

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 18 January 65 19/0500Z	2. LOCATION Santa Barbara, California
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 - 3 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object believed to be a star or plane falling. Then light levelled off like a plane coming in for a landing. Increase in size and brilliance to that of a car light. Changed color to red-orange as object neared. Made direct left turn as object came within 150 yds of observer. Flight then returned object to sky with slight wavering. 2-3 minute duration.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Manuvered	COMMENTS: Additional data requested, not answered. Sighting similar to a/c with afterburner and witness misinterpretation of the distance of the object from point of observation. Since additional data requested was not received after 90 day delay the sighting is regarded as a possible a/c observation.
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

Mrs Hunt/SAFOICC/72842/22 Apr 65

April 23, 1965

Dear [REDACTED]:

The Air Force is in receipt of a report which indicates that you observed an object on 18 January 1965 which you could not identify. Although your report did not contain sufficient information to establish a definite identity of the object, the description you gave was similar to a jet aircraft with afterburner.

It is requested that the attached form be completed as fully as possible and returned to this office so that a complete evaluation can be made of the report.

Sincerely,

JOHN P. SPALDING
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Civil Branch
Community Relations Division
Office of Information

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AFD Form 164

Miss [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Torrance, California

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AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
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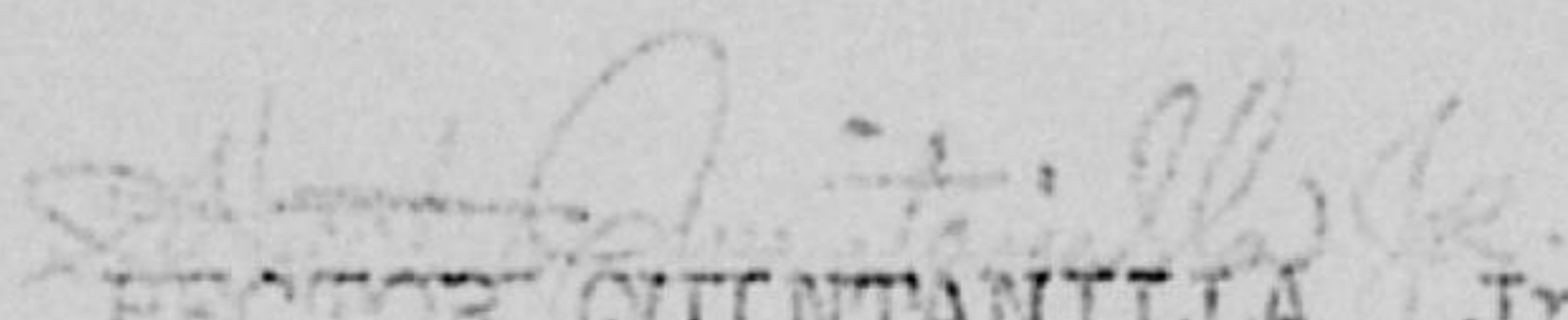
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ATTN OF: TDEW/UFO

SUBJECT: UFO Observation, Near Santa Barbara, California, 18 Jan 65 14 Apr. 65

TO: Hq USAF SAFOI-CC (Mrs Hunt)
Wash D C 20330

Our office is in receipt of a letter from [REDACTED] reporting an observation she observed on 18 Jan 65 near Santa Barbara, California. The object is very similar to a jet aircraft with afterburner, however, there are some inconsistencies in this analysis since she has indicated that the object was extremely close to her observation point. It is suggested that an FTD Form 164 be submitted to her for completion.

FOR THE COMMANDER


HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr
Major, USAF
Chief Aerial Phenomena Branch



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~~TOP SECRET~~
March 1, 1965

Dear Sirs

Would you be able to give us any information that would explain the object we observed in the sky on Jan 18th between 9:00 & 9:05 P.M.

We were at Lake Cocheco (Santa Barbara) Camp D-37 facing the west. When I first observed the object, it was high enough I thought it was a star or a plane light falling. Then it made a slight wavering and instead of continuing what appeared to be direct falling it started coming in as if a plane would for landing to the camp site. Increasing from star size to what would be comparable to the size of a car head lamp. The color of the light then began to change as it neared till it was an orange-red. Similar to the appearance of glass marbles, which have been heated or baked until they have a cracked look. We observed no smoke or vapor until it made a direct right turn (our left) some 100 or 150 yards from our camp.

From this side view we could see a tapered flame (orange-red) about 1000 ft long. At this stage of turning it was rising and very rapidly returning skyward. It then made a slight wavering and the flame turned to a smoky, bluish, purple and disappeared, leaving nothing but a small bluish vapor or smoke like strip hanging beside the small range of hills beside the lake.

There were two witnesses and except for one of us feeling the light at its largest was basketball size, we agreed on colors and its actions very close and both felt it probably wasn't more than 2-3 minutes in our view.

I was not going to inquire about this but we would sure appreciate any explanation or reasons for this that you would have to offer. Would you also know if this was seen or reported by others? Could you suggest others who would have some information?

Would you please be kind enough to see this does not receive any publicity.

Thank you for your help. Respectfully,

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Washington D.C.

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