

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 19 Nov 68 19/1430 CST 19/2030Z	2. LOCATION Acton, Texas
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Photo: FILM PROCESSING DEFECT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One (1)	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS CAUSE OF REPORT: Unidentified image on negative. COMMENTS: Photo analysis indicated that the most probable cause of image was a film processing or emulsion defect.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not observed visually	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Photos only	
7. COURSE None	
8. PHOTOS ☒ Yes ☐ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

FORM
FTD SEP 63 0-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

SOUTHWEST REGION
P. O. BOX 1689
FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76101



DATE: December 5, 1968

IN REPLY
REFER TO: SW-90

SUBJECT: Engineering photographs

TO: Air Force Representative
FAA, Southwest Region (SW-900)

The enclosed photographs were taken by Mr. Paul H. Freund, civil engineer with the FAA, Southwest Region, Fort Worth, Texas. The photographs were taken on November 19, 1968, in connection with the location of a navigational aid facility approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ airline miles southeast of Acton, Texas. The pictures are numbered on the back in the sequence taken, time taken approximately 2:30 P.M.; and all eight shots were taken in a period of thirty to forty-five minutes, which means the shots were taken between the times of approximately 2:30 and 3:30 P.M.

The first shot Number 12-1, we feel, may be of interest to you and was taken from our engineering station 7 + 62 of the proposed access road on a bearing S 11° W, latitude $32^{\circ} 26' 10''$, longitude $97^{\circ} 39' 49''$, using a Kodak Tourist II 620 camera at exposure 1/100 second at F 16 using Verichrome pan film. The person taking the pictures was unaware of the object shown close to the horizon and can offer no explanation as to what it might be. The photographers processing the film are unable to explain the object or how it came to be depicted on the print. They first thought that it was a flaw in the negative but determined this was not the case. They therefore made the two blown up prints of this picture. Individual field notes, the photographic negatives, and the person who took the shots are available in the event further information is desired.

As we discussed, it is requested that you forward these items to the proper authorities for action deemed appropriate. We would appreciate being apprised of any action and the results thereof.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John C. Adams", is written over the typed name.

JOHN C. ADAMS
Chief, Compliance and Security Division, SW-90

Enclosures

THIS CASE INCLUDES

1 PHOTO 8X10

8 PHOTOS 5X8

13 NOV 1969

TDPT (UFO)

UFO Photograph of 19 Nov 68 Near Acton, Texas

Mr. John C. Adams
Chief, Compliance & Security Division, SW-90
P. O. Box 1689
Fort Worth, Texas 76101

1. Reference the UFO photograph taken by Mr. Paul H. Freund on 19 Nov 68 near Acton, Texas. Photographic analysis of the negative has been completed by our photo analysts. The results of their findings are as follows:

a. Examination and technical analysis of the print and corresponding negative furnished by Lieutenant Colonel Carter indicate that the most probable explanation of the image in question is that it is a film processing or emulsion defect. One evident possible cause is the abnormal appearance of the emulsion side of the negative at the location of the image in question. There appears to be some form of foreign substance of high reflectivity covering the area around the image. The "spot" would be impossible to analyze without destroying the image in question. It appears as though there may have been a chemical deposit on or in the emulsion which prevented exposure in that area and then retarded development when it was dissolved by the processing liquids. Corroboration of this explanation might have been accomplished if the film wrapper had been available for analysis.

b. Facts concerning the exposure of the film on which image in question appears, tend to confirm the probability that the "object" is a result of physical phenomena occurring within the camera. The facts are as follows:

(1) The photographer did not actually see the "object".

(2) Eight photos were made (the assumption is made that more than one photo covers the same general area) but the "Object" appears on only one photo.

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2. The referenced photographic negative which you loaned to Lt Col Carter is enclosed. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

*H*ECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Lt Col, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office
Aerospace Technologies Division
Production Directorate

1 Atch
Negative

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PHOTO ANALYSIS REPORT

NR 69-19

PAGE 1 OF 1 PAGES

DATE OF REPORT 29 October 1969

SUBJECT UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

LOCATION Acton, Texas

DATE 19 November 1968

PHOTOGRAPHY

AF _____ IR _____ QUALITY Fair

P NRS One 2 1/4 x 3 1/4 negative and 8x10 B&W print enlargement

1. PURPOSE: This report is in response to Work Order Number 68-110 submitted by Lieutenant Colonel Quintanilla (TDPT) requesting analysis of a photograph taken near Acton, Texas, 19 November 1968, to determine the identity of a purported UFO.

2. ANALYSIS:

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PHOTO ANALYSIS BY:

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON, D.C.



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: USAF Representative, FAA SW Region
P.O. Box 1689, Ft Worth, Tex 76101

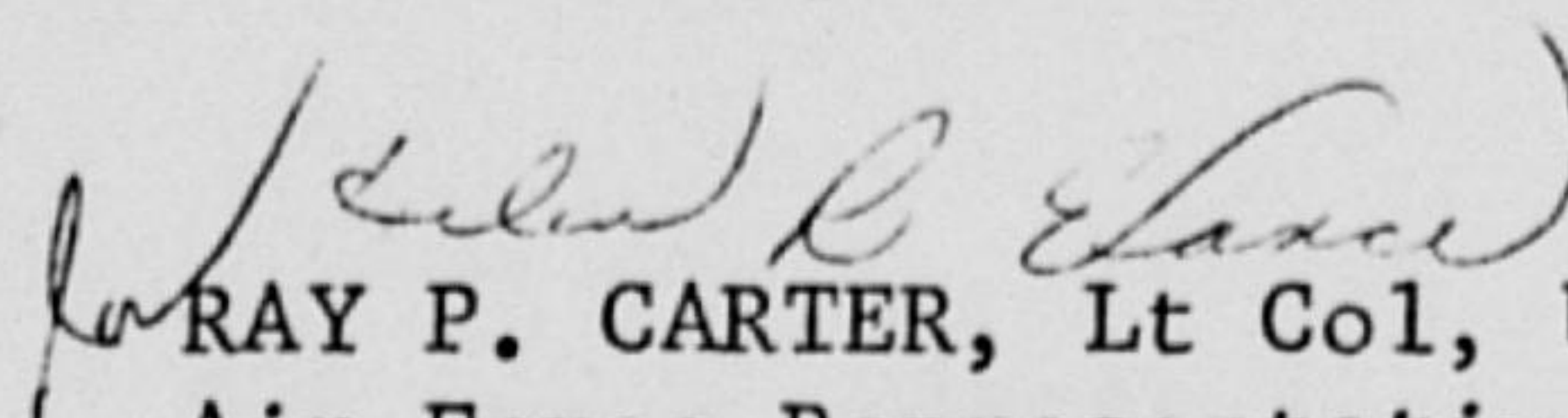
SUBJECT: UFO Photograph of 19 Nov 68, near Acton, Texas (Your Ltr, 17 Jan 69)

23 January 1969

TO: FGN TEC DIV (TDPT (UFO))

1. The Chief of Compliance and Security, FAA SW Region prefers that your Photo Analysis Section complete their analysis of the negatives.
2. As stated previously, request this Office be furnished a copy of the analysis when the negatives are returned.

FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF


RAY P. CARTER, Lt Col, USAF
Air Force Representative
FAA SW Region

Copy to: SW-90, FAA SW Rgn (Mr. Adams)

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TDPT (UFO)

17 JAN 1969

UFO Photograph of 19 Nov 68, near Acton, Texas

Lt. Col. Ray P. Carter
USAF Representative
FAA SW Region
P.O. Box 1689
Fort Worth, Texas 76101

Reference your letter of 13 Jan 1969. The negatives for the 19 Nov 68, Acton, Texas photos have been submitted to the FTD photo analysis section. However, because UFO photographs are handled on a low priority basis, the analysis has not been completed yet. If the observer wants his negatives back immediately, we can return them before the analysis is completed; however, due to higher priority work, the analysis of the negative may take several months yet. Request you notify us of the decision of the observer or have the observer notify us of his decision.

FOR THE COMMANDER

HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Branch
Aerospace Technologies Division
Production Directorate

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: USAF Representative, FAA SW Region
P.O. Box 1689, Ft Worth, Tex 76101

SUBJECT: UFO Photograph of 19 Nov 68, near Acton, TX (Your ltr 13 Dec 68; my ltr
16 Dec 68)

13 January 1969

TO: FGN TEC DIV (TDPT (UFO))

1. In response to your letter of 13 December 1968, we forwarded the original negative of a photograph showing an "unidentified flying object" near Acton, Texas. The photographs and the negative were obtained from the Security Division, FAA Southwest Region with the provision that the negative would be returned.

2. The FAA has asked that we contact you and request return of the negative. Also, they desire comments regarding your analysis of the negative.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ray P. Carter", is positioned above the typed name.

RAY P. CARTER, Lt Col, USAF
Air Force Representative
FAA SW Region

Copy to: FAA SW Rgn (SW-90/Mr. Adams)

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FTD WORK ORDER

Date Issued 23 Dec 1968

1. Description of Work: (Include title of unscheduled tasks.)

Request photo analysis be accomplished on the attached photograph to determine what the unidentified flying object may be.

19 Nov 68, near Acton, Texas.

Request all material be returned upon completion of analysis.

-FROM-

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 2. FTD W.O. No. | 0010212 |
| 3. Monitor | 10 Col Quintanilla |
| 4. Office Symbol/Ext. | FTD (UO)/70916 |
| 5. DIA Task No. | 665-01-39 |
| 6. DIA Priority/FTD Preced. | 6 |
| 7. Date Needed | 23 Dec 1968 |
| 8. Date Completed | |
| 9. Classification of Sources | All Source |
| 10. Classification of End Product | Unclassified |
| 11. Apprv. Sig. | |

18. Div. Chiefs Instructions/Modification or Expansion of Work Description

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|---------------------------|-------|
| 12. Br. Off. Sym/Func No. | THIP |
| 13. M-H Estimate | 8 |
| 14. Contributor | DAVIS |
| 15. Phones | |
| 16. Prec./Revision Date | 2 |
| 17. Branch Chf/Div. Sig. | WV |

68-110

31 Dec 68

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON, D.C.



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: USAF Representative, FAA SW Region
P.O. Box 1689, Ft Worth, Tex 76101

SUBJECT: UFO Photograph of 19 Nov 68, near Acton, TX (Your ltr, 13 Dec 68)

16 December 1968

TO: FGN TEC DIV (TDPT (UFO))

1. Attached is photograph negative requested by your letter of 13 Dec 68.
2. Please return the negative to this Office upon completion of your analysis.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ray P. Carter", is positioned above the typed name.

RAY P. CARTER, Lt Col, USAF
Air Force Representative
FAA SW Region

1 Atch
Photo Negative

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19 NOV 68

TDPT (UFO)

UFO photograph of 19 November 1968 near Action, Texas

Air Force Representative
FAA, Southwest Region (SW-900)
Fort Worth, Texas

13 DEC 1968

Lt Col Carter

Reference letter of 5 December 1968. We would like to submit Mr Frund's photograph to our own photo-experts. We would appreciate it if you would have him submit the original negative of the photograph showing the UFO to our office here at Wright-Patterson AFB.

*H*ECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Branch
Aerospace Technologies Division
Production Directorate

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REPLY TO: USAF Representative, FAA SW Region
ATTN OF: P.O. Box 1689, Ft Worth, Tex 76101

SUBJECT: Possible UFO Sighting

5 December 1968

TO: FTD (TDETR)
Wright Patterson AFB OH 45433

1. The attached letter and enclosures are forwarded for your information and possible action in accordance with AFR 80-17.
2. As indicated in paragraph two of attachment, the photographer is available for interview if this should be deemed necessary.

FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

RAY P. CARTER, Lt Col, USAF
Air Force Representative
FAA SW Region

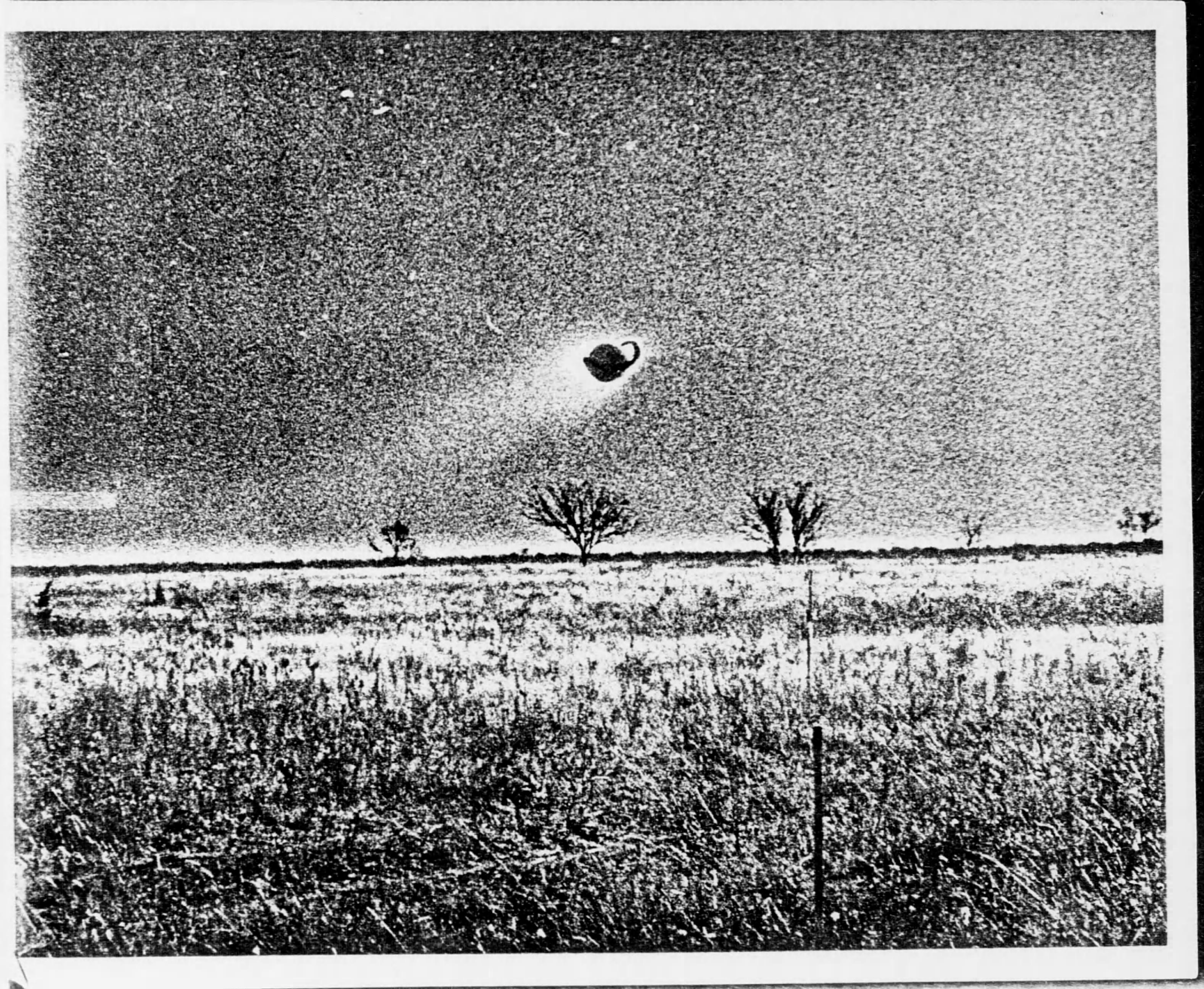
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Ltr, FAA SW Rgn, Engineering
Photographs, 5 Dec 68

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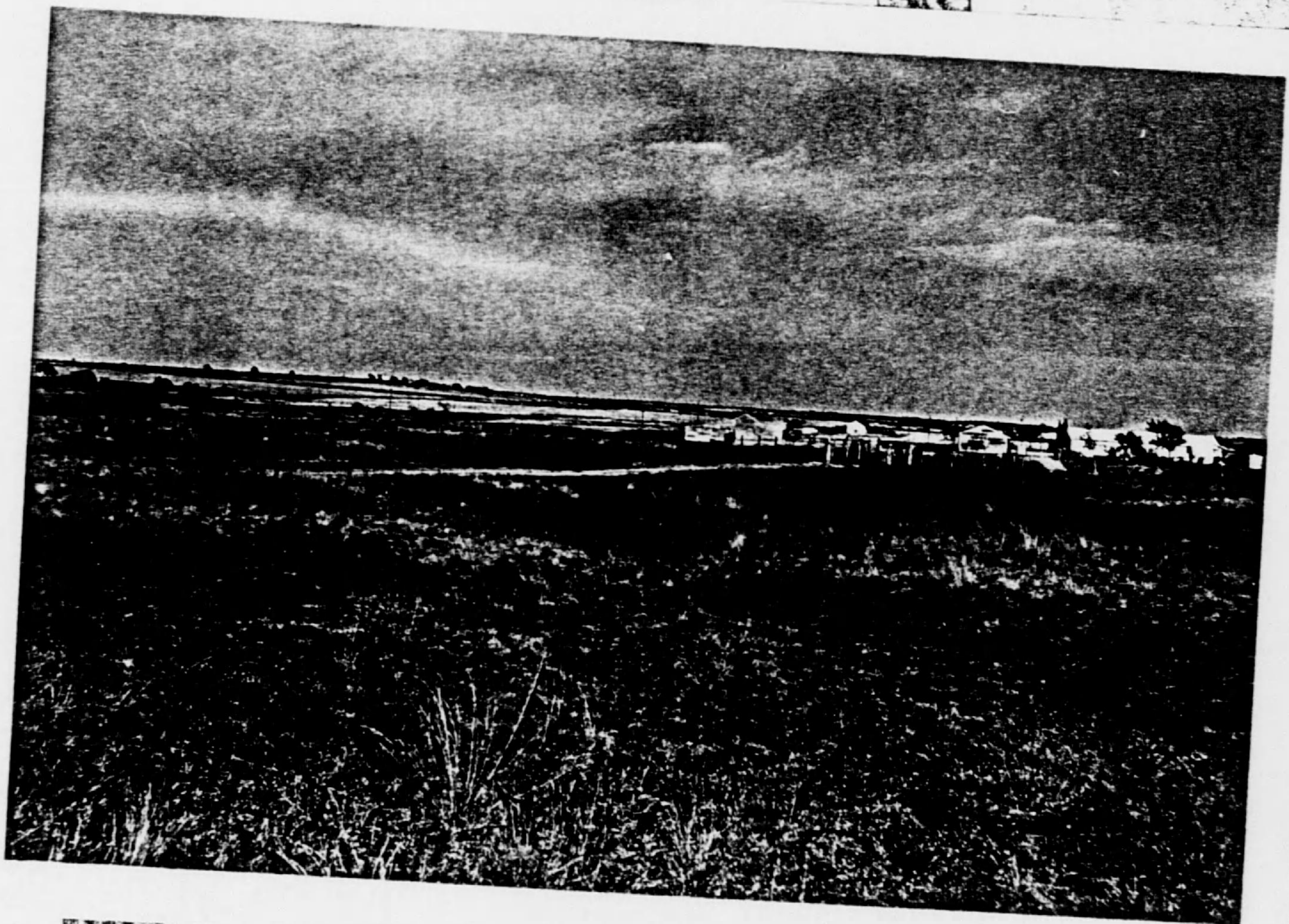












1 - 31 DECEMBER 1968 SIGHTINGS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
Dec	Memphis, Tennessee		Other (CONFLICTING DATA)
3	Greenfield, Iowa		Aircraft
5	Helena, Arkansas		Balloon
5	Bellefontaine, Ohio		Other (UNRELIABLE REPORT)
6	Dayton, Ohio		Aircraft
8	Centerville, Ohio		Astro (VENUS)
11	Clayton, Alabama		Balloon
12	Germantown, Tennessee		Aircraft
14	Iowa City, Iowa		Satellite
15	St Louis, Montana		Balloon
15	Palmyra, Michigan		Balloon
16	Morgantown, West Virginia		Astro (VENUS)
17	Williams, Minnesota		Insufficient Data
23	Saratoga, California		Aircraft
28	Manchester, Pennsylvania		Other (CONFLICTING DATA)
30	Natrona, Pennsylvania		Satellite
31	New Carlisle, Indiana		Other (CONFUSING DATA)

ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
Sep-Dec	United States	NICAP	
Sep-Dec	United States	NICAP	
10	Ft Recovery, Ohio	Memo	
11	Iceland	Ltr	
30	Panama	Msg	