

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE & TIME GROUP 4 Feb 68	2. LOCATION Redlands, California
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Probable:: AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 6-7 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS The observer sighted a round object that had 6 to 10 red and orange lights. The object produced a sound similar to the sound used on the T.V. show the Invaders. Dogs in the area barked and the observers hair stood on end.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE NW	Comments: No unusual objects were tracked on nearby radar. A search and rescue team passed near the observers home near the time of the sighting. They were using an electric siren that produced a high-pitched oscillating whine which was probably responsible for the noise the observer heard. A light plane arrived at Tri-City airport at 1915 PST and had a traffic pattern similar to the path of the UFO.
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

TDPT (UFO)

Lt Col Quintanilla/70916/mhs/27 Jun 68
UFO Observation, 4 February 1968, Redlands, California

Dr. J. Allen Hynek

Reference your telephone conversation of 25 June 1968 with 2d Lt
Carson Marano, this office. As requested, a copy of the 4 February
1968 sighting at Redlands, California, is forwarded for your infor-
mation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 63d AIR BASE GROUP (MAC)
NORTON AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA 92409



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: G63(OTF)

13 Feb 68

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Report (UFO)

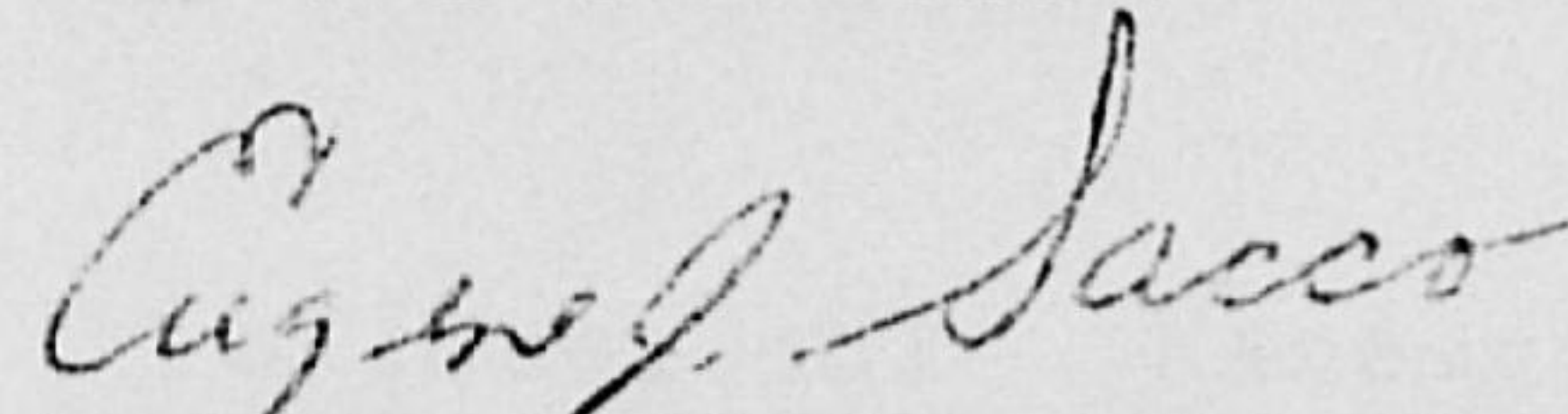
TO: FTD
Wright Patterson AFB Ohio

1. Sunday, 4 Feb 68, at approximately 1930 PST the Norton AFB Dispatch Section of Base Operations received a phone call concerning a UFO. The woman's description was very incoherent. Furthermore she would not supply her address or telephone number. Due to the nature of the telephone conversation the dispatcher could only ignore the incident and the UFO Officer was not contacted.
2. The first indication of a UFO sighting received by this activity was from a Mr John Ahrens of the University of Colorado. Mr Ahrens called on Friday, 9 Feb, and asked if an investigation had been initiated by our activity. I told him that we were unaware of the sighting. Mr Ahrens said he was advised of the UFO sighting by Dr Seff of the University of Redlands, Redlands, California. Dr Seff works in support of the UFO Early Warning Coordinators System employed by the University of Colorado. I immediately contacted Dr Seff and was informed that he had implemented an investigation aided by Dr Kranz and Dr Sanderson also of the University of Redlands. They had interviewed the children (2 girls and a boy) of the [REDACTED] family and a Mr [REDACTED]. All reside in the same general area in Redlands, Calif. All the witnesses reported approximately the same findings. Their investigation was concluded by the following:
 - a. The UFO sighting was not caused by a conventional aircraft. They did not rule out the possibility of a helicopter, if there had been one in the area.
 - b. The loud whinnying sound associated with the UFO was similar to the sound used on the TV show the "Invaders". The sound caused many dogs in the area to bark.
 - c. Mr [REDACTED], a witness, disclosed that he had a tingling sensation during the sighting that caused the hair on his body to stand on end. Dr Seff suggested that this description implied the presence of some sort of electromagnetic force.

Dr Seff is now attempting to contact additional witnesses. The results of his investigation will be forwarded to the University of Colorado.

3. After discussing the entire UFO sighting with Dr Seff I conducted a belated investigation.
4. The following UFO report is submitted in accordance with AFR 80-17. The attached UFO worksheet includes all information required by the above regulation.
5. Mr. [REDACTED] at the Redlands Police Department, was interviewed by this investigating officer. All questions asked Mr. [REDACTED] are answered on the attached UFO worksheet. It should be noted at this time that the answers are very similar to the answers given to Dr Seff and his associates when the same witness was interviewed by them. In addition, two articles that appeared in the local Redlands newspaper are attached.
6. Comments of the investigating officer are:
 - a. From all the information gathered, it would be most likely to assume that the sound heard by Mr. [REDACTED] and caused the dogs to bark was the electronic siren that produced a high-pitched oscillating whine by the San Geronio Search and Rescue Team as stated in the newspaper article, dated 7 Feb 68. The team moved through the area approximately four to five blocks from the location of the witness, in the same direction described by him, and at the identical time of the sighting.
 - b. As mentioned in the news article dated 7 Feb the implication is made that the mystery of the strange sound, seems to be satisfied by the proximity of the search and rescue team. But what of the moving lights in the sky? The investigation disclosed that a light plane arrived at Tri-City airport at 1915 PST, Sunday, 4 Feb 68. The traffic pattern for light planes at Tri-City would cause a flight path similar to the path of the UFO lights described by Mr. [REDACTED]. There was no helicopter operating in the vicinity at the noted time nor did March AFB Approach Control, located at March AFB, paint any unusual targets on radar during the time span. In addition, no weather balloons were released in the immediate area during this period.
 - c. Based on the strength of the facts presented, the possibility exists that the flight path of the light plane accompanied by the search and rescue siren caused this UFO report.

FOR THE COMMANDER


EUGENE J SACCO, MAJ USAF
UFO Officer

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1. UFO Worksheet
2. News article dtd 6 Feb
3. News article dtd 7 Feb

0204 #1

4. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING: 1920 PST

a. ZULU TIME-DATE GROUP: 0320Z/4 Feb 68

b. LIGHT CONDITIONS (NIGHT, DAY, DAWN, DUSK) Night

5. LOCATION OF OBSERVER. EXACT LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE, OR REFERENCE TO A KNOWN LANDMARK

6. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF ALL OBSERVERS:

a. CIVILIAN -- MILITARY. NAME, GRADE, ORGANIZATION, DUTY AND ESTIMATE OF RELIABILITY Civilian - Estimate of reliability GOOD;

7. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT - CONDITIONS AT THE TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING:

a. OBSERVER'S ACCOUNT OF WEATHER CONDITIONS GOOD

b. REPORT FROM NEAREST AWS OR US WEATHER BUREAU: WIND DIRECTION AND VELOCITY IN DEGREES AND KNOTS AT: (IF AVAILABLE)

SURFACE	Calm	20,000'	260/30
6,000'	340/05	30,000'	250/80
10,000'	260/10	50,000'	280/55
16,000'	220/20	80,000'	

c. CEILING High thin scattered clouds

d. VISIBILITY Greater than 15 miles

e. AMOUNT OF CLOUD COVER 3/8 or less

f. THUNDERSTORMS IN AREA None

8. ANY OTHER UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OR CONDITION, METEOROLOGICAL, ASTRONOMICAL, ETC:

None

9. INTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION TAKEN (FOR ADDC OR ADCC)

None

10. LOCATION OF ANY AIR TRAFFIC IN THE AREA AT THE TIME OF SIGHTING Light plane

Landed at Tri-City Airport at 1915 PST

11. POSITION, TITLE AND COMMENTS OF THE PREPARING OFFICER, INCLUDING HIS

ANALYSIS Flight Instructor (Pilot). Comments on basic letter

12. EXISTENCE OF PHYSICAL EVIDENCE, SUCH AS MATERIALS AND PHOTOGRAPHS

Two articles of Redlands Facts Newspaper, 6 & 7 Feb 68.

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MAJOR, USAF

Submitted by JP 98

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Date/Time Group

ATCH #1

UFOB WORKSHEET

DATE OF REPORT

TIME 1920/4 Feb 68

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1. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT:

a. SHAPE Round

b. SIZE COMPARED TO A KNOWN OBJECT (USE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TERMS: HEAD OF A PIN, PEA, DIME, NICKEL, QUARTER, HALF DOLLAR, SILVER DOLLAR, BASEBALL, GRAPEFRUIT, OR BASKETBALL) HELD IN THE HAND AT ABOUT A RMS LENGTH. HALF DOLLAR

c. COLOR Red and orange

d. NUMBER 6 to 10 lights

e. FORMATION, IF MORE THAN ONE N/A

f. ANY DISCERNIBLE FEATURES OR DETAILS N/A

g. TAIL, TRAIL OR EXHAUST, INCLUDING SIZE OF SAME COMPARED TO SIZE OF

OBJECT N/A

h. SOUND. IF HEARD, DESCRIBE SOUND like Invaders T.V. Show (Siren)

i. OTHER PERTINENT OR UNUSUAL FEATURES Caused witness's hair to stand on end; caused dogs in the area to bark.

2. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

a. WHAT FIRST CALLED THE ATTENTION OF OBSERVER TO THE OBJECT Sound

b. ANGLE OF ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH (DIRECTION) OF OBJECT WHEN FIRST SIGHTED

100-200 Ft

N.E.

c. ANGLE OF ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH (DIRECTION) OF OBJECT WHEN LAST OBSERVED

1000 Ft

N.W.

d. DESCRIPTION OF FLIGHT PATH AND/OR MANEUVER OF OBJECT Up and level and then

to the N.W.

e. MANNER OF DISAPPEARANCE OF OBJECT behind trees.

f. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT 6 - 7 minutes

3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

a. USE OF ONE OR ANY NUMBER OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: GROUND-VISUAL, GROUND-ELECTRONIC, AIR-ELECTRONIC (IF ELECTRONIC, SPECIFY TYPE OF RADAR) Visual - Approach control (Radar) contacted. No unusual targets on the night of the UFO

b. STATEMENT AS TO OPTICAL AIDS (TELESCOPES, BINOCULARS, ETC.) N/A

c. IF THE SIGHTING WAS MADE WHILE AIRBORNE, GIVE TYPE OF ACFT, IDENTIFICATION NO., ALTITUDE, HEADING, SPEED AND HOME STATION N/A

Could it have been rescue team? 7 Feb 1968

Redlands Daily Facts

Now ... what about that UFO?

ATCH #3

Was the sound a north Redlands man associated with an unidentified flying object Sunday night actually produced by a lighted object he saw moving across the skies?

Or was it merely the strange-sounding siren of a search and rescue team carry-all on its way to an auto accident in the mountains several miles north of Redlands?

The siren theory was advanced

today as a possible explanation for the high-pitched, oscillating or whistling sound heard about 7:20 p.m. Sunday by Albert Tetzlaff.

When he first heard it, Tetzlaff said, the sound seemed to be coming from a UFO that passed "pretty high" over his home on Washington street near Brockton avenue.

He said the sound indicated an eastward movement toward Mentone, although he initially saw no lights in the sky.

However, Tetzlaff said, the object apparently "turned" over Mentone, at which time he saw "about six, eight or ten" red lights partially outlining something that rose vertically in the air and then stopped before moving west and "coming towards me again."

Tetzlaff, a police department custodian and reserve patrolman, said he continued to hear the "sound" as the lights moved toward Norton AFB and disappeared.

"It definitely went right over my house," said Tetzlaff. "I don't think it was an airplane."

A number of other residents in north Redlands reportedly heard and saw the same phenomenon.

Norton AFB officials were unable to shed any light on the incident.

At approximately the same time Tetzlaff first heard the "sound," however, a 10-passenger carryall truck bearing members of the San Geronimo Search and Rescue Team was streaking along Lugonia avenue on its way to the scene of a mountain area accident involving an auto with three occupants that plunged down an embankment bordering City Creek road.

Sheriff's Sgt. Phil Ponders, a member of the rescue team, said the vehicle was equipped with an electronic siren that gave off a high-pitched oscillating whine or whistle that differs considerably from the more conventional wailing siren of police cars.

Ponders said the carryall pulled out of the rescue team

headquarters in Mentone at 7:11 p.m. and sped west on Lugonia to Orange with its siren going.

The carryall turned north on Orange at Lugonia, less than four blocks from Tetzlaff's home at approximately the same time he says he first heard the oscillating sound.

An off-duty sheriff's deputy, who was sitting in a church in the vicinity at that time, said he heard the siren, which carries considerably farther than more conventional ones, and thought the vehicle "was coming right through the church."

If that, in fact, explains the sound heard by Tetzlaff and by other residents in the area, there is still the matter of the moving red lights in the sky to be explained.

Although the rescue team carryall is equipped with a red light on the front of the vehicle, according to Ponders, it would appear most unlikely that it was what Tetzlaff saw from his patio vantage point.

At any rate, "flying saucers" and interplanetary travel reportedly have become a frequent topic of discussion in North Redlands homes.

NEWS

Redlands Daily Facts Tuesday, February 6, 1968 Page 3

UFO reported seen Sunday by northside residents

Reports are circulating through the north part of Redlands about an unidentified flying object presumably seen and heard by at least two residents, one of them a custodian at the Redlands Police Department.

The custodian, Albert W. Tetzlaff of 1012 Columbia street, said he was entering his house

about 7:20 p.m. Sunday when he heard a strange, high-pitched oscillating sound.

At first, Tetzlaff said, he thought the sound was coming from his television set, which was tuned to a "war" movie.

But when he looked up, he spotted a single red light moving across the skies in the direction of Norton AFB.

Tetzlaff said the undistinguishable object stopped suddenly, then began moving back toward Redlands.

He said it appeared to be framed by a semicircular outline of red lights, also seen by a neighbor summoned by Tetzlaff to observe the phenomenon. Two boys, 15 and 13, who live in the same area, also were reported to have seen it.

The UFO eventually rose vertically, moved off in the direction of Norton and disappeared, Tetzlaff said.

Was it a helicopter? Not according to the police custodian. He chooses to believe it was a "flying saucer."