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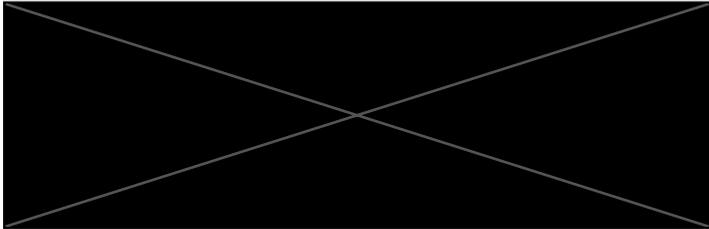
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REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT(S)

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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 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.



Place of Employment Astronautics Corp. of America
Milwaukee, wisc. 53204

Occupation Electronics Technician

Date of birth July 17, 1944

Education 1.5 years College (Elec. Eng.)

Special Training Military Service Corporal-Royal Hellenic Air Force.

2. Date of Observation September 4th, 1967 Time 02:47 (AM) PM Time Zone European (1 hour ahead of Greenwich)

3. Locality of Observation Thessaloniki, Greece (in city limits)

4. How long did you see the object? no Hours 3 Minutes 35 Seconds no 6 18 (see additional sheet)

5. Please describe weather conditions and the type of sky; i.e., bright daylight, nighttime, dusk, etc.

Light clouds - nighttime.

6. Position of the Sun or Moon in relation to the object and to you.

The moon was not visible due to cloudy sky. (otherwise, would be overhead)

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.

Description of travel is provided on attached sheet.

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.

Very solid- see attached notes.

10. Was the object(s) brighter than the background of the sky?

No, It could be described as slightly darker.

11. If so, compare the brightness with the Sun, Moon, headlights, etc.

n/a

12. Did the object(s) - (Please elaborate, if you can give details.)

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| a. Appear to stand still at any time? | Yes, for minutes. | f. Drop anything? | no |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | Yes | g. Change brightness? | no |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | no | h. Change shape? | no |
| d. Give off smoke? | no | i. Change color? | no |
| e. Leave any visible trail? | no | | |

13. Did object(s) at any time pass in front of, or behind of, anything? If so, please elaborate giving distance, size, etc, if possible.

See details on attached sheets.

14. Was there any wind? If so, please give direction and speed.

no

15. Did you observe the object(s) through an optical instrument or other aid, windshield, windowpane, storm window, screening, etc? What?

No, it was observed in open air, with bare eyesight.

16. Did the object(s) have any sound? What kind? How loud?

None whatsoever.

17. Please tell if the object(s) was (were) -

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| a. Fuzzy or blurred. | b. Like a bright star. | ((c. Sharply outlined.)) | |
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See, also, attached notes.

18. Was the object - a. Self-luminous? (b. Dull finish?) c. Reflecting? d. Transparent?
Seemed like "hammered" metal.

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

No, motion was expressly swift; pattern of "leaf-fall"

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 | c. Dime | e. Half dollar | g. Orange | ((i. Larger)) |
| b. Pea | d. Nickel | f. Silver dollar | h. Grapefruit | |

Or, if easier, give apparent size in inches on a ruler held at arm's length.

Estimated size: @ 25ft. - Object was not more than 30ft. away as it flew past (first sighting), and no more than 40-50ft. as it hovered

How did you happen to notice the object(s)?

See attached.

22. Where were you and what were you doing at the time?

See attached.

23. How did the object(s) disappear from view?

Very slowly - see attached.

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

No comparison - Speed was @ 10 miles per 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).

@ 30-20ft. overhead, and 50ft. away.

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

See additional sheet for detailed course of travel.

28. Names and addresses of other witnesses, if any.

My brother, age: 22.

Sotirios Hadjinicolaou
Vasilisis Olgas 253, Thessaloniki,
Greece.

29. What do you think you saw?

a. (Extraterrestrial device?)))))

b. UFO?

c. Planet or star?

d. Aircraft?

e. Satellite?

f. Hoax?

g. Other? (Please specify).

30. Please describe your feelings and reactions during the sighting. Were you calm, nervous, frightened, apprehensive, awed, etc.? If you wish your answer to this question to remain confidential, please indicate with a check mark. (Use a separate sheet if necessary)

Yes, we were both(of us) awed, frightened, & over-excited; rushed to 4 newspaper offices at 03:00 a.m.; called the nearby Air Force Base, the Navy, the Army and the police, since, (in the second sighting) after it stood overhead for @ 5 min. it took-off towards the air force base. I knew this, because I had, in the past, actually served in that base. I realize my reactions were rather "untechnical" for a technology-man, but I think that interested parties should know of it.

31. 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.

See attached detailed drawing.

32. Is there an airport, military, governmental, or research installation in the area?

Yes, ALL of them..... - See attached.

33. Have you seen other objects of an unidentified nature? If so, please describe these observations, using a separate sheet of paper.

No.

34. 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 if requested.

Find attached.

35. 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.

Yes, by police officials of higher ranking, (in private room) Were you asked or told not to reveal or discuss the incident? If so, were any reasons or official orders mentioned? Please elaborate carefully.

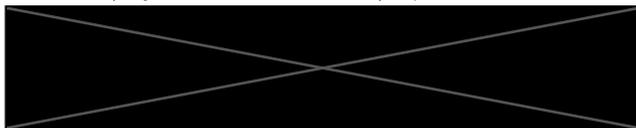
No, but they "emphasized" the possibility of ridicule....

36. 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.

Please keep my name confidential.

37. Date of filling out this report April 14, 1971



.....It was a warm summer night, in my home-town, Thessaloniki, Greece. Our home is located in the outskirts of the city. I returned home at @ 01:30(September 4th,1967)from visiting my fiancée's house. I had drunk two glasses of orange-juice since @ 20:00 the night before(I do not drink). I was at the time engaged in the audio equipment development business and had just completed a new stereo-amplifier design. At @ 02:40 I asked my youngest brother (18-years old at the time) who always showed interest in my work, to come to my study room, on the terrace of our three storie home to look at my latest design....

There are two doors for access to my study room, one directly from the internal staircase and one from the outside, on the terrace. I entered my room thru the internal door, while my brother stepped outside to the terrace...I was ready to turn on the lights, when I heard my brother calling me from outside, saying: "Hey, Dimitri, what is THIS?"....I stepped out and looked at what he was pointing at, @ 20ft. directly over our heads. For a moment we both just stood there with our heads facing straight upwards,...awed, and rather confused as we tried to make out what THAT was.. It was a dull-finish grey object. Round in shape and @ 25ft. in diameter it formed a "roof" on top of us as it flew past at the AWEING speed of 10 miles or less an hour....It seemed to be even more descending and I had started to think it was going to hit one of the higher buildings around our home, when it smoothly started to pick-up height(very slight), enough to practically "scrape" the top of a five-storie building @ 100ft. from where we stood. As we faced the back of the strange object in the night sky, we clearly saw what seemed to be small lighted portholes all around only one-half of its circumference. It had no spinning motion, non visible to our eyes, anyway. Its flight was so smooth that only one expression could possibly describe it: "GLIDING on an ..oil path in the sky".....I suppose that the smoothness of its flight along with its extremely slow speed were whatnoticably shocked us at first sight. We stood there for a few minutes and watched the strange object slowly (no increase in speed) get out of sight, heading directly towards a nearby Air Force Radar Station on top of Hortiatis Mountain, only a few miles away from our home. I was standing a couple of feet from my brother when those three words came out of my mouth: "A FLYING SAUCER"!!!...I would find no need to describe in detail what our emotions were when we realized we were two of the few prevelidged people to witness an extraterrestrial presence just a few feet away.....I only know that we stayed up all that night talking, exchanging ideas and impressions in an effort to justify what we had witnessed a few hoursback. We came to no conclusions..

Next (that) morning we went to the local newspapers and plainly described what we had seen. I, also, made a rough sketch of the object, which was printed along with a story which did not quite correspond to our story.(You must be aware of the "way" some newspapers print such happenings.) I also became the "star" of many "special" Comics on some newspapers. But we paid no attention to all this.... Because only WE knew what we had experienced....

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I was called that very same afternoon that the local newspapers printed my story, at the Police Headquarters, where about five high ranking officers asked questions concerning time, speed, direction of travel, description, and other associated such. I was not told directly to keep quiet, although one of the officers made a comment about keeping quiet until they had fully investigated the incident, but I was repeatedly, if not persistently "reminded" that printing anything further into the newspapers might lead to ridicule.

I again paid not much attention, and kept in touch with some reporters I knew at two of the local papers.

.....I slept well that night.....Next day, September 5th, I did not feel well..Or, I should say, something was bothering me. As the night approached, that"something" grew stronger. It was something like one would feel if he set his alarm clock and sat down expecting it to ring for a half hour.....I WAS EXPECTING SOMETHING!!!!!!.. I talked to my brother about that feeling that I had about expecting that object to reappear that night..At first thought it seemed as just a strong impression of what had taken place the night before.. But I could almost swear.....that the object would be back that night..

He decided to help me "get rid"of that persistant thought... And so we found ourselves on the terrace of our home, at @ 02:00 (September 6th), equipped with a flash light and a camera with flash. At EXACTLY(!!!) 02:47a.m. as I turned towards the back of our terrace, I S A W I T !!!!! The night was very calm, following an afternoon "summer-shower" storm, the sky was very clear, all stars visible, no moon in the sky which created a dark background to anything that might be a few feet from the ground.....It came from NW traveling with a NE direction (the first sighting, it traveled from SE to NE). Its height must have been about 30ft. from the ground, since it seemed to be at @ the same level with our terrace..It came out of in between two high buildings,(about 14-storie high)on our left-hand side. It was tilted in such a way that its diameter line was vertical to ground. Its speed was NOT grater than the starting speed of a car equipped with automatic transmission, i.e. @ 2 miles/hour.... The outline of the object was not this time as visible as before,.. it seemed to be "fading-away"...It was slowly traveling at @ 80ft. away, again with an extremely impressive smoothness of travel... -"There it is!!",...I exclaimed.. And that's when the funiest things of all happened: It seemed to have"sensed"my loud exclamation in the "dead" quietness of the night and IT S T O P P E D !!!!! It stood there for @ 30 seconds and then started to move again, as slowly as it came. There is a four-storie building on our right hand side from where we stood looking at it, i.e. @ 10ft. higher than the level of our terrace. As we tried to keep track of its travel, it seemed to disappear behind this building...We both stood there for a few moments,completely "stalled".....We could never predict what was to follow.....: We must have "FELT" something because we both looked up towards the building next to our house, AT THE SAME TIME...: In a dark calm sky background we saw a huge craft of the same dimensions, color and shape as two nights before, hovering about 10ft. from the top of the building"next door" at a total distance of @ 20 ft. from where we stood;...I was holding the camera at that moment, and my brother the flashlight...I shouted loud: "Take cover..", and we both in strict meaning of the word..DIVED behind a large chemney (one of about five) protruding on our terrace..

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I, later, regreted my loss of courage, at least enough to take a picture of the object hovering a few feet away,....but at that moment all I could think was the dangers involved in taking a picture that our nightly "visitors" might NOT want to be...developed.....My brother was kneeling next to me as terrified as I, and I had to do the less that might possibly endanger his and my solitude....I gave up the idea of having a picture taken, and we both looked at the craft from behind our cover for @ 6 min.& 18 sec.(as I made it out)after we re-stored..."blood-circulation"....The attached design will probably describe what we witnessed. It seemed to be made of metal, very dull, grey finish, looking like the finish of paint on a wall after it is softly "tapped" with a brush...There was no glow, nor any sound whatsoever. The most frightening of all that distinguished the sight of that craft with anything known by mankind, was the outline of the body, which seemed to DIMINISH into something that could be described as "fog"...A few inches from where the determining outline of the craft should have been,...there was..a soft grey "fog", or mist, if you prefer.....

...Then, after hovering for the time mentioned,as it was watching us close, since we were the only people in a radius of over a mile around,...it slowly turned around its axis, showing on the other half of its circumference the same lighted portholes we had seen two nights ago. It stopped rotating, and very slowly started to withdraw, but then something else, as unusual happened: after withdrawing for a few feet, it came back again, then withdrew again, and returned again, as if "undecided" as to whether it should leave or not;...it went on like this for about four times,..then finally slowly withdrew until it was out of sight in the clear sky, headed NE, towards another Air Force base, only a few miles away....

It took us over 30 minutes to get back to "normal" thinking and reacting, then we took a taxi-cab, went downtown, and from a newspaper office we called the Air Force base towards which it was headed, a nearby Naval base, the Army Headquarters, and the Police. The best we got, next to no answer at all, was someone "out of the dreams" that we interrupted with our call, half awake, half asleep to tell us that we should contact "someone" in the morning.... Of course, I never did so.....I was humiliated enough from my previous report thru the newspapers not to mention anything this time.

I was, however, contacted by a university professor who showed sincere interest in what had happened from the primary news publications, and to whom I fully described the second more "intense" sighting exactly as it happened.

Other than that I had only minor contacts from interested friends and journalists.

This concludes my report, however I would like to add the following:

- a. From all facts governing the appearance, speed, travel characteristics, environmental effects on our reactions and the overall impressions it left behind, I, fully agreeing with my brother, would have no doubt that it WAS an extra-terrestrial device, operating on energy and flight techniques far superior to any known to us and, I believe, to mankind.

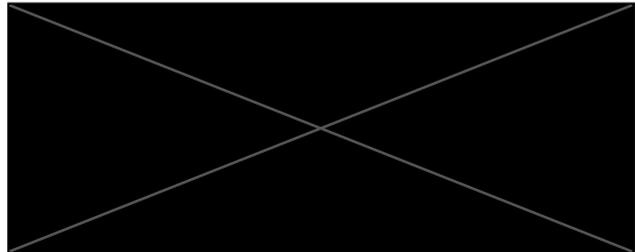
b. I have served in the Royal Hellenic Air Force as a corporal. For the last 16 months of the total service period I was stationed in Naples, Italy, at the Allied Air Forces Southern Europe, where I held a Top Secret Cleared position at the office of the Chief of Staff. My military and civilian records are totally clear, and my reputation here and overseas is such that would allow for the mentioned position that I have held, and am proud of.

c. I am, presently, trying to expend my knowledge in Electronics, in order that I may occupy a better social position and be of more help to the efforts of a small group of people who are now trying to throw some light into the undetermined and enomorous mysteries still shadowing a better understanding of the WORLD beyond the limits of our knowledge!

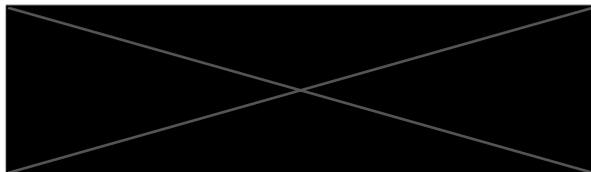
I would appreciate it to hear on the final evaluation of this report, if time will be available among your efforts for this organization.

Till then, I remain,

Sincerely yours,



This sketch was drawn to aid description of sighting at the local (Greek) newspapers. Lettering is in Greek but it has been translated for your evaluation. Descriptive course of travel on both sightings and details of motion of the craft are given on separate sheets also attached.



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Attached is a newspaper clipping, dated Sept. 11, 1967, which refers to the reported sighting of a UFO by two girls students a couple of days before the above date. The UFO was sighted at an altitude of @ 300ft. traveling at high speed. Its diameter was given at @ 2 ft. at that distance, and it was said to be "full of little lights" which formed a circle. Its flight was absolutely silent.

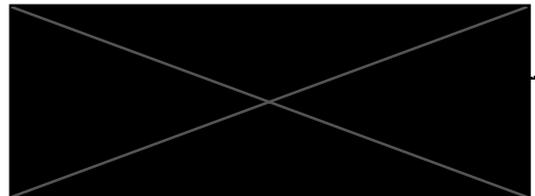
The two girls said they watched the UFO flying overhead in an ecstasy of emotions, as the craft disappeared behind mountain "Hortiatis".....

Time of the sighting was 7.35 p.m.

As it can be seen, this above reported sighting took place only a few days after mine, with exactly the same description of the UFO's appearance, same direction of travel, and some of the flight characteristics matching to those that I described.

The exact location of this sighting is between my home and the Air Force base I saw it heading towards after my second sighting. Total distance between my home and the Base, is @ 4 miles. Distance of the radar on top of mountain "hortiatis" and my home, is @ 10 miles, but visible from our terrace. My home, the Air Force base, and the Air Force Radar on "Hotriatis" form a perfect isosceles triangle, if not considering the actual "driving" distance to the Radar being grater due to higher elevation above sea level.

At the end of the attached clipping, the journalist makes a short cross-reference to the sighting reported by me-I have circled my name in red- in an effort to make the girls' report sound more as a repeated one rather than "the first one on his paper"....



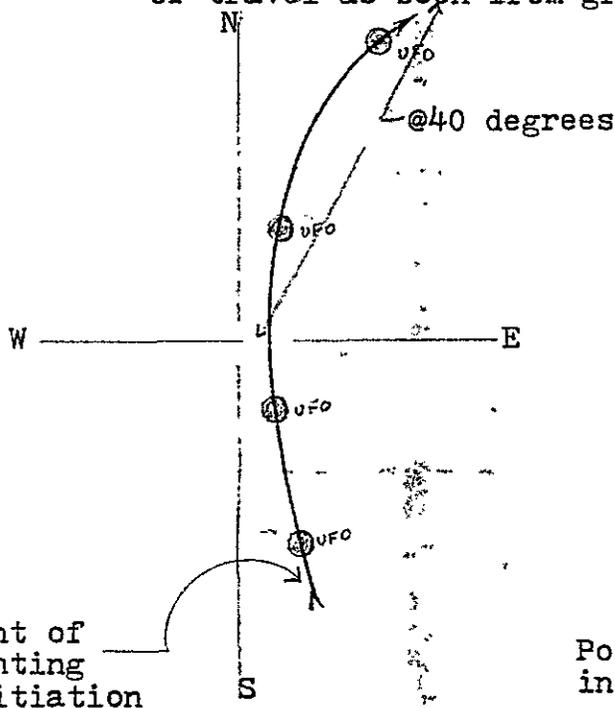
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Two sketches below indicate elevation of craft in reference to our terrace level (@ 30ft from ground), and turning angle for the period UFO was in sight.

Sketches are very rough, but they are to merely help you evaluate as many details on the sighting as possible.



2.- Angle swing of course of travel as seen from ground.



1.- Elevation,

