

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 30 Jan 67 0700Z	2. LOCATION Califorina, Missouri 2 witnesses
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Aircraft(possible) ?
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4-8 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	Observers watched a pea shaped object that was blue, red, green, and white in color. They witnesses said that there was a rough motion of the object with forward and backward motion. The object disappeared toward the north.
7. COURSE Northward	An aircraft was in the immediate area and was seen by the witnesses. There were no records to indicate that an aircraft was in the area. From the description of the object and consideration of the existing weather conditions it appears that the source of the lights was the plane sighted in the area soon after the lights were seen.
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

California; Museum 30 Jan 1970

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 351ST STRATEGIC MISSILE WING (SAC)
WHITEMAN AIR FORCE BASE, MISSOURI 65301



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: BO

SUBJECT: UFO Sightings

TO: FTD (TDETR)

The following information is submitted in accordance with paragraph 11, AFR 80-17:

a. Description of the object:

- (1) Shape - N/A
- (2) Size - Pea
- (3) Color - blue, red, green, and white (lights only)
- (4) Number - N/A
- (5) Formation - N/A
- (6) Discernible features - N/A
- (7) Trails or exhausts - N/A
- (8) Sound - N/A
- (9) Other pertinent or unusual features: Rough motion, forward and backward.

b. Description of course of object:

- (1) What first called the attention of observer to object?
Light of object.
- (2) Angle of elevation and azimuth of object when first observed.
25° - 30° above horizon - 20° north of east.
- (3) Angle of elevation of object upon disappearance: 25° above horizon due north.
- (4) Description of flight path and maneuvers of object: From east to northwest, very erratic.
- (5) How did the object disappear? Gradually to north.
- (6) How long were the objects visible? 4 - 8 minutes.

Peace is our Profession

c. Manner of observation:

- (1) Ground - visual
- (2) No optical aids

d. Time and date of sighting:

- (1) 30 January 1967, 0100 Central Standard or 0700 Greenwich Time.

e. Location of observer: One and one half miles southeast of highway 87 and C junction, 12-13 miles south of California, Missouri.

f. Identifying information on observers:

- (1) Civilians - Mr. [REDACTED], Route #3, California Missouri, construction work and a reliable citizen and Mr. [REDACTED], Route #3, California, Missouri, oil bulk agent, reliable citizen.

g. Weather and winds - aloft conditions at time and place of sightings:

- (1) Clear and cold, no overcast
- (2) Visibility - clear
- (3) Amount of cloud cover - none
- (4) Temperature - 30° Due point - 30°
- (5) Wind - six knots, light and variable from the west

NOTE: A front was in area at the time, moving back into Central Missouri area from Illinois, causing dense fog by 0500 Central Standard Time.

- (6) Balloons released at Columbia, Mo. at 0530, 30 January 1967 indicated:

SFC + 26°F	10,000' + 28°F
2,000' + 39°F	15,000' + 10°F
3,000' + 51°F	20,000' + -8°F
5,000' + 45°F	25,000' + -30°F

h. Observers claimed a plane (2 engine) flew over the area immediately after the sighting, but no records of such a plane exist for the area indicated.

i. Preparing officer - 2Lt S.T. Martin, Jr., Assistant Ground Training Officer, BOT, ext 3108, Box 693, Whiteman AFB, Missouri, 65301. Personal interviews with the observers of the sightings, and I have found them very reliable and positive in relating their information. However, after considerable discussion with our weather officer, 2Lt Wade, I believe the "lights" were caused by weather conditions at that time which consisted of a front moving across the area causing radical vertical temperature changes. The source of the "lights" could have been a plane sighted in the area soon after the "lights" were seen.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Samuel T. Martin Jr.

SAMUEL T. MARTIN, JR., 2nd Lt, USAF
Asst Ground Training Officer
Base Operations and Training Division

30 Jan 67

Colonel Brendle:

Colonel Adkins received following from Jack Crawford,
California Publishing Co., California, Mo.:

Two local, reliable business men reported an unidentified flying object at 0100 this morning, 30 Jan. It approached from the east from Russelville and went over the [REDACTED] farm at which point it turned northwest and flew directly over California, Mo. The object had lights that were white, green, red and redish blue, very bright, similar to Xmas tree lights. They were cycling very fast, no sound involved, estimated 1/2 mile high! The object was going up and down at varying rates of speed. Cannot estimate size or shape but observers stated the motion was too slow for a plane and too fast for a Helicopter.

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UFO SIGHTING QUESTIONNAIRE

(NAME)

(RANK)

(AFSN)

(UNIT OR ADDRESS)

(PHONE NR)

(Use back of page if more space is needed. Give all details)

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT(S):

- a. Shape: *N/A*
- b. Size (Compared to head of pin, pea, dime, nickel, quarter, half dollar, silver dollar, baseball, basketball, etc., when held at arm's length):
Pea
- c. Color: *White Red + green*
- d. Number: *1*
- e. Formation (if more than one): *N/A*
- f. Recognizable features or details: *None*
- g. Trails? Exhaust? Size: *None*
- h. Sound emitted: *None*
- i. Other features or comments:

2. COURSE OF OBJECT(S):

- a. What first called your attention to the object? *Light*
- b. Angle above the horizon and direction from your position when object was observed. *25-30% Above Horizon 20% North of East*
- c. Angle above the horizon and direction from your position when object disappeared. *25% Above Horizon - due North*
- d. Direction of movement/maneuvers of the object. *Appeared to be erratic as to altitude after turning North from East*
- e. How did the object disappear (Suddenly to the North, etc)?
Gradually to North as a plane would.
- f. How long did you observe the object (1 min, 5 mins, 1 hour, etc)?
from 4 to 8 minutes (estimate)

3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

- a. From ground, visual *Yes*. From air, visual _____.

From ground, electronic _____. Specify type of radar.

- b. Position at time of observation (Front of 506 March Drive, Control Tower at WAFB, etc): Be specific.

1 1/2 miles S-E of Highway 87 & C Junction
17-13 miles South of California Mo.

- c. Did you use binoculars, telescope, etc? Yes _____ No ✓
If yes, indicate Make, Model, Power, etc.

4. DATE AND TIME OF SIGHTING:

a. Date: Jan 30 1967.

b. Time: 1:00 AM Local. 0700 Z.

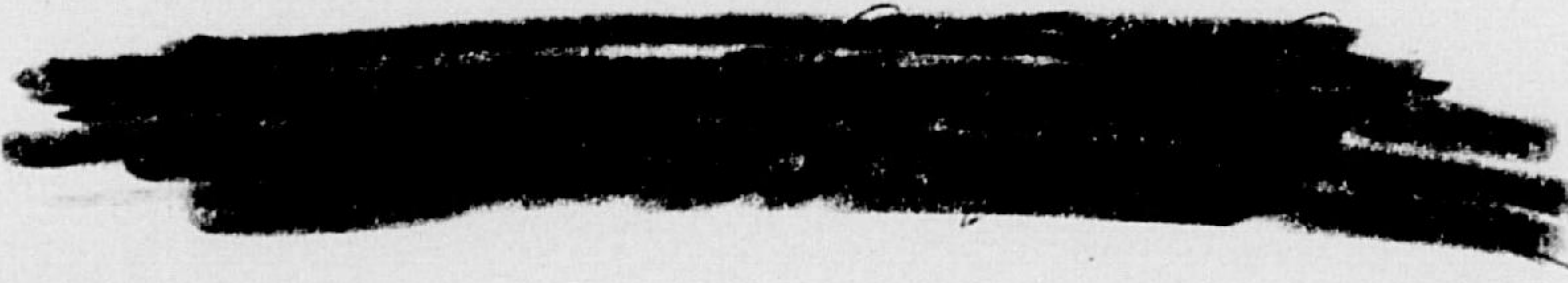
c. Light conditions (Day, Night, Dusk, Dawn):

5. WEATHER CONDITIONS:

a. Describe the weather (~~Cloudy~~, Raining, Hot, Cold, etc):

6. REMARKS:

Temperature - 28-30°
Clear except for few clouds just above
horizon. No wind



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(NAME) [REDACTED] Capt. R. F. 3 - Capt. Mc.
 (RANK) (AFSN) (UNIT OR ADDRESS) (PHONE NR)

(Use back of page if more space is needed. Give all details)

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT(S):

- Shape: *N/A*
- Size (Compared to head of pin, pea, dime, nickel, quarter, half dollar, silver dollar, baseball, basketball, etc., when held at arm's length): *pea*
- Color: *bottom light blue, red, green, white*
All simultaneous - blue on most of the time
motion more of one solid
- Number: *N/A*
- Formation (if more than one): *N/A*
- Recognizable features or details: *traveled roughly up and down*
- Trails? Exhaust? Size: *N/A*
- Sound emitted: *N/A*
- Other features or comments: *rough motion*

2. COURSE OF OBJECT(S):

- What first called your attention to the object? *noticed suddenly from window on east side of trees*
- Angle above the horizon and direction from your position when object was observed. *30°-40° right over timber*
- Angle above the horizon and direction from your position when object disappeared. *went out of the northwest and disappeared*
- Direction of movement/maneuvers of the object. *from east to north*
went
- How did the object disappear (Suddenly to the North, etc)? *faded out to the Northwest*
- How long did you observe the object (1 min, 5 mins, 1 hour, etc)? *8 min*

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- From ground, visual ✓. From air, visual _____.
- From ground, electronic _____. Specify type of radar.

b. Position at time of observation (Front of 506 March Drive, Control Tower at WAFB, etc): Be specific.

Russellville - 7 miles west and 12 miles from Calverton, Mo.

c. Did you use binoculars, telescope, etc? Yes _____ No X
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c. Light conditions (~~Day~~, Night, ~~Dusk~~, ~~Dawn~~):
clear - normal temperature

5. WEATHER CONDITIONS:

a. Describe the weather (~~Cloudy~~, ~~Raining~~, ~~Hot~~, ~~Cold~~, etc):

6. REMARKS:

[REDACTED]

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The lights followed a sequence of white, green, red and then an extremely bright blue, the men reported, and described them as being similar to those of a Christmas tree except that they were blinking at a rapid rate.

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