

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 22 September 65 23/0130Z	2. LOCATION Rio Vista, California
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astro (VENUS) ✓
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	VENUS object under observation. Imagination of witnesses a contributing factor.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Two youths shot at light. SEE CASE. Observed at same place the following night.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Stationary	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

FORM
FTD SEP 63 0-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

TIME 8:30

CASE NO.

COMPLAINT

DATE 9/22/65

COMPLAINANT

PHONE

ADDRESS

Rio Vista Calif

SUSPECT

UNDETAILED OBJECT

PHONE

ADDRESS

AT 8:30 [REDACTED] CAME TO MY HOUSE, AND SAID HE SAW A BIG RED LIGHT BEHIND HIS HOUSE. I [REDACTED] WENT TO HIS HOUSE AND SAW THE SAME RED LIGHT. WE WENT TO MY HOUSE AND GOT A 22 [REDACTED] A 22 RIFLE AND WENT OUT TO THE ROLLER COSTER AND [REDACTED] FOLLOWED THE [REDACTED] OBJECT ABOUT 6 MILES IN RIO VISTA. THE OBJECT WAS ABOUT 3 FEET OFF THE GROUND. IT LANDED AND ROSE SEVERAL TIMES, AND LANDED AGAIN. WE SHOT AT IT ABOUT 6 OR 7 TIMES WE THOUGHT HIT IT. IT SOUNDED LIKE STEEL, AND AT THE TIME WE HIT IT, IT GOT BRIGHTER EVERY TIME WE HIT IT. AFTER WE [REDACTED] IT WE GOT IN THE CAR WENT ABOUT ONE HALF MILE AND [REDACTED] TURNED AROUND. WHEN WE GOT BACK WE SAW THE OBJECT RISE FROM THE GROUND AND WENT UP ABOUT 10 FEET OFF THE GROUND. WE [REDACTED] OFF IN A HURRY AND WENT RIGHT STRAIGHT TO THE [REDACTED] THEY HAD ONE OF THE OFFICERS GO WITH US TO THE [REDACTED] WHERE THE OBJECT WAS SEEN WAS. THE OFFICER WAS [REDACTED]

Information Only

Source: Saucer News, Vol 13, #1, March 65

Rio Vista, California

21 September 65

CALIFORNIA YOUTHS SHOOT AT UFO: On the night of September 21st, in the midst of a local saucer flap, two 17-year-old boys from Rio Vista, California, shot a .22 rifle bullet at a flying saucer which had landed near a water tower on the edge of town. This occurred following a wild chase of eight miles, during which the youths followed the UFO until it finally landed. The bullet made a metallic sound as it bounced off the craft. The UFO was hovering just three feet above the ground at the time. It was glowing, and appeared to be about the size of an automobile hood, according to these and other witnesses. (San Diego Union, 10/1/65.)

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

OTO

SUBJECT:

Unidentified Flying Object.

NOV 3 1965

TO: AFSC (MFD)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

1. UFO Report as required by paragraph 14, AFR 200-2.

a. Description of the object:

- (1) Flat.
- (2) A car hood.
- (3) Red glow.
- (4) One.
- (5) N/A
- (6) None.
- (7) None.
- (8) None.
- (9) Was shot at by 22 caliber rifle, "Sounded like steel".

b. Description of Course of Object:

- (1) Seen in the sky.
- (2) Horizon.
- (3) Same
- (4) Object went about 3 feet off the ground it landed and rose several times. It went about 10 feet.
- (5) Unknown
- (6) Approximately 30 minutes.

c. Manner of observation:

- (1) Ground visual.
- (2) None.
- (3) From ground.

d. Time and date of sighting:

(1) 0130Z, 9/23/65

(2) Dusk to dark.

e. 8 miles West Rio Vista, California

f. [REDACTED] Rio Vista, California.

[REDACTED] Rio Vista, California.

g. Weather and Winds:

(1) Clear.

(2) TMB, 0157Z

(3) Clear.

(4) More than 10 miles.

(5) None.

(6) None.

(7) 58° Dew Point 49°. Wind 230° at 8K alt. 29.98 hg

h. None

i. None

j. Airway V-150 North, Airway V-854 and V6 overhead, Airway V65
Southeast

k. LEWIS P GABY
Major, USAF
Base Operations Officer

2. A phone call to Mr. [REDACTED] Rio Vista, California failed to corroborate the CR: 29069 Report - He stated that not more than 50 people were involved and he saw only what appeared to be Venus. He stated further that no physical evidence was found.

3. No evidence that anything existed other than Venus or a star.
Recommend no additional investigation.

(1) None.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Lewis P. Gaby

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Major, USAF

Base Operations Officer

OFFENSE: SUSPICIOUS PLACES (UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT)
CR: 29069

DATE: 9-29-65

TIME: 1:00 P.M.

PLACE: RIO VISTA HIGH SCHOOL

At above time and date interviewed [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in the office of the school superintendent MR. [REDACTED]. Both boys were emphatic in their stories regarding the object they had observed on the evening of 22 September. They both stated that this object gave off a red pulsing glow and that they had shot at it from a distance of about 100 feet and that each time they hit it, the object would give off a brighter glow. When the bullets struck this object, they sounded like they hit metal. Neither boy could give a definite description of this object other than that it appeared to be flat and about five feet across.

MR. [REDACTED], School Superintendent grudgingly admitted that he had gone out to where the object had last been sighted on the following night and apparently a large number of Rio Vista residents who had heard about this object were also at that location. Mr. [REDACTED] states that he saw this object but thought that it must have been the planet Venus on the horizon. His description of the object is the same as the one given by the boys. The object gives off a red pulsing glow, moves swiftly then suddenly disappears. He further states that possibly as many as four hundred people in Rio Vista had observed this object on this same night, September 23, 1965.

Police Chief Manuel Cardoza who was present stated that a woman in town belonged to some organization that investigates unidentified flying objects and claimed to have pictures of some sightings that she has made.

CRUZ---RESIDENT DEPUTY

OFFENSE: SUSPICIOUS PLACES (UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT)

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DATE: 9-29-65

TIME: 1:40 P.M.

Interviewed MRS. [REDACTED], [REDACTED], Rio Vista. She stated that she is a member of the National Investigations committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) she gave this officer a pamphlet issued by this organization citing numerous incidents of visual sightings of flying objects including one at Rio Vista, May 13, 1964. Mrs. [REDACTED] states that she has a number of color slides of these objects that she has taken herself and includes one that she took sometime ago that shows humanlike things in it. This particular object had landed on the outskirts of Rio Vista and she had taken this photo and when it had been developed she then noted what appeared to be small windows on the side of this object. She states that the interior can be seen fairly well and that there appears to be two small people in the object. Both are dressed in some type of flying suits or coveralls and wear helmets. This officer was shown some slides, however nothing could be made out other than what appeared to be an elongated red glow. Mrs. [REDACTED] was thanked for her cooperation in this matter.

CC: report to Lt. Col. K. S. Berger Travis Air Force Base for transmittal to proper authorities.

JOHN CRUZ--RESIDENT DEPUTY

OFFENSE REPORT

OFFICE OF SHERIFF
County of Solano, California

OFFENSE SUSPICIOUS PLACES (UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT) CASE NO. 29069

LOCATION AMERADA ROAD RIO VISTA AREA

REPORTED BY [REDACTED] ADDRESS [REDACTED] Rio Vista

RECEIVED BY PENNELL DATE 9-29-65 TIME 8:30 A.M.

() LETTER () DESK () PHONE () TELETYPE () RADIO

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY		Suspect No. 1	
(1)		Sex	Descent
(2)		Height	Weight Age
(3)		Hair color	Eye color
(4)		Marks/scars	
(5)		Occupation	
		Disguise or dress	
		Arrested?	Identification No.
		(Yes or No)	
TOTAL VALUE			

On September 22, 1965 at 8:30 P.M. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Rio Vista and [REDACTED] Rio Vista reported to officer JOSEPH MACHADO, Rio Vista Police Department that they had sighted some kind of object behind the residence of [REDACTED] and had followed it out into the country about eight miles. Object appeared to be about the size of a car hood as they put it and gave off a red glow. Officer Machado drove out to Amerada Road with the boys to where they had last see the object, however they did not find anything. Officer Machado had the boys write statements and forwarded them to Deputy James Pennell who in turn forwarded them to the Sheriff's Office Fairfield for investigation.

Statements attached.

APB

Date

Inv. Officer CRUZ

Date

TIME 8:30

CASE NO.

COMPLAINANT

DATE 7/2/45

COMPLAINANT

PHONE

ADDRESS

550 So fourth St. Rio Vista Cal.

SUSPECT

unknown flight object

PHONE

ADDRESS

At 8:30 I Low Springs went to [redacted] house and got him. To come with me to see the light behind my house. Darryl and me went to his house and got a 22 pistol & 22 rifle. We then went to the roller coaster and followed the object about 8 miles from Rio Vista. The object went about 3 feet off the ground it landed and rose several times, and landed again. Then we shot at it about 6 or 7 times. we brought hit it and it sound like steel and at the time we hit it. And then it got brighter. At the time we hit it. After we hit it we got in the car went about one half mile and turned around. When we started back we saw the object rise from the ground and went up about 10 feet off the ground. We left in a hurry and went to the fire dept.

over

and They had one of the officers go with us
Back out there. Where we seen the object
landed and take ~~over~~ off from. The officer
was Joel Macado.

[REDACTED]