PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE TIME GROUP 18 [illegible] 66 18/2140Z	2. LOCATION Bear Mountain State Park, New York (One)
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Other:)HOAX) PHoto HoAX Photo does not substaniate the witnesses description of alleg UFO.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5-7 seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object was long with hump on its back. Silver to Brown. Ob. appeared to wobble. Object went behind tower behind a 1320 foot hill.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE North East	
8. PHOTOS X 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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Case includes three (3) 5"x7" photographs and one (1) 4"x5" negative.

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DEPARTMENT OF ASTRONOMY

LINDHEIMER ASTRONOMICAL RESEARCH CENTER

17 November 1967

FTD (TDETR)
Research and Aerial Phenomenon Division
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio 45433

Attn: Major H. Quintanilla, Jr.

Re: UFO of 18 December 1966, Bear Mt. State Park, New York. Evaluated originally as hoax.

Dear Major Quintanilla:

On re-examination, I find no substantiation for the evaluation of hoax, particularly in view of the photo-analysis report, No. 67-10, dated 20 February 1967, which contains no information upon which a hoax can be based. To the contrary, the report states that close examination of the negative has negated double exposure and/or retouching. The photographs appear genuine insofar as content is concerned, however, no satisfactory explanation of the unidentified object could be made. The lack of a satisfactory explanation of the unidentified object does not constitute sufficient reason to declare it a hoax. Further, the interviewer considered the witness to be a "reliable source."

After examination of the print by myself and by Mr. [redacted] of the University of Chicago, we feel that the original negative should be requested for further examination. Mr. [redacted], a qualified photo-analyst, disagrees with the photo analysis presented in the report as to the distance of the object. He points out that the depth of field extends much farther than indicated in the report. It will be noted, from the print, that the focus is poor in the entire periphery of the picture regardless of the distance; only in the center of the picture is the focus good, and this good focus extends essentially to infinity. Consequently no judgment can be made as to the real size of the object, if this judgment is based solely on the quality of focus.

My recommendation is, therefore, that the evaluation by changed from hoax to unidentified.

Sincerely yours,

J. Allen Hynek

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JAH:lp

PHOTO ANALYSIS REPORT

NR 67-10

DATE OF REPORT 20 February 196

SUBJECT UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

LOCATION Lake Tiorati, Bear Mountain State Park, New York DATE 18 December 1966

PHOTOGRAPHY

AF _____ IR _____ QUALITY Poor to Fair

P NRS 1 negative, 2 prints (B&W)

1. PURPOSE: This report is in reply to a request submitted by Major Quintanilla (TDETR) to determine the identity of the object photographed.

2. ANALYSIS: Examination of the negative has negated double exposure and/or retouching. The photographs appear genuine insofar as content is concerned, however, no satisfactory explanation could be made of the unidentified object. The object appears to be circular in planform, basically flat in cross section with a domed "superstructure". The object appears to be situated beyond the foreground trees, indicating a diameter in excess of eight inches, and the relative clarity indicates it to be substantially nearer than the background trees. The object could have a diameter as great as two or three feet. No attempt at "panning" was indicated as is evidenced by the sharpness of the general scene. The object exhibits some small degree of blurriness indicating motion, the direction of which could not be ascertained.

PHOTO ANALYSIS BY:

Douglas H. Rogers

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APPROVED BY:

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Major, USAF
Chief, Photo Analysis Branch

Wilber Price Jr.

WILBER PRICE, JR.
Chief, Photo Exploitation Division

18 Dec 66
BEAL MT. STATE PARK

SAF-OICC/Mrs Cassel/bp/79079/21 Apr 67

APR 21 1967

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Reference your recent observation of an unidentified flying object (UFO).

Your photographs were forwarded to experts for a comprehensive evaluation. They found that the object appeared to be circular, basically flat in cross section with a domed "superstructure." The object appears to be situated beyond the foreground trees, indicating a diameter in excess of eight inches; the relative clarity indicates it to be substantially nearer than the background trees. The object could have a diameter as great as two or three feet. The object exhibits some small degree of blurriness indicating motion, the direction of which could not be ascertained.

The photographs do not substantiate the statement regarding the relative size of the object to be "very big." The object photographed was at a maximum of three feet in diameter.

No other UFO reports were received from the northeastern part of the United States on December 18, 1966.

Thank you for submitting your observation to the Air Force for evaluation.

Sincerely,

GEORGE P. FREEMAN, JR.
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Civil Branch
Community Relations Division
Office of Information

Attachments { 2 pics 1 neg.

Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Bronx, New York 10465

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FTD WORK ORDER

1. Description of Work: (Include title of unscheduled tasks.)

Request photo analysis be accomplished on the attached negative and two prints to determine what unidentified object may be.

18 Dec 66, Bear Mountain State Park, New York

Request all material be returned upon completion of analysis.

-FROM-

2. FTD W.O. No.
6010212

3. Monitor
Maj H Quintanilla,

4. Phones
70916/76678

5. DIA Task No.
t65-01-59

6. DIA Priority
6A

7. Date Needed
8 February 1967

8. Consequence
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9. Classification Sources
All source

10. Classification End Product
unclassified

11. PPTD or Dep

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12. Div./Dir. Sy
TDDP

13. M-H Estima

14. Monitor

15. Phones

16. Div. Preced

17. Div. Chief/Di

18. Div. Chiefs Instructions/Modification or Expansion of Work Description

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 46030 AIR BASE GROUP (ADC)
STEWART AIR FORCE BASE, NEW YORK 12550

REPLY TO ATTN OF: 4603ODC

16 January 1967

SUBJECT: UFO Report

TO: FTD (AFSC)

The attached report is submitted in accordance with paragraph 8, AFR 80-17. The delay in submitting this report was caused from the lateness in receiving the photographs from Mr. [redacted] and, as a consequence, it was decided to attempt to obtain more detailed information as to this particular sighting.

FOR THE COMMANDER

D. C. BOYD, Lt Col, USAF
Chief, Operations & Training Division

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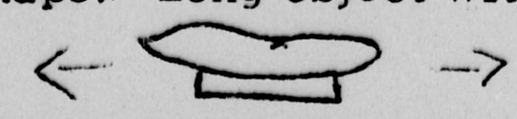
UFO Report, w/ photographs

A. Description of the Object(s):

1. Shape: Long object with hump on its back.



2. Size compared to a know object: Unknown except very big. Kept shape

3. Color: Goldish - silver to brown.

4. Number: One

5. Formation, if more than one: N/A

6. Any discernible features or details: Long with hump on back.

7. Tail, trail, or exhaust, including size of same compared to size of object(s): None.

8. Sound; if heard, describe sound: None

9. Other pertinent or unusual features: No wings - flat.

B. Description of Course of Object(s):

1. What first called the attention of observer(s) to the object(s): Unknown, observer just looked up and saw it.

2. Angle or elevation and azimuth of object(s) when first observed: 45° moving Northeast.

3. Angle or elevation and azimuth of object(s) upon disappearance: 45° angle.

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4. Description of flight path and maneuvers of object(s): It appeared to wobble.

5. How did the object(s) disappear: Went over and behind fire tower located on a 1320 foot hill.

6. How long (were) the object(s) visible: five to seven seconds. ?

C. Manner of Observation:

1. Ground - visual

2. Optical Aids: Camera, Included are two pictures and a negative.

3. N/A

D. Time and Date of Sighting:

1. Zulu time-date group of sighting: 2140Z, 18 December 1966.

2. Light conditions: Dusk.

E. Location of Observer(s): On shore of Lake Tiorati, Bear Mountain State Park, New York On the East end of lake looking West.

F. Identifying Information on Observer(s):

1. Military or Civilian: Civilian

2. Name: Mr. [redacted]

3. Age: 23

4. Mailing Address: c/o [redacted], Bronx, NY 10465

5. Occupation: Labor Foreman

6. Estimate of Reliability: I consider Mr. [redacted] a reliable source.

G. Weather and Winds - Aloft Conditions at Time and Place of Sightings:

1. Observer(s) account of weather conditions: Clear

2. Report from nearest AWS or U.S. Weather Bureau Office:
Windy +48^{0}F at 1400L

3. Ceiling: Clear

4. Visibility: Unlimited

5. Amount of cloud cover: N/A

6. Thunderstorms in area and quadrant in which located: N/A

7. Vertical temperature gradient: N/A

H. Any Other Unusual Activity or Condition: 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:

Called in too late to check with FAA/First Air Force.

K. Position, title and comments of the preparing officer:

1st Lt Thomas A. Knutson, UFO Officer
4713th Defense Systems Evaluation Squadron
Stewart AFB, New York

The initial interview was by telephone. The pictures were received 1 1/2 weeks after the call. A second interview (personal) was conducted after receipt of photographs and Mr. [redacted] furnished the negative. IAW Paragraph 12c of AFR 80-17, request that the negative and photographs be returned to Mr. [redacted] upon completion of necessary studies, analysis and duplication by the Air Force. Mr. [redacted] is married and employed by his father. He is quite interested in the object and has given these pictures to the newspapers. The only thing that can make the sighting valid is the negative which is enclosed. Mr. [redacted] and his brother developed the photographs.

L. Existence of physical evidence, such as materials and photographs: Two photographs and one negative. (both attached)

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Photographic: (The following information is required for all photographs forwarded with this form)

Type and make of camera: FIESTA KODAK (Kodak Starlite Camera)

Type, focal length, and make of lens: ——— N/A

Brand and type of film: 127 VERICHROME PAN BLACK

Shutter speed used: ?

Lens opening used; that is, "f" stop: No "f" stop

Filters used: None

Was tripod or solid stand used: HAND HELD

Was "panning" used: No

Exact direction camera was pointing with relation to true north, and its angle with respect to the ground: few degrees

Additional Comments -

No focusing necessary with the camera. No flash bulb used.

One observer claimed that it was about ½ mile to fire tower on distant hill - so observer claim object was much closer.

MEMO for the Record: 20 Jan 67

Contact was made with one of the witnesses. The brother of the witness who took the picture revealed the following: He thought the camera was a [redacted] camera. Verichrome Pan 127 film black was used. No flash bulb was used nor was the camera set for any focus since all you have to do is to set in the film and take a picture. There is no focusing of the lens. There was no f stop.