

1960, August 10

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This form includes questions asked by the United States Air Force and by other Armed Forces investigating agencies and additional questions to which answers are needed for full evaluation by APRA and the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, Washington, D.C. Please try to answer as many questions as is possible. Should you need additional room, please use another sheet of paper. Also, please print or typewrite. Your assistance is of great value and is genuinely appreciated. Thank you.

1. Name <sup>(miss)</sup> Mary Elizabeth Wilkin Place of Employment *Hotfried Co*  
Address *2478 E. 83rd Ave, G'way* Occupation *Beam Steerer also Self Employed Rental*  
Education *High School*  
Telephone *Ma 1-3726*  
Special Training  
Military Service
2. Date of Observation *Aug 10, 1960* Time *4:30 PM* Time Zone
3. Locality of observation *300 feet*
4. How long did you see the object(s)? Hcurs Minutes/ Seconds *40*
5. Please describe weather conditions and type of sky (i.e. bright daylight, night) *Low Cloud - day*
6. Position of Sun or Moon in relation to object and to you. *Sun - west*
7. If seen at night, twilight or dawn, were stars or moon visible?
8. Was there more than one object? *no* Please draw sketch of what you saw.  
Please indicate direction of movement, if any.
9. Please describe the object(s) in detail. Did it(they) appear solid, as 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? *yes - Dark Blue*
11. If so, compare the brightness with the Sun, Moon, headlights, etc.
12. Did the object(s) - - Please elaborate, if you can give details.
  - a. Appear to stand still at any time? Yes () No ()
  - b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? Yes () No ()
  - c. Break up into parts and/or explode? Yes () No ()
  - d. Give off smoke? Yes () No ()
  - e. Leave any visible trail? Yes () No ()
  - f. Drop anything? Yes () No ()
  - g. Change brightness? Yes () No ()
  - h. Change shape? Yes () No () Describe, if Yes.
  - i. Change color? Yes () No () Describe, if Yes. *Dark Blue Change color of sky - became incombustible*
13. Did the object(s) at any time pass in front of, or behind, anything? Yes () No () If Yes, please describe. *Passed into cloud*
14. Was there any wind? Yes () No () If so, please give approximate velocity.
15. Did you observe the object(s) through an optical instrument or other-(i.e. windshield, windowpane, storm window, screening, etc.)? What? *natural eyes*
16. Did the object(s) have any sound? *little* what kind? *Auto* How loud? *Very Low*
17. Please tell us if the object(s) was (were)
  - a. Fuzzy or blurred Yes () No ()
  - b. Like a bright star Yes () No ()
  - c. Sharply outlined Yes () No ()

Object gradually  
blended into sky

18. Was the object -  
 a. Self-luminous?  
 b. Dull finish?  
 c. Reflecting?  
 d. Transparent?

*Transparent*

19. Did the object(s) rise or fall while in motion?

*Rise*

20. Tell the apparent size of the object(s) when compared with the following held at arm's length:

- a. Pinhead      d. Nickel      g. Orange  
 b. Penny      e. Half Dollar      h. Grapefruit  
 c. Dime      f. Silver Dollar      i. Larger.

*200 feet in length*

21. How did you happen to notice the object(s)? *Call to the door*  
 22. Where were you and what were you doing at the time? *Reading afternoon paper*  
 23. How did the object(s) disappear from view? *Shot*

24. Compare the speed of the object(s) with a piston or jet aircraft at the same apparent altitude. *Rocket & missile*

25. Were there any conventional aircraft in the location at the time or immediately afterwards? If so, please elaborate. *no*

26. Please estimate the distance of the object(s)? *300 feet*

27. What was the elevation of the object(s) in the sky? Please mark on this hemisphere sketch.



28. Names and addresses of other witnesses, if any: *Andrew Melillo P.S.A. Radio Road Technician*

29. Please draw a map of the locality of 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.

*I am not very good at drawing. I will forward a map to you very soon stating the direction.*

30. Is there an airport, military, governmental or research installation in the area? If so, please indicate by name. *Hopkin Airport*

31. Have you seen other objects of unidentified nature? If so, please describe on separate sheet of paper. *no*

32. Please include photographs, news clippings, notes of radio or television programs (include time, station and date, if possible) regarding this or similar observations, or any other background material. We will return this material to you if you wish. Be sure to indicate. *I am a news paper copy*

33. Were you interrogated by Air Force investigators? By Federal, state, county or local officials? If so, please state name, and rank of agent, his office and details as to when and where the questioning took place. *my phone New Paper - Cleveland and Part, also Cleveland Press.*

*please return at once*

34. 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*

35. We would like permission to quote your name in connection with this report. This action would encourage other responsible citizens to report similar observations to AFRA and NICAP. If you prefer, however, we will keep your name confidential. Please note your choice by checking the proper statement below. In any case, please fill out all parts of this form for our own confidential files. Thank you for your cooperation. *You may*

You may use my name

Please keep my name confidential

36. Date of filling out this report: *Feb 25 1961*

Signature: *Mary Elizabeth Willis*

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definite blue —  
the "nose cone" is black —  
attend to end of "nose cone"  
which is not black &  
seems to be hollow

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The shaded area of Fig. A was rotating rapidly counter-clockwise and appeared to be a solid mass. The remaining portion of Fig. A was a brilliant white dense halo.



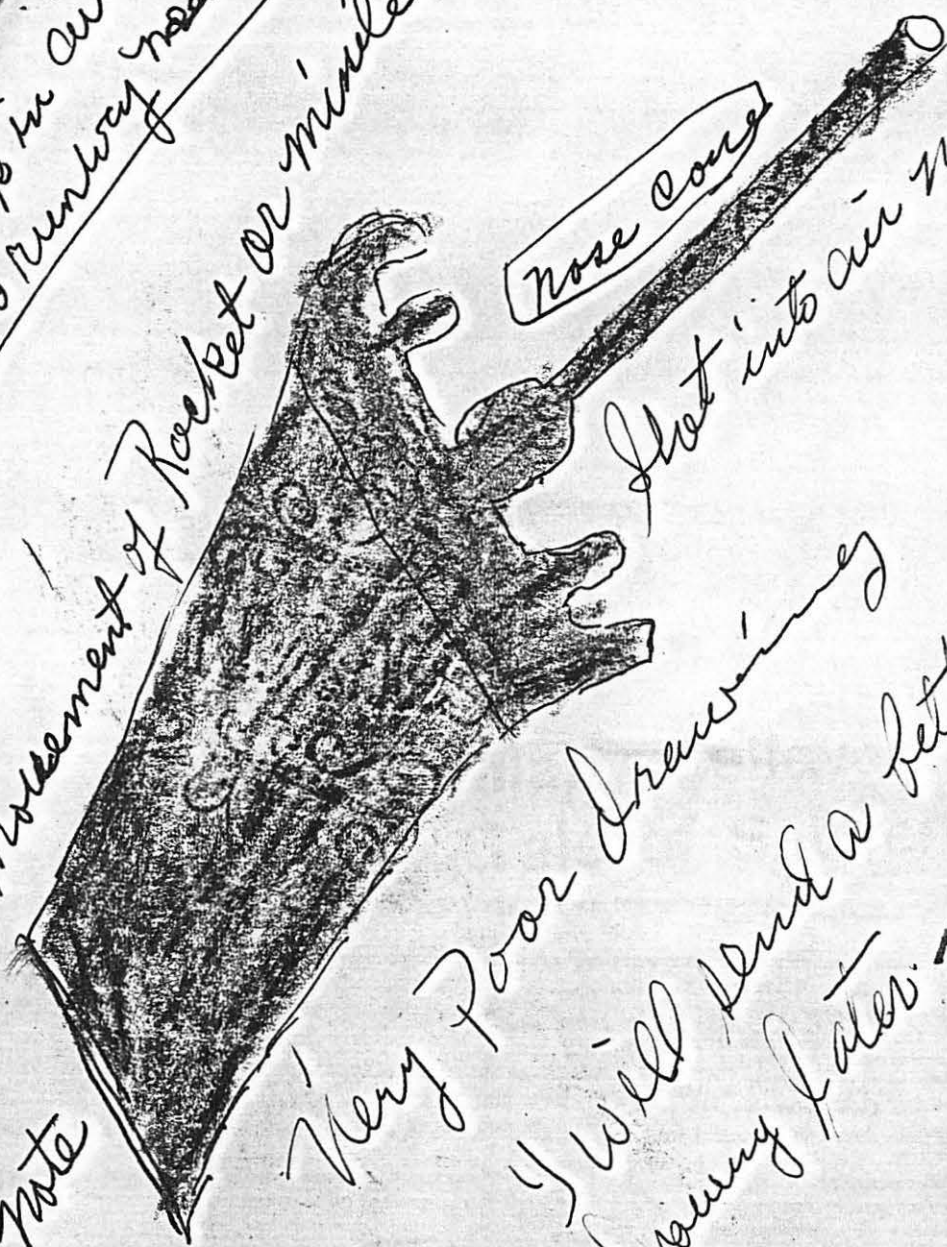
Fig. A  
rotating rapidly counter-clockwise  
solid mass  
brilliant white dense halo

Fig. B  
rotating rapidly counter-clockwise  
solid mass  
brilliant white dense halo

Stop in air.  
no runway needed.

Movement of Rocket or missile

Note



Shot into air no sound

Very poor drawing  
I will send a better  
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# Many Believed Her 'Tale of Saucers'

"It was an incredible story, I must admit, but I have been surprised at the number of persons who have expressed a sincere belief in it."

Mary Elizabeth Willis of 2478 E. 83 St. in a second interview this week expressed gratification over the effect of her "tale of UFO" unidentified flying object, sighted over her home last August 10.

"From my neighborhood, from friends, acquaintances, and church people came calls

of encouragement, people who believed my story and agreed with me that I should forward the information to higher authorities of the U. S. Government," said Miss Willis.

According to Miss Willis and a witness she identified, a huge aircraft "fell from the sky to a point above the tree tops in the back of her home where it hovered motionless before whisking silently into the sky where it disappeared behind clouds."

A complete description of the incident will be forwarded to the FBI as well as to High United States Air Force authorities, she revealed, "in the interest of the United States defense."

## CHURCHWOMAN STICKS TO STORY:

# Saw 'Flying Saucer' Hover Over Home

BY BOB WILLIAMS

Here's a tale of flying saucers, unidentified flying objects. It's been told since August 10, when a huge, odd-shaped object dropped from the sky to hover without a sound, over a point near Quincy Ave. and E. 83 St.

ex Hynes file, from AF microfilm of clipping

Before the startled eyes of a man and a woman who had never met before, the object suddenly whizzed into the sky with the speed of a missile to disappear into the clouds.

Did it happen?

MISS MARY ELIZABETH WILLIS, a sober-minded, rational woman, according to her pastor and closest associates, has been telling the tale since that bright but cloudy afternoon last Summer, and although she has had plenty of attention... "They'd never believe me," she said in a Call & Post interview.

Miss Willis, 37, of 278 E. 83 St. says she has told her story to pastor, neighbors, and reported it officially to local Air Force headquarters and the Cleveland Hopkins Airport.

"And I have told it to radio stations, television stations, and newspapers, and they laugh at me. Yet it happened, and I have a witness."

IDENTIFIED as her witness is Andrew Mehivec, a RCA TV-radio road technician who Miss Willis says visited her home on "a routine call" last August 10.

"I didn't know him and he didn't know me. He came to repair my combination radio-television record-player, and that was our first contact."

"Had I seen it alone, I would have forgotten it long ago", admits Miss Willis.

But this radio technician walked upon the step to my home, suddenly cried out: "What's happening out here", and I rushed out onto the porch as he stood staring over the tree tops in our back yard.

"I ran off the steps, and I ran around to the rear of my house to look at the thing. I couldn't believe what I was seeing.

"There it hung, at a crazy angle in the sky, no sound, no windows, no portholes or openings that might have been windows."

"IT HAD A LONG BLACK, cone-like aperture that shot out in front of the craft, or whatever you call it. The thing stretched out from a point about three house down from mine to just beyond my back yard.

"Before we could catch our breath, it suddenly was whisked into the sky, swiftly and silently, except for the slightest suction of air in its wake.

"It was dark blue in color. As it reached the heavy clouds overhead the thing seemed to ease into the clouds hover motionless for another long minute, then gradually dissipate itself into light blue that blended with the sky itself."

"I DON'T CARE who doesn't believe me, it happened, and that man stood right there with me staring up at it", declares Miss Willis.

"I would call it a plane, because it had what could have been four huge motor-like structures in the front across what would be the wing span of a conventional jet craft.

"But there was no sound as it hung over the tree tops, and no noise as it swung like a bullet into the sky."

Did it happen?

"I wouldn't care about it except I think the United States should know about such an aircraft, whether its foreign, friendly or not, and what its mission was.

"If it belongs to us, we're in very good shape. In a military way, but if not, Lord help us", asserted Miss Willis.



'SAUCER?'—Mary Elizabeth Willis explains and draws rough picture of unidentified flying object (saucer) she spotted last August 10 for her pastor, Rev. Luther F. Hill, of Second Mt. Sinai Baptist Church where Miss Willis is a veteran choir member. Pastor's daughter, Gloria, 16, Junior at John Adams High School looks on. (Photo by Williams).

MISS WILLIS says the radio technician has been interviewed about the unidentified flying object but has grown unwilling to tell the tale as long as he could see nobody was willing to believe it.

Call & Post efforts to reach him this week were futile.

"But I have continued trying to get someone to listen to me

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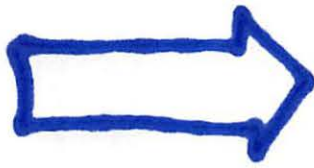
and to investigate it.  
"Believe me, this no play thing. He shouted to me, and I came outside and looked, and there it was."

MISS WILLIS has been a seamstress at Gotfried Co., for several years and has worked steadily in Cleveland since 1943.

She owns her own home, does not drink or smoke, and attends church regularly. She has attended Second Mt. Sinai Baptist Church and has been active there for 14 years, sings in the Senior Choir.

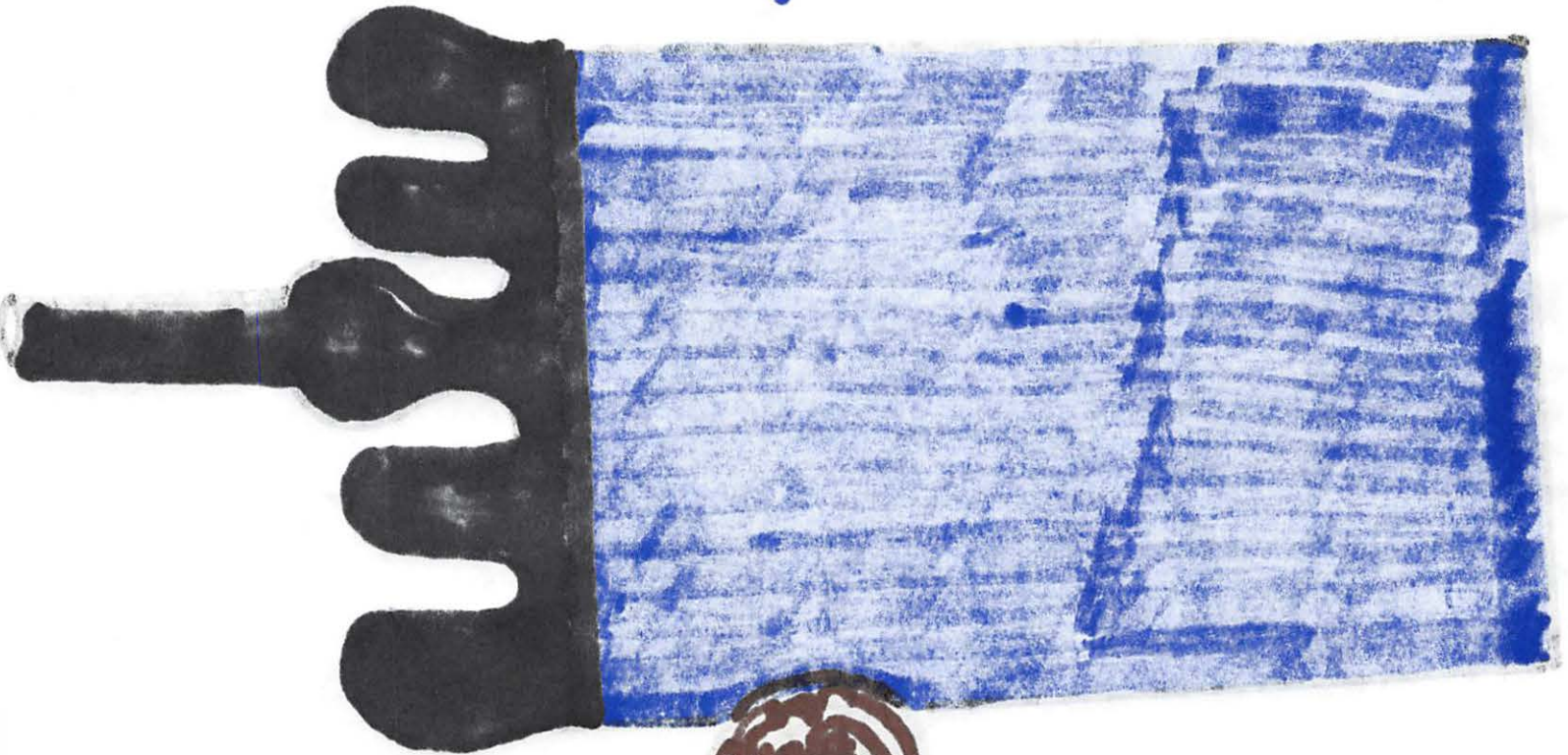
The Rev. Luther Hill, pastor, finds her the sober-minded, rational type woman she appears to be, even when telling her tale of the thing—the unidentified flying object that fell from the sky and hovered in midair over the backyard of her home at 2478 E. 83 St.





Lady watches extremely weird  
(# huge) fly over. Object ultimately  
blends its color with the sky & goes  
invisible.

1960: Cleveland, OH



*(Faint, mirrored text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page)*

110 Cleveland, OH

Stop in air.  
No runway needed.

Movement of Rocket or missile

Note



nose cone

Shot into air no sound

Very Poor Drawing

I will send a better  
drawing later.