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March 28, 1958

Lawrence J. Tacker, Major, USAF
Executive Officer
Public Information Division
Office of Information Services
Department of the Air Force
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

A copy of this registered letter will be sent to the publishers for nation-wide destribution in three weeks. Your answer, if any, will be included for publication. Your refusal to answer my questions will indicate:

1. That the Air Force has an unusual disregard for the facts and a questionable practice of avoiding the truth.
2. That the Air Force refuses to abide by its own written objectives.

All of my many letters to various Air Force Departments concerning the [redacted] UFO sighting have been either unanswered or my questions evaded. The last ambiguous letter from you dated Feb. 28, stated that this "sighting has never been reported to the U.S. Air Force." However, in other communications we receive the following, "The Air Force feels a very definite obligation to identify and analyze things that happen in the air..." Among many other similar pronouncements in my files I'll include a sentence in reference to UFO's written by your Legislative Laison Director, Major General Joe. W. Kelly to my Representative, Hon. J. Harry McGregor:--"You may be assured that the Air Force shall continue to study, analyze, and present to the public full facts on this subject."

Since you admit complete ignorance of the sighting that was circulated by the press, television and radio in America, I will herein copy a Civilian Defense report for the Air Force. I do this with tongue-in-cheek as I cannot believe that the Air Force knows less about a very important UFO Ohio landing than do thousands of school children in this area.

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He said no, that was all he knew and saw.

Mr. [redacted] was then interviewed and gave this account to the incident. Asked, how he was notified. He said by Radio and called to 5th Area to have someone meet him at the scene. Arriving, and seeing what the problem consisted of, he then returned to Headquarters for Geiger Counters. Checking for radiation of an area one hundred feet accoss he found with the help of Lt. C. Reineck a reading of from twenty Mikrorentgens to one hundred and fifty mikrorentgens in the center of the area. He told of the rapid decay of Radiation and found it had a count, three hours later, of twenty mikrorentgens. He also told of checking a woman's car that lived in the area. The car had small pock marks on it and was checked for radiation. Result was a reading of twenty to sixty-four mikrorentgens, which is not normal at any time."

The above was written in a copy. this letter to SAFIS-3 27 Nov 5 JOB

Civil Defense minutes of Chardon meeting to interview Mr. [redacted] on U F O sightings.

Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] arrived in Chardon at 2000 and were met by Col. L. John and LT. C. Reinecke of the 5th Area. We waited until 2100 at which time the personnel of Station W N B K - T V of Columbus, Ohio arrived.

They interviewed Mr. [redacted], The Sheriff and Mr. [redacted]

We were also told of a report on another sighting of a U F O by Mrs. [redacted] Phone [redacted]. Time 0636 Nov. 7, 1957. Received by Oper. E. Skiba, Sheriff's Office Nov. 8, 1957 at 11:26. She told as follows.

Yesterday at 6:30 A M I saw an object or space ship. It was so bright that it blurred my eyes. It was like setting on the ledges and then it went right up. It was round in shape, very low and much larger than an airplane, Odd in color. Only there a few minutes. It definitely was not the sun, moon, or an airplane. There was no vapor trails or noise. End of report.

Minutes by R. S. Williamson
Rescue Chief of Lake Co. C D

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W. R. C. Williamson,
Rescue Chief Lake County C D

'Thing' Over Geauga Makes Geiger Click

A "thingnik" that might have zoomed over Geauga County early yesterday was blamed for pocking a car there with radioactive material.

It was the latest in a string of sky-borne "things" that bothered Greater Clevelanders who spent time watching the heavens.

Olden Moore was driving home from Painesville to Parkville, he said, when he saw a blue-green flame-shooting object fly over Route 86 and plunge into a field. He said his motor stalled.

He started the car again, drove home, picked up his wife and took her back to the spot, but they could find nothing.

Later Mrs. Moore notified Geauga County Sheriff Louis Robusky. He called Kenneth Locke of Eastlake, paid civil defense director for Lake County, who owns a Geiger counter.

Strange Footprints

They went to the scene.

Locke said he "picked up radioactivity of 150 Roentgen strength—pretty strong" in the field where Moore said the thingnik landed.

"We found footprints, too," Locke added.

He said he did not know if they were the prints of humans.

"They had a sort of heel print, then some little holes in the ground—like golf shoes. [illegible] But nobody around there has golf shoes or any reason for wearing them."

Mrs. Mildred Wenzel, wife of a farmer who lives on Route 528 nearby, was driving her auto to Chardon to talk to the

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'Thing' Makes Geauga Field Radioactive

Car Pockmarked, TV Reception Hurt

★ From First Page

sheriff about strange pockmarks she discovered in the roof and windshield of her auto. It had been parked outside all night, only about a half mile from where Moore said he saw the thingnik.

When she saw the sheriff and Locke working over the field with the Geiger counter, she stopped to find out what was going on.

When he heard her story, Locke ran his counter over her car. It measured from 25 to 40 Roentgens, from windshield to roof.

"Is that dangerous?" Locke was asked.

"No, but a normal car doesn't have any radioactivity," he answered. "Humans can stand 240 Roentgens."

Mrs. Wenzel said she did not know what to do.

"I'm excited," she said. "Maybe I ought to go to Alaska."

TV Was Blurred

The Wenzel farm is only about three quarters of a mile from the Nelson Astronomical Station of Case Institute of Technology on Kay Street, Montville. There were no observers there when Moore saw the thingnik.

"There was something funny going on last night," said Mrs. Wenzel. "I couldn't get any of the TV stations on my set. They were all blurred. I finally turned it off and went to bed."

She said she did not see the bright flying object.

The Soviet muttnik is supposed to be visible here—if it is not cloudy—at 5:28 this morning, 3:56 tomorrow morning and 5:47 Sunday morning.

Dr. Gordon Grant, Case astronomer, said it would be moving from southwest to northeast each morning. It will be low in the east this morning, about overhead tomorrow and in the west Sunday.

Muttnik also makes afternoon trips across town, in the other direction, but is not visible because there is too much light, Dr. Grant said.

U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

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

1. When did you see the object?

6 (Day) 11 (Month) 57 (Year)

2. Time of day: 5 PM (Hour) _____ (Minutes)

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

3. Time zone:

(Circle One): a. Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other _____

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving
b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

MONTVILLE (Nearest Postal Address) MONTVILLE (City or Town) OHIO (State or Country)

Additional remarks: _____

5. Estimate how long you saw the object. _____ (Hours) 5 (Minutes) _____ (Seconds)

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

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

(Circle One): a. Bright daylight
b. Dull daylight
c. Bright twilight
d. Just a trace of daylight
e. No trace of daylight
f. Don't remember

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

(Circle One): a. In front of you
b. In back of you
c. To your right
d. To your left
e. Overhead
f. Don't remember

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

8.1 STARS *(Circle One)*:

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

8.2 MOON *(Circle One)*:

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

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

(Circle One): a. Yes b. No c. Don't remember

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

(Circle One) a. A mile or more away (a distant car)?
b. Several blocks away?
c. A block away?
d. Several yards away?
e. Other

11. Did the object: *(Circle One for each question)*

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

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

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

_____

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

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

_____

14. Did the object appear: *(Circle One)*: a. Solid? b. Transparent? c. Don't Know.

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

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

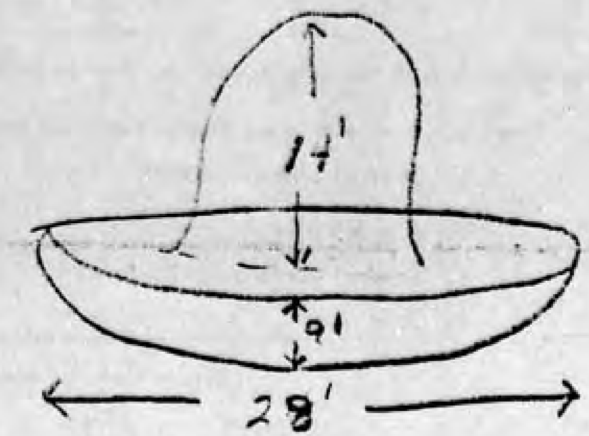
16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

a. Sound ______

b. Color ______

The Defense Dept and/or the Air Force [illegible]

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



18. The edges of the object were:

(Circle One): a. Fuzzy or blurred
b. Like a bright star
c. Sharply outlined (circled)
d. Don't remember
e. Other ______

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

The Defense Dept and/or the Air Force have complete details.

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

21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.
_____feet.

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

(Circle One):

a. Head of a pin
b. Pea
c. Dime
d. Nickel
e. Quarter
f. Half dollar
g. Silver dollar
h. Baseball
i. Grapefruit
j. Basketball
k. Other _____

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

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Uncertain

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? _____

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

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

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

26. Were you *(Circle One)*

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

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

_____

_____

_____

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

28.1 What direction were you moving? *(Circle One)*

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

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

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

(Circle One) Yes No

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

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

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

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

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

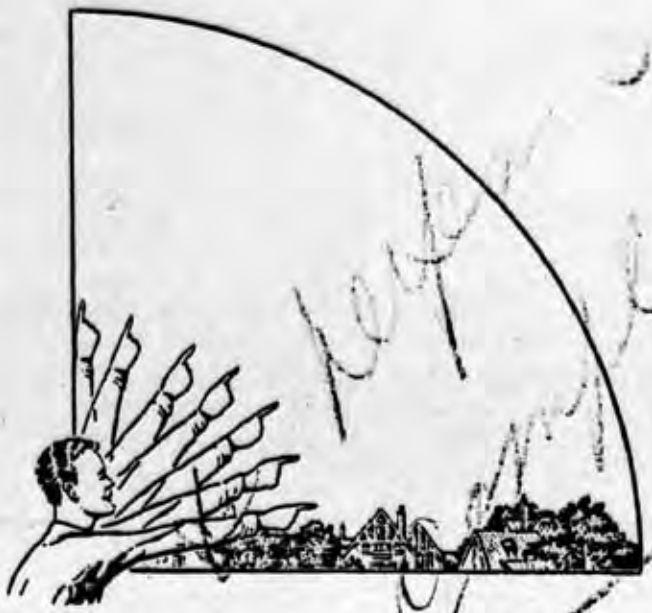
31.1 When it first appeared:

a. From true North _____ degrees.
b. From horizon _____ degrees.

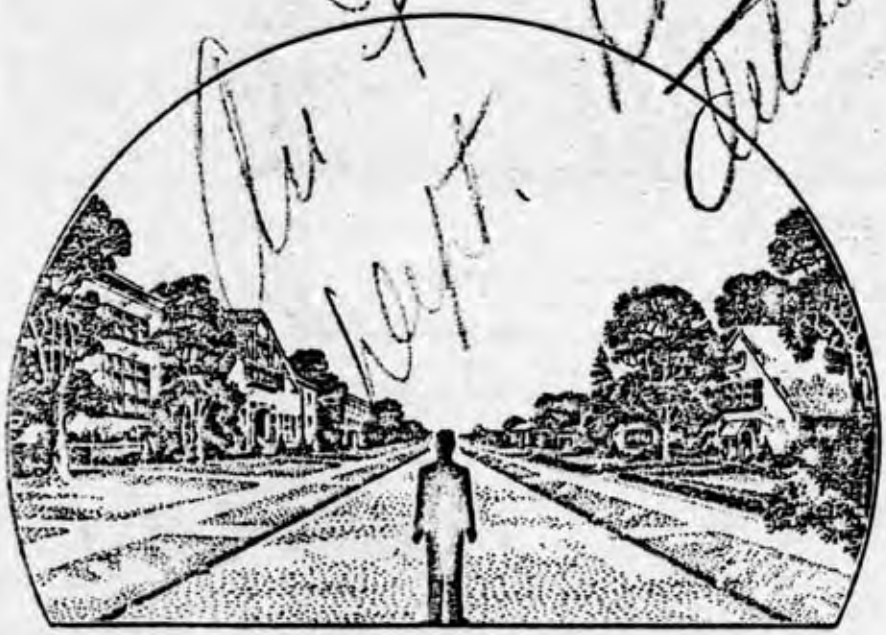
31.2 When it disappeared:

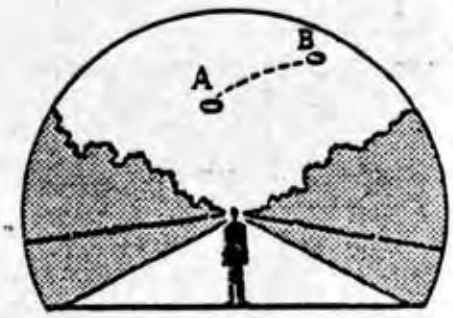
a. From true North _____ degrees.
b. From horizon _____ degrees.

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



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





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

34.1 CLOUDS *(Circle One)*
- a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds
- e. Don't remember

34.2 WIND *(Circle One)*
- a. No wind
- b. Slight breeze
- c. Strong wind
- d. Don't remember

34.3 WEATHER *(Circle One)*
- a. Dry
- b. Fog, mist, or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

34.4 TEMPERATURE *(Circle One)*
- a. Cold
- b. Cool
- c. Warm
- d. Hot
- e. Don't remember

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

_____ Day _____ Month _____ Year

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

(Circle One) Yes No

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

(Circle One) Yes No

36.2 Please list their names and addresses:

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

(Circle One) Yes No

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

_____

_____

_____

_____

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

You have questioned [redacted] and/or the Defense Dept has

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

(Circle One) Yes No

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? _____ m.p.h.

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

(Circle One) Yes No

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

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [redacted] (Last Name) [redacted] (First Name) [redacted]LS (Middle Name)

ADDRESS [redacted] (Street) MANSFIELD (City) _____ (Zone) OHIO (State)

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted]

What is your present job? TEACHER

Age 50 Sex MALE

Please indicate any special educationai training that you have had.

a. Grade school _____
b. High school _____
c. College _____
d. Post graduate _____
e. e. Technical school _____
(Type) _____
f. Other special training _____

42. Date you completed this questionnaire: 5 (Day) _____ (Month) 59 (Year)

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(SUMMARY DATA)

[redacted]

In order that your information may be filed and coded as accurately as possible, please use the following space to write out a short description of the event that you observed. You may repeat information that you have already given in the questionnaire, and add any further comments, statements, or sketches that you believe are important. Try to present the details of the observation in the order in which they occurred. Additional pages of the same size paper may be attached if they are needed.

NAME [redacted] (Please Print)	*(Do Not Write in This Space)*
SIGNATURE [redacted]	CODE:
DATE 7/4/58	

What I meant is [illegible]
official explanation ?
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sightings

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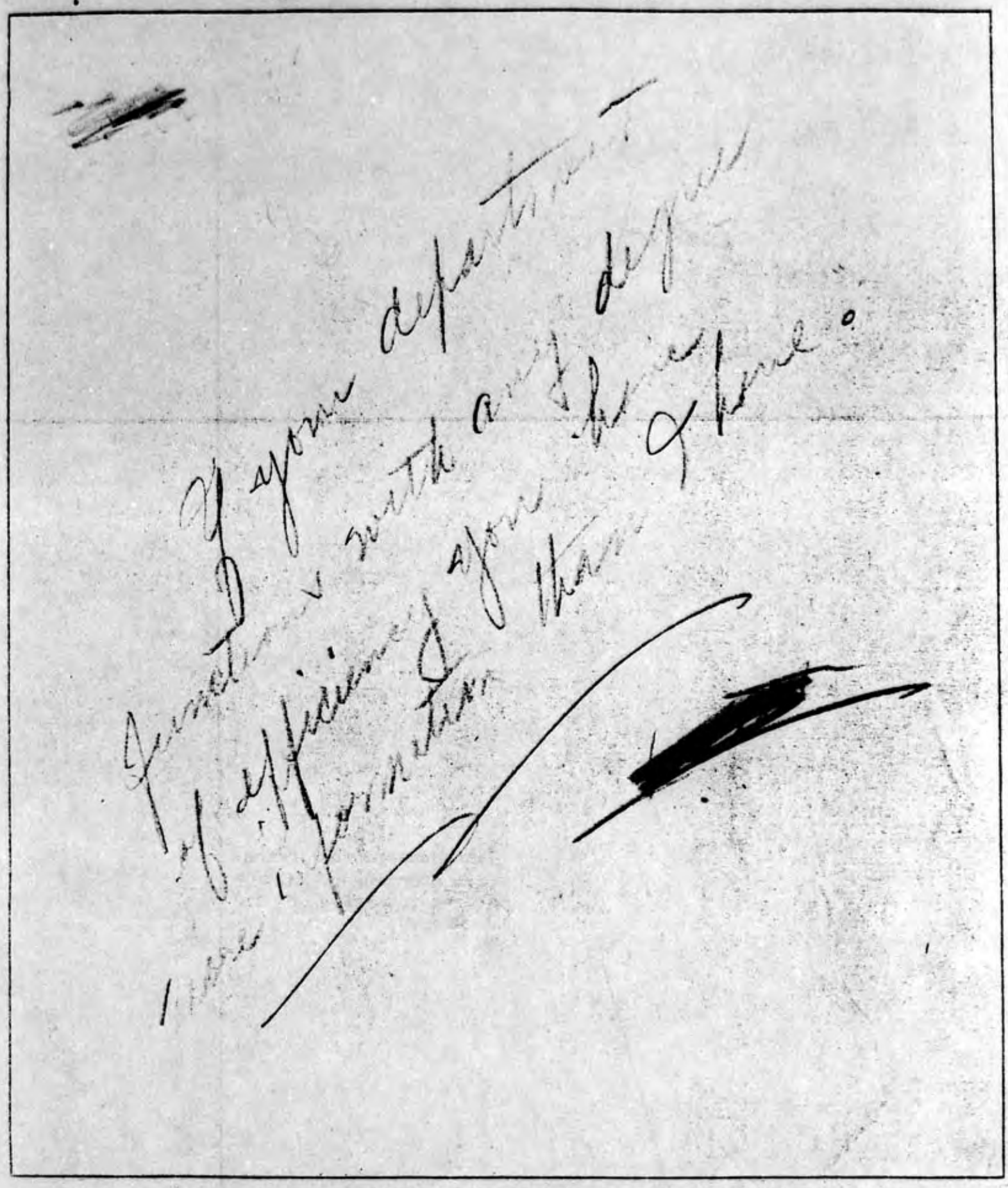

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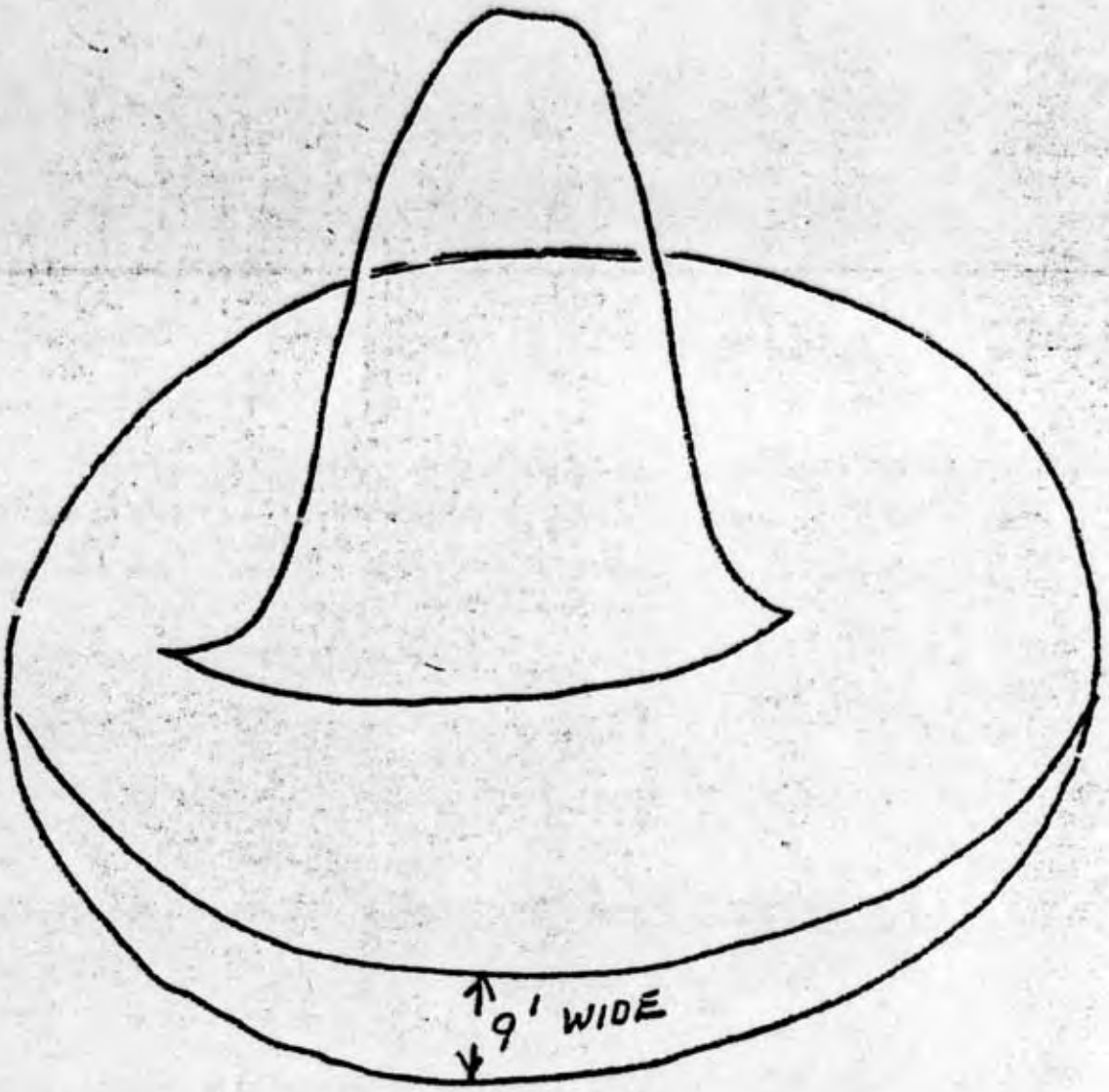
SHERIFF'S REPORT

[redacted]e age 28 of [redacted] reported to me that he saw object 50' across a cone shaped top the light in it would get dim and then bright it had a hum to it like a electric meter 11:00P.M. 11-6-57 changed colors as it settled down it seemed to split before it about 30,000 ft it had metalic glow like the phosphris on a wrist watch



COLOR OF OBJECT
PHOSPHURUS

Sounded like meter ticking

Copy of Sheriff's Report of Investigation
11-6-57

THE OBJECT WAS REPORTED TO HAVE LANDED IN THIS CORN FIELD, ON THE LITTLE MOUND IN FRONT OF THE OFFICER. THE CAMERA FACES WEST.

FILM
NOV. 6, 1957
Montville, OHIO
Observers: [redacted]
FILE # 003482
IN custody OF AUDIO-VISUAL DIVISION

1975

This CASE includes dictaphone copies (2) of tape recording of [redacted] INTERVIEW of [redacted], six 4" x 5" photos, and a ROLL OF negatives (in following folder).

AFCIN-4E4 Weekly Activity Report

SUBJECT: UFO Program 11 March 1959

1. On 10 March 1959, Major Robert J. Friend and M/Sgt Oliver D. Hill of the Aerial Phenomena Group, AFCIN-4E4g, made a trip to the Montville, Ohio area for the purpose of investigating an Unidentified Flying Object sighting reported to the Sheriff's Office by Mr. [redacted], who lives near Montville. This is an old case, 6 November 1957, but has caused the Air Force much in the way of manhours, and to some extent endangered its prestige, due to exploitation by private UFO investigators.

2. The Air Technical Intelligence Center had no report from an Air Force source or from Mr. [redacted] himself, therefore, all of the information was hearsay, and as such relatively unreliable.

3. The investigation was successful. Mr. [redacted] was very cooperative and it was learned that many of the statements attributed to him were untrue. One such statement is that he ([redacted]) was carried to the Defense Department and interrogated for two days, then warned not to mention where he had been or why.

4. As a result of this investigation the Air Technical Intelligence Center's conclusion is that Mr. [redacted] UFO probably was a "fireball".

(PPT-5771, Maj. R. J. Friend, 6-9216)
(UNCLASSIFIED)

25 March 1959

MEMO FOR RECORD -

SUBJECT: Olden Moore Sighting, 6 November 1957

1. Background.

a. On 6 November 1957, Mr. [redacted] of the Montville, Ohio area sighted an Unidentified Flying Object while approximately two miles northwest of his home on the highway from Paynesville to Montville. This case was never investigated by the Air Force, nor was there on hand a report completed by Mr. [redacted]. The only available information on this case was from a very sketchy report prepared by the civil defense and letters to the ATIC from Mr. [redacted], a private UFO investigator of Mansfield, Ohio (see Tab A). A summary of the sighting as appears in the Civil Defense Report is that Mr. [redacted] saw this flaming object flying at terrific speed, hovering, and then land in a nearby field on a farm owned by Mr. [redacted]. Mr. [redacted] rushed home and brought his wife to see the object, but found it was gone. [redacted] reported his sighting to Sheriff Louis Robusky of Geauga County, and the civil defense was called in to investigate. The civil defense with Sheriff Robusky went to the site of the reported landing, but found no evidence of a space vehicle. The radiation level as measured with three different counters was on the order of 150 milliroentgens as opposed to a normal background level of twenty milli-roentgens. Mr. [redacted] appeared on television to report his experience. In the Civil Defense Report it was reported that Mr. [redacted] stated he had been spirited away to the Department of Defense for a period of two days. At the DOD he was questioned concerning his experience and warned not to tell of the DOD interest or where he had been taken. Mr. [redacted] has exploited this case in his writings to the Air Force. In view of this it was decided to investigate this case in spite of its one and one half year age.

2. Facts for Consideration.

a. On 26 February 1959, Major Friend and M/Sgt Hill visited Mansfield, Ohio to contact Mr. [redacted] concerning a February sighting by him and also concerning the Olden Moore case. Mr. [redacted] in the Mansfield High School, was immediately recognized as a [redacted]. He claims to be one of the original organizers of the National Investigation Committee of Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), and never committed himself to affiliation with any organization at the present time. Mr. [redacted], however, was the initiator of a tape-recording service for UFO fans. All that is necessary to get a recording is to send a blank tape and return postage to Mr. [redacted] and he would send you the recording of your request. These tape recordings were either speeches by UFO adherents or interviews with witnesses. Mr. [redacted] had such a

recording of his interview with Mr. C[redacted]e. In summary, the tape recording is essentially the same information as in the Civil Defense Report. (Tab B)

b. On 10 March 1959, Major Friend and M/Sgt Hill of the Aerial Phenomena Group, AFCIN-4E4g, visited Chardon, Paynesville and Montville, Ohio in connection with the [redacted] case. The first contact in the area was made with Sheriff Louis Robusky at his office in Chardon, Ohio. The sheriff was very cooperative and revealed all of the information in his files concerning the case; this was, however, little because the investigation was turned over to the civil defense. The sheriff indicated that he heard about the case the morning after the sighting when Mr. [redacted] came in to report what he had seen. The sheriff's impression was that Mr. Moore was frightened by what he had seen. The sheriff's report contained a drawing of the object made by Mr. [redacted], a copy of which is attached as Tab C.

c. In Paynesville, Ohio contact was made with Mr. [redacted] Mr. [redacted] was also very cooperative, and has an avid interest in Unidentified Flying Object sightings. Mr. [redacted] pointed out that he was one of the three persons that took readings of the radiation level in the area after the [redacted] sighting and that the reading was approximately 150 milliroentgens. Mr. [redacted] further pointed out that there were some markings like foot prints, starting nowhere and going nowhere and three others which were very deep, in a diameter of approximately 18 feet. The marks were approximately 6 inches by 4 inches. Plaster casts of these marks were made by Case Institute in Cleveland, Ohio. Samples of the earth were also taken to be given radiation analysis. The radiation level was reported as high, but no specific readings given.

d. A visit was made to the farm of Mr. [redacted] where the object was reported to have fallen. Mr. [redacted], a quiet relatively unconcerned farmer, showed no interest whatsoever in the sighting. Mr. [redacted] said that Mr. [redacted] was near his house and should have come there rather than drive four miles or so to his home and back. Mr. [redacted] allowed Major Friend and M/Sgt Hill to visit the area where the object was supposed to have been on the ground. The area is in the middle of a corn field and on a small knoll. During this investigation the field was snow covered and very soggy. Footprints noted in the area during the investigation were those of rabbits, muskrats, birds and dogs. Radiation level at the time, even with the snow, was below the normal background reading of 20 milliroentgens.

e. The final visit was made to Mr. [redacted] to obtain first hand information concerning his sighting. Mr. [redacted] had moved and was located only by intensive leg work, finally being traced through a meat packing company where he works. Mr. [redacted] was immediately receptive and the following is the interview as closely as it can be remembered:

Major Friend - Mr. [redacted], I am Major Friend from the Air Technical Intelligence Center at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio (shows credentials). I am here regarding your sighting of 6 November 1957.

Mr. [redacted] - (Looks at credentials and smiles) Uh Huh.

Major Friend - Generally describe what you saw Mr. [redacted], and then I will ask you some specific questions.

Mr. [redacted] - I was coming home from Paynesville, Ohio on Route #86. I was approximately three miles from home when I saw this thing through the windshield of the car. It was traveling from right to left and appeared to be going up and getting larger. Its color was blue-white with a green tint. There didn't seem to be any sound associated with this thing until it had passed over the car and came to rest in the field (see Tab D). The sound as it passed over the car was a whirring sound, like a light meter. There was no smell associated with the item. My first impulse was to rush over to where the item landed, then I changed my mind and drove home to get my wife. On my return there was no evidence of the object or that it had been there.

Major Friend - Was there only one object?

Mr. [redacted] - It appeared to become two just as it went over the car.

Major Friend - What was the direction in which your car was headed?

Mr. [redacted] - South - southeast.

Major Friend - Can you be sure there was an absence of sound or was it possible you couldn't hear it with the car going?

Mr. [redacted] - I can't be sure.

Major Friend - How long was the object in sight?

Mr. [redacted] - Approximately three (3) seconds.

Major Friend - How fast were you driving?

Mr. [redacted] - Fifty miles per hour.

Major Friend - Did you apply brakes as soon as you saw the object?

Mr. [redacted] - Yes.

Major Friend - Was the object in sight until the car came to a complete stop?

Mr. [redacted] - No, only after it appeared to be on the ground.

Major Friend - When you first saw the object which half of the windshield did it appear to be in, the upper or the lower?

Mr. [redacted] - The lower.

Major Friend - You have already stated it disappeared over the car which means it moved to the upper half of your windshield?

Mr [redacted] - Yes.

Major Friend - Did the object hover or stop at any time?

Mr. [redacted] - Only when it was on the ground.

Major Friend - Did you see it take off after it was on the ground?

Mr. [redacted] - No.

Major Friend - You have mentioned everything except size and shape. Can you give me any information in these areas?

Mr. [redacted] - Yes, the object was very small and then became much larger, and it was generally round.

Major Friend - Mr. [redacted], have any other government officials contacted you?

Mr. [redacted] - Yes, I think an Air Force man, but after seeing you, I don't know.

Major Friend - What was his name, rank and organization?

Mr. [redacted] - His name was [redacted]g and he was from Youngstown, Ohio. I don't know his rank.

Major Friend - I understand, Mr. [redacted], that you were taken to the Department of Defense for questioning, is this true?

Mr. [redacted] - No. (Smiling)

Major Friend - Mr. [redacted], have you been contacted by any other people regarding your experience?

Mr. [redacted] - Yes, quite a number of crackpots call and come to see me. (Mrs. [redacted] chimes in with "These guys have dedicated their lives to these things, A Mr. [redacted] made tape recordings."

Major Friend - Mr. [redacted] what do you think you saw?

Mr. [redacted] - I don't know, but I wish someone would tell me. (Mrs. [redacted], "There must be some logical explanation").

Major Friend - Mr. [redacted], I think you saw an exceptional meteor called a "Fireball". A meteor which is as bright or brighter than -3 magnitude; that means approximately 10 times as bright as the brightest star, and considerably larger than the meteors, or 'shooting stars' as they are commonly known. Fireballs are rare and usually a person experiences only one, if that, in a lifetime. If you are not aware of its nature before hand, and under any circumstances if it comes close enough, it can be a very frightening experience. A fluttering or whirring sound may be associated with these fireballs. At times witnesses have reported these meteors to have struck the ground and the same object has been seen two or three hundred miles away.

Mr. [redacted] - I certainly am glad you explained to me what I saw.

Major Friend - Mr. [redacted], I further think that because of the startling effect of this experience that you also suffered some illusions in connection with it. Rather than the object moving from your right to your left, I believe the motion was more toward you, which accounts for the rapid change in size of the object and its apparent increase in elevation. This too could account for your not hearing the object until it was over or past you; remember it was moving many times faster than the speed of sound. Finally, some glow or reflection caused you to think this object had landed in the field, it probably continued on its way until it burned out.

3. Discussion and Analysis.

a. Mr. [redacted] is married, has five children and is a man of less than moderate means. It is our opinion that he [redacted] (He was on several television programs and had some articles written) and the publicity (see Tab E). The facts as he gave them in his interview with Major Friend are probably the truth.

b. It is our opinion that the civil defense people [redacted]. It was difficult to tell if this was organizational policy or due to the fact that Mr. [redacted] enthusiastic (see Tab E). Mrs. [redacted] was also quite a UFO fan.

c. Other witnesses saw an object with the same description as [redacted] same night and same time. It is our opinion that the late hour and low population density are the factors responsible for such few witnesses of this object. Mr. [redacted] fortunately or unfortunately, happened to be in position to have the object pass closer to him than any of the other witnesses.

d. It seems quite logical that the meteor seen by Mr. [redacted] was quite near burn out. It probably burned out or exploded and some extremely small pieces hit the earth soon after it passed over Mr. [redacted]