PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 2 July 65 02/0015Z	2. LOCATION 34.24S 23.41E, South of Capetown, South Africa
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astro (METEOR)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Evaluated as a meteor observation.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object observed in SSW moving East at elevation of 35 deg. Object moved in this manner for about 5 seconds at which time it became stationary and remained so for a further second. Object turned a light orange and exploded. No sound. Explosion was estimated to be about 50 NM from observer. Object was shape of a small orange, and blue-white in color.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Easterly & Exploded	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes XX No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes XX No	

FORM
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EMBASSY
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Defense Attache Office
American Embassy
Pretoria, Republic of South Africa

9 August 1965

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 299 R&D

SUBJECT: UFO

TO: AFSC (FTD)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

The following Unidentified Flying Object sighting is reported in accordance with instructions contained in AFR 200-2.

a. Description of the Object: One object, the shape and size of a small orange, blue/white in color. No sound was heard.

b. Description of Course of Object: Object was first observed bearing SSW (T) moving slowly in a horizontal direction from west to east at an altitude of approximately 35°. After moving for approximately five minutes in this manner, the Object became stationary and remained so for a further second. It then turned a light orange in color and exploded.

c. Manner of Observation: Object was observed from the Government-owned Antarctic research and resupply ship "R. S. A."

d. Time and Date of Sighting: 0015Z, 2 July 1965; night.

e. Location of Observers: Ship en route from Durban to Cape Town; latitude: 34°24'4"S, longitude: 23°41'5"E. It is estimated that the explosion occurred about 50 nautical miles from the vessel.

f. Identifying Information on Observers:

S. G. Stigant, Second Officer, m.v. "R. S. A."
K. T. McNish, Master, m.v. "R. S. A."

%Department of Transport
Marine Division
P. O. Box 4251, Cape Town
Republic of South Africa.

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SOUTH ATLANTIC

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UFO Observation

20 AUG 1965

NASA
Washington, D C

1. Reference the attached unidentified flying object report of a visual observation in the South Atlantic. Air Force missile activity from Patrick AFB has been ruled out as a possible cause for this observation.

2. The reported description is similar to reports of possible research activity such as the NASA Sodium Shots. We would appreciatedany information which you might have of activities in this area which might result in the attached report.

FOR THE COMMANDER

ERIC F de JONCKHEERE
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology
and Subsystems

1 Atch
UFO rpt fm Pretoria,
Rep of South Africa

ORIGINATOR: H Quintanilla Jr DATED 20 Aug 65
TDEW/UFO Maj H Quintanilla, Jr

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g. Weather and Winds - Aloft Conditions at Time and Place of Sighting:

(1) Observers account of weather conditions: Cloudless sky and good visibility; Barometer 1018.8 Temperature 20 C.

(2) Pretoria Weather Bureau report of wind direction and velocity at:

	Degrees	Knots
Surface	130	05
6,000'	330	38
10,000'	330	35
16,000'	300	50
20,000'	310	40
30,000'	290	50
50,000'	270	65.

h. Any other unusual activity or condition, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise, which might account for the sighting: None.

i. Interception or identification action taken: None.

j. Location, approximate altitude, and general direction of flight of any air traffic or balloon releases in the area which might possibly account for the sighting: Unknown.

k. Comments: Unable to provide any further details inasmuch as the information reported was received more than a month after the sighting in letter form and no verbal contact with the observers has ~~been~~ possible.

Edwin B. Lackens

EDWIN B. LACKENS
Colonel, USAF
Defense Attache

SUNRISE AT 35 degrees South on 2 July 1965 0709

Beginning of Astro Twilight at 35 deg S 0538

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Col. Eric T. de Jonckheere
Air Force Systems Command
U.S. Air Force
Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20546

IN REPLY REFER TO: M-C MAO

SEP 14 1965

Col. Eric T. de Jonckheere
Deputy for Technology and Subsystems
Headquarters, Foreign Technology Division
Air Force Systems Command
U.S. Air Force
Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

Dear Col. de Jonckheere:

Your letter of 20 August 1965, requesting information on a UFO sighting on 2 July 1965, has been forwarded to this office for action. A check of NASA's records shows no sounding rocket or "Sodium Shot" activity on that date. One spent rocket body, 1965 30C, launched by the USSR on 23 April 1965, decayed from orbit on 2 July 1965. However, NORAD records indicate that the time of this decay was 0342 GMT, plus or minus ten minutes. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has no likely explanation for the UFO sighting in question.

Sincerely yours,

Leo X. Abernethy
Chief, Mission Planning
Apollo Flight Operations
Office of Manned Space Flight

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
OFFICE OF THE NAVAL ATTACHÉ
PRETORIA

IN REPLY REFER TO

30 July 1965

From: CDR DEWEY
To: COL LACKENS

Subj: Unidentified Object, report of

Encl: (1) Copy of signed statement of m.v. "R.S.A."

1. Enclosure (1) was given to me as a copy of a signed statement of the Captain and First Officers of the R. S. A. I don't know if you have a use for these but at one time the Air Force did have a program on them so I'm forwarding enclosure (1) for you to determine its usefulness.

Very respectfully,

W. E. DEWEY

Atch 1

HEADQUARTERS
FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION
AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

REPLY TO ATTN OF: TDEW

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting, 2 Jul 65, S of Capetown, S Africa

SEP 24 1965

TO: Office of the Air Attache
American Embassy
Attn: 299 R & D
Pretoria, Republic of South Africa

Reference your letter, 299 R & D, subject UFO, dated 9 August 1965. Efforts to evaluate the sighting of Mr S G Stigant and Mr K T McNish have been unsuccessful. The sighting is regarded as unidentified at present. Paragraph k of your letter stated that the sighting was reported in letter form. It is requested that this letter be forwarded to us if it is still in existence.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Eric T. de Jonckheere

ERIC T de JONCKHEERE, Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology and Subsystems

1st Ind 29 Sep 65

DAO, AmEmb, Pretoria, Republic of South Africa

TO: AFSC (FTD), Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

As requested in basic correspondence, attached hereto is letter from which information was furnished under letter, this office, 299 R&D, 9 August 1965.

Frank L. Shenk

FRANK L. SHENK
Lt Colonel, GS
Acting Defense Attache

1 Atch
Memo fm ONavA, ROSA, 30 Jul 65, w/ltr "Sighting of Unidentified Object," addressed to Chief of Naval Staff, SAN, Simonstown, fm S.G. Stigant, Second Officer and K.T. McNish, Master, m.v. "R.S.A.," 1 cy

Defense Attache Office
American Embassy
Pretoria, Republic of South Africa

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m.v. "R.S.A."

c/o Dept. of Transport
Marine Division,
P.O. Box 4251,
Cape Town.

The Chief of Naval Staff,
South African Navy,
SIMONSTOWN.

Sir,

SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT.

On Friday the 2nf July, 1965 at 0215 SAST whilst on passage from Durban to Cape Town and in D.R. Lat. 34.24.4 S D.R. Long 23.41.5 E the following was observed.

An object bearing SSW (T), the shape and size of a small orange and blue/white in colour was seen to move slowly in a horizontal direction from west to east at an altitude of approx. 35°.

After moving for about 5 seconds in this manner, the object became stationary and remained so for a further second. It then turned a light orange in colour and exploded.

No sound was heard-and it is estimated that the explosion occurred about 50 n. miles from the vessel.

Weather . Cloudless sky and good visibility. Barometer 1018.8 Temp. 20 C.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd) S.G.Stigant.
Second Officer.

(Sgd) K.T.McNish
Master.

ENCLOSURE 1A