

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 12 AUG 63 0535 15/1038Z	2. LOCATION CRAIG AFB, ALABAMA
3. SOURCE MILITARY	10. CONCLUSION OTHER ROCKET LAUNCH
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS ONE	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION THREE MINUTES	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION	Approximately 20 flight line personnel sighted a white light that seemed to be emitting blue-green waves. These waves got larger as the waves progressed outward similar to water ripples caused by a rock in a pond. The light was observed at approximately 2 to 5 degrees above the horizon at an azimuth of 115 to 125 degrees from true north. The light remained in relatively the same position and after about three minutes suddenly blinked out. COMMENTS: The sighting was almost undoubtedly caused by a rocket launch from Cape Kennedy.
7. COURSE STATIONARY	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA 32925



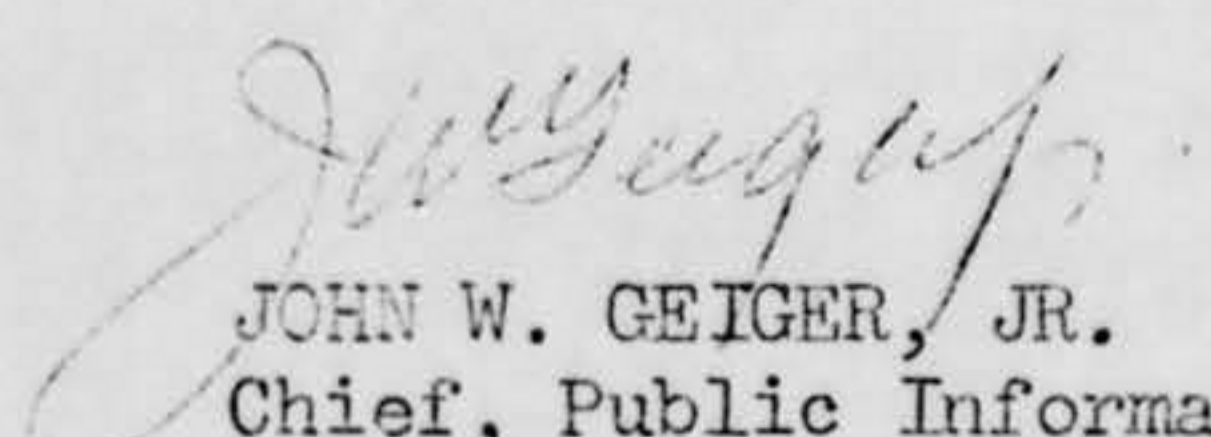
REPLY TO
ATTN OF: ETNP

4 September 1968

SUBJECT: UFO Observation, 16 August 1968

TO: Lt. Col. Hector Quintanilla, Jr.
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office (TDPT)
Hq. Foreign Technology Division
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

1. Reference your letter of 30 August 1968, subject as above.
2. There was a launch from Cape Kennedy at the time the aerial phenomena occurred. It was the first Poseidon launch, and appeared very much as it was sighted from Craig AFB. At the altitude at which the phenomena occurred the Project Office advises that a 600 NM horizon is reasonable. The time of the sighting would have had to be several minutes before the time you established the sighting, however.


JOHN W. GEIGER, JR.
Chief, Public Information Division
Office of Information

16 Aug 68

TDPT (UFO) Lt Col Quintanilla/70916/mhs/29 Aug 68
UFO Observation, 16 August 1968

30 AUG 1968

Public Information Office (AFSC)
Cape Kennedy AFS

1. The Aerial Phenomena Office is in receipt of an unidentified flying object report that occurred at Craig AFB, Alabama on 16 August 1968 at 0538 CDT, 1038Z.
2. Approximately 20 flight line personnel sighted a white light that seemed to be emitting blue-green waves. These waves got larger as the waves progressed outward, similar to water ripples caused by a rock in a pond. The light was observed at approximately 2 to 5 degrees above the horizon at an azimuth of 115 to 125 degrees from true north. The light remained in relatively the same position and after about three minutes suddenly blinked out.
3. We understand that you had a rocket launch at 1030Z. We would like to know if you definitely did have a rocket launch at this time, if it could appear similar to the description given by the observers, and if you feel that it could have been observed from Craig AFB (420 nautical miles away).
4. Thank you for your assistance, it is appreciated.

FOR THE COMMANDER

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

m/r: Cape Kennedy AFS is at Patrick AFB, Florida 32925

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

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SUBJECT: UFO

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT:

(1) ROUND.

(2) SIZE OF A DIME HELD AT ARMS LENGTH.

(3) WHITE EMITTING BLUE7GREEN WAVES.

(4) ONE.

(5) NO.

(6) EMISSION OF BLUE7GREEN COLORED WAVES THAT GOT LARGER AS WAVES PROGRESSED OUTWARD. SIMILAR TO WATER RIPPLES CAUSED BY

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DROPPING A ROCK INTO A POND.

(7) ELLIPTICAL SLOPED TRAIL APPEARED AFTER LIGHT WENT OUT.

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(8) NO SOUND.

(9) NO OTHER PERTINENT OR UNUSUAL FEATURES.

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

(1) OBSERVER SAW LIGHT AS HE LOOKED IN AN ESE DIRECTION.

(2) ANGLE OF ELEVATION APPROXIMATELY 2 TO 5 DEGREES, AZIMUTH
115 TO 125 DEGREES FROM TRUE NORTH.

(3) SAME AS ABOVE.

(4) OBJECT REMAINED IN SAME RELATIVE POSITION.

(5) LIGHT BLINKED OUT. COMPARATIVE TO A LIGHT BULB BEING
TURNED OFF.

(6) OBJECT VISIBLE BY ONE INDIVIDUAL FOR THREE MINUTES.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(1) GROUND-VISUAL.

(2) NONE.

(3) N/A.

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

(1) APRX 1235 TO 1238 GMT, 16 AUG 68, 0535 TO 0538 LOCAL TIME.

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(2) PRE-DAWN.

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER:

(1) CRAIG AFB; 32 DEG 21 MINUTES NORTH, 86 DEG 59 MINUTES WEST.

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F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVERS:

(2) HILLHOUSE, FRANK M, AIC, 3515 PTW, USAF, FLIGHT LINE CREW

CHIEF, RELIABILITY AS TO SIGHTING: GOOD.

(2) PONDER, LARRY A, SSGT, 3615 PTW, USAF, ASST FLIGHT CHIEF,
RELIABILITY: GOOD.

G. WEATHER AND WINDS- ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTINGS:

(1) LOW CUMULUS CLOUDS ON HORIZON. SKY APPEARED LIGHTLY HAZY.
STARS WERE VISIBLE.

(2) SURFACE - 240 DEG/05 PLUS 30

6,000M 7 250 DEG /05 PLUS 15

10,000 M - 040 DEG/01 PLUS 9

15,000M - 190/02 ZERO DEG

20,000M - 230/05 MINUS 9

30,000M - 090/12 MINUS 31

50,000M - 150/05 MINUS 71

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(3) NONE

(4) 5 MILES.

(5) 10,000 SCATTERED HIGH THIN SCATTERED.

(6) NONE.

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(7) (SEE G. (2) ABOVE.

H. NO LOCAL CONDITIONS THAT WOULD EXPLAIN PHENOMENON.

I. NONE.

J. THERE WERE NO AIRCRAFT FLIGHTS WHICH MIGHT ACCOUNT FOR THIS PHENOMENON. THERE WERE NO WEATHER BALLOON LAUNCHES.

K. JOHN F. JANSEN, CAPT, USAF, FLYING SAFETY OFFICER, CRAIG AFB ALA, AUTOVON 431-3350, EXT 5722/3466. HOME PHONE 205 872-4276.

TEN TO TWENTY CRAIG FLIGHT LINE PERSONNEL WITNESSED THE LIGHT PHENOMENON. ALL THE WITNESSES DESCRIBE THE LIGHT AS A BRIGHT ROUND DISK SURROUNDED BY EMITTING WAVES. AFTER APPROXIMATELY THREE MINUTES, THE LIGHT WENT OUT. THE ANGLE OF ELEVATION (APRX 2 DEG), AZIMUTH (APRX 120 DEG) AND MOVEMENT (NONE) ARE IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT AMONG THE WITNESSES. UNFORTUNATELY CRAIG'S CONTROL TOWER AND RADAR FACILITY WERE NOT MANNED AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING. ALSO, NEITHER MAXWELL AFB NOR CRAIG AFB HAD LAUNCHED ANY WEATHER BALLOONS. HOWEVER,

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AT 0530 LOCAL (1030 GMT) ROCKET LAUNCH AT CAPE DENNEDY COULD EXPLAIN
THE LIGHT. THE BEARING TO CAPE KENNEDY (120 DEG), THE TYPE OF
LIGHT EMISSIONS, AND THE APPEARANCE OF NO MOVEMENT CAN BE LOGICALLY
EXPLAINED BY THE ROCKET. THE ONLY UNACCOUNTED FACT IS THE DISTANCE
TO CAPE KENNEDY (420 NAUTICAL MILES). IT IS MY CONCLUSION THAT THE
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LIGHT PHENOMENON WAS IN FACT THE ROCKET LAUNCH AT CAPE KENNEDY.

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