

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 10 Sept 68 Evening	2. LOCATION Miami, Florida
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Photo: (INSUFFICIENT DATA FOR EVALUATION)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Original negatives requested but not received.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Observed	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS The observer was taking time exposures of a thunderstorm. When the negatives were developed, there was an unidentified image on two of them.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Not Observed	
7. COURSE N/A	
8. PHOTOS ☒ Yes, Original Negs not ☐ No received.	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 4531ST TACTICAL FIGHTER WING (TAC)
HOMESTEAD AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA 33030



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 0I

11 September 1968

SUBJECT: UFO

TO: FTD (TDETR)

1. The attached photograph is forwarded IAW AFR 80-17. Request your analysis be most expeditious because of the extremely high news interest.

2. Background: [REDACTED], a staff photographer for the Miami News, and [REDACTED], reporter for the Miami News, brought this photograph to this office today. Mr. [REDACTED] made the photograph the evening of 10 Sep 68. The two newsmen are interested in determining what the Air Force thinks about this photograph and will probably run an article with the picture in tomorrow's paper. Of course there will be a follow-up article as soon as the Air Force gives a report. It is because of this news interest and almost certain publication that I am forwarding this photograph as soon as possible, and requesting that you expedite the analysis. The original negative can probably be obtained if it is necessary for the analysis. This report is not being handled in the normal manner because Mr. [REDACTED] never saw an object. He was leaving the shutter of his camera open trying to photograph the thunderstorm. He was not watching the storm himself and did not discover anything until he developed the film today.

3. Background on the photograph: The camera was a Nikon F with a 50 mm lens and a f-stop range from 16 to 1.4. The film was Kodak Tri-X. The shutter was left open from one to two minutes at an f-stop of 5.6. The camera was on a tripod and no filters were used. There was no panning. The camera was pointing almost due South according to Mr. [REDACTED]. It was at an angle of approximately 40 degrees from the horizon. Mr. [REDACTED] took 22 time exposures all with the same settings etc; Only the last two had this object in them. They were taken between 9:00 and 9:30 PM EDT (1700-1730Z). His location was 12553 SW 27th St. in Miami (roughly 25 degrees-44 minutes North; 80 degrees-17 minutes West).

4. Mr. [REDACTED] is in his late thirties. He has been a professional photographer for 15 years. Nine years as a free lance news photographer and six as a staff photographer for various newspapers. Since May of this year he has worked for the Miami News. The News is a reputable paper with the second largest circulation in the Greater Miami area. Mr. [REDACTED] has no formal education or training nor does he have any pilot experience. This is not pertinent in this case because he never saw the object. I believe Mr. [REDACTED] to be reliable but a little UFO controversy never hurts a photographer or the paper's circulation.

5. Please expedite your reply. Or if additional information is needed do not hesitate to contact me. I believe Mr. [REDACTED] is willing to help all he can. In the interim I will make no additional statements other than the fact that the photograph is undergoing analysis at the present time. The autovon for this base is: 899-1650. My number, extension 7 [REDACTED] Address for mail or message: 4531 (IO), Homestead AFB, Fla. 33030.



ROBERT R CLOAR, 1/Lt., USAF
Assistant Wing Information Officer
Base UFO Project Officer

1 Atch: photograph

10 Sept 68

19 Sept 68

Called H. Cloar

H. Cloar agreed to contact Mr. [REDACTED] and try to get Neg. fr. the print we have; Neg. and print showing VFO; also two or 3 prints not showing VFO.

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Photograph of UFO, 10 Sept 68

4531st Tactical Fighter Wing (TAC)
Attn: Lt Cloar

The photograph that you forwarded in your letter of 11 September 1968 is being returned without an analysis being performed. In your telephone conversation of 19 September 1968 with Lt Marano of this office you indicated that you would attempt to obtain the original negatives. To date we have not received the negatives. A complete analysis cannot be made without the original negatives.

FOR THE COMMANDER

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

1 Atch
B & W photo

TDPT (UFO) OFFICIAL FILE CY

This case contains 4,
8"x10" photos and 1, 4"x5"
negative.





