PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
Sighting 0630 CST 26 Nov 57 Investigat 9 Dec 57

2. LOCATION
15-20 Mi W of Jolliet, Illino

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local 0630 CST
GMT 26/1230Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
- ☐ Ground-Visual
- ☐ Ground-Radar
- ☒ Air-Visual
- ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

6. SOURCE
Civilian, Indiana ANG Pilot

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
10 minutes

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
one

9. COURSE
East

12. CONCLUSIONS
- ☐ Was Balloon
- ☐ Probably Balloon
- ☐ Possibly Balloon
- ☐ Was Aircraft
- ☐ Probably Aircraft
- ☐ Possibly Aircraft
- ☐ Was Astronomical
- ☐ Probably Astronomical
- ☐ Possibly Astronomical
- ☒ Other Prob Contrails of B-47
- ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
- ☐ Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING
A 31 year old former USAF pilot, now an ANG Capt flew an F-86A at 40,000 ft on 26 Nov. While W of Jolliet, Ill at 0630 CST, he observed an obj about size of nickel first stationary, later disappearing eastward and slightly to the north. Source observed obj for about 10 minutes. When obj disappeared, source noticed 3 B-47's at 33,000 ft. Attempted to contact them but was not successful. When he sighted UFO he notified Chicago ARTC via radio. Rpt was conveyed to ADCC 30A Div WRAFS, Michigan.

11. COMMENTS
Investigator contacted AC&W and FIS units in the area & two ADiv. No record of unusual sightings was found. No other persons appeared to have seen the object except the source. It appears probable that the B-47's at one time crossed the flight-path of the F-86. It also appears probable that their contrails reflected by the rising sun behind & below appeared to the F-86 pilot to be an unusual phenomena. As the sun rose sighting could have disappe

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/UNCL/DI 18465. IN ACCORDANCE WITH 200-2 AFR, THIS UFOB

IS SUBMITTED:

1. A. FLAT

B. LARGE

C. SILVER

D. 1 (ONE)

E. NONE

F. LONGER THAN WIDE

G. MAKING CONTRAIL, OBSERVING A/C WAS NOT

H. NONE

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1. EXCEPTIONAL ALT. & GREAT SPEED, ACUTE MANEUVERS

2. A. CAME INTO PILOT'S VIEW

B. 345 DEGREES FROM DEAD AHEAD

C. HIGH INTO THE EAST

D. CAME AT OBSERVER AT HIGH SPEED, SLOWED DOWN CHANGED COURSE AND HEADED EAST

E. FADED FROM SIGHT

F. 10 MINUTES

3. A. VISUAL

B. NONE

C. PILOT OF F 86 AT 44,000 FEET

4. A. 1230Z

B. DAY

5. A. 40 MILES WEST OF JOLIET, ILL.

B. NONE

6. A. CAPT [redacted] VAN WERT MUNICIPAL APRT. VAN WERT, OHIO, PHONE VAN [redacted]

7. A. CLEAR

8. NONE

9. NONE

4. A. 1230Z 26 1230Z NOV

B. DAY ~~TWILIGHT~~

5. A. 40 MILES WEST OF JOLIET, ILL. ~~15-30~~

B. NONE

6. A. CAPT [redacted], VAN WERT MUNICIPAL APRT.

VAN WERT, OHIO, PHONE VAN WERT [redacted] INDIANA NAVGD

7. A. CLEAR

8. NONE

9. NONE

TWR sent to 1006th A.S.S for preliminary investigation (Believe this is "unidentified" a/c and not UFO)

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10. NONE

11. NONE

12. NONE

13. NONE

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JOINT MESSAGEFORM

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ATTN: DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE

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/UNCL/FROM: AFCIN-4E4

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CITE UFO REPORT, DI-18465, DTD 27 NOVEMBER 57. RE USAF PILOT'S SIGHTING WHILE FLYING F-86 AT 44,000 FT NEAR JOLLET, ILLINOIS. REQUEST PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION. OBJECT LARGE, FLAT, SILVER COLORED, HAD GREAT SPEED AND PERFORMED ACUTE MANUEVERS. PILOT REPORTS OBJECT CAME AT HIM AT HIGH SPEED AND THEN CHANGED COURSE. CLAIMS HE OBSERVED OBJECT FOR 10 MINUTES. BELIEVE THIS IS QUOTE UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT UNQUOTE OF 100 SERIES, AND NOT UFO REPORT. HOWEVER, AS REPORT IS OFFICIAL FROM USAF PILOT, AND CONSIDERED IN A-1 CATEGORY, RESOLVING INCIDENT IS CONSIDERED WARRANTED IN VIEW OF CURRENT RASH OF UFO SIGHTINGS. DISREGARD, IF ACTION TAKEN.

COORDINATION:

AFCIN-4E4 H.K. Riley DATE 3 Dec 57

AFCIN-4E H.K. Gilbert DATE

DATE	TIME
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MONTH: DEC	YEAR: 57

WRITER

SYMBOL: AFCIN-4E4 08 53

TYPED NAME AND TITLE (Signature if required): Capt G.T. Gregory

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RELEASER

SIGNATURE: Robert E. O'Connor

TYPED (or stamped) NAME AND TITLE

ROBERT E. O'CONNOR
Captain, USAF
Assistant Adjutant

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CIVILIAN, Trad ANG pilot

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?

26 (Day) Nov (Month) 1957 (Year)

2. Time of day: 0630 (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?

with the Recruiting Office, Mitchell (Nearest Postal Address) Of (City or Town) _____ (State or Country)

Additional remarks: 15 Miles west to

5. Estimate how long you saw the object. 0 (Hours) 14 (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 (Dawn))
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) Slightly Right
b. In back of you
c. To your right
d. To your left
e. Overhead
f. Don't remember

8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, 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?:

NA

(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, then 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?

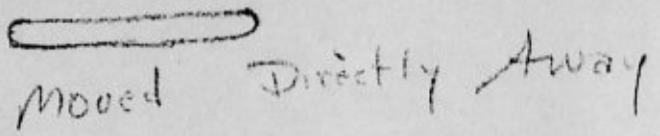
a. Eyeglasses	Yes	(No)	e. Binoculars	Yes	(No)
b. Sun glasses	Yes	(No)	f. Telescope	Yes	(No)
c. Windshield	(Yes)	No	g. Theodolite	Yes	(No)
d. Window glass	Yes	(No)	h. Other _____		

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

a. Sound N/A

b. Color Matte metal

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
d. Don't remember

e. Other _____

19. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? Only 1.
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

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.

I closed on the object head on, then it appeared to depart straight away then before it disappeared it angled to the left

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? got smaller till I couldn't see it any more

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.

heat a steel disc 5' rod to yellow white and suspend it so the edge or length of it would be exposed to you.

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?

Flying at 41000 ft it was straight ahead of me

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? .82 Mach ~~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).

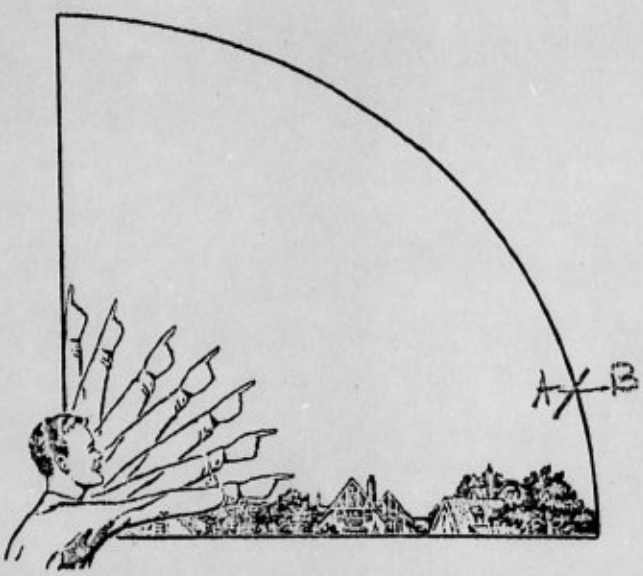
31.1 When it first appeared:

a. From true North 085 degrees.
b. From horizon 15 degrees.

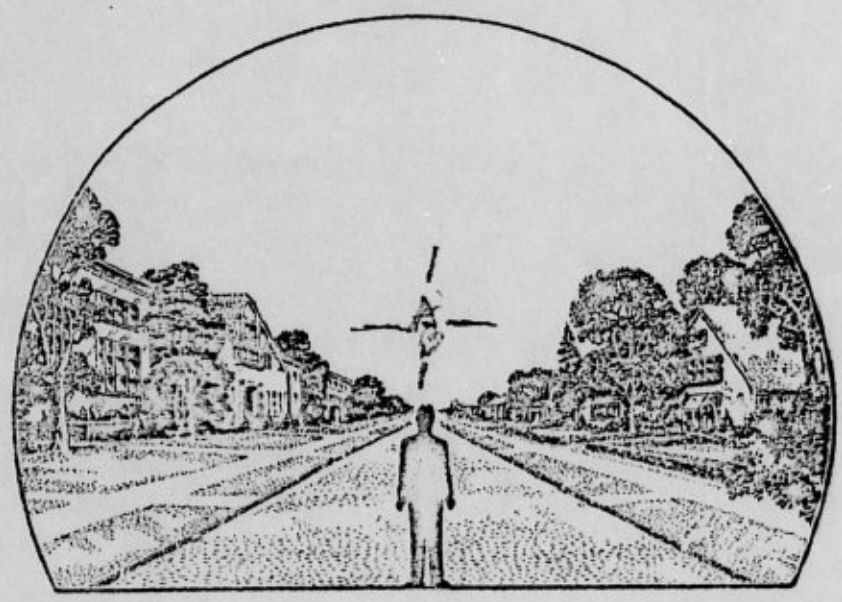
31.2 When it disappeared:

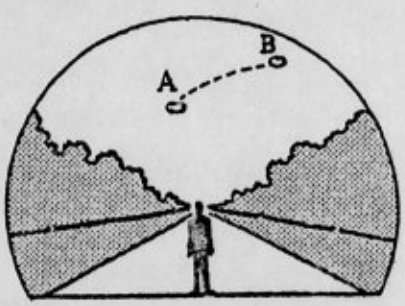
a. From true North 075 degrees.
b. From horizon 15 degrees.

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?

25 (Day) Nov (Month) 57 (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?

I don't know

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 [redacted] information about yourself:

NAME _____ [redacted] _____ _____

Name

ADDRESS Municipal Airport [redacted] West [redacted] Ohio

Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted]

What is your present job? [redacted] Airport Operator

Age 31 Sex M

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school C

b. High school C

c. College 2 years

d. Post graduate _____

e. e. Technical school AF Pilot School

(Type) _____

f. Other special training _____

42. Date you completed this questionnaire: 9 (Day) Dec (Month) 1957 (Year)

Civilian Ratings pilot SEL, MEL Inst A+E, Maintenance inspector, Flight instructor, all ground instructors Ratings

Notes for UFO report in accordance with your instructions.

Date Interview Conducted: 9 December 1957

Interviewer: Capt George H. Janczewski, WPAFB Ext 70236

Source: Civilian, employee at Van Wert Airport, Ohio, member of the Indiana Air National Guard, 163 FIS

Content of the report: Source flew an F-86 A at 44,000 ft on 26 Nov 1957. While about 15-20 miles west of Jolliet, Ill., Source sighted an unidentified object in the sky. The direction of Sources flight was eastward. The object appeared at a relative bearing of 15°. Source described the object as yellowish in color, at first stationary and hazy and later appearing to move and assuming definite outlines. Source observed the object for about 10 minutes and pursued it. As he approached the object gained in size and when he put his index finger on the aircraft's windshield it appeared on top of it as no larger than a nickel. Source contacted Chicago ARTC via radio and inform them of the sighting. The message was conveyed to ADCC senior controller at 30 ADiv at WRAFS, Michigan who filed the original report. Source stated that approximately five minutes after ~~[illegible]~~ UFO has disappeared from his sight by fading in the distance and turning slightly left, he notice a flight of 3 B-47s going eastward. Source descended and attempted to contact the B-47s to verify his sighting but was not successful in contacting the other aircraft. He landed his aircraft at Fort Wayne, Ind., which was his ~~[illegible]~~ home base. He immediately file a report with his base commander. Questioned about the size, shape, speed and altitude of the object Source ~~[illegible]~~ explained that he had no basis of comparision hence no idea about the characteristics or performace of the object. Except for slight turn to the left the object made no other manuevers. Source said it seemed to have accelerated as he closed in. The object was somewhat flat, mettalic in appearance.

Investigation: Interviewer talked with Mr. [redacted] personally and questioned him in details. ATIC Form 164 is attached. Following the interview the following units were contacted: ~~[illegible]~~

Hq 30th Air Div, WRAFS, Michigan
Hq 20th Air Div, Grandview AFB, Mo
Hq 791st AC&W SQ, Hanna City AFS, Ill.
Hq 319 Ftr Intcptr Sq, Bunker Hill AFB, Ind.
Hq 782 AC&W Sq, Rockville AFS, Ind.

All of the above units reported no unusual sightings or incidents on that date and at that time. The FIS reported no aircraft in the area.

The Wright Operations Officer was contacted and said there were no WADC aircraft in the area at that time.

The officer who file the original report, Capt Best, Senior Controller, ADCC 30th ADiv said he checked the sir trafiic at that time and found no unusual incidents. Chicago ARTC contacted by Capt Best on 20 Dec stated there were no other report regarding the sighting except the one from Mr. Rice.

Conclusion: The interviewer believes that the B-47s could have crossed the flight path of the F-86 at one time in the general area of the sighting. Considering the early hour of the day it appears probable that the B-47s contrails were illuminated be the rising sun from below and behind. This could have appeared to the F-86 pilot to have been an unusual phenomena. I realize that the B-47s were at about 33,000 ft while the F-86 was at about 44,000, however, the pilot stated that the day was very clear and there were no cluds whatsoever. These conditions would have resulted in the sighting being observed by other people in addition to the pilot. Considering lack of such evidence and the relative angles of the F-86 to the B-47s contrails and the rising sun this conclusion appears most probable.

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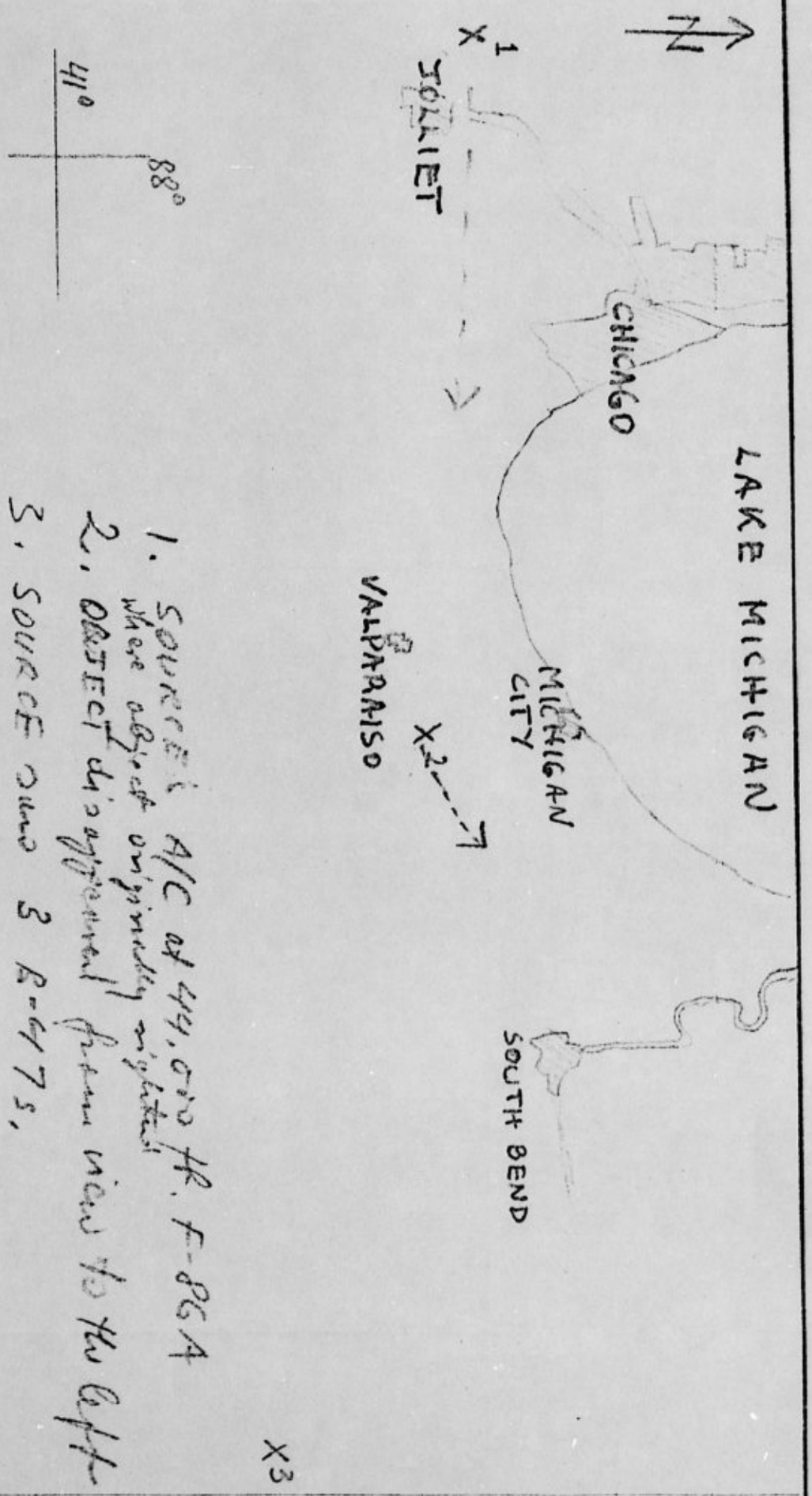

1. Source: AIC at 442, 000 Hr. F-86A
Were observed originally sighted
2. OBJECT: Unidentified Phenomena visual to the Eye
3. SOURCE: Same 3 B-6175,

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