

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 20 Oct. 66 21/0400Z	2. LOCATION Rock Tavern, New York one witness
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Other(Locomotive headlight) ✓ <i>JK</i>
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer watched a round bright white light that appeared to progress very slowly along the top of some hills and a mountain. The light disappeared instantaneously behind the mountain. The observer compared the unknown light to that of a fluorescent lamp. The light never appeared to become completely airborne.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE N/A	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	Investigating officer conclusions are that the observer saw the light on a railroad locomotive. A train trestle, terrain features, and pin-pointing the spot where the observer was support this conclusion. Rail traffic usually passes on the trestle in the vicinity of midnight. The NY State Police at Monroe stated that they had numerous reports at different times of the same phenomena. In all cases this turned out to be rail traffic on the trestle.
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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A. Description of the Object(s):

1. Shape: round
2. Size compared to a know object: compared to a pea held at arms length.
3. Color: bright, white light
4. Number: one
5. Formation, if more than one: N/A
6. Any discernible features or details: compared light to fluorescent lamp.
7. Tail, trail, or exhaust, including size of same compared to size of object(s):
None.
8. Sound; if heard, describe sound: None, too far away to hear anything; also
stayed inside house trailer.
9. Other pertinent or unusual features: None.

B. Description of Course of Object(s):

1. What first called the attention of observer(s) to the object(s): Glanced out
window and was attracted to unusual bright light.
2. Angle or elevation and azimuth of object(s) when first observed: Appeared
to be right on edge of mountain.
3. Angle or elevation and azimuth of object(s) upon disappearance: same
as 2 above.

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4. Description of flight path and maneuvers of object(s): progressed very slowly along top of hills and mountain.

5. How did the object(s) disappear: instantaneously behind mountain.

6. How long (were) the object(s) visible: estimates less than 5 minutes.

C. Manner of Observation:

1. Ground - visual

2. Optical Aids: naked eye

3. N/A

D. Time and Date of Sighting:

1. Zulu time-date group of sighting: 21 October 1966, 0400Z.

2. Light conditions: Night.

E. Location of Observer(s): Rock Tavern, New York. Exact position marked on map attached to this Report.

F. Identifying Information on Observer(s):

1. Military or Civilian: civilian

2. Name: Mrs. [REDACTED]

3. Age: 28

4. Mailing Address: [REDACTED], Rock Tavern, New York

5. Occupation: Housewife

6. Estimate of Reliability: Fair

G. Weather and Winds - Aloft Conditions at Time and Place of Sightings:

1. Observer(s) account of weather conditions: clear, very good visibility.

2. Report from nearest AWS or U.S. Weather Bureau Office:

Surface	290/10
6,000'	310/20
10,000'	300/30
16,000'	270/50
20,000'	270/55
30,000'	270/65
50,000'	270/60
80,000'	not available

3. Ceiling: clear

4. Visibility: 15 miles.

5. Amount of cloud cover: None

6. Thunderstorms in area and quadrant in which located: None

7. Vertical temperature gradient: $2 \frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ per 1,000 feet

H. Any Other Unusual Activity or Condition: None

I. Interception or Identification Action Taken: N/A

J. Location, approximate altitude, and general direction of flight of any air traffic or balloon releases in the area which might possibly account for the sighting:
None

K. Position, title and comments of the preparing officer:

Captain Stephen Levine, USAF, Rated Pilot/Navigator

(1) Preliminary analysis of facts obtained from my investigation has led me to deduce that Mrs. [REDACTED] observed the light on a railroad locomotive. A train trestle, terrain features, and pin-pointing the spot of her observation support this conclusion. The following are statements and evidence in support of my analysis:

(a) When interviewed, Mrs. [REDACTED] showed me two telephone poles 100 yards south east of her trailer between which she observed this light. She also estimated that the light was four or five miles away on the north east end of Schunemunk Mt. Based on this information, I have drawn a plot on the attached map accompanying this report.

(b) Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that the light never appeared to become completely airborne; the only time she feels it may have left the ground was when she saw it flickering through the tops of trees. She also thought that there were possibly two beams of light emitting from the same source, one straight beam resembling a headlight, the other a bobbing beam of light. Her discription matches perfectly with the headlamp of a locomotive.

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L. Existence of physical evidence, such as materials and photographs: None

(c) One mile east of Salisbury Mills, lying within my plot and four miles from the observer, is a very high railroad trestle almost one mile long. This is part of an Erie Railroad freight line used for unscheduled runs. Rail traffic usually passes on the trestle in the vicinity of midnight. The NYState Police at Monroe stated that they have had numerous reports at different times of the same phenomena observed by Mrs. [REDACTED]. In all cases, this has turned out to be rail traffic on the Salisbury Mills trestle.



