

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 11 Nov 66 12/0030Z	2. LOCATION Orlando, Florida
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Aircraft (possible)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION several minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	On three different occasions the witnesses watched a strange object flying at about the altitude that aircraft fly. The object had a red light on top, green light on the bottom, and flashing white lights in-between. The object moved rather slow at times and once it speeded off at a fast rate of speed. A similar object was seen on three different occasions during the night. Contact was made with the FAA Control Tower in regards to any reports to their office. They reported no sightings were made to their office on the night in question. Also they (FAA) knew of no aircraft with an advertising sign in the area at the time of the sighting.
7. COURSE Varied	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

FORM

FTD SEP 63 0-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

11 Nov 66
Orlando,
Florida

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Request for Aircraft Information

JAN 25 1967

FAA Control Tower
Hemdon Airport
Orlando, Florida 32801

Our office is in receipt of an unidentified flying object report which took place in the Orlando, Florida area on 11 November 1966 between 1930 and 2030. Request information on any type of aircraft that could have been operating in that area with some type of unusual lighting configuration, possibly an advertising gimmick of some kind. If such an aircraft has been operating out of the Orlando, Florida area this information would be appreciated.

James C. Manatt
JAMES C. MANATT, Colonel, USAF
Director of Technology and Subsystems

COORDINATION:

W. J. Marley Jr. DATE 23 Jan 67
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call Good Year
Corporation

[REDACTED] Florida
November 14, 1966

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Project Blue Book
Foreign Technology Division of the Air Force Systems Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

To whom it may concern:

The below is a statement I will swear to of an UFO sighting made on November 11, 1966. My husband suggested I keep the incident to myself but after reading the article in the SCIENCE & MECHANICS I was prompted to make my report.

On Friday evening, November 11, 1966, at 7:30 my husband, [REDACTED] and myself were traveling North on South Orange Blossom Trail in Orlando, Florida when we noticed to our right a strange object flying at about the altitude of planes circling for landing at an airport. The object had a red light on top, green light on bottom, and flashing white lights inbetween which seemed to have an alternating pattern. It was moving rather slowly. I suggested it must be a blimp because of the flashing lights. [REDACTED] said no, there was no blimp in the area. She remarked on the crashing of the Good Year blimp and said there was only one other and that it was out West. We watched as we drove along and joked about a "flying saucer." When we reached [REDACTED] we turned in. We were unable to see the object because of the trees. We entered Chastaine's and had dinner, and returned home without further visual contact around 8:15. I suggested [REDACTED] call the Herdon Airport and report what we had seen to see what it had been. At 8:30 [REDACTED] and I left to go to Sears on Colonial Drive. We were driving West on Oak Ridge Road when we noticed the same or another UFO to my left. It came very close to the road, lower than before and it seemed to be stationary, then move, then stationary again. I pulled off the road to get a good look. I could see that the lights were not flashing words as would a blimp. As we were driving the some 100 yards to a gas station, the object turned sharply and shot upward at an angle with unbelievable speed. Then in a matter of seconds it was just a glow in the sky like a big star only a little larger; then it was gone. We called home from the gas station and told the men what we had seen and told them to call the airport. We continued on to Sears. We again traveled North on South Orange Blossom Trail until we reached Interstate 4 and turned onto it heading East. As I was turning I saw

the object again. As we came up on the overpass it swooped down out of the North just over the overpass of the on-coming cars--perhaps 50 yards or so from us (I'm not a very good judge of distance or speed.). It was very low. [redacted] told me to look--that it looked like it was going to eat us up. The lights seemed to come from the rear and meet in the front, then go back. They appeared to be going around before. My widow was smeared so I rolled it down to get a clear view. There was no sound whatsoever. I pulled off the road onto the emergency stop. The red and green lights we saw when it was higher up were not on now. We sat and watched it for a minute or so. The object moved very strangely. Then it turned sharply, moved with intense speed, and still no sound. The lights went out and it was gone in a split second. Then it was just a little larger than a star. All the time it required to reach this altitude couldn't have been but a second or two at the most. We continued on our way, slightly confussed and bewildered. When we returned home [redacted] said he had called Herdon Airport. They told him there was a piper cub in the vicinity "with a lot of lights." It was no piper cub, plane, or helicopter we saw. It had no wings or propellers and made absolutely no sound. As close as it came we would have heard. It traveled with speed that of which I have never seen and I have watched rocket shots from a distance. Was Herdon trying to cover up something? Did they or anyone else report anything? If there is a logical explanation we would like to hear it. I don't relish the thought of outside visitors.

A statement can be obtained from Mrs. [redacted] if you would like one.

I would like a reply if it is at all possible.

I swear this statement is the truth and that I have explained it the best of my ability. I'm sorry I couldn't give more detail about the size and so on. It was hard to tell with the altitude and movement. Appeared to be a little larger than the width of the road. The lights seemed so bright I couldn't tell about the shape other than being round.

Yours truly,

[redacted]
Mrs. [redacted]

21 Nov. 1966

Contact was made with the Goodyear Corporation, Akron, Ohio (794-3127) regarding the Goodyear Blimp. On 11 Nov. 66 the blimp was in a hanger at Miami, Florida. Miami is the winter headquarters for the blimp.



FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY
ATC TOWER, ORLANDO, FLORIDA

IN REPLY
REFER TO:

January 27, 1967

Colonel James C. Manatt
Director of Technology and Subsystems
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio 45433

Attn: TDET/UFO

Dear Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of January 25, 1967 reference an unidentified flying object in the Orlando, Florida vicinity on November 11, 1966, our records indicate no such sighting was reported to the FAA Tower. In addition, no aircraft is known to be operating in this area displaying other than normal lighting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Howard F. Cone", is written over the typed name.

Howard F. Cone
Chief, Orlando Tower