

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP	2. LOCATION
Feb 1969 Unknown	Hamburg, New York
3. SOURCE	10. CONCLUSION
Civilian	Photo: [REDACTED]
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	Photo: Light Source
Unknown	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
2 minutes	Observer was taking time exposures of night skies. When negatives were developed, unknown light sources were present on one negative.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION	COMMENTS: Photo analysis determined the images to be multiple exposures of flashing light source.
Photo	
7. COURSE	
Unknown	
8. PHOTOS	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
RETURN TO: K243, 6012-1 Feb 1969	

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

Director
Aerospace Studies Inst
ATTN: Archives Branch
Maxwell AFB, Alabama

1075
Hamburg, New York

Project BlueBook:

Dear Sirs:

I have often told you about the knowledge of Flying Saucers. In about the middle of February 1968 I unexpectedly caught a picture of a UFO on my picture. I am an amateur astronomer and like to take pictures of stars which are all time exposures. This one was taken at f/8.8 for about 2 minutes of some constellation which I do not remember. I would appreciate it if you could tell me approximately what it is. My theory is that it could be a lightning picture but if it is it's one of the most startling ever taken. To prove this there are as I forgot to mention earlier star trails on the negative. Thank You.

Inclosed are ~~1/4~~ four enlargements and one contact print.

Sincerely yours,

Feb 68
SAF-OICC/Miss Turnure/76526/Dec. 16, 1968

14 DEC 1968

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

This replies to your letter postmarked December 14, 1968, in which you inclosed some photographic prints.

In order for us to evaluate a photograph, we must have the original negative (or original Polaroid print). If you care to send us the original negatives, we will have them analyzed. The following information will also be needed:

Type and make of camera
Type, focal length, and make of lens
Brand and type of film.
Shutter speed used
Lens opening used; that is, "f" stop
Filter used, if any
Was tripod or solid stand used
Was "panning" used
Exact direction camera was pointed with relation to true North, and its angle with respect to the ground

If all of the above information is not available, minimum requirements are type of camera, and smallest and largest "f" stops and shutter speed readings of the camera.

The prints you sent us are inclosed.

Sincerely,

JAMES H. AIKMAN
Major, USAF
Chief, Civil Branch
Community Relations Division
Office of Information

Attachments

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] by
[REDACTED] 14075

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Cmbk Cy - SAF-OIC
Activity Cy - SAF-OIC
Reader Cy - SAF-OI
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Photo sent to [REDACTED]
13 Jan 69

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14075
December 27, 1968

Project BlueBook
Washington, D.C.

Dear Major Aikman:

In the letter which I sent you regarding the pictures I took of an unknown object I am returning the information which you requested for the investigation of that object. As you also requested the negative which I am sending to you in the good hopes that I will get it back undamaged from you. I would appreciate you sending the negative back as soon as possible because I treasure the negative very highly.

The type and make: Kodak Vigilant

Type, focal length, and make of lens: Kodak Anastigmat Lens 100mm.

Brand and type of film: Kodak 620

Shutter speed used: Time. 2 minutes or more.

Lens opening used: f/8.8

No filter was used.

Tripod: Kalmar F - 88

No panning was used.

Exact direction: This I am not very sure of but I recall where almost I took the picture. It was North East at about 120° but I cannot tell you how high the object was in the sky because I never saw it myself.

Inclosed is one negative and Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A large rectangular area of the document has been completely redacted with a dark ink or black marker, obscuring a signature.

FTD WORK ORDER

Date Issued 17 Feb 1969

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.

February 1968, Hamburg, New York.

Request all material be returned upon completion of analysis.

-FROM-

2. FTD W.O. No.

6010210

3. Monitor

T-01

4. Office Symbol/Ext.

TDPT (UFO)/70915

5. DIA Task No.

T65-01-59

6. DIA Priority/FTD Preced.

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7. Date Needed

17 Mar 1969

8. Date Completed

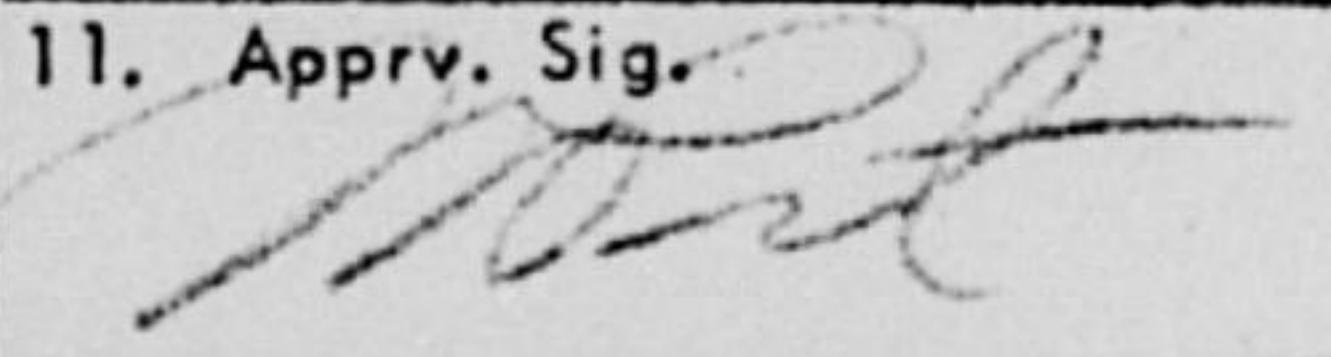
9. Classification of Sources

All Sources

10. Classification of End Product

Unclassified

11. Apprv. Sig.



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12. Br. Off. Sym/Func No.

TDPT

13. M-H Estimate

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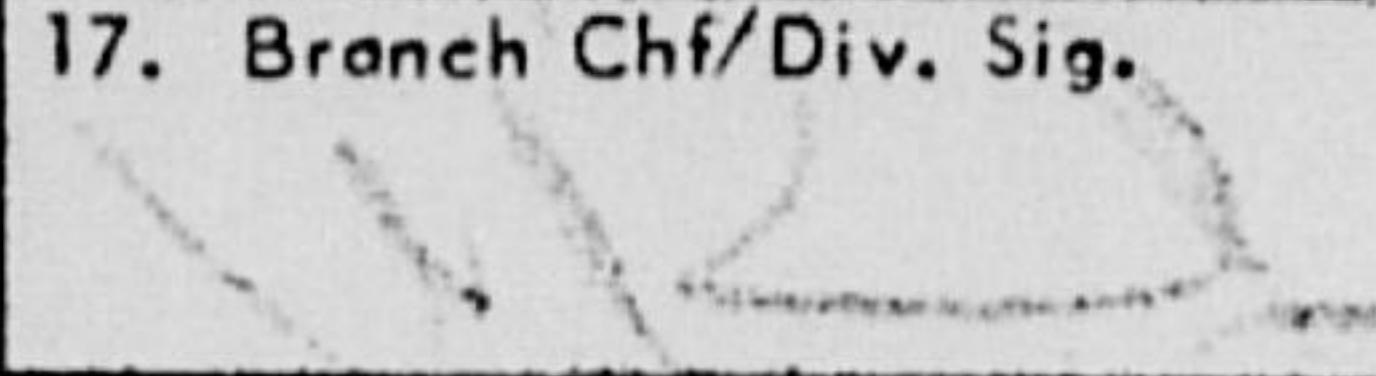
14. Contributor

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15. Phones

16. Prec./Revision Date

17. Branch Chf/Div. Sig.



69-44

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

[REDACTED]
Hal [REDACTED] York 14075
March 14, 1969

Feb 68

SAF-OICC
HQ USAF
WASH DC

Dear Major Aikman:

On December 14, 1968 I sent you some photographs of something which I do not know. I received back a request of information that you wanted in regard to this photograph. This I sent immediately to your headquarters and I am still waiting for a reply. I said in this letter that I would like my negative back as soon as possible and I would appreciate this request most urgently as I need it. It has been almost 3 months since I have sent it and I have been wondering if something has happened to it. Please send it as soon as possible along with your reports if any. Thank you for your time and trouble.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Feb 68

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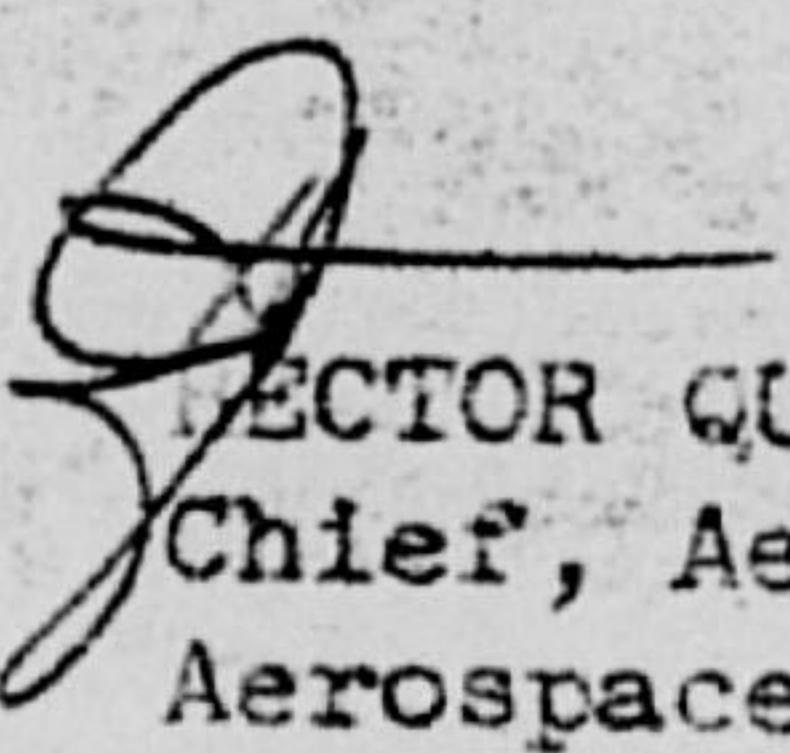
24 MAR 1969

UFO Observation, February 1968

Mr.

Hamburg, New York 14075

Reference your UFO photograph of Feb 1968 from Hamburg, New York. Your negative has been submitted to our photographic department for analysis. However, they have not returned it yet with their findings. If you wish your negative returned immediately, please contact us; and we will return it without the analysis. In either case, your negative will be returned to you intact and undamaged. Thank you for your cooperation.


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

TDPT (UFO) official file

Oct. 18, 1969

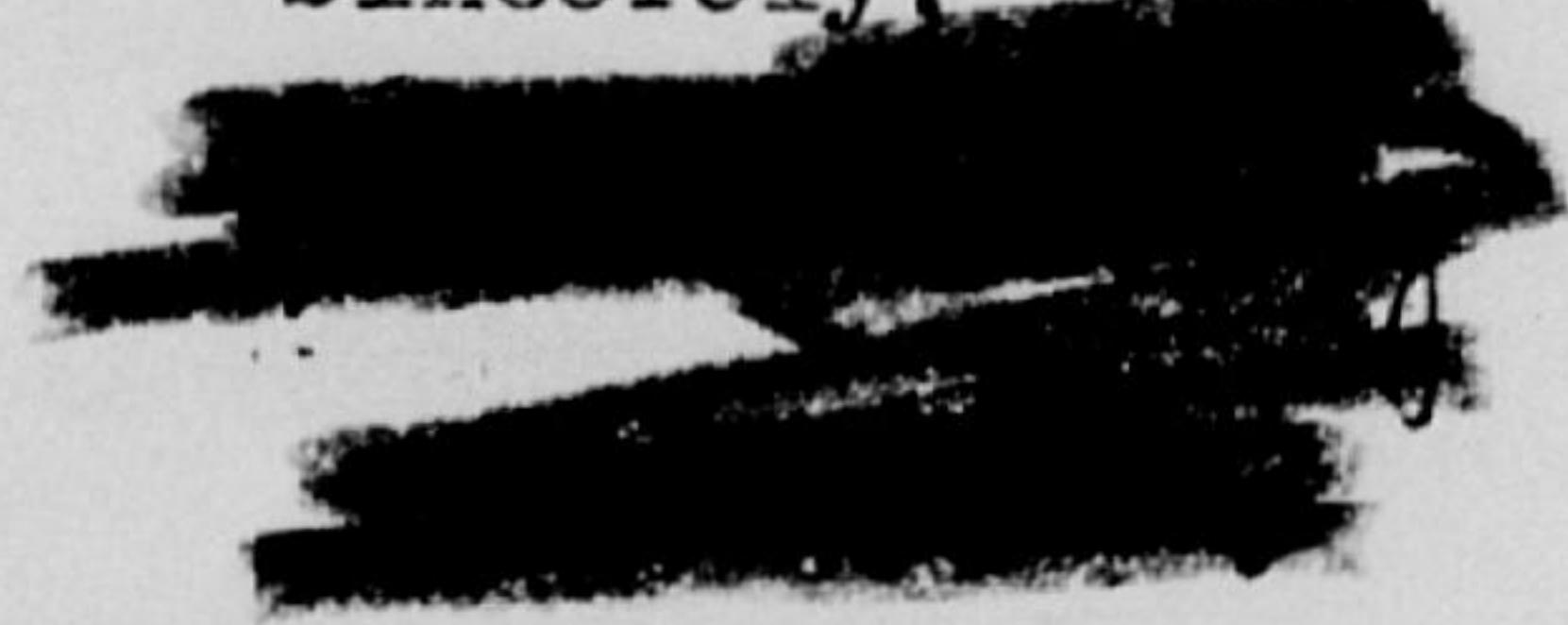
SAF-OICC
HQ USAF
TDPT (UFO)

subject: UFO observation, February 1968

Dear Sirs:

In December 1968 I sent you a photograph of a UFO which you were to have evaluated. I am now requesting that my original negative and possibly the results of the analysis be returned to me as I have need of them immediately. Thank you very much for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

A large, horizontal black redaction mark consisting of several thick, overlapping lines.

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PHOTO ANALYSIS REPORT

NR 69-20

PAGE 1 OF 1 PAGES

DATE OF REPORT 29 October 1969

SUBJECT UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

LOCATION Hamburg, New York

DATE February 1968

PHOTOGRAPHY

AF _____ IR _____ QUALITY Poor

P NRS One negative, one print (5x7 enlargement)

1. PURPOSE: This report is in reply to Work Order 69-44 submitted by Lieutenant Colonel Quintanilla, TDPT(UFO), requesting photo analysis be accomplished on a photograph of an "unidentified flying object" to determine what the object may be. The photograph was taken in Hamburg, New York in February 1968.

2. ANALYSIS: Examination of the referenced photography revealed that the "unidentified flying object", referred to by the photographer as "lightning", is probably a result of a multiple exposure of a flashing light source. The erratic pattern displayed is probably caused by camera motion/vibration.

PHOTO ANALYSIS BY:

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Chief, Photo Exploitation Division

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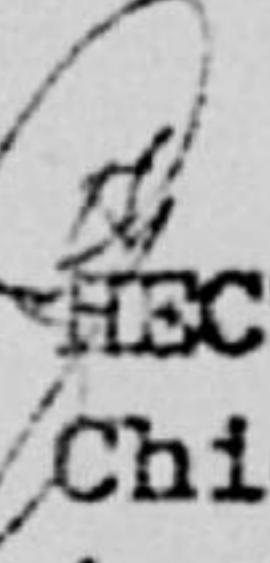
UFO Observation of February 1968

Mr.

Hamburg, New York 14075

Reference your letter of 18 October 1969. Enclosed is the negative to your UFO sighting of February 1968. Photographic analysis of your negative revealed the following:

"Examination of the referenced photography revealed that the 'unidentified flying object', referred to by the photographer as 'lightning', is probably a result of a multiple exposure of a flashing light source. The erratic pattern displayed is probably caused by camera motion/vibration."


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

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Negative

TDPT (UFO) Official File #

