

PROJECT 10078 RECORD

1. DATE, TIME GROUP 7 Apr 67 10/0250	2. LOCATION Mesa, Arizona
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON (Hot Air) ✓ <i>Very prob. jrd</i> <i>PHOTO: Balloon (HOT AIR)</i>
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3-5 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer stated that the objects were cylindrical and remained in an upright vertical position with relation to the horizon. Objects were four to six feet in length. Color: Ball gray and appeared to be partially transparent. Observer stated that the object had an orange light at the base that appeared to gradually increase in intensity. Object had no distinct sound.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual (B*)	
7. COURSE South	
8. PHOTOS XX Yes No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE 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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FOR TDETR AT WPAFB, FOR AFRDC, FOR SAF-01 FOR DR. CONDON. SUBJECT

UFO SIGHTING. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT: SHAPE: CYLINDRICAL AND

REMAINTED IN AN UPRIGHT VERTICAL ATTITUDE WITH RELATION TO THE HORIZON.

SIZE: OBSERVER ESTIMATES THAT THE OBJECT WAS FOUR TO SIX

FEET IN LENGTH. COLOR: DULL GRAY AND APPEARED TO BE PARTIALLY

TRANSPARENT. NUMBER: SINGLE OBJECT. FEATURES: ORANGE LIGHT AT

BASE OF OBJECT THAT APPEARED TO GRADUALLY INCREASE IN INTENSITY

UNTIL OBJECT BURST INTO FLAME AND BURNING PARTICLES FELL VERTICALLY.

TRAIL OR EXHAUST: NONE. SOUND: NONE. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF

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OBJECT: OBSERVER FIRST NOTICED THE OBJECT WHILE DRIVING HIS AUTOMOBILE APPROXIMATELY ONE CITY BLOCK TOWARD HIS HOME. THE OBJECT FIRST APPEARED TO BE A LIGHT SUSPENDED IN THE SKY. ANGLE OF ELEVATION WAS APPROXIMATELY 15 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON ON A MAGNETIC BEARING OF 090 DEGREES FROM OBSERVER'S POSITION. THE OBJECT GRADUALLY ASCENDED TO APPROXIMATELY 30 DEGREES ABOVE THE HORIZON AND DRIFTED IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION. OBSERVATION OF THE OBJECT TERMINATED WHEN IT BURST INTO FLAME AND BURNING PARTICLES DROPPED TOWARD THE GROUND. THE OBSERVER STATES THAT THE OBJECT WAS DRIFTING WITH THE AIR CURRENTS AND THAT POWERED FLIGHT OR MANEUVERS DID NOT OCCUR. THE OBJECT WAS VISIBLE FOR THREE TO FIVE MINUTES BEFORE IT BURNED AND DISAPPEARED. DURING THE SIGHTING, THE OBSERVER SET A CAMERA ON TIME EXPOSURE ON A LOCKED TRIPOD AND PHOTOGRAPHED THE OBJECT UNTIL TERMINATION OF FLIGHT. OBSERVER IS A PROFESSIONAL NEWSPAPER PHOTOGRAPHER. THE OBSERVER AND A FRIEND ALSO OBSERVED THE OBJECT THROUGH SIX POWER AND EIGHT POWER BINOCULARS. TIME AND DATE: 1950L, 9 APRIL - 0250 GMT, 10 APRIL. LIGHT CONDITIONS: DUSK. LOCATION OF OBSERVER: [REDACTED] MESA, ARIZONA. IDENTIFICATION OF OBSERVER: MR. [REDACTED] AGE, 36;

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ADDRESS: [REDACTED] MESA, ARIZONA; OCCUPATION, PROFESSIONAL NEWSPAPER PHOTOGRAPHER; AVIATION EXPERIENCE, PRIVATE PILOT WITH 230 FLYING HOURS; PRIOR MILITARY EXPERIENCE, PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE WITH US AIR FORCE. OBSERVER IS CONSIDERED TO BE VERY
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RELIABLE. WEATHER CONDITIONS: SKY CONDITIONS CLEAR, VISIBILITY 15 MILES PLUS, TEMPERATURE 68 DEGREES F, SURFACE WIND 090, 5 KNOTS, WINDS AT 3,000 FEET MSL 300 DEGREES, 8 KNOTS, NO THUNDERSTORMS IN AREA. PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE: STILL PHOTOGRAPH TIME EXPOSURE OF OBJECTS FLIGHT PATH TO TERMINAL POINT. CAMERA TYPE: BRONICA, 250MM LENS, TIME EXPOSURE ON LOCKED TRIPOD, LENS OPENING F11, EASTMAN TRI-X FILM, NO FILTERS USED, CAMERA POINTING 090 DEGREES MAGNETIC. INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S COMMENTS: I BELIEVE MR. [REDACTED] TO BE A RELIABLE AND TRUTHFUL OBSERVER. FROM HIS ACCOUNT OF THE OBSERVATION AND THE PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE WHICH WAS DEVELOPED AND PRINTED IN MY PRESENCE, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE OBJECT SIGHTED WAS A PLASTIC SACK SUSTAINED BY HEATED AIR. THIS TYPE ACTIVITY HAS BEEN NOTED IN THIS AREA IN PAST MONTHS AND IS A FAD WITH CHILDREN. THE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN MAKING HOT AIR BALLOONS WITH CANDLES AND PLASTIC SACKS OBTAINED FROM DRY-CLEANING ESTABLISH-

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MENTS. THEY SEAL THE TOP OF THE SACK AND FIX A BASE (NORMALLY OF CARDBOARD) FOR HOLDING CANDLES. THE BURNING CANDLES PROVIDE HEATED AIR WITHIN THE SACK AND IS SUFFICIENT TO SUSTAIN THE SACK AND CAUSE IT TO ASCEND. THE CANDLES BURN DOWN AND EVENTUALLY SET FIRE TO THE CARDBOARD BASE, THUS MELTING THE PLASTIC SACK.

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THE TIME EXPOSURE PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN BY MR. ~~XXXXXX~~ IS CLASSIC EVIDENCE OF THIS TYPE ACTIVITY. THE TERMINATION PHASE AND BURNING PARTICLES FALLING EARTHWARD IS EASILY DISCERNIBLE IN THE PHOTOGRAPH. THE FIRE HAZARD TO DRY CROPS IN THE AREA IS SELF-EVIDENT.

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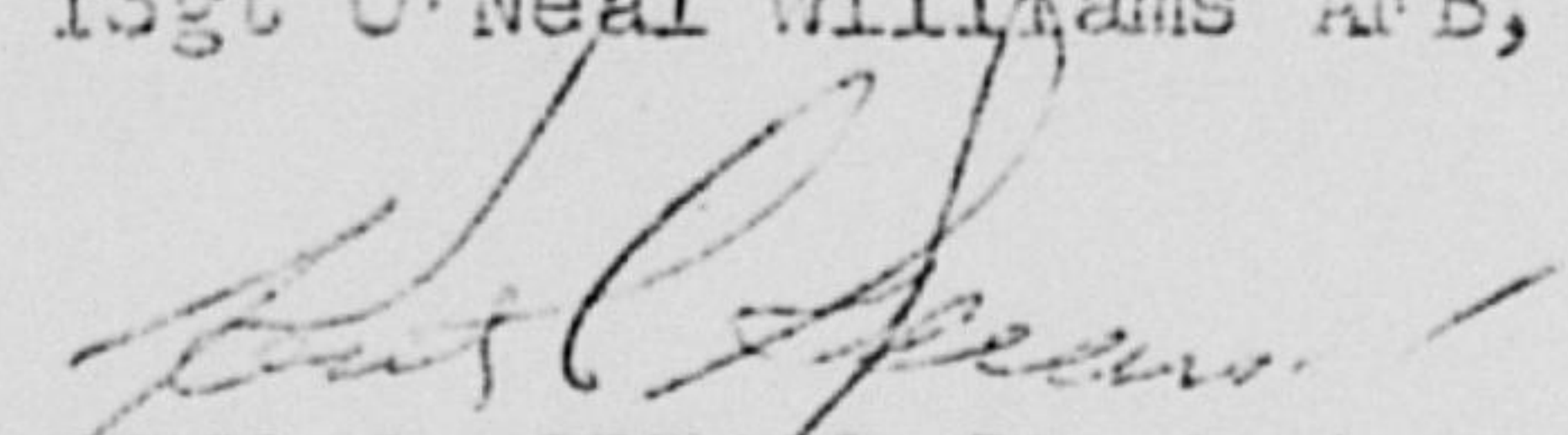
REPLY TO
ATTN OF: DCOB/Major Spears/380

SUBJECT: UFO Picture

13 April 1967

TO: Foreign Technical Division
TDDET/UFO
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

The attached photograph is confirming telephone conversation between
TSgt O'Neal Williams AFB, and your office on 13 April 1967.


KENT C. SPEARS JR, Major, USAF
Chief, Base Operations Branch

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UFO Photograph

THIS CASE INCLUDES

5 PHOTOS 8X10

1 NEGATIVE 5X4

