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Ground-Air Air-Air Radar Radar-Visual

Time 12:15 Zone _____ Duration _____

Day pm Dusk am Dusk pm Uncertain

Analyst UFOE II

Date 8 15 64
Month Day Year

Place New Freeport, Pennsylvania

Location home F

GRADE: A B Bx Z

Sky/Weather _____

Local Env. _____

Instruments _____

Single One of Series See also

WITNESSES	Name	Occupation	Special Qualifications
No. 6	Mr/Mrs Charles Bissett Robert Bissett (son) Mr/Mrs William Babcock (daughter + son-in-law)		
Independent	Barbara Babcock (daughter)		

SKETCHES: SHAPE FORMATION PATH by			Relative	Absolute	Reference Points	Var.	Other
1 No. <u>2</u>	2 Type <u>Saucer,</u>	Size					
<u>3</u> Color/Surface	<u>then Spheres</u>	Speed					
<u>5</u> Structural Details	4 Unusual Shape	Dist.					
6 Color Change	<u>7</u> Shape Change	Alt.					
8 Structural Lights							
9 Flashed	10 Pulsated	<u>11</u> Rotated	42 Noise		43 Odor		
12 Beam(s) of Light			44 Assoc. w/ Water		45 w/ Power lines		
13 Flame	14 Vapor Trail	15 Smoke	46 w/ Govt. Installation				
16 Other Emission			47 Reaction to Light		48 Other intell. reaction		
17 Formation, Geom.	18 Loose	19 Both	49 Animal Reactions		50 E-M Effect		
20 Satellite Obj.	21 Sep./Merging	22 Leader	51 Physiological Effects		52 Psychological Effects		
<u>23</u> Near-Collision (a/c)		24 Collision	53 Traces on environment				
<u>25</u> Near-Landing	26 Landing	27 Occupants	54 Physical evidence				
28 Pace Vehicle	29 Buzz/Hover, Vehicle		55 Photographs		56 Movie		
30 Buzz/Hover, Area	31 House	32 Person	57 Govt./military involvement				
33 Flight path, general			58 Other orgs. involved				
34 Motion of object	35 Motion, part of object		59 AF Explanation				
36 Attitude	37 Vert. ascent	38 Descent	60 Other Explanation				
39 Manoeuvres	40 Hover-accelerate		61 Secrecy or cover-up				
41 First Noticed	42-a Departure/Disappearance						

EXPLANATIONS OF ABOVE / HIGHLIGHTS OF CASE / ABSTRACT OF CASE

**MINI-UFOs
+
possible
shapechange**

Try and make sense out of this

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In New Freeport Area . . .

Flying Objects Seen In County

NEW FREEPORT — The county's first report of an unidentified flying object (UFO) in several years accords shortly after midnight, early Saturday Morning at New Freeport. The report was made by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bissett, one of

the best-known and highly respected families in the area. According to the Bissetts, who had four other people watching beside them, the saucer - shaped object appeared about a half-mile from their home near New Freeport at about 12:15 a.m.

Their son, Robert Bissett, 35, first noticed the object on the skyline and thought it was the moon appearing over the hill. He was watching through a large, kitchen window and immediately shorted to the rest of the family when the object suddenly moved.

Mr. and Mrs. William Babcock, daughter and son-in-law of the Bissetts who are vacationing from Scranton, also noticed the object and Mrs. Babcock grabbed binoculars and watched the UFO for several seconds.

The only thing she noticed with the aid of the glasses was a hollowed out space on the top of the saucer, she commented.

Barabara, 16 year old daughter of the Babcocks, also watched the UFO on the first of three occasions that it appeared during the night. She said the object had a luminous red color and moved parallel with the ground.

Seconds after it disappeared the first time, the family noticed a bright glow at the front of the house and soon spotted the object again. Two cars drove slowly pass and seconds later turned around and drove back for a closer look.

It made a third pass seconds later and appeared to just skim over the ground before disappearing for the final time, the family said.

"It was very eerie," Barbara said, "and it was rather unusual too, that the dogs never barked." The teenage girl admitted in a telephone conversation Sunday evening that she was still excited over the incident.

All six, who watched it on three occasions, agreed that the object was saucer shaped, glowed red and moved very, very fast. The reflection from the saucer glowed "like fire" they said.

There were no other reports on the object from the eastern end of the county.

NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE ON AERIAL PHENOMENA

1536 Connecticut Avenue N. W.

Washington 6, D. C.

North 7-9434

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.

1. Name *Mrs Charles C. Bissett* Place of Employment _____
 Address *New Freeport* Occupation *Housewife*
Greene Co. Penna. Education *Tenth grade*
 Telephone *447-2311* Special Training _____
 Military Service _____
2. Date of Observation *Aug. 15, 1964* Time *12:15 AM* *PM* Time Zone *Eastern*
3. Locality of Observation *South*
4. How long did you see the object? Hours *8* Minutes _____ Seconds _____
5. Please describe weather conditions and the type of sky; i.e., bright daylight, nighttime, dusk, etc. - *nighttime-clear*
6. Position of the Sun or Moon in relation to the object and to you. - *none*
7. If seen at night, twilight, or dawn, were the stars or moon visible? - *stars 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. *at first solid, appeared from behind the hilltop moving slowly, opened into flat object size of dinner plate,*
10. Was the object(s) brighter than the background of the sky? *yes*
11. If so, compare the brightness with the Sun, Moon, headlights, etc. - *Redder than moon, larger different shape as*
12. Did the object(s) - *opening into saucer shape when fully opened started twinkling, speeding up faster and putting off a large glow as it spun away out of sight* (Please elaborate, if you can give details.)
 - a. Appear to stand still at any time? *no*
 - b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? *yes*
 - c. Break up into parts or explode? *no*
 - d. Give off smoke? *no*
 - e. Leave any visible trail? *glow as it twined away higher and out of sight into distance.*
 - f. Drop anything? *?*
 - g. Change brightness? *no (possibility)*
 - h. Change shape? *yes*
 - i. Change color? *no*
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. *came up from behind tree tops on top of hill. approx 2000 feet*
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? *outside* What? *first through window, then from outside, some also checked through binoculars.*
16. Did the object(s) have any sound? *No* 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*

18. Was the object —

- a. Self-luminous? *yes*
- b. Dull finish? *no*
- c. Reflecting? *no*
- d. Transparent? *no*

19. Did the object(s) rise or fall while in motion? *Rose as it spun away*

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

- | | | |
|------------|------------------|----------------------------------|
| a. Pinhead | d. Nickel | g. Orange |
| b. Pea | e. Half dollar | h. Grapefruit |
| c. Dime | f. Silver dollar | i. Larger <i>in</i> Dinner plate |

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

21. How did you happen to notice the object(s)? *- standing by picture window*

22. Where were you and what were you doing at the time? *Bedtime snack, in kitchen of my home.*

23. How did the object(s) disappear from view? *Spun away out of sight*

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

25. Were there any conventional aircraft in the location at the time or immediately afterwards? If so, please elaborate. *no*

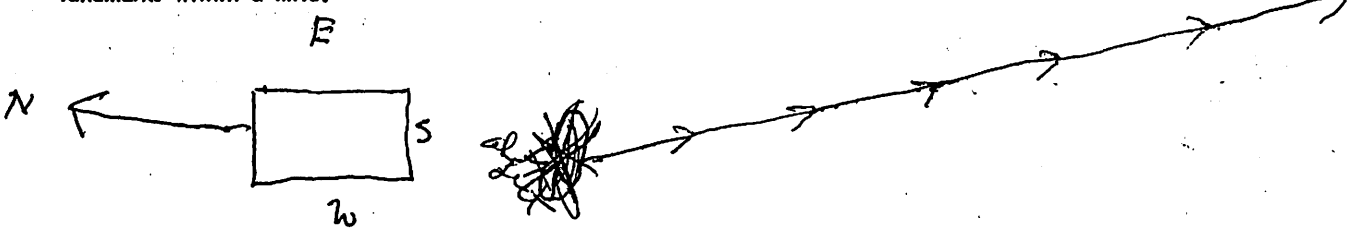
26. Please estimate the distance of the object(s). *approx 2500' when first observed*

27. What was the elevation of the object(s) in the sky? / 1000' Please mark on this hemisphere sketch:



28. Names and addresses of other witnesses, if any. *Chas. R. Bissett New Freeport Pa Service Co William, Betty and Barbara Belosch - 519 Taylor Ave Scranton Penna, 18500*

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? *no*

31. Have you seen other objects of an unidentified nature? If so, please describe these observations, using a separate sheet of paper. *no*

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.

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. *U.F.O Investigator C, Alton Cunningham 104 N Vine St. Box 446 Carmichaels Pa*
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.


Please keep my name confidential.

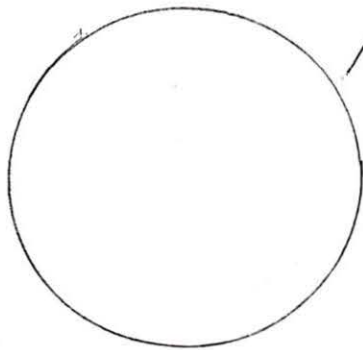
35. Date of filling out this report: *Sept 15-64*

Signature: *Chas R Bissett*

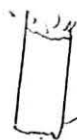
BISSETT CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
 CONCRETE AND BITUMINOUS CONSTRUCTION
 NEW FREEPORT, PA. 15352

Ans. to question 12.f

Suspect of dropping from object in sky.
 three to four mi. later after object in sky disappeared
 suddenly appeared on the ground, came up like a
 small fire. (place) 150 to 200 ft away from house across ^{air} way
 in seconds took shape of a large candle  raised from the
 ground 8 to 10 in in the air, moved slowly in direction of ^{over} house
 moved about 75 ft just disappeared as sudden as it appeared.
 In second after it disappeared, another object appeared just as
 sudden as first object, was round in shape of a biscuit
 round 2 in in diameter $\frac{1}{2}$ in thick raised in the air 8 to 10 in
 from ground, and just soared away short distance 12 ft and
 suddenly disappeared. Both objects were nearing a board fence
 when they disappeared in different directions, as
 board fence



no sound at any time.



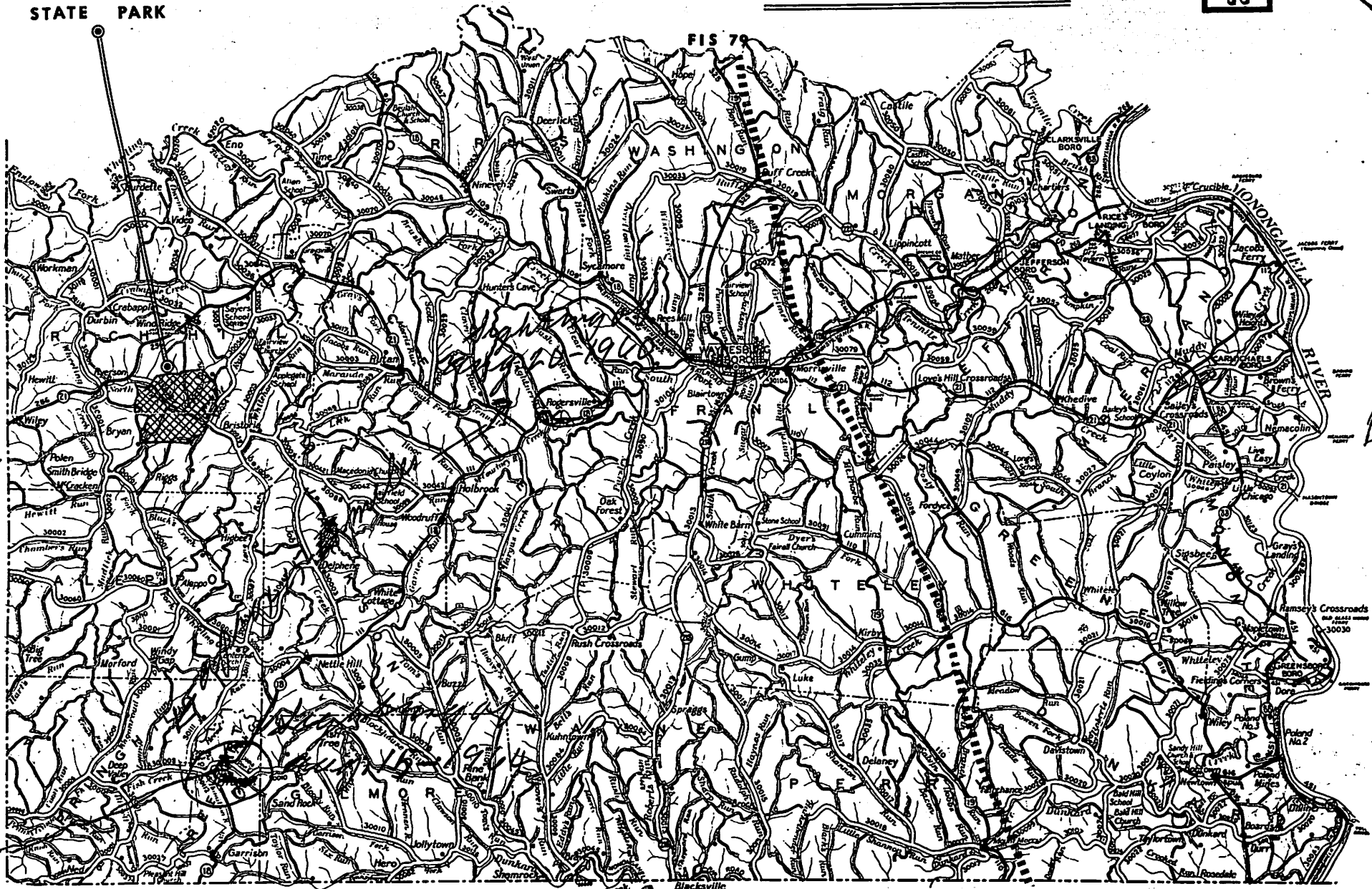
board fence

ROAD MAP



STATE PARK

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Blacksville

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104 N. Vine, Box 446
CARMICHAELS, PENNA.
September 30, 1964

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National Investigations Committee
on Aerial Phenomena
1536 Connecticut Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20036

Mr. Richard Hall, Associate Editor;

This is a sighting report by Mrs. Charles C. Bissett, New Freeport, Pa. The sighting was made on August 15, 1964, I interviewed the Bissett family on August 20, It is my opinion that the Bissetts have described exactly what they saw, the Bissetts live in a farming area, the village of New Freeport has a population of aprox. 200, and about a mile from the Bissett residence.

In item 29 Mrs. Bissett shows the UFO going a little east of south, but the day I talked to her she described the course of the UFO as coming over the hill aprox. 165 degrees SSE and vanishing at aprox. 240 to 255 degrees WSW, up the valley between the hills. (I used a good compass to get these bearings)

The Newspaper item, attached, says the UFO made three passes, the reporter evidently confused Mrs. Bissetts discription of what she saw in the field across the road, which is described in her attached note, just as she described it to me.

The small map give the 1960 and 1964 sightings in this area, the red X is the Bissett home, small black line the hill, small red circle with extended red line, the UFO and aprox. flight path as near as can be guess-timated.

I feel that an explanation for the delay in sending in this report should be given, I called Mrs. Bissett every week until the 22 of Sept., she explained that they had sickness in the family and she had not taken time to send in the report, but I received it on the 26, now I have taken three days to figure out the two discrepancies, (1) the news item which I think I have explained, and (2) Mrs. Bissetts discription of the UFO flight path as she told it to me while I used a compass to check it, this I have not figured out yet, perhaps she has a poor sense of direction while in side a building, as many people have.

I took "the UFO evidence Report" with me, and turning to page 144 "Commonly reported UFO types" ask if it looked like any of these when first seen, Robert Bissett immediately pointed to "A", line 2, domed disc,

I am enclosing a stamped return envelope, if you think it necessary, I'll go up and take pictures of the area on the first clear day, please advise.

Cordially

C. Alton Cunningham

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1964, August 15

National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Washington, D.C.
October 8, 1964

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Mr. Richard Hall
Associate Editor
C. Alton Cunningham
104 N. Vine, Box 446
Carmichaels, Penna.

Dear Mr. Cunningham:

Thank you for the information on the August 15 sighting by Mr. & Mrs. Bissett & family. It sounds like a good case, and your careful checking of directions and other points is most helpful. I doubt that pictures of the area would be necessary, but I could use a statement from you describing what the Bissett's told you. Mrs. Bissett's description on the form is not very clear.

My interpretation--and the way I am writing it up-- is that the object first appeared more elliptical; then as it neared it "opened up" into a full (or nearly full) circular shape.

I assume the candle-like phenomenon occurred after the UFO was out of sight, but its direction from the house is not clear. Neither is the direction of the board fence, from behind which came the second round UFO. Were the candle-like object and second UFO seen in the same direction and position? Or what?

Except for the appearance of the first UFO and its changing appearance with time, the description in that case is relatively clear. What was observed thereafter is not very clear.

Again, thanks for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Hall
Acting Director

RH:h
C. Alton Cunningham

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104 N. Vine, Box 446
CARMICHAELS, PENNA.
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Sorry for the delay in getting the requested information back to you, but I had to await an opportunity to get back to Newfreeport to get it and make the sketch enclosed, the sketch is pushed together just a little bit endways, the iron pump is about 15 to 20 ft. over in the field, from the pump to the farm house is aprox. 700 to 800 ft., from pump to Church is about 500 to 600 ft., the road from edge of burms is 50 ft., the Bissett home sits about 50 ft. off the road and about 20 to 25 ft. above the road on a terraced hill side, Mrs. Bissett was looking down in to the field when she saw the two objects, she was aprox. 250 ft. away.

Mrs. Bissett said(at that distance) they looked to be about 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 inches in diameter, the candle or flame shaped object 10 to 12 inches high, and traveled in direction indicated on sketch, they did not reach the fence, but vanished 25 to 30 ft. from it, the fence is painted white and clearly visible at night.

I hope this information will be of help.

C. Alton Cunningham

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P.S. NEXT PAGE PLEASE

This part of the letter is an explanation of why I did not go into the field on my two visits to the Bissett area, first visite it was raining, (This is the first time it had rained in that area for three weeks prior to the sighting, remember this), second visite, the Bissetts were not at home, got my information three days later by phone, and there was a horse in the field, seeing that I was not on speaking terms with this particular horse I did not venture in.

Theory and guess, - it is my opinion that what Mrs. Bissett saw in the field was a discharge of static electricity, the ground was too dry to absorb the charge, the only moisture was dew, or mist from the farm pond and small run, if there was enough moisture in the air to carry off the charge it would have been close to the ground, and given about the effect Mrs. Bissett described.

Theory, - If the above guess is true, then theory says that the UFO touched down or hovered about the center of that field, when it took off it followed the slope of the hill to just above the top, where it hovered again or was moving slowly, when Mrs. Bissett looked out the window and saw it,

I have given you theory and guess, you know more about these things than I do, so you will have to take it from here.

Cordially,

C. Alton Cunningham

