PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 20 May 61	2. LOCATION Tyndall AFB, Florida		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical VENUS ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other RADAR (Wx) ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 0250 GMT 200852	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Military		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 hr 30 min - 1 hr 40 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE NE-SE	

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING: Round light, size of softball, rusty orange to bright white. Moved to downward position, then would gain altitude rapidly, then moved slowly fm NE to SE. Seemed to float.

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11. COMMENTS: Position of Venus coincides with that reported for objt. Venus at this time was just below horizon and rising. Its magnitude was -4.2. It is quite possible that strong inversion was throughout Tyndall area and this would have caused sighting to be even more spectacular and also could account for radar images. Description and motions are those which are associated with previous experiences of viewing planets or stars under conditions atmospheric refraction.

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AEROSPACE TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: AFCIN-4X2

SUBJECT: Extract from Duty Officers' Report 22 May 61

TO: AFCIN-4E2 (Maj Friend)

The following, extracted from Capt Ven John's Report dated 20 May 61, is quoted for your information:

> 1020 hours, Major Gray, FOD/W-PAFB (61316), received a UFOB cite report by phone from Tyndall AFB. Since he could not locate Maj Friend, AFCIN-4E2, he asked what now to do (??). In view of the fact Tyndall AFB did not submit a formal report, I asked Maj Gray to send whatever information he had obtained at this time to Maj Friend, AFCIN-4E2.

JOHN C. McNEILL
Captain, USAF
AFCIN-4X2

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HEADQUARTERS
TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE
and
4756th AIR BASE GROUP (ADC)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA

23 MAY 1961

REPLY TO ATTN OF: ABDO

SUBJECT: Report on Unidentified Flying Object (UFO)

TO: Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center (AFCIN) 4E2X
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

In accordance with AFR 200-2, paragraph 15, dated 14 September 1959, the attached Flying Object Report and sketch are submitted.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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GROVER N LIPE
Captain, USAF
Administrative Officer

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a/s

20-24 May - a rash -
Cross City - civilian -
Picture ... ↗ on honeymoon
white - like a brilliant

Need angular size
Color
Brightness
Structural

Report on Unidentified Flying Object (UFO)

1. Description of the Object:

a. Shape - Round (Airman Henson), round (Airman Elmore), appeared round (Sgt Mallett), and lighted mass (Airman Kelly).

b. Size - softball (Airman Henson), softball (Airman Elmore), basketball (Sgt Mallett), and large light (Airman Kelly).

c. Color - Rusty orange or bright white (Airman Henson), orange to bright white (Airman Elmore), more brilliant than a star or meteor (Sgt Mallett) and white (Airman Kelly).

d. Number - one (all airmen agreed).

e. Formation - N/A (all airmen agreed).

f. Any discernible features or details - a floating light (Airman Henson), shape of a helicopter (Airman Elmore), moved to downward position, then would gain altitude rapidly, then moved slowly from northeast to southeast (Sgt Mallett).

g. Tail, trail or exhaust - moving in a horizontal westward pattern (Airman Kelly)

h. Sound - none (all airmen agreed)

i. Other pertinent or unusual features - The whole thing was unusual (Airman Henson), the whole thing was unusual (Airman Elmore), and very bright (Airman Kelly).

2. Description of Course of Object:

a. Airman Henson's report - On the morning of May 20, 1961 at approximately 0250 I saw this orange like light that came out of the woods. It first went up and then it backed down to tree top level and then went back up and stayed up at the same position for approximately ten minutes. Then it started moving toward me and then it would move back to the same position. It did this twice and then disappeared at 0430.

b. At approximately 0300 hours, 20 May 1961 I heard Airman Henson call in to Tyndall via radio from Post #13 that there was a flying object around his post. Upon arrival, I noticed an unidentified object floating

around in the air, moving back and forth, sideways and up and down. When I left the scene at approximately 0330 hours, the object was still floating around in the air. When I returned at 0500 hours, the object was no longer in sight.

c. Sgt. Mallett's report - I received a radio call from A/3C Henson, the guard at Post #13, Drone Launch site, located approximately 3 miles from Gate #2, Tyndall AFB. Airman Henson stated he could see an unusual light from his post. Airman Henson stated it was unusual to him because the light had moved several times. He further stated the light did not move in the normal course of an aircraft. I then proceeded to boundary of the base at the east range and parked my AP vehicle to observe the light. I remained at that area until 0500 hours, 20 May 1961.

d. Airman Kelly's report - Intercepted a call from Post #13 about a floating object. Car #3 said he would check. At about 0400 hours I noticed a bright shining object about 30° from horizontal and it did not appear to be moving. On closer observation I noticed it was moving west slowly. I went to the Drone Launch site to exchange vehicles and continued to see it.

e. Angle or elevation and azimuth of object - Angle (30° - 40° - Airman Henson), angle (30°- 40° - Airman Elmore) Angle 70° - 130° - Sgt Mallett) and angle (60°) and azimuth (30°) - Airman Kelly. The object cited was 85° 30' west longitude and 30° north latitude.

f. Angle or elevation and azimuth of object upon disappearance: It disappeared at a 90° angle (Airman Henson) I was not there when object disappeared (Airman Elmore), disappeared when gaining altitude (Sgt Mallett) and cannot say (Airman Kelly).

g. Description of flight path and maneuvers of object - It went up and down, back and forth (Airman Henson), up and down, back and forth (Airman Elmore), moved to downward position, then would gain altitude rapidly, then moved slowly from northeast to southeast (Sgt. Mallett), and did not notice (Airman Kelly.

h. How did the object disappear? - It disappeared at a 90° angle, slow to southeast (Airman Henson), wasn't there when it disappeared (Airman Elmore), disappeared when gaining altitude, traveling from northeast to southeast. Gained altitude slowly and disappeared from view (Sgt Mallett), and faded out (Airman Kelly).

i. How long was the object visible? - One hour and forty minutes (Airman Henson), one hour and forty minutes (Airman Elmore), one hour and thirty-five minutes (Sgt Mallett), and one hour and thirty minutes (Airman Kelly)

3. Manner of Observation:

a. Ground-visual (all airmen)

b. Ground-Electronic, air electronic and aircraft - A/1C Robert L. Drennan's report (Aler t Dispatcher) - At 0345 hours Base Operations Dispatcher, A/2C Varljen called me. He said he had a problem on a U. F. O. B. RAPCON was painting a sighting that the Air Police at the ground launch site had called in.

(1) I notified Brush Off Control and they too were painting an object 8-12 miles west of PAM. The object was at first reported 2 miles west of the TACAN, then abruptly shifted to 8-12 miles west.

(2) I notified MOADS and they in turn scrambled a Hot Fighter to run on this object. Fighter was airborne in two minutes. Radar was still tracking this object. Pilot didn't see a thing, even though he was getting a sporadic paint on his radar.

(3) Object was at first traveling 2-4 miles an hour, then up to 45 miles an hour. A helicopter was scrambled due to the slowness of it. From all reports, they didn't see a thing.

(4) At approximately 0510C Radar lost contact. I called the Navy Mine Defense Laboratory to see if they had any people on their stages that they have two miles and ten miles out in the Bay. Stage #1 and 2 out. No sighting. Stage #2 ten miles out. No report as yet.

(5)contacted the Florida Highway Pat rol, Bay County Sheriff, Gulf County Sheriff, Panama City Police. No reports of any sighting at all. Also called Fannin Field - no aircraft or ground reports.

(6) Four Air Policemen saw it - RAPCON, Brush-Off painted it on Radar.

c. Additional information - GCI - FPS 20, Height Finder - FPS-6, Target Paint - 2000 - 10, 000 feet, RAPCON-CPH-18, Target Track occasionally on MTT and last seen 5000 feet - NNW - 25 miles.

4. Time and Date of Sighting:

a. 0250 hours, 20 May 1961

b. Light conditions - dark and clear (Airman Henson)

c. Weather and winds - Mild breeze and clear (Airman Henson), nice and warm with a mild breeze (Airman Elmore), fair and clear, no wind (Sgt Mallett), and warm and clear, very little wind (Airman Kelly)

d. Base Weather Report - Clear 10 miles visibility.

e. Additinnal remarks: On or about 0605 hours, 20 May 1961, I received a call from Captain Allan E. Aaronson that a UFO was sighted and to meet him at Base Headquarters by 0700 hours. We arrived at Base Headquarters and proceeded to the Alert Trailer. We talked to Airman 1/C Robert L. Drennan (Alert Dispatcher) about the UFO. On or about 0800 hours, Airman Roy C. Elmore and Garland L. Henson arrived. I interviewed them and made out their report. On or about 2200 hours I met with S/Sgt Cecil L. Mallett and A/3C Gray L. Kelly, for an interview. On or about 0830 hours, 20 May 1961, I put in a call to Air Technical Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio (Clearwater 3-7111, Ext. 69216 or 66378), Major Friend. No one was available so I gave the UFO information to the Officer of the Day for Major Friend and said that I would be waiting for further questions.

f. Location of Flying Object: (See attached sketch).

g. Very unusual information - If I recalled right, A/3C Garland L. Henson said his radio failed to operate while the object was around.

h. Witness - SSGT Cecil L. Mallett, A/3C Garland L. Henson, A/3C Roy C. Elmore, A/3C Gary L. Kelly (4756 AP Sq, Phone 22190).

i. The above report was prepared by MSGT Henry J. Lacour. For any further information contact Captain Allan E. Aaronson, extension 21271 or MSGT Henry J. Lacour, extension 22151, Tyndall AFB, Flori da.

/s/ Henry J. Lacour
/t/ HENRY J. LACOUR
MSGT, USAF
Training Section
Tyndall AFB, Fla

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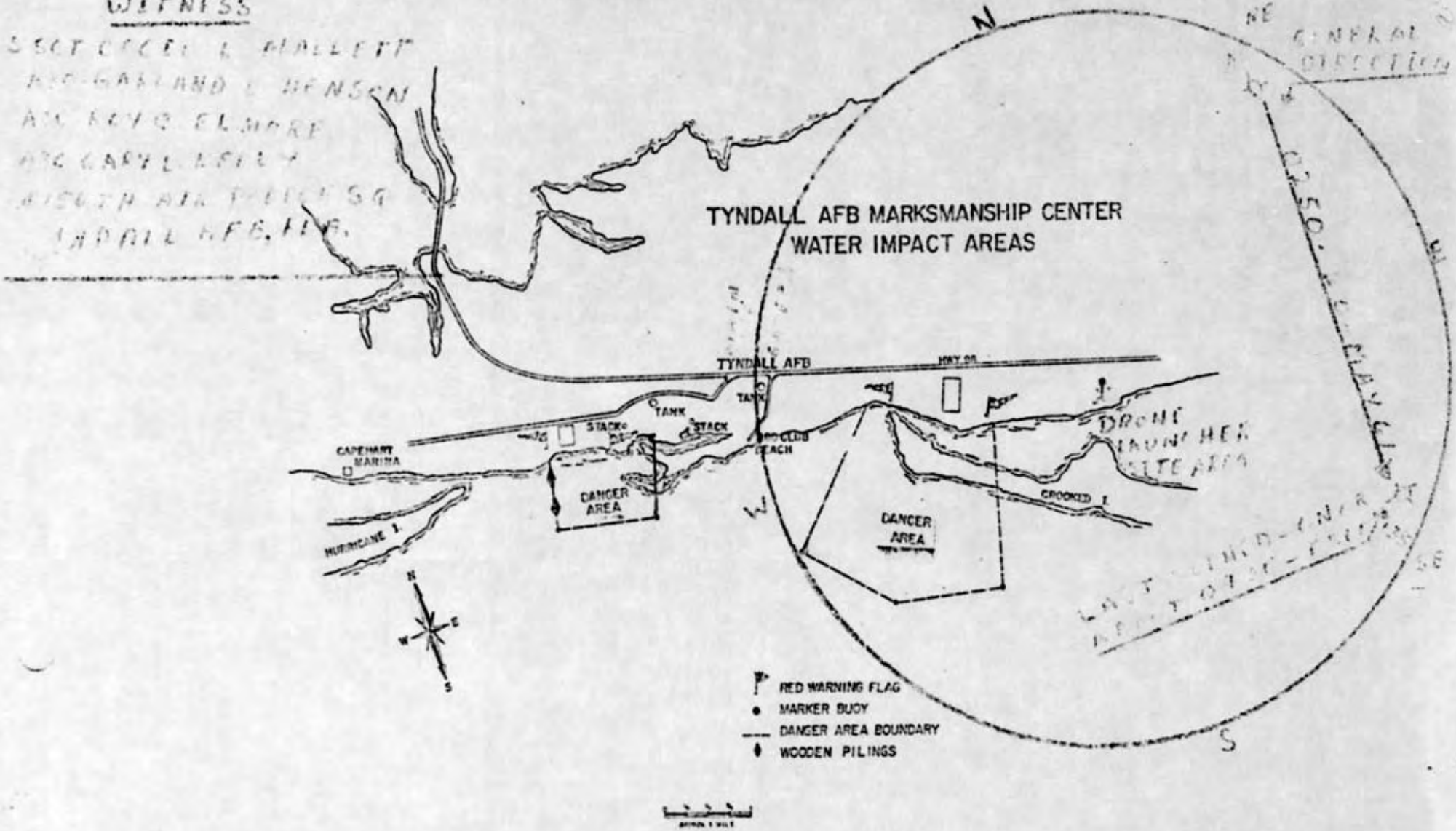
SMALL ARMS RANGE DANGER AREAS

WITNESS



When Red Flags are displayed on the boundaries, that range is in operation and firing is in progress. Fishermen, boating enthusiasts and personnel on beaches are to remain clear of designated areas.

For further information, contact Tyndall Air Force Base, AT6-2111, extension 22151, Base Training.

MISSION REPORT

MISSION NUMBER	DATE	TIME
61-31	20 May 1961	[illegible]400

ORIGIN OF ALERT
Base Operations

TYPE MISSION	GRID LOCATION	A/C NUMBER
Search	N/A	N/A

CREW CONDITION	HELICOPTER AIRBORNE	SORTIES	TOTAL TIME
N/A	0445C	1	0-20

HELICOPTER CREW

PILOT	CO-PILOT	ENGINEER
Vandergriff, P. F., Capt		Selph, B., [illegible]1C
MED TECH	OTHER	

RESUME

Cooky 29 was scrambled in an attempt to intercept an unidentified flying object seen earlier in the night near the Drone Launch Site. One of the alert fighters had been scrambled on the object earlier; however, it was believed that a slower aircraft might have a better chance of identifying the object.

Cooky 29 was less than five miles from the base when [illegible] reported that they were losing contact with the object. Cooky 29 returned to Tyndall at 0505[illegible].

PAUL F. VAN[illegible]
Capt., [illegible]
ALERT PILOT

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18 AUG 1961

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: ABDO

SUBJECT: Additional Information on UFO 20 May 1961

TO: Aerospace Tech Intel Cen (AFCIN) 4E 2X (Maj Friend)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

Reference telephone conversation 0800 hours, 14 August 1961 between MSgt Lacour, this headquarters and Dr. Hynek, your center, the attached information is forwarded on unidentified flying objects.

FOR THE COMMANDER

ANNIE LEE S. NICHOLS
Capt., USAF
Administrative Officer

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Misc info on UFO sightings

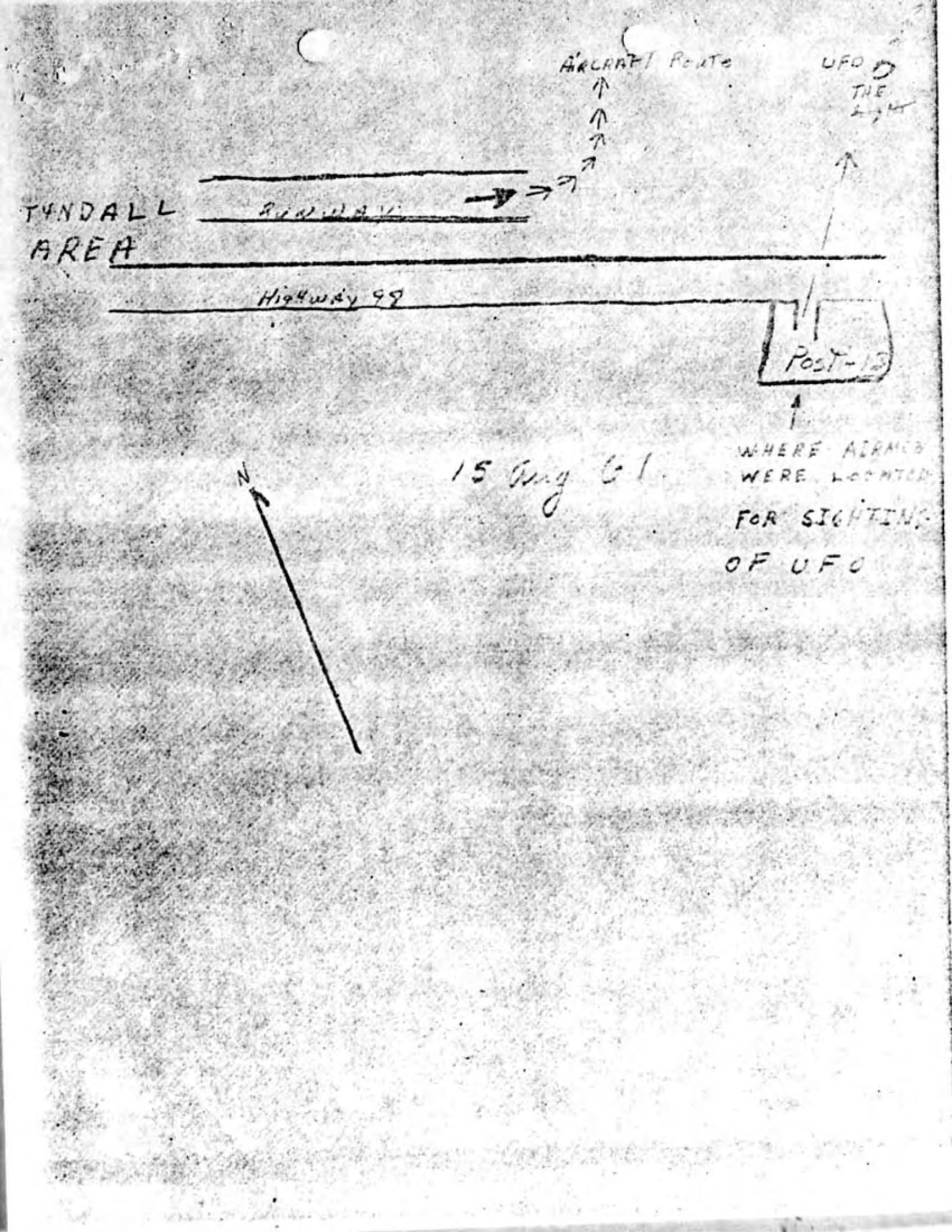
1. Did Tiemb cover UFO? yes
2. Size - Softball
3. Color - Orange + Bright white, Headlight without beam, perfectly round.

4. Sharp

outline

5. The alert air craft took off and the light went in the opposite direction and went stright up in the air. In north east position of Post 13

Henson, [illegible]
4107-B [illegible]


AIRCRAFT ROUTE
UFO
THE
TYNDALL
AREA
RUNWAY
Highway 98
POST-12
WHERE AIRCRAFT
WERE LOCATED
FOR SIGHTING
OF UFO
15 Aug 61.
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at approx, 0300 hrs, May 20, 1961 S/Sgt Mallett
first observed the unusual light.
The color was a brittant orange,
almost red, I would have estimated
the size to be approx. 12 to 15 in.
The size of a small beach ball or basket
ball. shape was round, only one in
no. There was no sound from the object
that could be heard. Flight path,
object appeared to gain attitude, lose
attitude, move slightly to left, slightly
to right of original position. Object
was visible approx. 2 hours. There was
no smoke from the object I would have
est. the altitude as 2500 ft, distance 5 miles.

S/Sgt. Mallett, Cecil L.
AF38784398
HEDRONSEC. AP. FLT.
Tyndall AFB FLA

Est. Dist. 50 mi.
Est. Altitude 2500 Ft.

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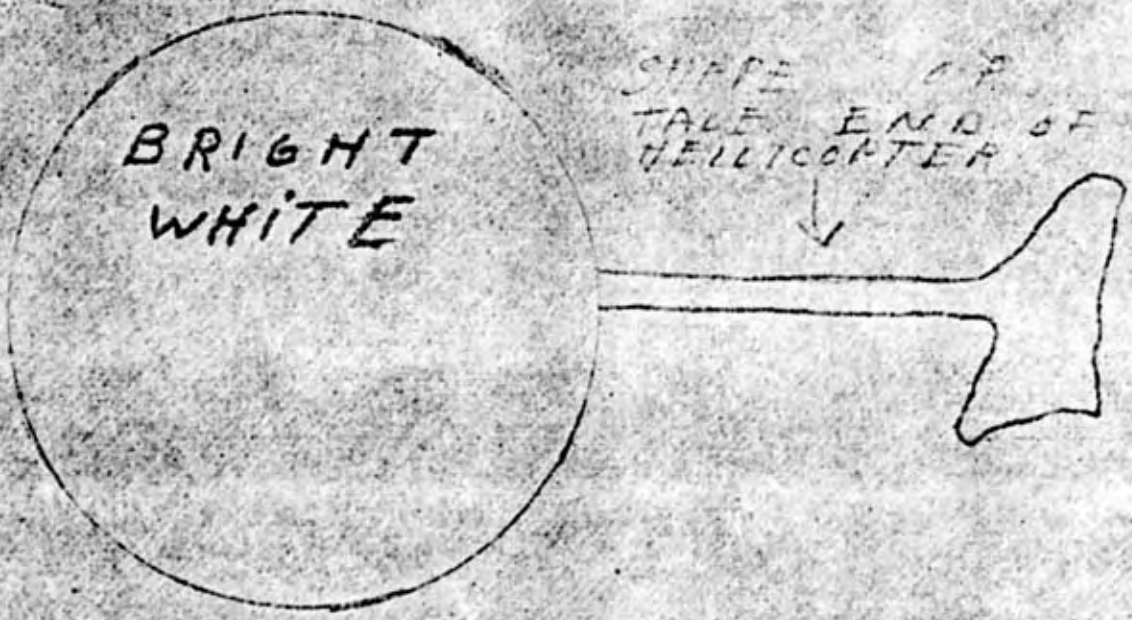
1. NO
2. [illegible]
3. [illegible]
4. [illegible]



Object moved up and down sideways and back and forth toward us.

Roy C. Elmore
15-AUGUST

[illegible] SIKES DRIVE
[illegible] CITY, FLORIDA

1. Size of object? The size of the object was about as big as the fingernail of your little hand at arms length.

2. Color? The color was white with a blue tint to it.

3. Outline of object? The object is round with rough edges. Diagram:

4. How did it disappear? It disappeared by fading slowly than just disappearing.

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