PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 3 April 66 04/0545Z	2. LOCATION Harrisville, Michigan (1 Witness)
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION AIRCRAFT Poss. But more tech data would be necessary to evaluate. In view of just 1 witness.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object looked like a large ball with three arms. The main body was white in color and the arms were illuminated as blinking red lights. Observer stated that while watching the object it reversed its position. Speed was slow and at times seemed to hover. Object was sighted twice. The total duration for both sightings was 30 minutes. At the hour observer sighted the object, Wurtsmith AFB was recovering a tanker and Harrisville is within the base flight pattern. The aircraft was launced to accomplish one refueling mission and seven landings. Final recovery was at 0650Z.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Hovering	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

FORM
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 379TH COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP (SAC)
WURTSMITH AIR FORCE BASE, MICHIGAN, 48751

REPLY TO ATTN OF: BC/SMSgt Kelliher/2131

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) Sighting 13 April 1966

TO: AFSC(FTD)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

The following report is forwarded in accordance with AFR 200-2, dated 20 July 1962:

a. Description of the Object:

(1) Resembled a large ball with three protrusions, or arms.

(2) Held at arm's length, the object would have been about the size of a basketball. Viewing the object from the road, the observer estimated the diameter at about 12 feet.

(3) Main body appeared white in color, which also seemed to glow. The protrusions, or arms, were entirely illuminated as blinking red lights.

(4) One.

(5) N/A.

(6) What appeared to be a spotlight was activated shining in a direction a few degrees left of Alpena's geographical position. The light remained on for approximately three seconds brightly illuminating a cloud bank off in the distance.

(7) None.

(8) Observer stopped his vehicle, shut off the motor and could not detect any sound from the UFO.

(9) The observer stated while watching the object it reversed its position and at the same level traveled about 40 feet and immediately developed forward motion continuing for approximately eighty feet and then retained the original hovering position at approximately two hundred feet above the trees. Speed of both backward and forward motion was estimated at 10 miles per hour. Because of observer's

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excitement in viewing such an object he decided to turn around and go back to Harrisville, Michigan, to locate a telephone to call his father. For approximately one mile the UFO followed his vehicle and then disappeared. The observer continued on for another mile and decided he would turn around and call his father from Alpena. At approximately the same location of the original sighting he saw the object again. At this time the object dropped straight down in a rapid descent and the observer thought it would crash to the ground; however, at tree top level it suddenly stopped and remained hovering.

b. (1) Brightness and size in conjunction with other heavenly bodies, stars, etc..

(2) Approximately 45° left from the position of the observer and approximately 200 feet above the trees. Due north.

(3) Two hundred feet above trees and due north.

(4) See item a.(9).

(5) Object was finally lost to view when entering a heavily wooded area a few hundred yards north of the position of last sighting.

(6) Approximately 30 minutes.

c. (1) Ground - visual.

(2) Naked eye, 20/20 vision.

(3) N/A.

d. (1) 0545~~Z~~, 4 Apr 66.

(2) Night.

e. U.S. Route 23, approximately seven miles north of Harrisville, Michigan.

f.(1)Thomas [redacted], 19 years, 10 Jun 66. [redacted] Oscoda, Michigan, 48750. College student (freshman), Alpena Community College. This young man is the son of a well known and respected resident of Oscoda, Michigan. He appeared most sincere, answered all questions in a direct manner and is quite disturbed over what he saw.

(2) N/A.

g. (1) Bright and clear.

(2) Weather was procured from Det 28, 26th Weather Squadron.

(a) 330° at 8 knots.

(b) 6,000 feet 330° at 15 knots.

(c) 10,000 feet 340° at 15 knots.

(d) 16,000 feet 320° at 20 knots.

(e) 20,000 feet 330° at 25 knots.

(f) 30,000 feet 320° at 30 knots.

(g) 50,000 feet 280° at 35 knots.

(3) 6,000 feet overcast.

(4) 15 miles plus.

(5) 10/10th cloud cover.

(6) Negative.

(7) 31° F.

h. No.

i. No.

J. At the hour observer sighted the UFO, Wurtsmith Air Force Base was recovering a tanker and Harrisville is within the base flight pattern. This aircraft was launched to accomplish one refueling mission and seven landings. Final recovery was 0650Z-. Altitude in pattern is approximately 1500 feet above the ground.

k. Base Sergeant Major: Although the observer was sincere in his belief that an object was seen as described, this writer feels there is another logical reason for this sighting--that being a combination of aurora borealis (northern lights) and swamp gas, the latter being prevalent in this area. This, coupled with an activity

mentioned in item j, above, might well have been the answer. In view of the fact that the boy saw what he thought to be three UFOs the previous week and after talking the situation over with his father decided it must have been aircraft or a fignment of his imagination, however, because of the conversation with his father, and after looking at pictures of other reported sightings in Life Magazine, I personally feel he built into his imagination the object and its actions as reported. This same area was involved in another sighting on the 5th of April. A person, unknown, reported to the County Sheriff that he had just seen a glowing object which hovered within some trees and the object kept turning. The sheriff investigated and found that someone had tied a reflector from the limb of a tree.

1. None. A personal drawing, reflecting the object seen by the observer, is attached.

R. S. ZUBER, Lt Colonel, USAF
Deputy Base Commander

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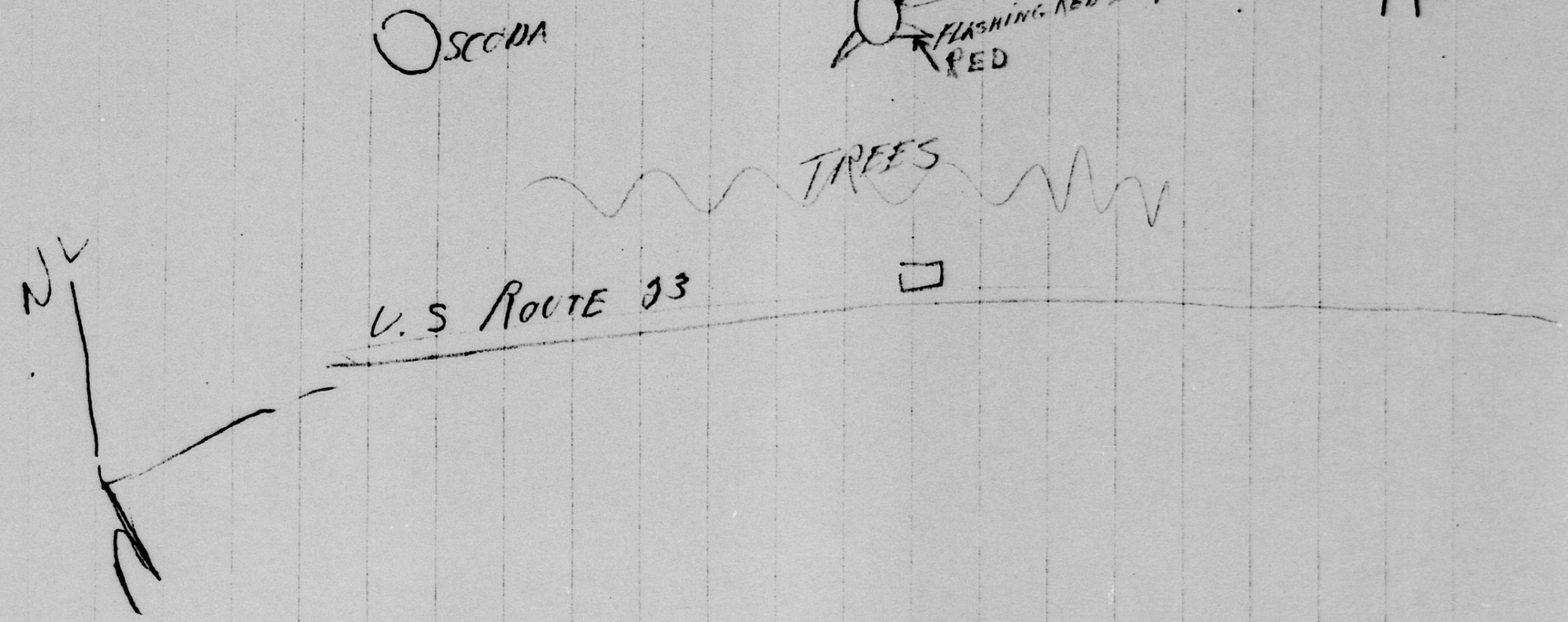
Drawing.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