PROJECT 10073 RECORD

- DATE - THE GROUP	2. LOCATION
Zie Alter CD	Calhoun Co., Michigan
o. source Civilian	Probable: SATELLITE DECAY
4. · NUMBER OF OBJECTS	
8 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS  Observer sighted an object that looked similar to the planet mars. The object then became very bright white and as it
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	continued, a cherry red tail could be seen which kept length- ing until the object disappeared.
7. COURSE see case	Comments: The observer thought that he had witnessed a sate- llite decay. Ops-As-204 payload, catalog #3106 decayed at 1200Z equal to 12 hours on 24 Jan 1968.
8. PHOTOS	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE	
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FORM
FTD SEP 63 0-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

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	ANY PHYSICAL EVIDENCE. TYES NO

Distance, speed, altitule, size, are deceptive bet estimate object to be round or conical in shape, approximately 120 to 150 miles at first sighting, believe object entered louths atmosphere of this point due to red ist. blend around perimeter and whitening contines on a true straight course 4 minutes then made wide curve to seisentopate 8-9 minutes letter, believe speed to be 400 to 500 m. P.H. + of altitule of 10,000 to 20,000 ft. perhaps as large as 50 ft across the diameter: Believe this object to be the LOST jeteroned near section of the latest moon rocket more come come significant factor, perhaps of vital information to Cope Kennedy was that object remained in full view in a clear stry for 8 to 9 minutes before desintegrations secondo after entering atmospher. This indicates a superior material being used in the rockets, or an exceptionally cold atmosphere at that particular time to retard extreme heating and disfrom appearance to disintenction of the a purious sixteines, themsely significant, Greened temperature at time of sighting was 90 1. First 10,000 ft. This could be more easily demonstrated than put in writing, However perhaps you have enough informations here. Please feel fee to contact me of any time if you wish more information, or other specifies; fully,

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

HEADQUARTERS 34TH AIR DIVISION (ADC)

CUSTER AIR FORCE STATION, MICHIGAN 49016



REPLY TO ATTN OF

34CIO

1 February 1968

SUBJECT:

UFO Report

TO:

FTD (TDETR)

The following UFO Report is submitted in accordance with AFR 80-17:

- A. Description of the Object:
- 1. The object was at such a distance that it looked like a "Fire Ball". No definite shape.
  - 2. About the same size as the Morning Star.
- 3. A redish white glimmering, similar to the twinkle of a star, turning to a pure white.
  - L. One
  - 5. None
  - 6. None
- 7. A cherry red tail became visible as it curved; then observed a bluish color between the pure white ball and the cherry red tail.
  - 8. None
  - 9. None
- B. Description of Course of Object:
  - 1. The color and location.
- 2. 5 degrees above the horizon at a North by North/Northwest position.
- 3. 45 degrees from the horizon at approximatly Weat/Northwest.

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- 4. Appeared at approximatly 5 degrees above the horizon at a North by North/Northwest position. Remained in a true North by North/Northwest to South by South/Southeast path. UFO then inclined to approximatly 10 to 12 degrees still on a true course. It then began a wide curve toward the West continuing to incline to approximatly 40 degrees. The object suddenly desintergrated at a position of approximatly 45 degrees.
  - 5. The object disintergrated.
  - 6. The UFO was visible for eight minutes.
- C. Manner of Observation:
  - 1. Ground-Visual
  - 2. 50x600 binoculars were used.
  - 3. N/A
- D. Date and Time of Sighting:
  - 1. 1242Z on 24 January 1968, 0742 Hrs. local.
  - 2. dawn
- E. Location of Observers:

Penfield Township, Michigan.

- F. Identifying Information on Observers:
  - 1. a.
    - b. 47
    - c. Battle Creek, Mich. 49017
  - d. Locational Specialist, automotive section, Custer
- Job Corps.
  - e. 7 years college; AB degree, BS degree and MA degree
  - f. reliable
- G. Weather:
  - 1. Absolutily clear sky.
  - 2. Wind; Surface: 050 degrees-5 knots 6,000:ft: 250 degrees-15 knots 10,000 ft: 360 degrees-30 knots 16,000 ft: 250 degrees-30 knots 20,000 ft: 310 degrees-25 knots 30,000 ft: 290 degrees-35 knots 50,000 ft: 320 degrees-20 knots 80,000 ft: 290 degrees-25 knots

3. Ceiling: Clear

4. Visibility: 15 miles plus

5. Cloud Cover: No Clouds

- Thunderstorms: No Thunderstorms
- 7. Vertical Temperature Gradient:

Surface: O degrees 6,000 ft: 0 degrees 10,000 ft: -2 degrees 16,000 ft: -14 degrees 20,000 ft: -22 degrees 30,000 ft: -42 degrees

## H. Conclusion by Mr. Programme

Believe it to be the last jetisoned portion of the recently launched moon nose cone.

Significant data is the long length of time; from appearance to disentertration; approximatly eight (8) minutes, as compared to four previous observations of "Fire balls" disintegrating within 3 to 4 seconds. May be due to to a far superior material and/or much colder atmosphere.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Stavid L. Doney DAVID L. DONEY, 1Lt, USAF

Chief of Information

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Sketch of "Fire Ball"

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION (AFSC) WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO 45433

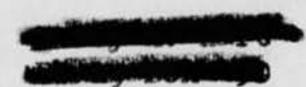
REPLY TO

TDPT/UFO

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UFO Observation , 24 January 1968

TO



Battle Creek, Michigan 49017

Reference your recent unidentified flying object sighting which you reported to the Air Force. The information which we have received is not sufficient for a scientific investigation. Request you complete the attached AF Form 117 and return it in the self-addressed envelope. Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

JAMES C. MANATT, Colonel, USAF Director of Production

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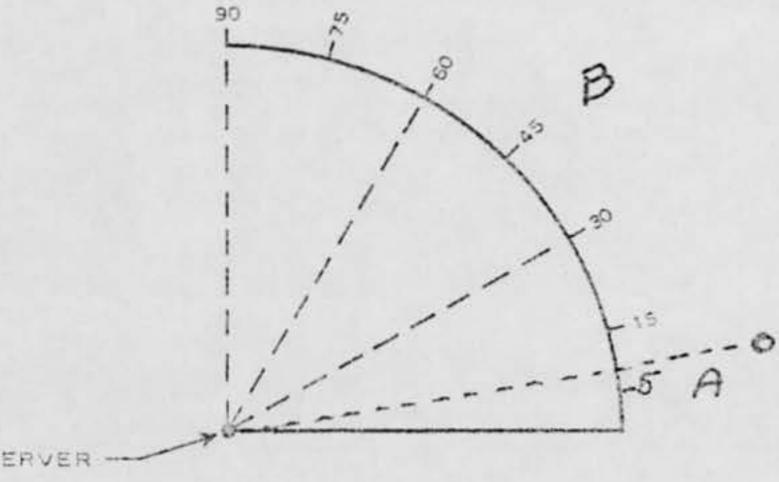
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THIS QUESTIONNAIRE HAS BEEN PREPARED SO THAT YOU CAN GIVE THE U.S AIR FORCE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE CONCERNING THE UNIDENTIFIED PHENOMETRON THAT YOU HAVE OBSERVED. PLEASE TRY TO ANSWER ALL OF THE QUESTIONS. THE INFORMATION YOU GIVE WILL BE USED FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES. YOUR NAME WILL NOT BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH ANY OF YOUR STATEMENTS OR CONCLUSIONS WITHOUT YOUR PERMISSION. RETURN TO AIR FORCE BASE INVESTIGATOR FOR FORWARDING TO FTD (TDETR), WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO 45433, IAW AFR 80- 17. (IF ADDITIONAL SHEETS ARE NEEDED FOR NARRATIVE OR SKETCHES ATTACH SECURELY TO THIS FORM OR ANNOTATE WITH YOUR NAME FOR IDENTIFICATION )

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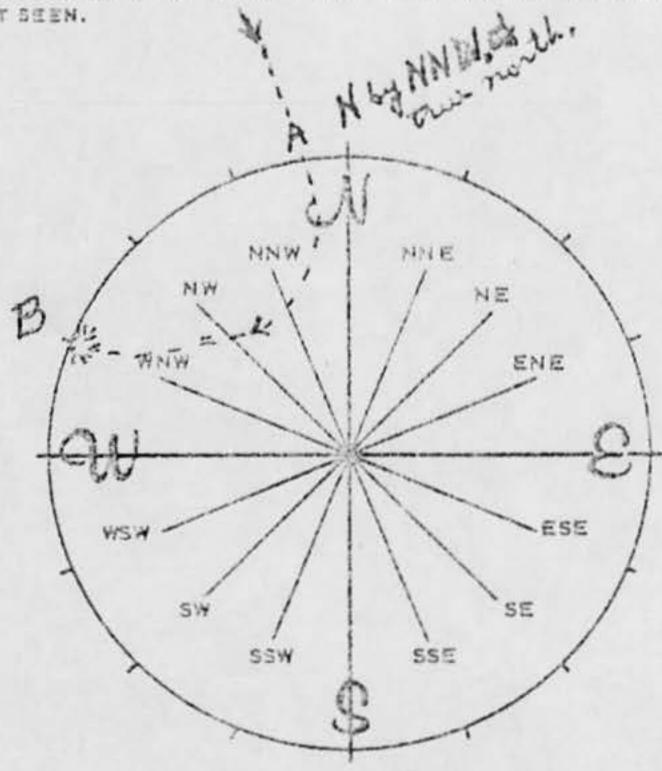
6 IMAGINE YOU ARE AT THE POINT SHOWN IN THE SKETCH, PLACE AN "A" ON THE CURVED LINE TO SHOW HOW HIGH THE PHENOMENON WAS ABOVE THE HORIZON, OR SKYLINE, WHEN FIRST SEEN. PLACE A 3" ON THE SAME CURVED LINE TO

50 to 70 from Horizon at first sighting. 0742 hrs. position N by NNW of true N.

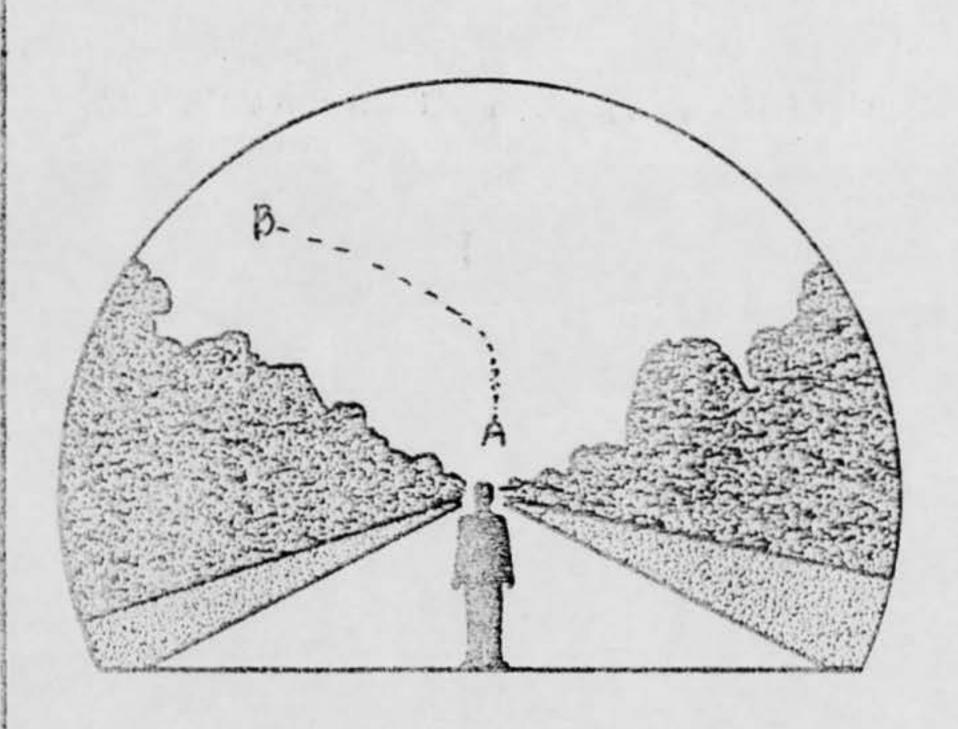


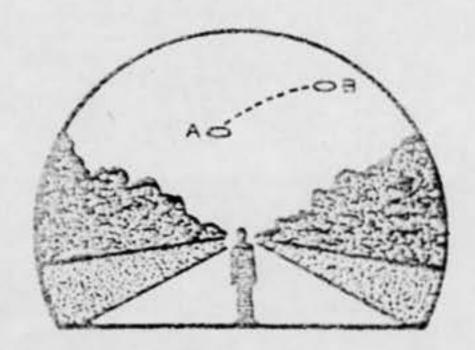
OBSERVER

BA. NOW IMAGINE YOU ARE AT THE CENTER OF THE COMPASS ROSE. PLACE AN "A" ON THE COMPASS TO INDICATE THE DIRECTION TO THE PHENOMENON WHEN FIRST SEEN. PLACE A "B" ON THE COMPASS TO INDICATE THE DIRECTION TO THE PHENOMENON WHEN LAST SEEN.



7. IN THE SKETCH BELOW, PLACE AN "A" AT THE POSITION OF THE PHENOMENON WHEN FIRST SEEN, AND A "B" AT THE POSITION OF THE PHENOMENON WHEN LAST SEEN. CONNECT THE "A" AND "B" WITH A LINE TO APPROXIMATE THE MOVEMENT OF THE PHENOMENON BETWEEN "A" AND "B". THAT IS, SCHEMATICALLY SHOW WHETHER THE MOVEMENT APPEARED TO BE STRAIGHT, CURVED OR ZIG-ZAG. REFER TO SMALLER SKETCH AS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW TO COMPLETE THE LARGER SKETCH.





THERE WERE MORE THAN ONE PHENOMENON HOW MANY WERE THERE! DRAW A PICTURE TO SHOW HOW THEY WERE ARRANGED. DID THIS ARRANGEMENT CHANGE SURING THE SIGHTING!

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CHANGE COLOR?		X		
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CHANGE SHAPE?			X	
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SPIN LIKE A TOP?			X	
MAKE A NOISE?			X	
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14. WHAT DREW YO	UR ATTENTION TO THE PHENOMENON?		0	1

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