

PROJECT 1073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 9 May 67 10/0800	2. LOCATION Las Vegas, Nevada
3. SOURCE Gerald	10. CONCLUSION Insufficient data
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	168 not returned
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4 hours	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Direct Visual	SEE CASE FILE
7. COURSE SOUTHWEST	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☐ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☐ No	

FORM

SWS

16 MAY 1967

Identified Flying Object

Mrs. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Los Lunas, NM

Reference your letter of 10 May 1967, on your sighting of an unidentified flying object.

Investigation revealed that one of our Air Force helicopters was flying in the same area and at the same time you mentioned in your letter. The pilot stated he was operating his high-powered search lights at the time and the atmosphere contained a large amount of dust and blowing sand.

I would like to thank you for your interest and if you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at Kirtland AFB; Telephone 247-1711, Extension 3061.

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CHARLES H. VAN DIVER, Capt, USAF
Chief of Safety

Valencia, N. Mex.
May 10, 1967

Air Police Operations
Hutland AFBSE, Albuq.

Attention someone:

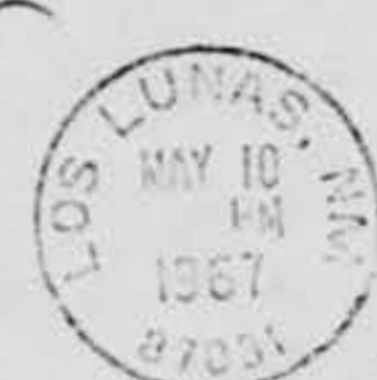
I don't know who to contact but
I would like to know what the "thing"
I saw was last night at 8:30 P.M.

I saw a big bright yellow sphere
of light descend from the top of the
Sandia Mountains straight down to tree-
top level. It was very, very bright and
as it descended it got dimmer until it was
an orange then a red glow. At tree-
top level it was red, then it took off
in a straight line north towards Albuquerque.
Please answer and let me know what
it was. Thank you.

Mrs. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Los Lunas, N. Mex.
Phone [REDACTED]

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Inspector General of the U.S. Air Force
Air Police Operations
Kirtland Air Force Base
Albuquerque, New Mexico

1. List / AF & Navy
2. Chopper / Rescue
3. Jammers

Chopper
mission that
was very
successful.

Astro (Venus)
DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION (AFSC)
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO 45433



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: TDET/UFO

24 May 1967

SUBJECT: UFO Observation , 9 May 1967

TO:

Mrs. [REDACTED]
Las Vegas, Nevada 89108

Reference your unidentified observation. The information which we have received is not sufficient for a scientific evaluation. Request you complete the attached FTD Form 164 and return it in the envelope provided. Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

JCM
JAMES C. MANATT, Colonel, USAF
Director of Technology and Subsystems

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FTD Form 164 w/envelope

9 MAY 67

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
STAFF MESSAGE BRANCH
INCOMING MESSAGE

AFIN: 53043 (11 May 67) R/ap

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ACTION: RDC-4

INFO: XOP-1, XOPX-2, SAFOS-3, DIA/JCS-1 (12) ADV CY DIA

SMB B260PTU JAW RUWJEMA0205 1311905-UUUU-RUEDHQA.

ZNR UUUUU

P 111600Z MAY 67

FM USAFTFWC NELLIS AFB NEV

TO RUWMPVA/ADC

RUWJBA/27AIRDIV LUKE AFB ARIZ

RUEDFIA/FTD WPAFB OHIO

RUEDHQA/CSAF

RUEDHQA/CSAF WASH DC

ZEN/UNIV OF COLORADO BOULDER CO 80302

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UNCLAS CDI 00025 MAY 67.

FOR FTD WPAFB OHIO (TDETR), CSAF (AFRDC), OSAF (SAF-01). ATTN: DR CONDON

SUBJ: UFO REPORTS.

THE FOLLOWING THREE (3) REPORTS ARE IAW AFR 80-17.

1. REPORT NOT 1. PARR 11A: (1) TOO FAR AWAY TO TELL (2) LARGER
THAN THE EVENING STAR (3) BRIGHT WHITE TO ORANGE (4) ONE, TWO, OR
THREE (5) NONE. (6) NONE. (7) NONE. (8) NONE. (9) NONE. PARA 11B:
(1) MRS CRAMERS' CALL TO THE RADIO PROGRAM "OPEN LINE." (2) 45
DEGREES (3) 45 DEGREES, STOPPED OVER MR CHARLESTON (4) STEADILY

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ORTH (5) BINOCULARS 7/35 (3) NA. PARA 11D: (1) 10 MAY 0700Z,
9 MAY 2300 LOCAL (2) DARK. PARA 11E: 801 GTH ST, BULDER CITY,
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NEVADA. PARA 11F: (1) MRS [REDACTED]: 55; [REDACTED],
BOULDER CITY, NEV: PLUMBING AND HEATING; ONE YEAR COLLEGE AT SANTA
BARBARA; SEEMS VERY RELIABLE.

2. REPORT NO 2. PARA 11A: (1) ROUND AND SPARKLING (2) BIG AS A
STAR (3) WHITE TO YELLOW TO A LITTLE GREEN SPEAK AND BACK THROUGH
THE SAME CYCLE AGAIN. (4) ONE (5) NONE (6) NONE (7) NONE (8) NONE
(9) NONE. PARA 11B: (1) THE RADIO PROGRAM "OPEN LINE" (2) 45
DEGREES (3) 45 DEGREES (4) NONE (5) INSTANTLY (6) ONE MINUTE.

PARA 11C: (1) GROUND-VISUAL (2) NOEN (3) NA. PARA 11D: (1)
10 MAY BETWEEN 0630 AND 0700Z, 9 MAY BETWEEN 2230 AND 2300 LOCAL
(2) DAR. PARA 11E: ONE BLOCK SOUTH OF TONOPAH HIGHWAY. PARA 11F:
(1) MRS [REDACTED]; 39; [REDACTED], LAS VEGAS, NEV;
HOUSEWIFE; HIGH SCHOOL; SEEMS FAIRLY RELIABLE (2) NA.

3. REPORT NO 3. PARA 11A: (1) ROUND (2) SIZE OF AUTOMOBILE (3)
WHITE-YELLOW (4) THREE OF FOUR (5) NA (6) NONE (7) NONE (8) NONE
(9) NONE. PARA 11B: (1) FRIEND AT THE WINDOW. (2) 22 DEGREES
(3) 22DEGREE (4) OBJECT CAME UP, GOT BRIGHT THE SPLIT; THE OTHER

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ONE DID MANY 90-DEGREE TURNS (5) OBJECT DID NOT DISAPPEAR--THE
INDIVIDUAL BECAME FRIGHTENED AND LEFT. (6) FOUR HOURS. PARA 11C:
(1) GROUND-VISUAL (2) NONE (3) NA. PARA 11D: (1) 10 MAY 0530Z TO
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0930Z, 9 MAY 1730 LOCAL TO 10 MAY 0130 LOCAL (2) DARK. PARA 113:
DRIVING AROUND IN THE DESERT TRYING TO GET CLOSER TO THE OBJECT.
PARA 11F: (1) MR [REDACTED], 24; ONE YEAR FULLERTON
JR COLLEGE, CALIF; UNEMPLOYED; NOT VERY RELIABLE (2) NA.

4. NOTE: ITEMS 11G THROUGH 11K ARE THE SAME FOR ALL THREE REPORTS.

PARA 11G: (1) DARK (2) SURFACE-220 DEG 22K; 6000 FT 210 DEG 31K,
10,000 FT 220 DEG 24K; 16,000 FT 260 DEG 32K; 20,000 FT 250 DEG 48K;
30,000 FT 240 DEG 1000K; 20,000 FT WWP DEG 65K. (2) 9000 FT SCAT-
TERED (4) 15 PLUS (5) 3/10 (6) NONE (7) SURFACE TO 5000 FT
ZERO C/1000; 5000 TO 11,000 FT MINUS 3 DEG C/1000; 11,000 TO
13,000 FT MINUS ZERO C/1000; 13,000 TO 28,000 FT MINUS 2.3 DEG C/
1000; 28,000 TO 30,000 FT PLUS 2.3 DEG C/1000; 20,000 TO 45,000
MINUS 2.3 DEG C/1000; 45,000 TO 49,000 FT PLUS 1.4 DEG C/1000;
49,000 TO 55,000 FT MINUS 1.5 DEG C/1000. PARA 11H: NONE.

PARA 11I: NONE. PARA 11J: NONE. PARA 11K: 2LT PETER B THATCHER,
UFO REPORTING OFFICER, NELLIS AFB NV 89110. ALL THREE OF THESE

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PEOPLE CALLED IN THEIR SIGHTINGS TO A LOCAL "OPEN LINE/RADIO
PROGRAM. THE HUSBANDS OF THE TWO WOMEN ALSO WERE WITNESSES TO
THE UFO SIGHTINGS, AND THREE APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN MANY OTHER
PEOPLE WHO SAW THE UFO AND DID NOT CALL INTO NELLIS AFB.

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AN ASTRONAUT CALLED INTO THE RADIO SHOW AND EXPLAINED IT AS THE
PLANET VENUS. THIS APPEARS TO BE THE MOST LIKELY EXPLANATION.

OFFICIAL MAILING ADDRESS FOR 2LT PETER B THATCHER S1 TWC (CDI)
(2LT THATCHER), NELLIS AFB NV 89110. BUSINESS PHONE IS
702-382-1800 EXT 21598. HOME PHONE: 702-649-1100.

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9 May 1967
Los Lunas
New Mexico

26 May 1967

Mrs. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] 31
Los Lunas, New Mexico 87031

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

Captain Van Diver in our Safety Office sent me your letter in which you requested information and books on UFOs. I would first recommend consulting the public library and, if they are not able to satisfy your requirements, you might write to:

SAF-OIC
Washington, D.C. 20030

That agency, part of the Secretary of the Air Force's Office, is geared to answer specific questions and provide more information than we can.

In regard to your questions about helicopters, they can descend in a straight line, hover at a standstill and then take off in a straight line. As you can see in the attached photo, one of our Kirtland helicopters is at a standstill fighting a fire.

The search lights used on the night in question are a series of lights rather than one single light of the World War II searchlight variety. Thus, the lights would appear to be a glow rather than be a single beam. Dust would also make it glow. Helicopters when nearing the earth create large clouds of dust from the wind generated by their rotating propeller blades. Helicopters are also equipped with blinking red and white lights as well as red and green lights.

One of our helicopters should be in the Los Lunas/Valencia area next Thursday evening (1 June) and you might be able to compare what you saw earlier.

We in the Air Force are doing our best to answer UFO queries in an open and honest manner. We try to explain each sighting. Your sighting is an example of our efforts to investigate and determine what was sighted.

If we can be of more assistance, please write.

Yours truly,

JOHN W. DUENMEL, Captain, USAF
Director of Information

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1. Photo
2. Data Sheet HH-43B

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Valencia, N. Mex.

Charles H. Van Dine Capt. U.S.A.
Chief of Safety.

Dear Sir:

I received your letter in which you state that the sighting I witnessed was a helicopter operating high-powered search lights, and that the atmosphere contained large amounts of blowing sand and dust.

I'm sorry to say this but I cannot possibly accept this as what I saw. In the first place the light was not a directed beam of light and it was a very large sphere of very very bright light that turned orange and red, getting dimmer as it descended. I'm sure I can tell the difference between a search light and a steady glow that does not blink or change colors, it just seemed to fade from bright yellow to orange to red as it stopped in mid-air. Can a helicopter descend in a straight line straight down, then hover at a standstill for a few seconds before taking off in a straight line through rather fast?

Is it not all

these sightings seem to want to be
 quashed so badly. For instance the
 sighting at Socorro. They had a plausible
 story from a man that was not
 merely someone who didn't know the
 difference between a searchlight and some-
 thing else. When I was 17 years old
 I saw three U.F.O.s but I feared
 ridicule so I kept it to myself. Out-
 side of my parents I told no one.
 I assure you, I'm not the type of person
 who makes up tales to draw attention
 to myself. I'm an average housewife
 that stays to home. I've too much to
 keep me occupied. I have no time
 to run around telling tales of things
 I "thought" I saw.

I've read books by Major Kehoe
 and Frank Edwards and I'm convinced
 that there is something to these U.F.O.s.
 Please could you get me a list of the
 best books to read on this subject?
 Please let me hear from you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~