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SURVEY OF POSSIBLE UFO SIGHTINGS BY AMATEUR ASTRONOMERS

The results of this questionnaire are considered confidential, and information received is being used for statistical purposes only.

(Where necessary, additional space is provided on back.)

1) How long have you been an active amateur astronomer? 9 YEARS

a) What is your highest degree of education? M.S.

b) Have you any formal training in any of the physical sciences? YES
If so, which subject? PHYSICS, CHEM, ASTRON., GEOL., ADVANCED MATHEMATICS

2) What is your present location (exact address not necessary). NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

a) How long have you observed from this location? 9 YEARS

b) If you have moved recently, please indicate your previous observation site, and the length of time at that location: _____

3) Do you keep records of your observations? YES

a) Do you observe from the open or from an enclosure? OBSERVATORY - OPEN ROOF

b) Is the Milky Way conspicuous from your observation site? YES

4) Briefly describe any coordinated astronomical activity in which you might participate (if you observe the sky's limitless splendor for its own sake, your reply is especially valuable to me). COMET STUDY, COMET SEARCHING, VISUAL STUDIES OF JUPITER & MARS, VARIABLE STARS, LUNAR OCCULTATIONS

Is your activity such that you are free to scan the sky frequently? YES

5) Briefly describe your most commonly used optical equipment (for telescopes I need their resolution during average seeing).

6" f/5 REFRACTOR - LIM. MAG. = 13.0; RES = 0.9"
6" f/17 " - LIM MAG = 13.4; RES = 0.7"
12.5" f/5 NEWTONIAN - LIM MAG = 14.2; RES = 0.5"

Cameras: 35MM SLR WITH 50MM; 105MM; AND 200MM LENS

Commonly used film: SAF 200; PLUS-X PAN; TRIX PAN

6) If you own a telescope, is it equipped for any of these modes of photography? Piggyback Lunar and Planetary Long exposure (guided)

7) Roughly how many nights out of each month do you observe? EVERY CLEAR NIGHT
During these nights indicate what percentage of your observing time is spent during the following two-hour intervals:

8-10PM 40 % 10-12PM 30 % 12-2AM 5 % 2-4AM 25 %

Is your observing schedule too varied for answering the above question? _____

8) HAVE YOU EVER OBSERVED AN OBJECT THAT RESISTED YOUR MOST EXHAUSTIVE EFFORTS AT IDENTIFICATION? YES If so, indicate: MAYFLOWER ARK. ON

Time (specify UT or Standard) 05:45^{U.T.} Date: 11/6/67 Location: INTERSTATE 40.

Was the object a point source only, or were you able to resolve detail? Give a brief description, using the provided extra space if necessary.

THE OBJECT FIRST APPEARED AS A BRIGHT LIGHT IN THE NORTH (WE WERE IN A CAR, HEADED N.). IT APPROACHED AT AN AMAZING SPEED, WHICH IS WHAT FIRST ATTRACTED OUR ATTENTION. WE PULLED OVER TO THE SHOULDER - IT NEVER SLOWED DOWN, IT JUST STOPPED, DIRECTLY ACROSS THE INTERSTATE FROM US (WEST). IT HOVERED ABOUT 30 FT. ABOVE A POND, APPEARING WITH BRIGHT ALTERNATING LIGHTS. IT SEEMED

Location: 4 MILES SOUTH OF MAYFLOWER, ARK, JUST WEST OF INTERSTATE 40.

(SEE BACK)

9) Have you considered the possibility of secret Air Force (or other) operations in connection with your sighting? YES Does a connection between your observation and such secret activity appear likely? POSSIBLE? MAYBE

10) Do you consider yourself more familiar , as familiar , or less familiar ✓ with the subject of UFOs than with astronomical subjects? What books, if any, have you read on the subject? SEVERAL FROM LITTLE ROCK PUBLIC LIBRARY.

11) Do you believe that UFOs exist? YES If you have an opinion concerning their nature, please give it briefly: I CONSIDER ALL EXPLANATIONS, UNTIL PROVED OTHERWISE.

What degree of certainty do you assign your explanation? Certain , probable , or possible .

12) Would you report an observation that appeared to violate known physical laws? YES That appeared to contradict logic? YES

If you wish to make a detailed report, or you wish to be notified of the completion of this survey, give your name and address below. Necessary forms will be supplied.

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Do you wish to be informed of the completion of this survey? YES

The reverse side of the questionnaire has been reserved for your comments concerning the subject of UFOs. I can think of none from whom I would rather receive such comments than people familiar with many of the stimuli that cause UFO reports and people with a cosmic perspective.

ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR ANSWERS:

(CONT.) ABOUT THE SIZE OF A LARGE AUTOMOBILE AND SHAPED FLAT ON THE BOTTOM, BUT BULGING AT THE TOP, MUCH LIKE THE SHAPE OF AN ANTIQUE INVERTED BATHTUB.

IT VERY QUICKLY BEGAN MOVING AGAIN - TO THE SOUTH. WE RAN BACK TO THE CAR, ANXIOUS TO GET TO CONWAY, ARK, TO NOTIFY SOMEONE, AND DROVE WELL OVER 90 MPH. THE DRIVER LOOKED IN HIS REAR-VIEW MIRROR AND SAID "OH MY GOD!"; THE OBJECT WAS COMING OVER THE HORIZON MOVING FASTER THAN ANYTHING I HAVE EVER SEEN. IT PASSED SILENTLY OVER THE CAR NO MORE THAN 50 FEET AND VANISHED OVER THE NORTH HORIZON. FOR THE OBJECT TO COVER THE SKY FROM HORIZON TO HORIZON (SOUTH TO NORTH) TOOK ABOUT 4.5 SECONDS!

NOTE: IT MIGHT BE OF INTEREST TO NOTE THAT LITTLE ROCK (POP. 200,000+) WAS ONLY ABOUT 17 MILES TO THE SOUTH OF US, SINCE THE OBJECT WAS TRAVELING SOUTH AND SUDDENLY REVERSED TOWARD NORTH, WHERE THERE ARE NO DENSELY POPULATED AREAS.

COMMENTS: I THINK IT IS OF VALUE TO COMMENT THAT I AM NOT A "FIST-SLAMMING" ADVOCATE OF UFOs, PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF MY ABILITY TO RATIONALIZE THEIR TRAVEL AND WHEREABOUTS. HOWEVER, I AM VERY OBJECTIVE TOWARD UNKNOWNs - OTHERWISE I FEEL MY KNOWLEDGE STAGNATES.

WHAT WE SAW WAS REAL - NO REPORT WAS MADE OF THE INCIDENT, NOR DID WE TELL OF THE EVENT, EXCEPT TO CLOSE RELATIVES. WE WERE FRIGHTENED BECAUSE WE KNEW THE OBJECT HAD STOPPED TO EXAMINE US, AS WE HAD STOPPED FOR IT.

THAT IS THE ONLY SIGHTING I HAVE MADE OF ANY UFOs WHICH I COULD NOT EVENTUALLY EXPLAIN. I RECEIVE MANY CALLS WEEKLY REPORTING "UFOs" WHICH TURN OUT TO BE SCINTILLATING BRIGHT PLANETS, METEORS, AND, PARTICULARLY, LANDING LIGHTS OF COMMERCIAL PLANES IN AN APPROACH PATTERN TOWARD OUR AIRPORTS.