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NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE ON AERIAL PHENOMENA
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REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT(S)

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 NICAP.

After all the information has been fully studied, the conclusion of our Evaluation Panel will be published by NICAP in its regularly issued magazine or in another publication. Please try to answer as many questions as possible. Should you need additional room, please use another sheet of paper. Please print or typewrite. Your assistance is of great value and is genuinely appreciated. Thank you.

1. Name W.D. Davenport
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5115 Oak St., K.C., Mo.
Occupation Motorbike Claim Supervisor
Education High School
Special Training K.C. Art Inst.-Ceramics,
Military Service Navy WWII sculpture
2. Date of Observation Sept. 30, 1960 Time AM 5:45 PM Time Zone Central
3. Locality of Observation 79th & Jarboe, Kansas City, Mo.
4. How long did you see the object? Hours 3 Minutes Seconds
5. Please describe weather conditions and the type of sky; i.e., bright daylight, nighttime, dusk, etc. sunset
6. Position of the Sun or Moon in relation to the object and to you. sun going down, but still shining
7. If seen at night, twilight, or dawn, were the stars or moon visible? NO.
8. Were there more than one object? NO If so, please tell how many, and draw a sketch of what you saw, indicating direction of movement, if any.
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? Yes
11. If so, compare the brightness with the Sun, Moon, headlights, etc. Bright, pearly white, not dazzling
12. Did the object(s) — (Please elaborate, if you can give details.)
 - a. Appear to stand still at any time? NO
 - b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? NO
 - c. Break up into parts or explode? NO
 - d. Give off smoke? NO
 - e. Leave any visible trail? NO
 - f. Drop anything? NO
 - g. Change brightness? NO
 - h. Change shape? NO
 - i. Change color? NO
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.
Disappeared behind trees after going a distance of 2 or 3 blocks
14. Was there any wind? un-noticeable if so, please give direction and speed. ?
able
15. Did you observe the object(s) through an optical instrument or other aid, windshield, windowpane, storm window, screening, etc? NO. What?
16. Did the object(s) have any sound? NO What kind? How loud?
17. Please tell if the object(s) was (were) — fairly sharply outlined, but shining=
 - a. Fuzzy or blurred.
 - b. Like a bright star.
 - c. Sharply outlined.

Was the object —

- a. Self-luminous? Not sure--could have been sun reflecting from it
- b. Dull finish?
- c. Reflecting?
- d. Transparent?

19. Did the object(s) rise or fall while in motion? No. Very steady. Gave impression of ship plowing through calm sea, even to "waves" at the prow.

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 |

Or, if easier, give apparent size in inches on a ruler held at arm's length. Probably a foot, but that is just a guess.

21. How did you happen to notice the object(s)? At stop sign, when I saw bright object coming toward me.

22. Where were you and what were you doing at the time? Stopped in car waiting to go across street.

23. How did the object(s) disappear from view? Just went slowly northward ~~where~~ when it disappeared behind trees.

24. Compare the speed of the object(s) with a piston or jet aircraft at the same apparent altitude. Much slower, probably about 15 miles an hour

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

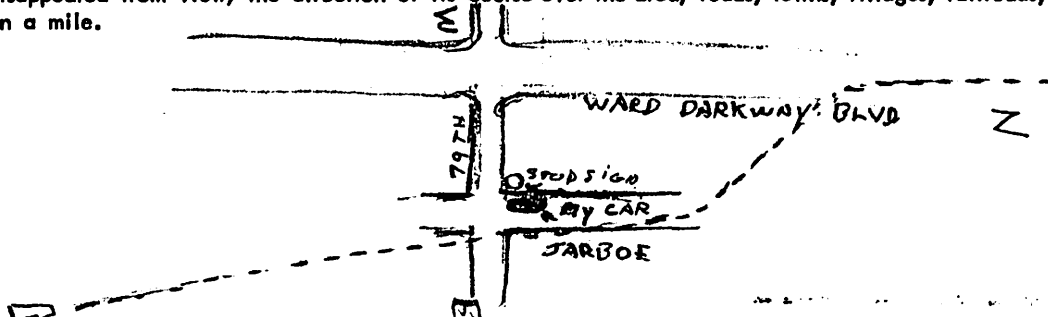
26. Please estimate the distance of the object(s). 300 to 500 feet almost overhead.

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



28. Names and addresses of other witnesses, if any. Don't know of any.

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? Richards-Gebaur

Air Force Base, Grandview, Mo.

31. Have you seen other objects of an unidentified nature? If so, please describe these observations, using a separate sheet of paper. No.

32. Please enclose photographs, motion pictures, 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 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. No.

It was reported to the Kansas City Star

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. (X)

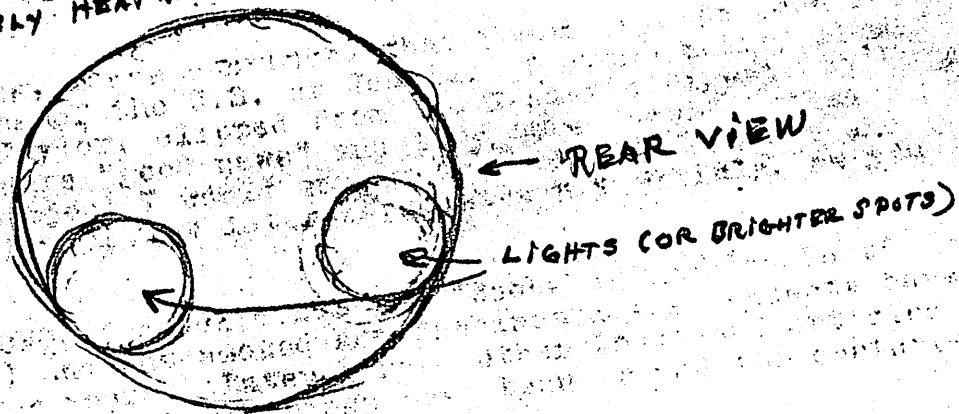
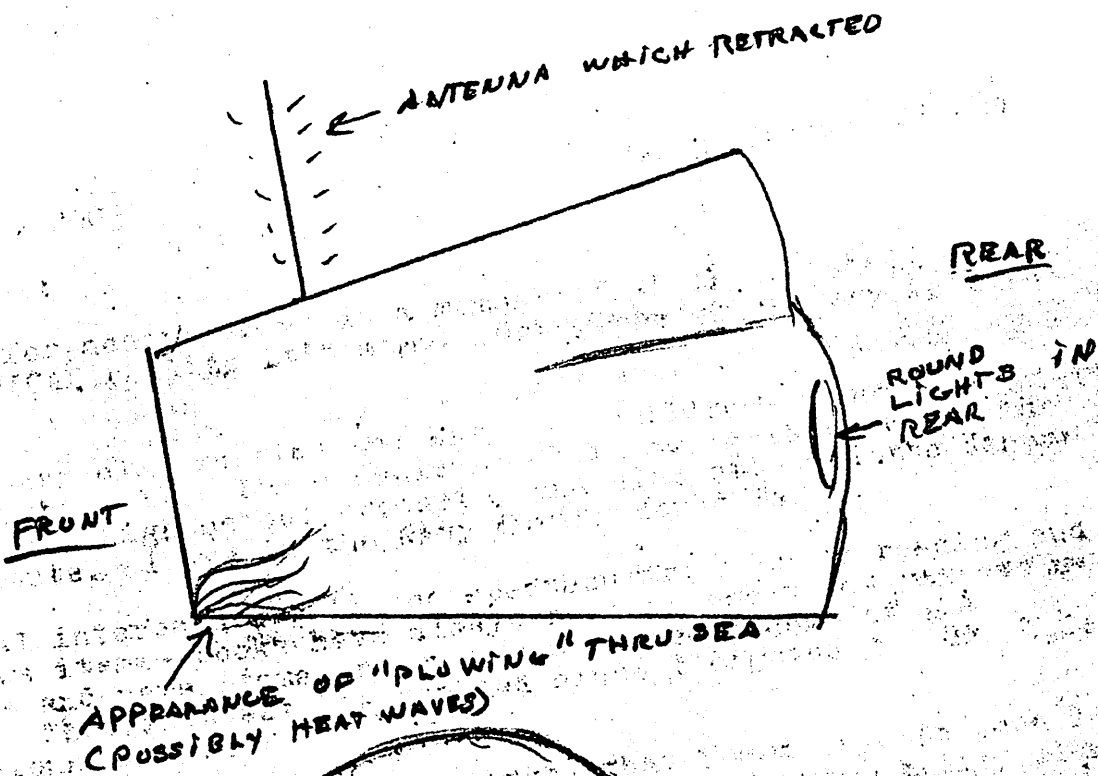
Please keep my name confidential. ()

35. Date of filling out this report:

Sept 29, 1966

Signature:

Wm. D. Davison



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September 26, 1966
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Dear Major Keyhoe;

Thank you for accepting me as a member of NICAP. I shall do what I can to help NICAP realize it's aims. Governmental secrecy is intolerable.

I am 45 years old, married and have two children--a boy 19, in the Navy, and a daughter 11. I'm a Regional Claim Supervisor for an insurance co. I'm a high school graduate, and also attended the Kansas City Art Institute. I was in the Navy during World War II.

My special interests aren't too spectacular; I enjoy reading and collecting news items--books have always been of great interest to me. Both the books and news items are on unusual occurrences of the Fortean type. This interest has emerged since I sighted the UFO I described in my previous letter.

Prior to my sighting, I was convinced that these objects seen in the sky, were secret vehicles of the U.S. or Russia. I even carried around an article by Henry J. Taylor, clipped from the Reader's Digest, telling how the flying saucers were "good news" and they were "ours". When anyone brought up the subject I would smugly drag out the article and let everyone read it. Mr. Taylor later repudiated his article, as you probably know.

After seeing the UFO, I checked out the "Books of Charles Fort" (I later bought a copy) and was amazed and fascinated that objects have been seen in the sky for years. Later I read other books and articles on the subject, to find that these things have been around for centuries--probably even in pre-historic times.

I feel very strongly about the secrecy being imposed. I've written letters to the letters to the editor section of the K.C. Star many times on the subject.

On the Johnny Carson show Friday September 24, Chris Nelson, wife of Ricky Nelson (Ozzie & Harriet) mentioned that friends had twice seen a UFO. Ed McMahon then said that during the Korean War when he was on duty with the Marines, he got some film processed which had a UFO on it. The Air Force confiscated it and he hasn't seen or heard of it since.

I've attached some clippings; it looks to me as if the paper printed the picture of the UFO from the Chicago AP item and, with tongue in cheek put the barium cloud caption under it. The barium cloud picture could well be an ant covered ping pong ball flying over (see the other article enclosed --9/21/66). Seriously, it is--or seems to be a very good picture of a UFO.

The crude drawing is of the object I saw on September 30, 1960.

Yours very truly,

riod Kansas City Star
 Saturday, Oct. 1, 1960
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PUZZLED BY SKY OBJECT
 Weather and Military Units
 Still Unable to Identify It

No further information was available today from the weather bureau or military installations on identification of the bright object that passed across the northern sky last night. — Sept. 30

A spokesman for the Olathe Naval base said operations there had nothing to report. "If we had information and it were confidential, we would at least say we could not talk about it," he said. "But we have none."

The object was believed by most observers here to be a large balloon. It moved slowly, the weather bureau said.

MYSTERY OBJECT IN SKY

IT PASSES ACROSS NORTH-
 ERN AREAS

Appearing to Be a Large,
 Bright Balloon, It Is Seen
 About 6 o'Clock

Page 3 — Sept. 30
 A bright object passed across the northern sky about 6 o'clock last night, bringing many calls to the weather bureau and The Star.

It was not immediately determined what the object was, but most observers believed it to be a large balloon. The Associated Press said it passed across Northwest Missouri north of St. Joseph and south of Omaha.

Robert A. Sanders, forecaster, said he watched the object from a window of the federal building.

"It looked like a very bright star," he said. "It was the brightest object in the sky, even brighter than Venus. As the sun went down it turned from silver to red."

The object moved very slowly, the forecaster said, and could not have been the Echo balloon.

The weather bureau and an area military unit reported that a "blip" appeared on their radar screens in the direction of the object, but that they could not determine what it was. Kansas City Times —
 Saturday - Oct. 1, 1960

1. DATE 30 Sep 60	2. LOCATION Kansas City, Missouri		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 01/0030Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual Binoculars <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilian		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical Venus <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE NW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round luminous object, size of baseball to beachball, had appearance of extra bright star.		11. COMMENTS The planet Venus was just setting at the time of the sighting. The azimuth given generally coincides with the position of Venus. It is probable that the object of this sighting was the planet Venus.	

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WEATHER BUREAU STATIONS AT OMAHA AND KANSAS CITY WHO WERE IN
PHONE CONTACT ARE AS FOLLOWS: OMAHA REPORTS BEARING AS 160 DEGREES.
ELEVATION NOT GIVEN. KANSAS CITY OBSERVATION WAS FROM NINE STORY
BUILDING. BEARING GIVEN AS 340 DEGREES, ELEVATION ESTIMATED
AS 30 DEGREES OR LESS. THESE SUGGEST LARGE OBJECT, SUCH AS
BALLOON, AT LONG RANGE AND HIGH ALTITUDE. KANSAS CITY SIGHTING
WAS BY MR ROBERT S. BAKER OF RADAR DEVELOPMENT AND ANALYSIS
BRANCH OF WEATHER BUREAU STATION. LOCATION OF STATION IS
NINTH AND WALNUT STREETS. HE FURTHER REPORTS THAT ATTEMPTED
CONTACT WITH WSR-57 RADAR WAS NOT SUCCESSFUL. NO MOVEMENT
OESERVED. HIS EVALUATION IS THAT OBJECT WAS LARGE HIGH ALTITUDE
CONSTANT-LEVEL WEATHER BALLOON, LAUNCHING SOURCE UNKNOWN. THIS
IS BEST OBSERVATION AND FITS OTHER RANDOM COMMFTS. OBJECT WAS
NOT HELD ON AIR DEFENSE RADAR IN THIS VICINITY. ALTHOUGH MORE
SPECIFIC DATA ON OBSERVERS CAN BE OBTAINED IS DESIRED, ABOVE
COMMENTS APPEJR TO XHAUST USEFUL DATA HERE

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Sky Scanners III
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Kansas City Star - Friday Oct 2

TELESCOPE sightings of the glistening object that appeared in the evening sky north of Kansas City Friday were reported here by two persons, but each had a different idea of what he saw.

Arthur Lotz, 3516 South Crane street, Independence, described the object as "onion-shaped with some kind of antenna or mast on top."

"It wasn't a balloon," he said. "It looked to me to be some kind of sputnik or something."

A 16-year-old amateur astronomer said he definitely believed it to be a balloon, however.

Wayne Fullerton, 808 East Ninetieth street, a student at North Kansas City high school, said he observed it from 6:15 until 6:33 o'clock through a 60-power telescope.

President of his high school astronomy club and a member of the Greater Kansas City Astronomy club, Fullerton said the object appeared to be a balloon carrying an instrument carriage beneath it.

Six persons at the Lotz residence observed the object through a 6-inch reflector telescope set up in the yard.

Although a spokesman last night said the Air Force has been unable to come up with a definite identification, the military is reluctant to classify it as an "unidentified flying object."

"The matter had been checked up as far as Norad (North American Defense Command)" he said, "and they have nothing on it."

A forecaster at the U. S. Weather bureau here said it was doubtful that the object was a weather balloon.

"We don't know of any in the area at that time," he said. "Besides, from the reports we have it was too big and too high to be one of ours."

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? non-credible old folklore... but
compare to the UFO-as-in-water case
which follows this... wierd overlaps?



THEY CAUGHT A SPACEMAN

By Albert B. Helland

IT IS A matter of record that a spaceman was captured and released during the 13th century, although the incident was not interpreted as such.

At the time Europe still was in the Dark Ages, but in the north historians and scalds kept literature alive. To them we owe what little is known of that period.

One of the manuscripts which have survived is the *Speculum Regale*, or *King's Mirror*. A combined book of etiquette and general knowledge, it contains a terse description of a strange incident. A brief translation from the Old Norse reads:

"There happened something in Cloena borough which will also seem marvelous. In this town there is a church dedicated to St. Keranius. One Sunday while the population was at church hearing mass, an anchor was dropped from the sky as if thrown from a ship, for a rope was attached to it, and

one of the flukes of the anchor became caught in the arch above the church door.

"The people all rushed out of the church and marveled as their eyes followed the rope upward. They saw a ship with men aboard floating before the anchor cable, and more they saw a man leap overboard and dive down to the anchor as if to release it. The movements of his hands and feet and all his actions appeared like those of a man swimming in water. When he came down to the anchor he tried to loosen it, but the people rushed up and seized him.

"The Bishop was present when this occurred and forbade his people to hold the man, for he said it might prove fatal as when one is held under water. As soon as the man was released he hurried up to the ship, and when he was up the crew cut the rope and the ship sailed away out of sight."



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