

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 16 January 66 16/2010Z	2. LOCATION Waikiki Beach, Hawaii
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astro (DAYLIGHT METEOR) ?
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer sighted an object which he described as looking like a child's balloon, pearl white in color, circular shape. First sighted the object 85 degrees above the Southern horizon at what appeared to be a very high altitude and moving at a very high rate of speed (estimated at 2,000 mph). There was no sound, trail or exhaust observed. It disappeared quickly in what appeared to be a climbing maneuver about 5 seconds after first sighted.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE North	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	(1 Witness)

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March 24, 1966

United States Airforce
Dayton, Ohio

Att: Major Hector Quintanilla

Re: Project Blue Book
U.F.O.

Gentlemen:

Recent sightings of unidentified flying objects in Michigan has reminded me of my intention to advise your project Blue Book of an unusual object seen by me.

About ten minutes after ten o'clock, A.M., Hawaiian time, on January 16th, 1966, I happened to be looking at sky over the Waikiki beach area. The sky was blue, with fair weather cumulus clouds covering about 50% of the sky, cloud height was about 5000 feet. Wind was from the NNE at about 15 miles per hour. I saw an object which could be described as being similar to a child's balloon, pearl white in color, if this balloon were flying at about 800 feet of altitude. It was distinctly circular in plan form, whether it was spherical in form or an ellipsoid I do not know--I only saw the circular plan form. I first noticed the object when it was about 85 degrees above the Southern horizon of the Pacific ocean, it was heading almost directly North at what appeared to be a very high altitude (I would estimate 60,000 feet), at a terrific rate of speed (I would estimate over 2000 miles per hour). The object was in view only about 5 seconds, and when it was over Pali volcano crater (about 6 miles North of Waikiki Beach) it disappeared quickly in what appeared to me to be a climbing maneuver. There was no sound, no contrail. It definitely was not a balloon, nor a bird, nor any kind of conventional aircraft. Nor was this "spots before my eyes".

I am a commercial airplane pilot, I have good vision, and I have flown many times in jets and other aircraft at heights to 40,000 feet. I have never seen an object like this, before or since. I have no explanation for it. I had never put much stock in these UFO reports but I know that I saw something which was unusual and has no ordinary explanation. It could not have been a low flying balloon or bird because it was going at a high rate of speed against the surface wind. If it were an aircraft it was of circular plan form, very fast, and capable of great altitude, having no noise or contrails. It could not have been the "spot" of a searchlight, because it was broad daylight and was definitely a white circular object silhouetted against a very blue sky.

Very truly yours,