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NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE ON AERIAL PHENOMENA

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REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT(S)

Questions asked by the United States Air Force and by other Armed Forces' investigating agencies, and additional questions are needed for full evaluation by NICAP.

If the object has been fully studied, the conclusion of our Evaluation Panel will be published by NICAP in its regularly scheduled or other publication. Please try to answer as many questions as possible. Should you need additional room, additional paper. Please print or typewrite. Your assistance is of great value and is genuinely appreciated. Thank you.

1. Name Roy L. Hammond Place of Employment Self
Address P.O. Box 214 Occupation Refuse Disposal Service
Coffeyville, Kansas Education Some High School Credits
Telephone _____ Special Training - Assistant to Ministers in Evangelistic
Military Service - Private - 1958 - U.S. ARMY Campaigns
2. Date of Observation Around Thanksgiving 1956 Time AM 11:45 PM Time Zone Central
Night after moon eclipse Approx.
or Midnight
3. Locality of Observation Within 5 miles south of Parsons, Kansas on old highway
4. How long did you see the object? Hours 5 Minutes _____ Seconds _____
5. Please describe weather conditions and the type of sky; i.e., bright daylight, nighttime, dusk, etc.
Sharp clear moon and stars clearly visible, cold.
6. Position of the Sun or Moon in relation to the object and to you.
Moon almost directly over head, slightly west.
7. If seen at night, twilight, or dawn, were the stars or moon visible?
8. Were there more than one object? Yes No, If so, please tell how many, and draw a sketch of what you saw, indicating direction of movement, if any. Not at first. About another 4 or 5 minutes later and 3 or 4 miles further we saw something different
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?
11. If so, compare the brightness with the Sun, Moon, headlights, etc. Yes
12. Did the object(s) — (Please elaborate, if you can give details.)
 - a. Appear to stand still at any time? Yes
 - b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? Yes
 - c. Break up into parts or explode? No
 - d. Give off smoke? Darkness prevented us from determining.
 - e. Leave any visible trail? Not visible
 - f. Drop anything? No
 - g. Change brightness? Yes, in a way.
 - h. Change shape? No
 - i. Change color? Yes, in relation to light changes
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? What? Through car window, only at first.
16. Did the object(s) have any sound? Not first What kind? Second sighting How loud? Not loud enough to hear except when directly over head
there was a waving up and down sound
17. Please tell if the object(s) was (were) —
 - a. Fuzzy or blurred.
 - b. Like a bright star.
 - c. Sharply outlined. ✓

About the sound a television program would give to a Science Fiction Space Ship if it were gently idling or coasting. Mostly a high pitch shrill wavering sound

18. Was the object —

- a. Self-luminous? Yes
- b. Dull finish? No
- c. Reflecting? Yes
- d. Transparent? No

19. Did the object(s) rise or fall while in motion? Did Not Fall, Moved so fast couldn't tell if it want up or straight away (EAST)

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 | i. Larger |

This is difficult. Probably Larger.

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)? I was passenger in a cars back seat road side travelling South. I thought I saw the bottom half of a water tower lit up, then I

22. Where were you and what were you doing at the time? realized it was larger and thought it was a Motoring from Parsons to Oswego by way of Altamont Kansas bright harvest moon.

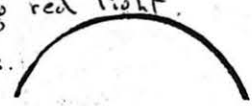
23. How did the object(s) disappear from view? First time moved so fast light blurred and faded from sight. Second time lights disappeared slowly.

24. Compare the speed of the object(s) with a piston or jet aircraft at the same apparent altitude. First time too fast for comparison. Second time like a large aircraft coasting to.

25. Were there any conventional aircraft in the location at the time or immediately afterwards? If so, please elaborate. a landing Yes. A north north east bound airliner (probably) with flashing red light.

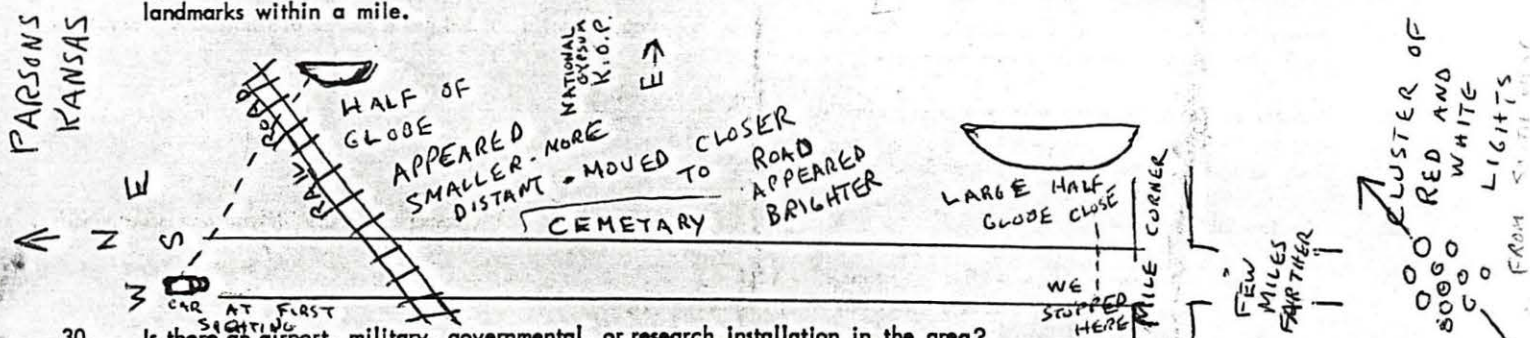
26. Please estimate the distance of the object(s). ABOUT 10 MILES FROM FIRST SIGHT BRIGHT

27. What was the elevation of the object(s) in the sky? First object slightly above trees about a city block East of us. Please mark on this hemisphere sketch:



28. Names and addresses of other witnesses, if any. Loretta Dixon, Rt. 2, Mound Valley Kansas Wendel Wilkens either Parsons or Altamont Kansas R.R.

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? NATIONAL GYPSUM KANSAS ORDNANCE PLANT ARMY AMMUNITION MAKERS

31. Have you seen other objects of an unidentified nature? If so, please describe these observations, using a separate sheet of paper. No. Although driver of car said one swooped low and fast over his car nighttime a week or two

32. Please enclose photographs, motion pictures, news clippings, notes of radio or television programs (include time, station and later 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. NONE Except standard Mailing form to Air Force base either Wichita or Hutchinson Kansas

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: January 12, 1962

Signature: Roy L. Hammond

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S. Would you please send me an acknowledgement of this and if it was of any value?
1-12-62
Gentlemen
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I am sorry this report is so late in reaching you. I sincerely hope it is still of some use, even after so great a time lapse. However a regular Air Force form was filled out and mailed to either Wichita or Hutchinson Kansas Air Force Base, but I have forgotten which, immediately after the sighting. The driver of our car, Wendel Wilkins was afraid to reveal information and so filled out a form for Air Force with nothing but non sense.

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seemed to
pace our car
until we
stopped. It
kept beside us
for at least a
mile
until we convinced the driver it wasn't the moon.



ENTIRE OBJECT
AS PICTURED

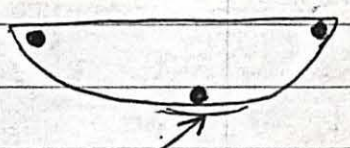
BRIGHT RED

ORANGE

FAIRLY SHARP OUT LINE.

LOOKED LIKE MOON COMING UP
EXCEPT LARGER AND UPSIDE DOWN.

WHEN WE STOPPED IT IMMEDIATELY CHANGED AND RAPIDLY
DISAPPEARED AFTER WE STOPPED.



ALONG
BOTTOM AREA
THERE WAS A
REFLECTING WHITE OR
METALLIC COLOR AS
OF ANOTHER LIGHT
SURFACE UNDERNEATH
METAL JUST OUT
SIGHT

OUTLINE NOW NO
LONGER VISIBLE.
INSTEAD RED LIGHTS
WHICH WERE BRIGHT THEN
BLURRED AND FADED AS
OBJECT APPARENTLY
MOVED SWIFTLY FROM
OUR SIGHT.

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We proceeded for 3 or 4 more miles when we noticed a cluster of white and red lights approaching slowly from South-West. These passed low directly over car. This was the only time we heard any sound at all, and were not audible except when they were directly overhead and just an instant before and afterwards. Then it was a quiet wavering sound unlike piston or jet aircraft, unless it would be like a jet coasting but had a waving sound instead of steady as a jet would be.

Another 5 miles South and East we saw what probably was a commercial air liner not too high flying North North East toward Parsons. The reason I believe it was standard aircraft was because of its red flashing beacon, constant speed appearing to be same as the eye can detect that an air liner would ordinarily fly.

Terrribly sorry I am so late to report this. I guarantee it is authentic. I didn't know your address until just last year, then misplaced your correspondence.

Sincerely,
Roy
Lern Hammond
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Coffeyville, Ks.