

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP August 65 Night (430 AM)	2. LOCATION Bakersfield, California
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION A/C
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Sighting is descriptive of a night photo mission using infra-red equipment. Sound created by generator for equipment.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Few Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Witness awakened by loud noise such as propellor driven a/c with adjustable pitch props. Slow flying a/c very low. Estimated altitude 500 ft, speed 150 knots. Had large yellow-Orange lights pointed toward the groun. Lights had fuzzy edges.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE N/A	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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

SEP 29 1965

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

This is in reply to your letter concerning unidentified flying objects.

Your first observation is very similar to an observation of an infra-red photo mission. The color of lights, slow speed, low altitude, and the noise are all characteristic of this type of observation. The noise is caused by a generator which is used to operate the equipment.

Your observation on 1 September 1965 can be attributed to a test aircraft flying at a high altitude.

Thank you for reporting your observations to the Air Force.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Bakersfield, California

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Bakersfield, Calif.
September 10, 1965

U. S. Department of the Air Force,
U.F.O.,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I have been rather hesitant about writing this letter, feeling that you know what it is all about but after thinking it over if you don't know then you should.

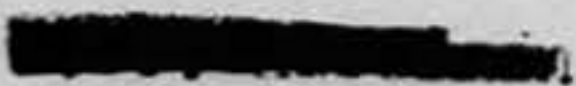
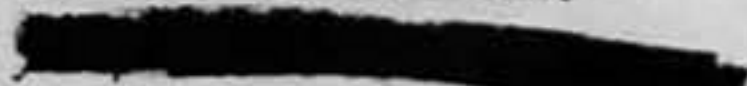
About a month ago I was sleeping outside with two of the children. At 4:30 AM I was awakened by a very loud noise which I would say was caused by a propeller driven aircraft with adjustable pitch props which can make such a racket in the sky. Then I saw a very slow flying aircraft just starting to ~~xx~~ disappear over the rooftop. I would guess it wasn't flying faster than 150 MPH and any higher than 500 feet. Had I awoken moments earlier I could have observed it directly overhead. The plane was equipt with what appeared to be very large yellow-orange or orange-yellow lights pointed toward the ground and arranged in this fashion - The lights did not flicker or cast a beam and while being circular seemed to have a fuzzy edge. I should have ran around to the other side of the house and looked but I am sorry I didn't.

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On the evening of September 1st, 1965, I was sitting in the back yard enjoying the cool evening and watching the sky for shooting stars etc. To the NW I noticed the red and green lights of a very high flying plane and it seemed to be going so fast I watched it for a little while until it was directly overhead. I could hear no noise and the lights were sparkling clear although appearing very small due to the height. When the plane was directly overhead I nearly fell out of my chair when I saw the triangle of lights flying right along side of the red and green lights, at exactly the same speed and probably the same height. The red and green lights were off to the side a little, though, perhaps 1/4 miles at that height. The yellowish-orange of the lights (?) were not sparkling bright and appeared as though I was looking at them through a white haze although the sky was perfectly clear. Had I not been concentrating on the jet lights I never would have seen them. They may have been moving at 1000 MPH although there was no sonic boom but after they were past the familiar jet noise came through slightly. If I had not seen these lights at low altitude I would have thought it was three flying objects but I am sure they were mounted on one aircraft, with a fairly good wingspan. My reaction was that we have something they are testing at high and low altitude, high and slow speeds. Maybe a detector of some ~~xxxx~~ type, electronic or otherwise; or photographic perhaps; perhaps the jet was remotely controlling the UFO; or, who knows, trying to identify it. Edwards isn't too far to the SE from here, 50 miles or so by air, I guess, and every so often I see odd goings on in the sky which I always figure is a test of some kind from there.

Very truly yours,
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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: TDEW

SUBJECT: UFO Sightings, Bakersfield, California

SEP 24 1965

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

Reference the attached letter from [REDACTED] requesting information on his recent unidentified observations. The first observation of August 1965 is very similar to an observation of an infra-red photo mission. The color of the lights, slow speed, low altitude and the noise are all characteristic of this type of observation. The noise is caused by a generator used in operating the equipment. The second sighting of 1 September could be caused by test aircraft at high altitude as Mr Haberman suggests.

FOR THE COMMANDER

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

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