

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 16 Jan 53	2. LOCATION Honolulu, Hawaii, T.H.
3. SOURCE Yeoman Third Class	10. CONCLUSION PROBABLY AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	No data presented conflicting with a/c analysis.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 Min.	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	Source observed a bright highly illuminated object from moving auto. Aside from bright light; object had no visibly unusual or aerodynamic features.
7. COURSE S turned W	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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Major John E. Rhode

1500 Air Base Wing, Hickam AFB, T. H.

Report #1. FLYOB RPT received this headquarters from 1500th Air Base Wing, Hickam Air Force Base, T. H., on 21 January 1953. No distribution other than to Headquarters MATS.

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Source: Yeoman 3d Class [REDACTED], MATS, Pearl Harbor, T. H.

1. On 16 January 1953, Yeoman [REDACTED] observed an unusual "flying object" in the air. Interrogation of Yeoman Williams by the 1500th Air Base Wing Intelligence Officer revealed the following facts.

2. At 0630 local time, 16 January 1953, while proceeding on Himitz Highway in the city of Honolulu, [REDACTED], Yeoman Third Class, [REDACTED], presently assigned to MATS, Pearl Harbor, observed a bright, highly illuminated circular shaped object moving at a high rate of speed over the Pearl Harbor area for about a period of three minutes. Yeoman [REDACTED] was unable to identify this "flying object."

3. The object was moving in a north-south direction in a straight line parallel to the earth and then made a 45° turn and moved out of sight in a westerly direction. The size of the object, its speed or its altitude could not be determined by Yeoman [REDACTED]. Aside from the bright light the object had no visibly unusual or aerodynamic features; there were no sounds, trails, smoke or propulsion systems noted. The object was observed with the naked eye from a moving automobile. Yeoman [REDACTED] stated that he has had considerable experience in observing jet and conventional type aircraft and that this object did not in any manner resemble anything he had ever seen. Weather conditions at time of sighting were clear; wind ENE at about 5 knots and aloft conditions were very light with winds at about 6 knots per hour.

COMMENT: A check with U.S. weather bureau revealed that no weather balloons were released at the time of this sighting. Base Operations at Hickam AFB reported that a C-97 type aircraft had departed Hickam at 0630 and that a C-54 type aircraft had landed at Hickam at 0640. No substantiating reports from other military and civilian agencies were received that would confirm the above reported sighting.

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