

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 26 July 65, 4 September 65 (Night)	2. LOCATION Pike County, Missouri
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION A/C (Helo)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Description, flight and all characteristics of sighting in accordance with Helo observation.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Few Minutes Each	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object in flight that included hovering and had a red light rotating which varied in intensity. Light was slow. Small size about 12 ft in diameter. Climbed in "steps". Made one turn of 135 degrees. Fuselage was white, like aluminum. Observed on two nights. See letter. Excellent description. Information includes landmark on sectional charts, elevations and flight characteristics of object.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Maneuvered	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

22 Jul 65
4 Sep 65

Mrs. Hunt/man/SAFOICC/72842/29 Sep 65

SEP 29 1965

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

This is in reply to your report of aerial objects which you observed on the night of 26 July and 4 September 1965.

Your report is similar to the many reports in our files of helicopter observations. The slow flight, including hovering, the sound, and the apparent erratic fluctuation of the red light are characteristic of helicopters. The intensity and deviation in appearance at regular intervals occurs when the aircraft is in a turn or at an angle when the light shines through the "bubble" or open portion of the aircraft. It is quite likely that your landmark, which is located on aviation section charts, is used as a reference point in cross-country flights.

Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

Sincerely,

JOHN P. SPAULDING
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Civil Branch
Community Relations Division
Office of Information

[redacted]
Rolla, Missouri 63344

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: TDEW

SEP 17 1965

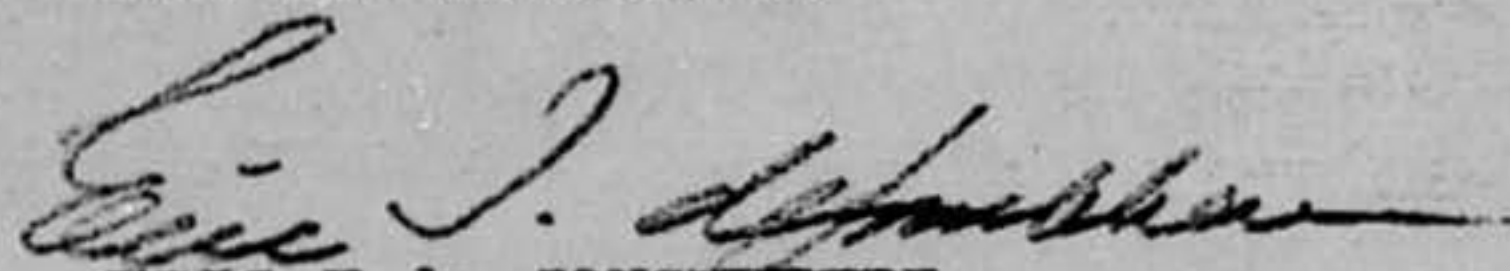
SUBJECT: UFO Sighting, Pike County, Missouri

TO: Hq USAF SAFOICC (Mrs Hunt)
Wash D C 20330

1. Ref [redacted] the attached unidentified object report from [redacted]. The sighting of objects on the nights of 26 July and 4 September 1965 are similar to many reports in our files of helicopter observations. The slow flight, including portions of hovering, the whoosh sound and the apparent erratic fluctuation of the red light is characteristic of these reports. The intensity as well as deviation in appearance at a regular interval is caused when the aircraft is in a turn or at an angle when the light shines through the "bubble" or open portion of the craft. It's quite likely that Mrs [redacted]'s landmark, which is located on aviation section charts, is used as a reference point in cross country flights.

2. We had no unusual reports from Pike County, Missouri during this period. The ADC reported no unidentified tracks from her area. Helicopters on flights of this nature could be flown by the Air National Guard, Navy, Army and/or other military units within a radius of 150 miles. In view of the reported characteristics and delay of the submission of her report no attempt will be made to identify a specific flight.

FOR THE COMMANDER


ERIC T de JONCKHEERE
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology and Subsystems

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UFO Rpt fm [redacted]s

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Celia Missouri

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Sept 7, 1965

In response to two U.F.O. Sightings
United States Air Force
Pentagon Bldg
Washington D.C.

Dear Sirs -

Our farm is located in Pike County
Missouri, Prairieville Township 52 -
on survey ~~_____~~ - Our house is on
~~_____~~

long north south ridge - a few
hundreds yards west of the house is
a high point of land - 1006' shown on
the aviation sectional charts. The
land on which the house stands is
only a few feet lower.

On the night of July 26 my
daughter 15, a friend of hers, and I
were sitting quietly on the north
terrace watching some lights on
the Mississippi river in the distance

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and listening to the owls and
whipoorwills - Although the sky
was overcast it was quite clear
and distant lights could be seen
quite plainly - The girls had called
my attention to some zigzags under
a group of trees - and seeing a
flicking red light to the north over
the forest I glibly told them that
I saw a red zigzag - They of course
said oh no - an airplane and
we watched the light coming
toward us on a direct path leading
quite fast. Without speaking to
one another we all realized that it
was odd that only one light showed
and that the flash was not a
steady on off, but completely
erratic - The colour was also a
very intense red tending more to
a blue red than most aircraft
lights - When it was about a

quarter mile away it seemed to slow
 and at 200 yds or a bit more or less
 made an abrupt sharp turn
 (a one hundred thirty five degree turn)
 then climbed in a series of steps
 - during this time the light became
 dimmer - losing its intensity - but
 was a constant rather than a flashing
 light. Seen from the side as it
 passed on a south east course
 not over a hundred yards from
 where we sat (between the house
 and a grove of high trees) it
 appeared to be oval - (cigar shape
 but not as long) about 10-12 ft in
 length. The red light once again
 intense and flashing erratically
 seeming to be all about it but
 more from the top - and the
 fuselage reflecting a white light
 - like aluminum reflecting a white
 light — The speed was quite slow

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The elevation maybe 150 ft —
Speed was increased after the
first hundred and fifty to two
hundred yards after the turn.
We ran through the house to
where we had seen it again
and it had slowed down. We
watched it moving straight off
south east until it was lost to
sight —

It was a quiet night - no
loud insects - and the house
was quiet. There was no noise
from this aircraft - except a
very soft whooping like a very
soft wind —

The time was approximately
10:35 P.M. C.D.T.

On September 4 at 11:15 P.M. C.D.T.
I was closing the doors for the
night and saw the same
intense red erratically flashing

light. This time due south - I
could not be sure of the distance
as there are no high trees or
hills to mark. The view to the
south is down over prairie land
Again there was a high overcast,
but the night was very clear
and lights were visible miles away
There was nothing in the near distance
by which I could gauge distance.
However remembering the size of the
light on July 26 when I did have
hills and trees - known landmarks
with which I am familiar when
watching aircraft or birds - it
appeared to be between a half mile
and a mile hovering - I watched
for several minutes - Went into another
room and returned with binoculars
It had moved further south -
I must have watched some
minutes then it turned sharply
(again a sharper turn than a

moving aircraft could make
and went off west south west
at very high speed - I lost
sight of it behind some trees near
the house -

There is a radar tower north of
us on Hwy 61 south of Bowling
Green -

This may be of no interest to
you, but I felt that I should
report it —

Sincerely yours

