

**A1C Robert Michael O'CONNOR**, Field Maintenance Chief, 91st Missile Maintenance Squadron, from his AF-117 dated 28 October 1968:

The object was observed from 0230 to 0345 A.M. CDT (determined by watch) over a period of 1 hours 30 minutes. [The length according to the specified times is actually 1 hour 15 minutes.] O'Connor includes a drawing showing the location of the initial observation 5 miles north of the N-7 Launch Facility, indicating that he was traveling south in a *"6 pack truck, flat ground, gravel road, windows up"* at 35 mph as a passenger [more likely as the driver] and that they stopped while observing the phenomenon: *"Object seemed to be observing us. When we stopped the object seemed to hover or stop when we turned out our headlights."* He notes that the phenomenon was observed through *"side window of vehicle"* and he *"first spotted"* the object to his left (east). His attention was drawn to the phenomenon by *"The fact that it was bigger than the two farmer's yard lights which appeared at a distance."* In addition: *"When the object was first [sighted] it appeared to be in between two farmer's yard lights which were a little smaller, then the object grew brighter moving S.E."*

Regarding the conditions, he notes that the night was partly cloudy with nimbus clouds and a few stars were visible, and the only source of illumination were *"farm yard lights 1/2 mile from road."* His impression of the distance to the phenomenon was *"1/2 to 6 miles."*

In response to the question of whether the phenomenon was in sight continuously he notes that he observed the phenomenon in open countryside and it was not in sight continuously. *"Object moved SE first then west, then SE and out of sight. Then a few minutes later appeared in the SE again moving N. At one time the object came within about 1/2 mile of site. Then was headed SW then went east and out of sight. Then reappeared in the SE moved W then east then out of sight and did not appear again after the B-52 made its first pass."* He provides a drawing showing two similar objects SE and SW of his position.

He describes the phenomenon indicating: *"The object appeared self-luminous, like a big ball of white light that seemed to change to a dim green light then later to a dim amber color. The object seemed to take on the appearance of a sting fish."* The object would move in a straight line;

stand still; speed up; change color and brightness; flash or flicker; disappear and reappear; and made a noise. *“The noise I heard was similar to that of a jet engine only more steady and at a lower pitch.”* Regarding the shape of the object: *“I was unable to make out any definite shape because the object put out such a bright light.”*

He indicates the object was last seen in the east-southeast at 15° altitude, and responded to the question of how it disappeared: *“The object grew brighter in white light and came toward us.”* In addition: *“A B-52 was sent to the area to checkout the sighting and was seen west of the object at first.”* He reported the sighting to FSC Bond at N-1.

He noted that the angular size of the object seemed bigger than a match head at arm’s length, which would be larger than 23 arc minutes. The moon subtends an angle of 31 arc minutes.