PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP	2. LOCATION
4 Dec 66 0830Z	San Mateo, California

3. SOURCE

Civilian

4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

three

5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

4-5 minutes

6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

Ground Visual

7. COURSE

westward

8. PHOTOS

☐ Yes
☒ No

9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

☐ Yes
☒ No

10. CONCLUSION

Aircraft(possible)

11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS

Observer watched three brilliant lights in a V formation travel toward the western sky. It was like a mass of brilliant lights; tops were red, and the bottom was orange. It was about five miles between the lead object and the trailing objects. It looked like orange droplets fell from the tail of the one object.

A test aircraft was in the area at the time of the sighting. The aircraft was equiped with a glass bottom and fitted with TV cameras and a high intensity infra-red light. This flight was conducted at 2000 feet and the light would have been visible from the ground. The nature of the light combined with the clouds in the area would produce an eric effect from the ground.

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

2. STRAIGHT UP OVER SAN FRANCISCO AIRPORT

3. UNK

4. STRAIGHT WESTERLY

5. SLOWLY TO THE WEST

6. 4 TO 5 MINUTES

C. 1. GROUND VISUAL

2. BINOCULARS - TYPE UNK

D. 1. 0837Z - 4 DEC 66

2. NIGHT

E. 37 34 30N - 122 22 40W CITY OF SAN MATEO AND HILLSBOROUGH CALIF

F. 1. CIVILIAN [redacted] WIFE [redacted]

SAN MATEO CALIF FAA AIR TRAFFIC CNTROLLER, SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, EDUCATION UNKNOWN, RELIABILITY GOOD.

G. 1. NONE

2. OVER SAN FRANCISCO BAY 2000 SATURDAY EVENING THRU 0200 SUNDAY ALL TIMES LOCAL

6 hrs

WIND DIRECTION AND VELOCITY

	03/1600P	04/0400P
6000'	2170	2510
10000	2450	2625

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16000	MISSING	2550
20000	MISSING	2560
30000	MISSING	2560
50000	MISSING	2740
80000	NOT AVAILABLE	

CEILING

20 P 4620 SCATTERED VIS 15, 21 P MEASURED 4800 BROKEN, VIS 15,

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7 DEC 66 | 22 46z

WPE 37

PTTU JAW RJWMEWA 8 341 211 5- UUUU--RUEDFIF.

ZNR UUUUU

P 721 22Z DEC 66

FM 78CMBTS PTG P HAMILTON AFB CALIF

TO RUWMFVA/ADC

RUWMBDA/2SAIDIV ADAIR AFS OREG

RUEDFIF/FTD WRIGHTPATTERSON AFB OHIO

RUEDHQA/CSAF

RUEDHQA/OSAF

ET

PRIORITY

EAB

S ETR

Test a/c - experiment - special job.

UNCLAS SGOPS 76059 DEC 66. FOR TDETR, FOR AFRDC, FOR SAF-OI.

A. 1. MASS OF BRILLIANT LIGHTS

2. SAME SIZE AS BOEING 707

3. BRILLIANT LIGHTS - TOPS RED, BOTTOM ORANGE

4. THREE

5. V FORMATION - APPROX 5 MILES BETWEEN LEAD OBJECT AND TRAILING OBJECT - 3 MILES BETWEEN THE TWO TRAILING OBJECTS.

6. VERY BRILIANT

7. ORANGE DROPLETS FELL FROM THE TAIL OF THE SOUTHWEST ONE.

8. SILENT

9. 200-300 MPH - NO ABRUPT MANEUVERS

B. [redacted]

. 4[illegible]SAST, 42P 18[illegible] SCAT EST 5[illegible] BROKEN VIS 15.

NEGATIVE THUNDERSTORMS.

H. 1. NONE

I. NONE

J. N/A

K. CAPT JAMES R. WHITING, FV 586521, A BASE OPERATINS OFFICER

7[illegible]H COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP HAMILTN AFB CALIF.

MR. BUMGARDNER, LICK OBSERVATORY, SAN JOSE, CALIF WAS CONTACTED.

NO ASTRONOMICAL BODY OF PHENOMEMON WAS EVIDENT DURING THIS PERIOD

WHICH WOULD ACCOUNT FOR THIS SIGHTING. MR. BUMGARDNER REFERRED

ME TO MR DAVID WOLFE, DALMO VICTOR SAN CARLOS CALIF RE

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MILITARY AIRCRAFT TESTING. A LIGHT INTENSITY MEASURING DEVICE.

MR WOLFE CONFIRMED A TST FLIGHT WA CONDUCTED DURING THAT TIME

PERIOD. AN A1E EQUIPED WITH A GLSS BOTTOM AND FITTED WITH TV

CAMERAS AND A HIGH INTENSITY INFRA-RED LIGHT WAS IN OPERATION.

THIS FLIGHT WAS CONDUCTED AT 2[illegible] FEET AND THE LIGHTWOULD BE

VISIBLE FROM THE GROUND. HE ALSO STATED THAT THE NATURE OF THE

LIGHT COMBINED WITH THE CLOUDS IN THE AREA WOULD PRODUCE AN ERIE

EFFECT FROM THE GROUND.

BT