

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 1 February 65 02/0130Z	2. LOCATION Tallahassee, Florida ✓
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astronomical (METEOR) <i>In view of very cursatory investigation and lack of cooperation of observer, most trouble</i>
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Bluish object round on bottom. Accompanied by faint humming sound. At dusk. Flight West to East. Speed slow (100-200 mph). 2. Purple grey object observed for 30-45 seconds. Thick in center. No sound. Appeared as a light in the sky. Climbing to East at a fast rate of speed. Initial report indicated an object observed for four minutes climbing to East and observed by persons in Tallahassee, Jacksonville, and Eastern Airlines Pilots over Atlantic. Observation at Jacksonville not at the same time. Letter to Eastern Airlines reply indicated no such flight. COMMENTS: Initial data incorrect. Duration brief and description indicates object in level flight, not rising. Regarded as unreliable (hoax) by investigating officials, however the description, duration etc indicates a possible meteor observation.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Few Seconds	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE East	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

JOINT MESSAGEFORM				SECURITY CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED			
SPACE BELOW RESERVED FOR COMMUNICATION CENTER							
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PRECEDENCE		TYPE MSG (Check)		ACCOUNTING SYMBOL		ORIG. OR REFERS TO	
ACTION PRIORITY		BOOK MULTI SINGLE		A F		CLASSIFICATION OF REFERENCE	
INFO ROUTINE		X					
FROM: FTD, W P AFB, OHIO						SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS	
TO: 4756 AIRDEFWG, TYNDALL AFB, FLA RUCQAH							
INFO: HQ USAF, WASH D C RUEAHQ							
32 NORAD REGION, GUNTER AFB, ALA RUCQGM							
UNCLAS FM TDEW(UFO) 13436. FEB 65. INFO FOR USAF (SAFOI-PB). REFERENCE YOUR UNCLAS WODC 00045 FEB 65. AFR 200-2, PARAGRAPH 12b STATES "SUBMIT A FOLLOWUP AND/OR COMPLETE REPORT ON ALL SIGHTINGS INITIALLY REPORTED ELECTRICALLY, IF SO REQUESTED BY AFSC (FTD)." REF AFR 200-2; PARAGRAPH 14b, OBTAIN INDIVIDUAL INFORMATION FROM OBSERVERS LISTED IN PARAGRAPH "F" OF ABOVE CITED MESSAGE. CHECK WITH TYNDALL AND EGLIN AFB, FOR POSSIBLE MISSILE ACTIVITY, EXPERIMENTAL OR RESEARCH ACTIVITY IN THE NEAR VICINITY.							
08 2045Z							
SYMBOL TDEW(UFO)				SIGNATURE 			
TYPED NAME AND TITLE (Signature, if required) H QUINTANILLA, Jr Major/mhs				TYPED (or stamped) NAME AND TITLE ERIC T de JONCKHEERE			
PHONE 69216/66378		PAGE 1 NR.		NR. OF 1 PAGES		COLONEL, USAF	
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DD FORM 1 MAY 55 173

REPLACES DD FORM 173, 1 OCT 49, WHICH WILL BE USED UNTIL EXHAUSTED

TDEW(UFO) file copy

HEADQUARTERS
4756TH AIR DEFENSE WING (TRAINING)(ADC)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA, 32403



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: WODC-BO

19 FEB 1965

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) Report

TO: Foreign Technology Division (FTD)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

1. A follow-up investigation was conducted at 0100Z to 0500Z hours, 10 Feb 65, at Florida State University, Tallahassee, Fla. Prior to the designated time, the Dean of Students at FSU, a Mr. Arnold, was contacted for assistance in arranging for the presence of all known and available witnesses, in the college ballroom. Mr. Arnold was highly cooperative and, in fact, inserted a prominent notice in the college newspaper notifying the students of the time and place of the proposed interviews and urging personnel who witnessed the UFO to appear. In addition, local radio and television stations informed the public via spot news bulletins that Air Force investigators were in the area and desired to interview all individuals who could furnish information about the UFO.

2. In spite of the ample means of notification, only one student, Mr. [REDACTED] appeared for interview. His testimony appeared to be sincere and reliable; his description of the UFO was that of the classic "flying saucer" as depicted in movies, TV, etc. Another alleged witness, Miss [REDACTED], was contacted by telephone. She declined to appear personally (although she lived only two blocks from the ballroom), but consented to furnish the requested information via phone. Her description approximated that of [REDACTED] in most respects. Her manner, however, was rather flippant, and thus unconvincing. I would be inclined to place less credence in her story than in Mr. [REDACTED].

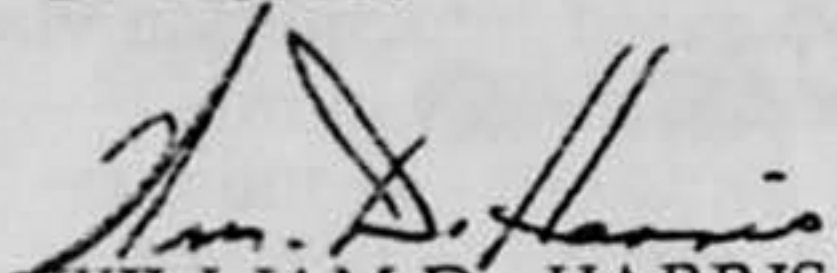
3. Attempts were made to contact other witnesses listed in the original message. One source contained a fraudulent address and telephone number. Another was at work and his mother advised he would be home shortly and she would send him over to be interviewed; but that individual did not put in an appearance. All other efforts to locate witnesses and secure statements were unsuccessful.

4. In view of the very limited response to our requests for information, one receives the very definite impression that the numerous students who allegedly saw the UFO are reluctant to verify their original statements. Since the UFO was supposedly observed in a college area and mostly by college students, there is a good possibility that the entire incident was a hoax of some sort. Otherwise, it seems likely that more witnesses would have come forward with information in an official investigation.

5. Because both witnesses who were contacted stated that the object was travelling from West to East, the connection with the sightings by the pilot of Eastern Air Lines and by the Tower Operator at Jacksonville, Fla, cannot be completely discarded. However, there is at this time, no compelling evidence linking the sightings in the other areas to the UFO allegedly seen in the Tallahassee area.

6. Tyndall and Eglin AFB's reported negative activity of any type in, or near, the vicinity of Tallahassee, Fla, at the time of the UFO sighting.

7. This evidence thus far is deemed very unsatisfactory, vague, and inconclusive. In the absence of subpoena powers, it would appear that further attempts to secure statements from alleged witnesses would be fruitless, and that the results would not justify the manhours and expenses involved. It is felt that any attempts of identification would be pure conjecture, and would be of no probative value. Therefore, it is recommended that this investigation be closed.


WILLIAM D. HARRIS
Colonel, USAF
Commander

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1. Statement, Mr. [REDACTED]

2. Statement, Miss [REDACTED]

NAME AGE 21

ADDRESS Ave.

OCCUPATION Student - Senior

a. Description of the object

(1) Shape Round under it.

(2) Size compared to a known object (use one of the following terms: Head of a pin, pea, dime, nickel, quarter, half dollar, silver dollar, baseball, grapefruit, or basketball) held in the hand at about arm's length. Grapefruit.

(3) Color Bluish

(4) Number 1

(5) Formation, if more than one. N/A

(6) Any discernible features or details. None

(7) Tail, trail, or exhaust, including size of same compared to size of object: None

(8) Sound; if heard, describe sound. Hum - faint.

(9) Other pertinent or unusual features None

Atch 1

b. Description of Course of Object:

(1) What first called the attention of observer to the object? _____

Just looked up.

(2) Angle or elevation and azimuth of object when first observed

Ten degree off to right.

(3) Angle or elevation and azimuth of object upon disappearance:

45 degree buildings cut off view.

(4) Description of flight path and maneuvers of object West to East.

(5) How did the object disappear? Went from view behind buildings and trees.

(6) How long was the object visible? A few seconds.

c. Manner of Observation:

(1) Ground-visual, air-visual etc)

(2) Statement as to optical aids used & description thereof N/A.

(3) If the sighting occurred while air-borne, give type of aircraft, identification number, altitude, heading, speed & home station:
N/A.

d. Time and Date of Sighting:

(1) Zulu time-date group of sighting. Approximately 0130, 2 Feb 65.

(2) Light conditions. (Use one of the following terms: Night, day, dawn, dusk.)

e. Location of Observer. (Latitude & long. or geographical position) _____
One block East of campus.

f. Any other pertinent observations of the witness: Alt - 1000 feet, size - 50 feet diameter, speed - slow 100 to 200 mph, no lighting except bluish tinge.

NAME AGE 23

ADDRESS St, Tallahassee, Florida

OCCUPATION Student

a. Description of the object

(1) Shape Round

(2) Size compared to a known object (use one of the following terms: Head of a pin, pea, dime, nickel, quarter, half dollar, silver dollar, baseball, grapefruit, or basketball) held in the hand at about arm's length. Basketball.

(3) Color Purple Gray.

(4) Number

(5) Formation, if more than one. N/A.

(6) Any discernible features or details. Thick in center of object.

(7) Tail, trail, or exhaust, including size of same compared to size of object: N/A.

(8) Sound; if heard, describe sound. No sound.

(9) Other pertinent or unusual features None.

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b. Description of Course of Object:

(1) What first called the attention of observer to the object? _____

Light in sky.

(2) Angle or elevation and azimuth of object when first observed

70 degree angle just above the tops of down town buildings.

(3) Angle or elevation and azimuth of object upon disappearance:

Climbing.

(4) Description of flight path and maneuvers of object West to East.

(5) How did the object disappear? Climbing to the East at a fast rate of speed.

(6) How long was the object visible? 30 seconds to 45 seconds.

c. Manner of Observation:

(1) Ground-visual, air-visual etc) Ground

(2) Statement as to optical aids used & description thereof N/A.

(3) If the sighting occurred while air-borne, give type of aircraft, identification number, altitude, heading, speed & home station:
N/A.

d. Time and Date of Sighting:

(1) Zulu time-date group of sighting. 0131 hours.

(2) Light conditions. (Use one of the following terms: Night, day, dawn, dusk.) Dusk.

e. Location of Observer. (Latitude & long. or geographical position)

Down town.

f. Any other pertinent observations of the witness: No sound, rather large object.

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FTD (TDEW)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433
8 March 1965

Eastern Airlines
Miami International Airport
Miami, Florida

Dear Sir,

The Air Force is conducting an investigation of an unidentified flying object reported on the night of 1 February 1965 in the Tallahassee, Jacksonville, Florida area.

The initial report indicated that the pilot of Eastern Airlines Flight 11 also observed this object over Daytona Beach, Florida. We would appreciate it if you could have the pilot and/or other observers of this object complete the attached FTD Form 164. We are attaching a self-addressed envelope for convenience in replying.

Sincerely,

HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr
Major, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Branch

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1. FTD Form 164, 3 cys
2. Return envelope



EASTERN AIR LINES

INCORPORATED

MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL

MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

MIAMI, FLORIDA 33148

April 16, 1965

Mr. Hector Quintanilla, Jr.
Major, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Branch
FTD (TDEW)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge your letter of March 8, 1965, received in this office on March 15, 1965, in regards to your request for information from EAL crew Flight 641 regarding the sighting of an unidentified flying object, reported on the night of February 1, 1965, in the Tallahassee, Jacksonville area.

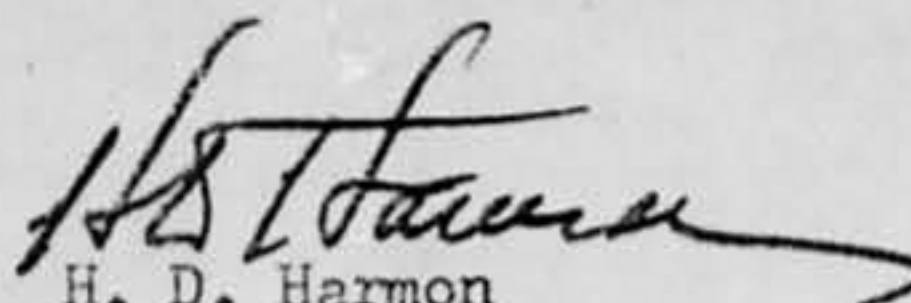
We have contacted the crew of our Flight [redacted] and they state they were not cognizant of any such flying object. EAL Trip [redacted] originates Philadelphia and leaves there at 11:30 A.M.

It is our belief that you must have been given the wrong EAL trip number in this instance.

I am sorry we were unable to help in this instance. If there is anything further we can do, please advise.

Very truly yours,

EASTERN AIR LINES, INC.


H. D. Harmon
Manager - Operations

HDH/ph

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EASTERN AIR LINES, Inc.
Miami International Airport
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33148



21 APR 1965

Mr. Hector Quintanilla, Jr.
Major, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Branch
FTD (FDEW)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

M/R: 3 Feb 65

At 1500, 3 Feb 65 Major Jacks called Sgt Jones and wanted to know if we received a message from Tyndall AFB, Florida relating to a UFO sighting over Jacksonville and I said no, he told me to call Tyndall to find out what it was or what action they were taking on it.

At 1510 I called Tyndall and the Operations said they sent it to the Command Post, in turn. I called Command Post and they said they sent it to ~~NORAD~~ ^{NORAD} Section at Gunther. Called ~~NORAD~~ ^{NORAD} section and spoke to a sergeant there who said he would find out all information about this sighting and call us back. When talking with ~~NORAD~~ ^{NORAD}, Major Jacks office called and wanted to know what I had found out. Told them Tyndall sent it on to ~~NORAD~~ ^{NORAD} without taking any action. She said to call them back and tell them that in accordance with AFR 200-2 they are responsible for the investigation.

At 1615 recalled Tyndall and spoke to Capt Harshburger who said to call the Commander of the Command Post, he transferred my call to that office. Spoke with Lt Col Middleton, he said it was up to the descretion of the Commander if he wanted to make the investigation or not, and he would think about it, I replied to him that Major Jacks office wants to know what action was being taken on it before closing time. He said he would call Maj Jacks himself. I then called SAFOI and told Sara that the Colonel was going to call her before quitting time.

At 1625 NORAD called me back and CMSgt Whittman from NORAD (32nd Region) read the message to me which had been sent to them from Tyndall. Whittman said he didn't feel that it was there responsibility to take the action since Tyndall sent them the message and about 9 other stations received it before them. Whittman said that on the same day that they received the message they informed Tyndall that Tyndall should make the investigation. I (Sgt Jones) do not know what Tyndall's

reply was. Sgt Whittman did not know who had told Tyndall that they were to take the action but he had heard from 3 others that someone had told Tyndall to take the action. Sgt Jones told Whittman that it wasn't ~~the~~ his responsibility and we would get Tyndall to send us a copy of the message.

AT APPROXIMATELY 1400 hrs, 4 Feb we phoned
Col Middleton as he had not talked
to SAFOI. HE SAID A MAJOR HUMBERG WAS
CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION IN ACCORD
WITH AFR 200-2. RPT WOULD GO OUT
IN PRIORITY MESSAGE BY 6pm TONIGHT.

ON 5 FEB 65, SAFOI RECEIVED THEIR COPY
OF MESSAGE. WE HAVE NOT -

Lt Colonel Middleton, area code 305, AT-6 - 2111 ext 6250

DATE OF SIGHTING: Tyndall, 01/0130Z - NORAD, 02/0030Z

LOCATION OF SIGHTING: NORAD, 300-400 Ft - Tyndall, 29,000 Ft

COLOR OF OBJECT: A large phosphorous object with great depth. A grayish purple.

DIRECTION OF OBJECT: NORAD, Traveling E with a loud hum. - Tyndall, NE slower than Eastern Airline Flight 614.

REPORTED OBSERVER: [REDACTED] Street, Tallahassee, Fla.

OTHER: There were 12-15 people called the local Radio Station. 7 people called the local paper. And additional number of people called the local police department.

*Maj. Horstinger from "Feb 65"
Tyndall called. They
are sending sub report
in mail this afternoon.
He said the people
were unco-operative. Got
only a couple of statements. etc*

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STAFF MESSAGE BRANCH

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ACTION : NIN-7

INFO : XOP-1, XOPX-7, SAF-OS-3, DIA-1(20)

SMB C46 PTTU JAW RUWTRAA4688 0360015-UUUU--

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ZNR UUUUU

R 041700Z

FM 4756 AIRDEF WG TYNDALL AFB FLA

TO RUWMFVA/ADC

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RUEBHQA/SEC OF THE AF WASH 25 DC

INFO ZEN/73 AIR DIV TYNDALL AFB FLA

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UNCLAS WODC 00045 FEB 65

"UFO" FOR ADOOP AT ADC, FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION AT AFSC, AFNIN
AT USAF AND SAFOI. FOR 7300P AT 73 AIR DIV TYNDALL AFB FLA.

A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:

(1) SAUCER DOME TOPPED

(2) GRAPEFRUIT

(3) GRAYISH PURPLE

(4) 1

(5) N/A

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(6) GOOD DEPTH, RELATIVELY THICK. GIVING OFF A PHORPHORUS

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LIGHT.

(7) NONE

(8) HUM

(9) N/A

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT

(1) HUMMING SOUND

(2) UNKNOWN

(3) UNKNOWN

(4) TRACKING WEST TO EAST

(5) RAPIDLY TO THE EAST

(6) 4 MINUTES

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

GROUND AND AIR VISUAL

(1) GROUND AND AIR VISUAL

(2) NAKED EYE

(3) FIRST SIGHTED BY 32 TO 40 CITIZENS, SOME NAMES KNOWN AT

THIS TIME (12-15 PEOPLE CALLED RADIO STATION WTAL AND 20-25 PERSONS

CALLED THE TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRATS NEWSPAPER)

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SIGHTED ALSO BY PILOT OF EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT [REDACTED] ON EAST
COAST OF FLORIDA, AND BY TOWE OPERATOR AT JACKSONVILLE

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

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(1) 02-0030Z

(2) NIGHT

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVERS

(1) CITY LIMITS OF TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

(2) EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT [REDACTED] OVER DAYTONA BEACH FLORIDA.

(3) JACKSONVILLE TOWER OPERATOR

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVERS

(1) CIVILIAN, COLLEGE AGE OR OLDER

(A) [REDACTED], [REDACTED], TALAHASSEE FLA

TELEPHONE: [REDACTED]

(B) [REDACTED], [REDACTED] ST, TALAHASSEE FLA

TELEPHONE: [REDACTED]

(C) [REDACTED], [REDACTED] AVENUE, [REDACTED] TALAHASSEE,

FLA. TELEPHONE: [REDACTED] (D) [REDACTED], [REDACTED] ST, TALAHASSEE, FLA.

TELEPHONE: [REDACTED]

(3) [REDACTED], [REDACTED] PENSOCOLA ST, TALAHASSEE, FLA.

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(F) PILOT OF EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT [REDACTED]

(G) TOWER OPERATOR, JACKSONVILLE FLA.

G. WEATHER AND WINDS:

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(1) 7/10 CLOUD COVERAGE

(2) 6000. 250/40 PLUS 7 DEGREES 0,000 250/40 PLUS 6,000 260/55

-12 20,000 260/60-19 30,000 270/65 -43 50,000 260/65 -67 80,000NN

50/302-66NN

(3) 300

(4) 12-15 MILES

(5) 7/10

(6) NONE

(7) GIVEN UNDER 2

H. ANY OTHER UNUSA ACTIVITY OR CONDITION: NONE.

I. NONE

J. NONE

K. POSITION TITLE AND COMMENTS OF THE PREPARING OFFICER: COLONEL

ROBERT W. HOLMES, DEPUTY COMMANDER FOR OPERATION AND TRAINING.

LACK OF EVIDENCE, INFORMATION AND PHYSICAL EVIDENCE MAKE THE

ANALYSIS OF CLUSE OR OBJECT IDENTITY IMPOSSIBLE AT THIS TIME.

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE JACKSONVILLE TOWER OPERATOR AND THE

INCOMING
MESSAGE

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EASTERN AIRLINE PILOT ALL REPORTS COME FROM COLLEGE STUDENTS OR
ADULTS AFFILIATED WITH THE UNIVERSITY. THIS LENDS TO THE IDEA
OF A HOAX, HOWEVER, THE INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED BY A NEWSPAPER REPORTER
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GAVE CREDENCE OF RELATED SIGHTINGS.

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NNN NOTE: MESSAGE RECEIVED GARBLED AND MAY BE IN ERROR.
SERVICE WILL BE INITIATED UPON REQUEST.

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