PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE · TIME GROUP 11 August 65 11/0930Z	2. LOCATION Richmond, Walnut Creek, California
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astro (REFLECTED MOONLIGHT)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Multiple	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Mr Gates, manager of the Morrison Planitarium, observed lights that had been reported as UFO's. At the time of the observation a rare and intense electrical storm was in progress with a full moon shining. Storm clouds were moving reapidly at a low level with high stationary thunderheads. Moonlight was reflecting from tops of the thunderheads through the lower layers creating an illusion of dancing lights.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Dancing Lights	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

FORM
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HEADQUARTERS
HAMILTON AIR FORCE BASE and 78TH COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP
United States Air Force
Hamilton Air Force Base, California 94935

REPLY TO ATTN OF: SGOTN-BO

23 August 1965

SUBJECT: UFO Reports

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

1. Attached reports are submitted for your information and disposition. Follow-up investigations revealed no additional information or explanations. Personnel reporting subject sightings were sent thank you letters from the Base Joint Office of Information.

2. The 8mm movie film submitted by Mr [redacted], [redacted] Street, San Pablo, California, was previewed locally and decision made to forward for purpose of your more expert evaluation. It is requested by Mr [redacted] that his film be returned when you are finished examining it.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Alfred V. Mankedick

ALFRED V. MANKEDICK, Civ
Asst Base Operations Officer

UFO 1:30 & 2:00 AM

Oval shape 11 Aug

could see clearly again bright all fock

lots of little lights going on off

like sparkles

all around (on a/c)

red light on

bla bl

motion was not smooth

- erratic -

going fast

went up into the cloud

[redacted] Blood

[redacted]

WALNUT CREEK + brother + sister saw it

[redacted]

Was excited but not unnatural

11 AUG 65 / 1400L

REF: UFO REPORTS 0130-0200L 11 AUG 65

MORRISON PLANETARIUM, @ [redacted] WAS PHONED FOR ANY INFO THEY MIGHT HAVE ON UFO SIGHTINGS DURING PAST 7 DAYS.

"ANYTHING DURING PAST 7 NITES OF A CELESTIAL OR ASTRONOMICAL NATURE WHICH MIGHT EXCITE THE VIEWERS IMAGINATION".....

[redacted] OF PLANETARIUM, REPORTED HE PERSONALLY SIGHTED THE REPORTED LIGHTS & WAS GREATLY IMPRESSED BY THE ILLUSIONARY EFFECT WHICH WAS CREATED BY REFLECTED MOONLIGHT.

AT THE TIME OF SIGHTING A RARE & INTENSE ELECTRICAL STORM WAS IN PROGRESS & A NEAR FULL MOON WAS SHINING. STORM CLOUDS AT A LOW LEVEL WERE MOVING QUITE RAPIDLY WITH HIGHER STATIONARY THUNDERHEADS. MOONLIGHT WAS REFLECTING FROM THE TOPS OF THE THUNDERHEADS THRU THE LOWER LAYER CLOUDS - INTENSITY VARIED AS LIGHT RAYS WERE CUT OFF BY LOWER CLOUDS -- CREATING AN ILLUSION OF "DANCING LIGHTS".

[redacted] STATED HE WAS FASCINATED BY THE SPECTACULAR DISPLAY & VOICED THE OPINION THAT THERE WOULD BE NUMEROUS UFO REPORTS FORTHCOMING.

Allen

0130
11 AUG

UFO

(1) [redacted] + Wife + Brother

[redacted] AUG

Richmond

(2) (A) Small stars — white

(B) Small — hard to see

(C) White

(D) Very Many — 15-20

(E) 3 in Group

(F) — N/A

(G) — No sound

(3) (A) Watching storm — saw objects

(B) 25° — From 90 as vertical — North/W

(C) — Just Bouncing around — straight up — sideways

(D) — ↗

(E) — instantaneous disappearance + appearance

(F) — 15 minutes — still visible

(4) Naked eye 1030 Z