

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP MAY 1968	2. LOCATION COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA
3. SOURCE CIVILIAN	10. CONCLUSION PHOTOGRAPH: WATER SPOTS
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS N/A	"OBJECTS" WERE WATER SPOTS
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not observed	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION N/A (photo)	"UFOs" were on film when developed. Objects were not observed at the time of the photography.
7. COURSE	
8. PHOTOS ☒ Yes ☐ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

Director Aerospace Studies Inst AITN: Archives Maxwell AFB, Alabama	RETURN TO: May 1968 K-43,6012-1
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PHOTO AND NEGATIVE

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Case includes four (4) 5" x 7" photographs
and one (1) 4" x 5" negative.

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Project Blue Book - SAFOIC

July 4, 1968

Dear Sirs:

Please find enclosed a copy of
the official CUFORA (Columbia UFO
Research Association) report on the
~~_____~~ photograph of May '68.
Also please find a print of this
unusual picture.

If you need additional information
to make your analysis, please contact
my organization. Oh yes, please return
the negative - you may keep the report
and the photograph.

Sincerely,

CUFORA

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Columbia, S.C.

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SUBJECT: COLUMBIA, S. C. UFO

PI: Benson/Tuttle DATE: 21 August 1968

The film submitted exhibits one large and one small water spot which were undoubtedly incurred during processing of the negative.

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OTHELLO, S.C.

May, 1963

CHUCK - ANALYSIS OF PHOTO TAKEN WHILE
FLYING OVER OTHELLO, S.C.
TIME-3/4, TIME WITH PROBABLY SOMEWHAT LATER
DATE-1963, JULY 11, TIME-11:00 AM
PLACE, S.C., SOUTH-See CHUCK.
ON PHOTO-RELIABILITY-Very Good
ANALYSIS-

ANALYSIS OF PHOTO-Background, 70%, Foreground, 30%.
CONTENTS:No clouds, five airplanes, one tree, a plane high over-
head, and two objects with trails.
DATE-TAKEN:See CHUCK.
PLACE:See CHUCK.
EXPLANATION:See CHUCK.

CHUCK:This unusual photo was taken while the subject was shooting the air-
plane in the background. However, he did not see anything strange in the
viewfinder. He had a companion with him, Ray Atkins, who didn't see anything,
either. Photos preceding this one on the same roll of film show out there
and on the left, so it can't be an example of a dirty lens or defective film.
The biggest object appears to be a circular thing with light-colored bor-
ders, and a dark spot inside. Behind the thing is a short trail. The small-
er object seems to have a closed tail and a darker spot with the same
light-colored borders. The sun was to the left of the observer. Since when
the picture was taken the sun was so bright, it might be more likely that
we are concerned with. The plane in the background was about as big as a
nickel at one's length, but in the photo it seems tiny, as the objects
they are natural objects shown) are bigger than in the picture.

If the plane was about as big as a nickel held at one's length, we take
the following fairly accurate estimate:

The plane is reduced about three times. So we measure it's length: it is
two sixteenths of an inch long, multiplied by three, that gives us three
sixteenths. Now we measure the biggest object. Ten sixteenths. By simply cal-
culating we come up with the following dimensions for the object (the big-
ger one): Maybe a foot long. In fact our conclusion on this: The trees and
power lines were no more than 20 feet from the observer. To be sharper
than the trees would mean the objects would have to be at least closer
than 20 feet. Experiments in a 20-foot long room had an ordinary ruler
placed a little closer than 20 feet from the camera (the same one that took
the picture). Through the viewfinder the ruler looked about as big as the
object in the picture.

So we aren't dealing with an extraterrestrial spaceship at all. But be-
cause we aren't sure of what nature the object is of, our explanation is
simply
EXPLANATION:See CHUCK.

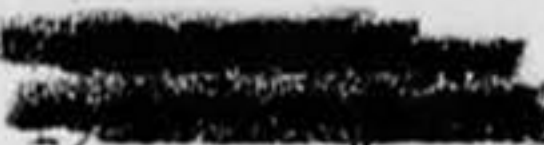
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May 1968

TDPT (UFO) Lt Col Quintanilla/70916/mhs/29 Aug 68

30 AUG 1968

Photograph of UFO


Columbia, South Carolina 29206

1. This replies to your letter of July 4, 1968 in which you inclosed a negative of an unidentified flying object (UFO).
2. Photo analysis indicates that the film submitted exhibits one large and one small water spot which were undoubtedly incurred during processing of the negative.
3. Thank you for forwarding the negative to the Air Force for analysis; your original negative is inclosed.

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

1 Atch
B&W orig negative

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