

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 18 Apr 66 18/0800Z	2. LOCATION Norfolk, Va. (1 witness)
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION INSUFFICIENT DATA FOR EVALUATION FTD Form 164 sent to witness, not received after 30 days. Will re-evaluate if further info is received.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 - 6 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Slightly pear-shaped white light observed. (See Case File)
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE bouncing, oscillating, hovering	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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RETURN TO:

 Director
 Aerospace Studies Inst
 ATTN: Archives Branch
 Maxwell AFB, Alabama

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FTD (TDEW)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433
10 May 1966

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Norfolk, Virginia 23503

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 4500TH AIR BASE WING (TAC)
LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, VIRGINIA 23365



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: DO/2711

SUBJECT: Initial Report of Investigation of UFO

2 MAY 1968

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

1. The following information is presented as directed by AFR 200-2, paragraph 14.

a. Description of object:

- (1) Shape: Slightly pear-shaped.
- (2) Size: Baseball.
- (3) Color: Bright white light.
- (4) Number: One.
- (5) Formation: None.
- (6) Discernible Features: None.
- (7) Tail, trail, or exhaust: None.
- (8) Sound: None.
- (9) Other features: None.

b. Description of course:

- (1) A bright, glowing white light observed in the sky.
- (2) Approximately 45° to the left of the observer, at an elevation of 35° to 45° (observer was facing NE).
- (3) Approximately 45° to the right of the observer, at an elevation of 40° to 60° .

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(4) When first sighted, the object appeared to be bouncing or oscillating until it was directly in front of the observer, where it seemed to stop and hover. A small, brilliant light appeared to leave the bottom of the larger object and descend into the water, where it was no longer visible. The larger object then appeared to descend and hover over the spot where the smaller object had entered the water. It then climbed straight up to approximately the position of the first hover and hovered once more.

(5) Upon completion of the second hover, the object started climbing at approximately a 60° angle. Acceleration seemed slow at first, but rapidly increased until the object disappeared from view.

(6) Object was visible for 5 to 6 minutes.

c. Manner of Observation:

- (1) Ground-visual.
- (2) No optical aids were used.
- (3) N/A.

d. Time and Date of Sighting:

- (1) 0800 to 0830 Zulu, 18 April 1966.
- (2) Night.

e. Location of Observer:

- (1) 36 57 1/2 N, 76 15 1/2 W (observer was facing NE).

f. Identifying Information on Observer:

(1) Civilian: Mrs. [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia. ²³⁵A bookkeeper, 35 years of age; Mrs. [REDACTED] seems intelligent, well-educated and rational.

(2) Military: N/A.

g. Weather and Winds:

(2) The Fleet Weather Facility at Norfolk Naval Air Station reported the following data for 0800Zulu, 18 April 1966:

<u>Altitude</u>	<u>Winds</u>
Surface	190/5
5000	250/10

<u>Altitude</u>	<u>Winds</u>
10,000	290/25
14,000	290/20
20,000	300/50
30,000	330/70
50,000	290/40

- (3) Ceiling: Unlimited.
- (4) Visibility: 7 miles.
- (5) Cloud Cover: None.
- (6) Thunderstorm Activity: None.
- (7) Temperature Gradient:

<u>Altitude</u>	<u>Temperature</u>	<u>Altitude</u>	<u>Temperature</u>
Surface	11.2°C	20,000	-15.5°C
2000	14.5°C	25,000	-26.5°C
5000	10°C	30,000	-40.7°C
8000	4.8°C	35,000	-50.0°C
10,000	1.2°C	40,000	-53.2°C
14,000	- 7.0°C	50,000	-65°C

h. Astronomical Conditions: Captain Frederick A. Trippe, USAF, Chief of Navigator Training, 4500 Air Base Wing Instrument School, stated that no planets were visible in the area of the sighting on 18 April 1966.

i. Interception Action Taken: None.

j. A thorough check of Naval, Air Force, NASA and FAA installations in the area failed to indicate any aircraft or balloon which would account for the sighting.

k. This report was prepared by Captain James R. Lewis, Jr., USAF, 4500 Air Base Wing Operations Division, Langley Air Force Base, Virginia. After exhausting every possible avenue of investigation open to me, I am unable to substantiate nor disprove the validity of this sighting.

l. Existence of physical evidence: None.

FOR THE COMMANDER

For *David R. Lummley LT/Col*
 THOMAS A. BARR, Colonel, USAF
 Deputy Commander for Operations