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NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE ON AERIAL PHENOMENA
1536 Connecticut Avenue N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Large crescent
with smoking lights.

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REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT(S)

This form includes questions asked by the United States Air Force and by other Armed Forces' investigating agencies, and additional questions to which answers are needed for full evaluation by NICAP.

After all the information has been fully studied, the conclusion of our Evaluation Panel will be published by NICAP in its regularly issued magazine or in another publication. Please try to answer as many questions as possible. Should you need additional room, please use another sheet of paper. Please print or typewrite. Your assistance is of great value and is genuinely appreciated. Thank you.

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Military Service NONE
2. Date of Observation Sept. 11, 1961 Time 8:55 ~~AM~~ → PM Time Zone
3. Locality of Observation SAN Diego
4. How long did you see the object? Hours Minutes 15 Seconds
5. Please describe weather conditions and the type of sky; i.e., bright daylight, nighttime, dusk, etc.
CLEAR Night, good weather, was dark out.
6. Position of the Sun or Moon in relation to the object and to you.
SUN WAS SET.
7. If seen at night, twilight, or dawn, were the stars or moon visible?
STARS were visible.
8. Were there more than one object? YES If so, please tell how many, and draw a sketch of what you saw, indicating direction of movement, if any.
9. Please describe the object(s) in detail. For instance, did it (they) appear solid, or only as a source of light; was it revolving, etc? Please use additional sheets of paper, if necessary.
10. Was the object(s) brighter than the background of the sky?
the lights were.
11. If so, compare the brightness with the Sun, Moon, headlights, etc.
12. Did the object(s) — (Please elaborate, if you can give details.)
 - a. Appear to stand still at any time? NOT the big one.
 - b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? NO
 - c. Break up into parts or explode? NO
 - d. Give off smoke? NO
 - e. Leave any visible trail? NO
 - f. Drop anything? NO
 - g. Change brightness? NO
 - h. Change shape? NO
 - i. Change color? The lights Flashed.
13. Did the object(s) at any time pass in front of, or behind of, anything? If so, please elaborate giving distance, size, etc, if possible.
NO.
14. Was there any wind? NO If so, please give direction and speed.
15. Did you observe the object(s) through an optical instrument or other aid, windshield, windowpane, storm window, screening, etc? NO What?
16. Did the object(s) have any sound? NONE. What kind? How loud?
17. Please tell if the object(s) was (were) —
 - a. Fuzzy or blurred. NO
 - b. Like a bright star. NO
 - c. Sharply outlined. YES

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18. Was the object —

- a. Self-luminous? NO
- b. Dull finish? yes, except FOR lights
- c. Reflecting? NO
- d. Transparent? NO

19. Did the object(s) rise or fall while in motion? NO

20. Tell the apparent size of the object(s) when compared with the following held at arm's length:

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|------------|------------------|---------------|
| a. Pinhead | d. Nickel | g. Orange |
| b. Pea | e. Half dollar | h. Grapefruit |
| c. Dime | f. Silver dollar | Ⓢ Larger |

Or, if easier, give apparent size in inches on a ruler held at arm's length. 12 in. approx.

21. How did you happen to notice the object(s)?

22. Where were you and what were you doing at the time?

sitting on the roof of our apartment bldg.

23. How did the object(s) disappear from view?

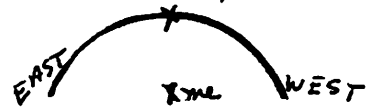
24. Compare the speed of the object(s) with a piston or jet aircraft at the same apparent altitude.

Much faster.

25. Were there any conventional aircraft in the location at the time or immediately afterwards? If so, please elaborate. yes.

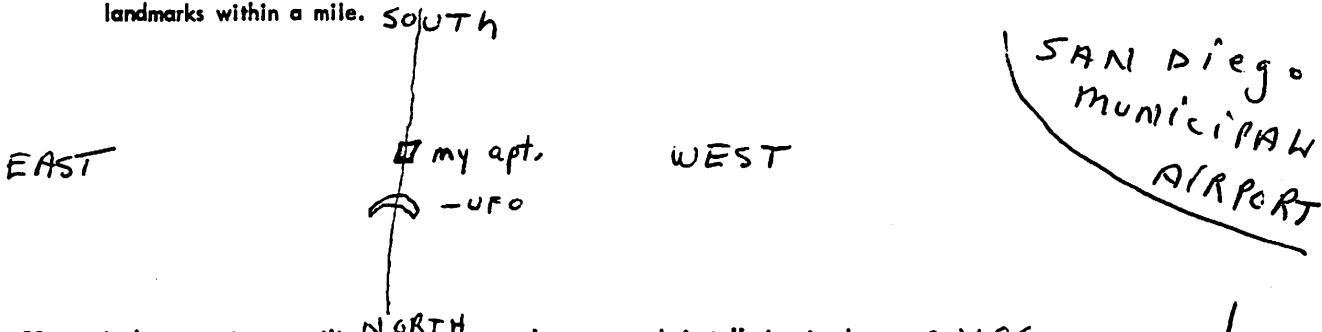
26. Please estimate the distance of the object(s). UNKNOWN.

27. What was the elevation of the object(s) in the sky? Please mark on this hemisphere sketch:



28. Names and addresses of other witnesses, if any. NONE

29. Please draw a map of the locality of the observation showing North; your position; the direction from which the object(s) appeared and disappeared from view; the direction of its course over the area; roads, towns, villages, railroads, and other landmarks within a mile.



30. Is there an airport, military, governmental, or research installation in the area? yes, several.

31. Have you seen other objects of an unidentified nature? If so, please describe these observations, using a separate sheet of paper.

yes.

32. Please enclose photographs, motion pictures, news clippings, notes of radio or television programs (include time, station and date, if possible) regarding this or similar observations, or any other background material. We will return the material to you.

KOGO radio reported complete power failure at 3:45 a.m. next day.

33. Were you interrogated by Air Force investigators? By any other federal, state, county, or local officials? If so, please state the name and rank or title of the agent, his office, and details as to where and when the questioning took place.

NO. I didn't report to them.

Were you asked or told not to reveal or discuss the incident? If so, were any reasons or official orders mentioned? Please elaborate carefully.

NO

34. We should like permission to quote your name in connection with this report. This action will encourage other responsible citizens to report similar observations to NICAP. However, if you prefer, we will keep your name confidential. Please note your choice by checking the proper statement below. In any case, please fill in all parts of the form, for our own confidential files. Thank you for your cooperation.

You may use my name. (X)

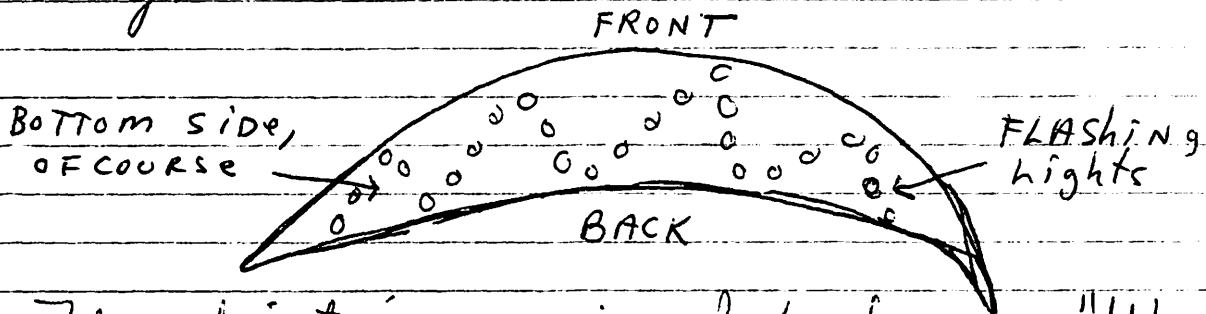
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35. Date of filling out this report: 10/9/61

Signature: Marcella E. Anderson

Continuation of Sighting No. 1

9. Object appeared solid. Had flashing lights which gave the impression of a large snake wriggling across the sky.



The first impression I had was "Wow!" It was such a thrill. And then I thought "It's GIGANTIC." I have sat on the roof many, many times and since I'm next to the airport, I've seen hundreds of planes — high flying and low flying. And this thing was so HUGE!

11. The lights were very, very bright.

21. I just happened to look up and there it was! I had a strange feeling that "tonight was the night." I was on the roof of my apartment building.

23. As it passed to the south, the lights appeared to get dimmer. There all I saw was the dark outline as I must have been seeing the back of it. It just disappeared then. There are trees to the south of me, and I can't see over them.

(over)

25. There are bodies of planes around here. I live close to the airport.

29. By ratio, the UFO was larger than I have pictured here. The lines shows path of flight. It headed south.

31. Yes, will describe on another sheet. (Case filed as "Object" San Diego 2-12-61)

32. Was said to be on account of "fog".

Also, about 10:00 p.m. I saw yellow lights flitting just over the north horizon. They'd go up, down, up, down, forward, backward at a fast speed. However, they may have been planes though I personally doubt it.

I have some remanent concern about Ad-plane, since I no high strangeness here in motion & witness admits outline tough to see.

Office of the District Attorney
San Francisco, California

Very truly yours,
District Attorney

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1. DATE 11 Sep 61	2. LOCATION San Diego, Calif		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>9 PM</u> GMT <u>12/0500Z</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilian		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Large UFO passed over Dan Diego. kn Lady saw it. Not imagination. Larger than 6 jets and faster than anything U.S. can make. Creseent shaped with. Flashing and rotating light.		11. COMMENTS Info received in ltr. Feb 62. No investigation made kn due to time lag. Case listed as insufficient data.	



**Believe this is an error. Nothing in report says this. She had a 2nd sighting which moved very fast (on next day & different object) but not this one.*