

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP MAY 1968	2. LOCATION COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA
3. SOURCE CIVILIAN	10. CONCLUSION PHOTOGRAPH: WATER SPOTS
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS N/A	"OBJECTS" WERE WATER SPOTS
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not observed	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION N/A (photo)	"UFOs" were on film when developed. Objects were not observed at the time of the photography.
7. COURSE N/A	RETURN TO: Director Aerospace Studies Inst ATTN: Archives Maxwell AFB, Alabama
8. PHOTOS ☒ Yes ☐ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

FORM
FTD SEP 63 0-329 (TDE)

None of this form may be used.

K43,601D-1
May 1968

Case includes four (4) 5" x 7" photographs
and one (1) 4" x 5" negative.

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Project Blue Book - SAFOIC

July 4, 1968

Dear Sirs:

Please find enclosed a copy of
the official CUFORA (Columbia UFO
Research Association) report on the
~~_____~~ photograph of May '68.
Also please find a print of this
unusual picture.

If you need additional information
to make your analysis, please contact
my organization. Oh yes, please return
the negative - you may keep the report
and the photograph.

Sincerely,

CUFORA

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Columbia, S.C.

29306

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V68-21

SUBJECT: COLUMBIA, S. C. UFO

PI: Benson/Tuttle DATE: 21 August 1968

The film submitted exhibits one large and one small water spot which were undoubtedly incurred during processing of the negative.

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COLUMBIA, S.C.

May, 1963

COPY-ANALYSIS OF WIDE-FOOTER PHOTO

NUMBER OF PHOTO-ONE

TYPE-B/W, TAKEN WITH BROWN STANLEY CAMERA

OBSERVER-NAME FULLER, AGE 11, INTERVIEWED IN JUNE '63

SHAPE, COLOR, SOUND-See COMMENT.

OBSERVER RELIABILITY-Very Good

ANALYSIS-

PERCENTAGE OF PHOTO-Background, 70%, Foreground, 30%.

CONDITIONS:No clouds, five telephone wires, one tree, a plane high overhead, and two objects with tails.

DATE DIAPHRAGM-See COMMENT.

ANALYSIS-See COMMENT.

EXPLANATION-See COMMENT.

COMMENT:This unusual photo was taken while the subject was shooting the airplane in the background. However, he did not see anything strange in the viewfinder. He had a companion with him, Gary Atkins, who didn't see anything either. Photos preceding this one on the same roll of film came out clear and excellent, so it can't be an example of a dirty lens or defective film. The biggest object appears to be a circular thing with light-colored borders, and a dark speck inside. Behind the thing is a short tail. The smaller object seems to have a closed tail and a darker speck with the same light-colored borders. The sun was to the left of the observer. Since when the picture was taken the sun was so bright, it might be lens flare that we are concerned with. The plane in the background was about as big as a nickel at arm's length, but in the photo it seems tiny, so the objects (if they are material objects shown) are bigger than in the picture.

If the plane was about as big as a nickel held at arm's length, we make the following fairly accurate estimating:

The plane is reduced about three times. So we measured it's length: it is two sixteenths of an inch long. Multiplied by three, that gives us six sixteenths. Now we measure the biggest object. Two sixteenths. By simply calculating we come up with the following dimensions for the object (the bigger one): Maybe a foot long. We base our conclusion on this: The trees and power lines were no more than 20 feet from the observer. To be sharper than the trees would mean the objects would have to be at least closer than 20 feet. Experiments in a 20-foot long room had an ordinary ruler placed a little closer than 20 feet from the camera (the same one that took the picture). Through the viewfinder the ruler looked about as big as the object in the picture.

So we aren't dealing with an extraterrestrial spaceship at all. But because we aren't sure of what nature the defect is of, our explanation is simply

EXPLANATION-REMARKABLE OPTICAL PHENOMENON.

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May 1968

TDPT (UFO) Lt Col Quintanilla/70916/mhs/29 Aug 68

30 AUG 1968

Photograph of UFO

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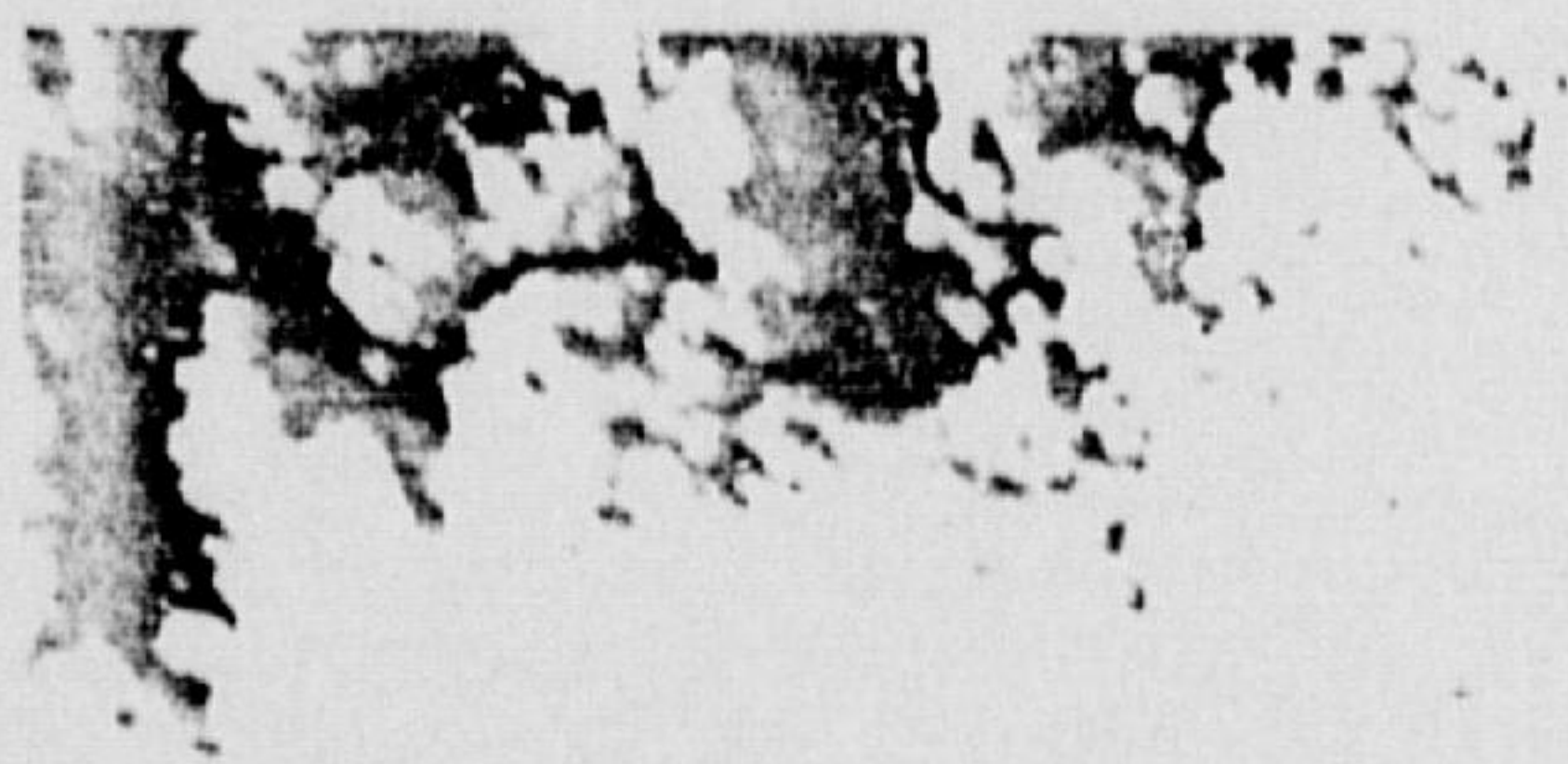
Columbia, South Carolina 29206

1. This replies to your letter of July 4, 1963 in which you inclosed a negative of an unidentified flying object (UFO).
2. Photo analysis indicates that the film submitted exhibits one large and one small water spot which were undoubtedly incurred during processing of the negative.
3. Thank you for forwarding the negative to the Air Force for analysis; your original negative is inclosed.

RECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office
Aerospace Technologies Division
Production Directorate

1 Atch
B&W orig negative

TDPT (UFO) OFFICIAL FILE CY







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PHOTO AND NEGATIVE

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