

# AERIAL SIGHTING REPORT

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## Part I. DETAILS OF THE ANOMALOUS PHENOMENON:

DATE OF EVENT: 24 Oct 68

1. Please describe what you witnessed. Be as complete as possible (use opposite side of page if necessary).

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have a clear and readable copy of the Project Bluebook report  
of this incident as well as a taped interview of me. over →

2. Now draw a sketch of what you saw. If you were able to see it from two or more different angles simply draw what you saw and label each sketch (A), (B), etc. to indicate the order in which you saw it. Also, draw an arrow pointing gravitationally upward and aircraft windshield struts (frames, etc.).

If the Earth's horizon was visible draw it in also.

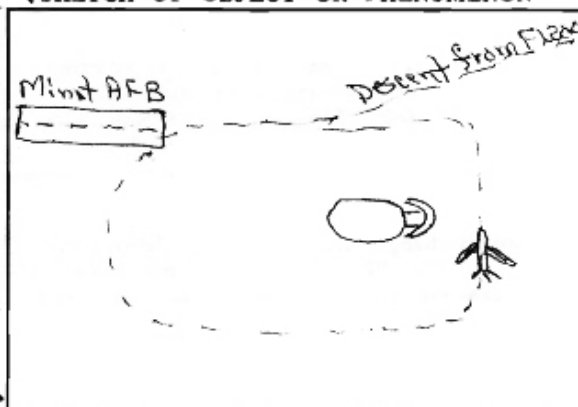
Finally, draw magnetic compass heading tick marks across the bottom of the box and label several-according to your heading-related to your sketch.

3. Did the object (phenomenon) appear to move relative to your aircraft's window frame(s) during your sighting? (check one)

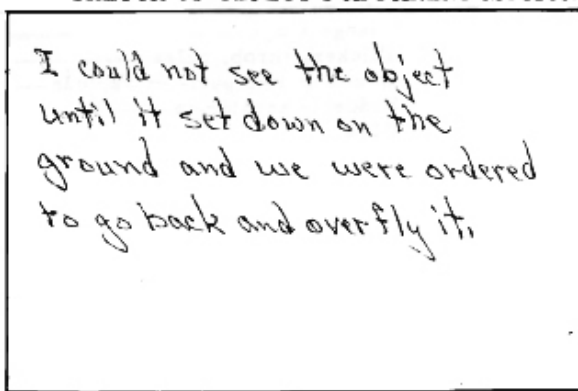
If "yes" please use a dashed line to indicate this apparent motion in the box to the right. Mark an "a" at the location object was first seen, a "b", "c", etc. for subsequent locations. Be sure to include aircraft window frame(s) if present to allow angular estimates to be made. For uneven, jerky motion try to place the "a", "b", etc. at one-second intervals.

4. Did the object (phenomenon) appear to move relative to any stable background detail during your sighting? (check one)

SKETCH OF OBJECT OR PHENOMENON



SKETCH OF OBJECT'S APPARENT MOTION



(Continue narrative here)

Basically, we were vectored by ground radar to check on a disturbance at a nuclear missile site. While flying at F2200 my nav crew picked up an object coming toward us at a high rate of speed. The object stayed a mile or so off our right tail, then moved behind the aircraft to the left side where it stayed until about 10 miles from the runway.

4.1 If the object appeared to move please estimate its apparent angular velocity. Deg/ Sec. Motion seen in relation to: \_\_\_\_\_

4.2 Did the object move behind in front of (circle) anything?  No  Unsure  Yes *Our aircraft radar showed it moved behind us from right to left*

4.3 Did the object (phenomenon) appear (check)  Solid  Transparent  Couldn't tell

4.4 Did you observe the object through (check) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Binoculars  
 Telescope  
 Camera viewfinder  
 Other: Aircraft windshield / Aircraft radar

4.5 About how large did the object appear as compared with one of the following items held at arm's length? [Note: The equivalent visual angles are based upon an average arm-reach distance of 26"].  
 (If object changed size during the sighting just place a "1", "2", "3", etc. in the boxes to represent the order in which the size change occurred).

<input type="checkbox"/> Head of pin _____	Equiv. Visual Angle	[0° 4.1'] (Assume .031")
<input type="checkbox"/> Pea _____		[0° 8.2'] (Assume .062")
<input type="checkbox"/> Dime _____		[1° 31']
<input type="checkbox"/> Nickle _____		[1° 47']
<input type="checkbox"/> Quarter _____		[2° 3.9']
<input type="checkbox"/> Half-dollar _____		[2° 37']
<input type="checkbox"/> Baseball _____		[6° 17']
<input type="checkbox"/> Grapefruit _____		[10° 53'] (Assume 5" diam)
<input type="checkbox"/> Basketball _____		[20° 10']
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Radar skin paint was 5-6 times as large as that of a KC-135 / on the ground it appeared to be very large.</u>		

4.6 How certain are you of your answer to question 4.5? (check one) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Very sure  
 Fairly certain  
 Not very sure  
 Uncertain (only a guess)

4.7 Did the object (phenomenon)? (check all that are appropriate)

(a) Change shape _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
(b) Flicker, throb, pulse _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
(c) Break up into parts or explode _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
(d) Suddenly accelerate _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
(e) Give off smoke, vapor, trail _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
(f) Appear to stand still whole time _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
(g) Change color(s) _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
(h) Appear on your aircraft's radar _____	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes (If "yes" elaborate)
(i) Appear on any ground radar _____	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes (If "yes" please elaborate here: <u>Scrap photos taken at aircraft radar</u> )

4.8 Did you experience any buffeting which you think was caused by the encounter? *Ground radar vectored us to the object two times*  
 No  Possibly  Yes (If "yes" elaborate)

5. How did the object first become noticed?  
(check all appropriate boxes)

- It was already present and I happened to look at it.
- Someone else saw it first: [ Give name: \_\_\_\_\_ ]
- It suddenly appeared at or near where I was looking.
- It gradually faded into sight where I was looking.

Other (specify): Ground radar vectored us to the object, and then our aircraft radar picked it up.

6. How did the object disappear? (check all appropriate boxes)

- I looked away and when I looked back it was gone.
- It suddenly disappeared from sight for no reason, i. e., it didn't pass behind a cloud, etc.
- It gradually faded from sight without changing size.
- It faded from sight by becoming smaller and smaller.
- It faded from sight (apparently) by travelling away.

Other (specify): It stayed on the ground and we flew away from it.

7. What distinguishable detail(s) did you see on or nearby the object? (check all appropriate boxes)

- None
- Sharply defined edge(s)
- Fuzzy edge(s)
- Darker porthole-like areas: [Shape was \_\_\_\_\_]
- Lighter intensity portholes: [Shape was \_\_\_\_\_]
- Seam(s), rivets, etc.
- Markings
- Atmospheric effect(s): [Describe \_\_\_\_\_]

8. Did you notice anything unusual happen in the cockpit just before, during, or just after the sighting? (check one)

- No
- Unsure
- Yes

If "yes" describe as fully as you can.

VHF radios became inoperative

9. What do you think made the object visible? (check all appropriate boxes)

- It reflected ambient light (sun; moon) (circle)
- It emitted its own light (If checked-elaborate on colors, brightnesses, etc. seen)

Dull orangish color of main body, smooth metallic

10. Where was the Sun Moon (circle) during the sighting?

green, yellow, and other colors  
It did not resemble shape of part

- At \_\_\_\_\_ degrees elevation above horizon, and at \_\_\_\_\_ degrees bearing relative to aircraft heading to Right Left (circle one).

appearance of crescent shape and tubular connection,

11. If you experienced any physiological sensations during the sighting check all appropriate boxes to the right.

- Eye strain due to very high brightness \_\_\_\_\_
- Eye strain for any other reasons: [Explain \_\_\_\_\_]
- Tingling sensation(s): [Body location \_\_\_\_\_]
- Mild pain: [Body location \_\_\_\_\_]
- Intense, acute pain: [Body location \_\_\_\_\_]
- Heat \_\_\_\_\_
- Odor(s): [Describe \_\_\_\_\_]
- Tastes: [Describe \_\_\_\_\_]
- Sounds: [Describe \_\_\_\_\_]
- Other [ Fright ]

If you experienced any non-normal sensations within 24 hrs after the sighting please place an X at the right of the appropriate line(s) provided.

12. What do you think the object (phenomenon) was? Be as precise as possible including whatever supporting facts you desire.

Unknown

13. Have you ever seen anything while flying or on the ground that you thought was an unidentified flying object prior to this?

- No
- Unsure
- Yes (If "yes" please give details: \_\_\_\_\_)



**Part II. AIRCRAFT FLIGHT DETAILS: (Spatial)**

14. Where did you take off from? Airport Name (Initials): Minot AFB  
 Lat. \_\_\_\_\_ ° \_\_\_\_\_ ' \_\_\_\_\_ " N S; Long. \_\_\_\_\_ ° \_\_\_\_\_ ' \_\_\_\_\_ " E W (if known)

15. What was your intended final destination? Minot AFB  
 Lat. \_\_\_\_\_ ° \_\_\_\_\_ ' \_\_\_\_\_ " N S; Long. \_\_\_\_\_ ° \_\_\_\_\_ ' \_\_\_\_\_ " E W (if known)

16. Sighting location. Where were you when you first sighted the object? Be as precise as possible. 10 miles from MAFB runway

(If appropriate, specify) From \_\_\_\_\_ VOR \_\_\_\_\_ RADIAL \_\_\_\_\_ DME  
 Lat. \_\_\_\_\_ ° \_\_\_\_\_ ' \_\_\_\_\_ " N S; Elaborate if necessary: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Long. \_\_\_\_\_ ° \_\_\_\_\_ ' \_\_\_\_\_ " E W

17. Check box to indicate where you were during the sighting.

- Taxi to takeoff
- During takeoff
- Climb to cruise altitude at [ \_\_\_\_\_ ft/min]
- At cruise altitude of [ 20,000 ft]
- Descending for approach to land at [ \_\_\_\_\_ ft/min]
- Final approach (i. e., within outer marker)
- Landing or rollout
- Other: [Specify Overflew the object when it set down]

18. Check all appropriate boxes to indicate what you did as a direct response of sighting the object (phenomenon).

- Nothing that was not already planned
- Changed heading by turning right ~~left~~ (circle)
- Changed altitude by climbing (~~descending~~) (circle)
- Took immediate evasive action [Describe \_\_\_\_\_]
- Turned my landing lights on off \_\_\_\_\_ (circle)
- Used my radio to contact: [Specify whom \_\_\_\_\_]
- Changed my power setting
- Pointed it out to [Specify name(s) \_\_\_\_\_]
- Attempted to follow chase (circle) it for the following reason(s): [ \_\_\_\_\_]

(Please elaborate on all items on the opposite side if necessary)

19. Please use this space to add any other details/observations/facts that are related to the geographic/spatial location of your sighting.

When it appeared the object was staying with us I decided to descend to MAFB for landing even though I could not get radio permission to leave FL200

**Part III. AIRCRAFT FLIGHT DETAILS: (Temporal)**

DATE OF EVENT: 24 Oct 1968

20. When did you takeoff? \_\_\_\_\_  
 AM \_\_\_\_\_ PM (local) [GMT \_\_\_\_\_ Z]  
 Time zone  Daylight savings  
 Standard time

21. When did you plan to land (scheduled)? \_\_\_\_\_  
 AM \_\_\_\_\_ PM (local) [GMT \_\_\_\_\_ Z]  
 Time zone (if different from above)

22. When did you first see the object (phenomenon)? 3:35  
 AM (local) PM \_\_\_\_\_ [GMT \_\_\_\_\_ Z]

23. When did you last see the object (phenomenon)?

about 4:00 <sup>AM</sup> PM (local) [GMT \_\_\_\_\_ Z]

(Calculated total sighting duration)

[30 min ~~sec.~~] Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

24. What did you look at (or do) to determine the above times?

- Looked at my wristwatch: [Est. accuracy to \_\_\_\_\_]
- Looked at cockpit clock: [Est. accuracy to \_\_\_\_\_]
- Radioed to crewmember for time
- Radioed to ground for time: [Info. rec'd. from \_\_\_\_\_]

25. Did you have any indication (real or imaginary) of a loss of time, i. e., a period for which you cannot account?

- I did not determine initial final (circle) time(s)
- Other: Cockpit - Controller recordings
- Possibly yes
- Definitely yes: [Elaborate \_\_\_\_\_]

26. Did you land at your pre-planned or scheduled time?

- Unsure but probably no
- Definitely no
- Yes (within normal tolerance limits)
- No: [Please explain why \_\_\_\_\_]

27. Use this space to add any other details/ observations/facts that are related to the timing of your sighting.

Landing delayed to check on object in the air and then to overfly it as instructed after our radios became operable after the object set down on the ground and we separated from it.

**Part IV. SIGHTING AIRCRAFT DETAILS:**

28. Type of aircraft (check)

- Single engine
- Multi engine (no. 8)
- Propeller
- Jet
- Rocket
- Glider
- Balloon

29. Model name/number/airframe mfr.

Boeing B-52H

30. Aircraft registration number.

31. Airline name (if appropriate).

32. Scheduled flight number.

33. Object (phenomenon) was seen through the following window(s).

Pilot's cockpit window

34. Describe as precisely as you can the apparent clarity/scratches/etc. of these windows.

Clear

35. About how familiar were you with this particular aircraft and its "peculiarities" of flight control?

- Very familiar: [I had about Several hundred hrs. flt. time]
- Reasonably familiar: [Comments I was an ICP on a Standby Crew.]

36. Use this space to add any other pertinent details about the aircraft in which you were located during this sighting.

This plane was designed for delivering nuclear bombs.

37. What was your indicated airspeed?

? mph knots (check one)

38. What was your ground speed (if known)?

? mph knots (check one)



**Part V. WEATHER DETAILS:**

39. I obtained the following weather information from: (check all that apply)

- Flight service station
- Terminal forecast
- SIGMET or AIRMET
- FD (winds-temp. aloft)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

40. Visibility and clouds: (check)

- Clear (visibility greater than 15 miles)
- Clear (visibility from 3 to 15 miles)
- Broken clouds - sky cover in tenths was \_\_\_\_\_  
Cloud type(s):  Cumulus  
 Stratus  
 Cirrus  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Heavy overcast below \_\_\_\_\_ above (circle) my aircraft
- Flying in clouds at the time

41. Did you file a flight plan? (check one)

- No
- Yes

42. Were you flying: (check one)

- IFR
- VFR All flights were IFR

43. Sky condition was: (check one)

- Bright daylight
- Dull daylight (slight overcast, smog)
- Twilight
- Trace of daylight
- Dark - no Moonlight
- Dark - Moonlight present from:  Full  
 3/4 visible  
 1/2 visible  
 Crescent
- A few stars visible
- All stars visible (very clear)
- Don't remember

44. Outside air temperature was:

TAT = \_\_\_\_\_

45. What was the wind direction and velocity?

46. Use this space to add any other details about the weather at the time and location of the sighting.

*The night was clear with good visibility, but when I tried to see the object at 20,000 ft. all I could see was haze where I was told to look. It may have been behind my line of vision.*

**Part VI. EYEWITNESS DETAILS:**

[Note: This information will be kept confidential unless you indicate in the space below that it may be disclosed publically.]

47. Your full name:

Bradford Runyan Jr.  
First Middle Last

48. Your mailing address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street City/Town State/Province zip

49. Your age at time of sighting: 26 yrs

50. Your sex: (check)  Male  Female

51. Occupation: USAF Pilot at that time / Prison Guard

52. Marital status: (check one)  Single  Married  Divorced/widowed

53. Telephone: area code [\_\_\_\_\_] number [\_\_\_\_\_]

54. Highest education level: Bachelor of Industrial Engineering

55. Describe military aviation experience (if any):  
Nearly 7 years in USAF

56. During the sighting were you wearing: (check)

- Prescription eyeglasses (no tint)
- Prescription eyeglasses with tint
- Contact lenses
- Polarizing sunglasses only
- Non-polarizing sunglasses
- No eye-glasses of any kind

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

[Sign one of the two statements that expresses your wishes.]

"I hereby permit my name to be publically associated with the information I have freely given on this 6 page form"

Bradford Runyan Jr.

"I do not permit my name to be publically associated with the information I have freely given on this 6 page form"