PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 10 August 65 11/0450Z	2. LOCATION OTHER UNRELIABLE REPORT Los Angeles, California
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Only on on Hollywood Freeway!!!?? Possible observation of Mars and refraction as the planet was setting. The blue object attributes the star SPICA. Character of the witness taken into account. Basic data in the form of positional data and motion in accord with this evaluation.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One (Two ?)	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object observed from car on Hollywood freeway. Car heading West and object about 111 O'Clock position. Bearing shifted to 9 O'Clock position as car left the freeway. Object had orange-amber color. Compared size to football at arm's length. Blue object about the size of baseball at arm's length was observed near the orange object. As the orange object disappeared it went straight up changing to reddish white color. No knowledge of how the blue object disappeared. Night was clear and witnesses were emphatic that the object was NOT the moon. Time 2150, 10 August, MOON at 20.22 RA (20 deg elevation, 160 degrees azimuth). VENUS at 11.19 RA, below the horizon. MARS at 13.26 RA on horizon near the star SPICA. MARS in the process of setting at 260 deg azimuth. Mag plus 1.2. Observer regarded as unreliable.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Stationary, up	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes XX No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes XX No	

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MEMORANDUM: 15 September 1965

SUBJECT: UFO, 10 August 1965

TIME AND PLACE: About 2150/10 August 1965
Los Angeles, California

REPORTED BY : Mr [redacted] professional musician (drummer)

Residence : [redacted]
Hollywood, California

Telephone : [redacted]

Mr and Mrs [redacted] left their residence in the Silver Lake district of Hollywood and entered the Hollywood Freeway west bound at the Vermont Avenue on-ramp. When on the freeway, they noticed the UFO at an undetermined distance at about 11:00 o'clock position relative to the automobile. They observed the UFO for a period of about 10 minutes while traveling on the freeway until they got approximately to the Barham Avenue off-ramp (in the middle of Cahuenga Pass). Except for one quick and lateral movement, the UFO appeared to be motionless during the time of observation. At the end of the 10 minute period the relative bearing of the UFO had slowly moved such that it was about the 9:00 o'clock position relative to the car when last seen. (COMMENT: After affecting some elementary triangulation, it would appear that the suspected UFO would have been located over the general area of UCLA and Bel Aire in the West Los Angeles area, an average distance of about 12 miles from the Hollywood Freeway.) The object was described as a very large oval object with a fairly distinct outer edge and with no evidence of being transparent or soft such as one might describe a cloud. It had an orange-amber color. A second small object which appeared to be a small blue light was observed near the orange object. When asked to judge the relative size of the objects, [redacted] stated that when compared with an object being held in the hand at arms' length, the orange object was about the size of a football and the blue object about the size of a baseball.

According to [redacted], at the end of the observation period, the orange object suddenly took off "straight up", becoming brighter and with the color changing to a "reddish white" and with no reduction in size when it suddenly disappeared. They did not know or note what happened to the blue light. [redacted] stated that it was a clear night and that the orange object was definitely not the moon.

A check with weather facilities at Los Angeles International Airport indicated that at the time of the observation, Los Angeles was enjoying clear skies (with no smog), 15 miles visibility, no clouds, no temperature inversion layers, and surface winds varying from three to five knots from 120 to 260°, the surface temperatures between 72° and 74°. Weather conditions at Burbank were similar with 10 miles visibility and slightly warmer temperatures.

In the discussions between Mr [redacted] and Captain Reichmuth, SSD/SSFA, it became quite apparent that Mr [redacted] was an ardent "flying saucer" fan who belonged to an informal organization (unnamed) which considered flying saucers to be one of their common items of interest and discussion. Mr [redacted] firmly believes that non-terrestrial space vehicles and intelligent people do exist and have made a habit of observing the earth for a period of years. Several times during the conversation Mr [redacted] volunteered the answers to standard questions before they were asked, indicating thereby he has been subject to UFO interrogation procedures previously, e.g., he volunteered the information that when in the car they were not looking through the glass but through open windows of the car and that they were not wearing eye glasses. It was also determined that Mr [redacted] saw no tails or trails, that they heard no sounds, and could volunteer no other details or unusual features. Mrs [redacted] deferred all questions to her husband but said that she concurred in what he said.

COMMENTS: No other report of this phenomena was received by SSFA. There were no other reports found either in the newspapers or other media. Based on the relative size of the object it would appear that what Mr [redacted] allegedly saw was something in the neighborhood of two miles in diameter. It is considered unlikely that anything of this size would have been seen in the Los Angeles area by only one person, particularly in view that it was a clear night.

A check was made with the information office at UCLA which, in turn, checked with all of the departments of the university. The results were completely negative. No one had reported seeing any such object, nor had any of their departments been conducting experiments that might have produced such phenomena. In the opinion of the investigating officer, Mr [redacted] has attempted to perpetrate a hoax or was under the influence of some consumable item taken either orally or intervenously. As an additional comment, Mr [redacted] attempted to describe all of the flying saucers and other phenomena which he had seen, beginning in 1955, and including phenomena which he had heard other people mention to him. After one hour and a half of this cacaphony, the investigating officer cut him off by saying it would be appropriate at that time only to report the most recent event since it was inappropriate to attempt investigation of any phenomena which had occurred at a much earlier time period. In this one respect Mr [redacted] did agree with the investigating officer.