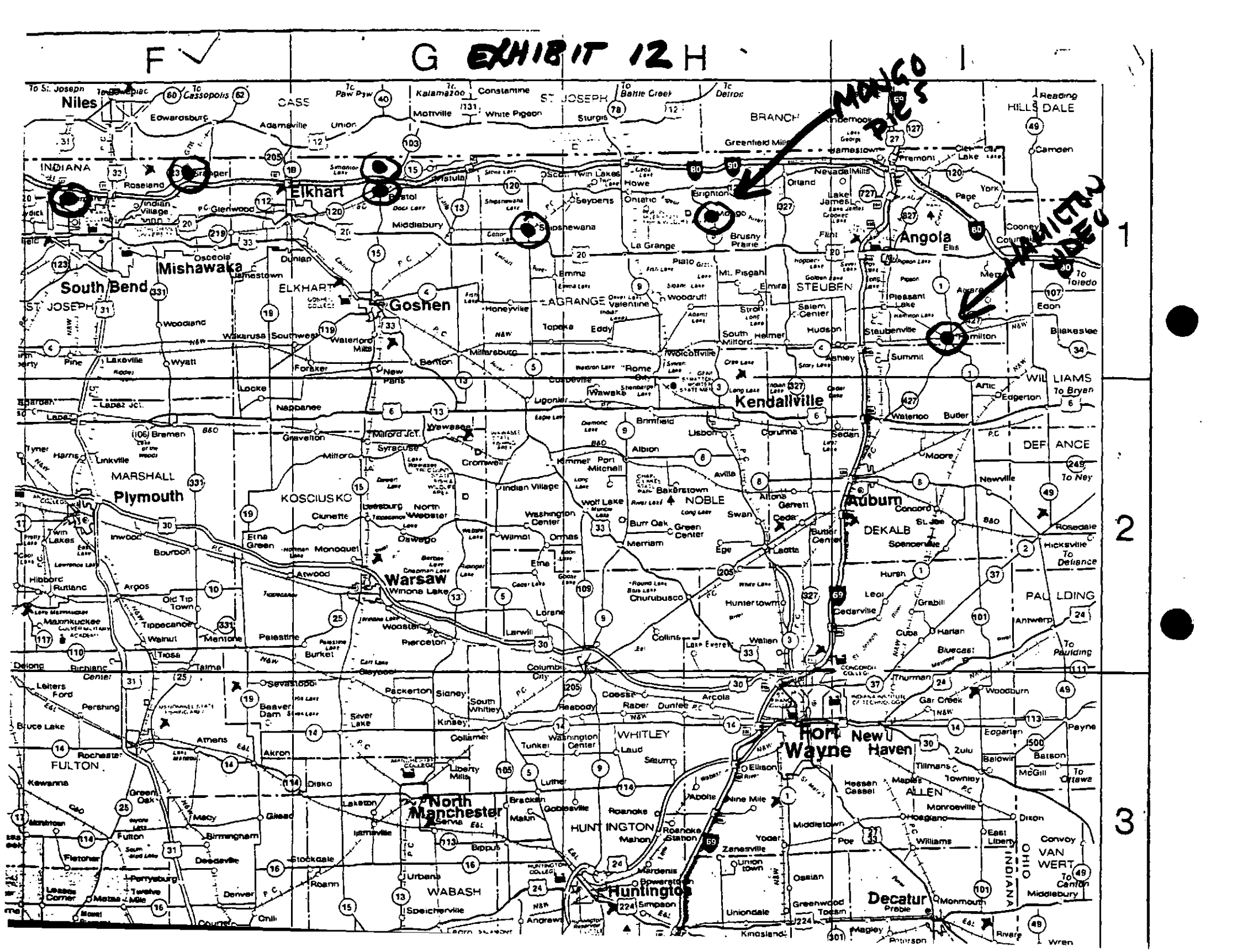
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PHOTOANALYSIS (sort of)
8-31-94
Mongo, IN
Nocturnal Disk
Witness Dennis Bickle
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Two 35mm pictures of a classic "flying saucer" shape were submitted. The one with the leaves immediately reminded me of an advertising balloon. These balloons has been submitted from London, Ontario, Shea Stadium NY, New Jersey, and southern California. They've advertised McDonal's Pizza, Met Life, and legal firms, that I've heard. They are internally lit, making the airframe glow, and are capable of 65MPH. The key identification feature is that they have FAA-compliant anticollision strobe lights. The enclosed halftone STROBES.JPG shows the top and bottom strobes as caught on videotape. (I showed these videos at my lecture at the Richmond Symposium in 1992.) The "fried egg" shape described by the witness is obvious. Another example of the sunny-side-up shape is shown in a photo from London, Ontario; this was written up in the MUFON Journal in 1993 (I couldn't find the issue).

You may notice I've done no actual photoanalysis here; the tiny images give little to work with. The witness testimony of shape and flashing lights gives a close match with the balloon. I'd recommend checking with local (or downwind) advertising concerns to verify advertising balloon usage.

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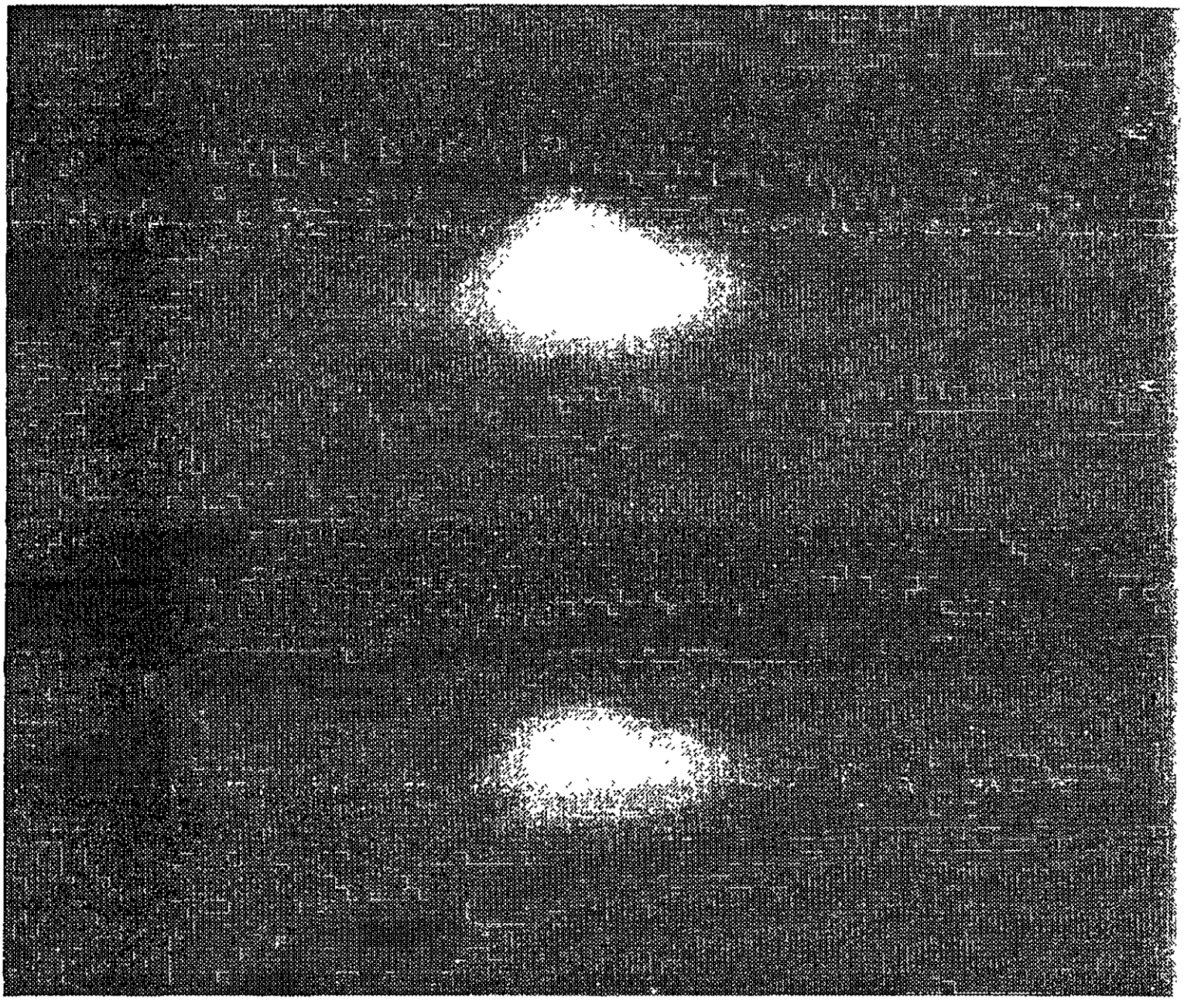

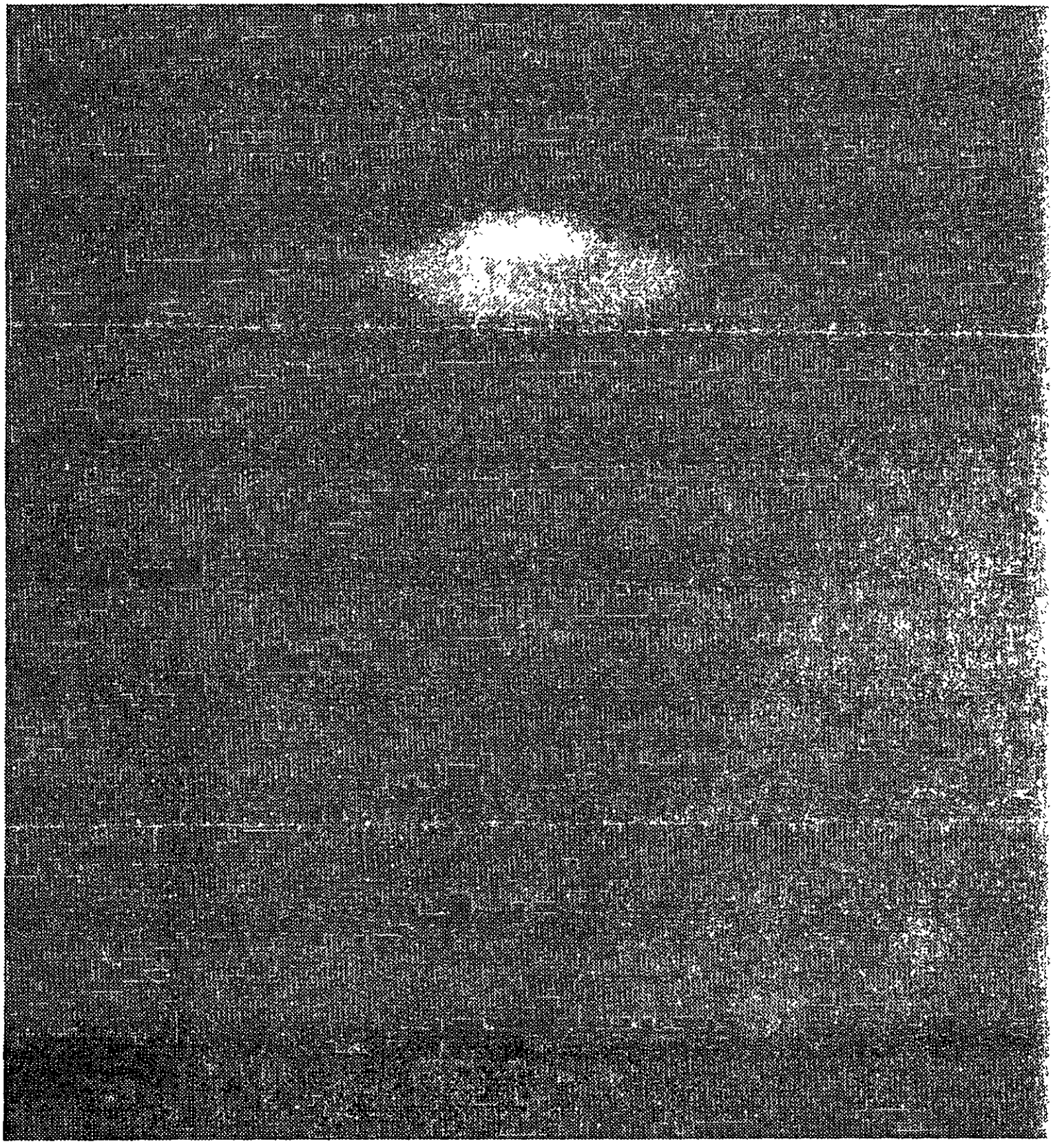

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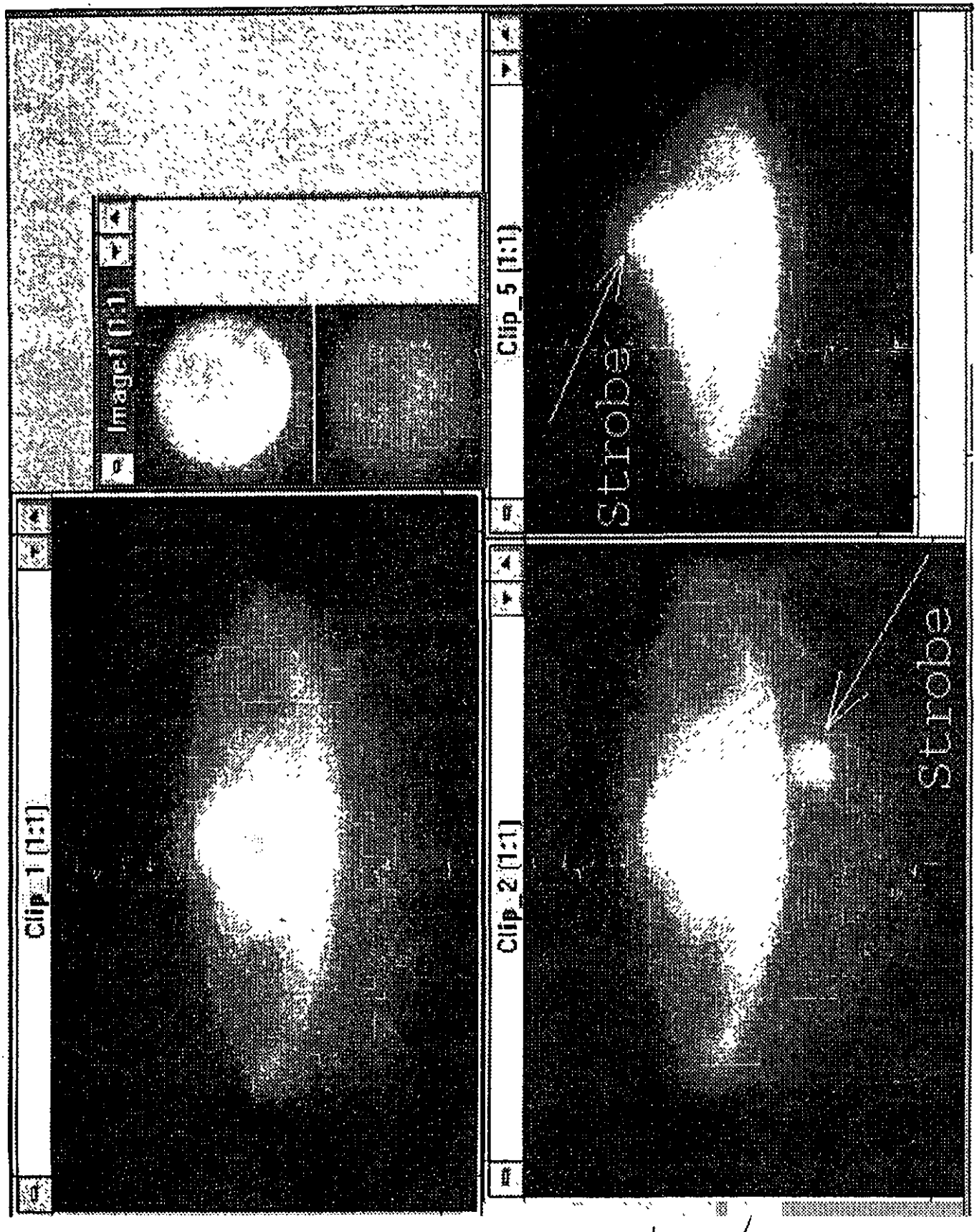

8/23/94

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Thank you for your interest in my services as MUFON Staff Photoanalyst. I provide free analysis of photo/video evidence in the UFO field. This does NOT include other phenomena such as Bigfoot, ghosts, or other non-UFO material. Also, due to the ease of scarecrow-making, and the high probability of chance arrangements of ordinary objects combining to appear unusual, I do not accept alleged alien-photos, except where the number and quality of witnesses precludes fraud or misrecognition. As I, like all MUFON members, am unpaid, this service is done on a time-available basis, and cases are processed based on their potential for furthering the understanding of UFOs, equipment availability, and complexity. You will receive a report of any anomalous features of the evidence, usually with halftone enhancements illustrating points of interest. Most work is done on digitized images, available on floppy disk, viewable on IBM/MAC PCs. In exceptionally compelling cases, I will provide slides illustrating points of interest for your use in slide-shows or public lectures. (If allowed, keeping one for my own use!) Although membership in MUFON is encouraged, I have no method of verifying credentials (especially overseas) and therefore perform services for any interested party.

UNLESS SPECIFIED OTHERWISE, I will:

1. NOT release any witness names or identifying information, but WILL release investigator's names as I deem useful.
2. RETURN any original evidence such as negatives or Polaroids, but RETAIN copies such as prints and copies I create.
3. ASSUME videotapes are copies of the originals, and retain them. Mailing costs exceed the tape value.
4. DISCUSS the material with other photoanalysts, meteorologists, aircraft experts, etc. as needed to best understand the material.
5. RESPECT copyright laws, particularly 17 USC 106-109, involving "fair use" of original material. In particular, I will release no material in a manner which allows its copying (in books, newspapers, TV screens, etc.) without permission from the photographer. I MAY use the material for noncommercial, scientific/educational use, such as educating the public through illustrated lecture.

I will follow any special instructions given which do not compromise scientific integrity or reasonable cost. In particular, you may specify who the material may be shown to; anywhere from "show nobody" to "use any way you please." The more input I get, the more likely an accurate identification will be made. Cases have been identified, years later, this way. The sensitive nature of some cases may prevent this openness. Specify at the end of this form.

My recommended method of shipment is the US Postal Service; prices are very reasonable, and speed is moderate. Send to: Jeff Sainio-----2200 Good Hope Rd. #321-----Glendale WI 53209-2763-----USA. Sturdy priority mail packages are available at the Post Office, and send up to two pounds for $3.00 and good speed. Careful especially with videotape; sharp corners will shred loose paper wrappers. If more speed is important, the various overnight services may be used. Do NOT overnight to the above address, since I'm not home during delivery hours, and speed actually suffers. Call me at 414-246-7829 (w) or 414-351-0795 (h) for overnight-service instructions to my place of employment. Saturday delivery is avaialble, probably at extra cost from your shipper.

What to send? The COMPLETE photo evidence. My equipment (designed for analysis of printed material) is best suited for prints, so there is rarely an advantage to risking sending original negatives through the mail. A local investigator can verify what negatives precede/follow the UFO shot(s) without risking mailing originals. Slides are also best converted to prints, and the prints mailed. In the few cases where more information may be gleaned from the originals, later arrangements can be made. You may also include enlargements of a feature of interest, but this must be in addition to the complete photo. Often, recognizable terrestrial objects such as tree branches, streetlights, or distant hills, are essential reference objects. Take care in labelling/numbering prints; a ball-point pen may mark-through to damage the image, and slow-drying felt-tips may smear onto the photo behind them in an envelope..

In the case of video, copy the COMPLETE videotape at STANDARD (S)VHS speed; other ordinary clips before the UFO video may be needed to determine camera characteristics. Do NOT perform freeze-frame or slow-motion of the parts of interest; this destroys timing information and is poor-quality on most home equipment. I will do this as necessary on my industrial-grade equipment. You may ADD this to the end of the video to illustrate interesting points, but an unedited copy of the video is essential. Label the tape; remember I may receive several tapes/week and don't want to mix any up. Broadcast custom is that an unlabelled tape is blank!

Any witness testimony, MUFON input forms, time/day/direction/weather can be very useful. Often, the photo/video evidence is ambiguous in itself, but corroborates/contradicts witness testimony. It is only a piece of the puzzle, not a key, and the more other puzzle-pieces I have, the better I can interpret the data. Before you get excited, some common photo/video traps to recognize:

1. If a photographer saw nothing unusual until the print was examined, lens flares or film/developing defects are usually the cause. Shapeless blobs, or translucent spots should not be cause for interest. Only clearly-structured unseen objects will be examined.
2. Most video misidentifications are of Venus or airplanes. A fixed point of light, with no anomalous motion, is best called a star. A light, with occasional blinks on either side, is probably an airplane running light with wingtip strobe lights. Aircraft light colors are typically lost (with a white result) on video, so the lack of red-white-green aircraft colors is not surprising. Unless a streetlight, star, or other reference object is seen, UFO "motion" may be merely camcorder motion. Unless TWO reference points are visible, apparent UFO size changes, or apparent motion toward/away from the reference object, may be merely zoom chages. Also, apparent ROTATION around a reference point may be merely camera rotation, although humans rarely do this.
3. Video shape changes, from a bright point to a large diffuse blob, are usually from a "hunting" auto-focus mechanism which can't find anything to focus on. The result often looks like the "Batman" searchlight.

While I have a large amount of UFO evidence, I cannot release copies to others without a release from the photographer, even for purelyscientific or educational, non-commerical purposes. By checking the allowable level of disclosure, I can release material as desired. The more widely I can show the material, the more likely it will be properly identified.

[ ] Show the material to nobody, even other trusted analysts. SIGNATURE NOT REQUIRED.
[ ] Show/copy the material to other experts as needed only; do not show publicly. SIGNATURE NOT REQUIRED.
[ ] You may show the material publicly for non-commercial, scientific or educational purposes only. No copies or TV, newspaper, or magazine usage. (If no box is checked, or this form not returned, I will use this level under the "fair use" copyright laws.) SIGNATURE NOT REQUIRED.
[ ] The material may be used any way you see fit. Photographer/representative signature required below. This forfeits exclusive rights to the material! If somebody other than the photographer signs, the signer warrants that s/he has power-of-attorney to grant this right, and agrees to hold harmless Jeffrey Sainio, his heirs and assigns, from actions under U.S./NAFTA/GATT copyright law for use of this material.

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Photographer/agent signature date

325 Langton Ave.
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94022
November 5, 1995

Francis L. Ridge
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Dear Francis,

With this letter I am pleased to submit to you the final version of my paper analysing the four Mongo, Indiana photographs which you kindly provided me. I feel that this is a significant case which cannot be explained by the lighter-than-air ship hypothesis for a number of reasons that are given in my paper. The disk shaped object remains unidentified. During the past months of work I have enjoyed our conversations and collaboration. I want to say that your approach to UFO studies and their administration is exemplary. I have found your professional attitude to be most welcome in these days of ego and pride that continues to run rampant across America. My own small contributions to this field will probably be known only in the area of investigative methodology, but so be it. Nevertheless, I hope that many of us will continue to work together on the highest quality events without getting side tracked.

All the best to you in the months and years to come. Please understand that my time is very limited for this "hobby" and I cannot accept many photo analyses. The personal costs are too high and I have other priorities in my life too. But I am pleased to help out when I can. Finally, I have submitted this paper to the Journal of Scientific Exploration (of the 'Society for Scientific Exploration') for possible publication. If printed it will reach a great many professors and scientists around the world. This will have been your and my contribution to changing their close minded views of the UFO subject.

Very sincerely,

Richard F. Haines
Research Scientist, ret.

Encl. MS as stated
cc: files

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Analysis of Four Nighttime UFO Photos from Mongo, Indiana August 31, 1994[1]

Richard F. Haines

Completed: October 24, 1995

Abstract

Eight adult eye witnesses saw a self-luminous domed disc fly across the sky at a campground in northern Indiana at 9:30 (EDT) Michigan time (8:30 pm Indiana time) on August 31, 1994 on clear dark night. Five 35mm, color photographs were taken over about a twenty five second-long interval with a Kodak K40 camera. Four of the frames show an angularly large object. This paper describes the results of measurements, calculations, and various digital image quantifications. Knowledge of the approximate maximum distance to the object from two different ground vantage points and the angular size of the aerial object shows that it was about 19 feet in length and 8.5 feet thick (at an assumed range of 2310 feet). If it travelled a total distance of 3,920 feet (its nearest distance 2,310 feet) while visible, was viewed for thirty seconds, and moved at a constant velocity its ground speed would have been about 192 mph which is significantly faster than a blimp can fly in calm air. The suggestion that the object was an internally illuminated advertising blimp is rejected on other grounds as well. The identity of the object remains unidentified.

Introduction and Sighting Details

Six adult males were sitting around a campfire at the Trading Post Campgrounds near the small northern Indiana town of Mongo, about five miles south of the Michigan border and 40 miles NNW of Fort Wayne. Table 1 provides selected information on these witnesses.

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[1] The author wishes to acknowledge the very able assistance of Linda Dahlkemper, MUFON field investigator who obtained the initial information and also Francis L. Ridge, State Director, The Indiana Group, MUFON, who provided expert administrative support and additional sighting data.

Narratives of the event: Mr. J. Kintz, the primary witness, provided the following information. The object was "...off to the southwest it looked like the moon, the moon, 'cause we are in the last phase... Then it started moving. Then it moved right out from behind the trees into an open area near a road and hovered toward us. And it was clear as can be. It was a flying saucer, just that vivid. The object glided into our area at a shallow angle, turned toward us and (began to) hover, standing still the white glow turned transparent. It looked like a white strobe light on the top of the dome. A bright red flash of light under the bottom flashed 3 or 4 times like a strobe and it disappeared to the south and east very quickly, within two seconds." At first he thought he was seeing a meteor. (Ridge, 1995(a), pp. 2-3) Mr. Kintz added (on October 22, 1994), "Off to the southwest it looked like the moon, glowing through the treetops, and it was low. I said, 'that can't be the moon'. He also noted that "...there was absolutely no noise. Three dogs did not react in any way." (Ridge, 1994)

A telephone call to eyewitness D. Bickle on March 7, 1995 elicited the following additional information. He estimated that the total sighting event lasted from one to three minutes. He did not see any illumination on the ground from the object nor did it ever appear to flicker or create a luminous trail in the air behind it. Neither he nor the other men present were particularly excited during the event. It took him a few seconds to get his camera which was located closer to the edge of the pond.

Additional Eye Witnesses: According to J. Kintz., two adult males (hunters) were on their way driving north on State Road 3 and about 1/2 mile south of Mongo on Wednesday night (August 31st) when they both reported seeing "...a white object move in front and to the east (of their position) at low level at a high rate of speed. This was at the same time od (sic) 2130 EDT. Prime witness (J.K.) met and talked with them the following day at 10:30 AM EDT." (Ridge, 1994).

Mr. and Mrs. David Martin, (husband is a news reporter) also allegedly saw the object the same night, however, there are no specific details available from them. (Ridge, 1995c)

Table 1A and 1B

Selected Witness Information

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Sighting Locale: The sighting occurred at the Trading Post Campground, a sports and recreation area located near the town of Mongo, Indiana, LaGrange County, about five (5) miles south of the Michigan state border at 85 deg. 19 min arc W; 41 deg 41 min arc N coordinates.

Figure 1 is a drawing of the immediate area in which this event took part. There was a state campground to the SE with a rifle range and other recreational facilities near the small pond where the six main witnesses were camped (A). Turkey creek was to their north and a small pond (about 300-400 feet long) directly south. State road No. 3 entered Mongo from the south and then turned NW near the campsite.

The countryside is generally flat with stands of desiduous trees and open fields. Figure 2 is a composite, wide angle photograph taken for the author by D.B. on May 1, 1995 using the same camera and film as was used on August 31, 1994 looking south (before leaves had developed on some trees). The author added artifical foliage (Figure 3) to represent conditions during the sighting and mailed copies to the primary witnesses. They were asked to draw in the approximate flight path of the object. These paths are shown by dashed lines (with initials).

The nearest commercial airport is Baier Field at Fort Wayne, Indiana, about forty miles to the SSE. The witnesses recalled seeing "...several A-10s in the same area flying at low altitude, the afternoon prior to the sighting. This is the "tank killer" (airplane)." (Ridge, 1995b)

Figure 1

Drawing of General Area of Sighting

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Figure 2

Photograph of Small Pond West of
Trading Post Campground, Mongo, Indiana

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Figure 3

Approximate UFO Flight Path Drawn by Three Witnesses (JK, DB, FB)

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Mr. J. Kintz wrote the following comments to the author on his copy of Figure 2 (dated August 4, 1995). "(The) UFO was first observed coming from the west at low level at a fast rate of speed and moon bright, silent with no sound and seen in open areas between trees. (au.: see Figure 3) Area to the west is similar with trees and open areas. A north-south road starts at area of arrow (not shown) and continues south for a short distance, and east-west road just beyond buildings and Mongo, Ind. is about 1,000 feet to the east of the buildings. The UFO changed from a bright white to transparent when it appeared to stop at about the location of X. I did observe flashing lights like beacons just before it (UFO) disappeared. I did not see it leave the area. Just disappear without a sound. No ground lighting was seen. I talked with two hunters on the campground 09-01-94 that was (sic) traveling to the Mongo campground from the south and about 9:30 E.D.T. and 1/2 mile south of Mongo (au.: the night before), did observe a white disc shape cross the sky at low level in front of them. It travelled from west to east fast."

Mr. D. Bickle wrote these comments on his copy of Figure 2 (as of August 7, 1995). "Came from out of sight level behind trees from south then went east, accelerated. Went out of sight going east behind trees. No bright light noticed on ground below object." In a subsequent telephone conversation with the author on March 7, 1995 he said that the object was seen above the tree tops at first. No aircraft were noted that night nor did he notice any colored lights on or near the object. The edges of the object were clear and sharply defined.

Mr. F. Babcock noted on his flight path drawing (as of August 3, 1995) that, "At point A, the object went south." Note that all three flight paths in Figure 3 compare well and are very low on the horizon.

Weather: The weather was clear and warm with no moon or cloud visible. The wind was calm and the air clear.

Astronomical Information: According to a "Skyplot" analysis of star and planetary positions (EZCosmos 3.0 program), both Venus and Jupiter were brightly visible and stabile in the WSW sky relatively near where the object was first seen. However, all witnesses reported that the object travelled across the sky through an arc of at least twenty degrees! There was no light from the moon.

The Photographer: The photographer (D. Bickle) had owned the 35mm camera for several years and was "very familiar with its operation."

The Camera and Lens: According to both Mr. Kintz and Bickle, the camera was a Kodak model K40-VR35.[7] This is a fully automatic exposure camera with three operating modes: (l) aperture priority (user pre-sets f stop and other controls are set automatically), (2) program (user makes no special settings and everything is done automatically), and (3) shutter priority (user sets shutter speed and other controls are set automatically. A mode control switch is located on the front of the camera body. It is not known which mode was used for the present photographs. It has a two blade "leaf" shutter and a battery powered film advance feature. Its operating range is from 1/30 sec at f6 to 1/300 sec at f 11.[8] Mr. Bickle told the author that he had taken five or six more rolls of film after the Mongo event and that none of the frames had turned out bad nor had he experienced any mechanical problems with the camera before or after the event.

The fixed focus (not telephoto) 35mm Ektanar, three element (uncoated) glass lens has a focal range of from five feet to infinity and is rated an f 5.6 aperture. A viewfinder provides a field of view for aiming purposes that is about 85 percent of the full photographic frame area. This is more than sufficient for aiming the camera in a desired direction. Table 2 provides data on the plane angles subtended at the film plane for various focal length lenses. There could be slight deviations (perhaps 2 - 6 percent) of the theoretical values give here from the actual values for this particular camera.

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7 Manufactured from June 1986 to December 1989 according to a Kodak representative contacted at their "Help Facility" on August 29, 1995.

8 It is assumed that the automatic system pre-set the camera at 1/30 sec shutter speed and aperture at f6 for the dark sky conditions present.

Table 2

Relation Between Lens Focal Length and Photographic Width and Height
(after Neblette and Murray, 1965)

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The Film and Photographs: A fresh roll of Kodak Gold 400-5 (ASA 400; Ultra), 35mm, 24 exposure film was used. Its nominal image area measures 24.4 mm high by 36 mm long (ANSI Standard), however vignetting can occur due to the interior structure of individual cameras which was the case here. The measured height and length of the present film's image area was 24.2 mm and 35 mm, respectively. Its characteristic curve is presented in Figure 4 (from Kodak Corp.).

Note in Figure 4 that the blue (B) dye layer produces the largest change in density and the red (R) layer the least to the same amount of exposure and that all three dyes cover a density range of about two log units over a range of three log units of exposure (lux-seconds).

Figure 4

Kodak Gold Ultra 400 Characteristic Curve

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This positive color film possesses spectral sensitivity (for each dye layer) as shown in Figure 5. Note that this film possesses almost the same total sensitivity (area under curve) for each dye and that the three sensitivity peaks are shifted from each other by about the same amount (75 to 110 nm). The modulation transfer function curve for this film indicates that detail as small as about 1/50 = 0.02 mm can be recorded by a scanning densitometer. For comparison, recall that the measured end to end length of the disc on the negative was 0.3 mm, over ten times larger than this resolution limit. Enlarging this disc area by more than 30 times permits separate grains of dye to become visible.

Figure 5

Spectral Sensitivity Curves

Figure 6

Modulation Transfer Function

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The Kodak specification sheet for this film states that its print grain index is 42. An index of 25 on this arbitrary scale, developed by Eastman Kodak Co., represents the approximate visual threshold for graininess. The higher the number the more graininess is observed under a magnification of 4.4 x, on a print measuring 4" x 6", a negative of 24 x 36 mm, and diffuse printing illumination. There usually is some variation in grain diameter and shape (Berry and Loveland, 1966, pp. 36-43).

The author inspected the original negative frames provided by the photographer. Table 3 presents a brief verbal description of each one.

Table 3

Description of Photographs

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Film Processing: The film was processed at a local photo shop. Copy prints and enlargements were made by D.Bickle on a department store customer-operated Kodak machine "Create-A-Print" at a store named "Meijer" in Jackson, Mich.

Witness Drawings: Three eye witnesses completed a Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) General Case Form 1 which included sketches of the aerial object. They are duplicated in Figure 7. Mr. Kintz wrote on his MUFON form 1, "...and the photos cannot compare to what we observed."

Figure 7

Eye Witness Sketches of UFO

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Data Analyses and Results

Digital Image Analysis Results: Frames 4 - 7 were scanned with a Lacie Ltd., Silver Scanner II and processed by Adobe Photoshop software running in a Power Macintosh model 7100/66. This scanner provided for a variable sized scan area. Figures 8 through 11 present. the original (Part A) and several computer enhancements (Parts B, C, D...etc.) of each frame.

Frame 4. (A) This positive glossy print enlargement (approx. 36 times larger than negative) shows the first image of the domed disc.

Figure 8A

Glossy Positive Print of Frame 4 Aerial Object
Magnified Approx. 36 Times

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Figure 8B

High Resolution Positive Print
of Frame 4 Aerial Object
(Printed at 800 dpi)

Insert about here

Figure 8C

Reverse Contrast Black and White Print
of Frame 4 Obtained from Red Dye Layer only
(Printed at 800 dpi)

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Figure 8D

Glossy Positive Color Print of Frame 4
Scanned at 600 dpi and 8 bits of Color

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The bright highlight on the upper protruberance is clearly visible here as is the shadow on its left side. It is not known why there should be a shadow at all unless the protruberance is opaque and the whole object is illuminated from the right side.

Figure 8E

Positive Color Print of Frame 4
Processed by 7 Step Luminance Filter
(Scanned at 560 dpi)

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This image has been divided into seven separate luminance levels and a single color assigned to each level in order to help emphasize the relative homogeneity or lack of it in the surface brightness.

Figure 8F

Reverse Contrast "Equalized" Print of Frame 4
(Scanned at 560 dpi)

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In Figure 8F notice the uneven boundary surrounding the image which is not a magnified grain effect. It is not clear whether this boundary is caused by radiated energy causing the air to refract the emitted light differentially or an actual undulating edge over time. It probably is not caused by rigid object motion since its magnitude appears to be greater on the bottom surface than on either the left or right ends which would be the leading and following edges, respectively, in the reported line of flight.

Figure 9A

Glossy Positive Print of Frame 5 Aerial Object
Magnified Approx. 36 Times

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Figure 9B

Positive Glossy RGB Color Print of Digitized Frame 5
(Printed at 320 dpi)

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Figure 9C

Medium Contrast Positive RGB Color Print
of Frame 5 Scanned at 600 dpi

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Figure 10

Glossy Positive Print of Frame 7 of Aerial Object
Magnified Approx. 36 Times

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Figure 11

Glossy Positive Print of Frame 8 Aerial Object
Magnified Approx. 36 Times

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Note that the disc image seen in Figures 10 and 11 is not as sharply defined as in the two previous frames although the measured image width on the negative is approximately the same for all four. This blur may well be the result of camera motion, object motion, or both.

Witness Location Analysis Results: The six primary eyewitnesses initially saw the object in the SSW (at a low elevation angle estimated to be approx. 15 - 20 deg arc) while the two (hunters) [about 7/8 mile (about 4,600 feet) away] looked toward the north.[9] However, the object had to be

[9] It isn't known with certainty where the two hunters were located during their sighting of the object. They

between the two witness groups approximately as diagrammed in Figure 1. Assuming that both observer groups saw the same object and that it was mid-way between them, a range to the object of 2,310 feet is used in the following calculation.

To calculate the angle subtended by the length of the object we form the proportion:

$$\frac{0.3 \text{ mm}}{35 \text{ mm}} = \frac{x}{55 \text{ deg arc}}$$

where 0.3 mm is the (horizontal) length of the object's image on the negative, 35 mm is the width of the film's image area, and 55 deg arc is the equivalent angular width of the film's image area (neglecting small vignetting which may occur; cf. Table 2). We find x = 0.471 deg (28.29 min. arc). Solving the trigonometric function Tan a = d/D where a = plane angle, d = angular size of the object (deg.), and D = range to object (feet), a = 28.29 min arc or Tan a = 0.00823. The values of D in Table 4 are obtained:

Table 4

Object Length and Width (ft) as a
Function of Distance for 35mm Lens

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A similar calculation as above was made using the 43 deg arc photographic frame width (for a 44 mm lens in the event the camera lens used had possessed this focal length. Table 5 presents these results. It is clear that the differences are relatively small.

Table 5

Object length and Width (ft) as a
Function of Distance for 44mm Lens

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allegedly told J. Kintz that they were about 1/2 mile S of Mongo

The Advertising Blimp Hypothesis: It was suggested that the UFO was an internally illuminated advertising blimp on the basis of the fact that a blimp definitely was in the area that evening [Anon., 1994(a); Anon., 1994(b)] and similarities in general shape of video images obtained previously in other geographic locales by several people (Kelley, 1995; Sainio, 1993). We will evaluation this suggestion in light of each piece of evidence. Mr. Kintz said that he went hunting *the next day* and saw the "Family Channel Blimp" flying nearby. He remarked to Francis Ridge, "There's no way in hell (that) we saw a blimp that night." (Ridge, 1995b, Pg. 3) As will be seen, several different avenues were followed to test this personal assessment by this eye witnesses.

Basic Blimp Characteristics. And author and Mr. John Timmerman of the **J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies** (separately) contacted various lighter-than-air ship manufacturers for specifications, illustrations, and flight schedules. Figure 12 is a photograph of the "Lightship" built by the American Blimp Corporation of Hillsboro, Oregon. Four variations are sold which vary in length but not in width to length ratio. The overall length of the A-150 model is 128 feet and its maximum diameter is 30 ft 10 in for a width to length ratio of 0.24 (about one-half of the measured width to length ratio of the UFO seen in frames 4 and 5; viz. 0.444 and 0.452, respectively). One shorter and two slightly longer models than the A150 model are manufactured by this company. The top speed of this model is 55 mph using two each 68 hp German Limbach engines operating at 2900 RPM.

Figure 12

Photograph of The Lightship Blimp
in Daylight

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The maximum rate of climb for this blimp is 1600 feet per minute (fpm) and 1400 fpm maximum rate of descent. Its rated service ceiling is 7300 feet and maximum range without refueling at 40 miles per hour (mph) is 560 nautical miles. Its minimum turn radius is 375 feet. Needless to say, its ability to accelerate is very limited. More importantly, the outer skin of these blimps is made from a tough woven fabric and plastic film that is translucent. Spotlights located inside it make the entire blimp glow relatively evenly. The advertising panels seen here on the sides of the blimp do not move relative to the blimp itself but are attached by numerous tie-down cords.

A Blimp was in the Area. Kelley (1995) reported that a blimp owned by the Virgin Lightship Co. (Orlando, Florida) travelled from Minneapolis, Minnesota to Lakehurst, New Jersey in thirty one hours during the same time as the Mongo UFO sighting took place. The company were allegedly attempting to set a speed record. The average ground speed of the blimp would have been about 33.5 mph over this approximate distance of 1,040 miles. It was also discovered that a number of UFO reports in the Indiana area originated from the overflight of this blimp. Virgin Lightships operate five such vehicles in America (Timmerman, 1995). Figure 13 is a photograph of this blimp at night.

Figure 13

The Virgin Light Ship Photographed at Night

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If the Virgin Lightship blimp was attempting to set a west-to east speed record why would it overfly Mongo on the night of August 31st and again during the day on September 1st? Other similar arguments are presented later in the *Additional UFO Reports* section.

No Sound Heard. If a blimp was the source of these photographs its reciprocating engines also probably would have been heard at distances under about 2,000 to 3,000 feet in the calm night air. No such sounds were heard by anyone.

Blimp Shape. Several previously recorded VHS segments of positively identified blimps were analyzed by Jeff Sainio, chief photo analyst for MUFON. He provided the author with a copy of these VHS clips and still frame photographs for comparison with the present photographs. While they appear to be similar in shape to the present images they also differ in interesting ways.

Consider Figure 14 which shows three consecutive 1/30 sec. video frames from a camcorder recording taken by Mr. John Stanolevich on August 23, 1995 at Rego Park (near Shea Stadium) New York and which was conclusively identified as an advertising blimp. These three video frames show: (A) the one-per-second white, anti-collision strobe light on the bottom appearing as a bulge beneath the oval shaped object. Each flash is seen in only one video frame indicating that it's duration is less than 1/30th second.[10] (B) and (C) the generally oval-shaped blimp image is

[10] Most anti-collision light sources used on airplanes and blimps are gas discharge xenon types with a total flash duration of about 1 millisecond or less. Interestingly, the top strobe source (required by FAA regulations) is not visible in this four (4) minute-long video at any time.

comprised of several horizontal (raster) TV lines separated by blank lines whose ends stair-step in order to produce the overall shape. The overall width to length ratio of these images is 0.42 and no prominant dome is seen on the top.

Figure 14

Three Consecutive Video Frames of an Advertising Blimp over New York on the night of August 23, 1994

Insert about here in three parts

Contradictory Film Image Size. If the object was one of the American Blimp Corporation airships (128 feet long) for instance, it would have had to be 21,395 feet (about 4 miles) away to produce the small image length found on these photographs! This large a distance contradicts the testimony of the main group of witnesses at the campsite as well as the two hunters who said they saw the object to the north of their estimated position as will he discussed later.

Other Arguments. There are other arguments why the aerial object photographed was not a blimp: (1) the lack of any visible protruberance on the top of a blimp which is clearly visible in all of these photographs, (2) the presence of a small gondola *below* the blimp which is not visible on these photographs, (3) the presence of a dark, opaque (structural) tip at each end of these blimps (Figs. 12, 13) which is not seen in any of the eye witness drawings or photographs, (4) the probable average object velocity calculations presented below tend to exceed the maximum ground speed of a blimp, (5) the reported high acceleration during departure exceed the capability of blimps, (6) only one of the six witnesses at the main campground saw a flashing light on the object as it departed to the SE. However, FAA approved anticollision strobe lights on flight certified blimps must be visible from all possible viewing positions relative to the blimp so that everyone in the group should have seen the strobe light.

The results presented in Table 6 also support the opinion of Mr. J. Kintz wherein the angular size of a 128 foot-long blimp was calculated for each of four hypothetical viewing distances. The length of the image of the object on the original negative represents only 0.86 percent of the width of the frame which is considerably smaller than any of the values given in Table 6.

Finally, the majority of blimps have a width to length ratio of from 0.25 to 0.30 which is approximately one-half of the ratio of the present aerial object (not including its dome on top).

Table 6

Calculated Angular Size of an Object 128 Feet
Long at Four Distances and Percentage of Film Frame Width

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Discontinuous Object Motions: All but one of the main group of witnesses indicated that the object wasn't a blimp. It moved relatively fast, stopped, changed directions (appearing to approach the witnesses), stopped again, and then accelerated away in a matter of seconds. Blimps do not behave this way!

Object Velocity: Assuming certain values for total distance travelled (d) and sighting duration (t), object velocity can be calculated. Mr. Kintz thought the sighting lasted about fifteen seconds while Mr. Bickle had a longer estimate of from 60 to 180 seconds. The other three primary witnesses did not make temporal duration estimates. The total horizontal angle through which the object travelled [as measured from the main campsite (A)] is approximately that shown in Figure 1 although its distance from the observers is not known for sure.

Assuming the flight path of the object[11] was that shown by the heavy dashed line in Figure 1 and it was in sight for t = 60, 90, or 120 seconds, its average (constant) velocity is 65.3, 43.5, or 32.6 ft/sec, (95.3, 63.8, or 47.9 mph), respectively. Only the slowest of these values is within the 55 mph maximum airspeed of the commercially produced Lightship Blimp discussed above. If the actual flight path of the object was far more of an acute angle V with its initial and final distances much greater than are shown in Figure 1, i.e., an assumed total flight path length of about 10,740 feet, with the nearest point as illustrated, the object's average velocity (also assuming a constant velocity) for t = 60, 90, or 120 seconds would be 262, 175, or 131 mph, respectively. All of these velocities are significantly faster than this blimp can fly. And so for a blimp, comparable to the Lightship Blimp, to have caused this report it would have had to do all of the following: (1) fly at its maximum speed and never stop moving, (2) fly along the approximate path shown in Figure 1 or nearer to the campsite, (3) remain in sight for about 100 seconds or more (travelling at a constant speed), (4) somehow appear to accelerate at a high rate of speed,[12] and (5) remain silent the entire time! Since most of the witnesses said that the object moved discontinuously and actually

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11 Estimated total path length = 3,917 feet.

12 Witnesses at the main campsite as well as the two hunters approaching the area from the south indicated that the object flew away at a high rate of speed, suggesting an acceleration component to its previous velocity.

seemed to stop once or twice its actual velocity would have had to be even faster than calculated above to make up for the time it had stopped. Finally, no witnesses indicated that the object changed shape. If it were a blimp and changed heading its length would seem to shorten somewhat without changing thickness.

Additional UFO Reports: Additional reports of unidentified aerial phenomena seen on the same night were received at the Indiana MUFON headquarters (Table 7). As discussed above, some were identified as being caused by an advertising blimp.

Table 7

Additional UFO Sightings in Northern Indiana

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A careful plotting of these sightings shows that the airborne object reported: (1) did not travel consistently from west to east as it should have if it were attempting a speed record, and (2) flew at very slow speeds. For example, at 3.5 mph for the 7.1 miles separating Granger and So. Bend, at seven mph between Granger and Bristol (assuming the 1730 hrs sighting time at Granger is accurate), and at 23 mph for the 15 miles distance between Shipshewana and Mongo. The calculated average speed from So. Bend to Mongo was 50 mph. Either the object(s) presented in Table 7 was not a blimp, it was a blimp but was not attempting to establish a speed record, or there were two separate objects reported.

Conclusions

The self-luminous aerial object seen and photographed at Mongo, Indiana on August 31, 1994 has remained unidentified after the various evaluations cited above. On the one hand, its overall shape and flight characteristics are not unlike many scores of other UFO reported for more than thirty years from around the world, many of which were captured on photograps. On the other hand, a blimp definitely was seen during the night of August 31, 1994 in the Mongo area. Many arguments are presented against the blimp hypothesis so that the aerial object photographed cannot be positively identified at this time. It remains a UFO.

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Table 1A

Selected Witness Information

No.	Name/Initials	Age	Vision	Occupation	MUFON Dwg.?
1.	J. Kintz	61	20:20	retired	yes
2.	F. Babcock	?	wears glasses	retired (Mich. Dept. Nat. Res.)	yes
3.	D. Bickle[2]	47	20:20	retired (Mich. state fire officer)	yes
4.	O. J.[3]	n/a	n/a	retired (Mich. State Trooper)	no
5.	John -----	?	n/a	retired (U.S. Postal Service)	no[4]

Table 1B

Selected Witness Sighting Information (continued)

Witness No.	Direction UFO First Seen	UFO Direction of Movement	UFO Last Seen in	Est. Nearest Distance (ft.)	Est. Lowest Altitude (ft.)	Est. Angular Size
1.	SW	W to E	S	660	50 - 100[5]	15 min.
2.	SW	W to E	S	660	50 - 100	< 32 min.
3.	S	W to E	E	528 - 1056	200-250	n/a

2 A very experienced photographer and professional fire fighter with the Forest Management Division, Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources. His son owns the camp ground and runs the canoe ride attraction.

3 Lives in Carroll, Michigan.

4 Did not believe object was UFO but (rather) a blimp. He did not complete a MUFON form as of August 1995 (Ridge, 1995b).

5 Elevation angle above horizontal = 10 deg 45 min arc for 200 ft (est.) altitude and 1,056 ft range; 25 deg 20 min arc for 250 ft (est.) altitude and 528 ft range. These vertical angles appear to be larger than would be allowed by the location and height of the trees situated SW of the pond.

Table 2

Relation Between Lens Focal Length and Photographic Width and Height
(after Neblette and Murray, 1965)

If the lens' focal length is:	the total angular (deg.) frame is **width**	**height**
35mm	55	38
44mm	43	29
48mm	41	27.6
50mm	40	27

Table 3

Description of Photographs

Frame 2.... Shows a man wearing a green baseball cap and striped shirt standing in front of a BBQ grill with a pickup truck in the background with red horizontal stripe on its side.

Frame 3... Shows a group of four men sitting at a picnic table eating. Three are on the right and one on the left side. The same man as in frame 2 is sitting in the middle of the three men sitting on a bench. The tablecloth is red checkerboard.

Frame 4 ... Shows the UFO image against a homogeneously dark sky. It is well centered with longitudinal axis oriented horizontally.

Frame 5... Ditto (above) except UFO is shifted slightly to right of center by about 1.5 mm.

Frame 6... Shows nothing except dust particles.

Frame 7 .. The disk object is visible along with branches of a nearby tree extending into the frame from the right hand side about 1/3 rd frame width. All leaves and branches are in good focus. The UFO image (0.3 mm across) is approximately in the center of the frame. There is a slight crease or dimple in the negative located about 2/5th to the left (measured from the right hand margin) and just above the mid-line. The leaves are clearly illuminated by the camera's flash.

Frame 8.... Shows an oval image clearly visible against a homogeneously dark sky. One witness said that the object moved during the time this frame was taken and that was the reason the image is slightly blurred. (au. nevertheless, very little blur is apparent).

Frame 9.... Shows a man (F.B.) wearing eye glasses and baseball cap, sitting in a folding chair in front of a card table with red checker table cloth. A second man is standing on the left side and is partially out of the frame. A Starcraft motor home (fifth wheel camper) is seen in the hackground. This exposure is clearly flash-illuminated.

Table 4

Object Length and Width (ft) as a
Function of Distance for 35mm Lens

Distance (Assumed) D (feet)	Object Length d	Object Width (minus dome) w
1000	8.23	3.72
1500	12.34	5.58
2000	16.46	7.44
2310	**19.01**	**8.59**
2500	20.57	9.30
3000	24.68	11.15
3500	28.80	13.03
4000	32.91	14.88

Table 5

Object length and Width (ft) as a
Function of Distance for 44mm Lens

Distance (Assumed) D	Object Length d	Object Width (minus dome) w
1000	6.43	2.91
1500	9.65	4.36
2000	12.86	5.81
2310	**14.88**	**6.73**
2500	16.08	7.27
3000	19.30	8.72
3500	22.51	10.18
4000	25.73	11.63

Table 6

Calculated Angular Size of an Object 128 Feet
Long at Four Distances and Percentage of Film Frame Width
(for 2 Different Possible Focal Length Lenses)

Distance (ft.)	Ang. Size (deg.)	Percentage of Frame Width	
		35mm	44 mm
1000	7.3	13.3	17.0
2000	3.7	6.6	8.5
2310	**3.2**	**5.8**	**7.4**
3000	2.4	4.4	5.7
4000	1.8	3.3	4.3

Table 7

Additional UFO Sightings Reported
in Northern Indiana On August 31, 1994

Time	Location	State	Description	Witness	Comments
1. 1730	Granger	In.	oval	--------	Identified as blimp
2. 1930	South Bend	In.	oval	several	7.1 mi. SW of Granger
3. 1950	Lagrange Co.	In.	Object	several	
4. 1950	Elkhart Co.	In.	Object	several	
5. 1950	Bristol	Mi .	Oval object	Martin	Identified as blimp 16 mi. SE of Granger
6. 1950	Shipshewana	In.	oval	--------	Identified as blimp 12.3 mi. ESE of Bristol
7. 2030	Mongo	In.	oval	eight	unidentified 15.2 mi. E of Shipshewana
8. 2050	Mottville	Mi.	Object	several	
9. evening	Hamilton	In.	Teardrop	several	glowing rounded object

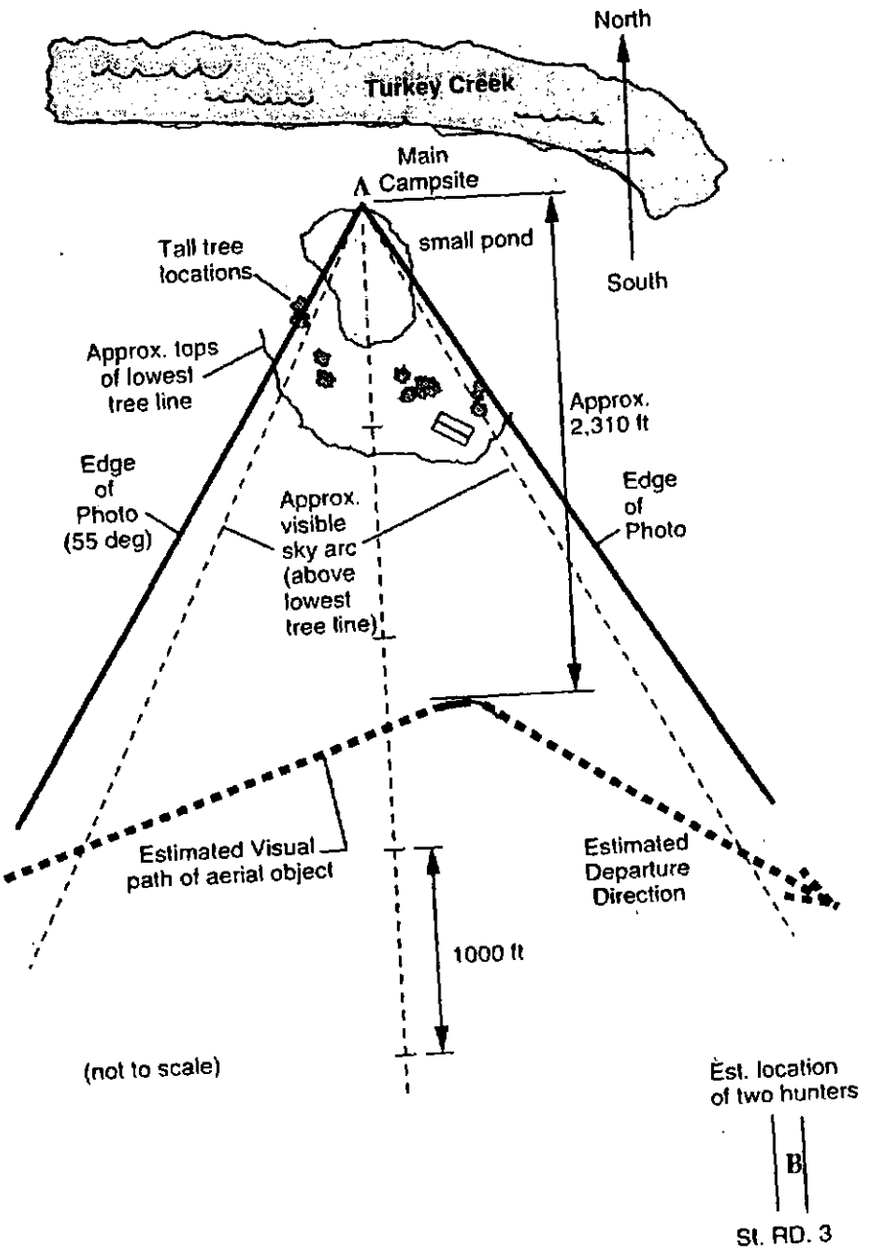

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Fig. 1

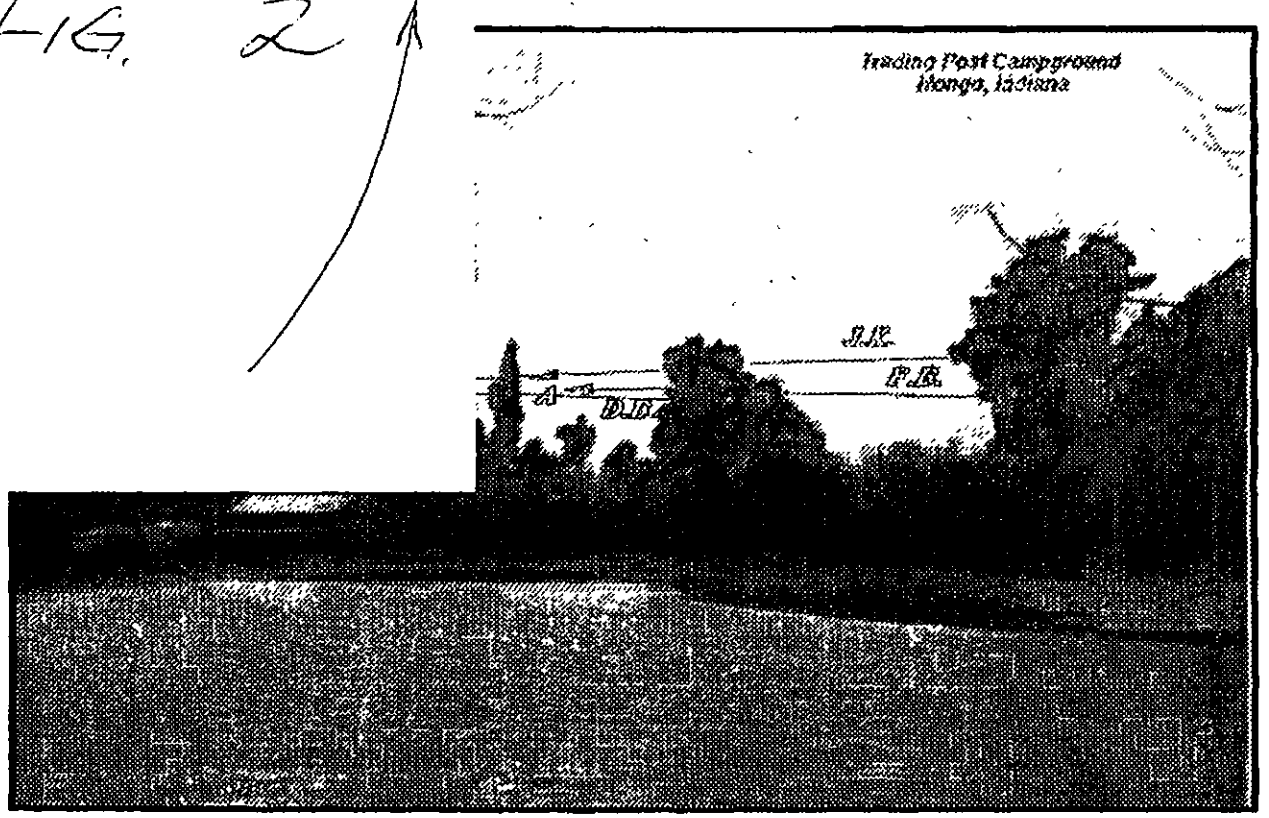
Figure 2

Photograph of Small Pond at Trading Post Campground, Mongo, Indiana

Figure 3

Path Drawn by Three Witnesses (JK, DB, FB)

FIG. 2



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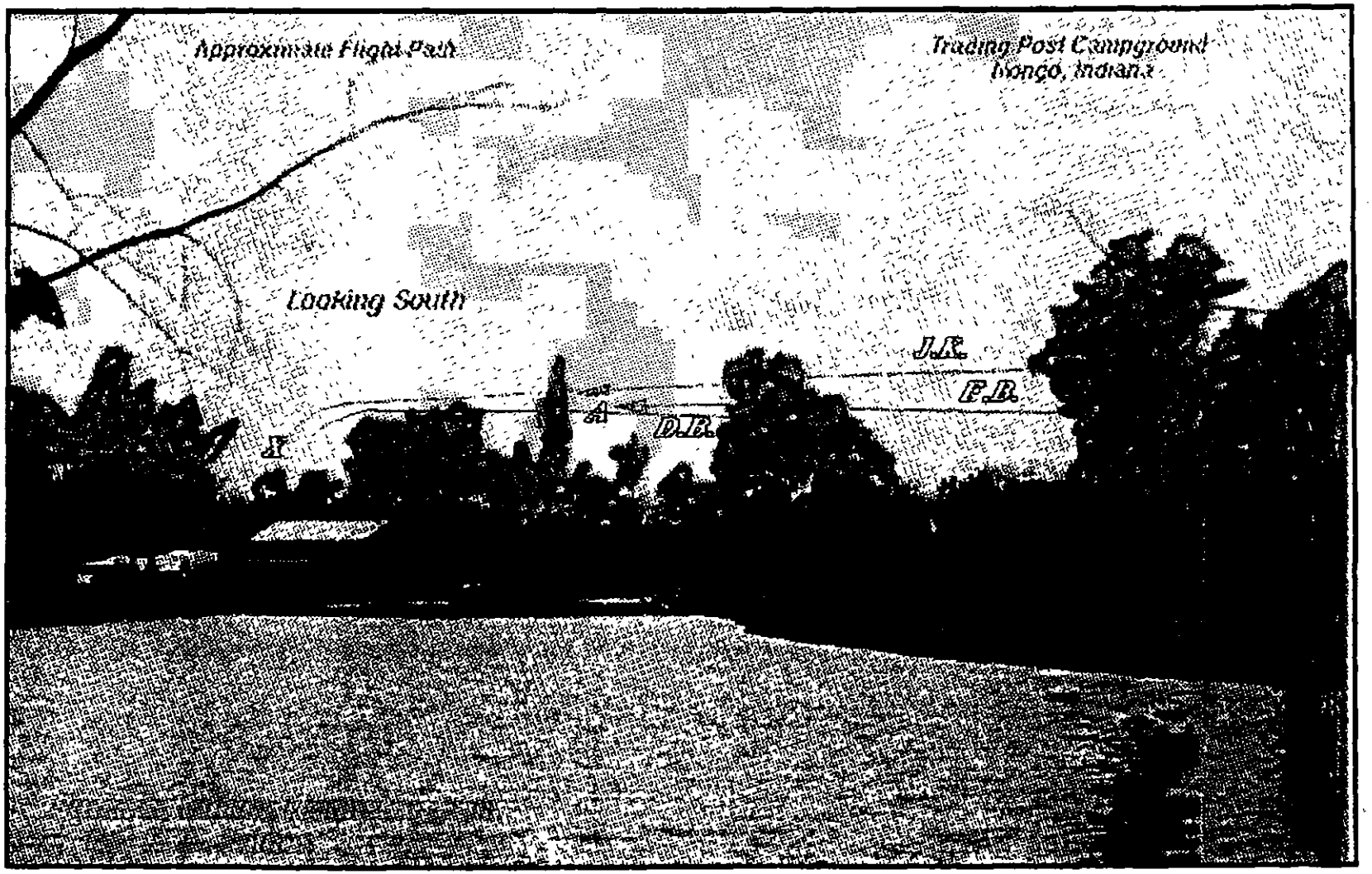
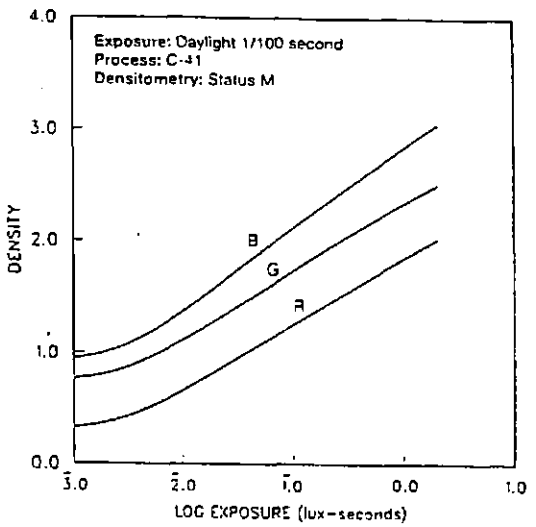


Mongo, Indiana looking south

Figure 4

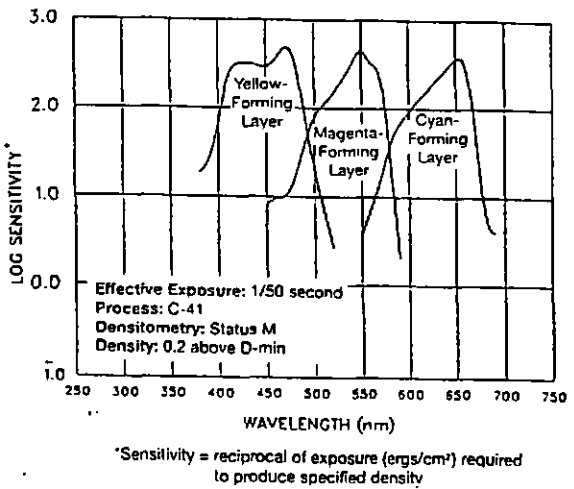
Kodak Gold Ultra 400 Characteristic Curve



This positive color film possesses spectral sensitivity (for each dye layer) as shown in Figure 5. Note that this film possesses almost the same total sensitivity (area under each curve) for each dye and that the three sensitivity peaks are shifted from each other by about the same amount (75 to 110 nm). The modulation transfer function curve for this film indicates that detail as small as about 1/50 = 0.02 mm can be recorded by a scanning densitometer. For comparison, recall that the measured end to end length of the disc on the negative was 0.3 mm, over ten times larger than this resolution limit. Enlarging this disc area by more than 30 times permits separate grains of dye to become visible.

Figure 5

Spectral Sensitivity Curves



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Modulation Transfer Function

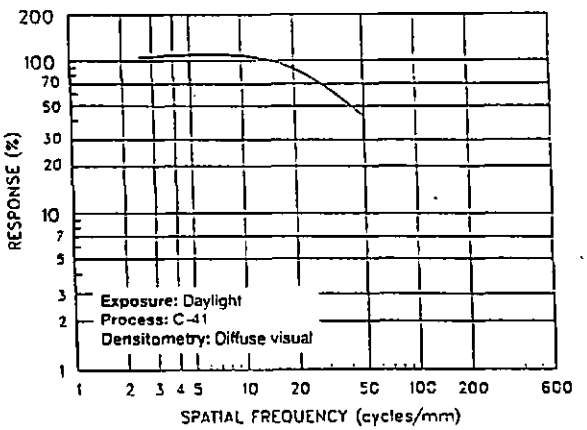

Figure 7

Eye Witness Sketches of UFO

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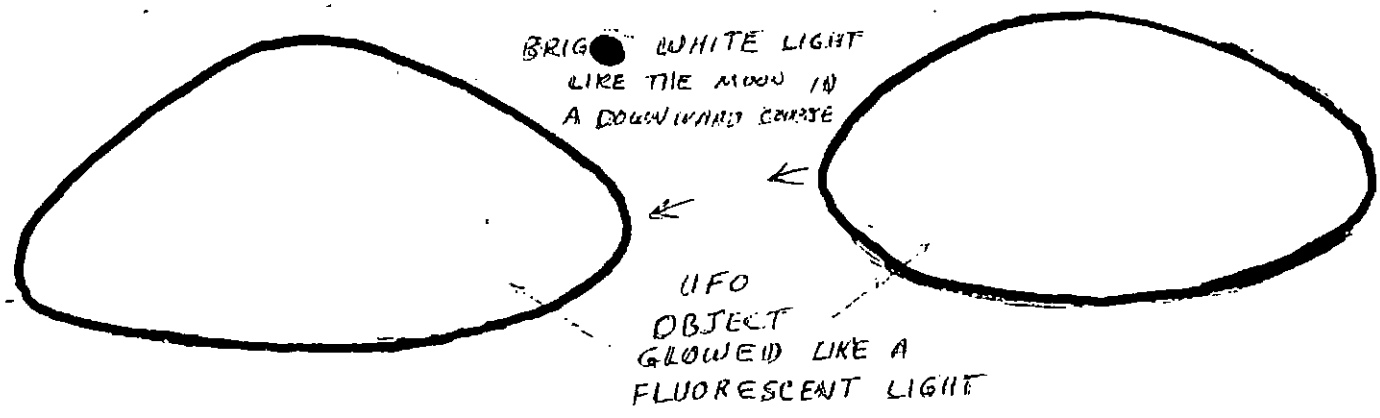

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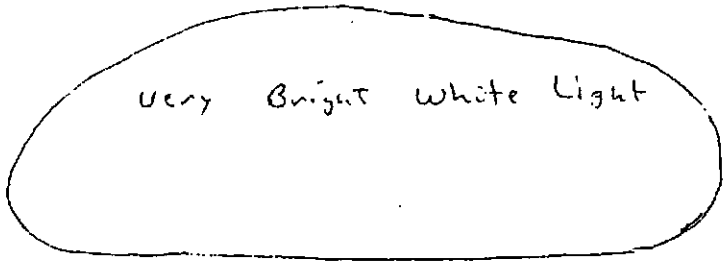
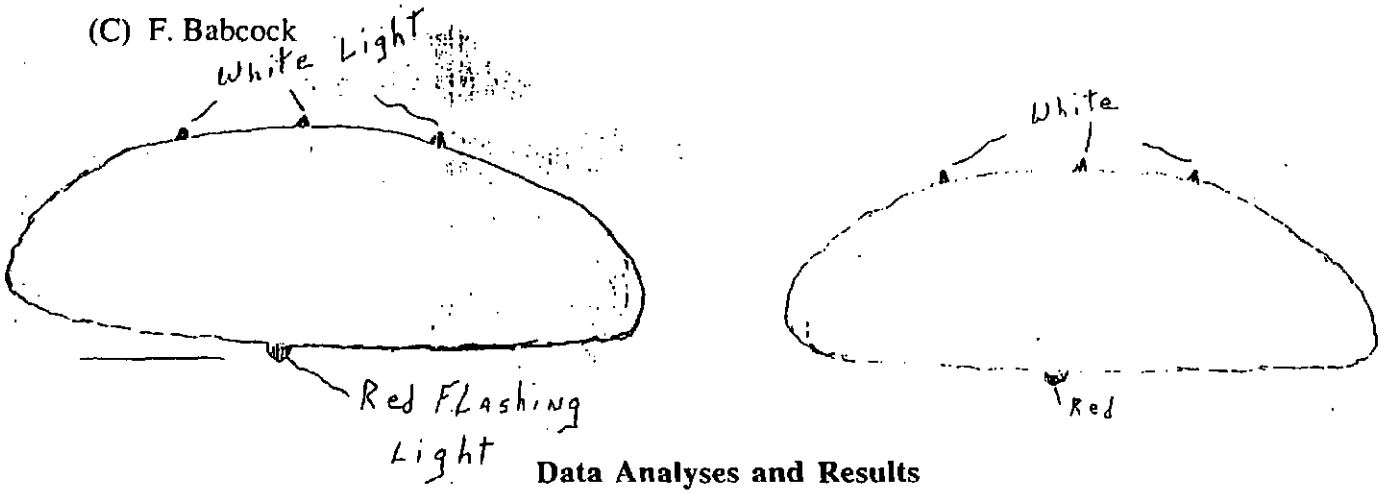


(C) F. Babcock



Data Analyses and Results

Digital Image Analysis Results: Frames 4 - 7 were scanned with a Lacie Ltd., Silver Scanner II and processed by Adobe Photoshop software running in a Power Macintosh model 7100/66. Figures 8 through 11 present. the original (Part A) and several computer enhancements (Parts B, C, D...etc.) of each frame.

FIG. 8B

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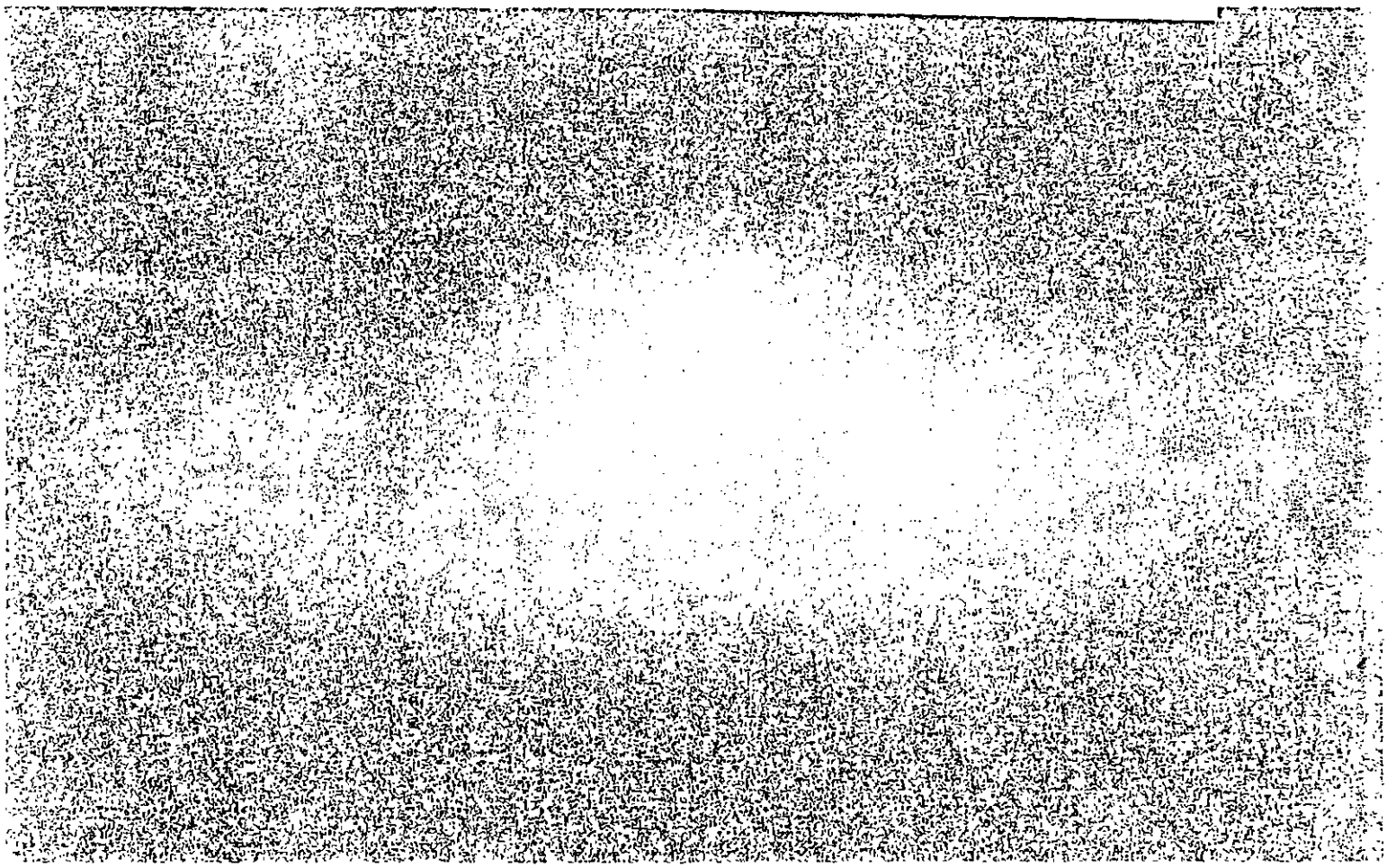
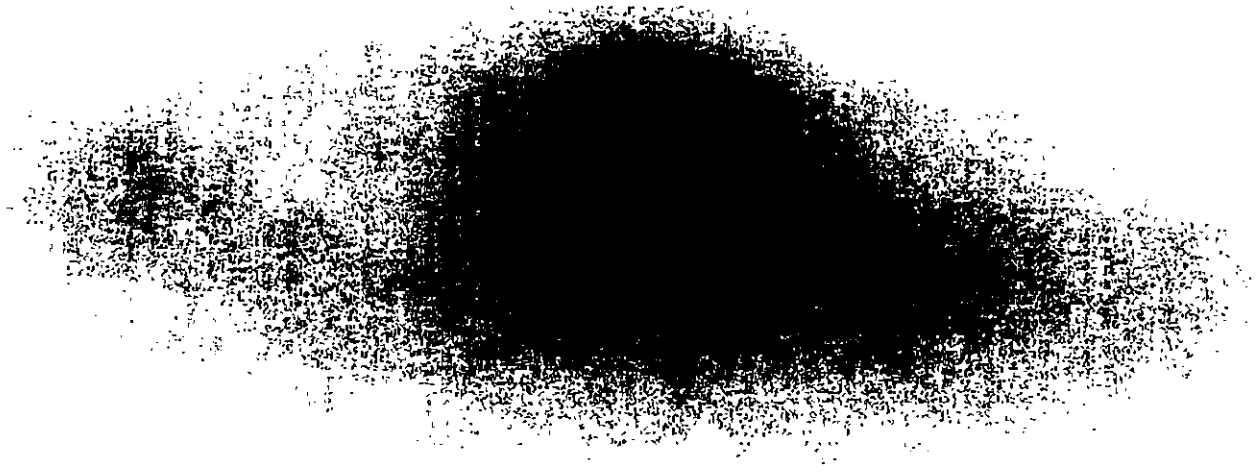


Light

UFO 31

Sec. A-3 not enhanced

FIG. 8C



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See also Fig.

FIG. 5F

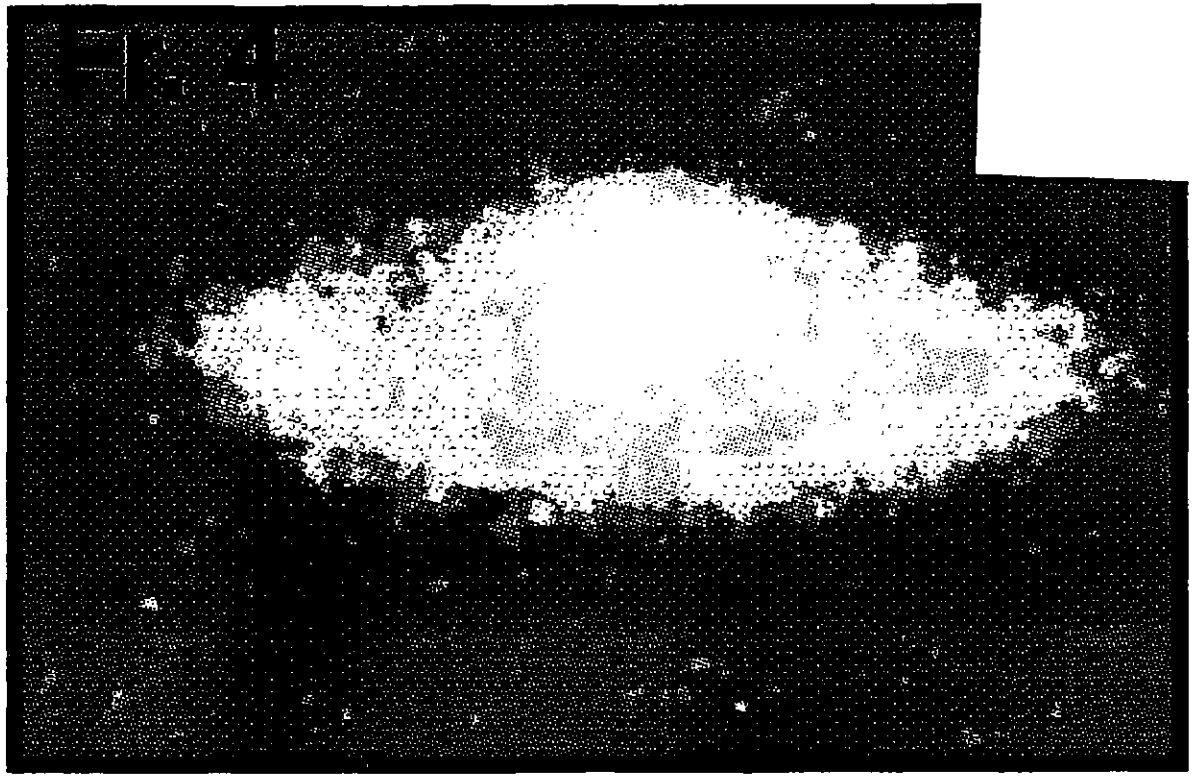

FIG. 12

The Lightship

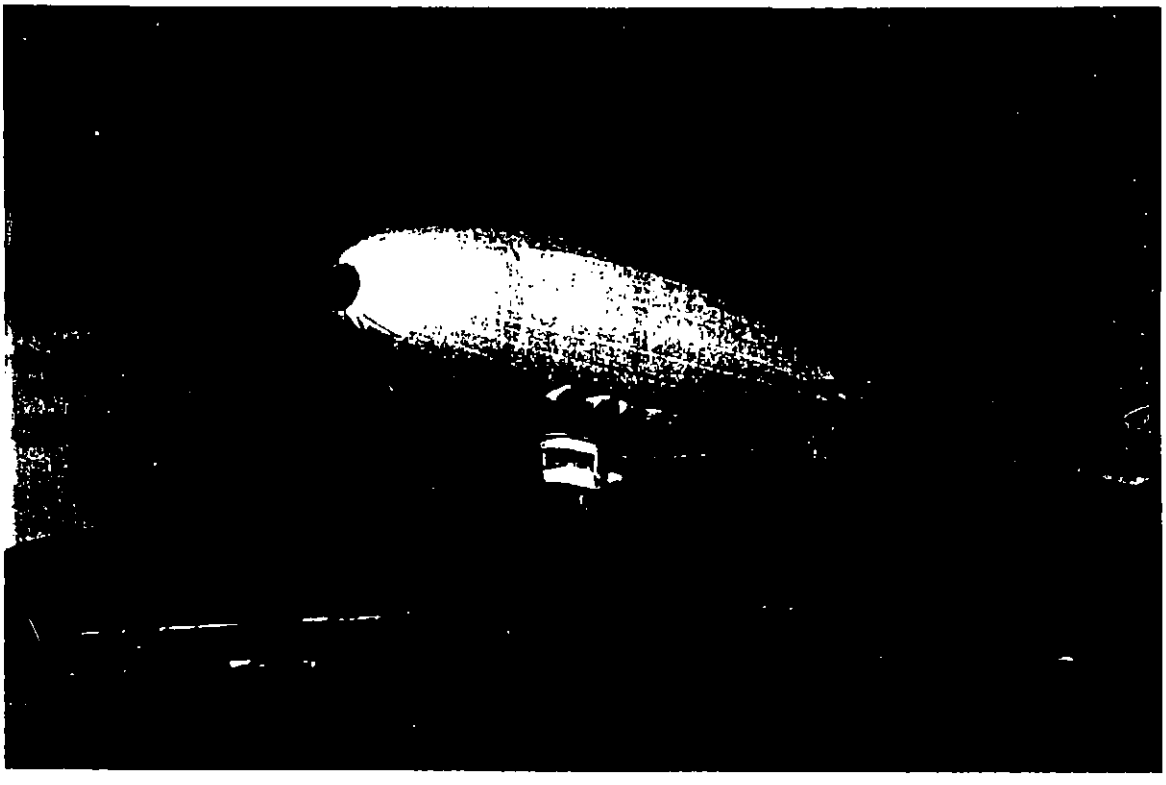

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FIG 13

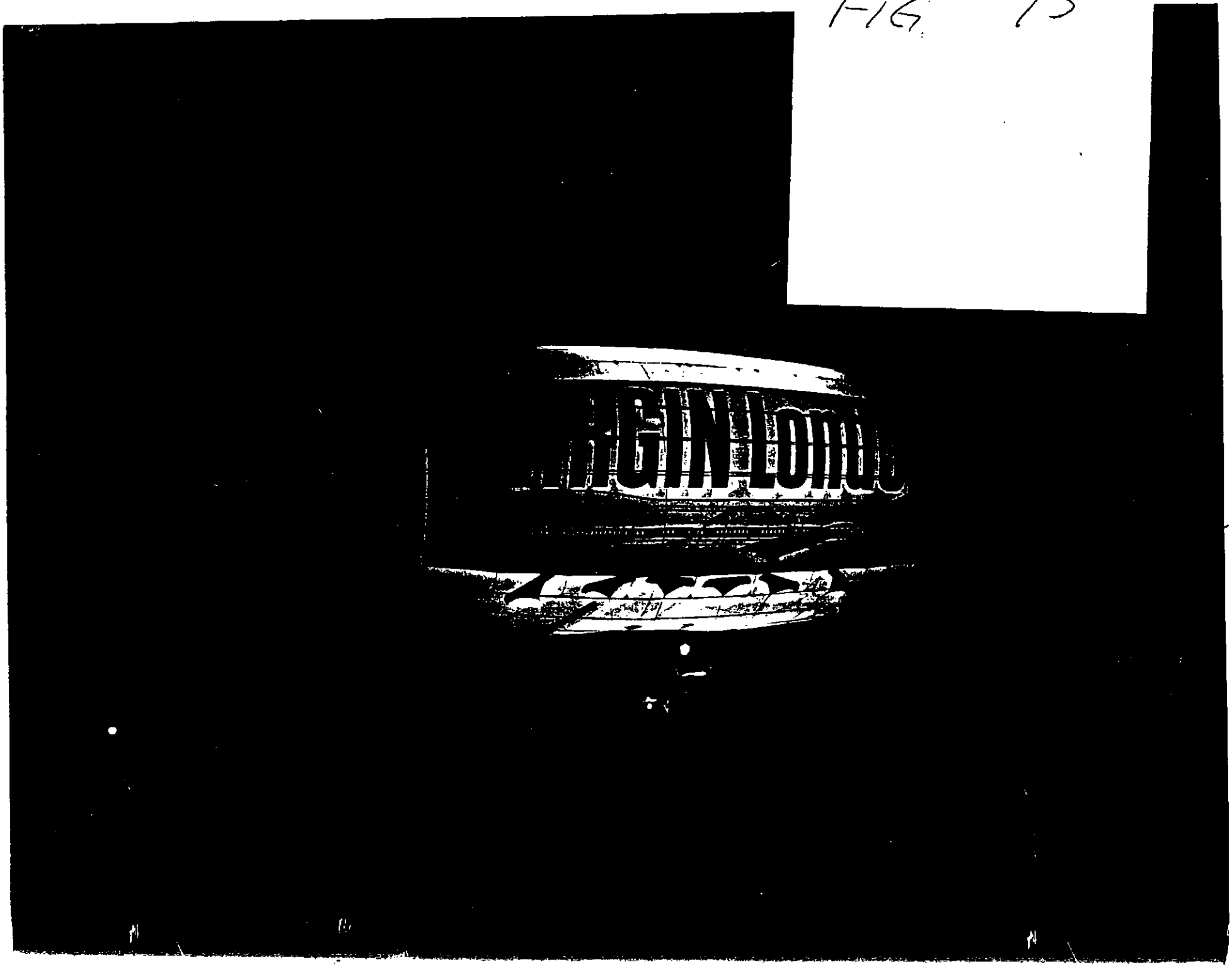

FIGURE 14

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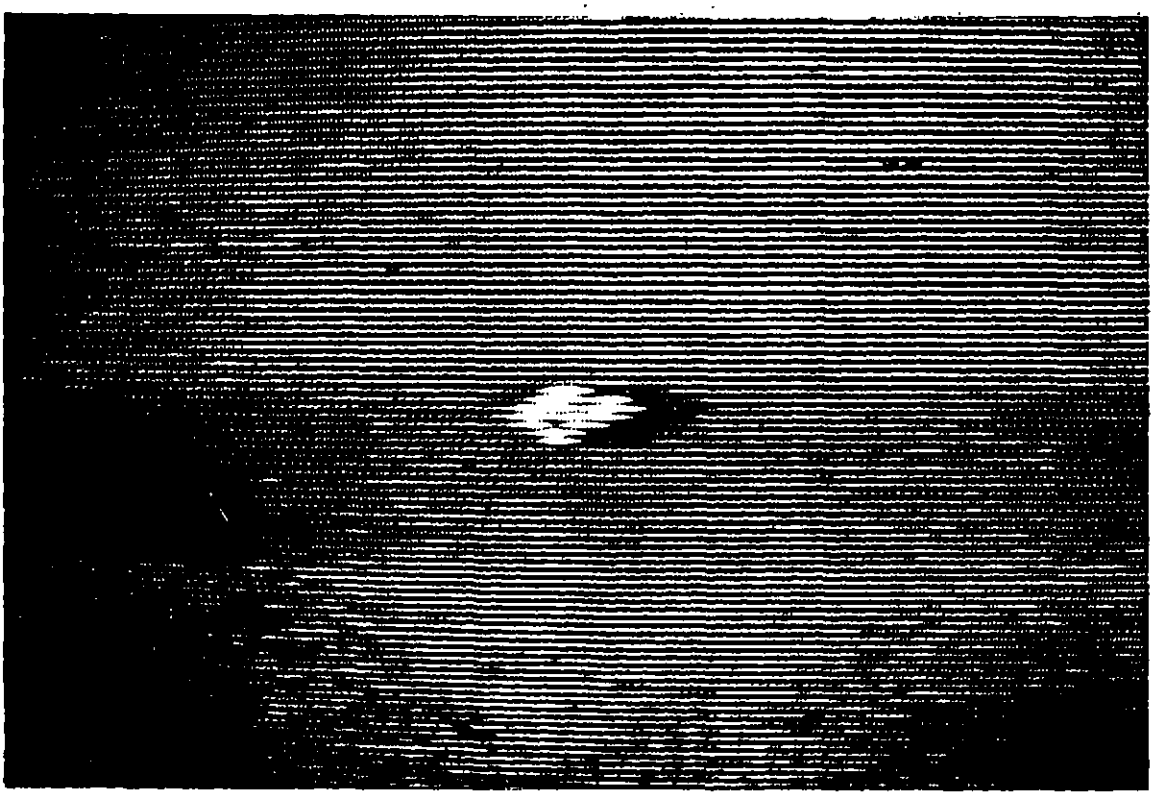

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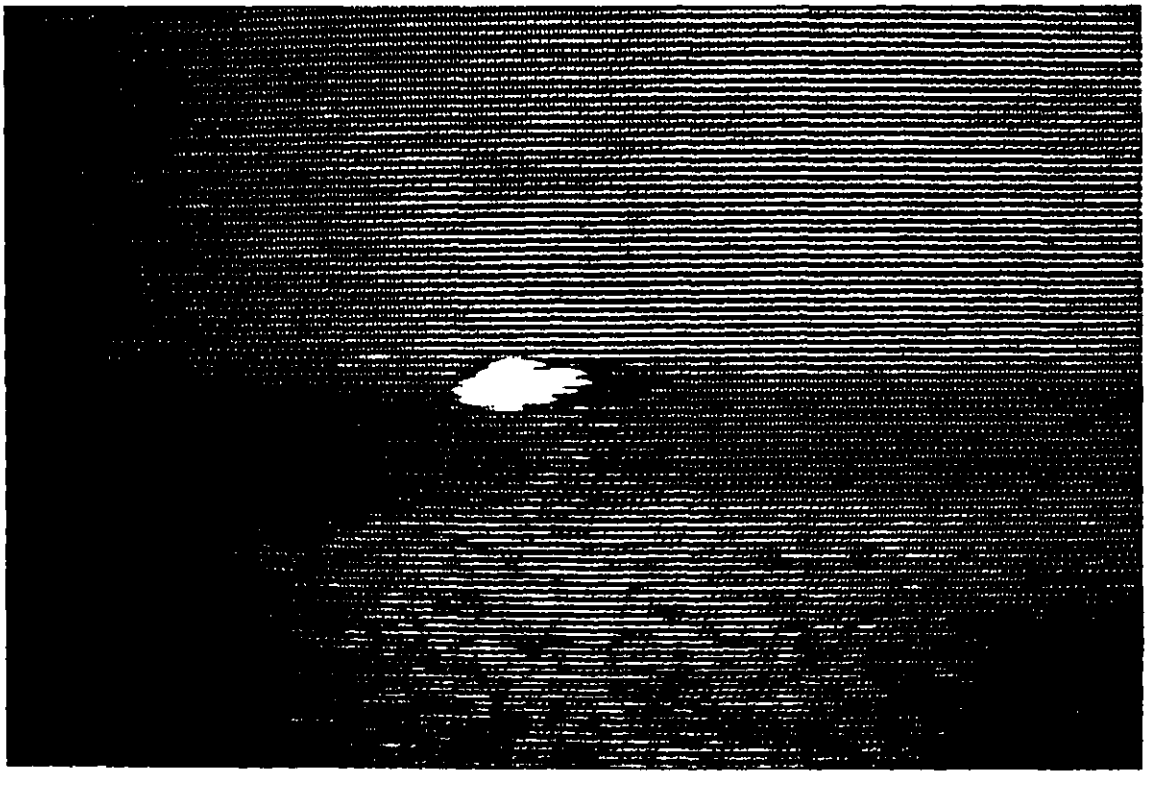

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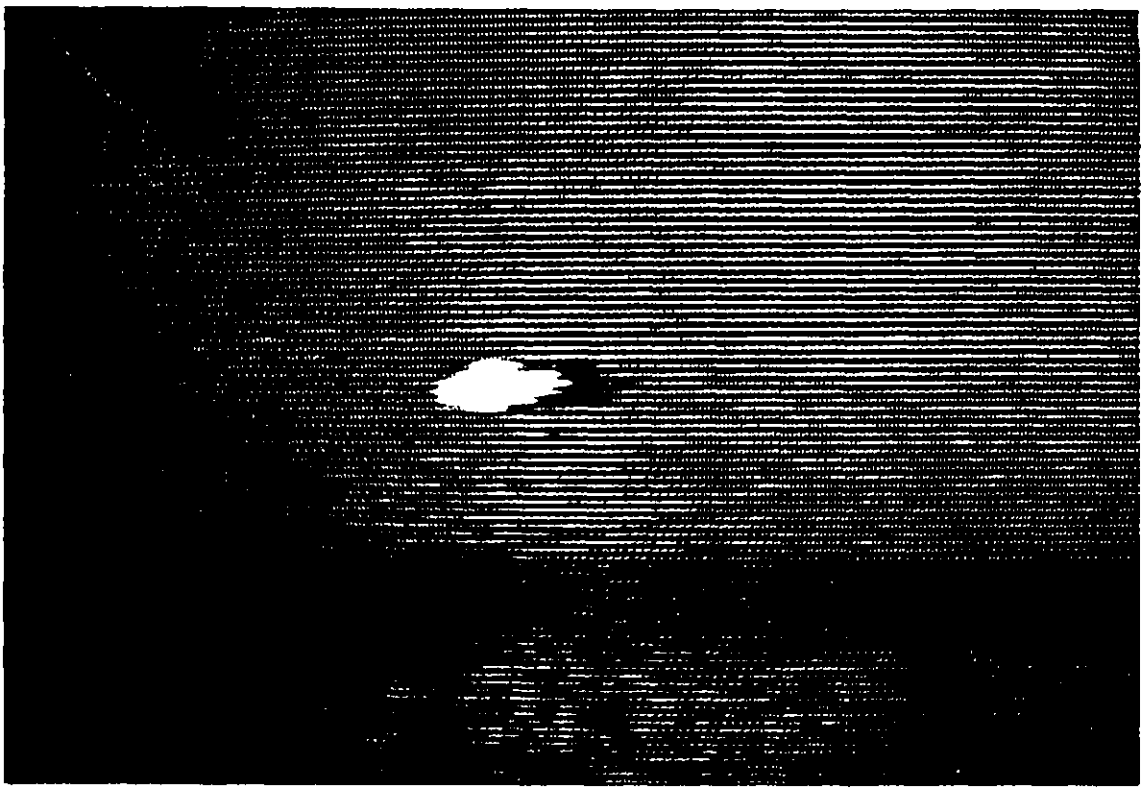

EXHIBIT 13

few nights the witnesses looked in the same area but never saw the strange object.

We hesitate labeling objects beyond the close encounter range, not necessarily because of the distance, but due to the usual lack of detail for identification purposes. However, in this case we don't have to worry about a witness with poor vision or a witness who stretched the facts or one who simply couldn't figure out what he/she was seeing due to ignorance. There were five adult witnesses and the FI (field investigator) feels that these people simply reported what they saw.

The main object, possibly a "parent craft", and smaller objects, possible other craft or "probes", was observed for two and one-half hours. The main object moved a couple of times, but mostly hovered. The main object report passes the Natural Source Test. This was not a star, nor a planet. Venus was visible at the same time in the southwest.

This report also passes the Man-made Source Test for the same reasons mentioned above. Blimps can hover, but the description and length of time observed rules this out. Everything else has to move to stay in the air or, in the case of balloons, don't hover that long, nor do they have lights of that type. Man-made fixed structures were ruled out. Hoax by witnesses was ruled out.

This report has been given the preliminary identification of UNKNOWN, Significant, because it was some kind of craft with other objects coming and going from it. Main object was observed over a long period of time. Berliner Strangeness Scale: 02 (Night Object), Berliner Credibility Scale of 02 (Multiple Average Witness). Speiser Strangeness Scale: S4 (Strange, does not conform to known principles, Speiser Probability Scale P4 credible and sound).

Ten days later, on the 19th of September, the investigating FI and her daughter observed a strange object in the same general direction. However, this time from the northwest corner of Indianapolis. The object appeared to be only about a mile away. The event started at 9:00 PM.

Norma Croda had gone outside to talk with some neighbors and noticed a bright light above a house, which was a half-block to the west. She was very bright red and green lights flashing, went inside to get binoculars and watched through the upstairs window. When focused in, the colored lights, red, green, and yellow, appeared in a band around the center of the white light. The colored lights seemed to be rotating. Her daughter, who saw the object for only about ten minutes, took the binoculars and after 3-5 minutes said it was turning and moving. The light slowly moved to the northwest. They tried to follow it in their car but lost it. Observation time: 45 minutes.

The next evening and subsequent evenings there was no similar object observed, therefore this was not an astronomical object. The length of time observed by a trained observer also eliminates aircraft. The case is still under investigation by Indiana MUFON.

Virgin Blimp Mistaken for UFO

According to the September 3, 1994 issue of Elyria, Ohio's *The Chronicle-Telegram*, a mini-flap of UFO sightings in the area was caused by the misidentification of a large blimp owned by Virgin Lightship of Orlando, Florida. The company was reportedly formed in 1989 and is one of several companies in the Virgin Group of Companies, including a record company which records such acts as Janet Jackson, The Rolling Stones, and Smashing Pumpkins. The blimp company owns two lightships is the U.S., one in England and one in mainland Europe.

According to company representative Bruce Renny, this lightship was traveling from Minneapolis to Lakehurst, New Jersey. It traveled 1,200 miles in 31 hours in what the company hopes to be record time. The companies blimps are referred to as "lightships" because they are illuminated from the inside. Thus, they appear as huge saucer shaped objects from some angles. "They're often mistaken for UFOs," said Renny. The European lightship once attracted the attention of about 400 drivers in Germany which was advertising a Pink Floyd concert. The drivers followed it for miles before recognizing what it was or giving up. We bet a terrific traffic jam was created in the process.

References: *The Chronicle-Telegram*, September 1, 2, 3 & 9, 1994; *The Morning Journal*, Lorain, Ohio, August 31 and September 2 & 3, 1994.

Source: Galen F. Kelley, Vermilion, Ohio

The Government Cover-Up, A Viewpoint

Attorney Daniel Sheehan, graduate in the Harvard Law School Class of 1970, founder, president and general counsel of the public interest law firm called the Christic Institute, had

RSID (Regional Sighting Information Database)

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT INCIDENT REPORT

UFO FILTER CENTER
618 Davis Drive
Mt. Vernon, IN 47620

The following information represents the current record in the database:

PRIMARY DATA, SIGHTING:		SECONDARY DATA, INVESTIGATION:	
Sighting Date:	940831	Status:	IC
Military Time:	2030	Berliner Value:	02/07
Location:	MONGO	Speiser Value:	S5/P5
State:	IN	Forms Used:	1,8
Hynek Value:	NL	Forms Needed:	
#/Witnesses:	10	FI In Charge:	RIDGE TIMMERMAN
Description:	SAUCER	Indiana District:	09
Sound:	NONE	Indiana County:	LAGRANGE
Duration:	15-20 SECS	Witness Last Name:	KINTZ
Vallee Number:	III	Report Source:	MINDY

If investigation status is complete (IC), copies should be filed as follows:

( ) ORIGINAL, MUFON, Central Regional Director

( ) COPY, CUFOS, Mark Rodeghier

( ) COPY, UFOFC/State Director File

( ) COPY, PHOTO ANALYST, Dr. Richard Haines

85° 19' W, 41° 41' N

DETAILED BACKUP

Case Date/ID: 940831 Time: 2030, Location: MONGO, IN
Witness: KINTZ, Field Investigator: RIDGE

Cross-reference list of all back-up material used in the investigation. The date and location of each action is listed in Sighting Investigation Activity Log.

(XX) Form 1, General Case

( ) Form 2, Computer Input

( ) Form 3, Electrical/Magnetic Case

( ) Form 4, Animal Effect Case

( ) Form 5, Psychological/Physiological Case

( ) Form 6, Landing Trace Case

( ) Form 7, Entity Case

(XX) Form 8, Photographic Case (Stills, Movies or Videos)

( ) Form 9, Radar Case

( ) Form 10, Residual Radiation

( ) Form 11, Aerial Sighting Report

(XX) Drawing of object, separate from Form 1

( ) Drawing of Area

(XX) Map of Region

(XX) Investigator Notes

(XX) EZC Skyplot

(XX) Source Test, Natural & Manmade

(XX) Sighting Evaluation Worksheet

( ) Newsclippings

(XX) Photos

( ) Recordings, audiotape

REPORT DATA CHECKLIST

The report of a claimed UFO sighting and/or abduction, witnessed by

KINTZ on 940831, at 2030, MONGO, IN

investigated by FRANCIS RIDGE,

is attached. The current case record is considered complete. Included in the report are the following items:

1. SIGHTING BACKGROUND. A description of the circumstances surrounding the receipt of the initial UFO sighting or abduction information. (Simply attach copy of ***Notice of Initial Report*** or ***message slip***).
   (XXX) Attached.
2. SIGHTING ACCOUNT. Includes ***Form 1, General Case***. Should include witness brief chronological composite or consolidation of the UFO sighting account(s).
   (XXX) Attached.
3. SIGHTING INVESTIGATION ACTIVITY LOG. Simple chronological log by date, time and place denoting the tasks the FI carried out during the investigation.
   (XXX) Attached.
4. INTERVIEW AND INTERROGATION. FI Notes, a description of the interview and interrogation. This should include where and how the interview took place (mail, telephone, onsite, etc.).
   (XXX) Attached.
5. ADDITIONAL WITNESS CHECK. FI notes, circumstances surrounding how, when, where additional witnesses were located and any subsequent interviews and interrogations including the FI's personal impressions of these witnesses and their home environment, interests, etc.
   (XXX) Attached.
6. SOURCE TESTS. A list of what ***Natural*** or ***Man-made*** were checked in an effort to identify the stimulus for the reported UFO is attached to this report. The reasons for rejecting or suspecting each as being the stimulus should be clearly noted.
   (XXX) Attached.
7. WITNESS BACKGROUND CHECK. FI notes, list of the persons checked, their comments about the witness character and their relationship to the witness. This section should include the FI's impressions of the witness personality, credibility, etc.
   ( ) Attached.
8. OTHER DATA NEEDED. Includes other MUFON Forms, etc., as needed for special evidence.
   (XXX) Attached.

   (XX) Form _____
   (XX) Drawings _____
   ( ) Other _____

9. COMMENTS, INTERROGATING FI. FI notes.
   (XX) Notes below or attached.

WITN CALLED DAVENPORT

REFERRED TO DAHLKEMP

( ) (NUFORC) National UFO Reporting Center
P.O. Box 1807
Seattle, WA 98111
(206) 722-3000

( ) (MUFON) Mutual UFO Network
103 Oldtowne Rd.
Seguin, TX 78155
(512) 379-9216

( ) (UFOFC) UFO Filter Center
618 Davis Dr.
Mt. Vernon, IN 47620
(812) 838-9843

(✓) Other FIT (MINOY)

MUFON

NOTICE OF INITIAL REPORT (Message Slip)

To UFOFC Filed by FIT DAHLKEMPER

SAW BUMP NEXT DAY!

The following UFO incident report was received at our office on 7 OCT 11:00 AM

The incident occurred on 8/31/94 at _____ AM 8?~ PM

at/~~near~~ MONGO State IN County LAGRANGE

PHOTOS 35MM H.S. FILM

REPORTING PARTY:

( ) Witness
( ) Reporting for witness

Name 6 RETIRED MEN AROUND CAMPFIRE

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____ Age _____

Home Phone (517) 750-3789

Work Phone _____

DESCRIPTION:

Shape SAUCER Size ?

Witnesses 6+ Sound NONE

Distance 1/4 MI feet Altitude TREE-TOP ~~feet~~

Observed for: ? Sec. _____ Min. _____ Hr(s)

( ) Light Form Only
(✓) Vehicle/Device
( ) Animal Reaction
( ) Physical Trace
( ) Psychological Event
( ) Parapsycholog. Event
( ) Physiological Event
( ) Electromagnetic Event
( ) Landing/Touchdown
( ) Humanoid or Creature?

( ) Time Loss
( ) Memory Loss
( ) Passed Overhead
( ) Within 200' of Gnd
( ) Under Cloud Ceiling
( ) Change In Motion
( ) Continuous Flight
( ) Stationary Target
( ) Anomalistic Motion

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EXHIBIT 1A

Police say UFO was just a Family

A blimp traveling east over the area Wednesday night apparently caused several people in Elkhart and LaGrange counties to think they spotted an unidentified flying object shortly after nightfall.

The blimp was from The Family Channel, a cable television network, according to Russ Douglass, chief of police in Bristol, which is about 10 miles east of Elkhart and a few miles south of the Indiana-Michigan State Line.

Bristol Police Officer Ron Biller was able to get close enough to the blimp to read the advertising symbol painted on it, according to Douglass.

The blimp was equipped with bright lights which made several motorists believe they had spotted a UFO, Douglass added.

LaGrange County Police said they received "numerous" calls, but a department spokesman said a Shipshewana police officer also identified the object as a blimp.

The Michiana Regional Airport Control Tower also recorded an eastbound blimp passing near the airport, on the northwest side of South Bend, at 7:30 p.m. (Indiana time) Wednesday, according to Larry Dernay, an air traffic controller. Many people in the Bristol-Middlebury-Shipshewana area reported seeing what they thought was a UFO at around 7:50 p.m.

The Bristol-Middlebury-Shipshewana area is 30 to 40 miles east of Michiana Regional. The information in Michiana Regional's records does not include the blimp's destination, Dernay added.

The Family Channel blimp was in Chicago earlier this summer, flying around Soldier Field during World Cup soccer matches.

Blimp sightings are relatively common locally. The helium-filled aircraft often fly to this area for University of Notre Dame football games or fly through the area on the way to other outdoor sporting events or concerts.

For example, another Michiana Regional radar operator also saw a gray blimp, with two beer company advertising symbols painted on it, in the air near his home in Granger at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dernay said.

Because blimps fly low and slow compared with other aircraft, the filing of a flight plan is not necessary unless the pilot wants air traffic controllers to keep track of his progress, Dernay said.

Channel blimp

EXHIBIT 1B (BOX INSERT - SOUTH BEND TRIBUNE, 9/1/94)

Family watches flying object from vehicles for nine miles

David Martin, a Tribune correspondent who works full time as a occupational therapist, was among individuals who reported seeing an unusual light in the sky Wednesday night.

By DAVID MARTIN
Tribune Correspondent

BRISTOL — I was driving Wednesday night to Middlebury, south along Michigan 103 from my home in Mottville Township, Michigan, to deliver a vehicle to a mechanic in Middlebury. My wife, Valarie Martin, and my 6-year-old son, Shawn, were trailing immediately behind me in another vehicle.

The evening sky was full of long stretches of clouds which had formed at a low to medium height. Nightfall had set in by now.

At 7:50 p.m., Indiana time, just before turning east from Indiana 15 onto Barker Road, all three of us sighted a very large, bright circular, or disc-shaped object about one-half mile ahead of us. It was flying in an easterly and slightly southern direction on a straight path.

It was just south of the state line near Bristol when we first spotted the very bright core of light.

It was much like the light from a standard incandescent light bulb, surrounded by a band of darkness, and an outer ring of the same kind of light. Upon first glance, it appeared to have one or two points on the core that glittered, but upon closer inspection, no flashing lights were observed over the next nine miles that I tracked the object.

My immediate thought was "Oh, I can't believe it. That looks like a UFO." Instinctively, however, I immediately thought to myself "It can't be. It must be someone shining a spotlight on the clouds."

Valarie remembered my son asking, "Mommy, what is that funny thing in the sky?" Without looking, she answered that it was "just a big star." But when she peered into the sky and saw the object, she said couldn't believe what she was seeing.

"It was oval-shaped saucer with a brilliant light, and it looked like something out of the movies," Valarie said.

Because it was moving somewhat rapidly and I was about to turn the corner, I was able to view it only for five to eight seconds.

After I turned the corner, we were able to get many good views of the object when we came across clearings in the trees along our nine-mile route.

When I reached the first clearing, I pulled off the road, got out of the car and waved down my wife.

We both got out of our vehicles and watched the object for about 30 to 45 seconds.

As we continued to Middlebury, we saw a friend and his family pulling into their driveway. We both turned into his drive and everyone got out of their vehicles and watched the flying object for about 45 seconds. No one could explain what it was.

When we eventually returned home, I telephoned the Indiana State Police. The officer said they had received "numerous" reports of strange sightings in the skies over Bristol and Middlebury and without hesitation he said it was a blimp.

Previously, I have viewed several blimps, and none even approached the speed of the object I saw on Wednesday. Regardless, this was an unforgettable experience, and I look forward to an objective analysis of the sighting.

TAKEN FROM "UFO INTELLIGENCE NEWSLETTER", OCTOBER 1994

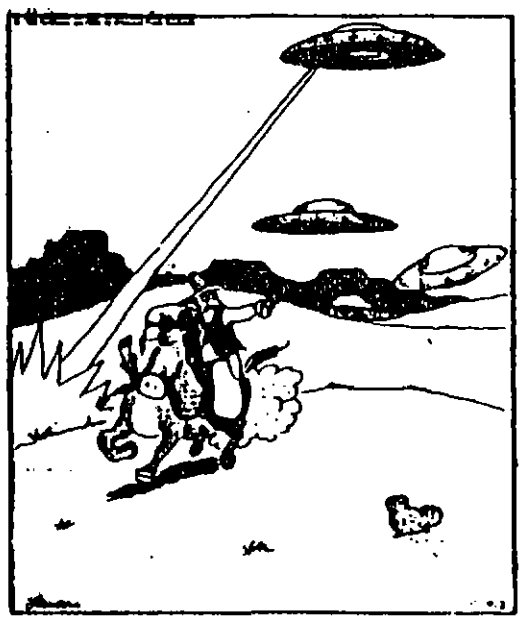
PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION REPORT - Linda Dahlkemper

(Filed September 6, this is her report of her conversation with David Martin. Most of the information in her report that was a duplication of the article has been edited out here):

(He stated) It was shaped like an inverted top and slightly tilted away from him at an approximate (angle) of 25 degrees. It was 1/2 mile ahead of him traveling in an easterly and slightly southerly direction in a straight line at 60-100 mph. He thought it was a little glittery when he first spotted it, but then saw no other lights on the object, such as flashing lights. IT had three horizontal bands, one dark at the top, a wider glowing band in the center, and a dark flat band at the bottom. He could not tell how large the object was, said in relation to himself it was basketball-sized and thought that the altitude was 800-2000 feet. It made no sound. He and his wife observed it for 10 road miles or three to four full minutes.

He states that four teenagers along the side of the road also observed the object.

His emotional state concerning his sighting was somewhat confused. He was somewhat disturbed by this report (from the State Police) since it did not look like a blimp to him. He also indicated some problems dealing with the implications of reporting this object since he did not believe in UFOs and he was afraid his credibility at his job (as an occupational therapist) would suffer if he reported what he saw. He also mentioned he was a born-again Christian and he said he had not been told of anything about extraterrestrials in his church and maybe it could be Satan trying to deceive us.



the often romanticized image of cowboys and aliens

STATE DIRECTOR COMMENT

The above report is all we have at this time. However, I think it would be advantageous if we could check with the Family Channel people to see if that report is correct. The case is still open.

On August 19th I received a call from Mark Rodeghier of CUFOS about a sighting in the same area! A lady in Maple Grove, IL, had been in Indiana visiting people in Culver sometime on the weekend of Aug 13/14 and had seen something unusual. I asked the Illinois Group to call the (815) number and check this out for us, since the home base of the witness was Illinois. If we get anything further on this case you will be advised ASAP.

TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW

Date of Interview: October 22, 1994

Time of Interview: 10:00 AM
(Recorded)

Field Investigator: Francis Ridge
618 Davis Drive
Mt. Vernon, IN 47620
(812) 838-9843

Prime Witness: John Kintz

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF REGION:

Mongo, IN, is located approximately 40 miles NNW of Fort Wayne, LaGrange County, approximately 5 miles from Michigan border. Prime witness is an area fire supervisor for the Forest Management Division, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and resides in Jackson, MI. He vacations in Englewood, FL, from November 1st thru April 30th. That address is provided for research specialists only:

John Kintz
218 Bayo
Englewood, FL 34223

(813) 475-8881

The following is the current written report originally constructed from the telephone interview, then upgraded as more information came in.

REPORT:

The sighting was very brief. Duration was estimated at 15-20 seconds. Six men, all retirees from age 45 on up, were sitting around a campfire at the Trading Post Campgrounds at Mongo, IN, on Wednesday, August 31st. The time was approximately 8:30 PM, Indiana time; 9:30 PM Michigan time (EDT).

THE WITNESS REPORTED:

"Off to the southwest it looked like the moon, glowing through the treetops, and it was low. I said, 'that can't be the moon', 'cause we are in the last phase. (Moon not visible anyway, according to EZC Skyplot). Then it started moving. Then it moved right out from behind the trees into an open area near a road and hovered toward us. And it was clear as can be. It was a flying saucer, just that vivid." The object glided into our area at a shallow angle, turned toward us and (began to) hover. Standing still the white glow turned transparent. It looked like a white strobe light on the top of the dome. A bright red red flash of light under the bottom flashed 3 or 4 times like a strobe and it disappeared to the south and east very quickly, within 2 seconds."

Before it had gone, however, they got at least four good pictures. One

of the individuals who was taking pictures around the campfire that night had a Vivitar fully automatic 35mm camera, loaded with 400 ASA color film. He was instructed to grab his camera and shoot. He had been out West with a fire crew, fighting fires and had taken pictures out there. The lens was standard, not telephoto.
Two other hunters were enroute to Mongo campground from Ft. Wayne, IN, when they were 1/2 mile south of Mongo they spotted a white object move in front and to the east at low level at a high rate of speed. This was at the same time of 2130 EDT. Prime witness met and talked with them the following day at 10:30 AM EDT.

Newspaper accounts show at least two other good witnesses (the Martins) testifying that this was no blimp. Reports of a blimp (Family Channel) in area. Object identified as blimp also reported at Berlin Heights, OH on 8/29. (See attachments).

The blow-ups I received on October 21st were from negatives #8 & #9, and were cropped. He has one pair of negatives at present, #4 & #5. After making prints from #8 & #9 a few days prior to this interview, he swapped negatives with the camera owner.

He had earlier talked with Peter Davenport, operator of the National UFO Reporting Center hotline in Seattle, WA. Davenport had instructed him to contact us for the investigation and to send the photos to our computer analyst.

Witness says the first photos are more distinct. "You are going to be more impressed with the ones I just got yesterday," he said. (Had just swapped #8 & #9 for #4 & #5). Negatives #6 & #7 reportedly did not show the UFO. Later, the witness mentioned that it was the movement during #8 & #9 that was the cause of the blurring. (Object may have been receding also).

The blow-ups and prints were made on a department store customer-operated Kodak machine called "Create-A-Print". The store name is "Meijer", at 2777 Airport Rd., Jackson, MI, 49202. Phone number is (517) 787-7000.

Photo #8 shows object (moving west to east in downward course) with illuminated leaves in the foreground (distance not known at this time) due to camera flash. Photo #9 is similar, w/o flash, object still moving west to east and downward. Camera flash had been turned off for #9.

In the first two photos the object had come closer and reportedly looked like a "fried egg".

I requested that he fill out a Form 1 and try to get the others (5) to do the same. Six Form 1's were provided.

A drawing was supplied with the blow-ups of negatives #8 & #9, and witness states that this is what the UFO looked like, as it was very bright and coming in, first like the moon. Object had red flashing light on bottom, and panels could be seen when the object was due south. He says drawing/photos don't do justice to the actual event. There was absolutely no noise. Three dogs did not react in any way.

He was out hunting the next day and actually saw the Family Channel Blimp that others had reported. "There is no way in hell (that) we saw

a blimp that night."

The object they saw and photographed on the 31st was no further than 1/4 mile away, and from 500' high to as low as 100' at one point. Witness then states the object was more vivid when first coming in. Apparently the object was receding on subsequent shots. At first he thought the object to be a bright meteor. It didn't take long for them to realize that the object was not a meteor. In negative #4 & #5 you "can see a distinct line right around the center", he said.

There were actually eight witnesses. Six were at the campgrounds, sitting around the camp fire. Two hunters were coming into the campgrounds. All saw the UFO.

The son of the party who took the photos, owns the camp grounds, is a part-time English teacher and free-lance writer. His name is Allen Acree. He also works at the campgrounds with the canoe rides. He wanted to do an article on the sighting for the local newspaper, but didn't.

Witness descriptions are as follows:

John Kintz, Jackson, MI. Retired, described earlier, prime witness. Completed and signed Form 1 on 11/1/94. Produced drawing of object with "panels".

Franklin Babcock, Cass City, MI, Retired Michigan D.N.R. Permission to use name, granted. Completed and signed Form 1 on 11/1/94. Also made drawing of object.

One of the witnesses was a retired Michigan State Trooper, Orin (sic?) Johnson, from Carroll, MI.

Another witness is a retiree from the U.S. Postal Service, postman from Jonesville, (Michigan or Indiana?). His name is John XXXXXX. For some reason or another this person did not think the object was a UFO.

Awaiting completed Form 1's from the last two above, plus two others.

Date of this preliminary report is 1/3/95. Updates will be reflected in activity log.

SIGHTING INVESTIGATION ACTIVITY LOG

08/31/94 Date of dighting & photos taken at Mongo, IN, 8:30 PM.

10/05/94 Reproduction of some photos by prime witness for FIT Dahlkemper. (Receipt dated this day).

10/07/94 Notice of Initial Report completed, 11:00 AM, at UFOFC by phone by SD. FIT Linda Dahlkemper. Sighting logged on RSID.

10/21/94 UFOFC/State Director received blow-ups of two photos, #8 and #9, drawings by witness. Temporary Form 8 provided by Dahlkemper on two photo copies. Newsclip (Exhibit 1A, 1B) regarding sightings in area, but not involving present witnesses. Copy of bill (Exhibit 2) for photo reproduction.

Attempted contact with Jeff Sainio, Photo Analyst. Left message on his recorder.

10/22/94 Approximately 10:00 AM, State Director conducted taped telephone interview with prime witness. Three-pages of notes.

Letter, six Form 1's sent by State Director to prime witness. Check (Exhibit 3) sent for photo reproduction ($24). Requested witness send copy of photos to me AND Jeff Sainio. (ck # 7457).

10/23/94 EZC Skyplot ran for sector (District 09) for 8:30 PM, area (Fort Wayne), latitude +41 04' 00 North, longitude +085 08' 00 West. Jupiter was in SW, as well as Venus. Saturn in SE. Moon, not visible. EZC Skyplot is attachment to Source Test.

Note and copies of prints #4 & #5 from prime witness received by State Director, dated this date, informing him that photo copies had been mailed to Sainio.

10/24/94 Letter, copy of this log (dated as Oct 24), telephone report, drawing, Form 8, EZC Skyplot, and map of NE Indiana, sent to Jeff Sainio.

Photos to Sainio to be shipped direct from witness. Photo Analyst really should provide Form 8 receipt to witness, since analyst is doing the receiving. However, due to the circumstances we will provide it from here.

Receipt (Exhibit 4) for additional photo reproduction shows this date.

10/27/94 Alerted Jack Kasher, Central Region Director, of the existence of the case and photos.

11/01/94 Two-page note from prime witness to State Director. Is sending the original bill on photo reproduction for our records. Also had sent four Form 1's out to the others.

Form 1 by F.B. completed, but not signed.

11/07/94 Letter from SD to prime witness requesting documentation

(signed Form 1's). Sent the unsigned Form 1's back to him. Made copies and retained those for the record until completed ones arrive.

12/04/94 8:30 AM. Found recorded telephone message on answering system, Jeff Sainio needs some information, unclear. State Director tried several times to contact him, to no avail.

Original Form 1's by F.B. and prime witness received, this time signed. Attempting to get four additional Form 1's. The two witnesses (of the eight total) were not identified, leaving six to actually report their experience.

12/06/94 Letter to Jeff Sainio in reference to his recorded message on telephone answering system. I suggested a form letter be used to let people know if he received materials and to make additional simple requests. No answer.

12/22/94 Received a phone call from prime witness at approximately 8:45 PM. He advised me that Jeff Sainio had called him earlier, about 5:00 PM, and stated that he had not received any photos! The witness was supposed to make up a new set and send them again. I advised against it, not faulting Mr. Sainio, but something in the system. However, there appears to be a major flaw in communications. Prime witness will make new copies of two of the photos (from the only two negatives he has in his possession) and send them to me. I will then submit them by certified mail to an analyst.

12/23/94 Mark Rodeghier returned my call from the previous evening. I asked who else would be appropriate for an analysis. (It has been two months since we submitted photos and materials). He suggested two others. I decided to go with Richard Haines.

A letter was drafted to Mr. Haines asking him to provide an address, rather than PO Box, if he decided to do the work for us.

A letter was also drafted to Jeff Sainio, describing our actions and the reason behind them, since he was expecting Mr. XXX to send the photos all over again. Computer copies of the letter were submitted to Walt Andrus & Mark Rodeghier.

12/27/94 5x7 copies of Photo #4 & 5 (one regular and one blow-up each) received from primary witness. Awaiting response from Richard Haines. Included in mailing was bill for $12.59.

12/31/94 Received letter, dated 28 December, from Richard Haines, requesting (1)positive prints, (2) original negatives, and all particulars. Securing original negatives may be difficult. The primary witness has two of the four negatives but may be reluctant to turn them over to us. It is MUFON policy NOT to secure and mail original negatives. However, I never could understand how a proper study of photographs could be accomplished without same.

01/03/95 Letter, report from telephone interview and subsequent investigation, two prints and two blow-ups (of two of the

four 35 mm shots), all particulars to date, submitted via certified mail, signed receipt requested, to Richard Haines. (His address was provided, rather than a PO box). Copy of letter sent to MUFON & CUFOS. (Receipt signed: 1-17-1995).

01/09/95 Received completed Form 1 from D.B., a retired fire officer.

01/17/95 Jan 3rd mailing to Haines arrived this date! Took two weeks! Signed receipt by Carol Haines. Wonder if tampered with?

02/21/95 Letter from Richard Haines dated 10 Feb requesting negatives and other information. Says case needs further study.

02/22/95 Contacted primary witness by phone, told him about letter from Haines.

Sent letter to primary witness and Haines, outlining plan to send half of the original negs first, await safe return, then send other half. Make copy of negs first.

02/25/95 Received call on recorder from primary witness. I returned call and he had gotten OK on sending half the original negs. Copies had already been made. Two of the original negs (strip containing same) are on the way to Haines, certified mail, signed receipt requested (CM/SRR). I am to send letter to Haines.

9:00 PM. Contacted Jeff Sainio at new number. OK to send two prints (not enlarged) to QUADTECH, Attn: Jeff Sainio, N 64 W23 110 Main St., Sussex, WI 53089. He is to call me when he gets them.

02/26/95 2:45 PM. Contacted primary witness. Told him I finally got ahold of Jeff. PW is sending negs of two photos to Haines & two uncropped photos to Sainio, CM/SRR.

02/27/95 Letter to Haines. (2) negs on the way. Questions answered.

03/02/95 "Memo For The Record" dated this date from Richard Haines, original mailed on 3/2 to DB. Received from DB was 35mm negatives, strip of four connected frames, 6,7,8,9.

03/07/95 Four pages of Q/A notes via phone by Haines w/DB, conducted March 7th. Haines requested series of overlapping color photos at same location where originals were taken. Not mentioned, but these should be daylight photos. Primary witness is in Florida, but will be back in area soon. Work is progressing.

03/22/95 Letter to Haines and primary witness concerning attempt to get overlapping photos.

03/29/95 AM. Call from Dr. Haines. Needs county map or topo map with big scale, possibly 5 miles. Also requested info from Hunters, who they are, will they file reports, etc. In particular, where were they in relation to the others and in what direction did they see the UFO from beginning to end. Requested I run an EZC to see if moon was visible and providing light on August 31 at sighting time. I will have

primary witness return to area when he comes back from Florida this spring.

03/30/95 Letter to Haines, EZC (See Source Tests).

Letter to Kintz req series of overlapping photos of sky sector.

Material from Jeff Sainio, along with (in his own words) "Photoanalysis (sort of)", stating that the "tiny images give little to work with" and "witness testimony of shape and flashing lights gives a close match with the balloon (theory)." Copy of letter and other materials sent to Dr. Haines. (See Analyis Section).

04/03/95 10:40 AM. Received call from primary witness. Had gotten letter concerning Dr. Haines' requests. During the first week in May they will use the same camera and take overlapping pictures from exact site. Names and ID of two hunters is unknown, but their position was noted.

04/08/95 Letter from Dr. Haines, dated 3 April. ..."Case is turning into most interesting event." Needs other Form 1's (has only two), names of all the campers. Any chance of reimbursement on expenses, etc.

04/09/95 Memo, dated 10 April, from primary witness. Will get panoramic shots in May. Will try to get a topo or county map. Wants me to ask Dr. Haines if he is ready for his negatives.

04/19/95 Letter to Dr. Haines (cc: primary witness) explaining May plans. Also sent Intelligence Summary of 8/31/94 period and info on blimp, received grant forms from CUFOS/coalition. Also sent RSID F11 run for region for his computer research.

Called Mark Rodeghier of CUFOS, left message to return call.

04/20/95 Mark returned my call. Is checking on blimp flights. May get John Timmerman to do it. Request zerox of photos.

Sent letter, photos, and Sainio material to Rodeghier.

04/22/95 Call from John Timmerman of CUFOS. Unable to take call.

04/23/95 Call from John Timmerman. Took call at 8:00 PM. Will help on Mongo case. Requests information on sighting and photos.

04/24/95 Sent complete accumulated file designated for CUFOS to him Monday, April 24th. Will have primary witness send the photo copies.

04/26/95 Letter to FI Bruce Engstrom requesting his group aid Timmerman in investigation.

05/11/95 Received a call from the primary witness. He and one of the other men (the original photographer) took a series of daylight photos for Dr. Richard Haines. This series will provide a panaramic view of the sky from the same vantage

point as the night UFO photos taken August 31, 1994. Dr. Haines will use these, and the large-scale map being provided, to plot the object's position during its flight and be used to make other calculations regarding each of the four photos.

05/17/95 Got a call from John Timmerman of CUFOS. He had made arrangements to meet with the two men on Friday, May 19th, to get whatever information, photos of sky sector, and maps, etc. I advised him that it was very important we are able to rule out the blimp explanation. He is checking into flights by FAMILY CHANNEL and VIRGIN LIGHTSHIP. Witness reports rule out blimps, in particular the speed of flight and rapid acceleration. However, it would good to know that there were no blimps in the area that evening. If there were blimp flights on the 31st in that area it will create a problem for analysts, nonetheless. It is interesting that one of the men DID see and report a blimp the very next day.

05/18/95 Letter to Sainio from Haines (copy at SD Office) requesting info on his procedures and blimp information.

05/19/95 Timmerman met with two witnesses, Robert Taylor, Roger Sugden, at the prime witness' home in Jackson, MI.

05/22/95 Letter to Haines asking him if he can return the first set of negs so that the other set (the best of the four) can be forwarded.

05/23/95 Letter from Dr. Haines dated May 19th requesting further info, checks on blimp flights.

Call from primary witness. Instructed him to call Dr. Haines about specific items, especially the return of the first strip of negs by certified mail ASAP so that the second strip can be forwarded.

05/24/95 Two-page letter, dated May 21, from John Timmerman, regarding trip to Jackson, MI for further investigation of Mongo photos. Included two maps of slightly different scale, and a daylight photo showing their position that night and where the object appeared.

Letter to Haines, update. Kintz will call him regarding getogether at Mongo with Timmerman and getting other negs to him.

06/01/95 Letter, copy of the above material made, originals sent to Dr. Haines.

06/05/95 Date of letter submitted by prime witness to this investigator. He had talked to Dr. Haines, who said photos and maps were very helpful. Work continues on first set of negs.

07/07/95 Copy of letter to DB from Haines returning original first neg strip.

07/20/95 Information from blimp manufacturer submitted by Dr. Haines.

This was descriptive information, not flight schedules. Also, note mentioned Dr. Haines had just received second (best) set of photos.

07/30/95 Copy of letter dated this date from Dr. Haines to several of the witnesses, requesting them draw items on photo supplied.

Undated. Memo from John Timmerman. No word from McDonald Company in Toronto. Will be getting after them. Is sending photo of Virgin Lightship to Dr. Haines for dimension ration comparisons with the Mongo object. Virgin Lightship Company has not been very helpful in providing flight schedule information.

09/07/95 Letter to Dr. Haines in response to his phone request to have me copy and return the first draft for scanning due to hard disc failure.

09/14/95 One more attempt to contact David Martin, the newspaper man (and his wife in a separate vehicle) who also saw the object or similar one. Have not filed reports.

09/19/95 New draft of photo analysis from Richard Haines, requesting and comments.

ENDEND

EXHIBIT 2

NOV. 1 THRU APRIL 30: 218 BAYO
ENGLEWOOD FL. 34223
1-813-475-8881

JOHN G. KINTZ RETIRED
AREA FIRE SUPERVISOR
FOREST MANAGEMENT DIVISION

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
[redacted]
JACKSON, MICHIGAN 49201
RESIDENCE 750-3789
3100 GLASGOW RD.
JACKSON, MI. 49201

Here are the photos
I appreciate your time & effort
Sorry I'm late to the Jackson State
Meet but I'm still
If you think the two prints
I will be provided help
Regards, J. Kintz

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TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW

Date of Interview: October 22, 1994

Time of Interview: 10:00 AM
(Recorded)

Field Investigator: Francis Ridge
618 Davis Drive
Mt. Vernon, IN 47620
(812) 838-9843

Prime Witness: John Kintz

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF REGION:

Mongo, IN, is located approximately 40 miles NNW of Fort Wayne, LaGrange County, approximately 5 miles from Michigan border. Prime witness is an area fire supervisor for the Forest Management Division, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and resides in Jackson, MI. He vacations in Englewood, FL, from November 1st thru April 30th. That address is provided for research specialists only:

John Kintz
218 Bayo
Englewood, FL 34223

(813) 475-8881

The following is the current written report originally constructed from the telephone interview, then upgraded as more information came in.

REPORT:

The sighting was very brief. Duration was estimated at 15-20 seconds. Six men, all retirees from age 45 on up, were sitting around a campfire at the Trading Post Campgrounds at Mongo, IN, on Wednesday, August 31st. The time was approximately 8:30 PM, Indiana time; 9:30 PM Michigan time (EDT).

THE WITNESS REPORTED:

"Off to the southwest it looked like the moon, glowing through the treetops, and it was low. I said, 'that can't be the moon', 'cause we are in the last phase. (Moon not visible anyway, according to EZC Skyplot). Then it started moving. Then it moved right out from behind the trees into an open area near a road and hovered toward us. And it was clear as can be. It was a flying saucer, just that vivid." The object glided into our area at a shallow angle, turned toward us and (began to) hover. Standing still the white glow turned transparent. It looked like a white strobe light on the top of the dome. A bright red red flash of light under the bottom flashed 3 or 4 times like a strobe and it disappeared to the south and east very quickly, within 2 seconds."

Before it had gone, however, they got at least four good pictures. One

of the individuals who was taking pictures around the campfire that night had a Vivitar fully automatic 35mm camera, loaded with 400 ASA color film. He was instructed to grab his camera and shoot. He had been out West with a fire crew, fighting fires and had taken pictures out there. The lens was standard, not telephoto.
Two other hunters were enroute to Mongo campground from Ft. Wayne, IN, when they were 1/2 mile south of Mongo they spotted a white object move in front and to the east at low level at a high rate of speed. This was at the same time of 2130 EDT. Prime witness met and talked with them the following day at 10:30 AM EDT.

Newspaper accounts show at least two other good witnesses (the Martins) testifying that this was no blimp. Reports of a blimp (Family Channel) in area. Object identified as blimp also reported at Berlin Heights, OH on 8/29. (See attachments).

The blow-ups I received on October 21st were from negatives #8 & #9, and were cropped. He has one pair of negatives at present, #4 & #5. After making prints from #8 & #9 a few days prior to this interview, he swapped negatives with the camera owner.

He had earlier talked with Peter Davenport, operator of the National UFO Reporting Center hotline in Seattle, WA. Davenport had instructed him to contact us for the investigation and to send the photos to our computer analyst.

Witness says the first photos are more distinct. "You are going to be more impressed with the ones I just got yesterday," he said. (Had just swapped #8 & #9 for #4 & #5). Negatives #6 & #7 reportedly did not show the UFO. Later, the witness mentioned that it was the movement during #8 & #9 that was the cause of the blurring. (Object may have been receding also).

The blow-ups and prints were made on a department store customer-operated Kodak machine called "Create-A-Print". The store name is "Meijer", at 2777 Airport Rd., Jackson, MI, 49202. Phone number is (517) 787-7000.

Photo #8 shows object (moving west to east in downward course) with illuminated leaves in the foreground (distance not known at this time) due to camera flash. Photo #9 is similar, w/o flash, object still moving west to east and downward. Camera flash had been turned off for #9.

In the first two photos the object had come closer and reportedly looked like a "fried egg".

I requested that he fill out a Form 1 and try to get the others (5) to do the same. Six Form 1's were provided.

A drawing was supplied with the blow-ups of negatives #8 & #9, and witness states that this is what the UFO looked like, as it was very bright and coming in, first like the moon. Object had red flashing light on bottom, and panels could be seen when the object was due south. He says drawing/photos don't do justice to the actual event. There was absolutely no noise. Three dogs did not react in any way.

He was out hunting the next day and actually saw the Family Channel Blimp that others had reported. "There is no way in hell (that) we saw

a blimp that night."

The object they saw and photographed on the 31st was no further than 1/4 mile away, and from 500' high to as low as 100' at one point. Witness then states the object was more vivid when first coming in. Apparently the object was receding on subsequent shots. At first he thought the object to be a bright meteor. It didn't take long for them to realize that the object was not a meteor. In negative #4 & #5 you "can see a distinct line right around the center", he said.

There were actually eight witnesses. Six were at the campgrounds, sitting around the camp fire. Two hunters were coming into the campgrounds. All saw the UFO.

The son of the party who took the photos, owns the camp grounds, is a part-time English teacher and free-lance writer. His name is Allen Acree. He also works at the campgrounds with the canoe rides. He wanted to do an article on the sighting for the local newspaper, but didn't.

Witness descriptions are as follows:

John Kintz, Jackson, MI. Retired, described earlier, prime witness. Completed and signed Form 1 on 11/1/94. Produced drawing of object with "panels".

Franklin Babcock, Cass City, MI, Retired Michigan D.N.R. Permission to use name, granted. Completed and signed Form 1 on 11/1/94. Also made drawing of object.

One of the witnesses was a retired Michigan State Trooper, Orin (sic?) Johnson, from Carroll, MI.

Another witness is a retiree from the U.S. Postal Service, postman from Jonesville, (Michigan or Indiana?). His name is John XXXXXX. For some reason or another this person did not think the object was a UFO.

Awaiting completed Form 1's from the last two above, plus two others.

Date of this preliminary report is 1/3/95. Updates will be reflected in activity log.

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October 22, 1994

Attn: JOHN G. KINTZ
2100 Glascow Rd.
Jackson, MI 49201

Dear John:

There is more to follow. I didn't have time to draft some material, but will when I get back this afternoon from Evansville. I just wanted to thank you and send you the book and the newsletter.

I will send you the same report that I will send to Mr. Sainio. He will get that from me and the photos from you. You will get a complete report when completed.

Enclosed are 6 Form 1's. Please fill out one for us and try to get some of the others to document this case, too.

Also enclosed is my check for $24 to cover your photo expenses. Send me the bill (or a copy) so I can use it for tax purposes.

Again, thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Francis Ridge

Francis L. Ridge
State Director, The Indiana Group, MUFON
Director, UFOFC

EXHIBIT 3

FRANCIS L. OR CAROLYN J. RIDGE 2-73
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Francis Ridge

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Francis, I sent Jeff 10-23-94
the prints you requested, the same
that is enclosed. Also, info that
there were six of us that observed the
U.F.O. in Camp Aug. 31, 1994.

I'll be looking forward to any
U. F. O. material that you wish
to share. I expect to be in Fla.
by. Oct 28 or so. We come home for
Christmas and go back down Jan. 2nd.

John Kintz

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October 24, 1994

JEFF SAINIO
200 Millington Lane, A2
Hartland, WI 53029-1644

Dear Jeff:

I tried to reach you on Friday, but you were out. It's OK, though. I had two prints, but I hadn't yet talked with the prime witness.

On Saturday I did a telephone interview. In case you need info from the witness, you may call him direct ASAP. He is leaving for Florida by Nov. 1 and will be gone until spring.

His name is JOHN G. KINTZ
(517) 750-3789

Photos are on the way to you from Mr. Kintz.

Enclosed please find:

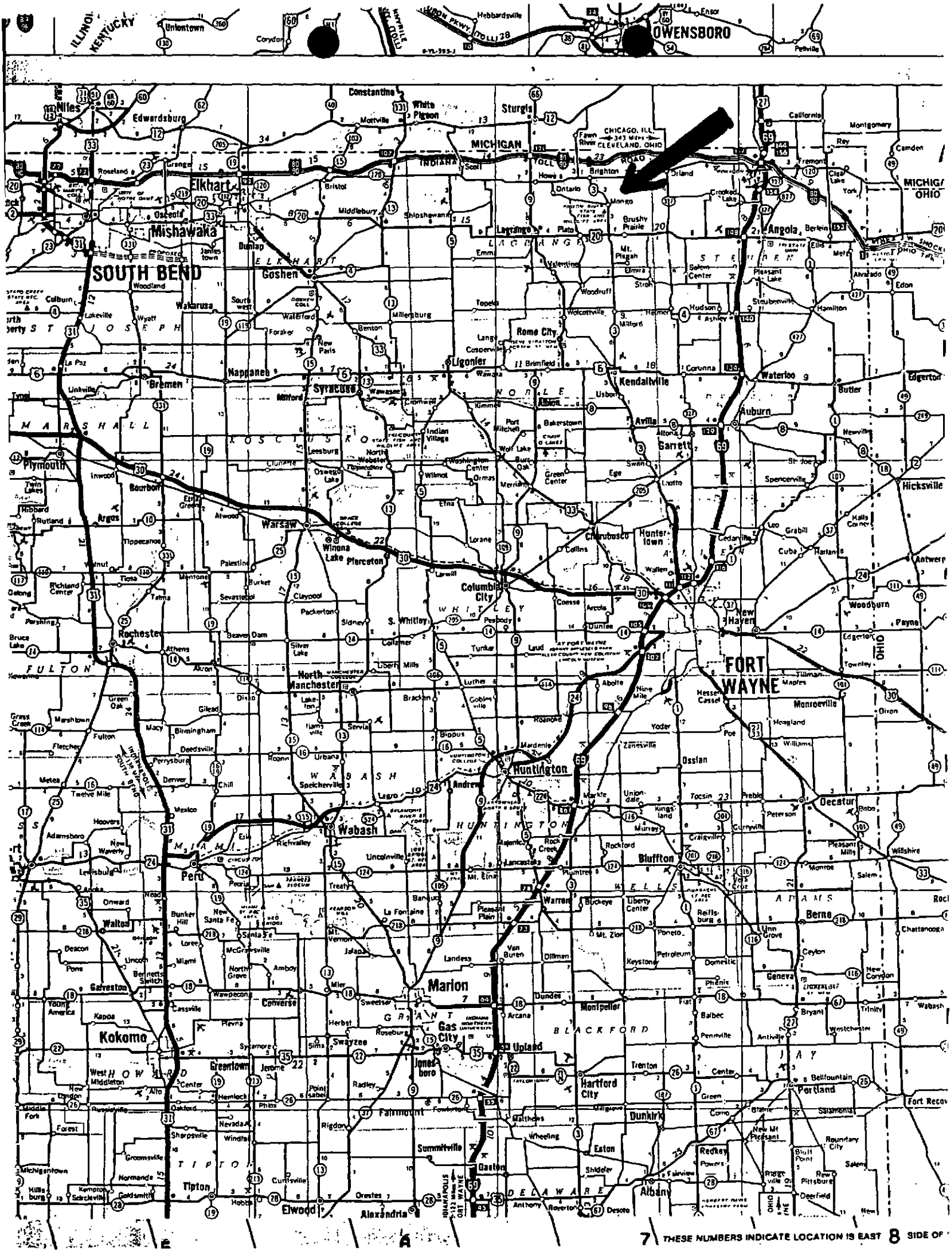
1) Results of telephonic interrogation, Oct. 22.
2) Form 8, Photographic Cases.
3) Drawing by witness.
4) EZC run on sky at location coordinates.
5) Map of Indiana, NE sector with Mongo pointed out.

Jeff, please contact me at any time if you need my assistance. Also, provide me with a complete analyses as soon as you can. I will then finalize my report and get it to MUFON and CUFOS.

Sincerely,

Francis Ridge

Francis L. Ridge
State Director, The Indiana Group, MUFON
Director, UFOFC



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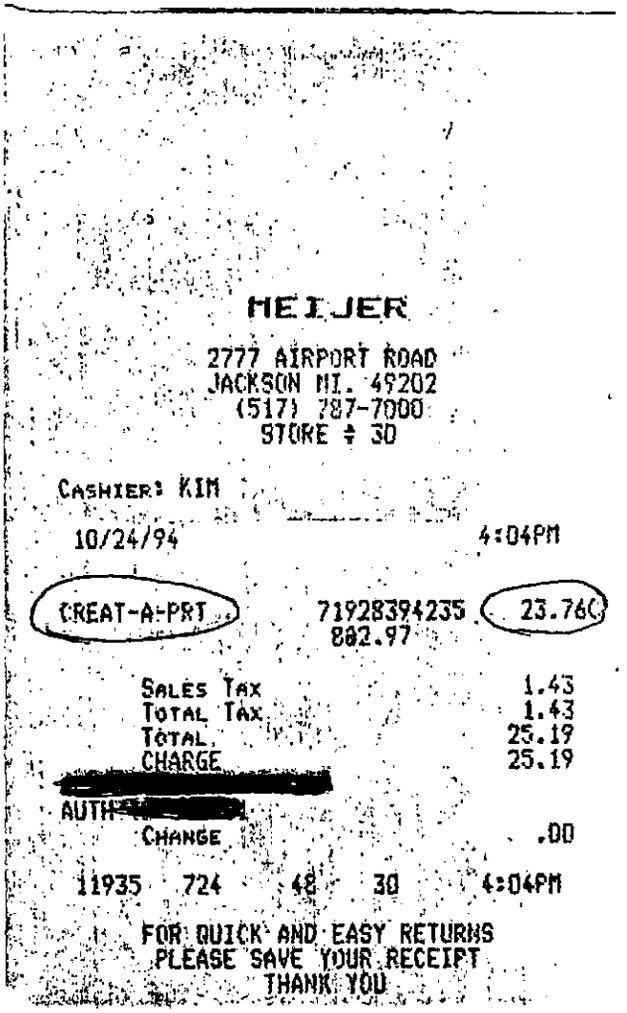

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October 27, 1994

Attn: JACK RASHER
Central States Regional Director
2005 No. 101st St.
Omaha, NE

(402) 397-7542

Dear Jack:

Just got your kind letter. We appreciate those compliments. We are very serious, but underfunded and do the best with what we have. We constantly learn from our mistakes.

Jack, I don't ordinarily do this, but I feel that this is an exception. You will get the complete report on the Mongo Case as soon as it's ready. And when Jeff gets the computer analyses completed on the photos. But until then I wanted you to know where we were with it. This is a potentially valuable case. The photos are very good night-time photos of a saturn-shaped object. By themselves, they are impressive, but probably not worth much without the hard part, the investigation of the sighting and witnesses. There were actually eight people who saw this object, so the Berliner/Speiser value should be rather high.

Enclosed is an 1) Investigation Activity Log.
2) The current report from telephone interview.
3) Zerox copy of one of the best blow-ups.

I also sent you a copy of our UFOFC flyer.

Let's keep our fingers crossed. This could be a good one.

Sincerely,

Francis L. Ridge

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State Director, The Indiana Group, MUFON
Director, UFOFC

11-1-94

Dear Francis,

Thank you so much for your book and newsletter. I'm sending you the bill as you requested for the photos. I also have sent out 4 Form 1's to the people in Michigan. I received your information just the day before we left for Florida so I did not get a chance to go through it. After reading your newsletter, which is very interesting, I am wondering if there was a follow up on the Family Channel company to 1. see if their blimp was in the area that night and 2. what was the destination and point where it was moored and time.

I firmly believe that police agencies quickly give out information to dispell any further questions about the strange sightings and further, to hasten the panic of the general population.

There are a large number of people who have never said one word about U.F.O.'s before, now will talk about seeing them in years past after I have showed them our pictures. Still some older people have difficulty in what they see in the pictures.

I am sending you a check for $15.00 for your newsletter. Is it First Class or Third Class? If it is Third Class, I will have to advise you when to mail it to Mich. in May.

My friend, Frank Badcock has Cancer and I filled out the form 1 for him after he sent me a drawing. He is very interested as this was also his first time sighting. Sincerely,

John Kirtz
2218 Bayou
Englewood, Fl. 34223

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P.S. I am sending the Form 1's to Dennis Bickle in Kirkkoney, Mi. will send them on to the others involved.
I will send on the Newsletter info to the others in our group to share at a later date.

Also, I contacted the Post Commander at the Jackson State Police Post. He called the F.B.I. and I'm sure they gave him Peter Davenports TK number in Seattle, Wash. which he called. I also called him the same day. The Post Commander was very interested in the information I offered him and showed him our Photos which surprised him. He ask me to keep in contact with him in this regard.

Again, Thank You.

John

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November 7, 1994

JOHN KINTZ
218 Bayo
Englewwood, FL 34223

Dear John:

Thanks for the information, Form 1's, receipt, subscription, etc. I am assuming you want the newsletter and correspondence mailed to the Florida address, that it is not forwarded.

I haven't heard from Jeff Sainio as yet. I am hoping the analysis is good. A daylight photo with sun glinting would have been better, of course, but your pictures are very good.

The only problem we have is in documentation. I hope the others complete and sign the Form 1's. The more witnesses, the better the case.

I made copies of the two Form 1's you sent unsigned and I am enclosing them with this letter. After each of you signs the appropriate Form and checks the box: "You May ( ) May Not ( ) Use My Name", the documentation will be complete. Without it, the report and photos will be given a very low rating. In fact, Mr. Sainio's expensive analysis will be rendered useless. Please remind the others (make them copies of this letter if you like) that if they don't stand behind the sighting it will have no scientific weight.

I believe that this is probably one of the most important events in midwest UFO history. However, they must stand behind this sighting. No names will be used in any way unless they all agree on it.

Hope you are enjoying your vacation in Florida. Hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Francis Ridge

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December 6, 1994

JEFF SAINIO
200 Millington Lane, A2
Hartland, WI 53029-1644

Dear Jeff:

I got your call on the answering machine on Saturday. I tried to reach you several times, but you were out. I even tried your work number Walt gave me. As Walt and I know, this is not your fault, and really not a problem at all if we set some guidelines in the future. We appreciate your donated time and equipment to the MUFON effort and want to stress that the guidelines need to be in place for us, not necessarily you. But I do have some suggestions that I hope will help you.

Incidentally, I was concerned especially about this case at Mongo, Indiana, because the pictures do look good AND, because I had sent everything to you that was possible. It appears that maybe you never got some of the mailings, which is why I think we need to set better guidelines on our side of the fence, again, not yours. I have no proof that somebody is tampering with our mail, but I have some indications.

I have set some local guidelines for the Indiana Group. I can't speak for MUFON, but I did suggest this to Walt. However, the FI Manual dealing with photos is completed and doesn't cover the situation here. I have directed my group to submit special evidence by certified mail, signed receipt requested. And in the future I will be submitting all photos/videos to you, certified, signed receipt requested.

Now, this is just a suggestion on my part to you, since we are dealing with special evidence of potential scientific value. I suggest some type of form letter be sent by you as soon as you receive photos, etc., stating simply that you did receive them and haven't had time to evaluate. I assume you get a lot of pictures and videos. This must be some job, although probably very interesting. I also suggest that, after beginning your work on a case, you send another form letter stating any additional information or materials. I encourage my FIs to use the mail and not the phone for preliminary reports, updates, and most other matters. In your case your request for information would probably already be processed and mailed to you. Instead four days have passed and I still don't know what you need. As I told Walt, I know we are not "under the gun", but there has to be a better

system. I'm in the office all day long and near the phone even up until, 10 or 11 PM. Most FIs don't work on UFOs full time. I am able to do this.

I am sending you a copy of a data request form that MUFON uses that I think you should use to make your own data request form. You may already have some ideas in that area.

Well, again, we appreciate your donated time and effort in regards to UFO photo analysis. My concern is not with the analyst, but a problem with the system. Photos are mailed and six weeks pass with no idea if the photos ever got where they were supposed to go. Certified mailing with a signed receipt would do the job. And if additional materials are needed, how can we expedite the transmission.

Enclosed is a copy of Indiana's Prime Directive, a pocket guide to the Field Investigator, if you will. We jokingly modeled this after AFR 200-2, but it works. Note paragraph 19.

Sincerely,

Francis L. Ridge
State Director, The Indiana Group, MUFON
Director, UFOFC

cc: Walt Andrus, MUFON HQ
Jack Kasher, Central Region Director

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December 23, 1994

RICHARD HAINES
PO Box 880
Los Altos, CA 94023

(415) 941-0958

Dear Richard:

I spoke with Mark Rodeghier this morning about some photos we've had trouble getting analyzed and I asked him who he would recommend. When he suggested you as the photo analyst I was glad to hear it. I had remembered you more from your computer catalog of aircraft sightings.

When you get the materials it will explain in detail what our problem was. But put simply, the photos (4, 35mm) were taken on August 31st during a good close encounter with eight witnesses. These were night photos of a Trindade Island-type object. We got copies of the photos made and sent to Jeff Sainio. We later submitted necessary materials. Then we waited. About two months passed. I then got a call from Jeff on my answering machine. The message mentioned receiving something without any backup material. I tried to get him by phone about a dozen times, to no avail. I then sent him a letter telling him we should have sent the photos and materials certified mail, signed receipt requested, so that we would know he got them. No answer after another two weeks!

Last night I got a call from one of the witnesses. He said that Jeff had called him, telling him he was still waiting on the photos after several months! After working with this subject for 34 years, when you get photos like these, and multiple witnesses, I take it very seriously. Would you please do the analysis for us? And would you like the materials sent certified, signed receipt requested? Or would you rather send us a short letter acknowleging your receipt of same? If the former, we would need your address.

Sincerely,

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December 23, 1994

JEFF SAINIO
200 Millington Lane, A2
Hartland, WI 53029-1644

Re: Mongo, IN photos.

Dear Jeff:

We may elect to have you, at a later date, conduct an additional independent analysis of the Mongo photos. But due to communication problems we have had to try another avenue, other than the one dictated in our guidelines.

We blame ourselves for not sending the photos to you certified mail, signed receipt requested. However, I have learned that both phone contact with you is extremely difficult and you would probably not be able to sign for materials at the address given. Since you apparently do not answer any letters, I am left with no other recourse. Nothing personal, Jeff, but with special evidence I take all this very seriously. The photos may not even be that good, but they appear to be.

I have requested that Richard Haines do the analysis. I don't have the slightest idea what you received from us, except that you were able to contact the witness by phone. You said on your phone message several weeks ago that you never got any backup material, but had gotten photos. In your conversation with Mr. XXX you allegedly said you never got any photos.

Mysteries abound in regard to UFOs. I guess this is just another one.

Call or write anytime. I'm in my office at home almost all the time (8AM to 5PM, sometimes later). (812) 838-9843 or (812) 838-3120 (the balance).

Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

Francis L. Ridge
State Director, The Indiana Group, MUFON
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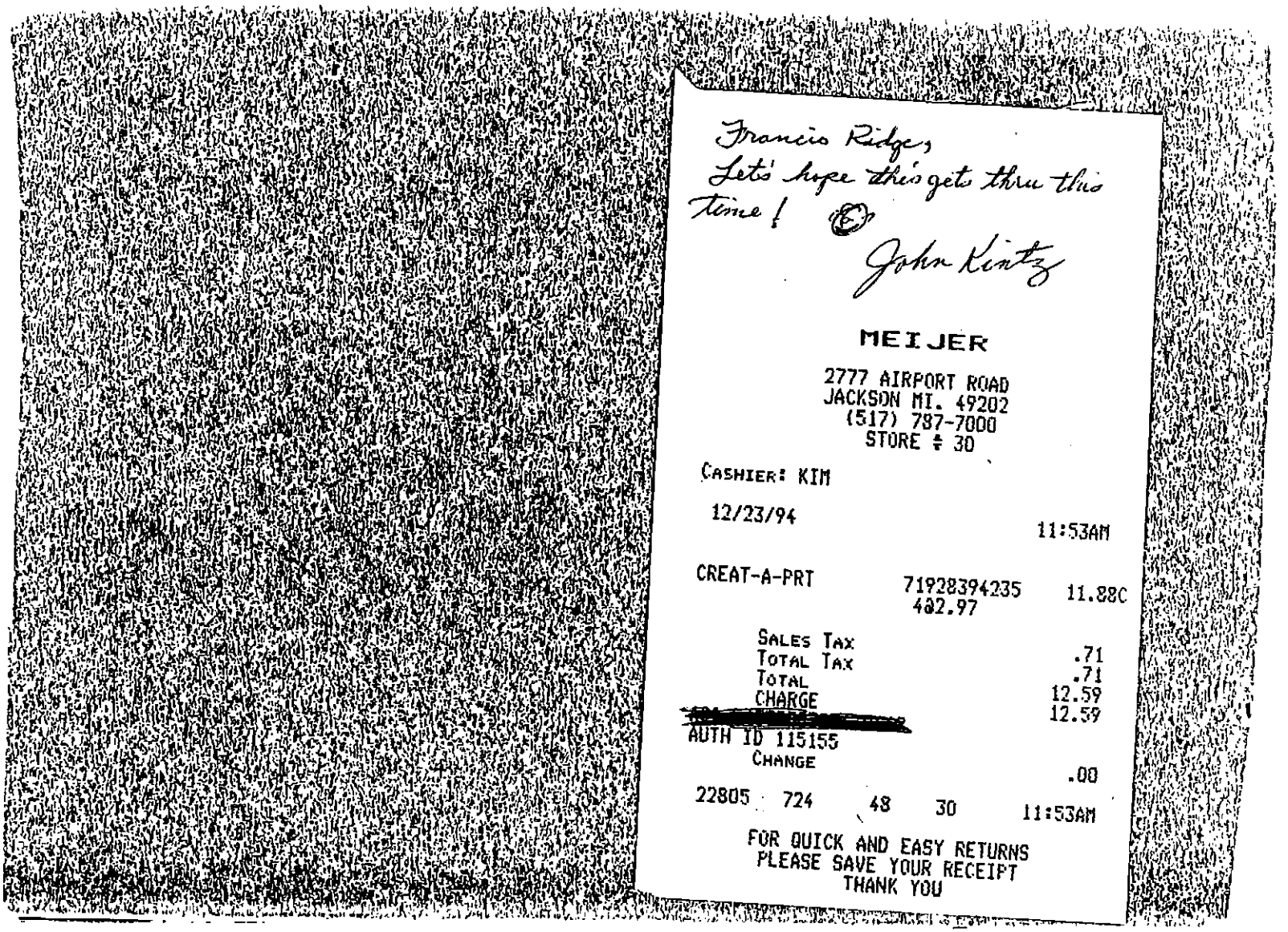

Francis Ridge,
Let's hope this gets thru this time! ☺
John Kintz

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December 28, 1994

Francis L. Ridge
State Director, The Indiana Group
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Dear Francis,

Your letter of December 23, 1994 just arrived concerning four (4) 35mm alleged ufo photos you have. Please let me say that while I am quite busy these days I am willing to take a look at any purported photo as long as (1) I can see both a positive print(s) and the original negative(s), (2) I receive all particulars surrounding them. For example:

Date, time of photographs
Name, address, phone of photographer(s)
Camera mfgr./ model
Lens data (focal length, etc.)
Lens setting for photos (f)
Film type, mfgr. ASA, # frames on roll
Processor's name, address, phone
History of all previous scientific analyses performed
Narrative description of the sighting event(s)

If you can provide this information and are willing to mail me the photos I'll look at them and (1) promise to get right back to you about what I may or may not do next. That way you can decide whether you want me to return them or keep them for my analyses. (2) promise to safeguard all items and to return them in their original condition. I look forward to hearing from you. Yes, please use certified mail, receipt requested for your protection. Use the above address in all correspondence.

Very sincerely,

Richard F. Haines

Encl. flyers

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January 3, 1995

RICHARD HAINES
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(415) 941-0958

Dear Richard:

As per your recent letter I am providing you with the available materials on the Mongo Photos. At present I am unable to provide the four negatives, nor two of the photos. I am working on this. As you are probably aware, it is MUFON policy NOT to secure negatives from the witness. Since you requested/require this I haven't had time to comply. However, the material I sent and the best two photos (and enlargements) are provided to get you started.

You may contact the primary witness direct, if you wish. However, he is not the photographer. The address is provided in the report. The Englewood, FL, phone number is (813) 475-8881. John Kintz is his name. Confidential status on the report has been lifted. The other witnesses may request it on thier Form 1's, however.

Enclosed please find:

1) Photos #4 & #5 (and blow-ups).
2) Computer generated report with 11 pages of data. The report is incomplete, awaiting four more Form 1's.
3) Map of area.
4) EZC Skyplot of area at time of event.
5) Form 8, incomplete.
6) Letter to Sainio, 10/24/94.
7) Form 1, drawing, Kintz.
8) Form 1, drawing, Babcock.
9) Letter to Sainio, 12/6/94.

Please let me know ASAP whether you think the case is worth pursuing. I will get the two other photos (which aren't quite as good) and try to get the negatives, at least the first two if possible.

Francis Ridge
State Director

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February 10, 1995

Francis L. Ridge
State Director, MUFON
618 Davis Drive
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Dear Francis,

First of all, I received your package on 18 January 1995 containing a letter from you dated January 3, 1995, four (4) color enlargements showing a single domed object, UFO Intelligence Newsletter for January 1995, and UFO Incident Report for 940831, 2030 Local time, Mongo, Indiana. As I promised, I have taken an initial look at this package of information and my impression is quite positive that it deserves more study. It is for this reason that I am now writing to you for all original negatives from that roll of film and the other frames (at least #6, #7, 8, #9) which I did not receive from you. If possible I would like negatives from the whole roll since the other frames often are useful for putting the ufo frames into a larger context. Of course I'll safeguard them all. Having all available photographic evidence is essential and blur may not really be blur to a digital computer assessment these days. Assuming that you can mail me this material (certified, receipt signature required to me), I will proceed. If you cannot borrow these negatives from the owner please let me know ASAP as this will change my willingness to expend any time on the matter.

Now for a few general questions: (1) Who was the photographer? Was it John Kintz? (I'll keep this confidential), address and phone needed, (2) Do you have the phone number/addresses of other witnesses not listed on the MUFON forms? What did the one witness who said it wasn't a UFO think it was? (3) Who told the photographer to "grab his camera and shoot?" (4) How many separate photographic frames were obtained? (5) It is not clear to me what the "Prime Witness" was doing with only two of the original negatives. Where are the other negatives? (6) What/where is the nearest commercial airport? Did anyone try to follow up on available radar coverage/contact for that time and place? (7) Camera information: Mfgr., exact model, year purchased, focal length of lens (fixed or zoom?), f stop setting used, shutter duration used. I do hope that you and/or Lin Dahlkemper will be able to obtain this vital information.

I must close for now. All the best and keep up the good work.

Very sincerely,

Richard F. Haines, Ph.D.
Research Scientist, ret.

cc: files

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February 22, 1995

JOHN KINTZ
218 Bayo
Englewood, FL 34223

(813) 475-8881

Dear John:

As per our conversation by phone today this is the current situation with the photos taken at Mongo on August 31st: Yesterday, Feb 21, I received a letter from Richard Haines, dated February 10th. He had gotten the materials and photos on the 18th (receipt says 17th). Feels case/photos deserve further study, requests negatives and camera data.

You were to contact the owner of camera and negs to get the OK. I feel that we should send the two worst negs (of the four) to Haines, wait for analyses and return of negs, then submit the two best ones. Copies of negs should be made prior to this. In addition, two photos (not negs) should be also sent again to Jeff Sanio for another attempt. This will give us two independent analyses and some security. Not sure mail is being tampered with, but it's beginning to look like it. I'm supposed to call you in a few days to see if we got the OK for current plan.

A letter is going to Richard Haines telling him our plans.

We will need a strip of negs containing the two images we decide to send. The other strip must go later when we get the first ones back. We must account for all negatives on the roll.

Here are questions submitted by Haines:
1) Who was the photographer?
Answer: Dennis Bichle did file a form 1. You stated he was the photographer and owner of the photos. His address is 6360 Chilson Rd., Howell, MI. His phone number is (810) 229-5762. Let us know if he approves of our plan.

2) Do you have the phone number/addresses of other witnesses not listed on the MUFON Forms? What did the one witness (who didn't think it was a UFO) think it was?
Answer: Franklin Babcock didn't provide us a phone number, but his address is 1575 Hurds Corner Rd, Cass City, MI. Three Form 1's were completed (Kintz, Babcock, and Bichle) The other three failed to file. Still need to know what the skeptical witness thought caused the sighting.

3)) Who told the photographer to "grab his camera and shoot"?

4) How many separate photographic frames were obtained?

Answer: Four. #4,#5, (#6 didn't show the UFO), #7 and #8. Possible that UFO was behind a tree during #6.

5) Haines: "It is not clear to me what the "prime Witness" (Kintz) was doing with only two of the original negatives. Where are the other negatives?

Answer: I understand that you and Bickle split them up, then later switched them so you could make prints of all four. Is this correct?

6) What/where is the nearest commercial airport? Did anyone try to follow up on available radar coverage/contact for that time and place?

Answer: It wasn't until October 5th that the Indiana Group was aware of the sighting. Linda Dahlkemper, the FIT, only conducted a very brief preliminary investigation. My telephonic interview was the only official investigation, with three Form 1s completed later by three of the six witnesses. Two other witnesses who came into the camp are unidentified. I believe the nearest major airport is Baier Field at Fort Wayne.

7) Camera information: Manufacturer, exact model:
Year purchased:
Focal length of lens (fixed or zoom)
f stop setting used
shutter speed

Please provide the information requested or show any corrections needed.

I will attempt to call you on Saturday morning.

Sincerely,

Francis Ridge

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February 22, 1994

RICHARD HAINES
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(415) 941-0958

Dear Richard:

Just got your letter and contacted the witness about our needs. I have to call him again Saturday to see if everything has been approved. Kintz is the prime witness. Dennis Bichle was the photographer. They each share two of the four negs.

I think the only way we can do this is to send you two of the four on one strip, get them analyzed and returned, then submit the other strip. You can't blame these guys. They are leary about turning over negatives. Besides, somebody is tampering with the mail. Jeff didn't two prints mailed to him by Kintz. Jeff didn't get my pachage. It took four weeks for you to get mail from me. Your letter to me took eight days. The latter is probably par for the U.S. Postal Service. Let's hope they go along with the idea. I'll know Saturday.

Sincerely,

Francis Ridge

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Enclosed- newsletter

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February 27, 1995

RICHARD HAINES
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Re: Mongo Case
940831

Dear Richard:

Over the weekend I made two contacts with the primary witness. On Saturday he gave me the OK on the acquisition of two of the four negatives, one-half of the strip. He also answered the questions you had posed. The negatives are on the way to you, certified mail, signed requested (CM/SRR). As soon as you finish with them, return them and he will send the other strip.

In answer to your questions, the original photographer was Dennis Bickle. He had been out west fighting fires and taking photos and was taking pictures around the campfire that evening. John saw the object and asked Dennis to take some pictures. Bickle's address is 6360 Chilson Rd., Howell, MI. Phone: (810) 229-5762.

I have one other Form 1 with a witness address and phone. Three others are being asked again to file. The one who questioned the sighting is a retired postal employee. He said it was a blimp. He and one of the others were also Special Forces and haven't filled out a Form 1.

I am not sure how many pictures were on the roll. You will get half of them first, then the other half. Some in-between (#6, for example) may represent an attempted shot of the object where the object passed behind a limb, etc. Bickle and Kintz felt that there was safety in dividing the negatives up. In fact, that's the same reason why all my research and investigation documentation is duplicated and sent to both MUFON and CUFOS.

We heard about the sighting too late to get info on radar tracking. The nearest commercial airport is Baier Field at Fort Wayne. Kintz says there is a radar station near Mongo that tracks aircraft for Chicago's O'Hare. I think that O'Hare has a sky sector that covers the Mongo area, rather than a satellite airport radar facility. In any case, it was too late. An interesting note: They reported that there were several A-10's in the same area flying at low altitude, the afternoon prior to the sighting. This is the "tank killer".

Camera info: Kodak Ectanar, fixed 35 mm, K-40, 1987, automatic (VR-35 on front).

Richard, I hope this is useful to you. Let us know if you need anything further. As I said before, as soon as the first set of original negs are returned, the others will be sent to you ASAP.

Sincerely,

Francis L. Ridge
State Director, The Indiana Group, MUFON
Director, UFOFC

Memo copy
for your files

March 2, 1995

Memo for the Record

Subject: Receival of 35mm film strip of 8-31-94 Mongo, In. case

By: Richard F. Haines, Ph.D.
Research Scientist

Today by registered mail I received from Mr. Dennis Bickle, 6360 Chilson Road, Howell, Michigan 48843 the following item related to subject case:

One (1) each Kodak Gold 400-5 color negative strip of four connected frames #6a, #7a, #8a, and #9a allegedly taken on August 31, 1994 (except perhaps for frame #9a). An initial visual examination of this item disclosed:

Frame 6a Visually blank frame except for dust particles.

Frame 7a This frame contains the image of a bush or tree branch with leaves extending into the frame from the right-hand side about 1/3rd frame width and likely illuminated by a flash source on the camera. The leaves and branches are in good focus. Also approximately centered in the frame is a tiny ovoid image of the unidentified aerial object. It measures about 0.3 mm across. A slight crease or dimple in the film is located (measured from right-hand margin) about 2/5 th. to the left and is just above the mid-line. Visually, the emulsion layer is not obviously affected.

Frame 8a This frame contains a homogeneous dark sky background with small ovoid image of the unidentified object centered in the frame with its horizontal axis horizontal on the frame. Its width is about the same as in frame 7a.

Frame 9a This frame contains the picture of a man (wearing eye glasses and baseball cap) sitting in a folding chair in front of a card table with red checker table cloth. Another man is standing to the left side partially out of the frame. A Starcraft motor home is in the background. This exposure appears to be a flash-illuminated photograph. The name of the man sitting is

_____

and the man standing is _____ This photo was

taken on: _____ at: _____

and the time was: _____

On the reverse side of this memo please feel free to add any other information here that may be related to the UFO photos:

March 13, 1995

Memo for the Record

CONFIDENTIAL

From: R. F. Haines

Subject: Telephone call to Mr. Dennis Bickle on March 7, 1995 concerning details surrounding his color 35mm photos.

Subject call was initated from home at 10:44 am and concluded at 11:10 am. Mr. Bickle was a cooperative person to speak with and tried to answer all my questions to the best of his knowledge. I found no evidence of coverup, embarassment, or undue hesitation in his voice. I promised to safeguard his negatives and to return them to him just as soon as I was done with them.

Following are most of my questions to him and his answers related to his photos.

1) Q. What kind of camera did you use?
A. Kodak, K-40, VR35, Ektanar with 35mm lens, automatic exposure. (rfh. This is a point and shoot camera)

2) Q. About how many rolls of film have you taken with that camera since the Mongo event (8-31-94)?
A. Five or six. The roll used was fresh.

3) Q. Have any of these subsequent frames been bad in any way or have you experienced any other problems of any kind with that camera?
A. No.

4) Q. Did you see the "ufo" through the view finder that night at Mongo?
A. Yes.

5) Q. Tell me about your use of the flash unit on your camera that night.
A. I took all but one (1) photograph with the flash. That was the dark frame. It was just a blank picture! (Note, there was one (1) frame without any image in the four frame color negative I received from Mr. Bickle).

WHY?

6) Q. Did you take any other flash photos that night other than the exposures I've seen on the single strip of negatives which you (Mr. Bickle) provided?
A. Yes. I think I took two other photos. They (negatives) are now in the possession of Jack. (Mr. Kintz).

7) Q. What do you think the object was that you saw in the sky?
A. "I honestly had no idea. Just a large light moving in the sky. It made no sound."

8) Q. Have you ever seen anything like this before that you couldn't explain?
A. No.

9) Q. Did you experience any physical or physiological reactions following your sighting?
A. No.

10) Q. What would you describe as the level of reaction or response by the group of guys that night to seeing the light?
A. They were pretty calm. It took me a few seconds to go get my camera. We were near the water.

11) Q. About how long would you say the whole event lasted, from the time you first sighted the object in the sky to the time it finally disappeared?
A. About two (2) minutes or less... say between one and two minutes.

12) Q. Did you see any light on the ground from the object itself? That is, did it illuminate the surrounding countryside beneath it or near it?
A. No.

13) Q. Please try to describe the color of the object for me.
A. It was only whitish, (it was) very bright, fluorescent. And it didn't flicker at all.

14) Q. What direction were you looking (relative to a compass) when you first sighted the object?
A. We were looking nearly south .

15) Q. How light or dark was the sky at that time?
A. (It was) fully dark.

16) Q. Are the photos of the object representative of what you yourself saw (visually) that night?
A. No. We saw an oval shaped light.

17) Q. Did the light ever give off any kind of trail or tail in the sky?
A. It had no luminous air trail.

18) Q. Who in your group saw it first?
A. Jack Kintz

19) Q. Who in your group went and talked with the other two hunters who (allegedly) saw the object?
A. Jack went to meet the hunters, later, the following morning.

20) Q. Can you give me a description of what the tree line and other details were visible to the south of where you and your group were that night? I am interested in the compass directions of when you took each of the photos.

Mr. Bickle generally described (with some clarifying questions from me) the general terrain as follows. These details should be photographically documented with a series of overlapping color photos taken at the same location the original photos were taken.

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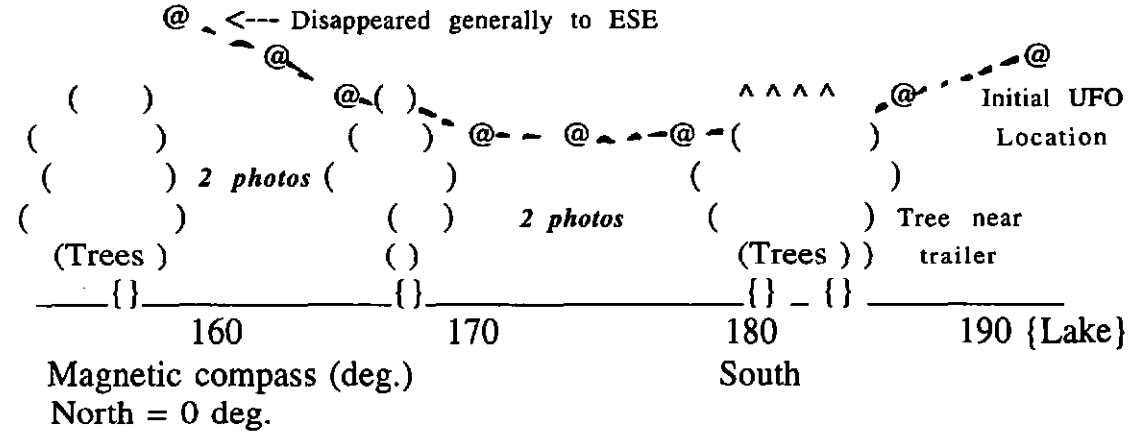

21) Q. Describe for me the flight path of the object?
A. It was initially above the top of the trees to the south. It seemed to fly level for from one (1) to one and a half (1.5) minutes. (See above drawing). The object did pass visually out of sight behind one or more stands of trees.

22) Q. Did you ever see or hear any airplanes that night?
A. No

23) Q. What about color?
A. I never saw any color! Jack saw some color.

24) Q. You know what it looks like at night when someone flashes a flashbulb in your direction? You have an afterimage left behind in your vision?
Did you have any after-image from looking at the bright object that night?
A. No.

25) Q. Please describe the edges of the object to me. Were they fuzzy or sharp or what?
A. They were very sharply defined.

End of call at 11:10 am 3-7-95

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March 30, 1995

RICHARD HAINES
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(415) 941-0958

Dear Richard:

There is a new "theory" floating about these days, proposed by none other than Jeff Sainio, MUFON Staff Photoanalist: If it looks like a saturn shaped UFO, it's an advertizing balloon. Analysis of videos and other films exhibiting a saturn-shape with strobe lights have been identified as advertizing balloons or blimps, or so says Mr. Sainio. After dealing with him for over six months with almost a total lack of communication, he conducted no analysis because it was so obvious that we had an IFO. It is times like these that I wish I was back in NICAP.

Dr. Haines, if this is your theory after careful study I will accept it. However, at this point I am flabbergasted. The photos can't be written off that easily and the witness testimony must be considered here.

Enclosed is the information you requested on the moon location and phases for August 31, 1994, Fort Wayne/Mongo coordinates, at time of sighting.

I am sending a letter to Mr. Kintz asking him to do some things for us when he gets back in Indiana from Florida this spring. I will ask for a big scale map of the area in question (county or topo), information on the hunters he talked to the day after the sighting, etc.

Sincerely,

Francis L. Ridge
State Director, The Indiana Group, MUFON
Director, UFOFC

Enclosures: EZC run, August 31, 1995, Mongo.
Sainio letter, 2-pg formletter, three enhancements

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March 22, 1995

JOHN KINTZ
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Englewood, FL 34223

(813) 475-8881

Dear John:

In my latest communication from Richard Haines he stated the work was progressing and he had talked with Dennis. Haven't heard a word from Jeff Sainio since you sent the prints. I'm not surprised. Very poor communications. Richard sends memos and keeps me up to date. I'm very satisfied with his attitude and work.

Richard wants (if possible) a series of overlapping photos of the area, the sector of sky and landscape where the original photos were taken. When will you be back up here? And can we do this? He suggested color photos, but didn't specify time of day. I'm sure he wants daytime shots showing terrain, trees, etc. Simply put yourself in the same spot, aim and shoot several overlapping shots to cover the area traversed by object during the filming phase.

Sincerely,

Francis L. Ridge
State Director, The Indiana Group, MUFON
Director, UFOFC

cc: Richard Haines

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March 30, 1995

JOHN KINTZ
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Dear John:

Starting to get some feed-back on the photos. Yesterday I got a call from Dr. Richard Haines. He finds the negatives and photos very interesting. He needs some help, however. When are you going to be back up north?

1) He asked us to get a large-scale map (say covering a good 5-miles) of the area at Mongo. This can be a county map or a topo map.
2) Do you know the hunters you talked to? Their names? Where were they exactly when they saw the object? What direction was the UFO at the beginning and end of their observation? Would they fill out Form 1's?
3) We need to get some overlapping pictures of the sky from the same vantage point at the site, showing the background, trees, etc. I would like this for two reasons: a) Dr. Haines can due further calculations from them. b) Robert Taylor can make some great drawings.

Jeff Sainio wouldn't run an analysis. He thinks you guys saw and photographed a balloon or blimp. Can you believe that? I don't think I will use Jeff for any further work.

As I said, Dr. Haines is impressed, as I am. He is progessing very well and just wants to do some calculations. This will help us a lot.

Hang in there!

Sincerely,

Francis L. Ridge
State Director, The Indiana Group, MUFON
Director, UFOFC

P. O. Box 880
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94022
April 3, 1995

Francis L. Ridge
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Dear Francis,

I enjoyed our phone conversation recently concerning the Mongo, Indiana photo case of 31 August 1994. And thanks for a copy of your letter of March 22, 1995 to John Klintz requesting some panoramic photos from the sighting location. They will be very useful and, indeed, should be taken during the day and including the full horizontal sweep of the area where the object was seen. Slowly but surely this case is turning into a most interesting event. Upon going over my file material I have several questions for you.

1) You indicated that recently you have received more completed eye witness MUFON forms for this event. I now have only the following two forms (and would like to receive copies of all others you have received):

Franklin Babcock dtd 1-11-94, MUFON form 1 + drawing, undated.

John Kintz dtd. 1-11-94, MUFON form 1 + drawing, undated.

2) Please supply the names of all six campers. I also would like their mailing addresses and phones which will be kept confidential.

3) Just to remind you, I need a large scale chart of the sighting area on which you or someone else should mark the physical location of the two hunters when they sighted the aerial object and also the exact location where the panorama photographs (will be) taken. I learned from Mr. D. Bickle something about the flight path of the object relative to local tree tops, etc. He was very cooperative.

4) As also probably applies to you, I pay all of my own expenses on such studies. To date I have spent over $64 on photographic processing on the Mongo case. Is there any way of being reimbursed by someone?

5) Frames #4 and #5 are the highest quality of them all. Yet all four frames show the object to be a diffuse white hue with a small proportion of its luminance contributed from the right-hand side. This fact is also supported by the presence of a slight shadow-effect to the left side of the protruberance on the top. I'll be sending other facts to you later, however, I will need the other two negatives. All the best.

Very sincerely,

Richard F. Haines, Ph.D.
Research Scientist, ret.

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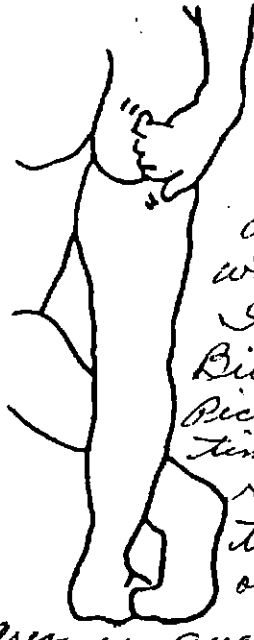
4-10-95



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Hi Francis,

I just received your april newsletter and it was very interesting. I talked with Dennis Bickler of taking other Pictures of the area sometime in May after I return from ... I will try to get a Topo map or similar map of the area in question. Hope everything goes well with the negatives + Pictures.

Let me know if Richard Haines would like the negatives that I have in my possession. I should be home around 2nd or 3rd of May.

As Ever, John Kintz

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April 19, 1995

RICHARD HAINES
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Dear Richard:

I guess I got sidetracked somehow and didn't respond to your April 3rd letter. At least I couldn't find a copy of one. I was pondering several issues I needed to bring up and also try to comply with your requests.

Mr. Kintz wants to know if you want his negatives yet. I think his negatives are the best. I'm a little confused. Frame #'s4 & 5 are the best of the four.

Jack Kintz has promised to get some panaramic shots with the same camera at the same location sometime in May when he gets back up north. Also, he is trying to get the map we need. I am sending a copy of this letter to Jack to verify our agreements. This letter will also inform him that we need the other three Form 1s. We have his, Bickle's, and Babcoch's. Bickle's is enclosed. You requested the names, mailing addresses, and phone numbers of all six members which will be kept confidential. I am leaving this up to Jack.

Mark Rodeghier of CUFOS sent me some grant forms to cover any and all expenses. Keep tabs, both you guys.

Enclosed is a Ohio UFO Notebook report on a blimp in the region. The state police said there was a Family Channel blimp up there, too, but this one is the Virgin Lightship and was in the region sometime, I'm sure, but the dates may not even be close. I am requesting that CUFOS contact all the blimp companies that operated in our region during the period in question, getting their coordinates. There were several blimps in the area, without a doubt, but I question whether the ten witnesses saw a blimp. Others may have, but this is not the first time that blimps and helicopters were in a encounter area at the same time.

Enclosed is the latest updated UFO Intelligence Summary depicting the "tip of the iceburg" for a fall flap that Peter Davenport said involved 500 calls in six weeks. That's another reason why I think we had bonified UFO activity over a wide area. Blimps are always somewhere.

Finally, Richard, while we await on Jack to get back up north, I have enclosed an RSID F11 run for the region for your research. Any report in my six state region of computer research (MO,IL,IN,OH,KY,TN) that has an "11" under the "Form Used" column is a sighting from aircraft, even if an actual MUFON Form 11 was not used. I have over 4,000 entries for the region and there are 49 such flagged entries, some you may not have.

I have two databases. The RSID is the Regional Sighting Information Database of over 4,000 cases, going back to the wave of 1897. The NSID is the National Sighting Information Database and lists U.S. sightings back to 1986 where Robert Boyd and I started the UFO Intelligence Summary. The newsletter usually gives the last 104 entries each month. Enclosed is a flyer on my research.

Sincerely,

Francis Ridge

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Director, UFOFC

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April 20, 1995

Attn: Mark Rodeghier
J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies
2457 W. Peterson Ave.
Chicago, IL 60659

Dear Mark:

Here are some blow-up copies of the Mongo incident. I'm confused. I thought that photos #4,5 and #7,8* were of the UFO, with #6 being a shot with the object behind a tree limb, etc. But one is marked #9. Dr. Haines has the negatives to work from, so that won't be a problem at the important stage of analysis. #4 & #5 are the best shots. Original images are very small. The ones you have are ALL blow-ups.

Enclosed is the material I got from Sainio. He may be right, but I don't follow all the logic. The kind of blimps he's talking about must look like domed saucers instead of stubby tubular objects (jelly beans?).

For easy reference I made notes on his letter copy.

Sincerely,

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* Correction - notes show 4, 5, 8, 9.

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April 24, 1995

Attn: John Timmerman
J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies
PO Box 1621
Lima, OH 45802

Dear John:

Enclosed is the current information I have on the Mongo case. Original and duplicate are being held until the case is closed. In the event we wrap this one up I will only send the additional material to you to forward to Mark for CUFOS' copy. A copy will then go to MUFON.

I'm treating this case as "confidential" until completed or concluded. However, at least half of the witnesses have approved the use of their names. Some of Dr. Richard Haines work is restricted until he has his final comment.

I am having Mr. Kintz send you copies of the photos.

The beginning of the report info deals with a rash of sightings in the region AND country. In a six week period Peter Davenport of NUFORC in Seattle received over 500 calls. The enclosed excerp from the UFO Intelligence Summary shows the relationship of the Mongo case to other sightings in the region and U.S.

I admit that Jeff Sainio may be right about a blimp, but the evidence should be based on witness testimony, not just an image on film. More importantly, photo analysis will not eliminate or implicate a blimp unless we can nail a flight down for that period and coordinates.

The EZC Skyplot rules out the moon. Also, any reflection or illumination on part of the object's surface is not due to the moon.

You may contact Mr. Kintz about meeting with him in May. His phone number is in the report several times. I will alert my two FIs up at Fort Wayne. Copy of their 201 files are attached.

Good luck.

Sincerely,

Francis L. Ridge

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April 26, 1994

BRUCE ENGSTROM
1047 Moeller Rd.
New Haven, IN 46774

Dear Bruce:

As you are aware, we have an on-going investigation into the Mongo, IN, photo case. Linda Dahlkemper handed it off to me last year and I have been communicating with the prime witness who is in Florida. At the request of Mark Rodeghier of the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies, I turned the photo analysis over to Dr. Richard Haines in Los Altos, CA. I became disenchanted with Jeff Sainio's practices, his biggest problem being communication.

I just recently talked with John Timmerman of CUFOS (out of Lima, OH) and he will be in your area sometime in May to meet with the prime witness who is returning from a winter vacation in Florida. I suggested he contact you and Robert Taylor for possible assistance in District 09. Mongo is out of your normal area, but in your District. You guys can do what you want, but he will be contacting you. Bruce, I hate to admit it, but I get better cooperation from CUFOS than MUFON.

We've got serious problems coming up that may destruct MUFON as an international leader. Walt always played up Gulf Breeze and downplayed Roswell. Don Schmitt has been caught in several lies that will wreck his credibility and threaten the Roswell scenario. Kevin Randle did most of the work and they did a good job, but I'm afraid the MUJ is going to be full of nonsense about Roswell for a long time to come. Brace yourself. Out of it may come a new group, hopefully like NICAP or CUFOS.

Good luck on the Mongo case if you decide you can help John out. I don't know your schedule or situation. Incidentally, it may not happen that he will go to NE Indiana. If the Virgin Lightship Blimp or the Family Channel Blimp was in the area at the time of the sighting (he is checking with them) there is no need to go any further. I don't believe a blimp is the answer, though. Let see what the times and coordinates will show.

Sincerely,

Francis

Francis L. Ridge
State Director, The Indiana Group, MUFON
Director, UFOFC

325 Langton Ave.
Los Altos, Calif.
94022
May 18, 1995

Jeff Sainio
MUFON Staff Photoanalyst
2200 W. Good Hope Road
321
Glendale, WI 53209-2763

Dear Jeff:

Hello from California. I do hope that all is going well with you and that all of this crazyness in ufo areas is not getting you down. Within the past five years or so there seems to have been a major turning point where unknown individuals suddenly enter the field and act as experts when they know virtually nothing. They lead many astray (perhaps for their own ends) and disillusion others. But that is not my reason for writing.

Some months ago I was approached by Francis Ridge to take a look at some 35mm color negatives allegedly taken in Mongo, Indiana on 31 August 1994. Mr. Ridge has been most cooperative during this time and sent me a copy of your memo to him dated 3-26-95 entitled "PHOTOANALYSIS (sort of), 8-31-94...."

You provided him with some very interesting TIF files from Mongo, London, Ontario (Canada), and Shea Stadium. Because of the apparent similarity of all of these image shapes you came to the conclusion that the Mongo event was an advertising balloon. Here are a few questions for you which would help me out in looking at these particular negatives.

1) Do you have any medium to high resolution color photographs taken of the alleged advertising balloon during the daytime? If so would you mind sharing them with me on a loan basis?

2) Do you know of the names/addresses of any of the companies that fly such lighter-than-air craft to whom I might write?

3) Have you tried to contact any of them? If so what did you find?

4) Would you be willing to mail me a 3.5" diskette containing as many TIF or GIF (etc.) files of the same shaped phenomena for my analysis? I'll reimburse you for all expenses.

5) Regarding the 35mm camera used, it was told by its owner that it is a late model (1988 - 1989) Kodak K-40, VR35 Ektanar, 35mm fixed focus lens. I would guess that its hyperfocal length at f8 would be about 35 feet or more. It is supposedly an "automatic exposure" camera. Are you familiar with this particular model? If so what happens when the flash unit is turned off during nighttime exposures? Does the shutter speed automatically slow to 1/30th or

the like? What kind of through the lens meter and weighting does it have? Do you have any printed specs on it?

6) What kind of image scanner do you use? dpi? coverage area? mfgr., model, etc.

FYI. I have had B&W enlargements made of all four primary frames so far enlarging the original image (approx. 0.3 mm) up to about 12 mm. I find an obvious shadow on the left-hand side of the bump on the top but I don't know where it could come from. Do you have any insights? Any comments and help you can give will be greatly appreciated. All the best.

Very sincerely,

Original signed by Richard F. Haines
Richard F. Haines, Ph.D., CHFP
Research Scientist, ret.

cc: F. Ridge
files

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May 22, 1995

RICHARD HAINES
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Los Altos, CA 94023

(415) 941-0958

Dear Richard:

Here is the latest update on the Mongo case:

May 11, 1995. I received a call from Jack Kintz. He and one of the other men (the original photographer, Bickle) took a series of daylight photos for Dr. Richard Haines. This series will provide a panaramic view of the sky from the same vantage point as the night UFO photos taken August 31, 1994. Dr. Haines will use these, and the large-scale map being provided, to plot the object's position during its flight and be used to make other calculations regarding each of the four photos.

May 17, 1995. I got a call from John Timmerman of CUFOS. He had made arrangements to meet with the two men on Friday, May 19th, to get whatever information, photos of shy sector, and maps, etc. I advised him that it was very important we are able to rule out the blimp explanation. He is checking into flights by FAMILY CHANNEL and VIRGIN LIGHTSHIP. Witness reports rule out blimps, in particular the speed of flight and rapid acceleration. However, it would good to know that there were no blimps in the area that evening. If there were blimp flights on the 31st in that area it will create a problem for analysts, nonetheless. It is interesting that one of the men DID see and report a blimp the very next day.

Richard, as thorough as I can be it is hard to keep track of everything. Two of the four negs were very good, exhibiting the Trindade Island shape or saturn-shape. Have you returned the original strip with the two lesser-defined, more distant, images so that Jack can send the strip with the best ones? If not, please do so ASAP.

Since Timmerman is getting the panaramic view and the map for you, you might want to call him. I assume the materials are being sent, but don't know whether he sent them to me first. He's checking on blimp flights, too. If Jack hadn't mentioned the

acceleration, I might have had considerable less interest in the photos. Also, of note, Jeff never had the best negs.

Sincerely,

Francis L. Ridge

Francis L. Ridge
State Director, The Indiana Group, MUFON
Director, UFOFC

May 19, 1995

Re: Mongo, In. Case of 31 August 1994

Dear Francis,

This brief note is to try to keep you up to date on what's been occurring with regard to subject photo case. I have had some B&W enlargements made from the original negative strips as well as completed some large format digital blowups of frames 4 and 5. They both show an interesting uneven lower, curved boundary seen against the dark sky background. Whether or not this undulating edge is an artifact or real remains to be seen.

I really do need that large scale chart of the area around Mongo showing the spot where the six campers were and also where the two hunters were when each group sighted the object. If it turns out that the hunters saw it while looking to the north then it automatically rules out a balloon for various reasons I'll go into later. But if everyone was looking in the southerly direction then there is a somewhat larger chance that what they all sighted was an unusual shaped and illuminated lighter-than-air craft.

I have written to Jeff Sainio for further information (see copy of my letter to him for your files).

Could you ask someone to track down the alleged advertising firm and obtain some PR photos of all their balloons/blimps/lighter-than-air ships for me? Many thanks. If you could get their address and phone I'll call them directly.

Finally, I have tried without success to locate the same model camera as was used here. It is a Kodak K-40, VR35 Ektanar lens, 35mm fixed focus. If at all possible you should see if the photographer (Dennis Bickle) will loan it to you for a weekend. If he will please do the following: (1) load it with Kodak ASA400 gold color film, (2) turn flash on, (3) take 2-3 photos in dark night at various single light sources (street lamp, flashlight set at 100 feet away, etc.) and keep track of all details, (4) take 2-3 photos in dark night with the flash turned off of these same light sources, all centered in the field of view. (5) mail me the undeveloped roll of film and your detailed notes. If anyone can do a good job of this you can. Many thanks.

My time permits only a limited involvement with UFO studies and photos are but one of the areas in which I am interested. But I'll continue to do my best to get to the bottom of this particular case. I send my best wishes.

Very sincerely,

Richard F. Haines

cc: files

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May 21, 1995

Francis L. Ridge
State Director, The Indiana Group, MUFON
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Mt. Vernon, Indiana 47620

Dear Francis:

This will be my report regarding my trip to Jackson, Michigan, on Friday, May 19th regarding the August 31, 1994 sighting report from near Mongo, Indiana by several witnesses involving photography of an unidentified illuminated object moving through the night sky at about 8:30 p.m. CDT.

Thank you for the complete package you sent to me earlier as background on this interesting case.

Per our telephone conversation the day prior to my trip, I am to pursue possible blimp activity that night in that area. Two blimps have been reported as likely suspects. One is the Family Channel advertising blimp. The other is one flown by Virginlight Ship of Orlando, Florida. I will attempt to secure flight records from those two companies on or about the above date in August.

I arrived at the home of John (Jack) Kintz, 2100 Glasgow Road, Jackson, MI 49201 at 11:05 a.m. As you suggested, I had called Bruce Engstrom in New Haven, Ind. to ask him to join me at Jackson. He had an unavoidable conflict and could not be there, but suggested that I contact Robert Taylor and/or Roger Sugden to ask them if they could be there. Fortunately, Robert Taylor was willing to be there and brought Roger Sugden with him. They arrived about an hour before my 11:00 a.m. appointment and had been visiting with Jack. Dennis Bickle was there, too.

We retired to Jack's living room where we began our discussion. You know Jack's background. He is a sturdy, friendly gentleman ready to talk about what he and the others witnessed last August. You know the background from his recorded calls to you. I don't believe I can add much to what he told you about his background or their experience.

Dennis brought with him a series of daylight photographs taken recently at the location of their sighting. There are no leaves on the trees in this set of photographs so I was not able to make an exact match with the one showing leaves and the object seen last August at night. However, we chose the one which Dennis felt was taken closest to where he had been standing when the August pictures were taken. His group of pictures could be cut up and combined to create an approximate panorama view of the scene. Dennis still has the other prints. I will enclose the one we selected. If you hold it up to a strong light, you will see where he and Jack believe the object was and the direction in which it moved away from view.

Jack presented the negatives he has. They were duplicates of the originals. He also had 3½x5 prints from three of the negatives, but the numbering of the negatives is in reverse of the order in which they were taken. In other words, the first photo taken is the highest negative number and the last photo taken is the lowest negative number. Negative number 6 is the one taken when the object must have been behind the distant group of trees shown in the daylight photo I am enclosing with this letter.

Jack had MEIJER photo service produce 8x10 enlargements cropped from negatives 4a and 5a, which would have been the last two photos taken, according to the way in which the film progressed through the camera. I had not heard of this type of camera film movement, but he showed me a slip explaining that this was the case. The prints I have before me show a nearly white discoid shape centered in the print, both being positioned about as described in Richard Haines' March 2 memo of Frames 8a and 7a. The image measures 8mm wide and 3 mm high in a center dome-shaped bulge. It appears to be slightly tilted downward toward the viewer. I see what appears to be a shadow at the left of the bulge, suggesting a source of light located at the right front on what appears to be a ring or round shelf. There is also a suggestion of a darker band where the bulge and the shelf meet.

The image in negative 4a appears to be tilted slightly downward to the right. However, this could be due to the position of the camera rather than the object. Also, we have to assume that the printing matches the position of the negative as it moved through the camera. Since the film used was color, there may be some significance to the slight pink coloring of the closer edge of the shelf in the print of negative 4a.

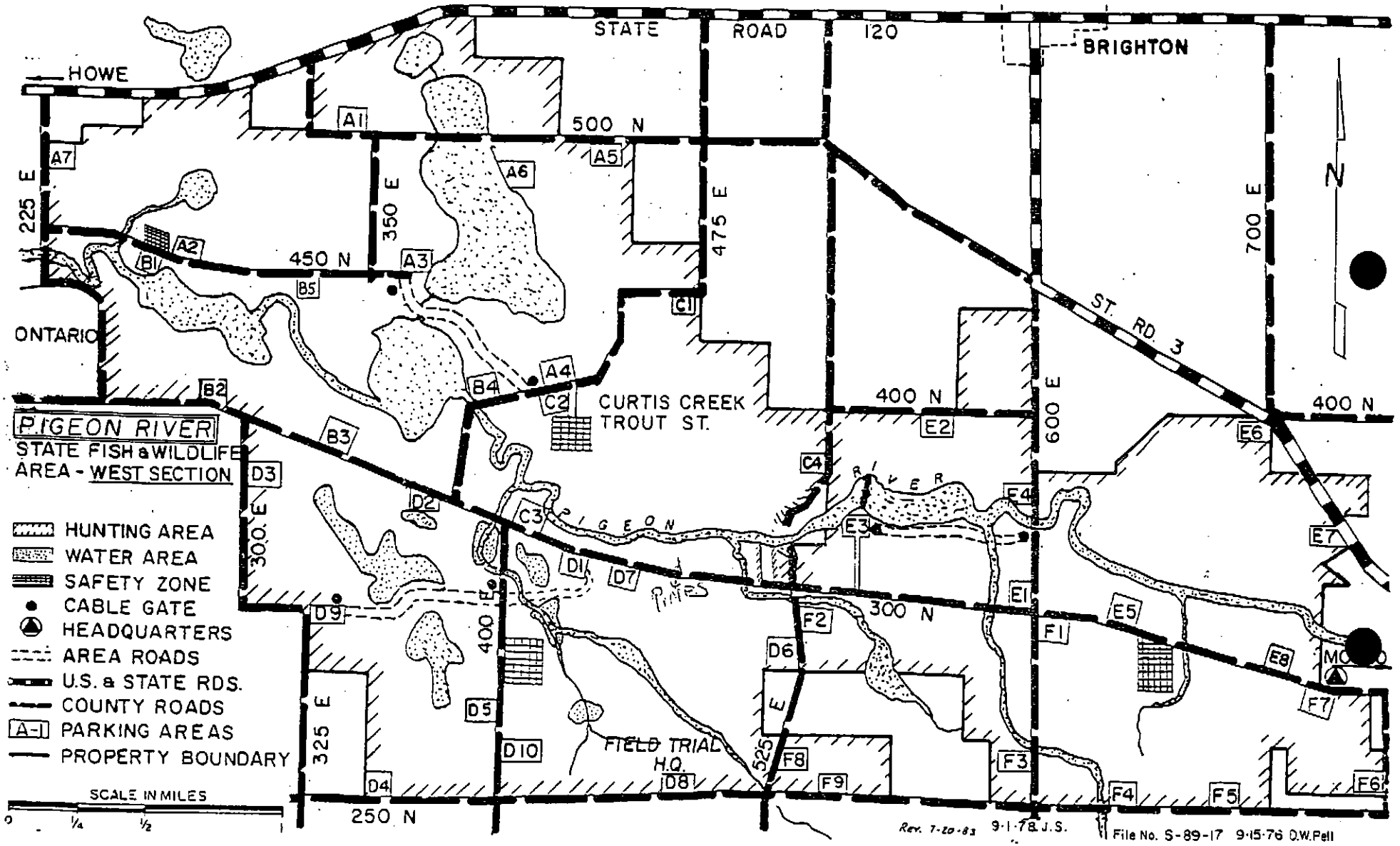
If Jeff Sainio is correct regarding the Shea Stadium and Toronto images, we must make every effort to eliminate the blimp possibility. I will proceed with this this week.

I enclose maps of the area as requested and will forward the 4a and 5a enlargements to you as soon as I have made copies for our file. I will reimburse Jack from CUFOS for his $12.66 cost of the two prints he gave me. I paid for the map copies.

We adjourned to lunch at a nearby restaurant. I took a photo of the group and left them at about 3:30 p.m.

If I have overlooked something you wanted to know or have done, let me know.

John P. Timmerman
P. O. Box 1621
Lima, Ohio 45802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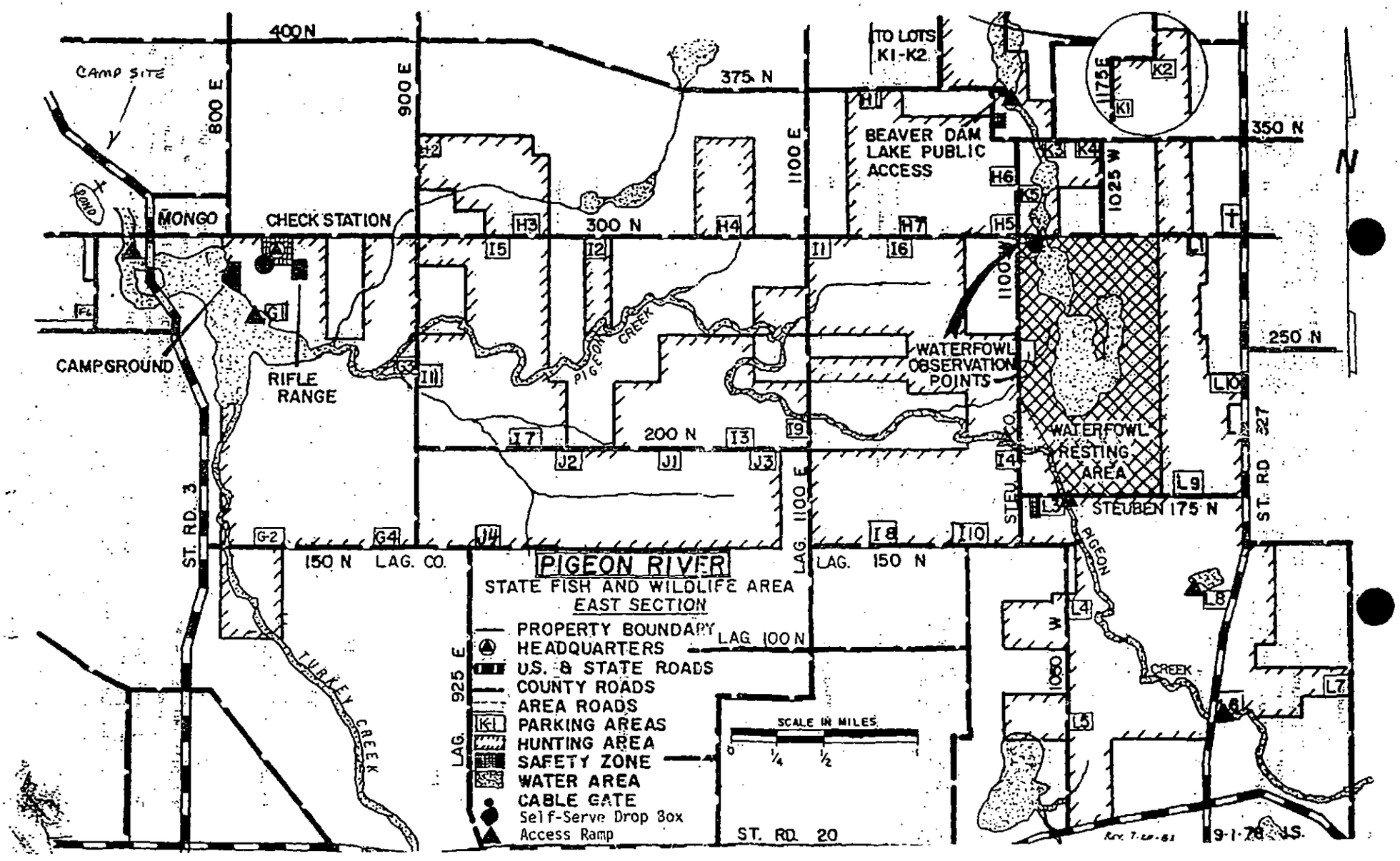
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MAY 24, 1995

RICHARD HAINES
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Dear Richard:

Just received your letter dated May 19th, plus the copy of the letter to Jeff Sainio. Also got a call from Jack Kintz. He wanted to talk to you, so I gave him your phone number. He probably briefed you on all that, but here are a few items I need to point out:

1) He and John Timmerman of CUFOS met Friday. They are sending the materials you requested to you at the PO Box. They are sending me copies.

2) John is checking into blimp flights, PR photos of, etc.

3) We are trying to get David Martin, the news reporter who also saw the object (he AND his wife in separate cars) to file reports.

4) Jack wants to send you the other negs as soon as he gets the first ones back registered mail.

5) I can't get Bickle's camera. And we are as far apart as you can get in Indiana. The Kodak people should be able to help you and save you time and money.

6) The object was illuminated all during the sighting and during all shots, except when it appeared to pass behind a tree limb. The object did dim-down and become transluscent at one point. Due to inverse square rule and no flare-ups during the shooting, I doubt that the flash was a factor. If anything, I would expect an adverse reaction from a flash if the intensity (due to proximity) was great enough to alarm the "crew".

7) Blimps are used for advertizing purposes and need adequate lighting. If we can't identify a blimp anymore, what good are they as ad mediums? The News Clipping Service is full of reports where some authority "shoots down" a UFO report with a blimp answer. I am instructing my people, and advising others who read my newsletter, to NOT take the word of airports, law enforcement, etc., regarding identification. This is second-hand collateral contact. We need to go to the source, such as John Timmerman contacting the blimp companies.

At this stage, with delays in the mail, it might be good to talk via phone sometime, if needed. Glad to help in any way.

Sincerely,

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June 1, 1995

RICHARD HAINES
PO Box 880
Los Altos, CA 94023

(415) 941-0958

Dear Richard:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from John Timmerman regarding his first-hand contact with two of the witnesses on May 19th. Also my copies of the two maps. I made reductions for my files. I am assuming that Jack Kintz or John Timmerman sent you some. I don't want to take the chance you didn't get them. Jack was supposed to call you about the maps and other negs.

John Timmerman is still pursuing the blimp angle, trying to get flight schedules. Also trying to find out more on the internally lit idea to see if this corresponds to our photos.

I don't believewe have a blimp, but if one was there at that time, who would listen? By the way, John is checking with Jeff Sainio, too, because some of his blimp photos raise a lot of questions.

I will be gone for a few days, back on the 10th.

Keep up the good work.

Did you get a copy of my book, "Regional Encounters: The FC Files"? If not, I will send one as soon as I get back.

Sincerely,

Francis L. Ridge
State Director, The Indiana Group, MUFON
Director, UFOFC

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6-5-95
Sunny & Calm

Hi Francis;

I thought I should advise you I talked to Dr. Richard Haines this weekdd and discussed the photos and maps that Dennis Bickle had taken about 5-1-95 of the area of the sighting of the U.F.O. in Mongo, Ind. He advised that they were very helpful and he had not finished work yet on the first set of negetives but would do so in the near future. I requested that when he was finished with the first set of negetives, to return them to Dennis Bickle by certified mail and I then would send the strip of negetives (original) that I have to him. He had other questions regarding the U.F.O. sighting and likely would call back to me at a later date to be further informed on the U.F.O. sighting.

Richard informed me that the negetives and the U.F.O. was of good quality and the bottom of the disc was irregular when blowup to a larger size and maybe somewhat blurred, maybe heat waves or vapor on the bottom edge. Very interesting!

I have also talked with Dennis Bickle this weekend to appraise him of the situation as of now.

I also was sent a copy of John Zimmerman's letter to you regarding his visit with all of us at Jackson.

The slip I have regarding reverse loading of the film states the following.

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Attn: Photo Galaxy Customer

Some cameras sold in the United States are designed to reverse load the film, causing it to advance through the camera opposite of the standard.

This is the reason your pictures are reverse oriented in your album.

FORM #110

The Photo Shop where I had the negetives made advised that there are a number of cameras that have reverse loading.

I have to have Dennis Bickle confirm yet that his camera is in fact a reverse loading camera.

We will be looking forward to any further information you may have.

As Ever,

Jack Kirby
2100 Glasgow Rd.
Jackson, Mich.
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325 Langton Ave.
Los Altos, Calif.
94022
July 7, 1995

Dennis Bickle
6360 Chilson Road
Howell, Michigan 48843

Dear Mr. Bickle:

With this letter I am returning to you the strip (four continuous frames - #6, #7, #8, and #9) of color 35mm negatives which you sent to me for photo analysis. These were taken on August 31, 1994 in Mongo, Indiana. Thank you very much for the opportunity to study them. I phoned Jack Kintz recently to tell him I was mailing these negatives back to you and he said he would send me the second strip in the near future.

Realizing that the second strip is probably of higher optical quality, I wanted to work out specific procedures on your set first before working with the better quality frames. Your frames show a most interesting "bottom edge" effect. One might think that the object should possess a smooth, sharp lower edge, however some computer enhancements seem to show an undulating, gasseous-like or vapor-enshrouded edge. Of course I want to take a close look at the second set of frames as well.

For your information, we are now attempting to show that the aerial object could not have been an advertising balloon. There are two lines of supporting argument, (1) the testimony from the two other eye witnesses driving into Mongo from the south that night, and (2) flight records of all local advertising companies concerning the balloons they "fly."

Thanks for your assistance in this interesting study. Either Mr. Ridge or I will attempt to keep you informed as to the progress we make to identify this aerial (photographic) image. If you should recall any other details not already written down about this event please do not hesitate to contact me. Absolutely every detail could be important.

Very sincerely yours,

Original signed by Richard F. Haines
Richard F. Haines, Ph.D.
Research Scientist, ret.

Encl. orig. neg. strip (as stated)

cc: files
F. L. Ridge

From: Dick Haines (7/19/95)
To: TEACHER, ROLLLL MODEL, VISIONA

7-20-95

Reply to: RE>internally-lit dirigible maker

Jeff, FYI
Length = 1522" (126.8 ft); diam = 370" (30.8 ft),
General shape = typical blimp
Outer fabric = polyester rip stock, semi-transparent
Internal illumination = 2 @ 1000 watt lamps
Lamp power source = Honda generator (APU)
Propulsive power = Limbaugh flat-4 internal combustion + props
Lift = helium
Firm has sold five (5) in USA, 2 @ in Europe, 1@ in So. America so far.
Payload = max. of five (5) passengers plus additional load
They are sending me full specs. soon. This vehicle is FAA certified with full night anti-collision lighting. I hope you will find this information helpful.
Dick Haines

Francis: F.Y.I.
Re: MONGO CAFE
You may want to share this info.
I got four blimp manufacturers —
Dick H

Date: 7/18/95 6:29 PM
To: Dick Haines
From: TEACHER, ROLLLL MODEL, VISIONA ← Jeff Sainio
American Blimp Corporation, 1900 NE 25th, Hillsboro OR 97124-5983, 503-693-1611, makes internally-lit advertising blimps. It was shown on the PBS "The Blimp is Back" by Michael Barnes.

jsainio@qgraph.com

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P.S.
I have just received the second set of original mgs —

325 Langton Ave.
Los Altos, Calif.
94022
July 30, 1995

Re: Mongo, Indiana Aerial Phenomena Event of 31 August 1994

Francis –
~~Gentlemen~~:

As you may have heard, I am doing an analysis of the color photographs which were taken on the evening of 31 August. I would greatly appreciate it if you would help me out in this analysis. It is very important for me to understand the apparent flight path of the lighted object relative to the trees near the pond at the campground.

Enclosed is a color photo of the area looking approximately south. Please do the following:

1) Insert a small vertical arrow at the magnetic south location in this scene.
2) Use a heavy pencil or felt-tiped pen and draw with a dashed line the path through the night sky which the object followed. If it ever seemed to stop just place a small X on the line at that point and indicate how long it stopped.
3) If the object ever seemed to accelerate in speed indicate where it was when it started its acceleration by placing a small A on the dashed line.

4) Finally, if you noticed any very bright lights on the ground beneath or near the object (but not on it) please make a note on the photo.

5) Print your name on the bottom of the photo and date it.

Thank you for your help. Please return this photo to me at your convenience.

Very sincerely,

Richard F. Haines
Research Scientist, ret.

I just mailed these to Dennis Bicele, John Kintz, & Franklin Babcock, since I did have their addresses. Could you perhaps send out the rest? Many thanks.

Dick

Encl. (1) area photo
cc: files

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PUBLICATION ORDER

Date Order Received: 950804
Check Number:

Purchaser:
TIMMERMAN, JOHN
PO BOX 1621
LIMA, OH 45802 1621

Quant	Description	Each	Total Price	Date Shipped
1	"Regional Encounters"	20.00	20.00	950804

Rd. 9/2/95

Hi John,

Oops! I guess I didn't look at the monitor very good that day. You said you wanted a copy + I just mailed it with the wrong invoice. Sorry.

Fran

P.S. Doing an all week promo for "Awareness Check".

Not enough time and not enough pages? or too many words? — Best Regards

Hi, Fran!

Please forgive my delay in sending this to you. I have not had time to read it, yet, but will do so later this Fall. My schedule of things to do and to read is somewhat overloaded these days and I believe you know what that feels like.

Still not word from the McDonald Company in Toronto. I will be getting after them next week. Also, I am sending the photo of the Virgin Light Ship to Dr. Haines for dimension ratio comparisons with the photos of the Mongo object. When I spoke with him recently and read the blimp dimensions to him he was very excited by the contrast with those of the photos. The Virgin Company has been not very helpful in providing flight schedule information. It was one year ago yesterday.

Additional cases are coming to my attention and I am trying to cover more than I

September 7, 1995

RICHARD HAINES
PO Box 880
Los Altos, CA 94023

(415) 941-0958

Dear Richard:

Received your package on 5 Sept. As per your request last evening I have enclosed the hard copies on the Mongo Case. You will have to cut off the written portion before you scan, but you should be able to do that OK.

I made copies in case the originals would get lost in the mail. I am also going over them to see what I can do to help you. Rather than make you wait while I do that, I decided to copy and sent the originals right away.

Enclosed are a couple of sheets I use for checklists you might be able to use. I have extensive notes, including activity logs of all actions reported to me in this case.

Also enclosed is a copy of my book which fell within the shipping guidelines. I couldn't resist.

Good luck with the Mongo Case. And thanks for all your help. I get nothing from MUFON.

Sincerely,

Francis L. Ridge
State Director, The Indiana Group, MUFON
Director, UFOFC

MUFON Mutual UFO Network, Inc.

THE INDIANA GROUP

Offices: 618 Davis Drive, Mt. Vernon, Indiana 47620

Hotline: (812) 838-9843

September 14, 1995

DAVID MARTIN
70077 M103
White Pigeon, MI 49099

(616) 483-7991

Dear David:

As you may be aware, the Mongo, Indiana sighting (8-witnesss and 4 photos) turned out to be very important. Dr. Richard Haines in Los Altos, California, is doing the analysis on the photos and needs further information regarding sighting coordinates. Your help is very important to us.

But before I get into that, my brother Steven is a born-again Christian, too. To him the UFO thing was a demonic manifestation. That is, until a friend in his church (and his wife) reported their close encounter back in the 60's. (Report enclosed). This was a real, solid object, just like yours and in the Mongo case. This was no "vision". And nothing happens that God doesn't know about so it is part of our reality, maybe even part of His plan. But, maybe not. After all, a Cruise Missile over Iraq is not the devil, but it isn't part of God's plan for humanity, either. Just another fact of life. In any case, your sighting had nothing to do with any evil force. It was something we made or something somebody else created. It was as real as a 747.

David, if you would file a report with us we would guarantee you anonymity if you so desire. Basically, what we need is location, time and directions of the object at the beginning and end of the sighting. Enclosed is a Form 1.

A lot of people saw this thing, and it was no blimp.

Sincerely,

Francis L. Ridge
State Director, The Indiana Group, MUFON
Director, UFOFC

MUFON [redacted] UFO SIGHTING QUESTIONNAIRE - PHOTOGRAPHIC C[redacted] (FORM 8) CONFIDENTIAL

INTER-FORM CROSS-REFERENCE DATA
SIGHTING DATE: 8-31-94 PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN: FROM 5:30 pm TO
PHOTOGRAPHER'S NAME: John Kintz
INVESTIGATOR'S NAME: Lin Dahlkemper

PERSONAL ACCOUNT (Include on Form 1)
Please describe exact sequence of events as to how you were able to photograph the UFO

CAMERA DATA
K 40 1987
TYPE: 35 mm AGE/CONDITION: Lgts
KODAK
MANUFACTURER: not sure MODEL: VR 35
Automatic Fixed
LENS DIAMETER: FOCAL LENGTH:
LENS MANUFACTURER:
SHUTTER SPEED RANGE: FROM AUTO TO
"F" STOP RANGE: FROM TO
DISTANCE SETTING: FIXED (✓) VARIABLE ( )
COMMENTS: Automatic - [redacted]

CAMERA MODE WHEN UFO(s) PHOTOGRAPHED
"F" STOP NO. PHOTO# 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
SHUTTER SPEED: PHOTO# 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
DISTANCE SET: PHOTO# 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
SETTINGS/TYPE: MANUAL ( ) AUTOMATIC ( )
COMMENTS:

FILM DATA
TYPE: 400 ASA BRAND: Kodak
MANUFACTURER:
DESCRIPTION: COLOR?(✓) B & W?( ) ASA/DIN:
AGE OF FILM: new LONGEVITY DATE:
COMMENTS:

CAMERA ACCESSORIES/METHODS USED
TRIPOD?( ) STAND?( ) FLASHLIGHT?( ) OTHER
FILTER?( )-COLOR DENSITY
TELEPHOTO?( ): Diameter Focal Length Power
COMMENTS:

BASIC DATA
NO./PHOTOS OR FOOTAGE 4 STILLS? (✓) NOT EXIST ( )
NO./UFOs PHOTOGRAPHED 1 DAYLIGHT? ( ) NIGHT? (✓)
AVAILABLE TO MUFON: ORIGINALS( ) COPIES(✓) COPYRIGHTED( )
ANALYSIS BY:
EVALUATION:

PHOTOGRAPHIC DATA
DIRECTION/CAMERA POINTED: PHOTO# 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
ELEVATION/CAMERA POINTED: PHOTO# 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
OTHER OBJECTS DISCERNABLE IN PHOTOGRAPHS (Such as buildings, trees, hills, aircraft, clouds, etc.):
A IN PHOTO# SIZE DISTANCE DIRECTION
A IN PHOTO# SIZE DISTANCE DIRECTION
A IN PHOTO# SIZE DISTANCE DIRECTION
A IN PHOTO# SIZE DISTANCE DIRECTION
COMMENTS:

MAY ( ) MAY NOT USE ( )
SIGNATURE OF WITNESS DAY MONTH YEAR

CUT HERE

CERTIFICATE OF RECEIPT OF PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIALS

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE UNDERSIGNED, BEING A DULY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE INITIAL UFO NETWORK (MUFON), HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIALS Mango UFO picture enlargement FROM Lin Dahlkemper/John Kintz FOR COPYING/EVALUATION BY MUFON. UPON COMPLETION OF SUCH ACTIONS, SAID MATERIAL WILL BE RETURNED PROMPTLY TO THE OWNER NAMED ABOVE.

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Figure 8

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EXHIBIT 6A

SHEET 1 OF 2

UFO SIGHTING QUESTIONNAIRE · GENERAL CASES (FORM 1)

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PLACE OF SIGHTING

STATE/PROVINCE: Ind. COUNTY: _____ CITY/TOWN: Mongo COUNTRY: USA

SIGHTING TIME

2130 PM (X) AM ( ) ZONE: EDT

DURATION: ___ SEC ( ) MIN ( ) HRS ( )

DATE OF SIGHTING

31 DAY August MONTH 1994 YEAR

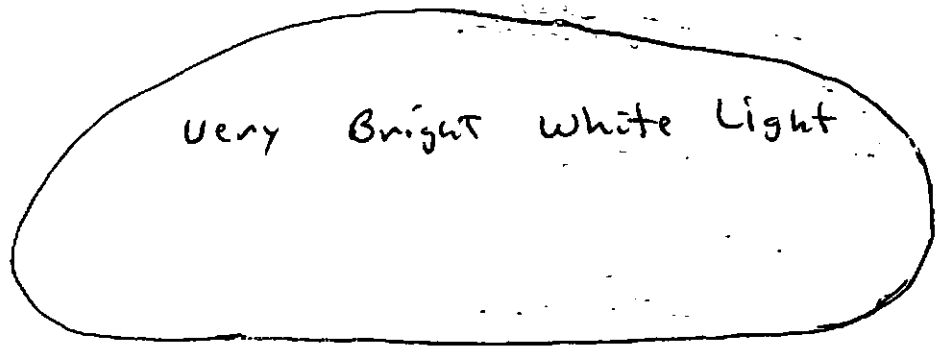
PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM (Print) AND RETURN TO INVESTIGATOR (For MUFON Use)

NAME OF INVESTIGATOR: FRANCIS RIDGE

STREET ADDRESS: ~~618 DAVIS DR.~~ PHONE: A/C 812 / 838-9893

TOWN/CITY: ~~MT. VERNON,~~ STATE: ~~IN~~ 47620 ZIP CODE: _____ COUNTRY: _____

DRAW A SIMPLE SKETCH OF THE OBJECT. (Label any lights, colors, protrusions)



(On a separate sheet, please sketch a simple map of the area showing your position and the object's position. Include an arrow denoting the direction of North. Indicate direction that the object was moving.)

PERSONAL ACCOUNT

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE INCIDENT AS IT HAPPENED. BE SURE THAT YOUR NARRATIVE INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

1. WHERE WERE YOU AND WHAT WERE YOU DOING AT THE TIME?
2. WHAT MADE YOU FIRST NOTICE THE OBJECT?
3. WHAT DID YOU THINK THE OBJECT WAS WHEN YOU FIRST NOTICED IT?
4. DESCRIBE YOUR REACTIONS AND ACTIONS, DURING AND AFTER SIGHTING THE OBJECT.
5. DESCRIBE THE OBJECT AND ITS ACTIONS.
6. HOW DID YOU LOSE SIGHT OF THE OBJECT?

(1) Setting around a Camp Fire
(2) The very Bright Light from it
(3) Thought it was ufo. Never seen any Thing like it.
(4) Got up Moved over To Edge of Pond and Started Taking Photos. Had Camera in Hand at The Time of First sighting.
(5) object was very Bright moved Toward use Then From S/SW moved in a Easterly Direction
(6) Object Eather went Behind more Trees or Moved off very Fast (Continue narrative on reverse side)

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UFO SIGHTING QUESTIONNAIRE - GENERAL CASES (FORM 1)

FOR MUFON USE

TEMPERATURE: _____ WIND DIRECTION: _____ WIND SPEED: _____ VISIBILITY: _____ CEILING: _____

ENVIRONMENTAL SITUATION (Check/Fill In As Applicable)

VIEWED FROM: OUTDOORS(X) INDOORS( ) CAR( ) AIRCRAFT( ) BOAT( ) OTHER _____

VIEWED THROUGH: (GLASSES( ) WINDOW( ) SCREEN( ) BINOCULARS( ) TELESCOPE( ) STILL CAMERA(X)
(MOVIE CAMERA( ) THEODOLITE( ) RADAR( ) OTHER _____

AREA/LOCATION: CITY( ) SUBURBAN( ) RURAL(X) INDUSTRIAL( ) COMMERCIAL( ) RESIDENTIAL( )

AREA/TERRAIN: FIELDS( ) WOODS(X) HILLS( ) MOUNTAINS( ) RIVER(X) POND(X) LAKE( )

AREA/TECHNICAL: AIRPORT( ) POWERLINES( ) POWER STATION( ) RAILROAD TRACKS( ) OTHER _____

SKY CONDITION: CLEAR(X) PARTLY CLOUDY( ) OVERCAST( ) FOGGY( ) HEAVY( ) MEDIUM( ) LIGHT( )

PRECIPITATION: NONE(X) RAIN( ) FOG( ) SLEET( ) SNOW( ) HEAVY( ) MEDIUM( ) LIGHT( )

UFO DIRECTION: FIRST SEEN IN South LAST SEEN IN East IT MOVED FROM West TO East

UFO ELEVATION: (FIRST SEEN - 1/4(X) 1/2( ) 3/4( ) OF THE WAY UP HORIZON; OVERHEAD( ) OTHER ___
(LAST SEEN - 1/4(X) 1/2( ) 3/4( ) OF THE WAY UP HORIZON; OVERHEAD( ) OTHER ___

UFO DISTANCE: WHEN CLOSEST TO ME 1-To-2 Tenths of a mile ALTITUDE: WHEN CLOSEST TO THE GROUND 200 To 250

UFO PASSED: (IN-FRONT-OF _____ WHICH WAS _____ IN DISTANCE FROM THE WITNESS
(BEHIND Trees WHICH WAS about 1/10 mile IN DISTANCE FROM THE WITNESS

ALSO IN AREA: AIRPLANE( ) HELICOPTER( ) BALLOON( ) SEARCHLIGHT( ) OTHER _____
BEFORE WITNESS SIGHTED UFO( ) DURING UFO SIGHTING( ) AFTER UFO SIGHTING( )

OBJECT DESCRIPTION (Check/Fill In As Applicable)

OBSERVED: (AN OBJECT (X) NUMBER OF 1 SHAPE OF _____ COLOR(s) Bright White
(A LIGHT (X) NUMBER OF 1 SHAPE OF _____ COLOR(s) " "

DESCRIBE: SOUND None SMELL None SPEED Slow moving

REAL SIZE: (LARGER ( ) SMALLER ( ) SAME SIZE ( ) AS THE OBJECT LISTED BELOW
(BASKETBALL ( ) COMPACT CAR ( ) STANDARD CAR ( ) HOUSE (X) OTHER _____

70 To 80 Ft High
150 to 200 Ft Wide

APPARENT SIZE: (HOW MANY TIMES LARGER ( ) OR SMALLER ( ) IF PUT IN THE SKY BESIDE OBJECT BELOW?
(_____ TIMES THE SIZE OF A STAR _____ TIMES THE SIZE OF A FULL MOON

BRIGHT AS: A STAR (X) THE MOON ( ) OR A _____ LIGHT IF PLACED AT SAME DISTANCE AWAY

DID THE OBJECT(s) OR LIGHT(s): (Please elaborate on items checked below by using a separate sheet)

CHANGE DIRECTION?	(X)	HOVER?	( )	AFFECT RADIO/TV?	( )	FLUTTER?	( )
TURN ABRUPTLY?	( )	DESCEND?	( )	AFFECT ELECTRICITY?	( )	SPIN?	( )
FALL LIKE A LEAF?	( )	ASCEND?	( )	AFFECT MAGNETISM?	( )	BLINK?	( )
ABSORB OBJECT(s)?	( )	OVER POWERLINES?	( )	AFFECT TIMEPIECE?	( )	PULSATE?	( )
EJECT OBJECT(s)?	( )	OVER A BUILDING?	( )	AFFECT ENGINE?	( )	APPEAR SOLID?	( )
CHANGE SHAPE?	( )	LAND ON GROUND?	( )	AFFECT VEHICLE?	( )	HAVE FUZZY EDGES?	( )
CAST SHADOW?	( )	LAND IN WATER?	( )	AFFECT ANIMAL?	( )	HAVE OUTLINE?	( )
CAST LIGHT?	( )	CARRY OCCUPANTS?	( )	AFFECT HUMAN?	( )	WOBBLE?	( )
REFLECT LIGHT?	( )	COMMUNICATE?	( )	AFFECT WATER?	( )	VIBRATE?	( )
LEAVE A TRAIL?	( )	GIVE OFF HEAT?	( )	AFFECT GROUND?	( )	GLOW?	(X)
DISINTEGRATE?	( )	LEAVE RESIDUE?	( )	AFFECT VEGETATION?	( )	APPEAR TRANSPARENT?	( )

EDUCATION: High School DEGREE: _____ MAJOR: _____ SPECIAL TRAINING: _____ VISION: 20-20 COLORBLIND? ( ) EYEGLASSES? ( ) HEARING: GOOD? ( ) FAIR? (X) POOR? ( ) USE AID? ( ) HEALTH: DURING SIGHTING? Good AFTER? Good

WITNESS' NAME: Dennis Bickle AGE: 42
STREET: 6360 Chilson Rd PHONE: 810-229-5764
TOWN/CITY: Howell COUNTRY: USA
PROVINCE: Michigan
OCCUPATION: Fire Officer
EMPLOYED BY: State of Michigan

HOW MANY OTHER WITNESSES? 5 DID ANY OTHER AGENCY CONTACT YOU? No

PLEASE PROVIDE THE NAMES/ADDRESSES/PHONE NUMBERS OF OTHER WITNESSES AND/OR INVESTIGATORS OR AGENCIES ON SEPARATE SHEET IF APPLICABLE AND KNOWN.

Dennis Bickle
SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER

YOU MAY (X) MAY NOT ( ) USE MY NAME

DATE THIS FORM SIGNED 12 (DAY) 28 (MONTH) 94 (YEAR)

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EXHIBIT 7A

SHEET 1 OF 2

UFO SIGHTING QUESTIONNAIRE · GENERAL CASES (FORM 1)

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PLACE OF SIGHTING: U.S.A. (COUNTRY) · MONGO (CITY/TOWN) · LAGRANGE (COUNTY) · IND. (STATE/PROVINCE) · N.E.

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM (Print) AND RETURN TO INVESTIGATOR (For MUFON Use)

NAME OF INVESTIGATOR: FRANCIS RIDGE

STREET ADDRESS: 618 DAVIS DR. PHONE: A/C 812 1838-9843

TOWN/CITY: [illegible] STATE: IN 47620 ZIP CODE: ~~---~~ COUNTRY: ~~---~~

DRAW A SIMPLE SKETCH OF THE OBJECT. (Label any lights, colors, protrusions)

SEE ATTACHMENT

HI FRANCIS; I TALKED TO FRANK BY PHONE AND HE HAD BEEN HAVING LIVER PROBLEMS BEFORE OUR CAMPING TRIP. HE ADVISED ME WHEN HE SENT THIS DRAWING THAT HE HAS ~~CANCER~~ HEPTITUS B AND IS TAKING SHOTS 3 TIMES A WEEK AND MAKES HIM VERY SICK. HE SAID HE HOPES IT WON'T BE SO BAD LATER ON. SO, I FILLED OUT THIS FORM FOR HIM.

THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOUR BOOK AND NEWSLETTER AS I WILL SHARE IT WITH THE OTHERS IN THE GROUP. JOHN KINTZ

(On a separate sheet, please sketch a simple map of the area showing your position and the object's position. Include an arrow denoting the direction of North. Indicate direction that the object was moving.)

SIGHTING TIME: MICH TIME E.D.T. 9:30 PM (X) AM ( ) ZONE: ____ DURATION: 20 SEC (X) ### (-) HRS (-)

DATE OF SIGHTING: 31 DAY · 08 MONTH · 94 YEAR

PERSONAL ACCOUNT

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE INCIDENT AS IT HAPPENED. BE SURE THAT YOUR NARRATIVE INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

1. WHERE WERE YOU AND WHAT WERE YOU DOING AT THE TIME?
2. WHAT MADE YOU FIRST NOTICE THE OBJECT?
3. WHAT DID YOU THINK THE OBJECT WAS WHEN YOU FIRST NOTICED IT?
4. DESCRIBE YOUR REACTIONS AND ACTIONS, DURING AND AFTER SIGHTING THE OBJECT.
5. DESCRIBE THE OBJECT AND ITS ACTIONS.
6. HOW DID YOU LOSE SIGHT OF THE OBJECT?

1. CAMPING AT MONGO, IND. TRADING POST CAMPGROUND. SITTING AROUND THE CAMPFIRE WITH 5 OTHER PEOPLE - ALL OBSERVED THE OBJECT
2. A MOON BRIGHT OBJECT MOVING WEST TO EAST THROUGH THE TREES OUT INTO AN OPENING
3. THE MOON OR METEOR - NO SOUND!
4. GET SOME PICTURES! AMAZED. NEVER BEFORE HAVE OBSERVED ANYTHING OF THIS KIND.
5. ~~DISC~~ SHAPE, DOME AND IT CAME DOWN AT AN ANGLE AND MOVED TOWARD US, HOVERED AND BECAME STILL AND TURNED FROM WHITE FLOURESCENT TO TRANSPARENT, CLEAR, LIKE LOOKING INTO IT.
6. IT DISAPPEARED TO THE EAST AND S.E. QUICKLY WITH NO SOUND!

(Continue narrative on reverse side)

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EXHIBIT 7B

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UFO SIGHTING QUESTIONNAIRE - GENERAL CASES (FORM 1)

FOR MUFON USE

TEMPERATURE: _____ WIND DIRECTION: _____ WIND SPEED: _____ VISIBILITY: _____ CEILING: _____

ENVIRONMENTAL SITUATION (Check/Fill In As Applicable)

VIEWED FROM: OUTDOORS(X) INDOORS( ) CAR( ) AIRCRAFT( ) BOAT( ) OTHER _____

VIEWED THROUGH: (GLASSES(X) WINDOW( ) SCREEN( ) BINOCULARS( ) TELESCOPE( ) STILL CAMERA(X)
(MOVIE CAMERA( ) THEODOLITE( ) RADAR( ) OTHER _____

AREA/LOCATION: CITY( ) SUBURBAN( ) RURAL(X) INDUSTRIAL( ) COMMERCIAL( ) RESIDENTIAL( )

AREA/TERRAIN: FIELDS(X) WOODS(X) HILLS( ) MOUNTAINS( ) RIVER(X) POND(X) LAKE( )

AREA/TECHNICAL: AIRPORT( ) POWERLINES( ) POWER STATION( ) RAILROAD TRACKS( ) OTHER ROADS

SKY CONDITION: CLEAR( ) PARTLY CLOUDY(X) OVERCAST( ) FOGGY( ) HEAVY( ) MEDIUM( ) LIGHT( )

PRECIPITATION: NONE(X) RAIN( ) FOG( ) SLEET( ) SNOW( ) HEAVY( ) MEDIUM( ) LIGHT( )

UFO DIRECTION: FIRST SEEN IN S.W. LAST SEEN IN SOUTH IT MOVED FROM WEST TO EAST

UFO ELEVATION: (FIRST SEEN - 1/4( ) 1/2( ) 3/4( ) OF THE WAY UP HORIZON; OVERHEAD( ) OTHER 100' TO TREE TOP LEVEL
(LAST SEEN - 1/4( ) 1/2( ) 3/4( ) OF THE WAY UP HORIZON; OVERHEAD( ) OTHER HOVERING TREE TOP LEVEL

UFO DISTANCE: WHEN CLOSEST TO ME 1/8 MI. UFO ALTITUDE: WHEN CLOSEST TO THE GROUND 50'-100'

UFO PASSED: (IN-FRONT-OF OR SOUTH WHICH WAS 1/8 MILE IN DISTANCE FROM THE WITNESS
(BEHIND _____ WHICH WAS _____ IN DISTANCE FROM THE WITNESS

ALSO IN AREA: AIRPLANE( ) HELICOPTER( ) BALLOON( ) SEARCHLIGHT( ) OTHER NONE

BEFORE WITNESS SIGHTED UFO(X) DURING UFO SIGHTING(X) AFTER UFO SIGHTING(X)

OBJECT DESCRIPTION (Check/Fill In As Applicable)

OBSERVED: (AN OBJECT (X) NUMBER OF 1 SHAPE OF  COLOR(s) WHITE
(A LIGHT ( ) NUMBER OF _____ SHAPE OF _____ COLOR(s) _____

DESCRIBE: SOUND NONE SMELL NONE SPEED ESTIMATE UPTO 100 MPH.

REAL SIZE: (LARGER ( ) SMALLER (X) SAME SIZE ( ) AS THE OBJECT LISTED BELOW
(BASKETBALL ( ) COMPACT CAR ( ) STANDARD CAR ( ) HOUSE (X) OTHER _____

APPARENT SIZE: (HOW MANY TIMES LARGER ( ) OR SMALLER (X) IF PUT IN THE SKY BESIDE OBJECT BELOW?
(_____ TIMES THE SIZE OF A STAR (SMALLER) 1 TIMES THE SIZE OF A FULL MOON

BRIGHT AS: A STAR ( ) THE MOON (X) OR A _____ LIGHT IF PLACED AT SAME DISTANCE AWAY

DID THE OBJECT(s) OR LIGHT(s): (Please elaborate on items checked below by using a separate sheet)

CHANGE DIRECTION?	(X)	HOVER?	(X)	AFFECT RADIO/TV?	( )	FLUTTER?	( )
TURN ABRUPTLY?	(X)	DESCEND?	(X)	AFFECT ELECTRICITY?	( )	SPIN?	( )
FALL LIKE A LEAF?	( )	ASCEND?	( )	AFFECT MAGNETISM?	( )	BLINK?	( )
ABSORB OBJECT(s)?	( )	OVER POWERLINES?	( )	AFFECT TIMEPIECE?	( )	PULSATE?	( )
EJECT OBJECT(s)?	( )	OVER A BUILDING?	( )	AFFECT ENGINE?	( )	APPEAR SOLID?	( )
CHANGE SHAPE?	( )	LAND ON GROUND?	( )	AFFECT VEHICLE?	( )	HAVE FUZZY EDGES?	( )
CAST SHADOW?	( )	LAND IN WATER?	( )	AFFECT ANIMAL? NO AFFECT ON 3 DOGS.	( )	HAVE OUTLINE?	(X)
CAST LIGHT?	( )	CARRY OCCUPANTS?	( )	AFFECT HUMAN?	( )	WOBBLE?	( )
REFLECT LIGHT?	( )	COMMUNICATE?	( )	AFFECT WATER?	( )	VIBRATE?	( )
LEAVE A TRAIL?	( )	GIVE OFF HEAT?	( )	AFFECT GROUND?	( )	GLOW? YES!	(X)
DISINTEGRATE?	( )	LEAVE RESIDUE?	( )	AFFECT VEGETATION?	( )	APPEAR TRANSPARENT?	(X)

EDUCATION: _____ MAJOR: _____ DEGREE: _____ SPECIAL TRAINING: _____ VISION: _____ COLORBLIND? ( ) EYEGLASSES? ( ) HEARING: GOOD? (X) PAIR? ( ) POOR? ( ) USE AID?( ) HEALTH: DURING SIGHTING? _____ AFTER? _____

WITNESS' NAME: FRANKLIN BABCOCK AGE: _____
STREET: 1675 HURDS CORNER RD PHONE: _____
TOWN/CITY: CASS CITY COUNTRY: USA.
PROVINCE: MICH. OCCUPATION: RETIRED - MICH. D.N.R.
EMPLOYED BY: _____

HOW MANY OTHER WITNESSES? 5 DID ANY OTHER AGENCY CONTACT YOU? NO

PLEASE PROVIDE THE NAMES/ADDRESSES/PHONE NUMBERS OF OTHER WITNESSES AND/OR INVESTIGATORS OR AGENCIES ON SEPARATE SHEET IF APPLICABLE AND KNOWN.

FRANKLIN BABCOCK
Franklin Babcock SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER

YOU MAY (X) MAY NOT ( ) USE MY NAME

DATE THIS FORM SIGNED 01 - 11 - 94
DAY MONTH YEAR

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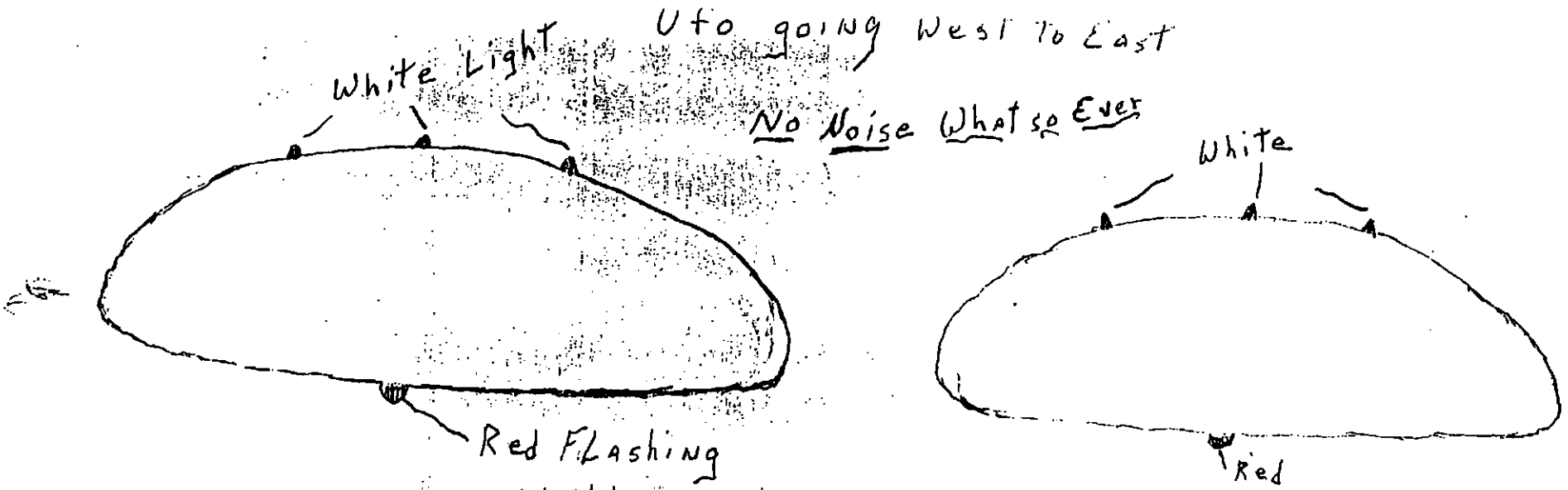

Ufo or Object
WAS Real Flouresceent
I have never seen anything as bright
This Object WAS Just Above treetop
I WAS STAYING IN A private CAMP ground
IN MONGO IND. ON August 31, 1994

Time 9:30 E.D.T.
Aug. 31, 1994

Franklin Babcock
1575 Hurds Corner Rd
CASS CITY MI. 48726

EXHIBIT 7C

ORIGINAL

MUFON

UFO FILTER CENTER
618 DAVIS DR.
MT. VERNON, IN 47620

EXHIBIT 5A

SHEET 1 OF 2

UFO SIGHTING QUESTIONNAIRE - GENERAL CASES (FORM 1) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM (Print) AND RETURN TO INVESTIGATOR (For MUFON Use)

NAME OF INVESTIGATOR: FRANCIS RIDGE

STREET ADDRESS: 618 DAVIS DR PHONE: A/C 812 / 838-9843

TOWN/CITY: MT. VERNON STATE: IN 47620 ZIP CODE: _____ COUNTRY: _____

PLACE OF SIGHTING

IND. (STATE/PROVINCE) | N.E. LAGRANGE (COUNTY) | MONGO (CITY/TOWN) | U.S.A. (COUNTRY)

DRAW A SIMPLE SKETCH OF THE OBJECT. (Label any lights, colors, protrusions)

SENT PREVIOUS TO LINDA DAHLKEMPER - AND THE PHOTOS CANNOT CAMPARE TO WHAT WE OBSERVED!

(On a separate sheet, please sketch a simple map of the area showing your position and the object's position. Include an arrow denoting the direction of North. Indicate direction that the object was moving.)

SIGHTING TIME: 2130 E.D.T. PM (X) AM ( ) ZONE: ____ MIN ( ) HRS ( ) DURATION: 15-20 SEC (X)

DATE OF SIGHTING: 31 DAY / 08 MONTH / 94 YEAR

PERSONAL ACCOUNT

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE INCIDENT AS IT HAPPENED. BE SURE THAT YOUR NARRATIVE INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

1. WHERE WERE YOU AND WHAT WERE YOU DOING AT THE TIME?
2. WHAT MADE YOU FIRST NOTICE THE OBJECT?
3. WHAT DID YOU THINK THE OBJECT WAS WHEN YOU FIRST NOTICED IT?
4. DESCRIBE YOUR REACTIONS AND ACTIONS, DURING AND AFTER SIGHTING THE OBJECT.
5. DESCRIBE THE OBJECT AND ITS ACTIONS.
6. HOW DID YOU LOSE SIGHT OF THE OBJECT?

1. CAMPING WITH 5 OTHER MEN AT THE TRADING POST CAMPGROUND AT MONGO, IND. SITTING AROUND THE CAMPFIRE - ALL OBSERVED THE OBJECT, RURAL AREA WEST OF MONGO 1/8 MILE.
2. A MOON BRIGHT OBJECT MOVING WEST TO EAST S.W. OF US AT TREE TOP LEVEL OR SLIGHTLY HIGHER CAME FROM BEHIND THE TREES INTO AN OPEN AREA NEAR A ROAD AND HOVERED TOWARDS US.
3. THE MOON OR METEOR - BUT, MOVING W/ NO SOUND! QUIET
4. BRING ATTENTION TO ALL IN CAMP AND TAKE PICTURES! ASK OTHER 5 MEN WHAT THEY OBSERVED!
5. FLYING SAUCER! GLIDING INTO OUR AREA AT A SHALLOW ANGLE, TURNING TOWARDS US AND HOVER. STANDING STILL THE WHITE GLOW TURNED TRANSPARENT. IT LOOKED LIKE A WHITE STROBE LIGHT ON THE TOP OF THE DOME
6. A BRIGHT RED FLASH OF (Continue narrative on reverse side) NO SOUND LIKE A STROBE AND LIGHT UNDER THE BOTTOM FLASHED 3 OR 4 TIMES IT DISAPPEARED TO THE SOUTH AND EAST VERY QUICKLY - WITHIN 2 SECONDS

NOTE: TWO OTHER HUNTERS WERE ENROUTE TO MONGO CAMPGROUND FROM FT WAYNE, IN. WHEN THEY WERE 1/2 MILE SOUTH OF MONGO, IN. WHEN THEY SPOTTED A WHITE OBJECT MOVE IN FRONT AND TO THE EAST AT LOW LEVEL AT A HIGH RATE OF SPEED. THIS WAS AT THE SAME TIME OF 2130 E.D.T. I MET AND TALKED TO THEM THE FOLLOWING DAY @ 10:30 AM E.D.T.

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EXHIBIT 5B

MUFON

UFO SIGHTING QUESTIONNAIRE - GENERAL CASES (FORM 1)

FOR MUFON USE

TEMPERATURE: _____ WIND DIRECTION: _____ WIND SPEED: _____ VISIBILITY: _____ CEILING: _____

ENVIRONMENTAL SITUATION (Check/Fill In As Applicable)

VIEWED FROM: OUTDOORS(X) INDOORS( ) CAR( ) AIRCRAFT( ) BOAT( ) OTHER _____

VIEWED THROUGH: (GLASSES(X) WINDOW( ) SCREEN( ) BINOCULARS( ) TELESCOPE( ) STILL CAMERA(X)
(MOVIE CAMERA( ) THEODOLITE( ) RADAR( ) OTHER _____

AREA/LOCATION: CITY( ) SUBURBAN( ) RURAL(X) INDUSTRIAL( ) COMMERCIAL( ) RESIDENTIAL( )

AREA/TERRAIN: FIELDS(X) WOODS(X) HILLS( ) MOUNTAINS( ) RIVER(X) POND(X) LAKE( )

AREA/TECHNICAL: AIRPORT( ) POWERLINES( ) POWER STATION( ) RAILROAD TRACKS( ) OTHER ROADS

SKY CONDITION: CLEAR( ) PARTLY CLOUDY(X) OVERCAST( ) FOGGY( ) HEAVY( ) MEDIUM( ) LIGHT( )

PRECIPITATION: NONE(X) RAIN( ) FOG( ) SLEET( ) SNOW( ) HEAVY( ) MEDIUM( ) LIGHT( )

UFO DIRECTION: FIRST SEEN IN S.W.1 LAST SEEN IN SOUTH IT MOVED FROM WEST TO EAST

UFO ELEVATION: (FIRST SEEN - 1/4( ) 1/2( ) 3/4( ) OF THE WAY UP HORIZON; OVERHEAD( ) OTHER 100' TO TREE TOP LEVEL
(LAST SEEN - 1/4( ) 1/2( ) 3/4( ) OF THE WAY UP HORIZON; OVERHEAD( ) OTHER HOVERING TREE TOP LEVEL

UFO DISTANCE: WHEN CLOSEST TO ME 1/8 MI. UFO ALTITUDE: WHEN CLOSEST TO THE GROUND 50'-100'

UFO PASSED: (IN-FRONT-OF OR SOUTH WHICH WAS 1/8 MILE IN DISTANCE FROM THE WITNESS
(OF US
(BEHIND _____ WHICH WAS _____ IN DISTANCE FROM THE WITNESS

ALSO IN AREA: AIRPLANE( ) HELICOPTER( ) BALLOON( ) SEARCHLIGHT( ) OTHER NONE

BEFORE WITNESS SIGHTED UFO( ) DURING UFO SIGHTING( ) AFTER UFO SIGHTING( )

OBJECT DESCRIPTION (Check/Fill In As Applicable)

OBSERVED: (AN OBJECT (X) NUMBER OF 1 SHAPE OF  COLOR(s) WHITE DOME AND DISC AT BOTTOM GLOWED
(A LIGHT ( ) NUMBER OF _____ SHAPE OF _____ COLOR(s) _____

DESCRIBE: SOUND NONE SMELL NONE SPEED ESTIMATE UP TO 100 MPH OR MORE

REAL SIZE: (LARGER (X) SMALLER ( ) SAME SIZE (X) AS THE OBJECT LISTED BELOW
(BASKETBALL ( ) COMPACT CAR ( ) STANDARD CAR (X) HOUSE (X) OTHER _____

APPARENT SIZE: (HOW MANY TIMES LARGER (-) OR SMALLER (X) IF PUT IN THE SKY BESIDE OBJECT BELOW?
(_____ TIMES THE SIZE OF A STAR 2 TIMES THE SIZE OF A FULL MOON

BRIGHT AS: A STAR ( ) THE MOON (X) OR A _____ LIGHT IF PLACED AT SAME DISTANCE AWAY

DID THE OBJECT(s) OR LIGHT(s): (Please elaborate on items checked below by using a separate sheet)

CHANGE DIRECTION?	(X)	HOVER?	(X)	AFFECT RADIO/TV?	( )	FLUTTER?	( )
TURN ABRUPTLY?	(X)	DESCEND?	(X)	AFFECT ELECTRICITY?	( )	SPIN?	( )
FALL LIKE A LEAF?	( )	ASCEND?	( )	AFFECT MAGNETISM?	( )	BLINK?	( )
ABSORB OBJECT(s)?	( )	OVER POWERLINES?	( )	AFFECT TIMEPIECE?	( )	PULSATE?	(X)
EJECT OBJECT(s)?	( )	OVER A BUILDING?	( )	AFFECT ENGINE?	( )	APPEAR SOLID?	( )
CHANGE SHAPE?	( )	LAND ON GROUND?	( )	AFFECT VEHICLE?	( )	HAVE FUZZY EDGES?	( )
CAST SHADOW?	( )	LAND IN WATER?	( )	AFFECT ANIMAL?	( )	HAVE OUTLINE?	( )
CAST LIGHT?	( )	CARRY OCCUPANTS?	( )	AFFECT HUMAN?	( )	WOBBLE?	( )
REFLECT LIGHT?	( )	COMMUNICATE?	( )	AFFECT WATER?	( )	VIBRATE?	( )
LEAVE A TRAIL?	( )	GIVE OFF HEAT?	( )	AFFECT GROUND?	( )	GLOW?	YES WHEN MOVING (X)
DISINTEGRATE?	( )	LEAVE RESIDUE?	( )	AFFECT VEGETATION?	( )	APPEAR TRANSPARENT?	(X) WHEN HOVERING

RED LIGHT ON THE BOTTOM 4 TIMES

EDUCATION: GRADE 12 MAJOR: FIRE BEHAVIOR DEGREE: DNR SPECIAL TRAINING: FIRE WEATHER VISION: 20/20 COLORBLIND? ( ) EYEGLASSES? (X) HEARING: GOOD? (X) FAIR? ( ) POOR? ( ) USE AID?( ) HEALTH: DURING SIGHTING? OK AFTER? OK

WITNESS' NAME: JOHN KINTZ AGE: 61 STREET: 2100 GLASGOW RD. PHONE: 517 750-3789 TOWN/CITY: JACKSON COUNTRY: U.S.A. PROVINCE: MICH. 49201 OCCUPATION: MICH. DNR. RETIRED EMPLOYED BY: _____

HOW MANY OTHER WITNESSES? 5 DID ANY OTHER AGENCY CONTACT YOU? NO

PLEASE PROVIDE THE NAMES/ADDRESSES/PHONE NUMBERS OF OTHER WITNESSES AND/OR INVESTIGATORS OR AGENCIES ON SEPARATE SHEET IF APPLICABLE AND KNOWN.

John Kintz
SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER

YOU MAY (X) MAY NOT ( ) USE MY NAME

DATE THIS FORM SIGNED 01 - 11 - 94
DAY MONTH YEAR

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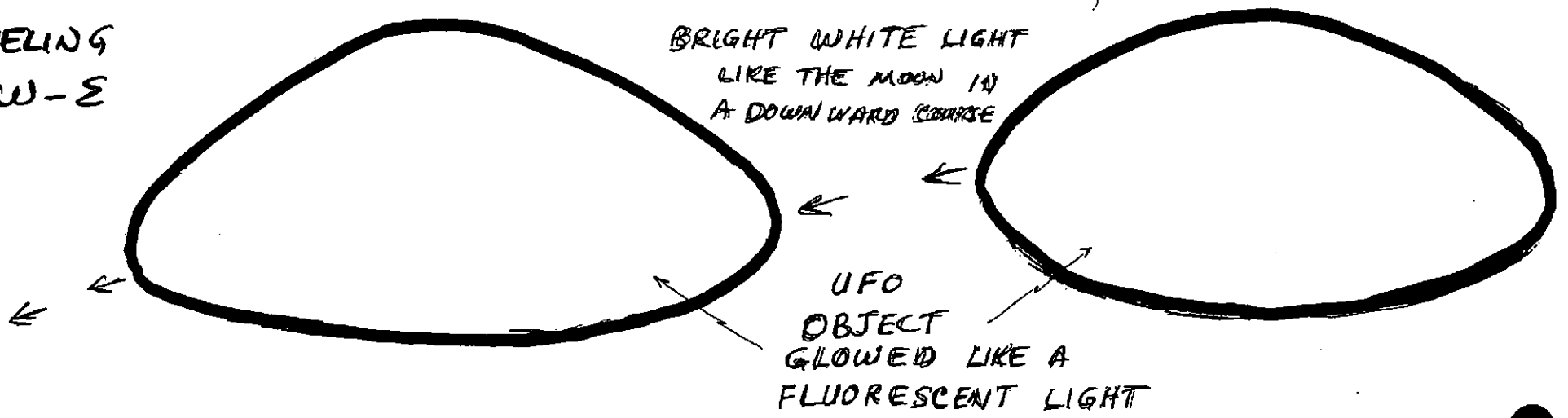

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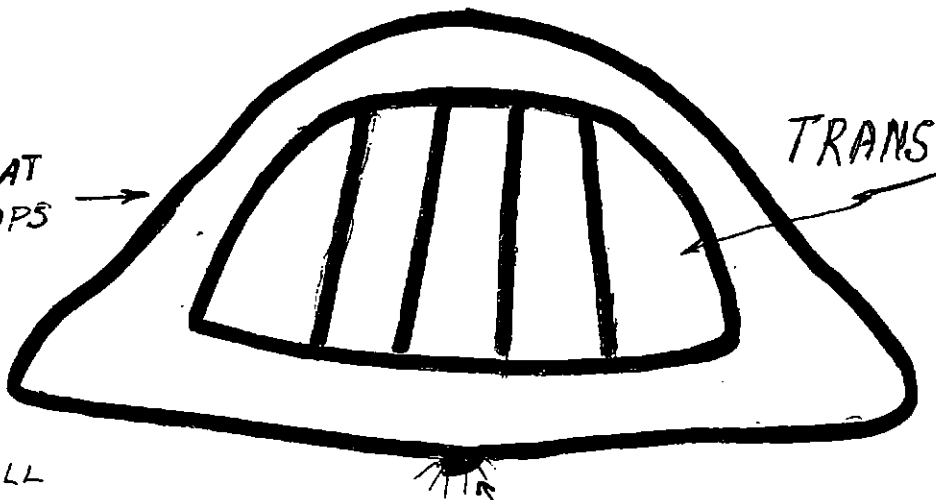

OBSERVED U.F.O AT A
DISTANCE OF ABOUT 1/4 MI
FOR 15-20 SECONDS. HEIGHT
OF ABOUT 500' DOWN TO 100
OR LESS

SIGHTING AT 2130 E.D.T.

MONGO, IND. AUGUST 31, 199
NE-OF LAGRANGE, IND.

JOHN KINTZ
JACKSON, MICH.

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Nevada's Groom Lake a favorite spot for UFO enthusiasts

By The Associated Press

A dry lake bed in Nevada has become a place of pilgrimage for UFO watchers in search of a flying-saucer sighting.

For four decades, senior correspondent Abe Dane wrote in an article in the current issue of Popular Mechanics, Groom Lake has been where the government has come when it wants to be alone — through the top-secret U-2 spyplane program of the '50s, the SR-71 spyplane of the '60s, the F-117A stealth fighter of the '80s.

Now, five years after the fall of the Berlin Wall, the lights of Groom Lake still burn through the night with wartime urgency.

Amid mounting publicity last summer, the Air Force admitted, "we do have facilities within the complex near the dry lake bed of Groom Lake."

It added that the Nellis Range Complex, of which Groom Lake is part, is "used for testing and training technologies, operations and systems critical to the effectiveness of the United States military forces. Specific activities conducted at Nellis cannot be discussed any further than that."

For UFO watchers, it stands to reason that if our military has flying saucers, this is where they would be.

It was in June 1947 that Kenneth Arnold, a deputy federal marshal and successful businessman, flew his private plane near Washington's Mount Rainier and reported spotting "a chain of nine peculiar-looking aircraft" that "flew like a saucer would if you skipped it across the water." He estimated their ground speed at about 1,700 mph.

His sighting was investigated by the Army Air Force, which feared it might have been a new Soviet secret weapon. But there was another possibility — could it be one of ours?

The XF5U-1 "Flying Flapjack" was the closest thing anyone knew of at the time to a flying saucer, although it was not capable of anything like 1,700 mph. The XF5U-1 prototypes were ready by 1947 but never flew.

The Arnold sighting and other reports remained unsolved. The XF5U-1 wasn't behind them, nor did they seem anything within reach of Soviet technology. The U.S. Air Force secretly launched Project Sign, the first of a series of UFO investigations that stretched on for more than 20 years.

A series of saucer-shaped experimental craft have turned up over the years, including a 1953 Lockheed patent for what looked like a flying lentil but apparently never got off the drawing board.

Even today the saucer lives on. Sikorsky Aircraft has been testing a 6-foot diameter disk-shaped unmanned aerial vehicle called the early '60s under a Navy contract for a ground does not check out

STAR, Auburn, IN - Feb. 4, 1995

Rick Andrews places his video camera on top of a bookcase in his living room. He keeps it constantly charged and close to the door where he can quickly grab it to catch a UFO sighting on tape. (Star photo by Dean Drewlinger)

His proof of UFOs is in the video

By REBECCA NILES

HAMILTON — It darted across the sky, fully illuminated, sending dust and leaves swirling, dogs frantically barking — too fast to follow, too large to ignore.

Rick Andrews and his family aren't really sure what it was, but they have had a close encounter with a strange object on more than one occasion. And they have the videotape to prove it.

Andrews, a rural Hamilton resident, keeps his video camera charged and ready to capture the bright images that flash across the sky above his home. He said he has seen a strange object four times within the past seven years and taped them twice. The most recent sighting available on his home movie was Oct. 12, 1994.

Andrews said he first thought the bright green object hovering over the trees behind his house was a blimp. "I tried to follow it, but it moved too fast, much faster than a blimp," he said. Andrews followed the object to the Ohio border, where he gave up his pursuit.

Andrews described the object as fluorescent green and oval-shaped, with a humped top. He said it was at least the size of a football field and hovered several hundred feet off the ground. It also had a light on the bottom, which flashed at uneven intervals.

On Oct. 20, 1994, around 1 a.m., Steuben County Communications received calls about a similar airborne object. Callers told police the object was like a bright green fireball, flashing across the sky. Officers in Defiance County confirmed seeing a bright flare or light in the sky sometime after 2 a.m. (Ohio time). The National Weather Service said it was possible that a meteor fell to the earth, but could not positively identify the object that lit up the sky. Andrews said he saw the Oct. 20 bright light and is sure the object was not a meteor.

> **"I don't believe in UFOs, but I was not about to drive under that. I was afraid of it."**
>
> ***— Kathy Andrews***

"It was so huge — too fast and too steady for a meteor," Andrews said. "It went straight across the sky, not down toward the ground."

Kathy Andrews, Rick's wife, had the most dramatic encounter with such a strange object on Aug. 31, 1994. She said she was driving home from church when her teen-age daughters asked her about a bright light in the sky.

"I glanced over at it and told the girls it was the moon," Kathy said. "But it started following us and I knew it was no moon."

Kathy said she stopped at a stop sign and watched the object move through the trees behind her. She said the object was moving quite slowly, hovering over the car. Kathy refused to drive under the object and waited until it crossed over the hill.

"I don't believe in UFOs," Kathy said, "but I was not about to drive under that. I was afraid of it."

Kathy said she pulled into the driveway and ran to the house, screaming for Rick to get his camera. "I waited all my life for this," Rick said. As he taped the object, Rick said, it brought up a lot of dust and the dogs went "nuts."

Andrews said the glowing sphere was the same object he read about in a science magazine. The story, according to Andrews, told of an unidentified object sighted over Hillsdale, Mich., in the 1960s. Andrews said the article told that government officials and scientists could not explain what the object was back then, and he is certain it is the same object he has encountered.

Andrews has seen the rounded object on several occasions, but reported seeing a different object once near the woods behind his country home.

"I once saw one over the house that was a diamond shape, with lights on three of the points and a long tail with a light on it," Andrews said. "It made no sound, but it spun and the lights turned, then the whole thing turned and went over the trees."

Andrews has his camera ready to go, within arm's reach of his front door. He knows many people, including his family, do not believe in UFOs — unidentified flying objects. But he said more publicity about the strange objects in the sky may force the government and other agencies to explain what they know about the sightings.

"I tell my story to say, 'Look, all these people can't be wrong,'" Andrews said.

"I keep a close watch out. They'll be back."