

1602D ATSS UFOB LOG

REPORT NUMBER AISS-UFO-23-56	DATE/TIME OF SIGHTING 31/0380 Jan 56	RECD AISOP 2 Feb 56
LOCATION OF SIGHTING Lake Washington (Seattle), Washington		LOGGED BY S/Sgt DeHudder
MEANS RECD TT Msg	ACTION TAKEN Investigation Authorized	
INVEST UNIT Flight 1-A	DATE INVEST ASSIGNED 2 Feb 56	ASSIGNING OFFICER Maj Thrasher
DATE IR RECD HQ	DATE IR APPROVED	DATE IR TO ATIC
DATE FORM 5 2 Feb 56		
COMMENTS Investigation assigned to Flight 1-A, 2 Feb 56. Results of investigation as indicated below:		
CONCLUSIONS Was Astronomical: Star "SIRIUS"		

AISOP FORM 7 (2 APR 55)

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Long Distance Telephone Call

Comdr, 4602d AISS

AISOP

2 Feb 56

0930 hours

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S/Sgt DeRudder/4498

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

1. Telephone conversation between S/Sgt DeRudder, this headquarters, and 1/Lt Kirk, Flight 1-A.

2. The undersigned called Flight 1-A with respect to a follow-up UFOB investigation of an object sighted 31/0330Z Jan 56. It was requested that Flight 1-A conduct a limited investigation of this sighting by telephone. Lt Kirk stated that the Flight M-37 is available and if the need arises it could be utilized in this investigation. The location of the sighting is near Flight 1-A and therefore there will be no TDY involved.

3. Lt Kirk requested the following information be passed to Major Randle:

a. A/IC Sloan is due for discharge 11 Feb 56 but his records have not been received to date at Flight 1-A.

b. Lt Kirk requested that all units be notified by TT Msg if it appears that the records were mis-sent. (AISPR, Major Randle notified)

Ronald D. DeRudder, S/Sgt, USAF
AIC, UFOB Program

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DATE-TIME GROUP 31 JAN 56

JAN 56

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FM COMDR, 635TH ACWRON, MCCHORD AFB, WASH
TO RJEDEN/COMDR, ADC, ENT AFB, COLORADO SPRINGS, COL
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AFB, OHIO
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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT UFOB		
AREA REPORTED ON SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	FROM (Agency) 1A- UFOB -1-56	
DATE OF REPORT 3 Feb 1956	DATE OF INFORMATION 30 Jan 1956	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer) LELAND R. KIRK 1/Lt, USAF	SOURCE	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) Tel call Hq 2 Feb 56, TT 1A3 635 AC&W Sq 011655Z FEB 56, AFR 200-2, ADC Reg 200-7, 200-2		
SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclusions at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 115-Part II.)		

I. CONTENTS:

- PART ONE: Description of sighting by Mr
- PART TWO: Description of sighting by Mr
- PART THREE: Supplementary investigative efforts
- PART FOUR: Comments of preparing officer

II. SUMMARY: The UFOB was originally observed by SOURCES during the evening of 30 Jan 1956, from the home of in Seattle, Washington. GEORGE DUNCAN 4035. The object first appeared in the southeast and slowly moved to a position due south. The information in this report was obtained from personal and telephone interviews.

III. INVESTIGATOR: 1/Lt LELAND R. KIRK 21810A

Leland R. Kirk
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1/Lt, USAF
Officer in Charge

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I. SOURCE:

Address: [REDACTED] Seattle, Washington
Age: 13
Occupation: Student
Education: Junior High School student
Qualifications: None

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE was interviewed via telephone, however, he seemed sincere and gave answers in a clear and precise manner. In view of SOURCE'S age and lack of technical background information is considered to be only fairly reliable.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING:

1. SOURCE stated that he first observed reported object at 31/0230Z Jan 56, from his home in Seattle, Washington GEOREF DNOC 4035. It was completely dark and the sky was clear. SOURCE stated object was round in shape and about the size of a pencil eraser held at arms length. Object was bright and appeared to flicker like a star and appeared to change colors including white, amber, blue and green. When first observed, SOURCE stated object was southeast of his position or approximately 160° at an elevation of 15°. Object slowly moved to 180° and elevation increased to 20° by 31/0730Z Jan 56. SOURCE stated that object had been visible in approximately the same position each night since original sighting and he now believes it to be a star.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

1. Dr. [redacted] of the University of Washington Observatory was contacted and plotted the position of known bright stars and planets which might correlate with the information received in the UFOB report. Dr. [redacted] reported that the star SIRIUS was visible and very bright during the period of this UFOB observation. The position and elevation of SIRIUS from observers position and time of observation was as follows: 31/0330Z Jan 56, 16° elevation, 139° bearing, 31/0630Z Jan 56, 26° elevation, 180° bearing and 31/0730Z Jan 56, 24° elevation, 200° bearing. Dr. [redacted] stated that SIRIUS is the brightest visible fixed star with a magnitude of minus 1.6. This star is predominantly bluish white with variations.

2. The Seattle Filter Center was contacted and indicated they had received the original UFOB report from a Boy Scout in Seattle Wash. at 31/0340Z Jan 56. The observer was [redacted] Seattle, Washington. The scout troop reported taking compass bearings and stated the object was 120° from their position at an elevation of approximately 20°. This information was passed to the controller on duty with the 635th AG & W Sq, McChord AFB, Wash.

3. The Fleet Weather office at Sand Point Naval Air Station was queried concerning balloon releases and reported the following: A large RAVINSONDE Balloon was launched from that station GEORGE DKNC 454L at 31/0231Z Jan 56. This balloon had an ascent rate of approximately 1000 feet per minute and expanded to a diameter of 20-25 feet at maximum altitude. A train of equipment was attached to the balloon including weather instruments, parachute and one small light. From the launching place this balloon moved due south and at 31/0330Z Jan 56 was at an altitude of 58,596 feet at a position 42 miles due south of Sand Point Naval Air Station. The balloon burst at 31/0350 Jan 56 at an altitude of 88,921 feet. Balloons of this type are released from this station daily on schedule.

4. McChord AFB weather office reported generally clear skies during time of sighting. Winds were 010/37 knots at 10,000 feet, 020/44 knots at 18,000, 030/63 knots at 23,000, 010/88 knots at 30,000 and 350/78 knots at 34,000 feet. There were three separate temperature inversions in the area. These inversions covered the following levels: 740 Millibars - 730 Millibars, 300 Millibars to 250 Millibars, 228 Millibars - 213 Millibars.

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5. 1/Lt G. J. Gundelfinger (GCI Controller at McChord AFB) received the original report from Seattle Filter Center at approximately 31/0330Z Jan 56. Lt Gundelfinger checked with Seattle ATC who informed him that there were no IFR flight plans in the area. There were no indications on the GCI radar scope. At 31/0455Z Lt Gundelfinger diverted two (2) F-86 D aircraft, which were on a training flight, to the Lake Washington bridge area. The F-86 D pilots circled the area for several minutes and reported negative sighting to the GCI controller. Lt Gundelfinger stated that in his opinion the observers reporting the sighting were watching a star.

6. 1/Lt Richard G. Thomas, Flt leader and 2/Lt John Underwood, 318 Ftr Sq, call sign Trumpet Baker 1 & 2 took off at approximately 31/0450Z Jan 56 and were diverted at 0455Z by Mercury (GCI) to Lake Washington area in vicinity of floating bridge GEORGE DUNCAN 4535. At 8000 feet they circled the area for approximately 6 minutes and the only thing sighted was a patch of thin haze off the east side of Lake Washington at 5000 - 6000 feet. The weather was clear in the entire area except for light haze. It was moderately dark and the moon was not up. Stars were visible and bright. GCI reported no unusual sightings to pilots and no contact was made on airborne radar. Only one aircraft was observed taking off from Sea-Tac on a south course as the F-86 Ds were leaving the area. There was no turbulence. Lt Thomas stated that shortly before taking off another pilot pointed out a particularly bright star in the Southeast.

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COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER:

1. In the opinion of the investigating officer this sighting was undoubtedly caused by the star SIRSUS for the following reasons:

- a. The position of the star SIRSUS as plotted by the University of Washington Observatory correlates very closely with SOURCE'S estimated elevation and bearing.
- b. During the period of this observation, this area has had unusually clear nights. This condition in an area accustomed to nightly overcasts, at this time of year, would tend to attract undue attention to particularly bright stars.
- c. The fact that SOURCE observed object on succeeding nights in approximately the same position on each occasion indicates very strongly that sighting was astronomical.
- d. Both sources stated that they now believe the object to be a particularly bright star.



ISLAND R. KIRK
1/LT, USAF
Officer in Charge

COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

Concur with the opinion of the Preparing Officer that this sighting was caused by the star SIRSUS.



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