

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 21 Oct. 66 21/0520Z	2. LOCATION Patchogue, Long Island, New York multiple
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astro(Sirius) @ 0120 Sirius was on an Az of 125 degrees and at an elevation of 15 degrees
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 hours plus	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observers watched a light in the SE that was flashing red, white, and green. No object was seen just the flashing lights. There was very slow movement noted by the witnesses. Once the object appeared to stop. The object was first seen in the SE and was still there two hours later when the observers went into the station to report the sighting. Although there was considerable air traffic in the area the duration of the sighting rules out such an explanation. The star, Sirius, was low on the horizon and from the area should have been quite visible. Kennedy and La Guardia control towers reported no unusual observations by their personnel. One of the observers was asked to see if he could see the same object the next night. He called back and said that he had seen Sirius and it was just like the object he had seen the previous night.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual Bx	
7. COURSE Stationary	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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ACTION: RDC-4

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

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SMB B175PTTU JAW RUEDGMA4650 2941959-UUU-RUEDHQA.

ADV CY DIA

ZNR UUUUU

P 211930Z

FM 52TRWG SUFFOLK COUNTY AFB NY

TO RUWMFVA/ADC

RUEDBOA/21 AIRDIV MOGUIRE AFB NJ

RUEDFIF/FTD WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RUEDHQA/CSAF

RUEDHQA/OSAF

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ADC FOR AFNIN, 21ADIV FOR 21ADOIN, FTD FOR TDETR, CSAF

FOR AFRDC, OSAF FOR SAF-01. UFO RPT.

A. (1) FLASHING LIGHT ALTERNATING COLOR FROM RED TO
WHITE TO GREEN.

(2) BASEBALL.

(3) RED, WHITE AND GREEN.

(4) ONE

(5) NA

(6) ONLY THE LIGHTS WERE SEEN.

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(7) NONE

(8) NONE

(9) SLOW MOVING

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B. (1) THE VERY SLOW MOVEMENT, ONCE APPEARED TO STOP.

(2) 45 DEGREES/ 120 DEGREES

(3) SEE ITEM (6)

(4) VERY SLOW MOVEMENT TO SE

(5) SEE ITEM (6)

(6) OVER TWO HOURS. WAS VISIBLE WHEN OBSERVER WENT TO
STATION HOUSE TO REPORT SIGHTING.

C. (1) GROUND VISUAL

(2) BINOCULARS

(3) NA

D. (1) 21/0520Z OCT 66

(2) NIGHT

E. IN PARKING AREA BEHIND DUTTON AVE SCHOOL, PATCHOGUE, LI, NY.

F. (1) POLICE SGT [REDACTED] AND OTHER OFFICERS ON HIS SHIFT.

5TH PRECINCT POLICE STATION

PATCHOGUE, LI, NY

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G. (1) CLEAR

(2) WIND	DIRECTION	VELOCITY
SURFACE	290	10
6,000	310	45

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10,000	330	45
16,000	320	60
20,000	310	70
30,000	300	120
50,000	270	50
80,000	NOT AVAILABLE	

(3) CLEAR

(4) 15 PLUS

(5) CLEAR

(6) NA

(7) 6.7

H. NONE.

I. OBJECT NOT OBSERVED BY ADC RADAR.

J. HIGH CIVILIAN AIR TRAFFIC DENSITY IN GREATER NY CITY AREA.

K. OPERATIONS OFFICER. OBJECT BELIEVED TO BE CIVILIAN AIR TRAFFIC

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IN THE NY CITY AREA. OBERVER REPORTED THAT SAME OBJECT HAD
BEEN OBSERVED IN SAME GENERAL AT NIGHT BEFORE. CONSIDERABLE
LOCAL NEWS INTEREST. LOCAL AND NY CITY RADIO STATIONS GIVING FULL
COVERAGE TO THIS REPORT. A NY CITY NEWSPAPER, THE DAILY NEWS,
REPORTS HAVING PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE LIGHT. ARRANGEMENTS BEING

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MADE TO OBTAIN PRINTS AND HOPEFULLY THE NEGATIVE(S). ALL AVAIL-
ABLE NEWS RELEASES WILL BE FORWARDED. AT TIME REPORT WAS RECEI-
VED THE CONTROL TOWERS AT SUFFOLK COUNTY AND MCGUIRE AFB'S, AND
AT KENNEDY AND LAGUARDIA APTS WERE REQUESTED TO SEARCH SKY
FOR POSSIBLE SIGHTING, ALL TOWERS REPORTED NEGATIVE
RESULTS.

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*Photo - only showed point source of
light which is characteristic
of a stellar image. Photo
appeared in New York paper but
was blown up. udm.*

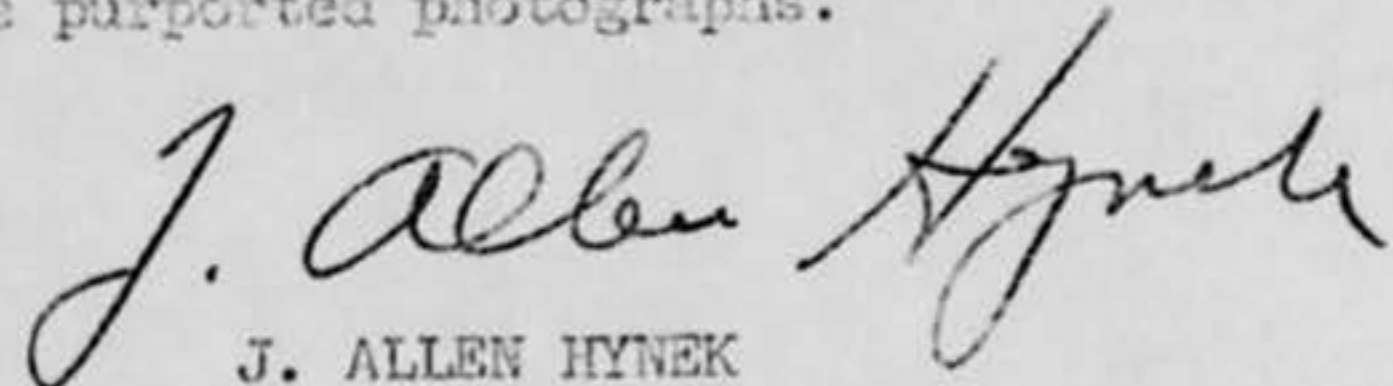
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DEARBORN OBSERVATORY
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
EVANSTON, ILLINOIS 60201

27 October 1966

I spoke with Detective [REDACTED] of the 5th Precinct on 26 October relative to the publicized Long Island sighting. From his general description and position in the sky it appears that this might have been the star Sirius. I asked the detective for his co-operation in getting up at 2 a.m. the following morning and locate Sirius and compare the star with the reported sighting. He did so, calling back on 27 October to report that the star Sirius was just about in the same place and looked very much like the object which he reported. He concluded that probably the object had been Sirius but he couldn't be absolutely sure but it was probably what he saw.

In my own mind this clinches the matter but because of adverse publicity in the past it would be best to withhold release until we have had a chance to examine the purported photographs.


J. ALLEN HYNEK

At 1500 hours, 21 Oct 66, Major Quintanilla spoke with Al Heis, of Newsday, Long Island, New York. We had a UFO sighting early this morning. A couple of patrolman observed object. I am just trying to get the procedures that are followed. A patrolman spotted the thing in the sky. Sgt and another, all saw it and they in turn reported it to Westhampton AFB. The Air Force people made a check of their own radar installations and FAA radar installations and came up negative and that they would now pass their information on to Wright-Patterson. Once we get it we will see what the characteristics are, Major told him. If it looked like an aircraft then we check into aircraft. If it has other characteristics we check into the others. I don't know what they saw so I don't know what I am going to be looking into. Mr Heis said that a photographer took a long lens shot of it. The photo showed a large round and not saucer shaped object. Like a full moon but not fully outlined. Seemed to have some type of lights, different colors, and was sausage shape. One person who observed the object works for Grumann a/c and was a former navigator and he thought it to be 3 - 4,000 ft alt. Very bright, bigger than a star. He saw an amber light flashing and traveling East. Moving in an arc. Looked like a tennis ball. Didn't look like any aircraft he had ever observed. The police kept tabs at 0113 and was still in the general location at 0510. Mr. Heis said he has a number of other calls that other people saw it. This thing could be from an advertising firm that had balloons stolen. This place was vandalized and balloons went up over the weekend. They were helium filled with lights. Major Quintanilla

told him that Laser people had been doing some work on the East coast. But he couldn't say what object was because he hadn't read and heard all on the report. He had heard that a number of people were working with lasers. We would have to do a lot of checking. There are a number of possibilities. Four hours seems awful long for a balloon. We will have to get the weather data and if the winds are wrong then it will shoot the theory. Mr. Heis called Brookhaven Lab and they were not sending up any balloons. Major told him that when this type of person sends up balloons they usually go up during the daytime. Cambridge launches balloons. Though, I haven't had a balloon that will stay in the area that long. The guy who had the balloons stolen said they were very light with batteries and are 9ft. That's a pretty small balloon.

✓ Major told him that he would certainly like to have the negative of the photo that was taken. New York Daily News has it. Would have to blow it up so we could see what we have got. Once we run out of leads that's it. Major told him the case sounds interesting, have to check many things before I can say what it is. Wallops Island has been the culprit in some cases lately. Ft Churchill has been doing some work but they are too far North.

Mr. Heis then asked questions about the University of Colorado and if they would investigate the sighting. The problem is that they are just getting set up ~~at~~ now and once they get settled they will start investigating. We work with the base. We are a monitoring base. If we have to make further calls we usually can make them from here.

Like checking with Cambridge and others we can usually do it from here. If we can not explain it we can't explain it. Can't say anything about it. There has been so much publicity, Mr. Heis said, that the police commissioner^s is interviewing them to make sure they were not drinking. we usually get calls after there is publicity. ^{Mr.} Heis said that one of their fellows interviewed the policeman. The patrolman saw it at 510 am, and said he knew it wasn't a star and it was very high up, it moved up and to the south, one time very bright then it would dim. [REDACTED] felt it moved in a southerly direction. Photographer said it was hard to distinguish between a star, first moved at 7 - 10 deg angle, later at a 45 deg angle. Wanted to know what Major thought about it now. Major said since Iⁿ/ don't have the information I can't say. I would have to take a look at all the information. I will have to check the weather data. The weather was very clear that night and there were strong breezes on the surface and they let up as the night went on. Wanted to know how soon our office would receive the report. Major Quintanilla informed him it would take at least 72 hours before we would get it.