

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 8 Oct. 66 2350Z	2. LOCATION East Dennis, Massachussetts one witness
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Other(Electrically charged corona) <i>Because of obvious pos. scrubber value, can should be followed up. JH</i>
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS The object was of a spherical shape being about 2 feet in diameter. The object was compared to that of a mercury light in color with a brightness of approximately 20-30 x10 ³ Lumens. A nearby swamp area was lit up by the object. The observer was in a hydraulic basket lift 30 feet above the ground checking a power transformer. The object appeared to be about 50-60 feet above the ground and about 100 yards away. The investigating official stated that the object was observed in the area of a power transmission line. Considering the area being in close proximity to salt water and the description and characteristics are consistent with those reported for electrically charged corona, such is a possible and probable explanation.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30-40 seconds	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE Stationary	
8. PHOTOS Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE Yes ☒ No	

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ACTION : RDC-4

INFO : SAF-OS-3, XOP-1, XOPX-2, NIN-7, DIA-1(19) ADV CY DIA

SMB B26RTTU JAW RUEDJHA9283 2861552-UUUU-RUEDHQA.

ZNR UUUUU

R 131545Z OCT 66

FM 55IAEWCONWG OTIS AFB MASS

TO RUWMFVA/ADC

RUEDMAA/IAF STEWART AFB NY

RUEDFIF/FTD WPAFB OHIO

RUEDHQA/CSAF

RUEDHQA/OSAF WASH DC

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UNCLAS 5510IN 10500 OCT 66. FOR FTD (TDETR); CSAF (AFRDC); OSAF

(SAF-01) SUBJ:NUFO REPORT, AFR 80-17 PARAGRAPH 11A. (1)

SPHERICAL (FOOTBALL) (2) ABOUT TWO FEET IN DIAMETER (3) MERCURY

LIGHT COLOR WITH BRIGHTNESS RANGE OF 20 TO 30 THOUSAND LUMENS (4)

ONE (5) NONE (6) BLACK DESIGN IN MIDDLE, LIGHT SHINING TO LEFT,

RIGHT AND DOWN, BUT NOT UP (7) NONE, OBJECT APPEARED TO BE

STATIONARY (8) NONE (9) SWAMP AREA LIT UP BY OBJECT, THEN WENT OUT

FOUR TIMES B. (1) UNUSAL LIGHT IN DARKNESS (2) ABOUT ZERO DEGREES

ELEVATION, SLIGHTLY ABOVE HORIZON, NORTHEAST AZIMUTH (3) SAME AS

FIRTS OBSERVED (4) NONE. OBJECT APPEARED TO BE ABOUT FIFTY TO

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SIXTY FEET ABOVE GROUND AND ABOUT 100 YARDS AWAY (5) INSTANTLY
DISAPPEARED IN SAME POSITION AS SIGHTED (6) THIRTY TO FORTY
SECONDS C. (1) GROUND -VISUAL (2) NONE (3) OBSERVER WAS IN HYDRAULIC
BASKET LIFT, 30 FEET ABOVE GROUND, CHECKING POWER TRANSFORMER
D. (1) ABOUT 2350 HOURS ZULU 8 OCTOBER, N1950 HRS LOCAL (2) NIGHT
E. 41 DEGREES 45 MINUTES NORTH, 70 DEGREES 10 MINUTES WEST, EAST
DENNIS, MASSACHUSETTS F. [REDACTED], AGE 44 [REDACTED]
ROAD, WEST YARMOUTH, MASS, POWER COMPANY LINEMAN, HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATE, RELIABILITY ESTIMATED AS GOOD G. (1) CLEAR WITH LIGHT
WINDS (2) WIND CONDITIONS: SURFACE 020 DEGREES AT 3 KNOTS, 6M
260/23, 10M 230/10, 16M 270/21, 20M 270/25, 30M 270/43, 50M
270/40 (3) UNLIMITED (4) SEVEN MILES (5) NONE (6) NONE (7) ONE
DEGREE C. PER 1,000 FT UP TO 16M; TWO DEGREES C. ABOVE 16M
H. OBJECT WAS OBSERVED IN AREA OF POWER TRANSMISSION LINE I.
NONE J. NONE K. INTELLIGENCE OFFICER. POSSIBLE CAUSE OF
SIGHTING: ELECTRICALLY CHARGED CORONA AROUND HIGH POWER LINES.
AREA IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO SALT WATER.

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