PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 3 Mar 67 4/0130Z	2. LOCATION Mt. Airy, North Carolina 4
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Aircraft(possible) Ind. 7.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Several	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Several minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observers watched two orange colored objects which were later joined by a third. The two lights were flying side by side as if in formation. There was a flashing red and white light noted. A third object joined the first two and all three traveled in formation toward the south. One observer said that there were many lights it looked like four or five on each object. All were in a horizonal plane traveling toward the south. The observers also watched several similar objects travel from the east and head toward the south. There are three low level aircraft training routes in the immediate area. It is possible that the witnesses saw normal aircraft on a training flight.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual Bx	
7. COURSE southward	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes XX No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes XX No	

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3. March 67 Mt. Airy, N.C.

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Mount Airy, N. C.
March 6, 1967

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Gentlemen:

I would like to report sighting some unusual flying objects south of Mount Airy, N. C. on the night of March 3, 1967. These objects were first noticed by my son, Bob age 8, and my daughter [redacted] age 17 while watching a falling star from the front steps of my home, at this address, which is near the center of this town of 8000 population. I enclose her description of events as attachment # 1.

I was working at the telephone office, where I have been employed as a central office repairman for 21 years, when I received a telephone call from my daughter telling me of the strange objects. I immediately came home, which took about five minutes, but nothing was in sight. My wife and daughter told me that I was too late, that they had disappeared over the horizon behind a street light that had blocked their view the last few minutes. They had also called the neighbors that live behind us, Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] But they too were too late to see anything. I received the call about 8:30 P.M. E.S.T.

Pat gave me a very good description of sighting two orange objects which were later joined by a third. It sounded very unusual to me and I was disappointed that I had missed it.

We stayed in the yard a while and finally went in the house and she and I sat on the enclosed porch. The events that followed are enclosed as attachment #2 which was written by myself. We called Mr. and Mrs [redacted] and their son [redacted], and they also saw the events.

The attached descriptions were written next morning, independently, before we discussed the matter, and represent what each individual observed, while it was fresh in our minds.

Two pictures were taken with a 35mm camera with 50mm lens. These were taken at F3.5 at 1/10 sec. on Tri X film, ASA 400. Since I am sure they are underexposed, they have not been developed as yet. I am planning to take test exposures on another roll of stars of relative brightness in the same area, and from this test roll find a developement time that will yeild a good picture. Since it has been cloudy since Friday night, the test roll has not yet been made, and thus the delay to see if we got any pictures. At this time I don't think so, because they looked mighty small in the view-finder.

Mr. [redacted] and I both observed with 7X50 binoculars, as well as without them.

The weather was clear. No clouds and no moon. The stars were brilliant, and the sky was black. Temperature was mild, in the 50's I would imagine.

I can't think of anything else that may be of interest at this time. We will be glad to furnish any other information that you might want if we can be of any further help. I have given this information to the local newspaper, The Mount Airy Times, just in case other people saw the same thing and haven't reported it to anybody.

I did hear a report Saturday morning of a girl in Pilot Mountain, N. C. a little town 12 mile south of here, saw a single ball of fire. This may have been the one we saw join the other two, and would indicate to me that since she couldnt see the other two, they would have been in the area between us. This is purely speculation, of course.

As I said before, this is all I can thing of now. If the pictures come out, we will furnish those of course.

Very truly yours,

[redacted]

The first thing that I saw was a shooting star that traveled directly over the house. In a few seconds as I was searching the sky for other stars I saw a distinct bright light approaching from the east. My little brother Bob saw the object too, and he kept saying there is an airplane, there's an airplane. But soon it became evident that the light was not caused by an airplane, or at least it did not appear as any airplane that I had ever seen before.(The first light may have been followed by a second, because suddenly from no where another light appeared. These two lights began to level off and fly side by side, as if in formation. The distance between the two lights varied from time to time. They were now approaching our houde form the east. The continued for a while straight on this course, coming closer and closer to the house. (the use of close here is somewhat the wrong term. At no time was the object actually very close to us.) The nearer that the objects came, the larger they appeared. The color that had previously been a weak red now appeared as two separate colors--one red light and one white. Bob and I continued watching, but as the objects continued coming toward us, we became somewhat afraid and we ran into the house. We called our Mother and when we all three came back out (I picked up binoculars on my trip inside) the lights were in almost the same location, but they were further away from us. The began to move in a straight line toward the south. We followed their progress. The first time that I viewed them through binoculars they appeared as red and white lights. I went into the house after giving the binoculars to Mother and called my father who was at work. When I came out again, the lights appeared to be much closer to us. The were midway between the east and south. I looked through the bin cluars. The lights were more distinct. They did not appear to be flashing now. There was some mass discernable behind the lights. I could not distinguish the shape clearly. During all of these happenings the lights were continuing to move southward. At times, as we watched their progress the lights did not appear to move at all, and then they would begin again. Suddenly from my right, a third moving object appeared. This light paused, then lining up with the other two it too fell in line and led the other objects.

Occasionally one of the objects would be a little higher or lower than the other two. Sometimes the distance between the two varied. However, after the three fell into a line their speed became more rapid. They began to fade from sight as the light of a street lamp interfered with our vision. I went into the houde and called the [redacted] to see if they could see anything from their house (which is located on the other sight of the light). When I went outdoors again the objects had completely faded from view. The last place that I had seen them, was the place from which they emerged some 30-35 minutes later.

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[redacted] March 3, 1967 9:00 p.m. EST Attachment 2

[redacted]nd I were sitting on the back porch, discussing her first sightings, and hoping to see them again. Then I saw something directly in the south. There were two orange balls, of what looked like fire, on the horizon, just above the tree line that is to the south of our house. I was surprised at how large they looked because from her previous description I would have expected something the size of a star. But these were many times this size. The color was a reddish orange, like the color of the moon when it is rising. The motion was steady, and slow. I was facing south and they were moving to my left.

We went out in the yard to get a better look. [redacted] called our neighbor and he got his binoculars and came out. He got the best look when they were the colsest apparently. I went back in the house to set the exposure on the camera I had picked up on the way out, since it was too dark to adjust it outside. I took a picture then at F3.5 and 1-10 sec, but the distance seemed too great in the viewfinder. I thought that they may appear as a star in a picture, since the size was much smaller than they first appeared. The color was not as vived any more. [redacted] brought me my binoculars then. I could only make out them as light. Distance seemed great. Their course took them out of my sight and I picked another position in our front yard. From my relative position they appeared over the Jones' house looking east and I again kept the binoculars on them. I could then see two distinct white lights on each of them. It looked like the two headlights of an automobile. I took a picture. Then I could see more than two lights. It seemed like four or five on each one. These were all in a horizantal plane. They were traveling again to the South and in a line, one behind the other. The distance between them would vary slightly all the time they were moving, but they stayed in a line in a horizantal plane. The movement was always steady. It seemed to me that they were floating like baloons. There was no noise of motors or jets.

At this time the first one started flashing lights. Alternately red and white. Like the lights on an airplane wing, but I thought they were much too close together, and I never saw any green. I could make out the point source of the lights when they flashed. There were two separate lights almost together. Not the twinkling of a star, but a definite flashing light. The second one started flashing now. I tried to determine if the lights were fixed and the vehicle was moving, or the vehicle steady and the lights flashing on and off. I couldnt be sure but it seemed the lights were on and off.

At this point a third one appeared in the top of my binocular field, from the east, and at right angle to the motion of the other two, and joined the other two. It fell in line withe the other two. They lined up in a straight line formation in a horizantal plane. I had been watching for this one because Pat had said there were three. She said that this is the place she had seen the joining the other time. They all seem to be the aame size. We watched until they again went out of sight. [redacted] said that they had repeated the previous pattern of flight almost exactly, and they had from what she had described to me. They were a bit further to the south this time she said, and were much closer before. We waited for an hour to see them again, but they did not come back into our vision. We speculated that they would be too far to the south maybe for us to see if they had come back.

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[redacted] March 3, 1967 9:00 p.m. EST Attachment 3

At approximately 9:00 p.m. I received a phone call telling me to look outside, they were back. I went out with a pair of binoculars and saw two red glowing objects coming out of the south, traveling north. They approached until they were in about a 55 degree angle to the horizon where they stopped and hovered. At this point the red glow left and I could see two bright white lights at either side, with a red light circleing the object. There were six dimmer lights above the area the red light moved across.
The objects then started traveling in an easterly direction for about two minutes. Then they reversed their course to southwest and continued out of sight over the horizon. I again saw two objects coming out of the southeast and head in a northwest direction at 9:20 p.m. These two objects had the same appearance as the first two. At about 60 degrees above the horizon they changed course to southwest and traveled in that direction for about five minutes, where they joined up with another object coming out of the southeast. They hovered for about four minutes, then disappeared into the south.