

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 13 November 67 14/01304	2. LOCATION Aiken, S. C. (3 Witnesses)
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Probable (AIRCRAFT)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Three	There were three jet fighter out of Shaw AFB flying night missions in the vicinity. Direction of the flight path was from N to S, E to W and the return leg.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 29 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer sight 3 flashing, red, oval shaped object. The flight path of the objects seemingly moved in no planned direction.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Varied	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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TDPT/UFO Maj H Quintanilla, Jr/70916/lsb/21 Dec 67

UFO Report 13 or 14 November 1967

861 Radar Squadron,
Aiken AFS, South Carolina 29803

1. Reference your message 861 ODC Nov 67/141800Z, subject UFO Sighting. If an evaluation can be made at the local level, there is no need to forward it to the Aerial Phenomena Office since it is now an IFO.
2. We feel that you did an excellent job on finding out if aircraft were in the area at the time of the observation.
3. Would you please clarify the date of the sighting, time in report was given as "14/0130Z or 14/2030 local."

FOR THE COMMANDER


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

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ZNR UUUUU

Z 141800Z

FM 861 RADAR SQ AIKEN AFS SC

TO RUWJSCA/UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER COLORADO

RUWJFVA/ADC

RUCLEDA/32AD GUNTER AFB ALA

RUEDFIF/FTD WPAFB

RUEFHQA/CSAF

RUEFHQA/OSAF

INFO RUCLEDA/14 AF GUNTER AFB ALA

RUCLEDA/32AD GUNTER AFB ALA

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UNCLAS 861 ODC NOV 67. FOR: IDETR; FOR: AFRDC; FOR: SAF TOI; FOR: 32ODC;

FOR: UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO, ATTN: DR CONDON. SUBJ: UFO SIGHTING.

AT APPROXIMATELY 2030 LOCAL A REPORT WAS MADE TO THE 861 RADAR

SQUADRON, AIKEN AFS SC OF A UFO CONSISTING OF THREE OBJECTS. IN

ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 80-17, CHANGE 80-17A DTD 8 NOV 66, THE

FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED: A. DESCRIPTION FO OBJECT.

(1) SHAPE-OVAL (2) COLOR RED (3) SIZE UNKNOWN (4) NUMBER 3

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(5) NO FORMATION (6) FEATURES-FLASHING LIGHT (7) TRAIL-DROPPED SOME
SMALLER OBJECT (8) SOUND-NONE (TOO FAR AWAY) (9) OTHER PERTINENT
OR UNUSUAL FEATURES-NONE. B. COURSE OF OBJECT. (1) WHAT CALLED
OBSERVERS ATTENTION TO OBJECTS- LEAVING HIS HOUSE ON THE WAY
TO SCHOOL, HE NOTICED FLASHING LIGHTS. (2) ANGLE OF ELEVATION

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AND AZIMUTH WHEN FIRST SIGHTED-UNABLE TO MEASURE (3) ANGLE OF
ELEVATION OF OBJECT UPON DISAPPEARANCE- UNABLE TO MEASURE. (4) FLIGHT
PATH-SEEMINGLY MOVED IN NO PLANNED DIRECTION. (5) HOW DID THE OBJECTS
DISAPPEAR- WENT OUT OF SIGHT BEHIND SOME TREES. (6) HOW LONG WERE
THE OBJECTS VISIBLE ABOUT 29 MINUTES. C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:
(1) GROUND VISUAL (2) AIDS: USED BINOCULARS AT TIMES. (3) NO REPORT.
D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING, 14/0130Z OR 14/2030 LOCAL. (2) LIGHT
CONDITIONS: NIGHT. E. LOCATION FO OBSERVER. AT HOME ABOUT 17 MILES
NORTH OF AIKEN AFB. OBSERVER CLAIMS TO HAVE SEEN THE OBJECTS ABOUT
ONE-HALF MILE FROM HIS HOME. HIS PARENTS ALSO WITNESSED THE SIGHTING
WITH HIM. NAME OF PARENT UNKNOWN. NO HOME PHONE. HE WAS ABOUT
TO GET IN HIS CAR WHEN HE NOTICED THE FLASHING LIGHTS. F. INFORMATION
ON OBSERVER, CIVILIAN [REDACTED],
AIKEN, SC, HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR, RELIABILITY, FAIR. G. WINDS AND

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WEATHER AT TIME OF SIGHTING: (1) OBSERVERS ACCOUNT OF WEATHER: WEATHER
WAS CLEAR, WINDS CALM. (2) REPORT FROM NEAREST AWS WEATHER BUERAU
OFFICE OF WIND DIRECTION AND VELOCITY IN DEGREES AND KNOTS:

ALTITUDE	WIND DIRECTION	VELOCITY IN KNOTS
6000	260 DEGREES	10 KNOTS
10,000 FEET	270 DEGREES	20 KNOTS
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16,000 FEET	260 DEGREES	35 KNOTS
20,000 FEET	250 DEGREES	5 KNOTS
30,000 FEET	260 DEGREES	35 KNOTS
50,000 FEET	230 DEGREES	55 KNOTS
80,000 FEET	260 DEGREES	8 KNOTS

(3) CEILING- NONE (4) VISIBILITY 78 MILES (5) CLOUD COVER 7 NONE
(6) THUNDERSTORMS 7 NONE (7) VERTICAL TEMPERATURE GRADIENT: UNK.
SURFACE TEMP 74.5, DEW POINT 74.0, H, UNUSUAL ACTIVITY: NONE I. NO INTER-
CEPT OR ID MADE. J. THERE WERE THREE (3) JET FIGHTERS OUT OF SHAW
AFB FLYING NIGHT MISSIONS IN THE VICINITY. DIRECTION OF FLIGHT WAS
FROM THE NORTH TO THE SOUTH, EAST TO WEST AND THE RETURN LEG TO
SHAW AFB. (K) UFO OFFICER, JAMES V SNOWDEN, MSGT, 861 RADAR
SQUADRON, AIKEN SC 648-1341 EXT 247, HOME PHONE: 648-1102. COMMENTS:

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THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES WERE CONTACTED TO DETERMINE IF THERE WERE ANY FLYING DONE BY THESE AGENCIES: COLUMBIA AIRPORT- NONE, SAVANAH RIVER PLANT- NONE, AIKEN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT- NO FLYING, 2AD SENIOR DIRECTOR NO FLYING, SHAW AFB SC CALLED SHAW AFB AT 0912 AM LOCAL. OPERATIONS STATED THEY WERE FLYING FROM 1900 LOCAL LAST NIGHT ALL NIGHT, THAT SOME FLIGHTS OVERFLEW THE AIKEN AND COLUMBIA AREA. PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS: THAT THE OBSERVER IS NOT A RELIABLE WITNESS, THAT NO PAGE 4 RUCLEDK0008 UNCLAS

UFO'S WERE SIGHTED, THAT INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE FROM OBSERVER, THAT OBSERVER WAS RELUCTANT TO GIVE NEEDED INFO SUCH AS HOME PHONE, PARENTS NAME, DIRECTION OF FLIGHT, AND EXPERIENCE IN OBSERVING AERIAL PHENOMENON, THAT THE SIGHTED OBJECTS WERE CONVENTIONAL JET AIRCRAFT, THAT THE REASON FOR NO SOUND WAS BECAUSE OF THE HEIGHT OF THE JETS. I CONCLUDE THAT THIS IS NOT A VALID UFO SIGHTING BUT A CONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT AND THAT NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION IS REQUIRED.

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