1. At 1630, 4 Oct 55, I boarded a train at a station in the company of other passengers, one of whom shared a Vagon-Lit compartment with me; the other two occupied the adjoining compartment. The train ran very slowly, making every stop; I would estimate its overall speed at 20 mph. Exactly two hours and forty minutes out of Paris one of our group in the compartment next door entered my compartment and said, "Did you see that out there? I just saw a flying saucer." And my compartment companion were about to laugh it off when the man from next door pointed out of the window again, and then we all saw the following sight.

2. On the left-hand side of the train, between the train and the meadow was a large airfield. The evening was dark but clear. A huge search was on the field itself. A triangular object on the ground which would have been probably not more than two miles distant from the railroad. The object was not visible, but on further reflection, changed the distance to the object to two miles. The size of the object was comparable to that of a jet fighter, with a wingspan of 10 meters. The object was stationary. We watched it climb vertically at a 90-degree angle. We watched it climb and saw it reach a high altitude; the search followed it all the way.

3. I wish to emphasize that this was no ordinary take-off but a launching procedure more like a missile ejection. Our companion from next door reported that this was the second launching in rapid succession.

4. I believe that the train at the time of the sighting was between 50 and 65 miles south of Paris. While the four of us were still watching the object ascending, the steward came in and pulled down the blinds. When I began to protest, the steward pointed toward the rear of the car and shook his head.
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5. Our party had wished to make this part of the journey by air, but we were informed by ________, in ____ that there were no flights between ______ and ______. In ______ the ________ people were surprised that our party had not flown and said that there were several flights a day.

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