

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 16 Jan 67 16/1145Z	2. LOCATION Warner Robins, Georgia one witness
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Other(Artificial Cloud Release) ✓ <i>just</i>
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	Observer watched an object that was shaped like a horse-shoe and also described as a vapor trail in the shape of a question mark. The object had a reddish tail approximately ten feet in length. Object appeared to remain stationary, but gradually faded away with the coming of daylight.
7. COURSE Stationary	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	A Nike-Iroquois rocket was launched from Eglin AFB at 0540 CST, 16 January 1967. At altitude there was a barium cloud release which was seen up to about 300 miles. The description is consistent with that of this cloud release.
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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ACTION: RDC-4

INFO: KOP-1, KOPK-2, SAFOS-3, NIN-7 (18) ADV CY DIA (VIA JCS)
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PTTU JAN RUCLM 298 0162154-UUUU--UEDHQA

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FM ROBINS AFB GA

TO RUWFMVH ADC

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FOR TDET, FOR ~~WFO~~ FOR SFW-ON AFIC (MCIS). SUBJ WFO IAW

PARA 11, AFR 34-17, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED ON SIGHTING OF ONE

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT OBSERVED SOUTHWEST OF ROBINS AFB,

GEORGIA, AT APPROXIMATELY 0645 HOURS EST, 16 JANUARY 1967. A

DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT: (1) VAPOR TRAIL IN SHAPE OF QUESTION

MARK ALSO DESCRIBED IN SHAPE OF HORSE SHOE; (2) APPROXIMATELY

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TWO FEET WIDE AT A 45 DEGREE ANGLE FROM WHERE SIGHTED; (3)
BLuish GREEN; (4) ONE; (5) NO FORMATION; (6) CLOUD SHAPED LIKE
QUESTION MARK; (7) REDDISH TAIL APPROXIMATELY 18 FEET LONG; (8)

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NO SOUND; (9) NONE. B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT; (1)

ANOTHER PERSON CALLED HER ATTENTION TO UNUSUAL CLOUD WHICH WAS
VISIBLE AT THIS TIME OF MORNING; (2) 30,000 FEET ELEVATION IN A
SOUTHWEST DIRECTION; (3) SAME ELEVATION AS ABOVE; (4) OBJECT
APPEARED TO REMAIN STATIONARY; (5) GRADUALLY FADED AWAY WITH THE
COMING OF DAYLIGHT; (6) ABOUT 20 MINUTES. C. MANNER OF OBSERVA-
TION: (1) GROUND-VISUAL; (2) NONE; (3) NO KNOWN AIRCRAFT IN AREA
AT TIME OF SIGHTING. D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING: (1) 1145Z -
0645 LOCAL; (2) -DAMP; (3) 1000 YARDS WEST OF ROBINS AFB, GEORGIA
E. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER: (1) MRS. [REDACTED]

3. [REDACTED] WARNER ROBINS, GEORGIA, AGE 27 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] GEORGIA, HIGH
SCHOOL EDUCATION, RELIABILITY VERY GOOD. F. WEATHER AND WINDS -
AL OFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING: (1) CLEAR; (2)
DETACHMENT 13, 15TH WEATHER SQUADRON, THIS STATION, ADVISED THAT
WIND DIRECTION AND VELOCITY IN DEGREES AND KNOTS AT TIME OF

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SIGHTING IN LOCAL AREA ARE AS FOLLOWS: SURFACT 320/06; 6,000 FEET - 340/24; 10,000 FEET - 270/40; 16,000 FEET - 240/50; 20,000 FEET 240/65; 30,000 FEET - 240/85; AND 50,000 FEET - 230/100.

(3) CEILING - NONE; (4) VISIBILITY - UNRESTRICTED; (5) AMOUNT

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OF CLOUD COVER - NONE; (6) THUNDERSTORMS IN AREA AND QUADRANT IN

WHICH LOCATED - NONE; (7) VERTICAL TEMPERATURE GRADIENT - 1.4

DEGREE C/100 FEET. H. 1 ANY OTHER UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OR CONDITION:

INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM PIQ, EGLIN AFB, FLORIDA, REVEALED THAT

A TWO STAGE NIKE-IRONGUOIS ROCKET CONTAINING VAPORIZED BARIUM

PAYLOAD WAS RELEASED AT ALTITUDE FROM THE AEROSPACE FACILITY AT

SANTA ROSA ISLAND, EGLIN AFB, FLORIDA, AT 0640 HOURS EST, 16

JANUARY 1967, WHICH WOULD PRODUCE VAPORIZED CLOUD, LIGHT GREEN,

IN COLOR, WITH TINGES OF RED AND DARK BLUE. THE VAPOR CLOUD

FORMED AN ELONGATED PATTERN ALONG THE LINE OF THE EARTH'S

MAGNETIC FIELD AND SHOULD HAVE BEEN VISIBLE FOR 300 MILES OR

MORE. I. NONE. J. NO KNOWN AIRCRAFT IN GENERAL AREA AT TIME

OF SIGHTING. K. POSITION TITLE AND COMMENTS OF THE PREPARING

OFFICER: MR. HOWARD Q. BOWEN, INVESTIGATOR, SECURITY POLICE

DIVISION, ROBINS AFB, GEORGIA. DURING THE COURSE OF THIS

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INVESTIGATION, IT WAS LEARNED THAT THIS UNUSUAL CLOUD, LIGHT GREEN IN COLOR, WITH TINGES OF RED AND BLUE, WAS OBSERVED BY MANY PEOPLE IN THE LOCAL AREA AS WELL AS 1 MACON, GEORGIA, 18 MILES NORTH OF ROZINS AFB. ALL DESCRIBED THE CLOUD TO BE A VAPOR TRAIL SHAPED IN DIFFERENT PATTERNS AND COLORS DESCRIBED PAGE 4 RUCLMMA0290 UNCLAS

AS LIGHT BLUE, LIGHT GREEN, WITH RED AND DARK BLUE. ALL PERSONS WHO OBSERVED THE VAPOR CLOUD DESCRIBED IT TO BE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST OF ROBINS AFB AND REMAINED VISIBLE FOR ABOUT 20 MINUTES. IT IS THE OPINION OF THE PREPARING OFFICER THAT THE OBJECT OBSERVED WAS THE VAPOR CLOUD FROM THE NIKE-IRROQUOIS ROCKET WHICH WAS RELEASED FROM SANTA ROSO ISLAND, EGLIN AFB, FLORIDA AT 0540 CST, 16 JANUARY 1967.

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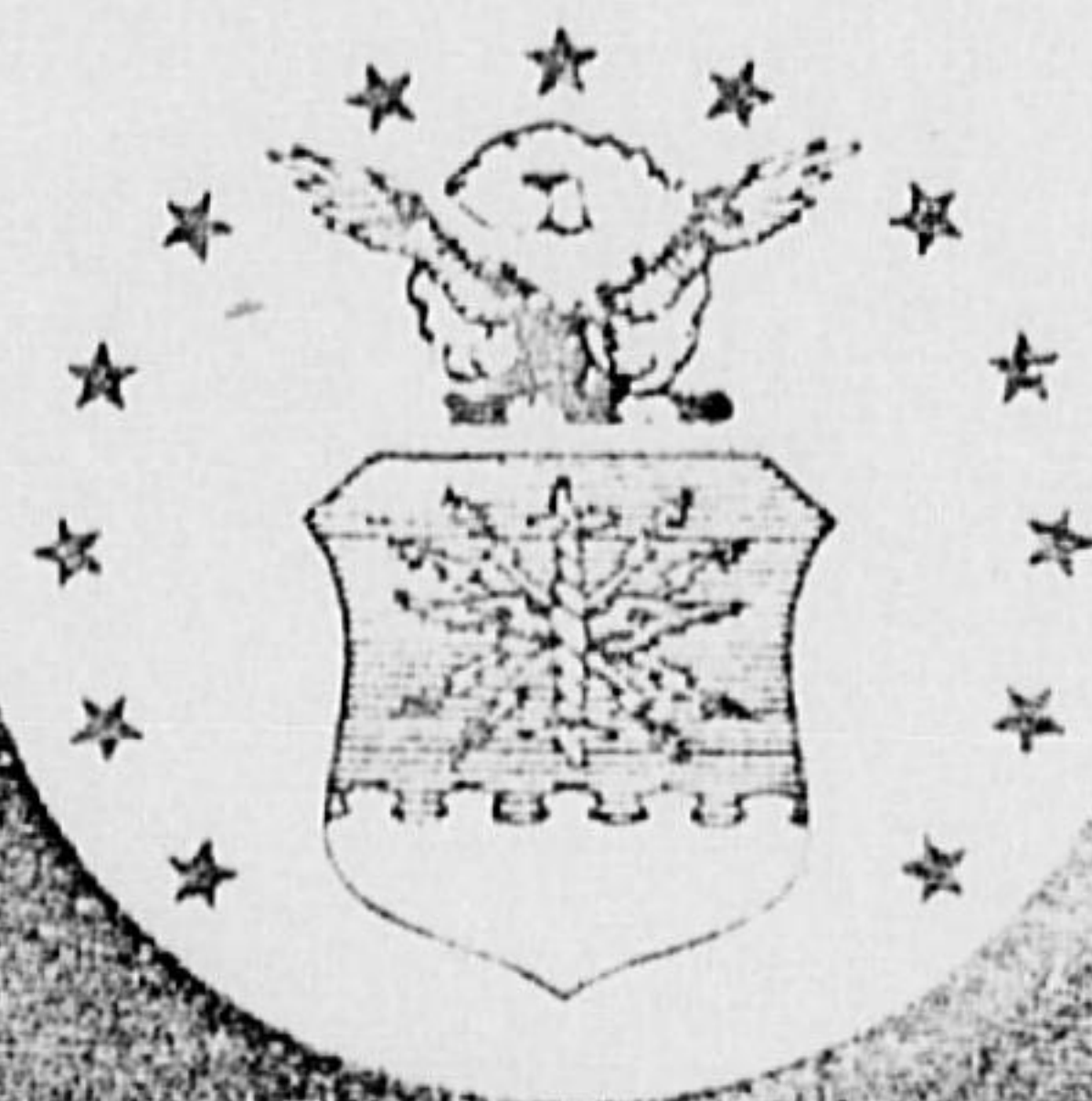
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MEMO for the Record:

Contact was made with Public Affairs Office, NASA, at Cape Kennedy, Florida in regards to any rocket launches. NASA did not have any missile firings on or about the time of the sighting.

Contact was made with the PIO at Cape Kennedy, Florida in regards to any Air Force missile firings on 16 Jan 67 on or about 0600 EST. There were no Air Force missile firings to account for the sighting.

Contact was made with PIO at Eglin AFB, Florida in regardsto the observance of UFOs in the Missouri, area. Eglin AFB has been launching missiles up into the upper atmosphere. At approximately 100 ^{MILES} in altitude there would be a cloud release. This cloud would have drifted towards the north. The colors were a light green tinged with red and blue. Eglin had received reports from Tennessee and North Carolina in regards to the observation. They(Eglin AFB) said that the clouds should have been visible up to about a 300 mile radius. The missile was launched at 0548 CST 16 Jan 67.



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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

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AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE NO. 67-28

CHEMICAL LAUNCHES CONTINUE

EGLIN AFB, Fla., Jan. 17--A chemically produced vapor cloud was visible within a 300 mile radius of Eglin AFB Monday evening due to the second and third high altitude research probe tests launched from the Aerospace Launch Facility on Santa Rosa Island.

The second launch of the day took place at 5:34 p.m. (C.S.T.), followed by a third at 6 p.m. The final two launches are scheduled to take place late Wednesday afternoon.

Both launches Monday evening were very successful according to Mr. Marshall Cartledge, Space Systems Branch of the Aircraft and Missile Test Division, Air Proving Ground Center. The launch vehicle, a two stage Nike-Iroquois, contained a vaporized barium payload which was released at an altitude of 100 nautical miles.

Mr. Cartledge said the cloud formed an elongated pattern along the lines of the earth's magnetic field. The cloud drifted in a northerly direction and was visible for 30 minutes.

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The purpose of the research launches, managed by the Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratory at L. G. Hanscom Field, Mass., is to measure wind speeds and direction in the upper atmosphere.

Time lapse photography will gather the desired test data. Cameras are situated as far away as 100 miles from the launch site.

Project officer for the launches is Dr. N. W. Rosenberg.

June 66

Proposed reply to letter from Mrs. Gerald Greenlief, 26 January 1967

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]:

Reference your letter of 26 January 1967 concerning several unidentified flying object sightings by your husband and other individuals on three successive nights. Our office has received several reports of a bluish-green cloud on the morning of 16 June 1966. These reports were from Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, and now Kentucky. A detailed investigation into the matter revealed that Eglin AFB, Florida was engaged in an upper atmosphere research study at the time of the sighting. A two stage Nike-Iroquois rocket which contained a vaporized barium payload was launched at approximately 0548 CST 16 January 1967. At an altitude of approximately 100 miles, the barium payload was injected. This produced an enormous green vapor cloud which was visible for several hundred miles. The Public Information Office at Eglin informed our office that this cloud formed an elongated pattern along the lines of the earth's magnetic field and was visible for approximately 30 minutes.

The description in the news clipping you provided is quite similar to those we have already received concerning the 16 January 1967 early morning observation. Upper atmospheric research studies this past year has been responsible for numerous UFO observations.

As for the other sightings I can offer no comments without additional information. If you and your husband would complete the

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inclosed FTD Form 164 on your successive night observations, an
evaluation will be attempted.

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Two FTD Forms 164

[REDACTED]
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601
January 26, 1967

Foreign Technology Division
TDED-UF
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio 45433

Gentlemen:

On the evening of January 18, 1967, I telephoned your office regarding several UFO sightings by my husband, a friend, and me. In the verbal report, I mentioned that I had observed strange-looking objects on three successive nights (January 16-18) and that the one I came closest to was near the Kentucky Utilities Power Plant, located between Lawrenceburg and Frankfort.

Because of my curiosity about the object's proximity to the power plant, I have since returned to the area of the sighting and discovered that the object we had seen hovering was located exactly one-tenth of a mile from the power lines which cross over the highway at that point.

You will notice in the clipping I am enclosing (from the January 26, 1967, Frankfort State Journal) that all witnesses, excluding the report of an object near the Shelbyville sub-station prior to the power failure there, reported the objects they saw as moving in the direction of Lawrenceburg or as being located in the sky toward Lawrenceburg.

You will notice, too, that one witness described the object she saw as looking to be "about the size of one of those big water towers". In my report, I used the same analogy to describe the object I watched near the KU plant on January 18.

Several other reports, similar to the ones I am enclosing, have come to my attention during the past week, and one of those reports is similar to both the newspaper accounts and my own report. The person described the object he saw to me as similar to "a bluish-green cloud with three 'legs' underneath and it looked kind of like a water tower." This was seen in Shelby County on January 15 at 7 a.m., and it was in the sky in the direction of Lawrenceburg.

The similarity of all of these accounts is striking, I think, and I felt that you should receive this additional information. Perhaps it will be of some help in the study being made concerning UFOs.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Mrs. G. [REDACTED]

Radiant, Moving Objects Sighted

'I Know I Saw It—I'm Not Crazy'

By ALBERT E. DIX

Monday, January 16, began about like any other cold, crisp mid-winter day.

On a farm about 12 miles east of Frankfort, a man rose from a warm bed, dressed, and stepped outside his home to get a breath of clear, morning air and do a few household jobs before he started to work in the Capital City.

At 6:30 a.m. it was still dark. The stars twinkled in a near-cloudless sky.

Suddenly, there it was, something in the sky which, he said, resembled a green, gaseous cloud. A relative of the man saw the same phenomena.

"I didn't give it much thought at the time, thinking perhaps it was a cloud being reflected by the sun."

(The identity of the man is being withheld at his request. But the State Journal knows him to be a trained observer, and a person whose reliability is unquestioned.)

He was to see this object a

few minutes later, this time with different thoughts crossing his mind.

This sighting of something unique in the sky was one of three incidents which, last week, stirred imaginations and brought squarely into focus again the highly controversial debate on unidentified flying objects, UFO's.

In Shelbyville the night of Sunday, January 15, a high school youth called his school principal to report sighting a bright light moving erratically southeast of the Shelby County seat.

Early Wednesday morning three women, two of whom are related, were up early.

One was actually on her way home from work. She stepped into her car, drove down an access road and turned onto the Lawrenceburg Road at a spot about two miles from Frankfort.

There it was, something in the sky. "It was shaped at the top like a saucer, round, flat, and lights coming from it cast

a glow toward the ground."

Whatever it was, the object was outlined against a dark, early morning sky, cloudless, cold. "It was moving in a straight line coming out of the northeast and moving toward Alton and Lawrenceburg. The whole thing had a radiant, bluish cast, a sort of soft radiance."

The woman's description fitted, almost exactly, the picture of an alleged unidentified flying object taken by an amateur photographer in Pennsylvania in the summer of 1966.

"I know I saw it. I'm not crazy," she said.

The top of the object was saucer-shaped and coming from it in a funnel-shaped pattern toward the ground was the radiant blue light.

"It didn't make any noise that I could determine, but I had all the windows of the car shut tight. It moved along steadily, with no vibration, no rotation. I had it clearly in view all the way home, about a 10 minute ride. When I got to my house

I stepped out onto the back porch and watched it for a few more seconds. I can't tell you how high it was off the ground but it looked to be about the size of one of those big water tanks."

In the top of the radiant object she saw no other lights. "I drove out to the Lawrenceburg Road and there it was, right in front of me. I wasn't frightened, just fascinated. I felt sure the top of it was a solid form of something."

Rough estimates based on the time she had it in sight and the distance from the point at which she first saw it and lost it indicate the object was moving at something less than 100 m.p.h.

"My brother is a pilot and he has a friend who was killed trying to follow something like this in a plane. I've never seen anything like it before. It moved along, gently, in a straight line. My sister-in-law saw it too."

The woman spotted the object

just before 7 a.m. Wednesday. At the same time her sister-in-law walked outside her home not too far from where the object was seen.

"It was shaped like a 'v', sort of cloudy below the top of the thing. It resembled a white-bluish cloud, saucer-shaped at the top. It didn't look as if it were moving too much to me... more like it was coming down out of the sky."

By the clock in her home, it was 6:35 a.m. the same morning and another woman, friend and co-worker of the sisters-in-law, walked out of her home to start her car.

"At first I thought a house was on fire when I saw this light. Then I called my family to come outside. All of us saw it, for about 20 minutes. To me it was shaped something like a horseshoe, something rounded at the top with this bluish color light coming down from it."

"It was no cloud. It had substance," she stated, "and it

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wasn't too far off the ground, how far I can't say."

The early-morning sky was clear. Nothing marred it except the object, steadily moving in a southwest direction.

The three ladies told very few people about their experience.

Like many others who see such phenomena in the sky, objects they can't explain or identify, they tend to remain quiet for fear of ridicule.

Two days earlier, the man whose reliability as a witness to most any event can scarcely be questioned, and who had seen a puzzling object in the sky, climbed into his car to drive the few miles to Frankfort, and his job.

The sky was still dark. At 6:30 he had seen something resembling a green, gaseous cloud. But he dismissed it almost entirely as a reflection from the sun, smoke from a chimney or smoke coming from a tobacco stripping room.

As he drove along U.S. 60,

there it was again, just south of the four-lane highway between Versailles and Frankfort.

"I stopped the car, walked across the road and stared at it. This time I viewed it as one might in trying to identify, or describe an unidentified flying object. There was little if any movement to it. It had the shape of a balloon, the type used many years ago the hot-air filled balloon and gondola attached. It had a light green color and I estimate was somewhere between 750 and 1,000 feet in altitude."

For 20 minutes he stared into the sky. "The object definitely had no cabin-like top to it; there were no other lights surrounding it. Again, it was shaped much the same as a balloon with a soft, greenish glow."

State Policemen in Elizabethtown reported sighting a similar object, at the same time of the morning, on the same day.

The night before, Sunday, January 15, the first in the series of sightings of unidentified objects in the sky came from Shelbyville.

A high school youth, described as a "straight-A" student had called the school principal to report a bright light moving erratically just southeast of Shelbyville.

The young man said the moving light was elongated in shape, almost cylindrical in form.

A few moments after spotting the first light, another joined it. Both hovered over one spot of the rolling countryside then disappeared, almost as quickly as they came into view.

The youth's call was made about 9 p.m. Just over an hour later a power failure lasting about 50 minutes placed most of the city in darkness. Just before the power went out, a soft, blue light was reported in the vicinity of Shelbyville's sub-station.

For three days residents of Shelbyville reported to the newspaper and radio station there the spotting of lighted objects in the sky. Many were described as horseshoe shaped.