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A HELICOPTER-UFO ENCOUNTER OVER OHIO

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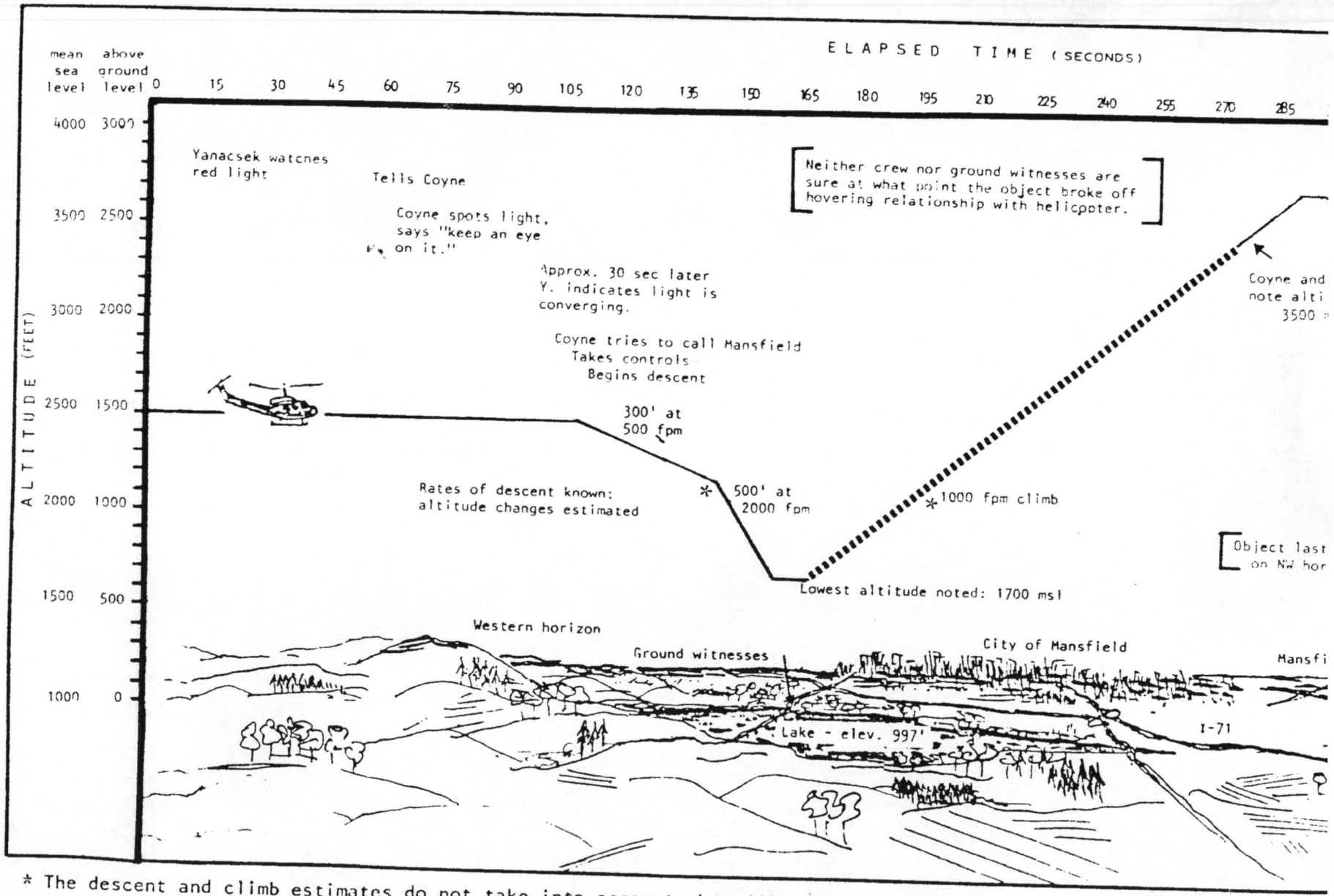
FIGURE 17

LENGTH OF OBSERVATION FROM WITNESSES' ACCOUNTS



* The descent and climb estimates do not take into account the additional times needed for acceleration or decelerat

Figure 16. ELAPSED TIME ANALYSIS

Description	Est. Time (seconds) Short	Long	Median
Object Approach			
"It was so far away that I looked at it for some time before I mentioned it. I must have watched it for a minute, oh, a minute and a half, before I said anything" (Yanacsek).	30	90	60
"Yanacsek said, 'There's a red light on the horizon at about 3 o'clock--are there any radio towers over that way?' I told him to keep an eye on it" (Coyne).	10	15	13
"After approximately another 30 seconds, Yanacsek indicated that the light was converging on the helicopter" (Coyne on Report Form 2496).	15	30	30
Coyne looks over, evaluates, decides to take evasive action (Coyne).	5	5	5
Aircraft Descent			
2500' - 1700' =800' in two increments: 1st = 500 fpm; 2nd = 2000 fpm as consistently reported by Coyne. Altitude change in each segment unknown.	24 (a) 18	48 (b) 12	36 (c) 15
Closest Point			
"It damn near came to a stop right over us" (Healey). "It wasn't cruising, it was stopped for maybe 10-12 seconds, and I mean stopped" (Yanacsek). "It stopped over us, and then it just slowly moved" (Coyne). "The object came over the helicopter, and then it just stopped, for about 10 seconds" (ground witnesses).	3	10	8
Aircraft Ascent			
From 1700' to 3500' = 1800' @ 1000 fpm (Coyne).	108	108	108
Leveling, Regaining Control			
3500' to "near 3800'" "From the bottom position, I had to pull it up [the collective], push it down, and then the helicopter seemed to bump like it hit turbulence" (Coyne).		20	15
Object Departure			
"But the thing was way to the west. It was already in the Mansfield area when we began to settle. The first people we made contact with was Akron Approach, and I could see this object that was moved away" (Coyne). "I watched it depart for a couple of minutes" (Healey).		60	10
	213	398	300

(a) 200' @ 500 fp, = 24
600' @ 2000 fpm = 18

(b) 400' @ 500 fpm = 48
400' @ 2000 fpm = 12

(c) 300' @ 500 fpm = 36
500' @ 2000 fpm = 15