

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 18 August 65 19/0430Z	2. LOCATION Sumner, Washington
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Other (GROUND LIGHTS)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS XXXX Four	XX rules out Astro Bodies. Objects were stationary at tree-top level. Probable ground lights from across the lake. Distorted by XX conditions.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 Hour 40 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	Four objects stationary in ENE Color orange-white. No details other than looking like fire at initial sighting. Looked like a lights beam coming from the objects. Initial impression was that object was a fire. Rose from tree level to high in the sky. No directional change. W/ rain and drizzle and overcast. (Tentative Evaluation)
7. COURSE Stationary, Rising	Looking from Sumner, Washington across the lake toward the town of Buckley, Washington. Initial impression was that object was a fire. Evaluated as ground lights across the lake. Pending data requested 19 Oct. No reply.
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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UFO Sighting, 18 August 1965

318FIS/5304
325th Fighter Wing (Air Defense)
McChord AFB, Washington

1. Reference your letter, 318FIS/5304, subject Unidentified Flying Object Report, dated 25 August 1965. Request information regarding the photographs taken by Mr Stafford on the night of 18 August 1965.
2. Initial report indicates that objects were visible for 1 hour and 40 minutes and that the weather was overcast with light rain and visibility of 4 - 5 miles. Request information as to the width of Lake Tapps and the distance from the observer to the town of Buckley, Washington. Would it be possible to observe ground lights in this locality from Sumner, Washington? During what portion of the 1 hour and 40 minute observation were the objects stationary? Also, four objects were reported; how far apart were the three objects near the ground in terms of degrees of arc and what was the distance from these objects with the one in the sky (also in terms of degrees of arc)? The size is apparently extremely large. We request that the witness compare the size of the object to the size of a full moon. Since the observer initially considered the light as a fire, was the Fire Department in Buckley, Washington contacted to determine if a fire was in progress during the time of the report?

FOR THE COMMANDER

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DATED *19 Oct 65*

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18 AUG
A-700 3740 (time)
313th Fighter Interceptor Squadron (ADC)
325th Fighter Wing (AIR DEF)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
McChord Air Force Base, Washington

REPLY TO

ATTN OF: 313FIS/5304

25 August 1965

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Report

TO: AFSC (FTD)

Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

1. The following information is submitted concerning sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) on 19 August 1965.

a. Description of the object:

- (1) Round.
- (2) Size of a quarter coin held at arm's length.
- (3) Color varied from orange (ground) to white (sky).
- (4) Four (4) objects.
- (5) Formation appeared as three (3) near the ground, one (1) in the sky.
- (6) Discernible portions or details: None, other than objects looked like fire or an explosion at first sighting.
- (7) There were no tails, trails, or exhausts.
- (8) No sound.
- (9) A beam of light appeared as rising from the objects.

b. Description of course of objects:

- (1) Observers were driving in an auto and first thought objects were a fire.
- (2) Objects were in an E.N.E. direction and appeared just above trees.
- (3) Objects remained relatively stationary.

(4) Rose from tree level to high above the horizon at disappearance.

(5) Apparently rose rapidly from near ground level to high altitude and disappeared, no directional change.

(6) Objects visible for one (1) hour and forty (40) minutes.

c. Manner of observation:

(1) Ground-visual observation.

(2) Binoculars were used, but proved to be less efficient than naked eye.

d. Time and date of sighting:

(1) 0430Z on 19 August 1965.

(2) Night, no moonlight.

(3) The observers were located approximately 48 12N, 123 20W, on the East side of Lake Tapps looking towards Buckley, Washington.

e. Identifying information on observer:

[REDACTED]
Body and fender auto mechanic. Fair reliability.

f. Weather and winds - aloft conditions at time and place of sightings:

(1) Observer remarks winds were calm and there was an overcast and drizzle.

(2) McChord Weather gave the following wind directions and velocities that prevailed during the period from 0430Z to 0630Z.

<u>Altitude</u>	<u>Wind Direction</u>	<u>Velocity</u>
Surface	150 Degrees	5 Knots
6,000 Ft	210	5
10,000	030	3
16,000	120	31
20,000	120	37
30,000	100	49
50,000	140	7
(figures for 80,000 feet are not available)		

(4) Visibility was four (4) miles during period to five (5) miles at 0600Z.

(5) Overcast with light rain at 0430Z to a drizzle at 0520Z.

(6) There were no thunderstorms in the area.

(7) The vertical temperature gradient:

<u>Altitude</u>	<u>Temperature in Centigrade</u>
Surface	+15 degrees
6,000 feet	+ 6
10,000	+ 3
16,000	- 6
20,000	-14
30,000	-39
50,000	-57

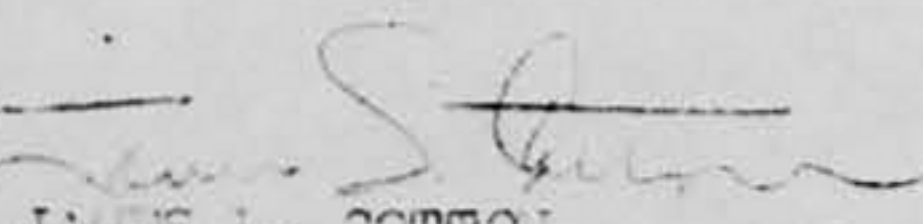
h. No other unusual activity of a meteorological, or astronomical nature was noted.

i. There was no intercept or identification action taken.

j. There was no report of any air traffic or balloon releases in the area, as confirmed by the Senior Director, Seattle Air Defense Sector.

k. 1stLt James L. Cotton, 318th Fighter Interceptor Squadron Administrative Services Officer, serving as Wing Intelligence Officer for the 325th Fighter Wing, McChord AFB, Washington. Officer has no preliminary analysis.

l. Photographs have been taken by Mr. [REDACTED]. As they have not been developed yet, their quality is not known. A supplemental report will be supplied if these photographs prove valuable.


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