

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 26 July 64 17/0415Z	2. LOCATION 15 MI S Houghton Lake, Michigan
3. SOURCE Commercial Airlines Pilot	10. CONCLUSION UNIDENTIFIED
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Six	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Six white lights in formation of stepped up echelon to left observed from aircraft flying at 145 knots. Four objects observed initially joined by two more. Total duration of five minutes. Objects (lights) disappeared by fading. A/C position. Objects faded on heading of 190 degrees. NOTE: No refueling in area. Lazy day checked negative. No aircraft operation from Selfridge 4045 ARW, (control of this area) Major Braire.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Air-Visual	
7. COURSE South	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

FORM
FTD SEP 63 0-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

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17 July 1964
15 mi. South of Houghton Lake,
Michigan
21 JUL 71 18Z

1-5 EW
(UFO)

FOR INTELLIGENCE, ALL ADDRESSEES. THE FOLLOWING
INFO IS SUBMITTED IAW AFR 20-2, PARA 14. A. (1)
UNKNOWN. (2) UNKNOWN. (3) WHITE LIGHTS. (4) SIX.
(5) STEPPED UP ECHELON TO LEFT. (6) NONE. (7)
UNKNOWN. (8) NONE. (9) FOUR AT FIRST - LATER
JOINED BY TWO WHICH ALL FADED OUT AFTER FIVE
MINUTES.

B. (1) BRIGHTNESS OF THE LIGHTS. (2) 45 FEET.
(3) 4520' AT SIX O'CLOCK POSITION. (4) IN TRAIL. (5)

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FADED OUT BEHIND OBSERVER FLYING HEADING 19
DEGREES. (6) FIVE MINUTES.

C. (1) AIR VISUAL. (2) NONE. (3) AIRCRAFT ID 8744W,
SPEED 145 MPH.

D. (1) 17/415Z. (2) NIGHT.

E. (1) FIFTEEN MILES SOUTH OF HOUGHTON LAKE,
MICHIGAN.

F. (1) [REDACTED], AGE TWENTY-THREE YEARS,
[REDACTED] GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.

COMMERCIAL PILOT, NORTHERN AIR SERVICE. EIGHT
YEARS PILOT. FIVE HUNDRED HOURS PILOT TIME. THREE
YEARS COMMERCIAL PILOT.

G. (1) WX - CEILING UNLIMITED. VISIBILITY TEN MILES,
LIGHT HAZE. (2) THREE. (3) N/A.

H. NONE. I. NONE. J. N/A. K. CHIEF, INTELLIGENCE
DIVISION, MAJOR DONALD T. MCCULLOUGH - NO

COMMENTS. L. NONE.

LAST DAY
4045 ARW
SELFRIDGE AFB MICH

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ANT BRAINE

[REDACTED]
Dearborn Observatory
Northwestern University
Evanston, Illinois
14 May 1965

[REDACTED]
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Reference our telephone conversation of 13 May 65 regarding your unidentified observation on the night of 12 Jul 64. Attached is FED Form 164 for you to fill out along with a self-addressed envelope. I would appreciate your filling this form out as soon as possible to enable us to have a more comprehensive investigation of your sighting.

Sincerely,

DR J ALLEN HYNEK

12 JUL 64
Houghton, COKE

Call to [REDACTED], [REDACTED], NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan; home phone: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] office: Northern Air Service, area code [REDACTED] Dr J Allen Hynek spoke with him on 13 May 65 regarding his observation of 17 Jul 64.

[REDACTED] was coming back from straits, South of Kulton Lake, heading 220 deg, flying at altitude of 4500 ft. Out of my eye to the left, 7 o'clock, saw four lights coming up rapidly about 11pm, first thought it was another airliner, airliner doesn't look like this, my speed was 150, was just about ready to change course then they came around the left and gained speed, they just came up fast, as they approached, two more lights, at first very dimm, came up behind and stayed at 8 o'clock position, followed for about five minutes, disappeared (two top lights dimmed and faded back), saw formations of bombers and it was definitely not an airplane.

Moon and stars were out. There was a haze layer. Flying at 4500 alt. There were other people on the plane, they were sleeping, you just don't tell your passengers, that you think you're going to be hit. So busy trying to figure out what it was, no time to awake anybody. Thought flying saucers were possible but not probable. Has this subject (UFOs) come up much among the pilots he associates with? Yes, but so many people are skeptics about it that no one cares to say something about it.

Was there a change in intensity of the lights you saw? Just the two top lights, dimmed. There was no reflection, it just wasn't an airplane, at that rate of speed they would have closed in and passed me. A jet cannot slow up that fast. There was something and it wasn't an airplane, sure would like to find out. Pattern: a set formation, stayed together, they could have been attached, each light was larger than a star, quite a bit brighter than a star, no difficulty in seeing the object, haze layer very thin, two on top of plane, two on edge of bottom of plane and two in middle, like steps. They were definitely being flown by someone with intelligence. Its just impossible for something to come up and stay, definitely something there. Didn't want any advertising about seeing this object; just curious to know what he saw. Didn't try to contact anyone. Circular and not fuzzy. Two top lights dimmed, lower lights seemed to drift behind, watched them as they drifted back, when I looked back they weren't there.

FURTHER GENERAL COMMENTS: Mr [REDACTED] seemed to be most impressed by the rapid approach of lights and their sudden deceleration. He fully expected them to pass him, and he was preparing to take evasive action to prevent collision. Instead, the lights came up to about his 8 or 9 o'clock position "stayed on my wing" and followed him for five minutes. When he first saw them "his heart fell to his feet". "Never saw anything like it". Objects were only 200-300 feet away.

Lights might have been physically attached - or they could have been craft flying in close and exact formation. Brighter than stars. "You have to sort of look for the stars - these were right there to see easily". Lights seemed centered on line: 2 above wing, 2 on line and 2 below wing. Objects disappeared suddenly.

Above is report by Dr J Allen Hynek regarding his conversation with [REDACTED]

Information Only

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Houghton Lake, Mich.
16 July 1964

July 16; near Houghton Lake, Mich.: A 23-year old flight instructor reported that a UFO formation followed his airplane for 5 minutes. 6 or 7 bright lights appeared in front and behind his plane.