PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 23 Oct 1963	2. LOCATION Meridian, Idaho	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other UNIDENTIFIED ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local GMT 24/0335Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian (Multi)	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 6 Minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	9. COURSE S-SW

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Shiny metallic object. Circular from below football from side. Had a deep loud pulsating irritating sound. One red flash from side. Approached from SE at 085 deg Az. Hovered over observer fro 4½ mins. Gained altitude, flew sout for 1 minute, changed direction to SW and disappeared beyond houses and trees at 35 deg elevation. Witness 2 youths and one adult.

11. COMMENTS

Description inicates helicopter, however, check with FAA and military units reveal no helicopter flights consistant with date/time of report.

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

23 OCT 63
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND
OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, NEBRASKA, 68113

REPLY TO ATTN OF: DASMR

21 DEC 1967

SUBJECT: Declassification of UFO Report (Your Ltr, 6 Dec 67)

TO: Hq FTD (TDPT/UFO)

The attached message from the 9SAW (formerly at Mountain Home AFB, Idaho) has been reviewed and is declassified in accordance with paragraph 2-18, AFR 205-1. All addressees of the message have been advised of this action by AF Form 289, Request for or Notice of Change of Classification.

Edward M. Christensen
EDWARD M. CHRISTENSEN, Lt Col, USAF
Directorate of Administrative Services

1 Atch
9SAW Msg, DCOI 689, 30 Oct 63

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DEC 6 1967

TDPT (UFO) Maj H Quintanilla/70916/mhs/5 Dec 67
Declassification of UFO Report (Your Ltr, 30 Nov 67)

Hq SAC (DASMR)

The attached Confidential message from 9SAW is forwarded for your review and proper classification. The UFO files in our office are permanent files and are available to the news media and scientific researchers. All unclassified reports are made available in accordance with Public Law 89-487, Freedom of Information Act. Request that you consider downgrading this report to unclassified.

FOR THE COMMANDER

HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Major, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office
Aerospace Technologies Division
Production Directorate

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CONF msg fm 9SAWG
MTN HOME AFB IDA,
CITE DCOI 689, 29/2245Z,
October 1963

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30 OCT 63 04 05Z

FM 43RD SAWG MTN HOME AFB IDA

TO RUWGALF/ADC

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RUCEBC/AFSC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RUEAHQ/ HQ USAF

RUEAHQ/ SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

BT

[redacted] SCOI 669

TOR : ADC, READS/ AFSC(FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION). HQ USAF (AFCIN), SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (SAFOI), UFO REPORT. A.1. CIRCULAR FROM DIRECTLY BELOW. FOOTBALL SHAPED WHEN VEIWED FROM THE SIDE. 2. GRAPEFRUIT. 3. SHINY METALIC. 4. ONE. 5. N/A 6. ONE SMALL, QUICK, REDFLASH FROM SIDE OF OBJECT. 7. NONE. 8. DEEP, PULSATING LOUD, EXTREMELYIRRITATING SOUND. 9. NONE. B.1. LOUD SOUND APPROACHING FROM SOUTH EAST. 2. Ø65 DEGREES AZIMUTH. 3. 035 DEGREES AZIMUTH. 4. HOVERED 4 AND ONE-HALF MINUTES OVER OBSERVERS, GAINED ALTITUDE (AMOUNT NOT ETERMINED), FLEWSOUTH FOR 1 MINUTE, CHANGED

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HEADING TO SOUTH WEST LEW SOUTH WEST FOR ONE HALF MINUTE AND DISAPPEARED, BEHIND HOUSES AND TREES. 5. 6 MINUTES/ C/1. GROUND VISUAL 2. NONE. 3. N/A. D.1. 24 OCT 0335Z. 2. NIGHT. E/ 1231 WEST FIRST TERRIT MERIDIAN, IDAHO. F. OBSERVERS: [redacted] STUDENT; RUSSAL LEONARDNORDAN, 1C, STUDENT; AND [redacted] HOUSEWIFE. OBSERVERS AT [redacted] T, MERIDIAN, IDAHO.

403-4842

MIN RELIABILITY. G. 1. CLEAR, 15K/TE. 2. S/T, 13/320, 14/300,
57/290, 53/270, 48/290, 41/320, 21/290. 3.4.5. CAVU. 6. NONE. 7.
SURFACE 13; 4M/PLUS 7; 6M/0; 8M/-3; 10M/-7; 12M/-12;
14M/-15; 16M/-16; 18M/-20; 20M/-24; 22M/-29; 24M/33; 26/-38;
28/-42; 30M/-42; 32M/-43; 34M/-44; 36M/-46; 38M/-49; 40M/30;
42M/-51; 44M/-53; 46M/-53; 48M/-54; 50M/-56; 52M/-57. [redacted]
NONE. K. 1. FLIGHT CHARACTERISTICS AND NOISE OF UFO INDICATE
HELICOPTER, BUT OBSERVERS ARE SURE UFO IS NOT HELICOPTER. 2/
CHECK WITH FAA AND ALL MILITARY AND CIVILIAN HELICOPTER UNITS
WHICH MIGHT OPERATESIN MERIDIAN AREA REVEALS, NO HELICOPTER
FLIGHTS CONSISTANT WITH TIME/DATE/AREA OF UFO SIGHTING.
3. UFO IS NOT DUE TO WEATHER PHENOMENA. L. NONE.

SP-4

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UNCLASSIFIED

NO CASE (INFORMATION ONLY)
SAUCER NEWS, VOL II, No 1, MAR 64

24 OCT 63
MERIDIAN, IDAHO

CLOSE SIGHTING IN IDAHO: At least four people in Meridian, Idaho, saw a UFO at very close range on the evening of October 24th. The witnesses included Mrs. [redacted] and her two sons, one of whom made the following report:

"My brother [redacted] heard a noise over the house at 8:45 p.m. It faded away, but then came closer again and hovered over the house. My mother, Russell, and I looked outside. It was dark out, but as nearly as we could see, the object was perfectly round and about 35 feet in diameter. A red light on its side flashed on once and then went off quickly. It made a very deep humming noise. It just hung about eight feet above our willow tree, very low and motionless, and then slowly moved on after about five minutes. We were all pretty scared."

The family, as well as the F.A.A., discounted the possibility that the craft could have been a helicopter.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND
OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, NEBRASKA, 68113

REPLY TO ATTN OF: DASMR

SUBJECT: Declassification of UFO Report (Your Ltr, 22 Nov 67)

30 NOV 1967

TO: Hq FTD (TDPT/UFO)

The records of the 9SAW (formerly at Mt. Home AFB) have been destroyed or retired in accordance with AFM 181-5. If you will furnish a copy of the message for our review, we will determine the proper classification of the report.

FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

Edward M. Christensen

EDWARD M. CHRISTENSEN, Lt Col, USAF
Directorate of Administrative Services

NOV 22 1967

TDPT (UFO) Maj Quintanilla/70916/mhs/21 Nov 67

Declassification of UFO Report

Director of Administrative Services
Offutt AFB (SAC)
Omaha, Nebraska 68113

1. The Aerial Phenomena Office is attempting to declassify an unidentified flying object report from 30 October 1963. This message was originated by the 9th SAW while at Mountain Home AFB, Idaho. As you can see by the attached correspondence, these records were not transferred to Beale AFB, California.

2. Request your assistance in locating proper authorities to declassify CONFIDENTIAL message from the 9th SAWG DCOI 639 (30 Oct 63) subject "UFO Report."

FOR THE COMMANDER

HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Major, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office
Aerospace Technologies Division
Production Directorate

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Ltr, TDET (UFO), subj:
Declassification of UFO
Report w/1st Ind 9SRW, 11 Oct 67

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 67TH TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE WING (TAC)
MOUNTAIN HOME AIR FORCE BASE, IDAHO 83648

REPLY TO ATTN OF: DOI/SSgt Snow/2492

16 November 1967

SUBJECT: Declassification of UFO Report

TO: HQ FTD (TDET/UFO)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. Reference your letter, subject as above of 7 November 1967. Recommend you address any further inquiries to:

Director of Admin Services
Offutt AFB (SAC)
Omaha Nebraska, 68113

2. Paragraph 2-17b (iii), AFR 205-1 is quoted for your information and guidance: "The authority for changing or cancelling a classification is assigned to higher authority in the same chain of command."

FOR THE COMMANDER

Cyril C. Stidd

CYRIL C. STIDD, LT COL, USAF
Chief, Intelligence Division

NOV 7 1967

TDET/UFO (Maj Quintanilla/70916/mhs/7 Nov 67)

Declassification of UFO Report

Hqs 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing
Attn: Major Salyer
Mountain Home AFB, Idaho 83648

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FOR THE COMMANDER

JAMES C. MANATT, Colonel, USAF
Director of Technology and Subsystems

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION (AFSC)
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO 45433

REPLY TO ATTN OF: TDET/UFO

OCT 3 1967

SUBJECT: Declassification of UFO Report

TO: 9th SAWG
Beale AFB, California 95903

Reference your CONFIDENTIAL message (From Mountain Home AFB, Idaho), DCOI 689 (30 Oct 63), subject "UFO Report." Request permission to downgrade message to unclassified. If another office assumed the responsibility of downgrading messages prepared by your organization, while stationed at Mountain HomeAFB, request you provide their address.

FOR THE COMMANDER

JAMES C. MANATT, Colonel, USAF
Director of Technology and Subsystems

1st Ind (9EXO)

Hq, 9 Strat Recon Wg, Beale AFB, Calif 95903 11 Oct 67

TO: Hq, FTD (TDET/UFO), Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

1. The 9SAW was deactivated at Mt. Home AFB, Idaho, and the 9th Strat Recon Wg activated at Beale AFB. No connection exists between the 9SAW, Mt. Home AFB and the 9SRW, Beale AFB, except transfer of unit designation.

2. The only records transferred to this unit by the 9SAW were special orders.

FOR THE COMMANDER

DANNY M BOWEN, Captain, USAF
Executive Officer

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 67TH TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE WING (TAC)
MOUNTAIN HOME AIR FORCE BASE, IDAHO 83648

REPLY TO ATTN OF: DOI

11 September 1967

SUBJECT: Declassification of UFO Report

TO: TDEF/UFO

Organization listed as addressee is no longer based at Mountain Home. Suggest you consult AFM 11-4.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Cyril C. Stidd

CYRIL C. STIDD, LT COL, USAF
Chief, Intelligence Division

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION (AFSC)
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO 45433

SEP 1 1967

REPLY TO ATTN OF: TDET/UFO

SUBJECT: Declassification of UFO Report

TO:

9th SAWG
Mountain Home AFB, Idaho 83648

Reference your CONFIDENTIAL message DCOI 689 (30 Oct 63), subject "UFO Report". Request permission to downgrade message to unclassified.

FOR THE COMMANDER

J. Quintanilla Jr. Maj.
JAMES J. MANATT, Colonel, USAF
Director of Technology and Subsystems

TDET/UF[redacted] Oct 67)

OCT 3 1967

Declassification of UFO Report

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Beale AFB, California 95903

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FOR THE COMMANDER

JAMES C. MANATT, Colonel, USAF
Director of Technology and Subsystems

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TDET/UFO (Maj Quintanilla/70916/mhs/1 Sep 67)

Declassification of UFO Report

9th SAWG
Mountain Home AFB, Idaho 83648

Reference your CONFIDENTIAL message DCOI 689 (30 Oct 63), subject "UFO Report". Request permission to downgrade message to unclassified.

FOR THE COMMANDER

JAMES C. MANATT, Colonel, USAF
Director of Technology and Subsystems

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TDEW/UFO

DEC 15 1965

UFO Sighting, Meridian, Idaho

Hq USAF SAFOICC (Mrs Hunt)

The 26 October 1963 Meridian, Idaho sighting is carried in Air Force files as "unidentified." The sighting has the normal characteristics of a helicopter observation. We have checked the FAA, military, and civilian helicopter units which might operate in the Meridian area and have not been able to find an organization operating a helicopter during this date and time. The following description was furnished by the witness:

a. Object was circular from directly below and football shaped when viewed from the side.

b. Object emitted a "deep, pulsating, loud, extremely irritating sound."

c. Object hovered four and one half minutes over observers, gained altitude (amount not estimated), flew South for one minute, changed heading to Southwest, flew Southwest for one half minute, and disappeared behind houses and trees.

Total time of observation was six minutes. Observer did not estimate size or speed of object in his official report to the Air Force. Information was received through normal teletype channels; therefore, FTD Form 164 was not used in this case.

FOR THE COMMANDER

ERIC T de JONCKHEERE, Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology and Subsystems

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TDEW/UFO

ORIGINATOR TDEW/UFO [redacted] DATED 15 Dec 65

TDEW W S Wheeler DATED 15 Dec 65