

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 16 Sept 67	2. LOCATION Columbia Falls, Montana (1 Witness)
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION INSUFFICIENT DATA FOR EVALUATION
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION INTERMITTENT 4 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer sighted an object that was flying about 40,000 ft. had smoke or haze under it, and had a flashing light.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual (Assumed)	
7. COURSE E - W	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS TENTH AIR FORCE (ADC)
RICHARDS-GEBAUR AIR FORCE BASE, MISSOURI 64030



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 10ME-C/Captain Kinnison

SUBJECT: UFO Observation, 16 September 1967

TO: TDPT (UFO)

1. Reference your letter, 7 May 1968, subject as above.
2. I have no knowledge of the indicated report. Although I was UFO Project Officer at that time, your letter of 19 September 1967 was not referred to me for action. No investigation was made. I departed the station (PCS) on 27 November 1967.
3. The only assistance I am able to offer is that the object was seen in the vicinity of Flathead County Airport.

Harry A. Kinnison
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Captain, USAF

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
716TH RADAR SQUADRON (SAGE) (ADC)
KALISPELL AIR FORCE STATION
KALISPELL, MONTANA 59922



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 716CCR

2 January 1968

SUBJECT: UFO Report, 16 Sept 67, Columbia Falls

TO: Lt. Harry A. Kinnison
Hq 10th Air Force
Richards-Gebaur AFM, Missouri

Attachment #1 is a query concerning a UFO report from Columbia Falls on 16 September 1967. It is my understanding that you had the information concerning this report. We have no information of any type on station. Request that you answer the attached letter.

Arthur R. Sakaye
ARTHUR R. SAKAYE, Major, USAF
Commander

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a/s

Info Copy to:
TDPT-(UFO)
Hq-Foreign Technology Div (AFSC)

Reading

TDPT (UFO) Maj Quintanilla/70916/mhs/27 Nov 67

16 Sept 67

NOV 27 1967

UFO Observation, 16 September 1967

716 Radar Squadron
Kalispell AFS, Montana 59901

Our letter of 19 September 1967 requested that your organization investigate the UFO report of 16 September 1967 from Columbia Falls, Montana. As of this date we have not received the results of your investigation. If the case is now identified, what was the stimulus for the observation? We would like to close this case out as quickly as possible, therefore, request you submit your findings to our office with a copy to the University of Colorado.

FOR THE COMMANDER

[Signature]
DIRECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Major, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office
Aerospace Technologies Division
Production Directorate

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16 Sept 67

7 MAY 1968

TDPT (UFO)

Lt Col Quintanilla/70916/mhs/6 May 68

UFO Observation, 16 September 1967

Lt Harry A. Kinnison
Hq 10th Air Force
Richards-Gebaur AFS, Missouri 64031

1. On 17 September 1967 we received a message from the 716 Radar Squadron, Kalispell AFS, Montana (Attachment #1). This sighting of 16 September 1967 had not been investigated in accordance with AFR 80-17 and 80-17A.

a. On 19 September 1967 we requested that the sighting be investigated in accordance with these regulations (reference attachment #2).

b. Since we did not receive any reply to our letter of 19 September 1967, we again wrote to Kalispell AFS on 27 November 1967 and requested the results of the investigation (attachment #3).

c. We are now in receipt of a letter from the 716th Radar Squadron (CCR), 2 January 1968 (attachment #4).

2. Major Sakaye of Kalispell indicates that you have information on this report. Therefore, if you investigated this report, what were your findings? We would like to close this case out as quickly as possible.

FOR THE COMMANDER


HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office
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1. Msg fm 716 Radar Sq, 16/2210Z
2. Ltr, TDPT/UFO, 19 Sep 67
3. Ltr, TDPT(UFO), 27 Nov 67
4. Ltr, 716 Radar Sq, 2 Jan 68

TDET/UFO (Maj Quintanilla/70916/mhs/19 Sep 67)

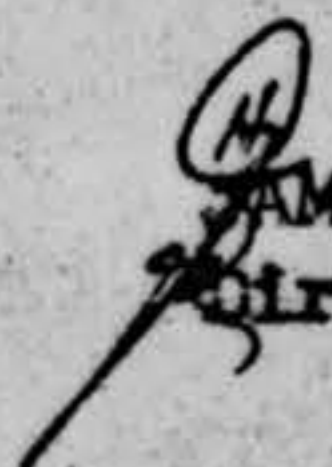
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UFO Observation, 16 September 1967

716 Radar Squadron
Kalispell AFS, Montana 59901

Reference your message 7160PS 00324 16 Sep 67, subject: U.F.O. Report 16 September 1967. Your report was not submitted in accordance with AFR 80-17, 19 Sep 66 and AFR 80-17A, 8 Nov 66. There is no indication that the sighting has been investigated. Therefore, request you investigate this sighting in accordance with the attached regulation, making sure to forward the University of Colorado a copy of the report which you submit to this office. Also, request the time of the observation be clarified as your message indicated the time as 14440Z.

FOR THE COMMANDER

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

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& AFR 80-17A, 8 Nov 66

Cy to: Univ of Colorado

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
STAFF MESSAGE BRANCH
INCOMING MESSAGE

AF IN: 17806 (17 Sep 67) L/jrt

ACTION: RDC-4 INFO: XOP-2, XOPK-2, SAFOS-3, JCS/DIA-1 (13) ADV CY DIA

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FM 716 RADAR SQ KAL ISPELL AFS MONT

TO RUEFHQA/CSAF WASHINGTON DC

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UNCLAS 7160PS 00324 16 SEP 67. FOR AFRDC. FOR TDETR. FOR

SAF-01. U.F.O REPORT 16 SEP 67.

NAME: MR [REDACTED]

TIME: 14440Z

PLACE: COLUMBIA FALLS, MONT

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TELEPHONE: [REDACTED]

OBJECT WAS SEEN FOR FOUR MINUTES.

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