PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 9 September 65 10/0[redacted] 0445Z	2. LOCATION TUSTIN & Los Angles, Cypress & Alhambra, California
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astro (METEOR) ✓
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Object observed over wide area, Evaluated as a possible meteor by Astronomores from Griffith Park Observatory.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 6 - 7 Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Four observations. Bright object green color. Also reported as ball of fire pointed in front, orange in color.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Southernly	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

FORM
FTD SEP 63 0-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

9 Sept

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UFO, 9 September 1965 16 September 1965

COMMENTS OF THE INVESTIGATING OFFICER:

Reference the three sightings of the UFO or light phenomena and the map which summarizes directions and angles of sightings. Allowing for discrepancies in observations attributed to untrained observers, it is believed that the three reports tend to be in fair agreement.

It is estimated that the phenomenon was caused by a relatively small meteorite which was observed relatively at low altitude and short range, and that the individuals observed the meteorite during the last few seconds of its life. Although this is not conclusive, the green color noted by Mr[redacted] is indicative of that given off by a ferrous meteorite. No other logical explanation for the cause has been determined by the Investigating Officer.

A check was made with personnel at the Griffiths Park Observatory, and it was also their opinion that the phenomenon as described could have been caused by a meteorite.

C F Reichmuth

CHARLES F REICHMUTH
Captain, USAF
SSD (SSFA) UFO Investigating Officer

ESTIMATED "TRUE" FLIGHT PATH AND APPROX. AREA OF BURN-OUT

C — SUMMARY OF 3 UFO SIGHTINGS
LOS ANGELES, 9 SEPT '65
ABOUT 2145 HRS (LOCAL)

DICK

29 September 1965

Unidentified Flying Object (UFO)

AFSC (FTD), Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, 45433

1. The following UFO Report was received from District Intelligence Office, Eleventh Naval District, San Diego, California, and is forwarded in accordance with paragraph 13b, AFR 200-2, as amended:

a. Description of the Object(s):

(1) Spherical

(2) Basketball

(3) Silver with bright orange glow particularly around edges.

(4) One

(5) -

(6) Absolutely round and appeared to have the color of aluminum or dull steel.

(7) Left whispy trail of fire from the top and bottom of the sphere.

(8) No sound.

(9) -

b. Description of Course of Object(s):

(1) It suddenly appeared in the sky - moving from Northwest to Southeast, was not too bright at first but immediately became very bright.

(2) 45 degrees and travelled on a level flight path.

(3) 45 degrees - level.

(4) Level flight path - no maneuvers.

h. Any Other Unusual Activity or Condition, Meteorological, Astronomical, or Otherwise, which might Account for the Sighting:

(1) I am told that a rocket was launched at Vandenberg AFB that night. I am positive that this sighting was not of a rocket or any component thereof nor was it a conventional aircraft or balloon. It was a large metal sphere that was clear and distinct that appeared to be glowing from high speed in the atmosphere.

i. Interception or Identification Action Taken (such action may be taken whenever feasible, complying with existing air defense directives):

(1) None.

j. Location of any Air Traffic in the Area at Time of Sighting:

(1) I did not see any aircraft at that time although there normally is considerable civilian and military traffic in the area.

k. Position Title and Comments of the Preparing Officer, Including His Preliminary Analysis of the Possible Cause of the Sighting(s):

(1) Chief, Exploitation Branch, Directorate of Intelligence, Headquarters Fifteenth Air Force (SAC), Subject report was received by this headquarters on 28 September 1965, eighteen days after the sighting. Due to the time element involved and the distance from the area, an "on-the-spot" survey was not conducted. A preliminary analysis of the report indicates the possibility that the sighting could have been a weather balloon, considering the sighting was in Tustin, California, near El Toro Marine Air Station.

FOR THE COMMANDER

BERTRAM R. COWAN, Lt Col, USAF
Chief, Exploitation Branch
Directorate of Intelligence

Cy to: SAC (DI)

(5) Suddenly went dark and was gone.

(6) At least 10 seconds.

c. Manner of Observation:

(1) Ground - visual

(2) None

(3) -

d. Time and Date of Sighting:

(1) 0445Z 10 September 1965.

(2) Exceptionally clear night - full moon - no clouds or restrictions to visibility whatsoever.

e. Location of Observer(s). Exact latitude and longitude of each observer, or Georef position, or position with reference to a known landmark: [redacted] Tustin, California.

f. Identifying Information of All Observer(s):

(1) -

(2) [redacted] Aircraft Maintenance Officer, USNAS, Los Alamitos, California. 23 years aviation experience, qualified reciprocating and jet engine pilot, 2500 hours flying time.

g. Weather and Winds-Aloft Conditions at Time and Place of Sightings:

(1) Ceiling and visibility unlimited - full moon.

(2) Calm.

(3) None.

(4) Unlimited.

(5) None.

(6) None.

HEADQUARTERS
6592D SUPPORT GROUP
AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE STATION
Air Force Unit Post Office, Los Angeles, California 90045

REPLY TO ATTN OF: SSQO

20 SEP 1965

SUBJECT: Report of Unidentified Flying Object (UFO)

TO: AFSC (FTD)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. Reference AFR 200-2.

2. The following UFO sighting was reported to the Space Systems Division Command Post at 2200 hours, 9 September 1965:

a. Description: Appearance of a stingray with a large light.

b. Course: Eastbound.

c. Time and Date: 2145 local time, 9 September 1965.

d. Location of Observers: [redacted], Los Angeles, California.

e. Observers: [redacted] at above location. Pho[redacted] 23:

f. Weather Conditions: Clear.

g. Preparing Officer's Position and Comments:

(1) Operations Staff Officer, 6592d Support Group.

(2) Officer was unable to contact any of the observers.

SIGNED

HOWARD E. SHORT
Colonel, USAF
Deputy Commander

1 Atch
Ltr SSD 10 Sep 65 Extract from
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1. Reference AFR 200-2.

2. The following UFO sighting was reported to the Space Systems Division Command Post at 2200 hours, 9 September 1965:

a. Description: Jet size object with pointed front, orange in color and with fire on the sides.

b. Course: Southeast.

c. Time and Date: 2155 local time, 9 September 1965.

d. Location of Observer: Norwich and Atlantic in city of Alhambra.

e. Observer: [redacted]
Alhambra, Californ[redacted]

f. Weather Conditions: Clear.

g. Preparing Officer's Position and Comments:

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Deputy Commander

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9 Sept. — large formation — 33 S.
0445 Z
also S. Cruz. —

U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION

9:40

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U.S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes. Your name will *not* be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object?

9	Sept	1965
Day	Month	Year

2. Time of day: 9 (Hour) 15 (Minutes)

(Circle One): A.M. or P.M.

3. Time Zone:

(Circle One): a. Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other _____

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving
b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

[redacted] (Nearest Postal Address) | Santa Barbara (City or Town) | Cal (State or County)

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration) ____ (Hours) ____ (Minutes) 5 (Seconds)

a. Certain
(b.) Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined? By counting afterwards

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes ____ No ____

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY
a. Bright
b. Cloudy

NIGHT
a. Bright
b. Cloudy

Some clouds.

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One): a. In front of you
b. In back of you
c. To your right
d. To your left
e. Overhead.
f. Don't remember

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8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS *(Circle One)*:

a. None
b. A few
c. Many
d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON *(Circle One)*:

Very well

a. Bright moonlight
b. Dull moonlight
c. No moonlight – pitch dark
d. Don't remember

9. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

CLOUDS *(Circle One)*:

a. Clear sky
b. Hazy
c. Scattered clouds
d. Thick or heavy clouds

WEATHER *(Circle One)*:

a. Dry
b. Fog, mist, or light rain
c. Moderate or heavy rain
d. Snow
e. Don't remember

10. The object appeared: *(Circle One)*:

a. Solid
b. Transparent
c. Vapor
d. As a light
e. Don't remember

11. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? *(Circle One)*:

a. Brighter
b. Dimmer
c. About the same
d. Don't know

11.1 Compare brightness to some common object:

_____

_____

12. The edges of the object were:

(Circle One):
a. Fuzzy or blurred
b. Like a bright star
c. Sharply outlined
d. Don't remember
e. Other _____

13. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

a. Appear to stand still at any time?	Yes	No	Don't know
b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?	Yes	No	Don't know
c. Break up into parts or explode?	Yes	No	Don't know
d. Give off smoke?	Yes	No	Don't know
e. Change brightness?	Yes	No	Don't know
f. Change shape?	Yes	No	Don't know
g. Flash or flicker?	Yes	No	Don't know
h. Disappear and reappear?	Yes	No	Don't know

eloquent

14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how?

Yes
— Just dropped

15. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes (No) Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind: _____

16. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): (Yes) No Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what in front of: Cloud

17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

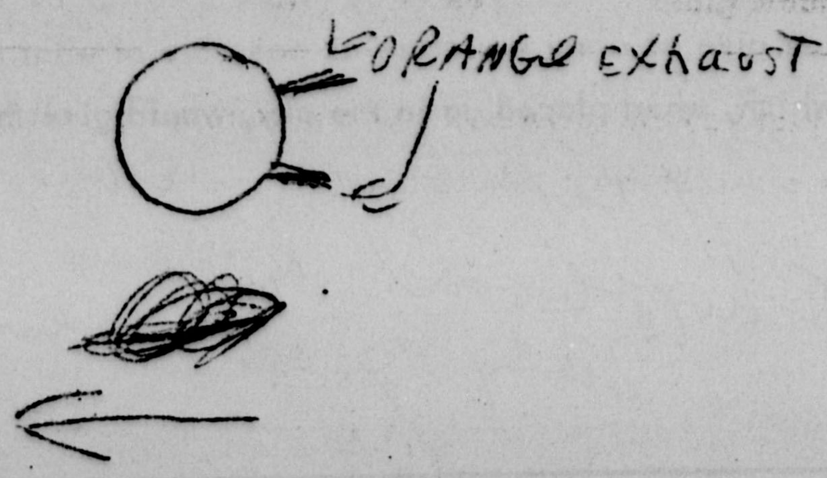
a. Sound None

b. Color Black object — orange exhaust

18. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head?

½°

19. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.



20. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object? Angular speed — meteor

(Circle One) Yes (No)

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? _____

21. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One) Yes No

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? _____

22. Where were you located when you saw the object? (Circle One):

a. Inside a building
b. In a car
(c.) Outdoors
d. In an airplane (type)
e. At sea
f. Other _____

23. Were you (Circle One)

a. In the business section of a city?
b. In the residential section of a city?
(c.) In open countryside?
d. Near an airfield?
e. Flying over a city?
f. Flying over open country?
g. Other _____

24. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

24.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

a. North c. East e. South g. West
b. Northeast d. Southeast f. Southwest h. Northwest

24.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

24.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

a. Eyeglasses	(Yes)	No	e. Binoculars	Yes	No
b. Sun glasses	Yes	No	f. Telescope	Yes	No
c. Windshield	Yes	No	g. Theodolite	Yes	No
d. Window glass	Yes	No	h. Other _____		

26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

Flat dish mett.
Shuffleboard disc with exhaust
Hockey puck

30. Have you ever seen this, or a similar object before. If so give date or dates and location.

No

31. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object? *(Circle One)* (Yes) No

31.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too? *(Circle One)* (Yes) No

31.2 Please list their [redacted] addresses:

[redacted]

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
SANTA BARBARA

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [redacted] [redacted]
First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS [redacted] CHICAGO 60614 ILL.
City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted] 37 SEX M

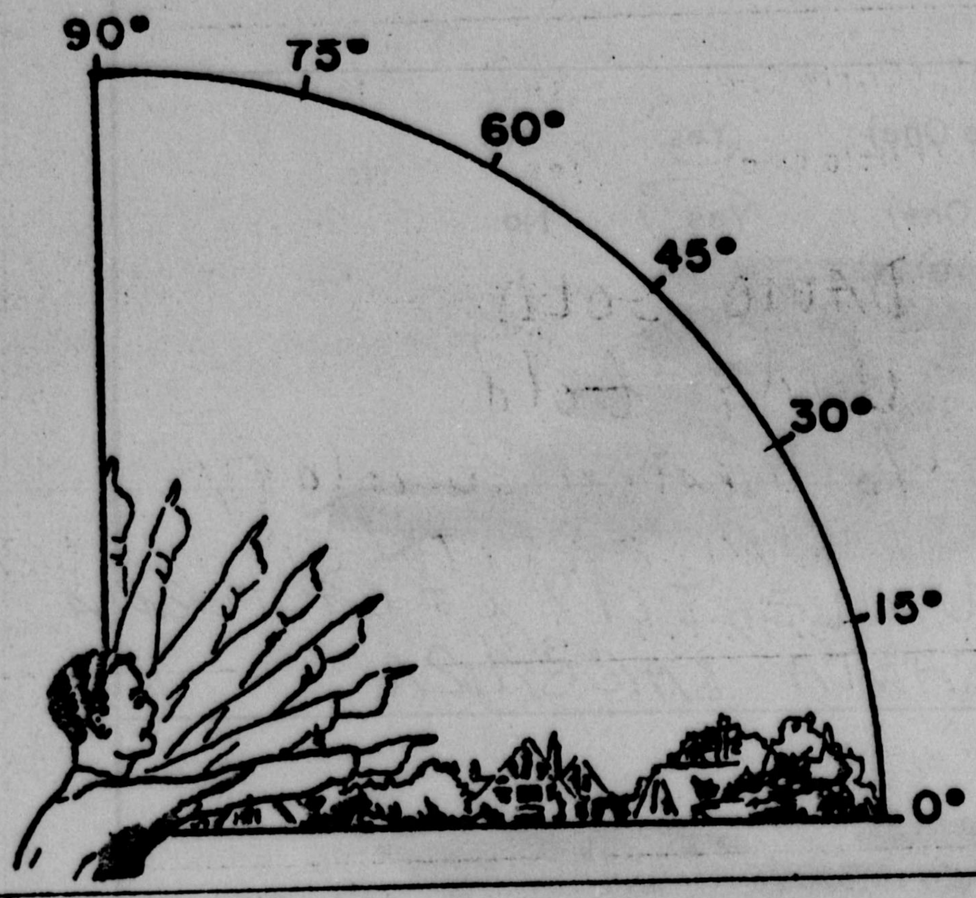
Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any special experience, which might be pertinent.

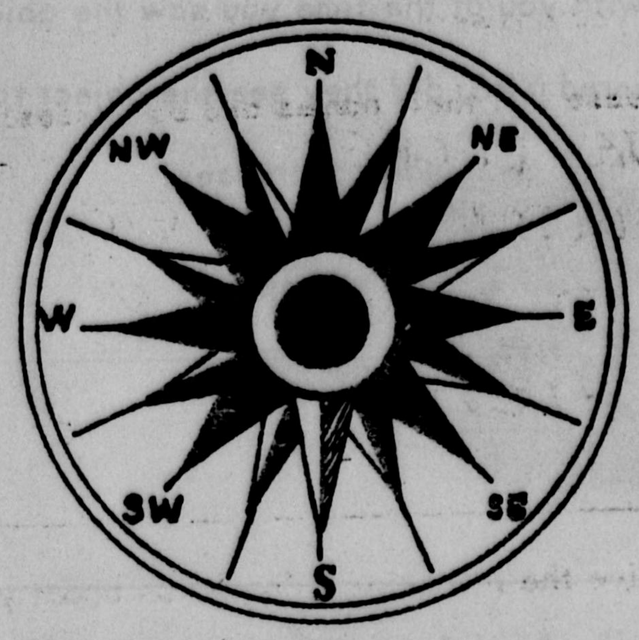
PROFESSOR (SOCIOLOGY), NORTHWESTERN U.

33. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?

_____ _____ _____
Day Month Year

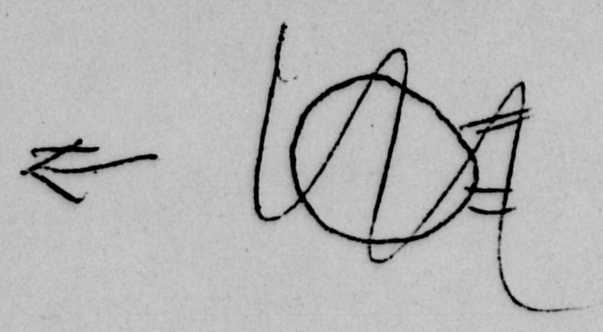
27. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *last* saw it. Place an "A" on the compass when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the compass where you *last* saw the object.





28. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.

29. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? _____
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.



34. Date you completed this questionnaire: _____ Day _____ Month _____ Year

35. Information which you feel pertinent and which is not adequately covered in the specific points of the questionnaire or a narrative explanation of your sighting.

Clear.

[redacted]

5 D Unit

Row

Facing south – D was excavated to top

Very sharply defined

Orange flecks coming out from shield –

Completely investigated

Moved from N to E. Passed below

the plane coming in for Cavalry.

80/82.

[redacted]
Reno, Pennsylvania
home phone: [redacted]

office:

Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
area code 513, base phone 253-7111 ext 69216 or 66378

EXTRACT FROM DUTY ORFICERS REPORT - 29 Sep 65.

Received call from Mr [redacted] Pa. He said that a man from FTD is going to see him today (30 Sep 65) about a meteorite which he found. [redacted] burned a portion of this meteorite with a match. Mr [redacted] wanted the visiting man from FTD to know this before departing FTD.

[redacted]

MEMO FOR THE RECORD: 29 SEP 65

Sgt Moody contacted Oakdale, Pa for them to obtain object that allegedly fell from sky. Phone number [redacted] Asked them to have [redacted] send object COD. Major Quintanilla contacted Mr [redacted], Pa regarding the object which he had picked up. Mr [redacted] explained that the object was too fragile to mail. Similar to size of childs football. Color light gray with streaks of pale green, one one side rust color. It had craters in it. On the end was a tail. Saw it coming down, within 75 yards of object when it fell. It had a tail approximately 4ft long red and orange with blue tail, white glow. Around 915pm(EDT) night before last (27 Sep 65). Doesn't want to put the object in mail. Its broken like an egg. There is a small hole in the ground, size of half dollar, there were three pieces with it. size of 50 cent piece of quarter. He wants assurance that the object would be returned to him in the original condition. Major Quintanilla explained that we might have to ~~k~~ chip it in order to analyze it. He said that he didn't want' Major Quintanilla to do this to the main object but could have the smaller pieces for analysis.

[redacted]
Reno, Pa

814 677-5235

Throughout Oakdale, Pa

MEMO FOR THE RECORD

0130 29 Sept 65

Call received from

Major Allan F Livers
Senior Director on Duty
Detroit Air Defense Sector (NORAD)
Batlle Creek, Michigan

He explained that a meteor siting occured on the 28th day of Sept, and

that a man,

[redacted]
Reno, Pennsylvanis[redacted] (Code 814 through Oil City)

and his wife had been painting a house when the object dropped near them. It frightened them, and they left the scene, returning later to find an object roughly the size and shape of a child's football. It is apparently hollow with rubbery walls approximately 1/16 inch thick. It was cracked, but all pieces were recovered. This is near Oil City, Pennsylvania.

Mr [redacted] reported this to bhe:

662 Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron, Oakdale, Pennsylvania

and they are waiting to pick up this object for delivery to FTD if this is desired. They are going to wait for a cäal from FTD.

MEMO FOR RECORD:

On 7 October Major Quintanilla went TDY to Pennsylvania and obtained the object from Mr [redacted] Object was a gourd of some sort, not a meteor.

OBJECT IN PHYSICAL SPECIMEN FILE

AF FORM 310b MAY 61

DOCUMENT RECORD AND RECEIPT

FROM: (Activity transferring documents)	DOCUMENT	DATE	PACKAGE NUMBER	CONTROL NUMBER	SUSPENSE DATE
[redacted], Reno, Pa		CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED	FILE DESIGNATION	NONE	

TO:	INTERNAL ROUTING			
	TO	DATE	TO	DATE
FTD (TDEW) Maj H Quintanilla, Jr Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433	1.		4.	
	2.		5.	
	3.		6.	

DATE DISPATCHED

DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT(S) *(Indicate type (letter, indorsement, etc.) and the number of copies; subject, short title if classified; number of indorsements and inclosures, and any other identifying data. Changes in the description (additions, withdrawals, etc.) will be shown with the date and initials of individual making entry.)*

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SENDER WILL INDICATE IF RECEIPT IS REQUIRED: ☐ NO ☒ YES *(If YES, recipient will FIRST DETACH TOP COPY, then complete, and return to sender.)*

RECEIVING OFFICE	TYPED OR PRINTED NAME, GRADE AND TITLE OF RECEIVER	SIGNATURE	DATE RECEIVED

MEMO ROUTING SLIP	*Never Use for Approvals, Disapprovals, Concurrences, or Similar Actions*	ACTION
1 TO Major Quintanilla TDEW-UFO	INITIALS	CIRCULATE
	DATE	COORDINATION
2		FILE X
		INFORMATION
3		NOTE AND RETURN
		PER CONVERSATION
4		SEE ME
		SIGNATURE

REMARKS

Re UFO, 9 Sept 65, Los Angeles, and the three initial reports forwarded to your office on 10 Sep 65. I contacted the parties again and found that some of their earlier comments were in error. Attached are the three revised reports, a map summarizing the reports, and my initial conclusions, or guesstimate of the cause.

FROM	DATE
CHARLES F REICHMUTH, Capt SSD(SSFA-UFO)	16 Sep 65 PHONE 643-3310

DD FORM 1 OCT 60 95 Replaces DD Form 94, 1 Feb 50, and DD Form 95, 1 Feb 50, which will be used until exhausted. c48—16—78279-1 GPO

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			SIGNATURE

REMARKS

Nr 3 for same time period and date.

Mrs [redacted] seemed to be a little embarrassed but willing to do her civic duty in reporting what she saw.

FROM SSFA	DATE 10Sep65
	PHONE

DD FORM 1 OCT 60 95 Replaces DD Form 94, 1 Feb 50, and DD Form 95, 1 Feb 50, which will be used until exhausted. c48—16—78279-1 GPO

MEMORANDUM 15 September 1965

SUBJECT: UFO, 9 September 1965
Sighting "A"

TIME AND PLACE: Between 2140 and 2145/
9 Sept 65, Los Angeles,
California

REPORTED BY: Mr [redacted], social worker, Bureau of Public Assistance, Los Angeles County, tel: [redacted], Ext: [redacted]

Residence: [redacted], Los Angeles, California

Mr [redacted] said he could testify to the time pretty accurately as being between 9:40 and 9:45 PM, 9 September 1965, as he had been checking the time in his own interest just prior to the sighting. He was on his scooter, riding at a speed of about 15 to 20 MPH on Lemon Grove Avenue, just off Normandy Ave., Los Angeles, and estimated the phenomenon at the time of the sighting was in a S.W. direction from him at about 80° in elevation (nearly straight up). He was attracted to the sight because the light pattern in the sky was like nothing else he had ever seen - it was pointed, like a bullet or elliptical shape with a radiation on the surface or trailing edges of the elliptical surface. He rode along for one or two seconds, looking at the phenomena. Then he looked down because he was on his scooter to see where he was going, and when he looked up again the light pattern had doubled in size, leaving him with the impression it had come quite near. In his estimation the light pattern had not changed shape. So he stopped the scooter, and when he looked up again, the thing was gone. Total elapsed time of both sightings was no more than five seconds.

Mr [redacted] stated that the moon was full and clear. For Los Angeles, it was a clear night, especially when looking upwards.

Mr [redacted] couldn't determine how far away the object was, how high, or its size. He said it looked very low down. At first it appeared about saucer size, and then changed to a size of about a dinner plate or serving plate which is larger than a dinner plate. The light looked like electrical house light.

Mr [redacted] repeated the object was an elliptical shape, or bullet shaped. It moved from a distant position toward him and didn't move horizontally. He saw the object twice: once smaller and once larger. He interpretated the change in size as movement - skyward-groundward movement would be the direction.

C F Reichmuth

CHARLES F REICHMUTH
Captain, USAF
SSD(SSFA-UFO)

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Residence: [redacted], Los Angeles, California

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Mr [redacted] stated that the moon was full and clear, not behind billowing clouds. The haze path was smooth from the ocean and things like that. The haze was on the horizon and just faded into the stars and moon. He didn't see any billowing clouds. The moon was very bright, for in the city, and what appeared to be haze was on the horizon. He was next to the freeway, and it rides high there and doesn't obscure visibility. For Los Angeles, it was a clear night.

Mr [redacted] couldn't determine how far away the object was, how high, or its size. He said it looked very low down. At first it appeared about saucer size, and then changed to a size of about a dinner plate or serving plate which is larger than a dinner plate.

The cloud, or phenomena, was light. The light looked like electrical light and could have been one of two things: light reflecting on a metal surface, or it could have been produced light itself, but he couldn't determine which.

Mr [redacted] repeated that the object was an elliptical shape, or bullet shaped. It moved from a distant position toward him and didn't move horizontally. He saw the object twice: once smaller and once larger. He interpreted the change in size as movement - skyward-groundward movement would be the direction.

Phoned in to Mrs [redacted] at approximately 1005/10 September 1965.

Phoned in to FTD/TDEW(UFO), WPAFB, Ohio, to Sgt Moody. Was instructed to mail copy to that office.

MEMORANDUM 15 September 1965

SUBJECT: UFO, 9 September 1965
Sighting "C"

TIME AND PLACE: Approx 2145/9Sept65
from locatio[redacted]

REPORTED BY: [redacted] buyer,
North American Aviation,
Inc, Space & Information
Systems [redacted]
Blvd, Downey, Calif.
Tel: [redacted]

Residence: [redacted]
Huntington Beach, Calif
Tel [redacted]

Mr [redacted] and his wife [redacted] were visiting M [redacted], an electrical engineer, North American Aviation Inc, Autonetics Division, Anaheim, Calif., at the [redacted] residence, [redacted] Way, Cypress, Calif., at the time of the sighting. The [redacted] were on the point of departure when Mrs [redacted] first sighted the alleged UFO while the three were standing in the front yard. She asked if that bright object were an airplane, then all looked. The object was about 30° to 40° above the horizon. All of a sudden they sighted the light, a fairly bright white-yellow light in the form of an elongated crescent. The trailing edges of the arc were to the north with the bottom of the arc or round side toward the direction of motion, or south. They first noticed the object to the NNW. At first the object appeared to move rather slowly, then seemed to speed up and then it disappeared. When last seen it was to the West.

M [redacted] personally observed the alleged UFO for about seven seconds, his wife observed it a little longer time. Mr [redacted] said he looked to see if it were landing lights, or some such, as he had spent four years in the U.S. Air Force and knew what landing lights and navigation lights were. But this light was not an aircraft light.

He said he had no way of telling how far away or at what altitude the object was. They watched the area where the light went out to try to see if any airplane flashing lights or warning lights were present, but to the best of his knowledge he could not see any aircraft in the area at that time. Neither before nor after the light was extinguished did they hear any aircraft or see any aircraft lights. Mr [redacted] said he had never seen anything like this before.

It was not the moon, Mr [redacted] continued, because the moon was SSE position about that time. The object was about the shape of an elongated quarter moon; it was much larger than the size of a star.

Mr [redacted] was contacted and his account of the sighting was essentially the same as that of Mr [redacted] except for the following:

a. He estimated the angle of elevation to be about 50° to 55°.

b. He observed the light for a much shorter period of time at an estimated 30° arc, azimuth about 290° to 260°.

c. He thought the light had gone out behind a cloud or thick haze.

C F Reichmuth

CHARLES F REICHMUTH
Captain, USAF
SSD(SSFA-UFO)

10/0845Z - Cypress, Calif. 7 Sept

MEMORANDUM: 10 September 1965

SUBJECT: UFO, 9 September 1965

TIME AND PLACE: Approx 2145/9 Sep 65 from location [redacted] Way, Cypress, Calif.

REPORTED BY: [redacted], buyer, North American Aviation, Inc., Space and Information Systems, [redacted] Downey, Calif., [redacted]

Residence: [redacted] Huntington Beach, Calif. Te[redacted]

Mr [redacted] and his wife [redacted] were visiting Mr. [redacted], an electrical engineer, North American Aviation Inc, Autonetics Division, Anaheim, Calif., at the [redacted] residence, [redacted] Cypress, Calif., at the time of the sighting. The Simon's were on the point of departure when Mrs [redacted] first sighted the alleged UFO. while the three were standing in the front yard. She asked if that bright object were an airplane, then all looked. The object was approximately due west moving from north to south about 30° to 40° above the horizon. All of a sudden they sighted the light, a fairly bright white light in the form of an arc, an elongated arc. The trailing edges of the arc were to the north with the bottom of the arc or round side toward the south. It was moving in a southerly direction. As they first noticed the "arc" it was approximately NNW moving toward the south. At first the object appeared to move rather slowly, then seemed to speed up and then, "pouf!" it disappeared.

Mr [redacted] personally observed the alleged UFO for about 10 seconds, his wife observed for a little longer time. Mr [redacted] said he looked to see if it were landing lights, or some such, as he had spent four years in the U.S. Air Force and knew what landing lights and navigation lights were. But this light was not an aircraft light.

He said he had no way of telling how far away or at what altitude the object was. They watched the area where the light went out to try to see if any airplane flashing lights or warning lights were present, but to the best of his knowledge he could not see any aircraft in the area at that time. Neither before nor after the light was extinguished did they hear any aircraft or see any aircraft lights. Mr. [redacted] said he had never seen anything like this before.

It was not the moon, Mr [redacted] continued, because the moon was SSE position about that time. The object was about the shape of a quarter moon but not really; it was rather sizeable but not the size of a star.

Mr [redacted] said that in fact the first thing he thought of was that it was the moon only a little fatter, so he looked to see where the moon was and in looking, the moon was completely across the sky, but in relation to size it was similar to that, not dazzling but bright the same as the stars or something like that.

Report received approx 0915/10 Sep 65 by Mrs Hofsommer

Phoned in to Maj Quintanilla TDEW
Capt. 0940, requested copy of this
preliminary report to arrive Mon 13 Sep 65

MEMORANDUM 15 September 1965

SUBJECT: UFO, 9 September 1965
Sighting "B"

TIME AND PLACE: Between 2145 and 2200/
9 Sept 65, [redacted]

REPORTED BY: Mrs [redacted]
[redacted]
(Los Angeles County)
Torrance, Calif.
Tel: [redacted]

Mrs [redacted] stated that between 9:45 and 10:00 PM 9 Sept 65, she, her husband, and a neighbor ([redacted] Ave, Torrance) saw the object. The following is her description:

It was a real thick object shaped like a saucer and had a slight glow to it. It was observed at an estimated angle of elevation of about 40° to 50°. It was so "bright" out last night, no clouds in the sky, it was as clear as a bell.

It is hard to say how far away it was; it looked as though it was hovering, but moving toward them. It didn't change shape; it was just like a thick saucer. It had a real, wierd glow. The overall color was yellow like electrical house lights are yellow. The center section was a real pale green.

The object was to the west of where Mrs [redacted] lives. It appeared at first to be hovering and then moving in a North to South direction when it suddenly went out of sight. (COMMENT: This slightly contradicts her statement that the object was also moving towards them. However, Mrs [redacted] states that both of her statements are correct.

(Reported on 10 Sep 65)

CHARLES F REICHMUTH
Captain, USAF
SSD(SSFA-UFO)

10/OSI HQ 2 - L.A., CALIF.

9 Sept

MEMORANDUM: 10 Sept 65

SUBJECT: UFO, 9 Sept 65

TIME AND PLACE: Between 2145 and 2200/ 9 Sept 65, Torrance, Los Angeles County, Calif.

REPORTED BY: Mrs [redacted], (Los Angeles County), Torrance, Calif. Tel: [redacted]

Mrs [redacted] stated that between 9:45 and 10:00 PM, 9 Sept 65, she, her husband, and a neighbor ([redacted]ve., Torrance) saw the object. The following is her description:

It was a real thick object shaped like a saucer and had a slight glow to it, kind of green, a real slight, pale glow and it looked like the outer rim - the glow was the light causing the outer edges to glow. It was there about three to four seconds from what they figured out.

It seemed it - like once they saw it, it left, whatever it was. It was so bright out last night, no clouds in the sky, it was a clear as a bell. Their first thought was that maybe it was plane with the vapor, but there was no plane, nothing. It was the wierdest thing.

It is hard to say how far away it was; it looked as though it was hovering, but moving toward them. Mrs. [redacted] said she was kinda scared. It was close enough that she saw what she saw.

Mrs. [redacted] said she would say it was low in the sky compared to being high. It didn't change shape; it was just like a thick, thick saucer. She didn't see a dome on top, but it was like a saucer. It had a bright light on it, making the whole thing glow real wierd. The light was a yellow like the electrical house lights are yellow. It was a real pale green from the time she saw it ; the main light was causing the yellow glow around the outer rim; only the middle showed up green. The glow from the light made the outer rim of yellow glow, and they hadn't had a drink, she added. This was the first one she had ever seen.

The object was to the west of where Mrs [redacted] lives and appeared to be spinning south. It appeared at first to be hovering and then it completely spun out of sight. If it had been a plane or a missile that had blown up she would have seen it because she had seen missiles blow up or gone up and this was something entirely different.

Mrs [redacted] commented that her husband thinks this is stupid and doesn't believe in it, (meaning flying saucers and unidentified objects in general)and for him to think it could possible seemed to amaze her. She added that they stood out there for a long time afterwards to see whether it was a missile, but it was nothing like that. The movement seemed to be controlled. It wasn't like a missile running wild and blowing. She had seen such at Vanguard around Hueneme, Calif., months ago.

Mrs [redacted] said she had waited until around 3:22 PM/10 Sept 65 to call because she had waited to see if there had been anything in the papers.

Call received by Mrs. Hofsommer.

10/0555Z - WRIGHT-PATTERSON OHIO 9 Sep 7

HEADQUARTERS
6592D SUPPORT GROUP
AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE STATION
Air Force Unit Post Office, Los Angeles, California 90045

REPLY TO ATTN OF: SSQO

20 SEP 1965

SUBJECT: Report of Unidentified Flying Object (UFO)

TO: AFSC (FTD)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. Reference AFR 200-2.

2. The following UFO sighting was reported to the Space Systems Division Command Post at 2200 hours, 9 September 1965:

a. Description: Jet size object with pointed front, orange in color and with fire on the sides.

b. Course: Southeast.

c. Time and Date: 2155 local time, 9 September 1965.

d. Location of Observer: Norwich and Atlantic in city of Alhambra.

e. Observer: [redacted] a student, age 17, [redacted], Alhambra, California, [redacted]

f. Weather Conditions: Clear.

g. Preparing Officer's Position and Comments:

(1) Operations Staff Officer, 6592d Support Group.

(2) Officer was unable to contact the observer.

HOWARD E. SHORT
Colonel, USAF
Deputy Commander

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Staff Duty Officer's Report

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Extract from Staff Duty Officer's Report 10 Sep 65

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The following was extracted from the SSD Staff Duty Officer's Report for the period 1630 9 Sep 65 to 0800 10 Sep 65:

"Two UFO reports were received around 2200 hrs, 9 Sep 65. [redacted] age 17; [redacted], Alhambra, phone [redacted], student. Description of the object: pointed front, fire on sides (curved backward) orange color, about jet size, going southeast. Manner of observation; visual. 2155 hrs, 9 Sep 65, 6 seconds (length of sighting). Location; Alhambra - Norwich & Atlantic. Weather condition; clear. No physical evidence.

[redacted] age 46 - [redacted] age 23, [redacted] Pedro, Los Angeles 90003, phone [redacted], Teacher. Description of the object: Sting-ray, large light, plane banking to left 1000 ft high, going east. Manner of observation ; visual at 2145 hrs. Location of observer; home. Weather clear. No physical evidence."

s/ DANIEL W. WICK
1st Lt, USAF
SDO

JAMES J. HUANE, 2nd Lt, USAF
Admin Off, Ofc of Admin Svcs

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20 SEP 1965

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: SSQO

SUBJECT: Report of Unidentified Flying Object (UFO)

TO: AFSC (FTD)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. Reference AFR 200-2.

2. The following UFO sighting was reported to the Space Systems Division Command Post at 2200 hours, 9 September 1965:

a. Description: Appearance of a stingray with a large light.

b. Course: Eastbound.

c. Time and Date: 2145 local time, 9 September 1965.

d. Location of Observers: [redacted] Street, Los Angeles, California.

e. Observers: [redacted], age 46, an[redacted] age 23; at above location. Phone number [redacted]

f. Weather Conditions: Clear.

g. Preparing Officer's Position and Comments:

(1) Operations Staff Officer, 6592d Support Group.

(2) Officer was unable to contact any of the observers.

HOWARD E. SHORT
Colonel, USAF
Deputy Commander

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SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION
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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: SSA

SUBJECT: Extract from Staff Duty Officer's Report 10 Sep 65

TO: SSSO

The following was extracted from the SSD Staff Duty Officer's Report for the period 1630 9 Sep 65 to 0800 10 Sep 65:

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s/ DANIEL W. WICK
1st Lt, USAF
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JAMES J. [redacted], 2nd Lt, USAF
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9 SEPT 10/0445Z

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE (SAC)
MARCH AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA, 92508

REPLY TO ATTN OF: DICE

29 September 1965

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object (UFO)

TO: AFSC (FTD), Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, 45433

1. The following UFO Report was received from District Intelligence Office, Eleventh Naval District, San Diego, California, and is forwarded in accordance with paragraph 13b, AFR 200-2, as amended:

a. Description of the Object(s):

(1) Spherical

(2) Basketball

(3) Silver with bright orange glow particularly around edges.

(4) One

(5) -

(6) Absolutely round and appeared to have the color of aluminum or dull steel.

(7) Left whispy trail of fire from the top and bottom of the sphere.

(8) No sound.

(9) -

b. Description of Course of Object(s):

(1) It suddenly appeared in the sky - moving from Northwest to Southeast, was not too bright at first but immediately became very bright.

(2) 45 degrees and travelled on a level flight path.

(3) 45 degrees - level.

(4) Level flight path - no maneuvers.

(5) Suddenly went dark and was gone.

(6) At least 10 seconds.

c. Manner of Observation:

(1) Ground - visual

(2) None

(3) -

d. Time and Date of Sighting:

(1) 0445Z 10 September 1965.

(2) Exceptionally clear night - full moon - no clouds or restrictions to visibility whatsoever.

e. Location of Observer(s). Exact latitude and longitude of each observer, or Georef position, or position with reference to a known landmark: [redacted], Tustin, California.

f. Identifying Information of All Observer(s):

(1) -

(2) [redacted]ircraft Maintenance Officer, USNAS, Los Alamitos, California. 23 years aviation experience, qualified reciprocating and jet engine pilot, 2500 hours flying time.

g. Weather and Winds-Aloft Conditions at Time and Place of Sightings:

(1) Ceiling and visibility unlimited - full moon.

(2) Calm.

(3) None.

(4) Unlimited.

(5) None.

(6) None.

h. Any Other Unusual Activity or Condition, Meteorological, Astronomical, or Otherwise, which might Account for the Sighting:

(1) I am told that a rocket was launched at Vandenberg AFB that night. I am positive that this sighting was not of a rocket or any component thereof nor was it a conventional aircraft or balloon. It was a large metal sphere that was clear and distinct that appeared to be glowing from high speed in the atmosphere.

i. Interception or Identification Action Taken (such action may be taken whenever feasible, complying with existing air defense directives):

(1) None.

j. Location of any Air Traffic in the Area at Time of Sighting:

(1) I did not see any aircraft at that time although there normally is considerable civilian and military traffic in the area.

k. Position Title and Comments of the Preparing Officer, Including His Preliminary Analysis of the Possible Cause of the Sighting(s):

(1) Chief, Exploitation Branch, Directorate of Intelligence, Headquarters Fifteenth Air Force (SAC). Subject report was received by this headquarters on 28 September 1965, eighteen days after the sighting. Due to the time element involved and the distance from the area, an "on-the-spot" survey was not conducted. A preliminary analysis of the report indicates the possibility that the sighting could have been a weather balloon, considering the sighting was in Tustin, California, near El Toro Marine Air Station.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Bertram R. Cowan

BERTRAM R. COWAN, Lt Col, USAF
Chief, Exploitation Branch
Directorate of Intelligence

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