

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 10 Mar 67 11/0100Z	2. LOCATION Osceola, Arkansas	Two
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Aircraft(possible) ✓ KC-135 was in the area at the time of the sighting. Above aircraft is equipped with two powerful flood lights for illuminating the wings	
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One		
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	Observer watched a bright white light that at first appeared to be stationary but then moved off toward the southern sky. The light was compared to a white light on a pole about one mile away. It was also brighter than the bright star in the western sky in the early evenings (Venus). In view of the fact that a KC-135 aircraft departed Blytheville AFB and was in the area, that the KC-135 aircraft has a record of causing this type of UFO report, and that the aircraft departed to the south would indicate that the witness could have seen this aircraft and reported it to be a UFO.	
7. COURSE southward		
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes XX No		
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes XX No		

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ACTION: RDC-4, INFO: XOP-1, XOPX-2, SAFOS-3, NIN-7, DIA-1 (19) ADV CY DIA

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ZNR UUUUU

R 132210Z MAR 67

FM 97BW BLYTHEVILLE AFB ARK

TO RUWMFVA/ ADC ENT AFB COLO

RUWTEMA/29AIRDIV RICHARDS GEBAUR AFB MO

RUEDF IF/F TO WPAFB OHIO

RUEDHQA/CSAF WASH DC

RUEDHQA/OSAF WASH DC

INFO RUCVAAA/2AF BARKSDALE AFB LA

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COLO, 29 AIR DIV RICHARDS-GEBAUR AFB MO; FTD WPAFB OHIO FOR TDETR,
CSAF WASH DC, ATTN: AFNIN, OSAF WASH DC, ATTN: SAFOI. INFO 2AF
BARKSDALE AFB LA. SUBJ: UFO REPORT. REFERENCE PARA 14, AFR 200-2.
PARA 14A (ALPHA): (1) ROUND. (2) QUARTER. (3) WHITE. (4) ONE.
(5) NOT IN FORMATION. (6) OBJECT APPEARED TO BE A WHITE LIGHT ON A
POLE APPROXIMATELY A MILE AWAY. (7) NONE. (8) NONE. (9) OBJECT
MOST NEARLY RESEMBLED A LIGHT BULB. PARA 14B (BRAVO): (1) OBJECT
WAS UNUSUAL IN THAT WHEN FIRST SIGHTED, IT APPEARED BRIGHTER THAN

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THE STAR WHICH APPEARS IN THE WEST DURING EARLY EVENING. (2) FIF-
TEEN DEGREES. (3) SIXTY DEGREES. (4) OBJECT APPEARED TO BE STATION-
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ARY AS OBSERVER LOOKED TOWARD THE WEST; THEN TURNED AND STARTED
SOUTH. (5) AS THOUGH LIGHT HAD BEEN TURNED OFF. (6) TEN MINUTES.
PARA 14C (CHARLIE): (1) GROUND VISUAL. (2) NONE. (3) N/A. PARA 14D
(DELTA): (1) 110100Z MAR 67. (2) DUSK. EARLY EVENING. PARA 14E

(ECHO): ONE MILE NORTH OF OSCEOLA, ARKANSAS ON US HIGHWAY 61. PARA

14F (FOXTROT): [REDACTED] S NEE [REDACTED], TWENTY-EIGHT,
[REDACTED] OSCEOLA, ARKANSAS, TELETYPE AND SWITCHBOARD

OPERATOR, RELIABLE. OBSERVER SOUNDED SINCERE BUT AWED BY THE SIGHTING.

OBSERVER HAD DIFFICULTY DESCRIBING THE OBJECT, ITS POSITION OR MAN-
EUVERS. OBSERVER APPEARED CONCERNED BY OTHER SIGHTINGS REPORTED TO
HAVE OCCURRED IN THE OSCEOLA AREA. THESE ALLEGED SIGHTINGS HAVE
NOT BEEN RECORDED IN THE REPORTING OFFICE. ANY FUTURE CONTACT WITH

OBSERVER SHOULD BE DONE VERY DISCRETELY AS SHE IS AFRAID OF BEING
EMBARRASSED. PARA 14G (GOLF): (1) CLEAR. (2) 200/13 AT SURFACE;

250/40 AT 6,000; 260/40 AT 10,000; 270/40 AT 16,000; 270/50 AT
20,000; 280/75 AT 30,000; 270/65 AT 50,000; NOT AVAILABLE AT 80,000.

(3) NONE. (4) 7 MILES. (5) THREE TENTHS SCATTERED HIGH CIRRUS.

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(6) NONE. (7) STRONG INVERSION 3,500 TO 4,000 FEET. OTHERWISE
NORMAL LAPSE RATE. TEMPERATURE DEVIATION PLUS SEVEN DEGREES. PARA
14K(HOTEL): NONE. PARA 14I(INDIA): NOEN KNOWN. PARA 14J(JULIET):
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TWO AIRCRAFT FROM THE 97 TH BOMBARDMENT WING BLYTHEVILLE AFB, ARKANSAS,
WERE IN THE VICINITY AT THE APPROXIMATE TIME OF THE SIGHTING. A
B-52G, CALL SIGN VALID 28 PILOTED BY LT COL WILLIAM F. LANE, TOOK
OFF FROM BLYTHEVILLE AFB TO THE SOUTH AT 110045Z MARCH 1967 ON A
WALNUT RIDGE DEPARTURE OUT OF THE BLYTHEVILLE AREA. A KC-135
CALL SIGN KELLY 45, PILOTED BY MAJOR D. A. BORNKESSEL, TOOK OFF
FROM BLYTHEVILLE AFB TO THE SOUTH AT 110122Z MARCH 1967 ON A BARLOW
DEPARTURE OUT OF THE BLYTHEVILLE AREA. THE AIRCRAFT WOULD HAVE MADE
A RIGHT AND LEFT TURN, RESPECTIVELY, WITHIN 12 NM AND BOTH WOULD
HAVE BEEN IN THE OSCEOLA AREA AT THE APPROXIMATE TIME OF THE SIGHT-
ING. OSCEOLA IS APPROXIMATELY 18 STATUTE MILES SOUTH OF BLYTHEVILLE
AFB. PARA 14K(KILO): CHIEF, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, 97 TH BOMBARDMENT
WING, BLYTHEVILLE AFB, ARKANSAS, 72315. COMMENTS: THE MOST LOGICAL
EXPLANATION OF THIS SIGHTING IS THAT THZ OBSERVER SAW THE KC-135
WHICH DEPARTED BLYTHEVILLE AFB AT APPROXIMATELY 110122Z. THE KC-135
IS EQUIPPED WITH TWO POWERFUL FLOOD LIGHTS WHICH ILLUMINATE THE WINGS

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WHEN TURNED ON AND APPEAR TO BE A ROUND BRILLIANT WHITE LIGHT WHEN
OBSERVED. REPORTING OFFICIAL HAS OBSERVED THIS PHENOMENON FROM A
DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY ONE-HALF MILE AT BLYTHEVILLE AFB DURING
THE EVENING HOURS. THERE IS NO SPECIFIC TIME THAT THE FLOOD LIGHT

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IS TURNED ON BUT RATHER AS THE CREW DESIRES, EVEN DURING TAKE-OFF.
THIS IS THE THIRD TIME THAT A KC-135 HAS BEEN SUSPECTED OF BEING
THE CAUSE OF A UFO SIGHTING. THE B-52G IS NOT SO EQUIPPED AND HAS
NOT BEEN SUSPECTED OF CAUSING A REPORT OF THIS TYPE. IN VIEW OF
THE FACT THAT A KC-135 WAS IN THE OSCEOLA AREA AT APPROXIMATELY
THE TIME OF SIGHTING, THAT THE KC-135 HAS A RECORD OF CAUSING THIS
TYPE REPORT, THAT THE INSTRUMENT DEPARTURES TO THE SOUTH ALWAYS
PLACES JET AIRCRAFT IN THE VICINITY OF OSCEOLA WITHIN APPROXIMATELY
THREE MINUTES, THE MOST LOGICAL CONCLUSION AS TO THE CAUSE OF THIS
SIGHTING IS THAT THE OBSERVER SAW THE KC-135 DURING DEPARTURE
FROM BLYTHEVILLE AFB. PARA 14L(CLIMA): NONE. A TAPE RECORDING OF
THE ORIGINAL REPORT TO 97TH BOMB WING IS AVAILABLE.

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