

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 18 July 1964	2. LOCATION Gainsville, Georgia
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION GRASS
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS N/A	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION N/A	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Oil spray on grass. Sample submitted to determine if any unusual component in the grass. Oil spray covered about 15' and shaped in a circle with a slight tail. Rain did not fade or wash away the stain.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION N/A	
7. COURSE N/A	COMMENTS: Check for radioactivity proved negative. Sample was normal grass.
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	(Note similarity to Borger Texas sighting of 13 Aug 1963. Marking on ground determined to be caused by Grass Fly Eggs).
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☒ Yes ☐ No	

July 20, 1964

Smithsonian Institute
Research Director
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am writing this inquiry in hope that you will be able to throw some light on a subject that is causing a great deal of concern to many in this area.

Several UFO sightings have been reported in our immediate area by local citizens. Although such sightings are described somewhat differently they are similar. They are saucer shaped objects little larger than a car with red, white, and green lights. It always leaves particular odor and in one case they declared they felt radiation. The enclosed article is one of several that have been our local paper.

On the morning of July 18th our neighbor found in his front yard directly in front of their home a peculiar pattern of what appears to be oil spray such as a auto would leave except that it was in a small circle around fifteen feet in diameter with a small tail like pattern leading off one side of it. Further out around the edge of this circle were several marks, each fairly evenly spaced and approximately an inch and a half in hepth - marks such as a very large camera tripod would make. The area is such that an auto, lawn mower or such device would have left tracks due to several light rains over the past few days. It also seems curious that the rain did not fade or wash away the substance.

The couple are a very respectable family in the above average income bracket and not given to telling tales. The truth is they are afraid to say anything about it for fear of being laughed at.

The woman seems quite concerned with these so called UFO sightings so I would appreciate it very much if you would check the sample of the grass I am enclosing and give us any possible explanation that you can.

Respectfully yours,


Gainesville, Georgia

MEMO ROUTING SLIP

TO THE FOLLOWING IN ORDER INDICATED

NAME OR TITLE		INITIALS-DATE
1. U. S. Air Force, Office of Information		
2.		
3.		
4.		
Your information	☐	Note and return ☐
Your comments	☐	Proper signature ☐
Necessary action	☒	Note and file ☐
Prepare reply	☐	See me ☐
Your recommendation	☐	Your initials ☐

REMARKS

FROM	DATE
National Air Museum, Smithsonian Institution	7/27/64
	PHONE

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

NATIONAL AIR MUSEUM

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20560

July 27, 1964

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Gainesville, Georgia

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

Thank you for your letter of July 20, 1964, with
enclosure.

We have no information on Unidentified Flying
Objects, and no facility for research and investigation
of them.

The U. S. Air Force has requested that we send
inquiries of this kind to it. We are, therefore,
sending your letter to the Air Force, Office of
Information, for reply.

Sincerely yours, .

Philip S. Hopkins
Director

HEADQUARTERS
FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION
AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO



REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

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SUBJECT: Request for UFO Information ([REDACTED])

18 AUG 1964

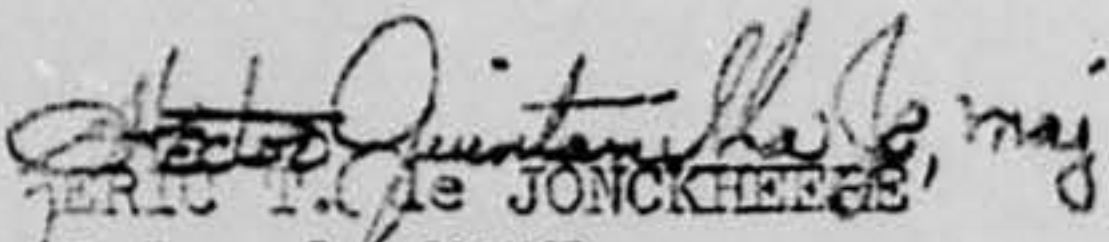
TO: Hq USAF SAFOI PB (Mrs [REDACTED])

The Smithsonian Institute has forwarded us a letter from Mr. G. [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] N. E., Gainesville, Georgia. The following information is provided to assist you in answering Mr. [REDACTED]' letter. The sighting of 18 July, has not been reported to the Air Force; however, a sighting from Spartanburg, South Carolina, on 29 June was reported to Warner Robins Air Force Base and was evaluated as attributable to ball lightning. The facts of the newspaper account of this sighting were much distorted.

The grass sample submitted with the article and letter contained nothing unusual from that expected of a normal grass sample.

The newspaper article of the Turnerville sighting is the first knowledge that the Air Force has received. No official report was made to the Air Force on these sightings; therefore, no evaluation is being made at this time.

FOR THE COMMANDER


ERIC T. JONCKHEERE, Maj
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology
and Subsystems



YOU - THE NUCLEUS OF SECURITY!

18 Jul 64
Gainesville, Ga
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August 31, 1964

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

This is in reference to your recent letter to the Smithsonian Institution on the subject of some unusual phenomena which has occurred in your area.

The July 18th sighting of an "oil spray" type pattern on the grass was never officially reported to the Air Force. However, an analysis of the grass samples inclosed with your letter indicates that they contain nothing unusual from that normally found in grass. The sighting from Spartanburg, South Carolina on June 29th was evaluated as ball lightning. The facts of the newspaper account of this sighting were much distorted.

The newspaper article of the Turnerville sightings is the first knowledge that the Air Force has received of this report. No official report was made to the Air Force on these sightings, and therefore, no evaluation is being made at this time.

Inclosed is a summary of information on the Air Force project for the investigation and evaluation of Unidentified Flying Object reports. We think this brochure will help to explain the UFO phenomena and its causes a little more fully.

Sincerely,

MASTON M. JACKS
Major, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Inclosure

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Gainesville, Georgia

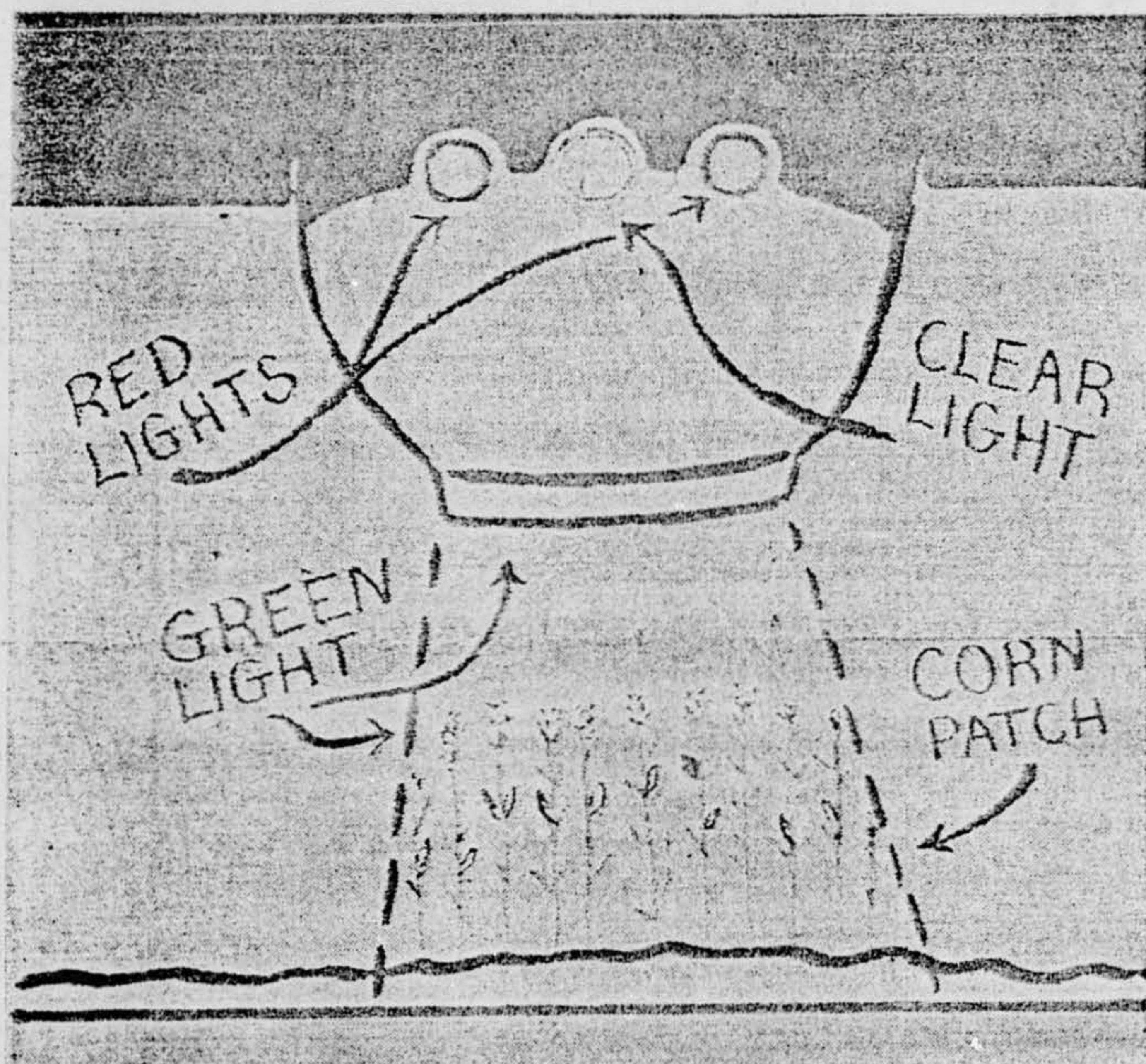
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Artist's Conception of UFO

The above is an artist's interpretation of what nine persons at Turnerville saw Tuesday night. The top of the object was not visible and the bottom could only be seen when the green light from the bottom was on and reflected back a-

gainst the ship, or whatever it was. The lights on the top are not in their exact position because it is not known what the top of the ship, where they were positioned, looks like.

Nine Describe UFO In Habersham Area

By TOM WINFIELD
Times District Editor

TURNERVILLE — An unidentified flying object was sighted here Tuesday night by nine persons.

Two women who witnessed the object, definitely described as a machine, reported they felt a stinging or burning sensation af-

ter by testimony, that the preceding is the way it happened.

The object then moved away and suddenly disappeared. Later, about 10:30, it was sighted again, just before Sheriff A.J. Chapman of Habersham County arrived. But the second time it did not swoop to the ground to hover and move off again. Ivester said it came back over the Ivester

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Second Sighting

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Silent The object had no exhaust that could be seen and moved silently, making no noise, according to the nine witnesses. When the green light flashed on while the object was hovering over the garden, it reflected off the ground, against the object and Ivester said there is no doubt in his mind that it was made of metal.

The bottom, he said, "was shaped like a bowl. It had a ridge around the bottom like you sit a bowl on and the sides came up around it."

Another witness to the specta- cle was not at the Ivester home. Mrs. Fred Rodaker was on her back porch. The cuckoo clock struck 9 p.m. She saw something, a light, in the sky. She went back into the house and, her curiously aroused, looked out the window. Then she saw it, com- ing down. She ran out on the front porch and called to her husband who was inside, already in bed.

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It moved across the horizon and down, moving and hovering, mov- ing and hovering, Ivester said, until it came, within 200 feet of the Ivester home.

At that point, all witnesses a- greed that it swooped down and hovered over a garden, not far from the house about five feet from the ground. It was over the garden that the red and clear lights on top of the object were turned off and a brilliant green light shown from the bottom of the object towards the ground. Ivester said the object then moved upward again, and the green light filled the forest be- neath it. The green light then was turned off and the object would move along, slowly, he said, but each time it hovered the green light would come on and it appeared to be searching the forest floor.

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