

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 16-23-24 March 59		2. LOCATION Norfolk, Va.		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>Flash Bombs</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 17/0100Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian & Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Intermittently 2 hrs 10 mins		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS nine (9)			
		9. COURSE none			
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Rnd, orange-yellow objs, size of silver dollar. No more than one obj seen at one time. Illumination of area as if by lightning flashes. Each sighting described as obj flashing two or three times in rapid succession.				11. COMMENTS It was determined that flash bombs were being dropped at Ship Shoal Range on Cape Charles, which is NE of Norfolk, in a night photo training operation.	

March 18, 1959

Bureau of Unidentified Objects
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

We would like to report a strange flying object in this area which took place on March 16, 1959 at 8 P.M. We witnessed this as we backed out of my driveway which is in the vicinity of the Little Creek Amphibious Base, Norfolk, Va.

I was accompanied by Mrs. [REDACTED] and her 12 year old son. It was the son who first brought it to our attention by remarking, "Mother, it's lightening!" With that, we all looked up and saw a large ball-like, yellowish orange object hovering in the sky to the North East. It was tremendous in proportion to any object we had ever seen in the sky before. It gave forth an explosive glare of light which illuminated the entire surrounding area of the housing project in which I live. Each flash lasted to the count of 5, with short intervals in between. Then the object was obliterated in complete darkness.

We then pulled out of the driveway and drove up two blocks to Little Creek Rd. when all three of us saw it again. This time it was very close to the ground, in fact we thought it was going to land. In this stage it was no longer flashing, but holding a steady, brilliant glow of light. It was then lost from sight as tho it had landed.

By this time we were all highly excited and instead of going to our appointed destination, we drove towards the Amphibious Base and decided to follow it.

We drove a mile and a half in an easterly direction and it appeared again in the same N.E. direction, only this time it was farther away, higher in the sky and flashing again.

In this position it flashed twice. The last flash remained longer than any of the preceding flashes. During the last flash we were able to discern a dim but definite outline of a strange craft which none of us had ever seen before.

For this report we would like to add that this statement is completely true and this is an accurate description of what we saw in the sky.

[REDACTED]

*Send to AFIC suggest they ask for
printing send questionnaire and how
Langley or 1006 [REDACTED]*

[REDACTED]

March 18, 1959

To whom this may concern:

I am enclosing a letter from my friend Mrs. [REDACTED] and one from her son who were with me when the object in mention was sighted in our locality.

In this letter I would like to establish a few pertinent facts about myself because I realize such a report could be taken lightly. It is my sincere wish that our observations of this object will be believed to be a true one.

I am 40 years old and have lived in Norfolk for over 20 years and for many years near the vacinity of the Naval Air Base. I am familiar with the planes and jets that fly overhead. For nearly four years I have lived at my present address which is near the Little Creek Amphibious Base and the Norfolk Municipal Airport. I am familiar with all the searchlights and aircraft landing lights in this area. I have never seen any such object or light in my entire life, before this.

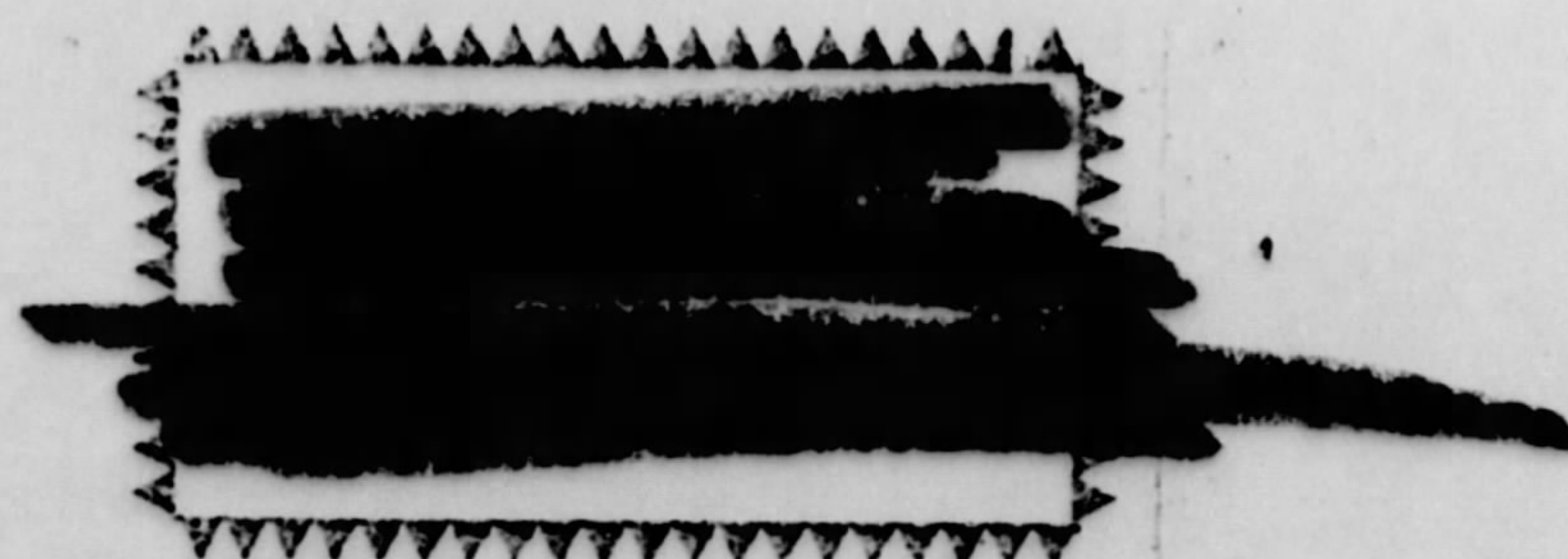
Also, I would like to make it quite clear that my eyes are trained for color, lines and proportions as well as perspective as these are subjects I teach daily in my own Art Studio in Norfolk. I have also taught Art in the Public School system and the Norfolk Museum of Arts and Sciences.

After seeing this phenomenon it was so impressed on my mind as to its relative proportions, color and distance that I went to my studio the following morning and made a large pastel picture of it in full color. Those who saw it said it was frightening.

I have been very active in the Art circles in this city for 10 years and feel that my knowledge of Art has been invaluable to me during this experience.

Sincerely hoping that you will give our report and letters your immediate attention and cooperation, I remain

Mrs. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Norfolk, Va.



Dear Sir:

My name is [REDACTED], I am 12 years old, I
go to Carlton Oaks School, and I am in the seventh grade.
I saw this strange object and everything
we have written is true.

Sincerely, yours,

[REDACTED]

March 18th, 1959

It is indeed unfortunate that many reports of this nature have proven false. On the other hand, many honest and intelligent people have witnessed similar objects in the sky. Many of these reports have been borne out by high-ranking officers in the Armed Forces, scientists and civilian organizations who are doing research on these objects in a full time capacity.

I do not seek publicity, but rather a desire to share with other serious thinking Americans, this awe-inspiring sight.

More than this, I feel, that such experiences should and must be brought before the American people again and again, until it is a

recognized fact, that there
are other mysterious objects
in the heavens other than
the moon, the sun and the
stars.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Anna, Virginia

St Taft of 345 Bomb Wing, Langley AFB
called at 1320 March 30, '59. They checked
into the sighting and determined B-66's were
dropping flash-bombs at the time of sighting.
The A/C were from the 363 TAC RECON WG at
Shaw AFB, N.C. who uses Langley range.
The drawing ~~was~~ showed nothing but a blob of
light. The lady wanted a ^{little} ~~an~~ ~~authorization~~ to the
effect that if the picture was published, she
would get credit for it. St Taft feels the
~~picture is not suitable for publication~~ as ~~she~~ she is a
commercial artist. ~~and~~

St Taft will send all info in a TWX
and will not send the picture unless we still
find a need for it.

JOINT MESSAGEFORM				SECURITY CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED				
SPACE BELOW RESERVED FOR COMMUNICATION CENTER								
MAR 27 23 36 '59 72 38								
PRECEDENCE		TYPE MSG (Check)			ACCOUNTING SYMBOL	ORIG. OR REFERS TO	CLASSIFICATION OF REFERENCE	
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INFO								
FROM: ATIC, WP-AFB, OHIO						SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS		
TO: 345TH BOMB WING, LANGLEY AFB, VA. <i>RED D K</i> ATTN: INTELLIGENCE OFFICER								
/UNCLASSIFIED/FROM: AFCIN-4E48 3-592B								
THIS MSG IS TO CONFIRM THE TELECON BETWEEN LT TAFT, YOUR ORG, AND SGT BOLIEU, ATIC. AS WAS STATED OVER THE TELEPHONE, YOUR ORG IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT MRS. [REDACTED] NORFOLK, VA. FOR THE PURPOSE OF PICKING UP A DRAWING AND INVESTIGATING HER SIGHTING OF AN UFO. REQUEST THE DRAWING BE FORWARDED TO ATIC AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.								
COORDINATION: AFCIN-4E4 <i>R. I. Glaser</i> DATE <i>27 Mar 59</i> COL GLASER AFCIN-4E <i>H. K. Gilbert</i> DATE <i>27 Mar 59</i> COL GILBERT						DATE 26 TIME 1310 MONTH MAR YEAR 1959		
W R I T E R	SYMBOL AFCIN-4E48				SIGNATURE <i>Geo G. Glaser</i>			
	TYPED NAME AND TITLE (if required) MAJ ROBERT J. FRIEND							
	PHONE 69216		PAGE NR. 1	NR. OF PAGES 1	TYPED (or stamped) NAME AND TITLE <i>ATIC Intelligence Officer</i>			
	SECURITY CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED							
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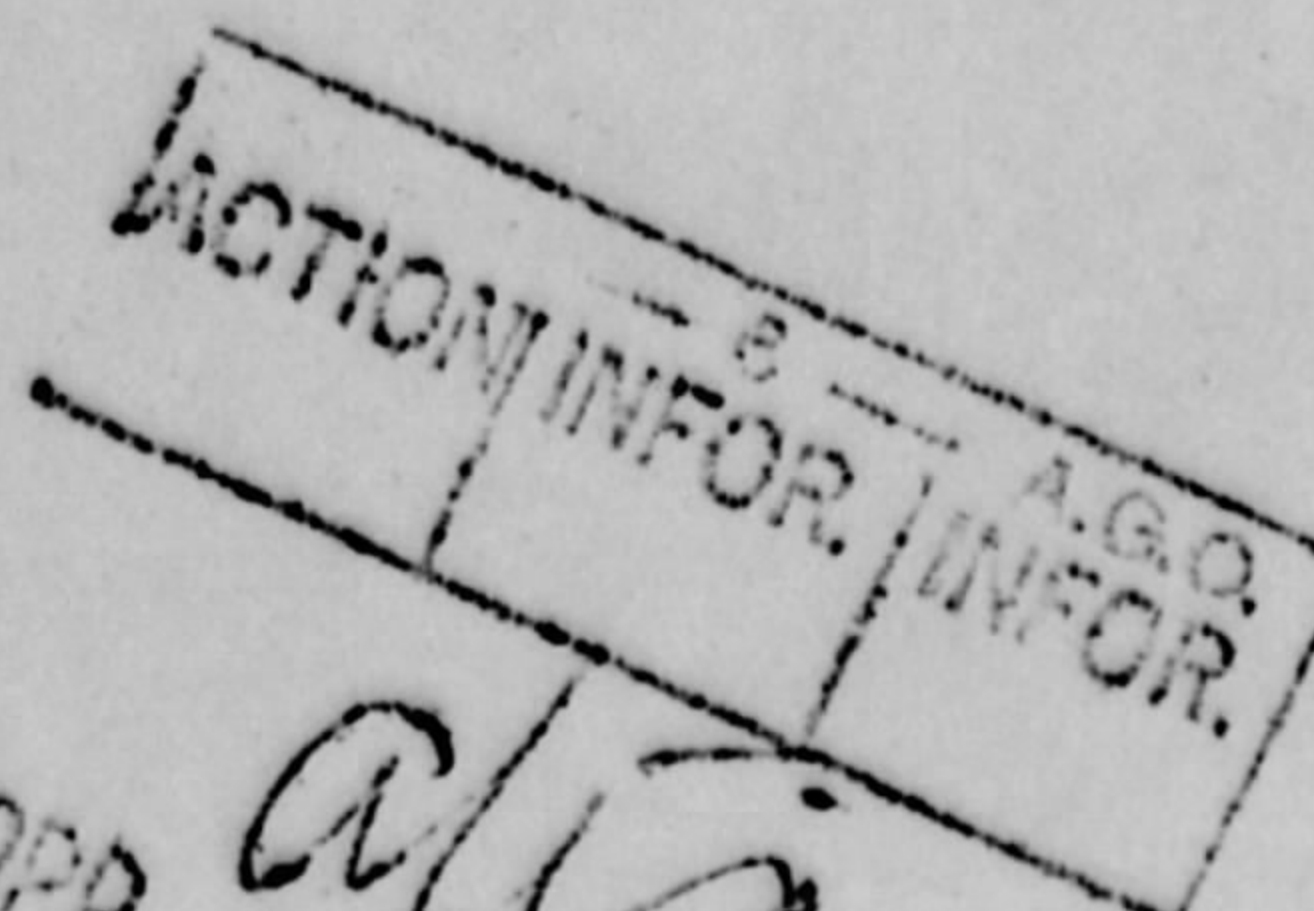
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UNCLASSIFIED FROM BWD01 59-186. INFO COMDR 1006TH AISS. SUBJECT: UFO
REPORT. FOLLOWING REPORT SUBMITTED IN ACOORDANCE WITH ATIC MSG
AFCIN-4E4G-3-592-E. REFERENCE AFR 200-2. A. (1) ROUND (2) ORANGE-YELLOW
(3) SILVER DOLLAR AT ARM'S LENGTH (4) ONE TO NINE (5) NONE, NO MORE
THAN ONE OBJECT SEEN AT ONE TIME (6) NONE (7) NONE (8) NONE, (9) NONE
B. (1) ILLUMINATION OF AREA AS IF BY LIGHTNING FLASHES (2) 10 TO 15
DEGREES ELEVATION, 45 DEGREES AXIMUTH (NORTHEAST) (3) SAME (4) NONE
(5) INSTANTANEOUSLY (6) OBJECTS SEEN INTERMITTENTLY DURING PERIODS
OF FROM FIVE MINUTES TO TWO HOURS TEN MINUTES. EACH SIGHTING DURING
PERIOD DESCRIBED AS OBJECT FLASHING TWO OR THREE TIMES IN RAPID



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SUCCESSION WITH FLASHES APPROXIMATELY ONE FIFTIETH OR ONE TWENTY-FIFTH OF A SECOND DURATION AND WITH FROM TWO TO TEN MINUTES BETWEEN GROUPS OF FLASHES. C. (1) GROUND VISUAL (2) NONE (3) N/A D. SIGHTINGS REPORTED ON THREE OCCASIONS: 0100Z TO 0110Z 17 MAR 59 (SEEN BY [REDACTED]) 0100Z TO 0110Z 24 MARCH AND 0020 TO 0310Z 25 MARCH SEEN BY [REDACTED] ONLY (2) NIGHT E. 36 55 20 NORTH, 076 12 20 WEST. APPROXIMATELY ONE MILE NORTH OF NORFOLK MUNICIPAL AIRPORT F. MRS. [REDACTED] 40, [REDACTED] NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, RELIABILITY F. MRS. [REDACTED], UNK EST 38, [REDACTED] PRINCESS ANNE, VIRGINIA, RELIABILITY F G. (1) CLEAR (2) N/A (3) CLEAR (4) TEN MILES (5) NONE (6) NONE H. NONE I. NONE J. N/A K. GENE E. TAFT, 1/LT, USAF, ASSISTANT WING INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, 345TH BOMBARDMENT WING, TACTICAL, LANGLEY AFB, VIRGINIA. BELIEVE REPORTED OBJECTS WERE PHOT FLASH BOMBS. THE 363D TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE WING, SHAW AFB, SOUTH CAROLINA, IS CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN NIGHT PHOTO TRAINING AT SHIP SHOAL RANGE, 37 13 30 NORTH, 075 48 30 WEST, APPROXIMATELY NINE MILES NORTHEAST OF CITY OF KIPTOPEKE ON SOUTHERN TIP OF CAPE CHARLES. AZIMUTH AND ELEVATION HEADINGS AS REPORTED FOR THESE OBJECTS POINT DIRECTLY TOWARD SHIP SHOAL RANGE. A CHECK WITH THE 363 TAC RECON WING

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DETERMINED THAT PHOTO FLASH BOMBS WERE DROPPED AT SHIP SHOAL AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTINGS. THESE NIGHT PHOTO OPERATIONS AT SHIP SHOAL ALSO RECENTLY OBSERVED BY CAPTAIN EDWARD D. FALKENBURG, INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, 499TH BOMB SQUADRON, THIS ORGANIZATION, FROM HIS HOME LOCATED AT 37 07 40 NORTH, 076 30 40 WEST, ABOUT TWO MILES WEST OF PATRICK HENRY AIRPORT. CAPTAIN FALKENBURG STATES APPEARANCE OF FLASHES AS DESCRIBED BY [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED].

1. MRS. [REDACTED] IS A PAINTER AND TEACHER OF PAINTING, AND HAS A DRAWING OF OBJECT MADE BY HERSELF APPROXIMATELY 14 BY 17 INCHES. DRAWING IS OF BRILLIANT ORANGE-YELLOW GLOW LOW IN SKY WITH STRONG RAYS ILLUMINATING STYLIZED RESIDENTIAL AREA. FOLLOWING CONVERSATION WITH ATIC SGT BOLIEU ON 27 MAR, ADVISED MRS. [REDACTED] DRAWING NOT REQUIRED BY USAF.

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