

PROJECT NO. 1 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 8 Nov. 67 8/1445Z	2. LOCATION 71 miles west of Omaha, Nebraska
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION INSUFFICIENT DATA FOR EVALUATION
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Seven	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2-3 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS While the observer was on a mission during the evening of 8 Nov. 67, he noted a fast-moving return on the radar scope. Somewhat later, five more returns were sighted on radar. The five returns were grouped within a five mile radius and were moving at a high rate of speed. They were present on the scope for approximately two to three minutes.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Radar	
7. COURSE Unknown	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 3902D AIR BASE WING (SAC)
OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, NEBRASKA, 68113



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: BCXI (Capt. Cunningham/2134)

5 June 1968

SUBJECT: UFO Report

TO: Lt. Col. Hector Quintanilla, Jr.
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office
Aerospace Technologies Division
Production Directorate

1. My apologies for the delay in replying to your request during our telephone conversation in April. Major Vanevenhoven has been on leave. I was finally able to contact him on leave. I received this account of the incident in question.
2. While he was on a mission during the evening of 8 November 1967, he noted a fast-moving return on the radar scope. Somewhat later, five more returns were sighted on the radar. The five returns were grouped within a five mile radius and were moving at a high rate of speed. They were present on the radar scope for approximately two to three minutes. The objects were never sighted visually or otherwise identified.
3. Major Vanevenhoven mentioned the sightings to Chicago Center but did not report the sightings to Offutt Air Force Base. A copy of the brief report by Chicago Center finally arrived in my office early this year. At that time, however, Major Vanevenhoven was not available to comment.
4. I realize that this report is very sketchy. Unfortunately, it is the only information that Major Vanevenhoven could provide. Since the same information was reflected in the report from Chicago Center, I am afraid that this present statement will not be of much assistance to you.

Roy L. Cunningham

ROY R. CUNNINGHAM, Captain, USAF
Deputy Chief, Information Division

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8 Nov. 1967

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UFO Observation, 8 November 1967

Base Operations

Offutt AFB, Nebraska 68113

1. Reference telephone conversation between Captain Roy Cunningham, Base Operations, Offutt AFB, and Lt Col Quintanilla, this organization, on 5 April 1968. At that time we informed Captain Cunningham of a discrepancy report that had been prepared by the University of Colorado with regards to his investigation of an unidentified flying object (UFO) report of 8 November 1967. Captain Cunningham stated that there had been a mix up in the report, however, he would attempt to contact the pilot (witness) and submit his findings to the University of Colorado and to this office.

2. To date, the Aerial Phenomena Office has not received the UFO report for 8 November 1967. Request the status of this investigation.

FOR THE COMMANDER

 HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office
Aerospace Technologies Division
Production Directorate

8 Nov. 1967

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MEMO FOR THE RECORD

5 April 1968

Subj: UFO Observation, 8 November 1967

Major Quintanilla spoke with Captain Cunningham with regards to an unidentified observation of 8 November 1967. Major Quintanilla informed Captain Cunningham that a discrepancy report had been prepared by the University of Colorado with regards to an unidentified observation of 8 November 1967 by a pilot. Captain Cunningham said yes there had been a mix up in the report, however, he would attempt to contact the pilot and send the Univ of Colorado a report and Major Quintanilla a report on the sighting.

8 Nov 1967

UFO Project
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
202 Woodbury Hall
Boulder, Colorado

Ref memorandum from R. Craig, 21 Feb 68, subj:
"Comment on Air Base Cooperation with the CU-UFO
Project." The attached letter from Captain
Cunningham is in response to your memorandum.

TDPT (UFO) Lt Col Quintanilla

10 Jun 68

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MEMORANDUM

To: E. U. Condon
From: R. Craig
Subject: Comment on Air Base Cooperation with
the CU-UFO Project

Date: 21 February 1968

I. On 8 November 1967, a military pilot, while airborne, reported, to the Chicago Center, visual observation of an unknown object and radar tracking of six other unknowns. The single object, which was observed for two to four minutes, was a fast-moving large ball, changing color from red to yellow to white. The report indicated that six more objects were tracked by radar within a range of one and a half to five miles. The Chicago Center stated that the visual UFO also was sighted from two inbound TWA aircraft, but no details of this observation were available.

No report of this sighting was sent to the CU Project. Project personnel learned of it in mid-December during telecon with the Offutt Air Base UFO officer, who mistakenly assumed that questions pertaining to a different UFO report pertained to the 8 November event, and indicated he had no information beyond an initial brief report from the Chicago Center, sent to Offutt because the pilot was based there. The officer, Capt. Roy Cunningham, did agree to contact the pilot and send CU whatever information about the event he could get from an interview with Pilot Vanevenoven.

Since the report seemed a particularly interesting one, project personnel sought additional information from the Chicago Center. Telecon with Chicago Center confirmed that the report had been made by both the military pilot and a TWA pilot and crew. Tapes of conversations with the pilots, made during the observations, had, by December 19, been destroyed. All information regarding the sighting had been sent to Chanute AFB Command Post.

Telecon 19 December with Major Nichols, Chanute AFB, revealed that, since the sighting was 70 miles from Omaha, all information was shipped to Base Operations at Offutt AFB.

Since no information had yet been received from Capt. Cunningham of Offutt AFB, he was again contacted by telephone on 4 January 1968. He indicated he had not had a chance to interview pilot Vanevenoven because Vanevenoven and his crew had taken Christmas vacation as leave. Although Vanevenoven had been unavailable, Capt. Cunningham indicated he could now reach him, and would do so very soon. He said he would get a report of the UFO incident to us shortly.

Mayhew wrote a memo for Board on May 9 "Talk to Capt. Cunningham"

21 February 1968

No report had been received by 31 January 1968. According to further phone conversation with Capt. Cunningham, pilot Vanevenoven had gone on temporary duty and only now would be available for interview. Cunningham agreed to give priority to interviewing Vanevenoven, getting a report to the Colorado Project within a few days. He agreed also to send immediately a copy of the initial UFO sighting report which Offutt received through Chicago Center. The latter was done, and a copy is attached.

As of this date (21 February 1968) no report of the UFO incident of 8 November 1967 has yet been received by the Colorado Project from Offutt AFB or other source.

III UFO report investigated by Capt. Arrington, Chanute AFB. During 19 December telecon with Major Quintanilla of Project Blue Book, regarding the above incident, it was learned that a Capt. Arrington, of Chanute AFB, had investigated a report from ground observers who watched strange moving lights for ten minutes on 18 November 1967, and took a photograph of the lights with a "swinger" camera. Major Quintanilla said Capt. Arrington had arranged a personal meeting with him at Wright-Patterson, scheduled for the next day, to transmit information regarding this sighting to Project Blue Book.

Although the early information did not indicate that this was a particularly strange or interesting UFO report, inquiry was made about it during the above-mentioned telecon with Chanute AFB. It was agreed that Capt. Arrington would send copies of the picture and a complete report of the UFO sighting to the Colorado Project.

No such information had been received by 31 January 1968. Return call to Chanute AFB on that date revealed that Capt. Arrington had cleared the base that day for other assignment, and would not be returning. A call to Major Quintanilla revealed that Capt. Arrington's earlier plans to visit him had been cancelled, and Major Quintanilla was still anticipating Blue Book's receipt of Capt. Arrington's report. Major Quintanilla was concerned that the report had not been received, and indicated he would attempt to locate Capt. Arrington and get the report. When contacted again 21 February 1968, Major Quintanilla indicated that Major Nichols, who had been Capt. Arrington's superior officer at Chanute AFB, had told Major Quintanilla on 31 January that he would contact Capt. Arrington, whose report had been awaiting final typing, and get the report to Blue Book. As of 21 February, neither Blue Book nor Colorado Project had received information from Chanute AFB regarding the 18 November 1967 UFO report.

THE FOLLOWING IS REPORTED AT OHIO, 8 NOV 67
BY "LOOKING GLASS AIRBORNE C.P." THRU CHICAGO
CTR. BY PHONE PATCH.

UFO SIGHTING INFORMATION

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1. NAME OF OBSERVER: (PILOT) [REDACTED]
2. ADDRESS: —
3. TELEPHONE NUMBER: BELVIEW, IEB 291-4664
4. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING: 08/0845Z
5. LOCATION (IN RELATION TO KNOWN GEOGRAPHICAL OR PHYSICAL FEATURE):
70 MI WEST OF OMAHA, IEB
6. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:
 - a. SHAPE: ROUND
 - b. SIZE (COMPARATIVE): LARGE
 - c. COLOR: YELLOW
 - d. HOW MANY OBJECTS WERE SIGHTED: 1 (None Below)
 - e. ANY SIGNIFICANT FEATURES OR DETAILS APPARENT: MOVING VERY FAST.
LARGE YELLOW BALL CHANGING FROM RED TO
YELLOW TO WHITE. 6 MI RADIUS. 6 MI TRAVEL BY RADAR IN
5-6 MI. RADIUS.
 - f. WAS ANY TYPE OF TRAIL OR EXHAUST VISIBLE?: UNK
 - g. WAS THERE ANY AUDIBLE SOUND?: UNK
7. ALTITUDE AND ANGLE FROM HORIZON:
 - a. 30°
 - b. 45°
 - c. 60°
 - d. 75°
 - e. Overhead
8. DIRECTION OF OBJECT FROM OBSERVER AND DIRECTION OF TRAVEL: —
9. DID OBJECT DISAPPEAR SUDDENLY OR SLOWLY UNK
10. HOW LONG WAS THE OBJECT VISIBLE? 2-4 MIN.
11. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:
 - a. GROUND VISUAL
 - ☒ b. AIR VISUAL
 - c. GROUND ELECTRONIC (RADAR, etc) (IF SO, TYPE EQUIPMENT)

- (d) AIR ELECTRONIC (IF SO, TYPE EQUIPMENT) **RADAR**
 e. ANY OPTICAL AIDS (BINOCULARS, TELESCOPE, etc)
 f. DOES OBSERVER WEAR GLASSES? **UNK**
12. IF OBSERVER WAS AIRBORNE:
- a. TYPE AIRCRAFT: **EC135**
 b. CALL SIGN: **Adel 44ALF7**
 c. AIRCRAFT ALTITUDE AT TIME OBJECT WAS SIGHTED?
 d. AIRCRAFT HEADING:
 e. INDICATED AIRSPEED: **255**
 f. HOME BASE (OR AIRPORT, IF CIVILIAN)
13. OBSERVER WAS **(MILITARY)** (CIVILIAN)
14. AGE: **UNK**
15. MAILING ADDRESS: **UNK**
16. TECHNICAL OR SCIENTIFIC BACKGROUND OF OBSERVER: **UNK**
17. WEATHER CONDITIONS AT TIME OF SIGHTING:

- (a) **CLEAR**
 b. FEW CLOUDS **NO TURBULENCE**
 c. OVERCAST
 d. CLOUDS IN LAYERS
 e. VISIBILITY:
- | | | |
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| GOOD ☒ | RAIN ☐ | FOG ☐ |
| FAIR ☐ | SNOW ☐ | HAZE ☐ |
| POOR ☐ | DUST ☐ | |
- f. ARE THUNDERSTORMS OR LIGHTNING IN AREA: **NO**
 g. WAS SUN VISIBLE? **Y/N**
 h. WAS MOON VISIBLE? **UNK** OR ☐ HALF ☐ THREE-QUARTER ☐ FULL

Chicago CTR started this in Bureau Act CTR
 Also Sighted UFO but No details.