

# PROJECT 10973 RECORD

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| 1. DATE - TIME GROUP<br>08/2100<br>8 January 1969 08/0500                                      | 2. LOCATION<br>Sacramento, California                                                                                                                                                           |
| 3. SOURCE<br>Civilian                                                                          | 10. CONCLUSION<br>Probable (HOT AIR BALLOON)                                                                                                                                                    |
| 4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>One                                                                    | Description is similar to that of Garment Bag Hot Air Balloon.                                                                                                                                  |
| 5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>20 Minutes                                                         | 11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS<br>The observers sighted a bright orange glowing light in the ESE. The light traveled in an erratic minner and finally dropped and disappeared after 20 minutes. |
| 6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br>Ground-Visual                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 7. COURSE<br>Slight in ESE                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 8. PHOTOS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No            |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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FM SMAMA (SMVO) MCCLELLAN AFB CALIF

TO RUWAFVA/ADC

RUWAFVA/25TH ADIV (ADC)

RUVA AAA/FTD WPAFB OHIO (FOR TDETR)

RUEFHQA/CSAF (FOR TDPT UFO)

RUEFHQA/OSAF (FOR SAF-OI)

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UNCLAS SMVO

IAW AFR 80-17, PARA 11, FOL AVAIL INFO IS SUBMITTED:

A. (1) CIRCULAR

(2) SIZE OF ACFT SEEN AT HORIZON

(3) BRIGHT GLOWING ORANGE

(4) ONE

(5) N/A

(6) NONE

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(7) NONE

(8) NONE

(9) QUICK MANUEVERS TO RIGHT, THEN LEFT, THEN DOWN.

III B. (1) BRIGHTNESS IN THE SKY

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(2) 35 DEG TO 40 DEG AT HORIZON

(3) SAME AS ITEM 2

(4) STRIGHT FORWARD - STOPPED - TO RIGHT - THEN LEFT - THEN DROPPED

(5) SAME WAY IT APPEARED

(6) 20 MINUTES

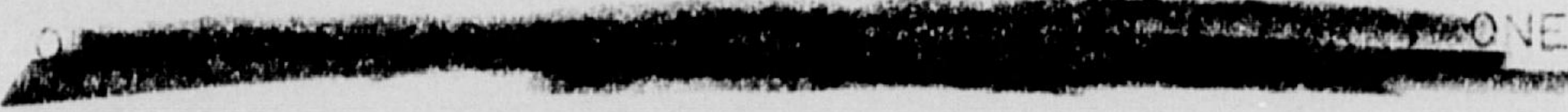
C. (1) GROUND VISUAL

(2) NAKED EYE

(3) N/A

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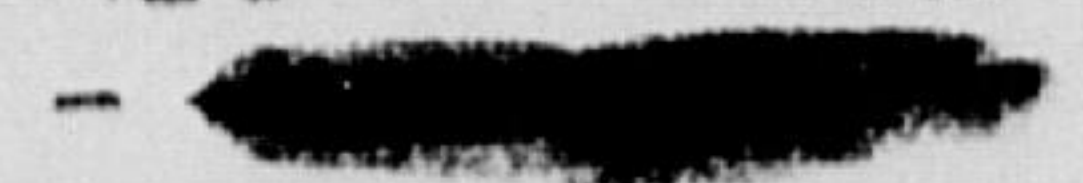
(2) NIGHT

E. ONE OBSERVER WAS ON  ONE

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OBSERVER ON RODEO WAY BETWEEN J AND M STS FACING SOUTH (BOTH IN  
SACRAMENTO, CALIF CITY LIMITS), OBJECT 3 DEG - 5 DEG ESE AT 2 0'CLOCK  
LEVEL.

F. [REDACTED] TO,  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] OFFICER, BADGE NR 332,  
ON DUTY AT TIME WITH PARTNER, [REDACTED] ALSO A WITNESS TO  
INCIDENT.

G. (1) TEMP 35 DEG F - VISIBILITY 20 MILES - LIGHT DECK AT HIGH

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ALTITUDE

(2) SURFACE - CALM; 6,000 - 10K; 10,000 - 20K; 30,000 - AND

ABOVE UNKN

(3) HIGH - THIN

(4) 20 MILES

(5) SCATTERED 25,000

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( (6) NONE

( (7) 55 F

( H. NONE

( I. NO

( J. N/A

( K. SSGT RONALD L. CRAWFORD, SMAMA COMMAND POST, NCO CONTROLLER,  
OFFICE 643-4748, HOME 916-927-5764. INITIAL INVESTIGATION REVEALED  
NOTHING THAT COULD HAVE PRODUCED THE SIGHTINGS. CHECKS WERE  
MADE WITH FAA, MATHER AND MCCLELLAN AFB OPERATIONS AND TOWERS,  
VANDENBERG AFB, AND BASE WEATHER. OFFICER KIDD (EX-TOWER  
CONTROLLER) SAID HE HAD SEEN THE OBJECT ABOUT 15 MINUTES PRIOR  
TO BEING FLAGGED DOWN BY MR PLOURDE. HE DESCRIBED OBJECT AS  
BRIGHT LANDING LIGHTS AT 4 MILES - BUT ORANGE IN COLOR.

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