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On the night of July 24, 1967, Mr. X (Name withheld upon request) was traveling south on Illinois Route 53, in the vicinity of Army Trail Road. He noticed a bright light in the southeast sky, which was ahead of him and to his left. Being in the general vicinity of O'Hare Airport, his first thought was that it could be the landing lights of some airplane approaching the field.

The light continued toward him, getting lower and brighter as it approached. It was at this point he noticed that there was something very unusual about the object. It was flying much too low to be an airplane in a normal traffic pattern, and it slowed ~~down~~ to a very low rate of speed.

As he approached the Nike Missile Site, on the east side of route 53, the object came to a complete stop, hovering directly over the radar domes associated with the

missile site. It was at this point he was able to make a careful observation of the object.

He estimated the length to be about 60 feet and shaped generally like a long slim ellipse. The ends were blunt, similar to a cigar, with extremely bright lights at each end. He noticed what appeared to be eight or ten "port holes" along the length of the object, which he estimated to be 3-4 feet in diameter. Light was radiating from these "port holes", but at an intensity ~~was~~ less than the end lights.

The top and bottom of the object also was illuminated, emitting an extremely bright light. Mr. X was extremely definite about the intensity of the lights. He said "it was so terribly bright-many times brighter than ~~the~~ mercury vapor street lamps!"

The object hovered over the Nike Site "several minutes" and then started meandering in an easterly direction. Suddenly, it moved northeast at a terrific rate of speed. He estimated it must have traveled several miles within two or three seconds. It then stopped for a moment and then started meandering again, but in a northerly direction and finally disappeared from sight.

Mr. X had several conclusions about what he had seen; 1 - It appeared to be manufactured. It had definite shape with clear outline. 2 - He felt that it was internally lighted, and that the light emitting from the "port holes" were the result of internal illumination. 3 - He estimated the altitude while hovering over the Nike Site at between 1,200 and 2,000 feet.

4 - It was not anything that could be explained in conventional terms. It was like nothing he had ever seen before!

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