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1. DATE	2. LOCATION		12. CONCLUSIONS
22 Mar 59 3. DATE-TIME GROUP	5 mi N of Ann Arbor, Michigan 4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION		Was Balloon Probably Balloon Possibly Balloon
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7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	9. COURSE	Orher
Shining obj w/flashing ft in diameter. "Looked I Lit up surrounding area. sighted. Disppeared at h level, then zoomed up. Cl of sight.	red lights. 20-30 like a lit-up bird car Very low when first ligh alt. Straight & limbed rapidly out	the observatory radio-telescope w/a floodlight dish also has w would create the Red lights could be which is in observatory. The	crew working w/their

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(SAGE) Wallow Run AF Station	IR 59-1		0	.4.4	. 2.	
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- 1. On the evening of 19 April 1959 I personally visited the home of Ar. Dexter, Michigan. Lin is 23 (twenty three) years old, and employed as a labortory technican at the Reynolds Chemical Company, Whitmore Lake, Michigan. Although this was my first personal contact with hir I would say he is of above average intelligence and of good character. Having had no previous contacts with the the it is impossible for me to judge the truthfullness of their statements; however, both parties seemed quite sincere and agreed on all but one minor point (hrs. stated the object was just above the trees. Err object was about 200 (two hundred) feet high). The interested in any publicity and were quite disturbed that an article naming them, and apparently making fun of their report, appeared in the Ynsilanti, Michigan Daily Press. I do not know how the Daily Press obtained it's information and was unable to obtain a copy of the article. Tho willing to co-operate with the Air Force in any way they can as long as no publicity is involved.
- 2. At approximately 0130 hours EST on the 22nd of March 1959, he and has mere proceeding south on Town Hall Road (See Incl 1) at about 45 mph when hre noticed an intensely lighted object to the south east. The object was about 2 (two) miles away and appeared to be hovering. La called it to the attention of his wife about the same time she noticed it. They then turned due east on North Territorial Road. The object remained at about 200 feet altitude, 50 to 75 feet on the south side of Morth Territorial Road. It was intensely lighted and oval, elongated, dome shaped, 20 to 30 feet in diameter. Two converging shafts of very intense pale yellow lights were shining from oval ports on the bottom of the object. There was no sound. As the sproached, Mr was afraid the object was settling on the road and slowed to 10 to 15 mph. When the it was still at about 200 feet altitude, 50 to 75 feet south of North Territorial Road, at a point between the and west of Hudson Lills. Both Mr and Lrs. were afraid and Art proceeded at a slow speed east on the highway. The object then paralleled the path of the car for about three quarters of a mile, remaining at the same altitude and distance from the highway. The converging shafts of light then dimmed as if they had been shuttered and a circle of 8 or 10 red lights appeared on the underside of the object. The object rose vertically, very rapidly, and was out of sight in 5 or 6 seconds. The total time of sighting was 8 to 10 minutes. The continued east to Portage Lake Road and then south to Dexter. They saw nothing more of the object.
- 3. On 17 April 1959 I contacted Dr. Allen K. Barrett of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. In Parrett is in charge of Peach Hountain Observatory, located in Stinchfield Woods about one and one half miles northeast of the noint where the object was reported. An article quoting Doctor Barrett and offering a possible explanation had appeared in the Ann Arbor newspaper. On the morning of 22 Larch Dr. Barrett and some colleagues were at the Peach Mountain Observatory working with their radio telescope. The blockhouse in which the apparatus is located was externally floodlighted by a single floodlight. At the approximate time of the sighting (0130 EST) the observatory crer elevated the radio telescope from the south west toward the zenith. Dr. Barrett felt the might have seen a reflection from his apparatus, however as the saw the object to the south of North Territorial Road, and the observatory is north of the road, Dr. Barrett states now that the chances of a reflection were not likley. It also seems unlikely that the object was a reflection on the several angles and could also see a reflection from the shafts of light on the

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of the sighting area is ruled out as a possible source as the

familar with it and noted it's red warning lights on the night in question.

No reports of unusual radar sightings were made during the period to this

station. The night was clear with a bright moon and excellent visibility.

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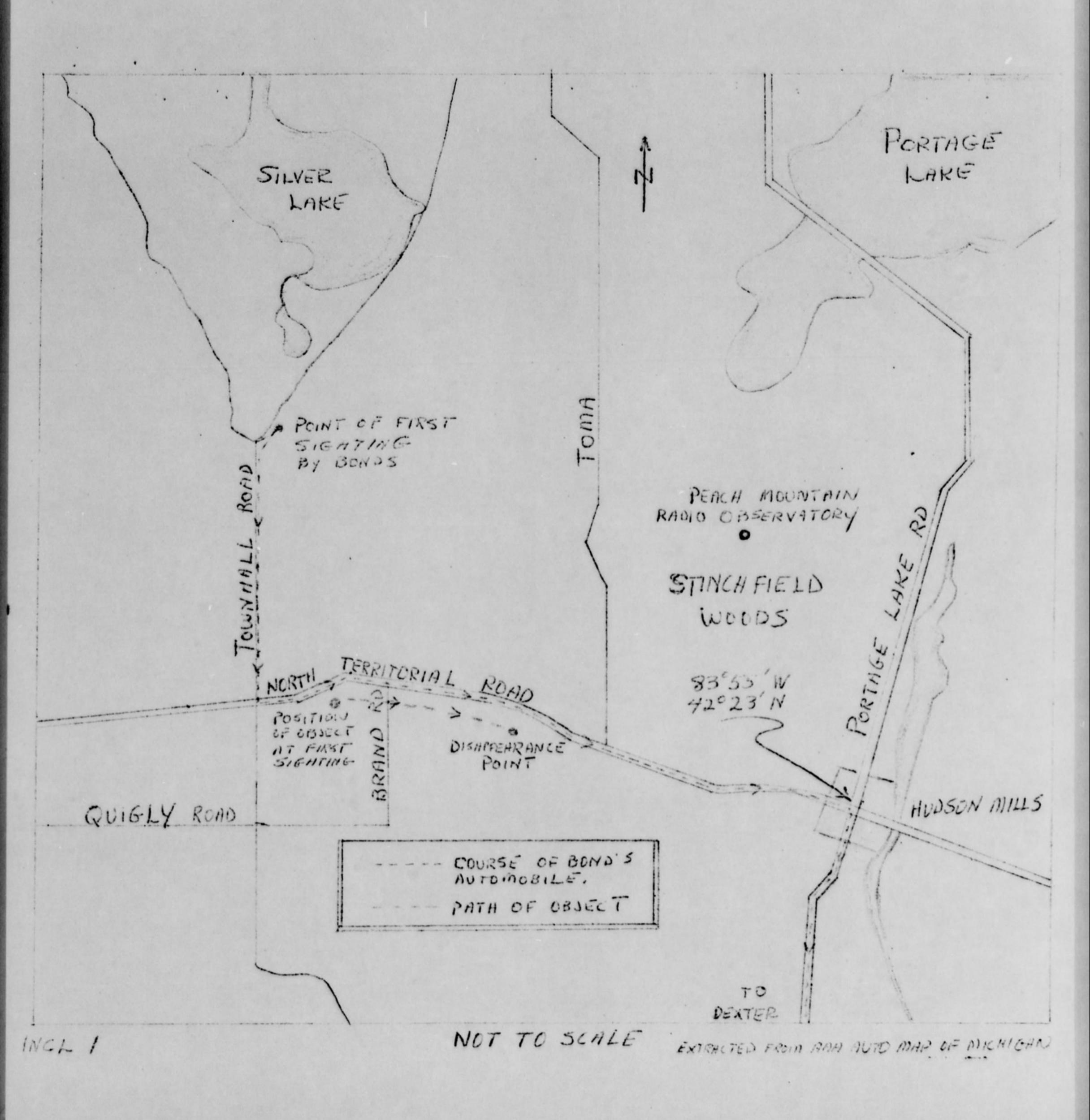
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SECTION OF UPPER ATMOSPHERE STUDIES IGY OPTICAL SATELLITE TRACKING PROGRAM 60 GARDEN STREET CAMBRIDGE 38, MASSACHUSETTS

13 May 1959

Major Robert J. Friend A.T.I.C. Wright-Patterson Air Force Base P.O. Box 9487 Dayton, Ohio

Dear Major Friend:

I think that you and your associates will be amused at this Flying Saucer story and of its explanation. I would suggest that fairly wide coverage be given this incident since it is a beaut. I like the idea about its "zooming off into the sky." I wish, however, that all of our cases could be so neatly solved!

I will shortly submit my expenses incurred on the past trip and, as per your instructions, I will have the cost of the plane and my incidental expenses absorbed within the regular consulting fee. I'll have to remember this for my income tax records; otherwise I'll be paying tax on travel. However, I think I can keep my records straight, if this is more helpful to you that way. You will hear from me in about a week on this matter.

I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity of giving the talk the other day and I am particularly glad we had a two-star General present. My only hope is that my rather definite insistence on "taking things more seriously," especially as to the Michele book, etc., was not taken in the wrong spirit. I believe we must take things seriously because the public just does look toward the Air Force as the source of real authority and knowledge on these matters and if we are not aware of what's going on and of a proper scientific treatment of these things, we lay ourselves open to a great deal of criticism and, unfortunately, even ridicule. It is this that I had in mind when I stressed these points so strongly. You will be hearing from me.

Sincerely, //

J. Allen Hynek

Associate Director

THE OBSERVATORY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

25 March, 1959

Dear Allen:

Here is the flying saucer story I referred to in my last letter. Since you have been on an evaluation board, you may be amused.

It is an interesting example of pretty objective observation by the people who thought they saw the saucer. They later even described the ringlike structure of telescope dish, which is covered only with a wide mesh, of course. All they described was accurate, except they mistook the turnings off of the lights accurate and the small change in relative bearing (due to distance of the telescope from the road) for motion!!

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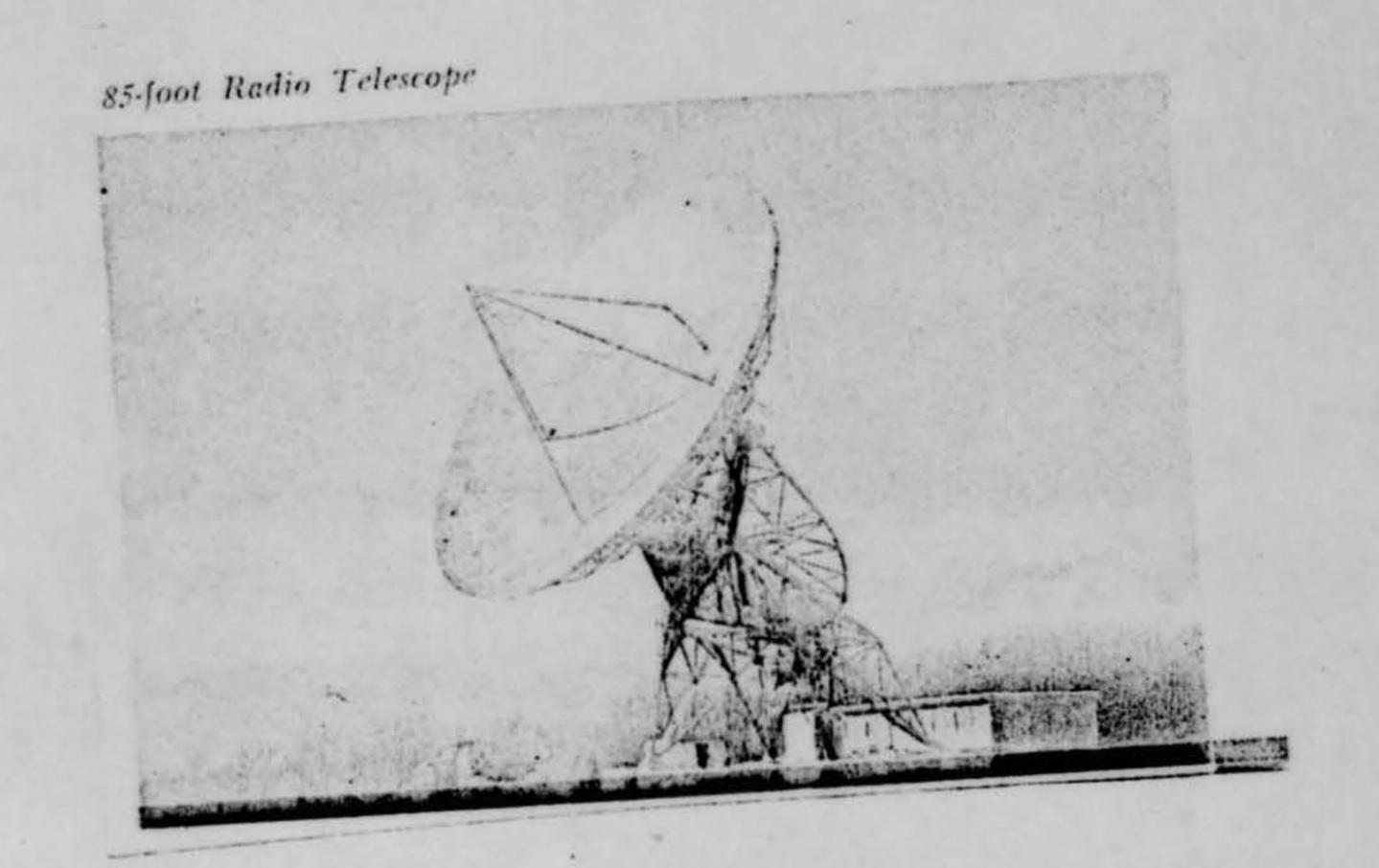
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Mr. and Mrs. Cary Pond of Denter reported to sheriff's deputies yesterday they saw a strange object in the sky while driving in Denter township, were driving on New York Tedutarial Rd. near Denter Roam Hall Rd. at 1:50 a.m. when they saw the object lay in the rig. The object, which appeared to be shaped like a hird, care, had red lights on it, the Fonds said. The couple said the object followed their car for any eral miles and then seemed all into the sky.

Officials at the Eath Air Division (Defence) Air Force detachment at William Run Air port said today they had no aircraft in the viciny at the time the invitation repeated.

- 1. The U of M 85° radio telescope is clearly visible from North Territorial Rd.
- 2. The top of Peach Mountain is "low in the sky."
- 3. At the time of observation (1:30 a.m.) the dish was looking at the SW horizon and illuminated by the light of a full (almost) moon and a floodlight.
- 4. The WUOM radio tower with its red aircraft warning lights is directly in line with the radio telescope as viewed from the intersection of North Territorial and Dexter Town Hall roads.
- 5. The dish was being rotated from the SW horizon to the zenith so that an observer on the ground would see less and less of its surface and more of its bird-cage-like under structure.
- 6. When the dish reached the zenith the floodlights were turned off, the dish "zoomed off into the sky," and we went home.



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hovering in the sky south of the road. According to their report to the Air Force, the UFO was an elongated oval with a dome on top, something like a bird cage, and brilliantly illuminated by two shafts of intense pale-yellow light that sprang from the bottom and converged over the top. Frightened at this apparition, the witnesses could provide only uncertain estimates of distance and size. The object seemed to be twenty to thirty feet in diameter, was at an altitude of about 200 feet when first seen, and was hovering about two miles away. As they drove on, the object seemed to move and travel parallel with the car for about a mile. The the yellow lights dimmed and a circle of eight or ten red lights suddenly appeared on the underside, the UFO rose vertically, very rapidly, and vanished in a few seconds. It had been in view for a period of five to ten minutes.

Checking the most probable explanations first, ATIC officials found that the nearby Willow Run Airport had had no aircraft in the vicinity at the time and that no star or planet seemed to be involved. Further investigation showed that the flying bird cage was actually the radio telescope of the University of Michigan. The telescope was installed on the top of Peach Mountain and was clearly visible from the road on which the witnesses were traveling. On the underside of the eighty-five-foot "dish" was a wire-mesh structure that suggested the bird cage. At the time of the sighting the dish was facing in the direction of the witnesses and was illuminated by a floodlight as well as by the bright moonlight. It had seemed to be following the car only because the car itself was moving. The astronomers operating the telescope were rotating the dish from the horizon to the zenith, and the yellow lights dimmed because the witnesses were seeing less and less of the surface. The "circle" of red lights was the red aircraft-warning lights on the WUOM radio tower, which lay in a direct line between the telescope and the witnesses. When the dish reached the zenith and was pointed to the sky overhead, the operating crew turned off the floodlights. The dish was no longer visible to the witnesses, who interpreted the sudden disappearance as a sudden vertical ascent into the sky [1].

Michigan's Flying Bird Cage

A UFO sighting based on mistaken identification of strange lights occurred in the early morning hours of March 22, 1959, near Ann Arbor, Michigan. The night was clear, the moon was nearly full, and visibility was unusually good. At about 1:30 A.M. a man and his wife driving on a country road suddenly noticed a strange object

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- A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT
- 1. UNKNOWN
- 2. 20-30 FT. IN DIAMETER
- 3. SHINING, SILVERISH, FLASHING RED LIGHTS
- 4. OCE (1)
- 5. N/A
- 6. NONE. LOOKED LIKE A LIT-UP BIRD CAGE
- 7. NONE.
- 8. NONE.

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- 9. LIT UP SURROUNDING AREA
- B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT
- 1. FOLLOWED CAR FOR ABOUT TWO (2) MILES
- 2. VERY LOW
- 3. HIGH
- 4. STRAIGHT AND LEVEL. THEN ZOOMED UP.
- 5. CLIMBED RAPIDLY OUT OF SIGHT
- 6. 2-3 MINUTES
- C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION
- 1. VISUAL FROM GROUND-
- 2. NONE.
- 3. NONE.
- D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING
- 1. 22/06302 0630-5=0130

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- 6. 2-3 MINUTES
- C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION
- 1. VISUAL FROM GROUND
- 2. NONE.
- 3. NONE.
- D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING
- 1. 22/0630Z 0630-5=0130
- 2. NIGHT
- E. LOCATION OF OBSERVATION
- 1. 83 DEG 50 MIN, 42DEG 30MIN N
- 2. 5 MILES NORTH OF ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN
- F. IDENTIFYING INFO OF ALL OBSERVERS
- 1. MR. & MRS. DEZTER, MICHIGAN. AGES 23 & 20.

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- 2. N/A
- G. WEATHER AND WIND ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME OF SIGHTING
- 1. CLEAR

NNM	15 KNOTS
330 DEG	25
330 DEG	40
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270 DEG	20
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- 5. CLEAR
- 4. 15 MILES
- 5. NONE
- S NONE
- H. UNUSUAL ACTIVITY IN AREA
- 1. NOME
- 2. NONE
- 3. NONE
- I. INTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION OF ACTION TAKEN

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- 2. N/A
- G. WEATHER AND WIND ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME OF SIGHTING
- 1. CLEAR

2. SURFACE	NNM	15 KNOTS
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20,000	330 DEG	80
30,000	330 DEG	80
50,000	280 DEG	40
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- 3. CLEAR
- 4. 15 MILES
- 5. NONE
- S NONE
- H. UNUSUAL ACTIVITY IN AREA
- 1. NONE
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- 3. NONE
- I. INTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION OF ACTION TAKEN NONE.

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- J. LOCATION OF KNOWN AIR TRAFFIC IN AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING NONE.
- K. POSITION/TITLE COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER

CONTROLLER, 30TH AIR DIV (DEF)

1/LT ROBERT DIFFENBACH

- 1. AIRCRAFT WITH LANDING LIGHTS ON.
- L. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE
- 1. NONE
- 2. NONE

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