

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 12 August 64 13/0500Z	2. LOCATION Brekens Corner, Montana
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION, (Moon) (J.A.H.) 1. UNIDENTIFIED 2. Astronomical (FORMALHAUT)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	1. Unidentified. 2. Stationary object viewed in South likely star FORMALHAUT.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 - 3 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	Initial sighting of object appearing to be a burning haystack Crescent shaped becoming oblong. Orange, flame colored. Observers stopped car and went back for another look and object became oblong and started to rise and became orange in color. Rose from ground moved through sky and disappeared beyond hills. Sighted to South. Remained in area until 0615Z (Over 1 hour) and observed object intermittantly. Witnesses sure that object was not a star. (object viewed later). This later object looked like a yard light but was much too high in sky. Object continued to move South
7. COURSE Rising	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	CONVERSATION WITH WITNESSES LEADS TO CONCLUSION THAT OBJECT WAS MOON. ALSO OBSERVED 13-14 AUG. (SEE ADDITIONAL DATA)

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HERE'S ONE LESS UNKNOWN FOR 1964

This was the setting moon seen through broken clouds from a moving car. I talked with Mr. [REDACTED] for twenty minutes or so. It did not sound like too accurate a report. Mr. [REDACTED] made such statements as "had never seen the moon moving so fast"; took back the part about rising high. Never more than five degrees above the horizon; said it seemed like ten miles away. It was crescent shaped and dark orange in color. Local time of moonset was 21:54.

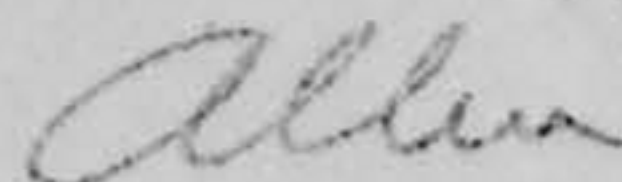
He went out to look for it the next night and saw it again. He did not see the moon at the same time, but on the third night saw the moon but no object, and said the moon set about an hour later than the object did the previous night!

When asked whether he had come to any conclusion as to what it might have been after the passage of all these months, he said, "Well, it might have been the moon."

In fact, the moon was just setting but was not reported separately; the moon was between new and first quarter. That there were broken clouds, and that he could not back up the statement about the object rising makes me feel the moon identification is positive. Further, he was badly mixed up on directions. First he said south and then southwest, but he was driving along a curving road. He lacked any semblance of crisp accuracy in his answers. I don't think he knows whether the moon rises in the east or west! Very hazy on duration of sighting. The clinching point to me is that the moon, which was in the identical part of the sky, was not mentioned separately.

End of report.

Sincerely,



J. Allen Hynek

JAH:mjp
Enclosure

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ACTION: NIN-7

INFO : XOP-1, XOPX-5, SAFOS-3, DIA-15 (32)
SMB A118

SUSPECTED DUPLICATE

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RR RUEAHQ

ZNR ZFD RUWHCS

CCSC841ZCND A822

ZCND A322

RR RUWGALE RUWALE RUCDSQ RUEAHQ RUEAHQ RUWBKN RUCSBR

DE RUWHND 10 13/2337Z

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R 132145Z

FM 91CMBTSPTGP GLASGOW AFB MONT

TO RUWGALE/ADC

RUWALE/SAEROSP DIV ENT AFB COLO

RUCDSQ/AFSK FTD WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RUEAHQ/CSAF

RUEAHQ/OSAF WASH DC

INFO RUWBKN/15AF MARCH AFB CALIF

RUCSBR/SAC

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(AFNIN), OSAF (SAFOI), INFO 15AF (DI), SAC (DI). SUBJECT:

REPORT OF LFO LAWAFR 200-2, PARA 14, A.(1) AT ORIGINAL SIGHTING

OBJECT APPEARED TO BE BURNING HAYSTACK. AS IT MOVED, SHAPED APPEARED

TO BR CRESCENT, THEN OBLONG. (2) HAYSTACK. (3) ORANGE - FIRST

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200 Missiles launched
in Montana area
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APPEARED TO BE FLAME. (4) ONE. (5) N/A. (6) NONE, EXCEPT AS IN (1) ABOVE. (7) NONE. (8) NONE REPORTED. (9) OBSERVERS STATE FIRST IMPRESSION WAS THAT OF BURNING HAYSTACK. THEY WERE DRIVING IN THEIR AUTOMOBILE, AND AFTER STOPPING AND TURNING AROUND WITH THE THOUGHT OF ASSISTING IN EXTINGUISHING THE FIRE, THE OBJECT APPEARED CRESCENT SHAPED, POSSIBLY DUE TO CHANGE IN ANGLE OF OBSERVATION. AS OBJECT ROSE FROM THE EARTH AND ANGLE OF OBSERVATION CHANGED ONCE AGAIN, IT APPEARED OBLONG. AT THIS TIME THE ONLY COLOR IMPRESSION WAS ORANGE. B. (1) SIGHT. (2) ON OR SLIGHTLY ABOVE GROUND LEVEL. (3) DISAPPEARED OVER SLIGHT KNOLL, HEIGHT UNKNOWN. (4) OBJECT ROSE FROM EARTH, MOVED THROUGH THE SKY AT A LOW ALTITUDE AND DISAPPEARED BEHIND KNOLL. AT THIS LIGHT DIMINISHED AND DISAPPEARED. (5) SOUTH. (6) TWO-THREE MINUTES. OBSERVERS REMAINED IN AREA UNTIL APPROX 0630-0645Z 13 AUG 64, DURING WHICH TIME OBJECT WAS UNDER INTERMITTENT SURVEILLANCE. DURING THIS PERIOD OBJECT WAS AT A GREATER DISTANCE THAN WHEN FIRST SIGHTED; HOWEVER, OBSERVERS ARE DEFINITE IN STATEMENT THAT WHAT THEY SAW LATER WAS NOT A STAR. OBSERVERS SAID IT APPEARED LIKE AN UNUSUALLY BRIGHT YARD LIGHT AT THIS TIME, BUT WAS MUCH TOO HIGH IN THE SKY TO BE YARD LIGHT. OBJECT CONTINUED TO MOVE TO THE SOUTH WHEN LAST OBSERVED. C. (1) GROUND-VISUAL. (2) NONE. (3) N/A. D. (1) 0500/ 13 AUG 64. (2) NIGHT. E. OBSERVERS WERE TRAVELING ON STATE HIGHWAY 24 FROM GLASGOW TO FORT PECK, MONTANA, AND WERE APPROX SIX MILES NORTHWEST OF FORT PECK, LOCATION KNOWN LOCALLY AS BREKKEN'S CORNER. F. (1) MRS [REDACTED]

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SOUTH, GLASGOW, MONT, MR. [REDACTED] SAME ADDRESS, AND
MR. [REDACTED] GLASGOW, MONT. ALL THREE ADULTS AND CON-
SIDERED RELIABLE. G. (1) 15 MILES VISIBILITY, WINDS 110 AT 8 KTS.
(2) SURFACE 110 DEGREES AT 8 KNOTS; 6,000, 120 AT 9; 10,000, 300 AT
14; 16,000, 310 AT 24; 20,000, 310 AT 32; 30,000, 280 AT 65; 50,000
290 AT 52. (3) HIGH CLOUDS ABOVE 20,000 FEET. (4) 15 MILES. (5)
TWO-EIGHTS. (6) NONE. H. NONE REPORTED. I. NONE. J. N/A.
K. BASE COMMANDER, GLASGOW AFB, MONT. L. NONE.

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NOTE: ORIGINAL TRANSMISSION NOT RECEIVED IN SMB
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