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SEPTEMBER 10, 1960
4:15 P.M. EDT
NORTH SCITUATE, MASS.

Walter and Marjorie Hardwick are the proprietors of a small grocery store in North Scituate called Margie's Market. Marjorie was in the back room of the store and happened to glance out the window. Time was about 4:15 p.m. (nearly 3 hours before sunset). There in the cloudless western sky was a strange, long, cigar-shaped object and to the left of it, a cluster of 3 brilliant elliptical objects. She called to her husband who was in the front room with a friend. Upon seeing the objects, Walter dashed outside to the car, picked up his 7x50 binoculars, spotted the UFOs again from the back steps, and observed the hovering cigar optically for the duration of the sighting, which was estimated to be about 8 minutes.

The dark tubular object, in a level horizontal attitude at about 5° elevation, was the apparent diameter of a dime held at arm's length. Some 12° or so to the south (left) and about 10° up was the formation of 3 discs, each estimated to be half the apparent width of the cigar. (These angular elevations and sizes were determined from W.W.'s interview with the Hardwicks.)

The cigar filled up the field-of-view of the 7x50s. It must have been very large. Mr. Hardwick guessed that it was at least a few hundred feet long, possibly about 800 feet (distance not known). Through the binoculars Hardwick's vision was dazzled by two extremely bright white elliptical objects which rested upon two white stick-like supports or struts. Along the top edge of both objects was a series of beige-colored domes appearing like huge "rivets." The cigar itself was a dark brown color with a brilliant white spot on the side near the left end. The ends of the cigar were "chopped" square. Hardwick described the two mounted ellipsoids as being brighter than an arc light. As a former movie theater projectionist, he learned to look directly at the arc in the projector. But he said his eyes hurt for two hours after the UFO sighting. (He later summoned his doctor for an eye-check and told him what had occurred although by then his eyes no longer bothered him. According to Mr. Hardwick, the doctor said he had "heard of this sort of thing happening before" and suggested ultraviolet irritation as a possible cause. Indeed, there are UFO cases involving eye irritation and blurred vision which resulted after the observers stared too long at the brilliant objects.) The group of 3 discs also glowed an extremely bright white.

At the end of the observation two jets appeared to the north (right) of the cigar, climbing rapidly toward the south. The witnesses saw the cigar (and its attached "discs") move slightly upward toward the NW and vanish almost instantaneously. When the Hardwicks looked back, the cluster of discs was also gone. They had the impression that the cigar had departed too fast for the eye to follow, and only the initial movement was detectable.

There was no sound. A second pair of jets appeared behind the other aircraft, following a similar course toward the south. A fifth plane, a "prop job," circled the area noisily for several hours. Walter Hardwick thought the planes had come from South Weymouth Naval Air Station 9 miles to the SW.

Watchers who gathered at Margie's Market numbered about 7, including Mrs. Kenneth Boylston of Mordecai Lincoln Road, North Scituate, who arrived toward the end of the sighting. The Hardwicks live at 531 Country Way, Egypt (Mass.).

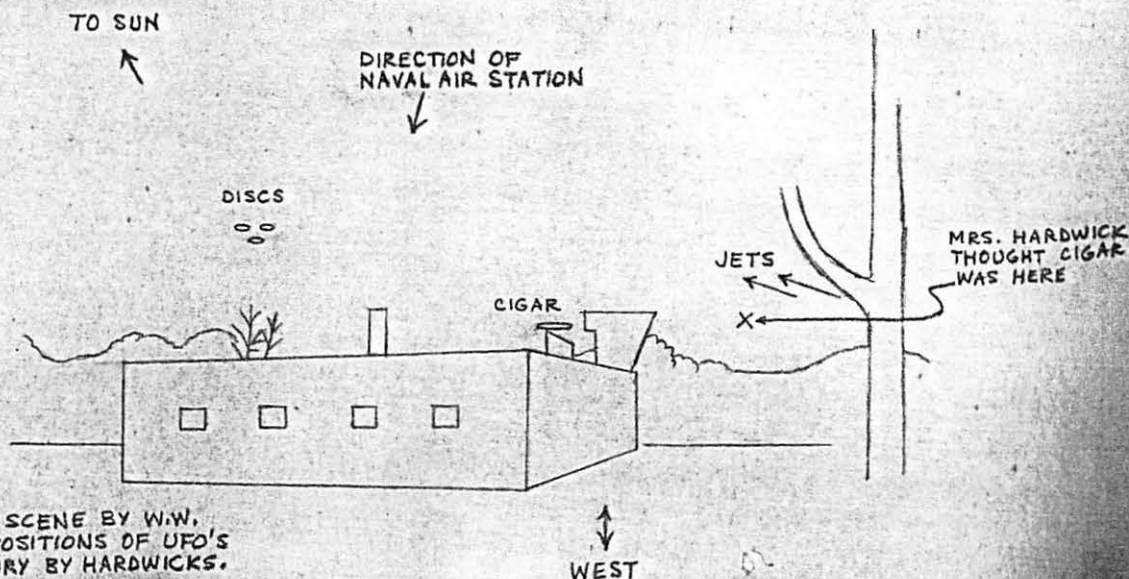
Steve Putnam also reports at least 3 persons saw "lights" in the sky that evening at different times and places.

Walter and Marjorie notified the Quincy newspaper to see if anyone else might have reported the weird formation of UFOs, and the story was printed in the September 12 edition.

The next morning (the 13th) an Otis AFB officer phoned the Hardwicks about their sighting. Walter wasn't there so Marjorie talked to the man--for at least 15 minutes, she guessed.

This report resulted from interviews with Mr. & Mrs. Hardwick by Unit #1 member Steve Putnam (a friend of the couple) and by W.W. Steve mailed his report to me April 19, 1961. A corrected drawing and more details were sent May 10. W.W.'s interview on May 20 was a follow-up.

For the record only, on September 10, 1960, Hurricane Donna swept through Florida. It was that state's most destructive hurricane. Two days later the storm smashed into New England and across central Massachusetts, still packing hurricane winds.



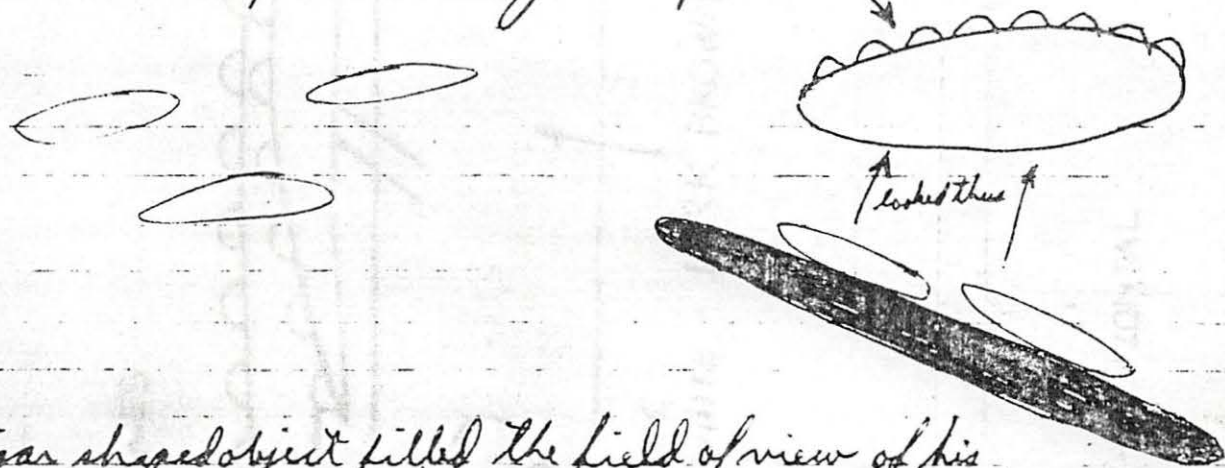
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Satellite object case -

U.F.O. Report

North Scituate, Mass., Sept. 10, 1960 at 4:15 pm, ^{by} Mr and Mrs Walter Hardwick of 931 Country Way, Egypt, Mrs Kenneth Boylston of Mardeca Lincoln Road, North Scituate and at least three others. They saw six objects bearing due West (magnetic compass). Five were saucer shaped and glowing extremely bright white. Brighter than an arc light and 100 times brighter than a mercury vapor street lamp. The sixth object was fuselage shaped and brown in color. Two of the saucer shaped objects were resting side-by-side on top of the fuselage-shaped object. The other three saucer shaped objects were clustered in a group to the left of the others. They were observed through 7x50 binoculars by Mr Hardwick who, at one time, was a motion picture projector operator in a theater. He said that as a projector operator he had learned to look directly at the arc by first closing his eyes tight to "harden them" in the manner of the trade. However he said that his eyes hurt for 2 hours after looking at the saucers. The saucers resting on the brown long object appeared to have a series of domes along the top edge.

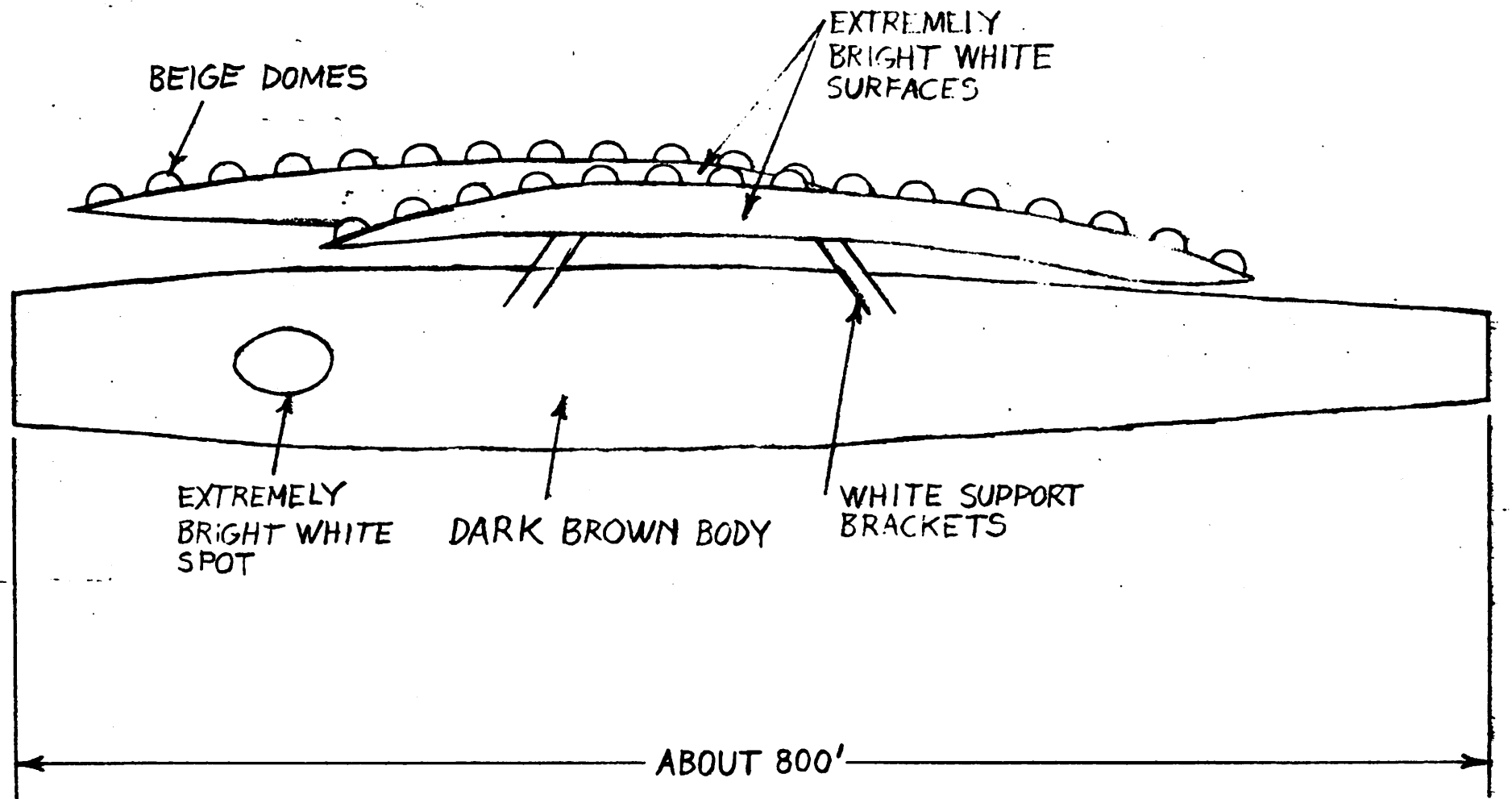


The cigar shaped object filled the field of view of his binoculars. He estimated that each disk was 1000' across. The objects were in view for about 8 minutes. They departed to the northwest. Mrs Kenneth Boylston only arrived in time to see one saucer shaped object. The locale of the sighting was Margie's Market of which the Hardwicks are the proprietors. At least three other persons saw lights that evening at different times and places. Two pairs of jets were seen to approach the objects first seen.

BY SPURRYM... DATE MAY 10, 1961
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TRACING OF HIS SKETCH

SUBJECT UED... SIGHTED BY WALTER
HARDWICK ET AL. SEPT. 10, 1962
AT NORTH SCITUATE, MASS.

SHEET NO. ... OF ...
JOB NO. ...



BEIGE DOMES

EXTREMELY BRIGHT WHITE SURFACES

EXTREMELY BRIGHT WHITE SPOT

DARK BROWN BODY

WHITE SUPPORT BRACKETS

ABOUT 800'

FRONT

REAR

ATTITUDE - HORIZONTAL

