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WITNESS

PHONE 414 999 1796
NAME MRS GERRY SHELDON
ADDRESS 3860 S. KEMPA
CITY LIMA
STATE OHIO ZIP

SEX: () MALE () FEMALE AGE: 40
OCCUPATION:
EDUCATION:
ANIMALS PRESENT? ANY REACTIONS?

LIST OTHER WITNESSES' NAMES AND PHONE NUMBERS:

YOUR ACTIVITY PRIOR TO THE SIGHTING? DRIVING FROM WORK
WHAT ATTRACTED YOUR ATTENTION? LIGHT IN SKY
DID YOU WATCH THE OBJECT CONTINUOUSLY? () YES () NO () OTHERS SUPPLIED SOME DETAILS
VISUAL AIDS: () NONE () GLASSES () BINOCULARS/TELESCOPE () CAMERA:
DID THE OPTICS IMPROVE YOUR OBSERVING?

WHAT WERE YOUR REACTIONS? Excitement

WHAT AGENCIES DID YOU CALL? () POLICE () CENTER () PRESS () MILITARY () AIRPORT
() SEEN ON RADAR?
HAVE YOU SEEN A UFO BEFORE? () YES () NO
INTERESTED IN SUBJECT PRIOR TO SIGHTING? () YES () INDIFFERENT () NO
UFO KNOWLEDGE OBTAINED FROM: () UFO BOOKS () UFO MAGAZINES () TV/NEWSPAPERS () NONE

ENVIRONMENT

DATE: WINTER 1960 STREETS 2 SSW Lima
TIME: 6 PM MILES OF DOWNTOWN
() AM () PM (number) (direction) (city)
() EXACT () ESTIMATED ONLY COUNTY ALLEN STATE OHIO

TYPE OF AREA: () URBAN () SUBURBAN () RURAL
() RESIDENTIAL () AGRICULTURAL () INDUSTRIAL () UNDEVELOPED () COMMERCIAL
SPECIAL FEATURES IN AREA?

YOUR LOCATION: () INDOORS () OUTDOORS () IN A VEHICLE: () CAR? () PLANE? () OTHER-
SPEED 0 DIRECTION TRAFFIC?
() STANDING () SITTING () LYING DOWN

VIEW: () UNOBSCURED () TREES/BUILDING IN THE WAY () THROUGH A WINDOW: () OPEN? () CLOSED?
SEEN CONCURRENTLY: () MOON () STARS () AIRCRAFT () BIRDS () METEORS ()

WEATHER

CLOUD COVER: () CLEAR () BROKEN () OVERCAST () FOGGY () RAIN/SNOW CRISP.
WINDY? WIND DIRECTION?

APPEARANCE

NUMBER OF OBJECTS SEEN: () ONE () _____

COLOR(S): () WHITE () _____

APPARENT SIZE SIMILAR TO: () STAR () DISTANT PLANE

ACTUAL SIZE: 30-60' () FULL MOON
(optional) () SEVERAL MOONS: _____

OUTLINE: () SHARP DISTINCT () SOUND: () NONE
() VAGUE, FUZZY () _____
() TOO DARK _____
() NOT APPLICABLE _____

Sketch the UFO's SHAPE here

LUMINOSITY: () UNCERTAIN () SELF-LUMINOUS () REFLECTED LIGHT () FLASHING
INTENSITY: () STAR () AIRCRAFT () INTENSE () BLINDING () CHANGING

FEATURES:
(number) (colors) (where on UFO body)

_____ LIGHTS COLORED _____ SITUATED _____ STEADY/FLASHING
_____ LIGHTS COLORED _____ SITUATED _____ STEADY/FLASHING
_____ LIGHTS COLORED _____ SITUATED _____ STEADY/FLASHING

() TRAIL? () SURROUNDING HAZE? () BEAMS? () SPIKES? () GLOW?
COLOR _____ LENGTH/POSITION _____ DURATION _____

OTHER DETAILS: LARGE HOLE UP THROUGH CENTER (SEE TRANSC.)

OPACITY: () OPAQUE () TRANSLUCENT () TRANSPARENT () NOT APPLICABLE
TEXTURE: () SMOOTH () ROUGH () METALLIC () _____
HEAT: () NO () YES _____ ODOR: () NO () YES _____

MOTION

POINT OF APPEARANCE: DIRECTION _____ ANGLE ^(0 to 90°) 90° MANNER HOVER

TRAJECTORY: (In terms of direction and angles above the horizon - include durations)

POINT OF DISAPPEARANCE: DIRECTION _____ ANGLE _____ ° MANNER _____

DURATION: HRS _____ MIN _____ SEC _____
SPEED: () STATIONARY () SLOW PLANE () FAST PLANE () FASTER THAN PLANE () EXTR. FAST
PATH: () STRAIGHT () CURVED () CHANGING
PASSED: () IN FRONT OF: () BEHIND: () CLOUDS () TREES () BUILDINGS () OTHER: _____
ESTIMATED ALTITUDE (optional): ON SITE 70'
INTERNAL MOTION: () ROTATING () CHANGING SHAPE () SPLITTING UP () COMING TOGETHER

Interview with Mrs. Jerry Sheldon,
3860 So. Kemp Road
Lima, Ohio
August 11, 1980

Mrs. Sheldon: In the past I've been skeptical of the sightings people claim they see - something on the horizon about sunset - -

Larry: Those are honest mistakes though and I think maybe you're being a little hard on yourself.

Mrs. Sheldon: Oh, no - I believe very much what I saw.

Larry: There's no reason for you to be ashamed of it.

Mrs. Sheldon: Well, your friends - anyway you tell it - they look at you a little strange and usually cock their head a little - -

Larry: I understand - -

Mrs. Sheldon: You understand that?

Larry: I guess I'm just a personality who if he saw something would probably do the same thing you did, but I'm sure you've told some of your acquaintances and friends you knew who didn't laugh and some who maybe thought it was interesting.

Mrs. Sheldon: I have told more people in the last year or so than I ever did because I no longer worry so much about what they are going to think. The older I've got, the less worried I am about that.

Larry: 20 years ago - I'm not going to ask any questions, or rather, I'll ask questions as you go along instead of just A - B- C - - I'll just let you ramble on - and let you tell me when, where, why, what you were doing - that sort of thing, day, night, etc.

Mrs. Sheldon: As I've said, with the passage of time some things that probably I noticed at the time I've forgotten - major areas of it will always stick in my mind. As far as when - I would say probably in the early 60's. I drove and I know I had a brand new 1959 red MG, so it was within that time period - it had to be. I was coming home from work. It was very dark, so I'm thinking also it must have been in the winter, maybe 6:00 - 7:00 in the evening and I was on my way, before going home I was going to stop at my girlfriend's house. As I came to Shawnee and Ft. Amanda roads - the traffic light was there, of course, and it was red and I stopped - I was the first in line. I sat waiting for the light to change. I just happened to glance up and over that -- the tree is still there right on the corner at the time the children's home was still there too. It was going south so it was the southeast corner and that tall tree right on the corner - it's still there. I looked up and there was this huge object - to me, well it looked as if it were hovering just above that tree top - it was that close I thought, you know, that if I got out of the car I could reach up.

Well, I opened the window of the car and I was looking at it while I was waiting for the light to change. I had half a notion there was a

car behind me and I wanted to get out of the car, go back to that car and say, "Do you see that", but I was afraid to - I said, "What if they don't see it". This really was in the back of my mind that if I said that and they would say, "no", then what was I going to do. So I just momentarily watched it and when the light changed I proceeded through the signal, and I proceeded very slowly, driving and looking out. What the shape of it was to this day I wouldn't know, but I would say more round than long. Size - I'm no good at judging - it looked large because there it was not much higher than that tree.

The thing I remember the most was there was this opening right up into it. This entire opening looked like lights up in there which you could look up into this round opening right straight up into this thing and it just looked as if it was structural - steel or something up in there. I couldn't see anything up in there other than, you know such as platforms or something, but I was looking up into something that was structural steel built up there, and well lighted. Now this object did have some lights around the perimeter, but whether - I've often thought I can't remember whether they were red, green, blue or what. But I drove, and I was looking like this - and I could look straight up into it. I still kept driving slowly, like this, and I said, "Do I see that or don't I?", and I got down to the Shawnee lot there and I pulled in and said, "I'm going to go back". I pulled in and as I started to go back I looked at it again and I don't think I'd gone as far as I thought - now - and the object took off and went in a northeasterly direction - just as rapidly - it was just - I looked at it and one moment it was there and I could see it's lights and it was over the northeast portion of town - Lafayette.

Well - this confusion/confusions: do we really have missing time here?

Larry: 81 and I-75?

Mrs. Sheldon: Yes - it hovered there momentarily at some distance - it was well beyond Lima because then I could just see the lights of it and it hovered there momentarily - northwesterly in just about the same length of time in that direction. After that I don't know what happened to it - I was still driving the car.

Larry: It disappeared from sight?

Mrs. Sheldon: As far as I'm concerned it did and that was all I saw. Of course by that time I was kind of shaken up. I went on down Zimmerly Road then - I was still going to my friend's house. I never told them about it. They would have - she would have thought I was crazy!

Larry: The mother or the friend?

Mrs. Sheldon; The girlfriend - her mother might have thought I was crazy too.

Larry: You said you rolled the window down -

Mrs. Sheldon: Slid the window - it was an MG.

Larry: When you stuck your head out you had a clear shot looking at it because there was no glass?

Mrs. Sheldon: Right.

Larry: Hear anything?

Mrs. Sheldon: No - this is what I've often thought - I don't recall ever hearing a sound. No noise whatsoever - and that is the part that bothers me --

Larry: Hold it - let me inform you that most people who see things like this don't hear anything.

Mrs. Sheldon: There was no noise - it just hovered there, not much higher than the top of the tree - it was a pretty tall tree.

Larry: Did you detect any heat coming from it, or did it leave any particular odor?

Mrs. Sheldon: Nothing that I noticed.

Larry: Was it bright enough that it was out of the ordinary in that area? That's kind of a refinery area not too far off and there's that big flame - was it brighter than that?

Mrs. Sheldon: That would have been way in the other direction - I was looking towards the children's home - or what would have been the children's home. At that time there were no other lights around there was just fields. It was bright enough it certainly caught my attention and it made me wonder why couldn't the people behind me see this.

Larry: Did the lady or gentleman behind you continue south like you did?

Mrs. Sheldon: Yes - I thought the same thing - "Don't they see this?" - they had passed me as if they didn't notice anything.

Larry: I wonder if the structure of their car - maybe they couldn't see out as easily as you. When you craned your neck just a minute ago to demonstrate how you looked up at it as you were driving. You looked like you must have been almost under the thing as you were driving past.

Mrs. Sheldon: That's right - I'd put my head out the window and I was alone in the MG and I just put my head out - if I'd been under the tree I'd have been looking up directly into it, but I was close enough - it was only maybe 25-30 feet across there.

Larry: Did you live in Lima then?

Mrs. Sheldon: Near Cridersville.

Larry: How long, in your opinion, well, let's compare it to that nice looking motor home you have out there - would that thing have been if, indeed the motor home was above the tree?

Mrs. Sheldon: This is the thing I'm trying to remember too, and I've often wondered as I'm not good at judging sizes and the thing that got my attention the most was the round empty opening.

Larry: Would it have been like a donut in some respects - was the hole as big and bright and awesome as that?

Mrs. Sheldon: I don't recall - I would say it was round shaped rather than long

And not huge, huge - I don't recall its extending over the roadway. It doesn't register as being that way - it hovered over the tree top, extending over the tree, but I never recall it extending way out over the road - otherwise I have no idea.

Larry: Well, the motor home is good sized - but if you put it over the tree - would the object you saw have been bigger than that to extend over the tree?

Mrs. Sheldon: Oh, yes - the trailer is 29 feet and I'm thinking the hole or opening I would judge to be about half the size of the motor home - the opening was the thing that drew my attention more than anything. There was this large round well lighted opening. The rest of it was rather dark - it had some lights around the perimeter - I don't recall the colors.

Larry: So from that description we would say the opening in the center was 15 feet in diameter?

Mrs. Sheldon: I would say 12 to 15 feet.

Larry: Did the object have any color? I know it was dark.

Mrs. Sheldon: Yes - I don't know.

Larry: You said as you looked up at the well lighted hole it looked structural - did you see rivets or girders - what made you say that?

Mrs. Sheldon: It looked as if it was a building you might say under construction with a lot of steel work and it looked like the inside of a piece of machinery - not a place for controls, but a space to take something up or let down - the inside wasn't smooth.

Larry: Broken up?

Mrs. Sheldon: Yes.

Larry: Do you suppose you were looking inside it?

Mrs. Sheldon: This is what I had the feeling I was looking up in, straight up in this object. The hole seemed to be in the center of this whatever it was.

Larry: Any pilots?

Mrs. Sheldon: I saw no people.

Larry: What does your husband think of this?

Mrs. Sheldon: Oh, he listens to me - I don't know what he really thinks - he believes I saw it, I guess, because I'm not prone to tell him tall tales. He kids me about it.

Larry: What are husbands for? Right?

Mrs. Sheldon: I'm not good at descriptions. I can't pull the words out or

describe. What bothers me was to see this and I can't really describe what I want to say.

Larry: Basically it was rather shapeless because of the dark?

Mrs. Sheldon: I would say, other than my impression of it being circular.

Larry: Do you recall the weather?

Mrs. Sheldon: It was a clear night - clear and crisp is what I remember.

Larry: Wind?

Mrs. Sheldon: No. The next day I watched the papers - did anyone else see anything flitting around the sky? Sometimes they record it - but I didn't see anything else.

Larry: The lady in my most recent report did the same thing. They looked in the paper and there were a lot of reports in her case, but this was a more residential area. This is a fantastic story and this thing you saw flew right over down-town Lima it sounds like, then right back out northwest.

Mrs. Sheldon: Well, it could have gone over Westinghouse - it seemed to go in a straight line in that direction - and well beyond Lima, then back to the northwest, say towards Elida.

Mrs. Sheldon: I can't remember if the Marathon Station was there at that time. It just wasn't built up much 20 years ago - the children's home was still there.

Larry: Do you recall the statistics? Whether it was still occupied?

Mrs. Sheldon: I know I was coming home from work, but don't know the exact time. Early evening, but dark. It had to be winter.

Larry: How long have you lived here?

Mrs. Sheldon: Seven years.