PROJECT 10073 RECORD

Nov 67

2. LOCATION
Aiken, South Carolina

Civilian

4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
1

5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
5 minutes

6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
N/A

7. COURSE
North to South

8. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☒ No

9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE
☐ Yes
☒ No

10. CONCLUSION
Possible: AIRCRAFT

11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS

Observer sighted a red and blue light that moved from N to S. The observer heard no sound and observed the lights fo about 5 minutes.
COMMENTS: During this time a mission was in progress usin Century type fighters or jets. They were flying high and covered a wide area including the area of the sighting
NOTE: The date of the gighting is not given and a 117 was sent to the observer but not returned.

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Nov '67

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION (AFSC)
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO 45433

REPLY TO ATTN OF: TDPT/UFO

SUBJECT: UFO Observation, November 1967

DEC 7 1967

TO:

Sheriff Paul D. Grant
Aiken County Sheriffs Office
Aiken, S. Carolina 29803

Reference your recent unidentified flying object sighting which you reported to the Air Force. The information which we have received is not sufficient for a scientific investigation. Request you complete the attached AF Form 117 and return it in the self-addressed envelope. Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

JAMES C. MANATT, Colonel, USAF
Director of Production

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AF Form 117

RETURN TO:
Director
Aerosp ce Studies Inst
ATTN: Archives Branch
Maxwell AFB, Alabama

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TO RUWMFVA/ADC

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Send observer 117 to both people.

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UNCLAS 861 DOC 11410 NOV 67. FOR: [illegible]: FOR: AFRDC: FOR: SAF-OI.

SUBJ: UFO SIGHTING. A. APPROXIMATELY 2300Z OR 1930 LOCAL, THE AIKEN

AFS IN S.C. RECEIVED A REPORT OF A UFO SIGHTING BY SHERIFF GRAN

IN THE AREA OF WRIGHTS HILL ROAD WHICH IS 7 MILES EAST OF THE

STATION. IT WAS REPORTED AS ONE (1) OBJECT, HIGH. A NORTH AUGUSTA

POLICE REPORT OF ONE (1) OBJECT AT [illegible],000 FEET WAS ALSO RECEIVED.

THE NORTH AUGUSTA REPORT, REPORTED THE OBJECT AT 4,000 FEET AND

A DISTANCE OF 20 MILES. IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 80-17, PARAGRAPHS

9,10,11,AND 12 THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED.

A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT: (1) SHAPE- LIKE A STAR (2) SIZE- COMPARED

TO A KNOWN OBJECT: SUCH AS A [illegible] AT ARMS LENGTH- UNKNOWN (3) COLOR- RED AND BLUE (4) NUMBER-1 (5) FORMATION-

PAGE 2 RUCL[illegible] UNCLAS

NONE (6) ANY DISCERNIBLE FEATURES OR DETAILS- NONE (7) TAIL, TRAIL OR EXHAUST, INCLUDING ITS SIZE- NONE (8) SOUND- NEGATIVE SOUND OR NOISE. ELEVATION- UNKNOWN ( ) OTHER PERTINENT OR UNUSUAL FEATURES- NONE.

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT: (1) WHAT FIRST CALLED THE ATTENTION OF OBSERVER TO OBJECT. [illegible] LIGHT. (2) ANGLE OF ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH OF OBJECT WHEN FIRST SIGHTED: UNKNOWN. (3) ANGLE OF ELEVATION OF OBJECT UPON DISAPPEARANCE- NOT REPORTED (4) DESCRIPTION OF FLIGHT PATH- [illegible] NORTH. ( ) [illegible] LY [illegible].

(6) HOW LONG WAS THE OBJECT VISIBLE- [illegible] MINUTES.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION: (1) GROUND VISUAL (2) NO OPTICAL AIDS USED (3) OBJECT WAS HEADING [illegible] NORMAL LIGHT. [illegible] UNKNOWN.

TYPE- UNKNOWN, NUMBER- 1.

D. TIME OF SIGHTING: 2330 ZULU OR 1830 LOCAL.

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER: 7 MILES EAST OF AIKEN.

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF OBSERVER: SHERIFF PAUL D. GRANT, AGE 54, MAILING ADDRESS- AIKEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. ESTIMATE OF RELIABILITY: RELIABLE BUT PROBABLY MISTAKEN.

~~G. [illegible] STEVE EDWARDS, AGE-1[illegible], OF BOX 116- LANGLEY, S.C. A VENDING MACHINE OPERATOR, TELEPHONE NUMBER [illegible]-2900 REPORTED A~~

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[illegible] TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AT 2010 LOCAL OR 0110 ZULU. HE STATED THAT THE OBJECT WAS [illegible] A BLUE LIGHT THAT WAS [illegible]. HE STATED THE OBJECT WAS [illegible] OF A STAR. HE STATED THE

SIZE WAS SMALL THEN GOT BIGGER WHICH IS THE WAY A STAR BEHAVES.

OBJECT WAS OBSERVED FOR 20 MINUTES.

H. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTINGS

CLEAR VISIBILITY-12 MILES 260 DEGREES AT 5 KNOTS. THIS REPORT FOR AUGUSTA SINCE THE AWS DOES NOT HAVE A REPORT FOR AIKEN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

1. OBSERVER'S ACCOUNT OF WEATHER: NO REPORT

2. WINDS ALOFT AT 30,000 FEET: 270 DEGREES AT 110 KNOTS

3. REPORT FROM NEAREST AWS OR US WEATHER BUREAU OFFICE OF WIND-DIRECTION AND VELOCITY IN DEGREES AND KNOTS AT SURFACE TO 30,000 FEET IF AVAILABLE.

ALTITUDE	WIND DIRECTION	VELOCITY IN KNOTS
6,00 FEET	320 DEGREES	30 KNOTS
10,000 FEET	31[illegible] DEGREES	[illegible]0 KNOTS
15,000 FEET	300 DEGREES	70 KNOTS
20,000 FEET	2[illegible]0 DEGREES	30 KNOTS

30,000 FEET	270 DEGREES	110 KNOTS
50,000 FEET	230 DEGREES	35 KNOTS
30,000 FEET	2[illegible]0 DEGREES	25 KNOTS

4. CEILING- NONE

5. VISIBILITY- 12 PLUS

6. AMOUNT OF CLOUD COVER- NONE

7. THUNDERSTORMS- NONE

8. VERTICAL TEMPERATURE GRADIENT - UNKNOWN

I. AT TIME OF SIGHTING THERE WAS WEATHER FROM AIKEN AIRPORT [illegible] 13 MILES. THERE IS AN AIRPORT BEACON THAT FLASHES BLUE AND WHITE IN SEQUENCE WHILE TURNING . THERE ARE THREE (3) RED LAMPS ON THREE POLES SPACED 20 FEET APART AT THE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, WHICH IS ADJACENT TO THE AIR BASE. THERE IS ALSO A [illegible] TOWER WITH THREE(3) RED LIGHTS SPACED AT EVEN INTERVALS ON THE [illegible] BEAMS WHICH G[illegible] AND

OFF IN SEQUENCE. FIRST THE BOTTOM, MIDDLE, THEN THE TOP.

J.ONINTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION TAKEN.

K. DURING THIS TIME A MISSION WAS IN PROGRESS USING CENTURY TYPE FIGHTERS OR JETS. THEY WERE FLYING HIGH AND COVERED A WIDE AREA INCLUDING THE AREA OF THE SIGHTING.

L. POSITION TITLE AND COMMENTS OF THE PREPARING OFFICER:

OPERATIONS OFFICER COMMENTS OF PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS: REPORTING INDIVIDUAL FEELS THESE REPORTS ARE THE RESULT OF WIDE SPREAD NEWS RELEASES PRINTED IN THURSDAYS PAPERS DUE TO UNCONFIRMED AND UNSUBSTATIATED REPORTS OF UFO'S ON WEDNESDAY 29 NOV 1967.

THIS WILL PROBABLY TRIGGER A RASH OF REPORTS OF SIGHTINGS UNTIL THE NOVELTY WEARS OFF.

1. CONCLUSION: THAT THE ABOVE MENTIONED REPORTS INDICATE A STAR OR CONVENTIONAL JET OR AIRCRAFT FLYING AT HIGH ALTITUDE. THE OTHER POSSIBLE EXPLANATION IS: THE OBJECT WAS AN AIRCRAFT OUT OF COLUMBIA OR AUGUSTA AIRPORT, THE BEACON LIGHT AT THE AIKEN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, THE LIGHTS ON THE THREE POLES AT THE AIRPORT OR THE LIGHTS ON THE RADIO TOWER. COMING FROM AIKEN TO THE AIR BASE THE RED LIGHTS ON THE POLES TEND TO APPEAR TO MOVE DUE TO THE FACT THE POWER WIRES OR BRANCHES FROM TREES WILL SOMETIMES CUT THEM OUT OF SIGHT FOR A WHILE. I FEEL THAT THESE ARE NOT VALID SIGHTINGS OF A UFO BUT NATURAL PHENOMENON AND/OR A CONVENTIONAL AIRBORNE OBJECT.

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UNCLAS 861 ODC 11410 NOV 67. FOR: IDSIP: FOR: AFRDC: FOR: SAF-OI.
SUBJ: UFO SIGHTING. AT APPROXIMATELY 2350Z OR 1950 LOCAL, THE AIKEN AFS IN S.C. RECEIVED A REPORT OF A UFO SIGHTING BY SHERRIF [illegible] IN THE AREA OF WRIGHTS MILL ROAD [illegible] WHICH IS 7 MILES EAST OF THE STATION. IT WAS REPORTED AS ONE (1) OBJECT, HIGH. A NORTH AUGUSTA POLICE REPORT OF ONE (1) OBJECT AT 3,000 FEET WAS ALSO RECEIVED. THE NORTH AUGUSTA REPORT [illegible] THE OBJECT AT 3,000 FEET AND A DISTANCE OF 10 MILES. IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 80-17, PARAGRAPHS 9,10,11,AND 12 THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS FURNISHED.
A. [illegible] (1) [illegible] (2) [illegible] REPORTED

TO A KNOWN OBJECT: SUCH AS AN ORANGE HELD AT ARMS LENGTH-
UNKNOWN (3) COLOR- RED AND BLUE (4) NUMBER-1 (5) FORMATION-

PAGE 2 [illegible] UNCLAS

See Separate report

NONE (6) ANY DISCERNIBLE FEATURES OR DETAILS- NONE (7) TAIL, TRAIL
OR EXHAUST, INCLUDING SIZE OF SAME- NONE (8) SOUND- NEGATIVE SOUND
OR NOISE. ELEVATION- UNKNOWN (9) OTHER PERTINENT OR UNUSUAL
FEATURES- NONE.

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT: (1) WHAT FIRST CALLED THE ATTENTION
OF OBSERVER TO OBJECT- [illegible] A LIGHT. (2) ANGLE OF ELEVATION
AND AZIMUTH OF OBJECT WHEN FIRST OBSERVED- UNKNOWN. (3) ANGLE OF
ELEVATION OF OBJECT UPON DISAPPEARANCE- 000 DEGREES (4) DESCRIPTION
OF FLIGHT PATH- [illegible]. (5) SLOWLY TO THE SOUTH.
(6) HOW LONG WAS THE OBJECT VISIBLE- ABOUT 5 MINUTES.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION: (1) GROUND VISUAL (2) NO OPTICAL AIDS USED
(3) OBJECT WAS MOVING SOUTH AT A HIGH ALTITUDE. [illegible],
TYPE- UNKNOWN, NUMBER- 1.

D. TIME OF SIGHTING: 2330 ZULU OR 1930 LOCAL.

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER: 7 MILES EAST OF STATION.

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF OBSERVER: SHERIFF PAUL [illegible], AGE
54, MAILING ADDRESS- AIKEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. ESTIMATE OF
RELIABILITY: RELIABLE BUT PROBABLY MISTAKEN.

G. [illegible]: STEVE EDWARDS, AGE-19, OF BOX 116- LANGLEY, S.C. A
VENDING MACHINE OPERATOR, TELEPHONE NUMBER [illegible]-2300 REPORTED A

PAGE 3 [illegible] UNCLAS
[illegible] THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AT [illegible]. HE STATED
THAT THE OBJECT WAS [illegible]. IT HAD
A BLUE LIGHT THAT CHANGED [illegible] AGAIN. HE STATED
THE OBJECT WAS STATIONARY AND THE SIZE OF A STAR. HE STATED THE

SIZE WAS SMALL THEN GOT BIGGER WHICH IS THE WAY A STAR BEHAVES.

OBJECT WAS OBSERVED FOR 20 MINUTES.

H. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTINGS

CLEAR VISIBILITY-12 MILES 280 DEGREES AT [illegible] KNOTS. THIS REPORT FOR AUGUSTA SINCE THE AWS DOES NOT HAVE A REPORT FOR AIKEN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

1. OBSERVERS ACCOUNT OF WEATHER: NO REPORT

2. WINDS ALOFT AT 30,000 FEET: 270 DEGREES AT 119 KNOTS

3. REPORT FROM NEAREST AWS OR US WEATHER BUREAU OFFICE OF WIND DIRECTION AND VELOCITY IN DEGREES AND KNOTS AT SURFACE TO 80,000 FEET IF AVAILABLE.

ALTITUDE	WIND DIRECTION IN DEGREES	VELOCITY IN KNOTS
6,000 FEET	320 DEGREES	30 KNOTS
10,000 FEET	340 DEGREES	[illegible] KNOTS
16,000 FEET	300 DEGREES	75 KNOTS
20,000 FEET	290 DEGREES	73 KNOTS

30,000 FEET	270 DEGREES	119 KNOTS
50,000 FEET	230 DEGREES	85 KNOTS
80,000 FEET	240 DEGREES	27 KNOTS

4. CEILING- NONE

5. VISIBILITY- 12 PLUS

6. AMOUNT OF CLOUD COVER- NONE

7. THUNDERSTORMS- NONE

8. VERTICAL TEMPERATURE GRADIENT - UNKNOWN

I. AT TIME OF SIGHTING THERE WAS NO ACTIVITY FROM AIKEN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT [illegible] 18 MILES. THERE IS A [illegible] SPARKLES WHILE TURNING. [illegible] POLES SPACED [illegible] FEET APART [illegible] AIRPORT, WHICH IS ADJACENT TO THE AIR BASE. THERE IS ALSO A RADIO TOWER WITH THREE(3) RED LIGHTS SPACED AT EVEN INTERVALS ON THE [illegible] WHICH GLOW AND

OFF IN SEQUENCE. FIRST THE BOTTOM, MIDDLE. THEN THE TOP.

J. ONINTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION TAKEN.

K. DURING THIS TIME A MISSION WAS IN PROGRESS USING CENTURY TYPE FIBERS OF JETS. THEY WERE FLYING HIGH AND COVERED A WIDE AREA INCLUDING THE AREA OF THE SIGHTING.

L. POSITION TITLE AND COMMENTS OF THE PREPARING OFFICER:

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OPERATIONS OFFICER STATES IN PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS: REPORTING INDIVIDUAL FEELS THESE REPORTS ARE THE RESULT OF WIDE SPREAD NEWS RELEASES PRINTED IN THURSDAYS PAPERS THAT [illegible] AND UNSUBSTANTIATED REPORTS OF [illegible] ON WEDNESDAY [illegible] 1957.

THIS WILL PROBABLY TRIGGER A RASH OF REPORTS OF SIGHTINGS UNTIL THE NOVELTY WEARS OFF.

I. CONCLUSION: THAT THE ABOVE MENTIONED REPORTS INDICATE A STAR OR CONVENTIONAL JET OR AIRCRAFT FLYING AT HIGH ALTITUDE. THE OTHER POSSIBLE EXPLANATION IS: THE OBJECT WAS AN AIRCRAFT OUT OF COLUMBIA OR AUGUSTA AIRPORT, THE BEACON LIGHT AT THE AIKEN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, THE LIGHTS ON THE THREE POLES AT THE AIRPORT OR THE LIGHTS ON THE RADIO TOWER. COMING FROM AIKEN TO THE AIR BASE THE RED LIGHTS ON THE POLES TEND TO APPEAR TO MOVE DUE TO THE FACT THE POWER WIRES OR BRANCHES FROM TREES WILL SOMETIMES CUT THEM OUT OF SIGHT FOR A WHILE. I FEEL THAT THESE ARE NOT VALID SIGHTINGS OF A UFO BUT NATURAL PHENOMENON AND/OR A CONVENTIONAL AIRBORNE OBJECT.

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