

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 25 June 1964	2. LOCATION El Paso, Texas
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON The film was analyzed by, the U.S. Army Photographic Range Instrument Laboratory and evaluated objects as weather observation balloon with its 2 instrument package.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Three	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS The observers description of the objects was like "a silver ice cream cone" accompanied by 2 ivory objects. The observer took 28 frams of pictures with a homemade telephot lens attached.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 Seconds	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual (TX)	
7. COURSE North	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

FORM
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Texas Boy Gets Photos

Fourteen-year-old Jack Spiro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Spiro of El Paso, Texas, was using his telescope on Thursday, 25 June 1964 when he spotted three V-shaped objects in the southwestern sky. One glowed, the other two were "dark ivory" in color. The boy photographed the objects with color film. He subsequently sent the film to Dallas for special processing. When the film came back, the boy's parents notified authorities at Bigg AFB. An Air Force sedan picked Jack up at school and took him to Biggs where he and Air Force technicians observed the film. Jack said an ivory-colored v-shaped object showed up on 8 consecutive frames. Mrs. Spiro, when notified of the results, notified the papers, whereupon the story changed. Both Major Thornton, an Intelligence Officer, and Colonel William W. Saunders said that there was nothing but "something that was either an abrasion on the film or a spot caused by processing".

Jack's mother told Mr. Lorenzen in a telephone conversation on the subject that Major Thornton had told her by phone shortly after the initial film viewing that "something unusual" was on the film and Mrs. Spiro said he seemed excited about it. She seemed quite resentful about the change in attitude. This case is still not resolved and Mrs. Spiro has not accepted our offer of free analysis.

HEADQUARTERS
95TH BOMBARDMENT WING (SAC)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
BIGGS AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: DCOIO/Major Thornton/ext 2668

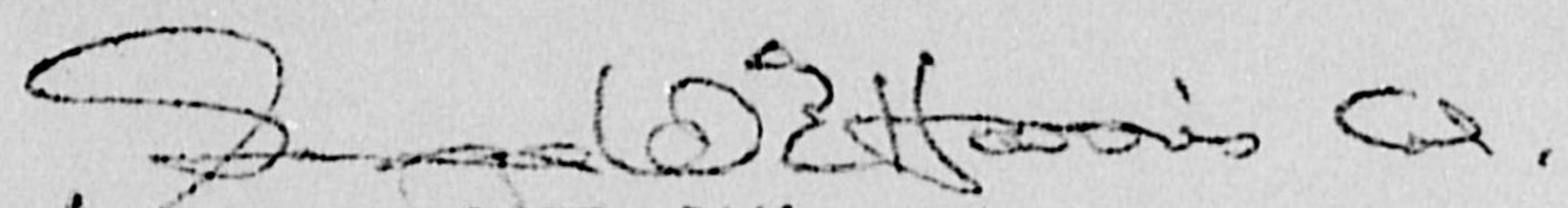
SUBJECT: Alleged UFO Sighting, 25 Jun 64, El Paso, Texas

19 JAN 1965

TO: TDEW/Major Quintanilla
Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. This sighting was investigated by the 95 Bomb Wing Intelligence Division and determined to be a weather observation balloon launched from the El Paso weather station some 10 minutes prior to the sighting. Tracking data at the launch site corresponded perfectly with the reported positions of the supposed UFO.
2. The disposition of the film was pretty much as stated in the newspaper article. Although the film could have been processed at Fort Bliss it was decided to keep it in standard commercial channels to preclude any possibility, if the film should be blank or unreadable, that the Air Force had damaged it. The telephoto lens, incidently, was home-made from spare parts acquired from his father's store. The film was analyzed at the Fort Bliss US Army Photographic Range Instrumentation Laboratory by the investigator, and the laboratory specialist in the boy's presence. The camera was in constant motion throughout the exposure period. Only 28 frames were exposed, about 3 seconds total time. Each frame was individually examined and revealed nothing but the top of an occasional telephone pole and a few scattered clouds.
3. The boy's first description of "a silver ice cream cone" accompanied by 2 ivory objects, checks with the balloon and its 2 instrument packages.
4. Because the investigating officer was satisfied that the object had been definitely identified no formal report was made to your office.

FOR THE COMMANDER


JACK O'REAGAN
Colonel, USAF
Deputy Commander for Operations

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*25 Jan 65
El Paso, Texas*

TDEW/Major Quintanilla/ext 69216

Alleged UFO Sighting, 25 Jun 64, El Paso, Texas

6 Jan 65

Commander

Biggs Air Force Base, Texas

1. The Air Force project on unidentified flying objects has received a request for information pertaining to the attached newspaper article. No report has been received by this command of a sighting and/or films of this alleged incident.
2. We request that Major Thornton, or other personnel associated with this sighting be queried and if such an incident did occur a report in accordance with AFR 200-2 be submitted to this command, attention TDEW/Aerial Phenomena Branch. If photographs were taken it would be desirable to have the original negative(s) as supporting evidence forwarded with the report. These negative(s) would be returned to the owner upon completion of study by the Air Force.

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Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology
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Newspaper Article,
28 Jun 64, 2 cys

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25 June 1964
El Paso, Texas

June 25, 1964

El Paso Boy, 14, May Have Films Of Three UFO's

EL PASO (AP)—A 14-year-old El Paso youth believes he has captured unidentified flying objects on film.

Moving picture film taken by Jack Spiro Thursday has been sent to Dallas for processing.

Spiro reported seeing three V-shaped objects in the southwestern sky late Thursday afternoon. One of them glowed. The other two, he said, were dark ivory in color.

The youth viewed the objects with his telescope as they moved northward. He then took films of the objects.

After several telephone calls to area military commanders, Spiro telephoned the North American Air Defense Command headquarters in Colorado Springs, Colo.

An Air Force sedan picked

him up Friday at El Paso Technical High School, where he is taking some courses.

"A Maj. Thornton told me Biggs (Biggs Air Force Base in El Paso) did not have the equipment to process the film. So, we drove to another place and the people said they would have to forward the film to Dallas for processing."

Was he sworn to secrecy?

"No, I do not think that anybody is out to get me."

MR. [REDACTED]
Newark 4, N. J.

Dec. 26, 1967

Dear Major

Worona shows interest in the subject of unidentified flying objects and being a collector of such photographs I recently read of a young El Paso youth, who claimed to have taken colored motion pictures of a UFO. This story appeared in the local El Paso newspapers and I would like to ask the following questions in reference to this film strip.

A. How did you hear about this film strip and how they appeared in interest?

B. Was your department in possession of this film strip, if so what was the final analysis?

C. Was the film strip returned to the owner

I am Hoping for an early reply, to my questions,

Respectfully Yours
[REDACTED]

21 January 1965

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

The Air Force cannot identify a photograph without the date or location of the sighting and the name of the photographer who took the film.

There are no unidentified cases in Air Force files which were submitted with photographic evidence. All photographs submitted have been identified as known or conventional objects or hoaxes.

Sincerely,

MASTON M. JACKS
Major, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. [REDACTED]
84 Summer Avenue
Newark 4, New Jersey

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Request for UFO Information (Albert Onori)

6 Jan 65

Hq USAF SAFOI PB (Mrs Hunt)
Wash D C 20330

1. Reference the attached letter from Mr. [REDACTED] requesting information on unidentified flying objects. Previous correspondence from him in April requested information regarding various films. He was given a thorough answer on 4 May 64.
2. The Air Force cannot identify a photograph without the date or location of the sighting and the name of the photographer who took the film. Personnel familiar with the project (UFO's) do not recall having received any photographs taken in El Paso, Texas.
3. It is suggested that Mr. [REDACTED] be informed that no case in Air Force files submitted with photographic evidence is carried as UNIDENTIFIED. All photos have been identified as known or conventional objects, hoax's or to causes inherent in the photographic equipment or in photo processing.

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El Paso, Texas*

TDEW

Request for UFO Information (Mr. [REDACTED])

8 Feb 65

Hq USAF SAFOI PB (Mrs Runt)
Wash D C 20330

1. Reference the attached letter from Mr. [REDACTED] requesting information on an unidentified flying object on 25 Jun 64, El Paso, Texas.
2. The above sighting was investigated by the 95th Bombardment Wing at Biggs Air Force Base, Texas and was determined to be a weather observation balloon launched from El Paso weather station ten minutes prior to the sighting. Tracking data at the launch site corresponded with the reported positions of the UFO.
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4. The witness's first description of "a silver ice cream cone" accompanied by two ivory objects, checks with the balloon and its two instrument packages. This case is carried in Air Force files as a Balloon observation.

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16 February 1965

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Reference is made to your letter of January 27 requesting information on a film in conjunction with a UFO report which was taken in El Paso, Texas, in June of 1964.

This report was investigated by personnel from Biggs AFB, Texas. The cause of the sighting was determined to be a weather observation balloon launched from the El Paso weather station ten minutes prior to the sighting. Tracking data at the launch site corresponded with the reported positions of the UFO.

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Major, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Newark 4, New Jersey

MR. [REDACTED]
Newark 4, N. J.

Jan 27, 1965

Dear Major Jacks

Thank you for your letter dated Jan. 21. In reference to my previous question I will try and elaborate on all the details available at the present time.

The following information appeared in an newspaper article, published by the El Paso Times, on or about the Jan 27th of 1964

On or about the 25th of June, 1964 Jack Spur of El Paso Texas took a color motion picture of a Unidentified Flying Object

I would like to know if this particular film strip, was submitted by Mr. Jack Spur, to the Air Force, for development, analysis, conclusions and was the film strip returned to its owner?

Hoping for an early reply, to my question

Yours

Respectfully Yours,
Mr. [REDACTED]

HEADQUARTERS
FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION
AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO



REPLY TO TDEW
ATTN OF:

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