

PROJECT 10373 RECORD

1. DATE-TIME GROUP 19 Dec 67 20/0230Z	2. LOCATION Between Cloudcroft and Artesia, New Mexico (1 Witness)
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION INSUFFICIENT DATA FOR EVALUATION
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	The observer was sent a form 117 but failed to return it. The observer allegedly took photos with a 8MM movie camera, but did not submit these either. The observer was driving east on route 82, toward Artesia, New Mexico, when a few miles east of Elk, New Mexico, he noticed a large amber light to the right side of the highway at an angle of about 15 deg. The object remained in view untill the observer came to the outskirts of Artesia.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 Hour	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Easterly	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

FORM

STD 442 0-200 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

JAN 12 1968

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

This will reply to your letter of January 4, 1968, in which you described your sighting of an unidentified flying object (UFO).

Without additional information, we cannot offer an explanation of what you observed. However, if you will complete the attached questionnaire and mail it in the inclosed envelope, our technical people at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base will be able to investigate further and make an evaluation. It would also be helpful if you would send the film you mentioned provided the image is clear.

Should you ever sight another UFO, please report it as soon as possible to the nearest Air Force base. Each base has a UFO investigator, who is in a better position to make an on-the-spot investigation, which usually results in a more accurate analysis.

In the meantime, we are sending you some literature that may help you identify your sighting. Thank you for reporting it to the Air Force.

Sincerely,

DAVID L. STILES
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Civil Branch
Community Relations Division
Office of Information

Attachments

Mr. [REDACTED]

Dallas, Texas 75205

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Reader cy - SAF-OI
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Jan. 4, 1968

Dallas, Texas 75205

Officer In Charge of U F O
The Pentagon
Washington , D.C.

Dear Sir :

On December 19th , 1967 I was driving from Cloudercroft ,
New Mexico on route 82 toward Artesia , N.M.

At a point about 10 miles west of the location where Hiway
13 takes one North to Roswell , N.M. I saw a large amber
light to the right side of the Hiway at an angle of about
15 o . It seemed to be moving a little South of Due East .

The Moon was bright , near a full moon , and was to my left
at an angle of about 20 o . The time was about 7:30 P.M.

At first I took it to be a Warning light on a snow plow ;
However it did not go around and flash ; also it stayed on a
straight course and did not disappear as it would have since
this area is hilly with many turns in the roadway .

I stopped several times and glassed the object with my 7 X 50
binoculars . Judging the distance at 5 miles and the normal
increase of vision with the glasses it appeared to be from
150 to 200 ft wide. It was true amber color and seemed to get
only slightly brighter then darker to the same degree . There
was no unusual sounds, which I could hear .
If there was any wind it was very light and certainly not enough
to carry a balloon more then 40 miles .

When the lights of Artesia came into view it lifted and Passed--
just South of the city , gaining altitude so that it passed
near the top of a radio tower which had a red light on top of
it . The time was near 8:30 P.M.

I made some pictures with a good Bell & Howell 8 mm movie
camera . If it shows up when film is developed I will send
you part of it .

I have traveled West Texas and New Mexico for the past 10 years
Have seen some strange things along the White Sands proving
grounds ; this was the most baffling ; and would be interested
in knowing if anyone else saw this object .

Sincerely yours ,

