PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE	2. LOCATION	12. CONCLUSIONS
16-23-24 March 59	Norfolk, Va	☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 17/0100Z	**4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION** ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	**6. SOURCE** Civilian & Military	☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Intermittently 2 hrs 10 mins	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** nine (9)	**9. COURSE** none
		☒ Other Flash Bombs ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Rnd, orange-yellow objs, size of silver dollar. No more than one obj seen at one time. Illumination of area as if by lightning flashes. Each sighting described as obj flashing two or three times in rapid succession.

11. COMMENTS

It was determined that flash bombs were being dropped at Ship Shoal Range on Cape Charles, which is NE of Norfolk, in a night photo training operation.

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

March 18, 1959

Bureau of Unidentified Objects
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

We would like to report a strange flying object in this area which took place on March 16, 1959 at 8 P.M. We witnessed this as we backed out of my driveway which is in the vacinity of the Little Creek Amphibious Base, Norfolk, Va.

I was accompanied by Mrs. [redacted] and her 12 year old son. It was the son who first brought it to our attention by remarking, " Mother, it's lightening ! " With that, we all looked up and saw a large ball-like , yellowish orange object hovering in the sky to the North East. It was tremendous in proportion to any object we had ever seen in the sky before. It gave forth an explosive glare of light which illuminated the entire surrounding area of the housing project in which I live. Each flash lasted to the count of 5, with short intervals in between. Then the object was obliterated in complete darkness.

We then pulled out of the driveway and drove up two blocks to Little Creek Rd. when all three of us saw it again. This time it was very close to the ground, in fact we thought it was going to land. In this stage it was no longer flashing , but holding a steady, brilliant glow of light. It was then lost from sight as tho it had landed.

By this time we were all highly excited and instead of going to our appointed destination, we drove towards the Amphibious Base and decided to follow it.

We drove a mile and a half in an easterly direction and it appeared again in the same N.E. direction, only this time it was farther away, higher in the sky and flashing again.

In this position it flashed twice. The last flash remained longer than any of the preceding flashes. During the last flash we were able to discern a dim but definite outline of a strange craft which none of us had ever seen before.

For this report we would like to add that this statement is completly true and this is an accurate discription of what we saw in the sky.

[redacted]

Send to FBI Suggest they ask for pointing send questionnaire and show Langley or 1056 [illegible] Pyle

[redacted]

March 18, 1959

To whom this may concern:

I am enclosing a letter from my friend Mrs. [redacted] and one from her son who were with me when the object in mention was sighted in our locality.

In this letter I would like to establish a few pertinent facts about myself because I realize such a report could be taken lightly. It is my sincere wish that our observations of this object will be believed to be a true one.

I am 40 years old and have lived in Norfolk for over 20 years and for many years near the vacinity of the Naval Air Base. I am familiar with the planes and jets that fly overhead. For nearly four years I have lived at my present address which is near the Little Creek Amphibious Base and the Norfolk Municipal Airport. I am familiar with all the searchlights and aircraft landing lights in this area. I have never seen any such object or light in my entire life, before this.

Also, I would like to make it quite clear that my eyes are trained for color, lines and proportions as well as perspective as these are subjects I teach daily in my own Art Studio in Norfolk. I have also taught Art in the Public School system and the Norfolk Museum of Arts and Sciences.

After seeing this phenomenon it was so impressed on my mind as to its relative proportions, color and distance that I went to my studio the following morning and made a large pastel picture of it in full color. Those who saw it said it was frightening.

I have been very active in the Art circles in this city for 10 years and feel that my knowledge of Art has been invaluable to me during this experience.

Sincerely hoping that you will give our report and letters your immediate attention and cooperation, I remain

Mrs. [redacted]

Norfolk, Va.

[redacted]

Dear Sir:

My name is [redacted], I am 12 years old, I go to Carolton Cary School, and I am in the seventh grade. I saw this strange object and everything we have written is true.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

March 18th, 1959

It is indeed unfortunate that many reports of this nature have proven false. On the other hand, many honest and intelligent people have witnessed similar objects in the sky. Many of these reports have been heard and by high ranking officers in the Armed Forces, scientists and Civilian organizations who are doing research on these objects in a fine time capacity.

I do not seek publicity, but rather a desire to share with other other thinking Americans, this awe-inspiring sight.

More than this, I feel, that such experiences should and must be brought before the American people again and again, until it is a

recognize fact, that there are other mysterious objects in the heavens other than the moon, the sun and the stars.

[redacted]

Amos, Virginia

Lt Taft of 345 Bomb Wing, Langley AFB called at 1320 March 30, 5-9. They checked into the sighting and determined B-66's were dropping flash-bombs at the time of sighting. The AFC were from the 363 TAC RECON WG at Shaw AFB, N.C. who uses Langley range. The drawing ~~was~~ showed nothing but a blob of light. The lady wanted ~~an autho signature~~ a letter to the effect that if the picture was published, she would get credit for it. Lt Taft feels the [redacted] as ~~this~~ she is a commercial artist. ~~[redacted]~~

Lt Taft will send all info in a TWX and will not send the picture unless we still find a need for it.

JOINT MESSAGEFORM

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FROM:

ATIC, WP-AFB, OHIO

TO: 345TH BOMB WING, LANGLEY AFB, VA.

ATTN: INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

/UNCLASSIFIED/FROM: AFCIN-4E4s 3-592B

THIS MSG IS TO CONFIRM THE TELECON BETWEEN LT TAFT, YOUR ORG, AND SGT BOLIEU, ATIC. AS WAS STATED OVER THE TELEPHONE, YOUR ORG IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT MRS [redacted] NORFOLK, VA. FOR THE PURPOSE OF PICKING UP A DRAWING AND INVESTIGATING HER SIGHTING OF AN UFO. REQUEST THE DRAWING BE FORWARDED TO ATIC AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

COORDINATION:

AFCIN-4E4 R. T. Glaser DATE 27 Mar 59
COL GLASER

AFCIN-4E H K Gilbert DATE 27 Mar 59
COL GILBERT

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

DATE	TIME
26	1310
MONTH MAR	YEAR 1959

WRITER

SYMBOL AFCIN-4E4s

TYPED NAME AND TITLE (Use if required) Robert J. Friend
MAJ ROBERT J. FRIEND

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RELEASER

SIGNATURE Geo G Sterrain

TYPED (or stamped) NAME AND TITLE
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Duty Officer

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UNCLASSIFIED FROM BWDOI 59-186. INFO COMDR 1006TH AISS.SUBJECT: UFO REPORT. FOLLOWING REPORT SUBMITTED IN ACOORDANCE WITH ATIC MSG AFCIN-4E4G-3-592-E. REFERENCE AFR 200-2. A. (1) ROUND (2) ORANGE-YELLOW (3) SILVER DOLLAR AT ARM'S LENGTH (4) ONE TO NINE (5) NONE, NO MORE THAN ONE OBJECT SEEN AT ONE TIME (6) NONE (7) NONE (8) NONE, (9) NONE B. (1) ILLUMINATION OF AREA AS IF BY LIGHTNING FLASHES (2) 10 TO 15 DEGREES ELEVATION, 45 DEGREES AZIMUTH (NORTHEAST) (3) SAME (4) NONE (5) INSTANTANEOUSLY (6) OBJECTS SEEN INTERMITTENTLY DURING PERIODS OF FROM FIVE MINUTES TO TWO HOURS TEN MINUTES. EACH SIGHTING DURING PERIOD DESCRIBED AS OBJECT FLASHING TWO OR THREE TIMES IN RAPID

SUCCESSION WITH FLASHES APPROXIMATELY ONE FIFTIETH OR ONE TWENTY-FIFTH OF A SECOND DURATION AND WITH FROM TWO TO TEN MINUTES BETWEEN GROUPS OF FLASHES. C. (1) GROUND VISUAL (2) NONE (3) N/A D. SIGHTINGS REPORTED ON THREE OCCASIONS: 0100Z TO 0110Z 17 MAR 59 (SEEN BY [redacted] 0100Z TO 0110Z 24 MARCH AND 0020 TO 0310Z 25 MARCH SEEN BY [redacted] ONLY (2) NIGHT E. 36 55 20 NORTH, 076 12 20 WEST. APPROXIMATELY ONE MILE NORTH OF NORFOLK MUNICIPAL AIRPORT F. MRS [redacted] 40, [redacted] NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, RELIABILITY F. MRS. [redacted], UNK'EST 38, [redacted] PRINCESS ANNE, VIRGINIA, RELIABILITY F G. (1) CLEAR (2) N/A (3) CLEAR (4) TEN MILES (5) NONE (6) NONE H. NONE I. NONE J. N/A K. GENE E. TAFT, 1/LT, USAF, ASSISTANT WING INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, 345TH BOMBARDMENT WING, TACTICAL, LANGLEY AFB, VIRGINIA. BELIEVE REPORTED OBJECTS WERE PHOT FLASH BOMBS. THE 363D TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE WING, SHAW AFB, SOUTH CAROLINA, IS CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN NIGHT PHOTO TRAINING AT SHIP SHOAL RANGE, 37 13 30 NORTH, 075 48 30 WEST, APPROXIMATELY NINE MILES NORTHEAST OF CITY OF KIPTOPEKE ON SOUTHERN TIP OF CAPE CHARLES. AZIMUTH AND ELEVATION HEADINGS AS REPORTED FOR THESE OBJECTS POINT DIRECTLY TOWARD SHIP SHOAL RANGE. A CHECK WITH THE 363 TAC RECON WING

DETERMINED THAT PHOTO FLASH BOMBS WERE DROPPED AT SHIP SHOAL AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTINGS. THESE NIGHT PHOTO OPERATIONS AT SHIP SHOAL ALSO RECENTLY OBSERVED BY CAPTAIN EDWARD D. FALKENBURG, INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, 499TH BOMB SQUADRON, THIS ORGANIZATION, FROM HIS HOME LACATED AT 37 07 40 NORTH, 076 30 40 WEST, ABOUT TWO MILES WEST OF PATRICK HENRY AIRPORT. CAPTAIN FALKENBURG STATES APPEARANCE OF FLASHES AS DESCRIBED BY [redacted] AND [redacted]O.

1. MRS. [redacted] IS A PAINTER AND TEACHER OF PAINTING, AND HAS A DRAWING OF OBJECT BADE BY HERSELF APPROXIMATELY 14 BY 17 INCHES. DRAWING IS OF BRILLIANT ORANGE-YELLOW GLOW LOW IN SKY WITH STRONG RAYS ILLUMINATING STYLIZED RESIDENTIAL AREA. FOLLOWING CONVERSATION WITH ATIC SGT BOLIEU ON 27 MAR, ADVISED MRS. [redacted] DRAWING NOT REQUIRED BY USAF.

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