

Red Bluff Calif

May 21, 1969

Project Blue Book.

Dear Sirs:-

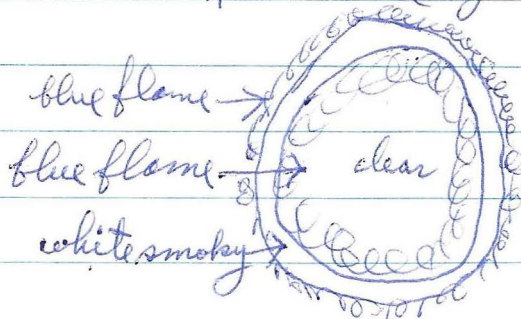
I have just finished reading your 1969 True report on Flying Saucers no 3. It has brought to mind something I saw back in the twenties. I worked at two different times between 1925 & 1929 for John F. Barker produce<sup>Co.</sup> on Jefferson St. (av.) near Central Ave in Phoenix Arizona. We started work on the 3-4- or 5 o'clock shifts. I lived about seven blocks east of the Produce house.

On the 3 or 4 o'clock A.M. shift one morning when I was about half way to the job there was a sudden very bright flash of light which held. I faced the north and at about 2 o'clock and some ten degrees north of where I stood I saw a pear shaped circle of blue fire. I have never been able to remember

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if I heard an explosion but would have if it had been loud.

It looked as though a large cotton rope about one foot thick and formed in this pear shape was saturated with gas and was burning with a blue green flame



The circle could have been from 20 ft to 200 ft in diameter but it appeared to be very high.

Of course it had to be close enough to earth that it could get ~~oxygen~~ oxygen to burn.

I walked backward the 3 or 4 blocks on to the stop watching the burning circle. This walk probably took six to eight minutes and when I went indoors the circle was still there, was still burning, but not so brightly. It appeared to have turned over 2 or 3 degrees to the left. There was no wind, no clouds a

perfect clear night.

I believe it was a meteor but do  
meteors burn that long after an explosion?  
What kind of fuel was burning and  
why wasn't it all consumed at once.

Some years ago I asked Mr. Niminger  
of Sedona, Ariz. (meteorologist) His reply  
was I had seen a meteor fall. This never  
satisfied me, hence this letter.

Sorry I don't know the year, the month,  
season or day. I looked for comments  
in the Phoenix papers and talked to  
other men. It appears there were no  
other witnesses.

Would appreciate your comments on this.

Sincerely yours

Age 71 years James T. Kirk

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
May	Dayton, Ohio	Civilian	Insufficient Data
May	Allentown, Pennsylvania	Civilian	Other (CONFLICTING DATA)
2	NE of Dayton, Ohio	Civilian	Other (SATELLITE DECAY)
3	Cambridge City, Indiana	Civilian	Insufficient Data
4	Davenport, Iowa	Civilian (PHOTO)	Other (UNRELIABLE REPORT)
12	South Berwick, Maine	Civilian	Probable Astro (JUPITER)
13	Pine Ridge, South Dakota	Civilian	Probable Aircraft
15	Near Pikesville, Kentucky	Civilian	Possible Astro (VENUS)
27	New York, New York	Civilian	Probable Astro (MARS)
29	Navarre, Ohio	Civilian	Probable Astro (MARS)

ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
1	Wallops Island, Virginia	News Release	
24	Red Bluff, California	Newsclipping	
30	Quebec, Canada	AF Fm 117	