

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 19 Dec 66 20/0430Z	2. LOCATION San Diego, California (Multiple)
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON (Hot Air)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 3 or more	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 9 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS SEE CASE FILE
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE North-South	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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

Ballon (Hot Air)

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS 22D BOMBARDMENT WING (SAC)  
MARCH AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA, 92508



REPLY TO  
ATTN OF:

DXI

FEB 10 1967

SUBJECT: UFO Report

TO: Project Blue Book Office  
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

~~RECORDED~~  
19 Dec 66  
San Diego, Calif.

Our office is forwarding a UFO report which was sent to us for investigation. Please note the lengthy detail in this report.

FOR THE COMMANDER

for *James D. Lord* 2LT. *W.C. Deane*  
WILLIS C. DEAN, Major, USAF *2/18/63*  
Chief, Information Division

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UFO Rpt

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NAVAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE OFFICE  
SAN DIEGO  
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SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92110

IN REPLY REFER TO:  
NISO-SD/40/DCS:ci  
Ser: 431

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31 JAN 1967

From: Commanding Officer, Naval Investigative Service Office, San Diego  
To: Commander, March Air Force Base, California

Subj: Unidentified Flying Objects Sighting; forwarding of

Encl: (1) NAVINVSEVO San Diego Memo to the Files of 27 January 1967

1. In accordance with existing instructions enclosure (1) is forwarded  
as a matter under your cognizance.



S. M. ZIMNY

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NISO-sd/40/AAG:ci  
Memo  
27 January 1967

MEMORANDUM TO THE FILE

Subj: Unidentified flying objects; sightings of

Encl: (1) Ltr of 17 Dec 1966 from Ena. John H. SCHMITT, USNR, 710034  
(2) UFO Sightings, 19 Dec 1966 signed by Donald R. CARR  
(3) CARR UFO sighting report of 25 Mar 1966  
(4) CARR UFO Sighting rpt of 30 Mar 1966

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1. Enclosure (1) pertains to reported sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO's) made on 16 December 1966 by Ensign John H. SCHMITT, fleet replacement pilot, Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron TEN. The sightings were made from USNAAS Ream Field, Imperial Beach, California. In substance, enclosure (1) reflects four UFO's were sighted 60 degrees above the horizon, travelling generally from an East to West direction. The UFO's were bright in color; were observed for approximately nine minutes, flickered and disappeared.

2. The information contained in enclosure (1) was forwarded by USNAAS Ream Field to March AFB, California in accordance with COM11 INST 3820.1A of 1 April 1958.

3. On 21 December 1966, [REDACTED], Lemon Grove, California, phoned [REDACTED], voluntarily appeared at NISO-SD. CARR furnished a self-authored report of UFO sightings which he allegedly made on 19 and 20 December 1966. (Attached as enclosure (2)). CARR reportedly made his observation of 19 and 20 Dec 1966 from his residence which he asserted is at an elevation of 250 feet above sea level, in an unobscured area. [REDACTED] asserted he had read a San Diego newspaper article on 21 December 1966 which indicated the UFO's which were being reported in the San Diego area, might be translucent bags of plastic with a heat source slung below to provide lift. [REDACTED] stated he disagreed with this theory, which prompted his reporting of the UFO's to NISO-SD. In substance, [REDACTED] report concerning his UFO sightings of 19 and 20 December 1966, describe the UFO's as brilliant orange in color which were visible for several minutes and then flickered, dropping a quantity of glowing material from its periphery, then disappearing.

4. [REDACTED] advised that he is a senior mechanical engineer and a graduate of the University of Chicago. He admitted being an avid satellite watcher and, an eight year affiliation with the National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), 1536 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. [REDACTED] related he sent his UFO sighting report of 19 and 20 December 1966 to NICAP. Additionally, he furnished NISO-SD with copies of reports of previous UFO sightings, viz; 25 March and 30 March 1966, which are attached as enclosures (3) and (4). [REDACTED] advised he had previously furnished these reports to NICAP.

ENCL. 7

MEMORANDUM TO THE FILE

Subj: Unidentified flying objects; sightings of

5. During the evening of 21 December 1966, a newscaster from radio station KOGO, San Diego, reported he resides in Lemon Grove, California, and shortly before going on the air to give his news broadcast, had observed UFO's in the vicinity of his residence. He described them as brilliant orange in color, flickering and dropping flaming material. The newscaster reported he managed to follow one of these objects on foot and when it came to earth, he discovered it to be a plastic bag, of the type utilized by dry cleaning establishments to cover clothing. He found it partially burned and a candle device slung beneath the plastic bag, which when lit, gave the plastic bag buoyancy into the air.

COMMENT: The UFO's which were reportedly sighted in the San Diego area during the month of December 1966, are deemed to be a hoax, perpetrated by unknown person(s). For record purposes this memorandum will be furnished to the nearest air force facility, March Air Force Base.

6. Files of NAVINNSERVO San Diego are negative on ~~Ensign John H. SCHMITT~~ and Ensign John H. SCHMITT.

*A. A. Gontkon*  
A. A. GONTKON

17 December 1966

From: Ensign John H. Schmitt, USNR, 710034  
To: Officer-in-Charge, District Intelligence Office, COMELEVEN

Subj: Unidentified flying objects; sighting of

Ref: (a) COMELEVENINST 3820.1A of 1 Apr 1958

1. Reference (a), this letter is being sent containing all pertinent information concerning the sighting of unidentified flying objects on the night of 16 Dec 1966. The basic format for the following information was taken from COMELEVENINST 3820.1A of 1 Apr 1958.

2. The objects sighted were basically round in shape about the size of a pea held at arms length. They appeared bright orange in color. The four objects sighted were at too great a distance to distinguish any details; they all appeared as bright orange balls of light. No sound was heard and there were no unusual physical features visible during the entire period of observation.

3. The objects were first noticed because of their brightness and unusual flight path across the sky. Three of the four objects were first sighted at approximately 60 degrees above the horizon, using our position, 200 yards north of the main gate to USNAAS Ream Field, as the reference point. The fourth object was first sighted on the horizon. The first three objects maintained a formation, changing their relative positions to each other as they moved from the East in a westerly direction. The fourth object remained apart from the other three, travelling initially in a northwesterly direction finally turning due west. All of the objects periodically stopped and held their positions for a maximum time of thirty seconds each stop. After approximately nine minutes the objects started to disappear. First, two objects out of the flight of three flickered and disappeared, second, the lone object flickered and disappeared, and finally the third of the flight disappeared in the same manner as the other three.

4. These observations were made at 0530 Zulu visually from the ground. The actual weather at that time was clear, eight miles visibility, no cloud cover, with the winds at 240 degrees and twenty-five knots at fifty thousand feet. There was no reported thunderstorm activity in the area, with no unusual meteorological conditions seen or reported.

5. The observers present were as follows:

John H. Schmitt, Ensign, HS-10, fleet replacement pilot

David G. Conklin, Ensign, VS-41, fleet replacement pilot

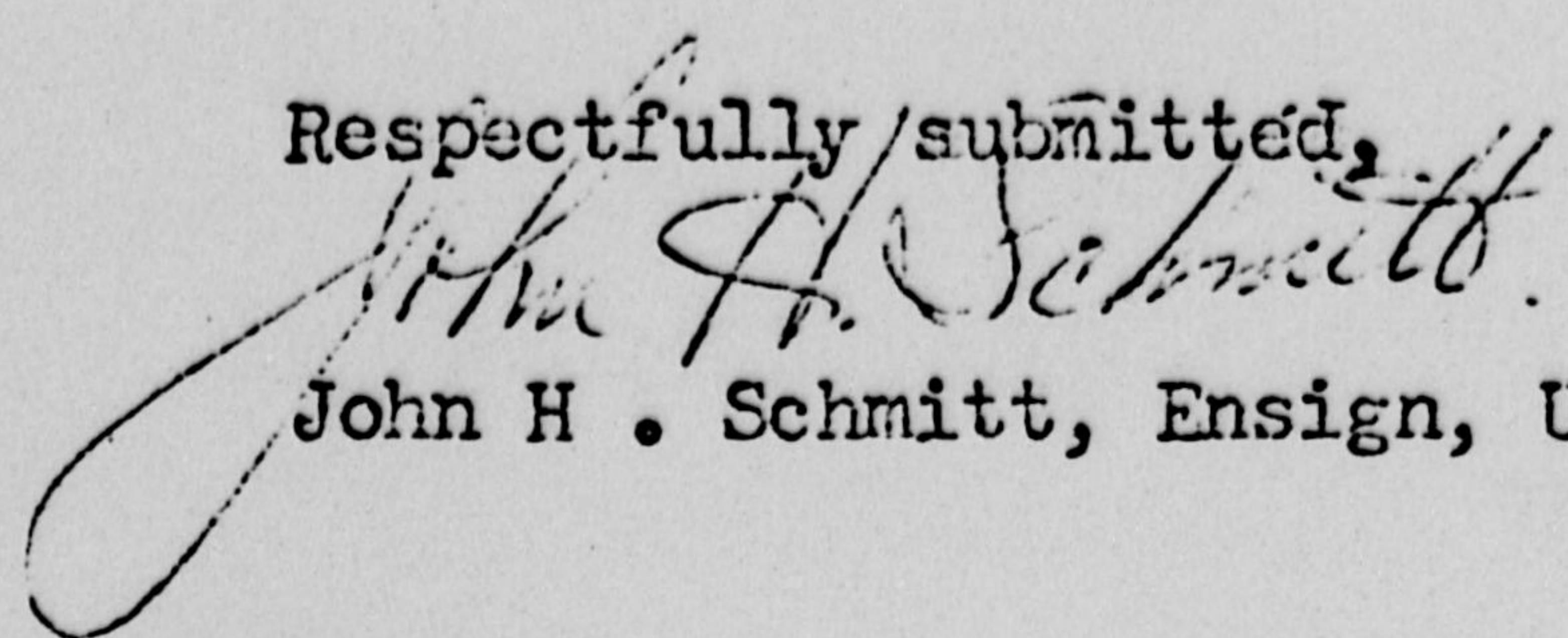
John W. Coghill, Ensign, VF-12, fleet replacement pilot

Mrs. [REDACTED]

Encl 1

6. There was an extensive article published in the San Diego Tribune dated 17Dec 1966, the final edition.

Respectfully submitted,



John H. Schmitt, Ensign, USNR

Copy to:

District Intelligence Office, COMELEVEN  
Commanding Officer, Helicopter Anti-submarine Squadron Ten