

4602D AISS UFOB LOG

REPORT NUMBER AISS-UFOB-143-56	DATE/TIME OF SIGHTING 31/0030Z May 56	RECD AISCP 6 June 1956
LOCATION OF SIGHTING Homestead AFB, Homestead, Florida		LOGGED BY S.Sgt DeRudder
MEANS RECD TT Msg	ACTION TAKEN No formal investigation authorized	
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COMMENTS A request (see Attached TT) has been sent for the sketches and certain additional info. ATIC to be notified of conclusions.		
CONCLUSIONS PROBABLY ASTRO		

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 AND SIGNED STATEMENTS OF UFOB SIGHTING WHICH OCCURED AT HOMESTEAD AFB AT
 31/0300Z TO 31/0500Z MAY 56 PD IT IS FURTHER REQUESTED THAT THIS HQ BE GIVEN
 CLARIFICATION AS TO WHY ONE OBSVR SAW THE OBJECT FOR THREE MINUTES AND OTHER
 OBSVR SAW OBJECT FOR TWO AND ONE-HALF HOURS PD ~~BE~~ FURTHER INFO OR COMMENTS
 WHICH WOULD HELP IN THE EVALUATION OF THIS SIGHTING ~~WOULD BE APPRECIATED~~ PD END

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ASS'T ADJUTANT

Headquarters
823D AIR DIVISION
United States Air Force
Homestead Air Force Base, Florida

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13 JUN 1956

SUBJECT: UFCB

TO: Commander
4602d Air Intelligence Service Squadron
Ent Air Force Base, Colorado

1. In accordance with Paragraph 6b, Air Force Regulation 200-2, dated 12 August 1954, and Message AISOP 0538, your headquarters, statements by A/2C O'Rourke and M/Sgt Wood and a diagram of the object sighted on 30 May 1956 are forwarded.

2. In reference to that part of your message asking clarification of why one observer only saw the object for three minutes and the other observer saw it for two and one half hours, the following information is submitted:

a. One observer was located in the Wing Control Room and observed the object through a window. His field of vision was hampered by maintenance docks. It is probable that this observer's view of the object was obscured when it passed beyond the maintenance docks. This observer saw the object for approximately three minutes.

b. The other observer was located in the Base Operations Tower part of the time and out on the aircraft parking ramp part of the time. He had a clear and unobstructed view of the object. This observer saw the object for approximately two and one half hours.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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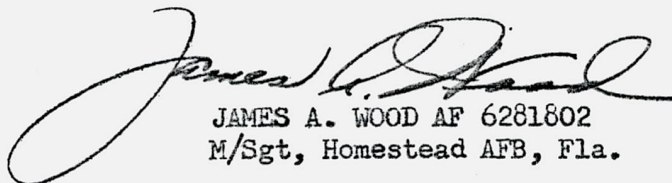
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C E R T I F I C A T E

At about 2030, 30 May 56, I was on duty in the Wing Control Room. I overheard a conversation from the Base Operations control dispatcher, requesting the crash crew to investigate a light off the northeast end of the ramp. I looked out and saw a small fire in that direction which appeared to be off the Base. At the same time there was a moving light and an object of indefinite shape with a yellow or orange light on it at about 500 feet and two miles distance. It moved as though circling, sometimes practically hovering and at others moving quite rapidly, rising and falling. I assumed it to be the Base helicopter which I had seen flying about, late in the afternoon. I reported on the fire, giving the light no great concern. I had the teletalk set to monitor Base Operations, and I kept over-hearing talk about this object. The civilian police had been alerted, and they had seen "something" in the area, which they were unable to identify. At a little past 2300 the Base Ops dispatcher was returning from the dining hall, when he observed this light flying at 500 to 1,000 feet above and parallel to our long runway, moving from southwest to northeast. He stopped his vehicle, got out to look, and could hear no sound from the object. Upon being informed of this, I called Major Karol and notified him of these strange goings-on. The Base dispatcher was directed to call a Mr. Holland, of Holley Duster Corporation to see if he had any dusters flying at that hour. He replied that he did not and knew of no-one who had.

I have been earning either all or part of my living from flying as pilot, engineer, observer and passenger for something over 5,000 hours in the last twenty-five years. I've seen a lot of airplanes, blimps, helicopters and other things fly, and this didn't act quite like any of them. I do not believe in flying saucers, but there was "something" out there.



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M/Sgt, Homestead AFB, Fla.

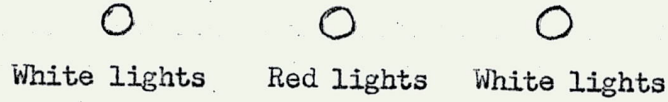
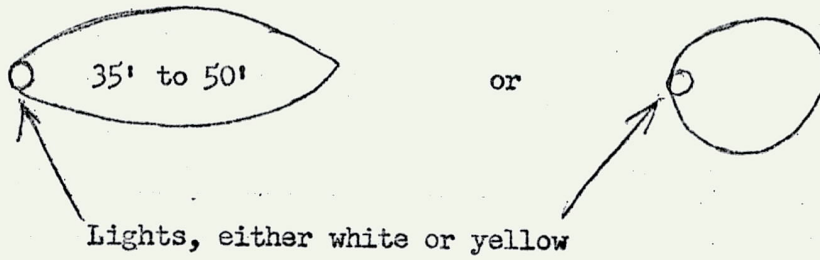
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C E R T I F I C A T E

At approximately 1930 hours on the night of May 30, 1956, I, A/2C Walter F. O'Rourke, AF11202909, received a call from Airman Delagardo at Air Police Hq. He asked me if I had any planes flying. I told him that the field had closed at sundown, 1908 hours. He then asked me if I could tell him what was flying around at the far end of Runway 23. I told him I would try to find out. When I went out to the ramp, I saw an object bearing the light markings similar to an H-19, one red light in the center and one white light on each side. At times it was going very slow and then very fast. The altitude would range from about 50 feet up to 3,000 feet. The object stayed in the area for about two and one half hours (2½). I went up to the tower to see if I could get a better look. Even with field glasses, I could not make the object out. I called Airman Delagardo and told him I had no idea what it was. Then at about 2130 hours I was again called by the Air Police. They told me that two state troopers were at Air Police Hqs. They wanted to know what the object was. I told the APs to send them down to Base Ops so that I could get a position of the object from them. A short time later I was called by the APs and they told me that the state troopers said forget it. At about 2200 hours, I was called by Miami Coast Guard on Plan 62. They wanted to know if I had anything flying. They said that they had been called by the Homestead Sheriff about a low flying plane. I then called Miami ATC to see if they had anything in the area. They had nothing flying in our area. I then called Flight Service and asked them what they had coming over our area. They had one plane that had gone to the Keys. The plane wasn't in our area when the lights were spotted. Miami ATC called back and said that they had a plane coming through our area and that he would have the pilot check to see what he could find. The plane checked the area and gave a ^{NEGATIVE} regular report. ATC told me to call the dusting companys in Homestead. I called and they said they had no planes flying. Miami Coast Guard then called back and said to forget whole thing. Then at 2330 hours when I was coming back from chow, I saw an object flying between one and three thousand feet. He flew over the main runway from 5 to 23. He had just one flashing red light. I went up to the tower and tried to spot him with the aid of field glasses. The only thing I could see was the red light. The light was making a rocking movement. He stayed in the area 15 minutes. I called Flight Service and ATC. They had no planes flying. The night was very still and no wind. I heard no noise from the object, just the light.

Walter F O'Rourke
 WALTER F. O'ROURKE, AF 11202909
 A/2C, Homestead AFB, Fla

Description of object sighted on night of 30 May 1956.*



*M/Sgt Wood's attention was first called to the object as he was watching a fire north of Homestead AFB. He sighted the object by side-vision and it then appeared elliptical in shape or round in shape, however, he stated that when he regarded the object with his eyes focused directly upon it, he only saw a yellow or white light.

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