PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 21 April 66 21/1230Z	2. LOCATION (Multiple Witnesses) Napa, Camp Pendleton, Los Angeles, California
3. SOURCE Military & Civilians	10. CONCLUSION Astro Possible (METEOR CONTRAIL)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Few Minutes to Fifty Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object first appeared in the form of a horseshoe then changed to something like an exclamation mark. Object appeared to be spinning in a circular motion, and staying in one position.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE North, Northwest	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

FORM
FTD SEP 63 0-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 6592ND SUPPORT GROUP (AFSC)
AF UNIT POST OFFICE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90045

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: SSQO

25 APR 1966

SUBJECT: Report of Unidentified Flying Object (UFO)

TO: FTD
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

1. Reference AFR 200-1.

2. The inclosed report of sighting was reported to the Space Systems Staff Security Officer, 21 April 1966.

3. Preparing Officer's Position and Comments:

a. Major William J. Van Every, Operations Staff Officer, 6592d Support Group, Ext 30738.

b. No comments.

Richard M. McLaughlin Lt Col

for HOWARD E. SHORT, Colonel, USAF
Commander

1 Atch
Command Post UFO Rprt,
21 April 1966

other (cloud / contrail)

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION (AFSC)
AF UNIT POST OFFICE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90045

REPLY TO ATTN OF: SSA

SUBJECT: Extract from the Staff Duty Officers Report 21 April 1966

TO: SSQO

1. The following is an extract from the Staff Duty Officers Report 1630 - 20 April 66 to 0800 hours - 21 April 1966.

21 April 66 - 0430 hours. Mr. [redacted], [redacted] and friend saw a greenish light which first appeared in the form of a horseshoe then changed to something like an exclamation mark.

Location of Observer: North [redacted] street near Echo Park.

Direction: North

Observer is a tow truck driver and sounded sober.

My initial reaction was that it was a vapor trail from a VAFB launch, but I couldn't see anything unusual from the second floor, Building A.

JAMES J. RUANE, 1st Lt, USAF
Admin Off, Off of Admin Svcs

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE (SAC)
MARCH AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA, 92508

REPLY TO ATTN OF: DIC/Capt Grossman/3118

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO) 28 April 1966

TO: Hq Air Force System Command
Foreign Technology Division
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

1. This headquarters received an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) report on 26 April 1966 which occured on 21 April 1966. This is forwarded for your information and action.

2. In an attempt to relate this incident to other activities in the San Diego area, the following action was accomplished.

a. Vandenberg AFB, Calif (Missile Operations) was contacted and related no missile activity on the range during the time period involved.

b. Edwards AFB, Calif (Base Dispatcher, Base Operations) was contacted and also related negative results.

3. The accompanying letter (Atch 1) contains the information required by AFR 200-2, para 14. Other pertinent information at time of incident:

Wind direction and Velocity

Surface	Unk
6M	340/8
10M	330/10
16M	330/20
20M	330/30
30M	360/40
50M	340/4
Ceiling	1500' to 1700'
Vis	7-8 NM
Cloud Cover	Unk
Thunderstorm	None
Vertical temperature gradient (55° ground)	
Dew Point	51°
Alt Setting	29.94

4. Due to the elapsed time involved, this headquarters feels further investigation would be unproductive.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Bertram R. Cowan

BERTRAM R. COWAN, Lt Col, USAF
Directorate of Intelligence

Info cy: SAC (DI)

Peace . . . . is our Profession

April 24, 1966

[redacted]

Banning, Calif.

Vandenberg AFB.
Project Blue Book

Dear Sir:

After reading an Article on "U.F.O. Broke Ordered for Vandenberg" in April 25 issue of the Banning Record I wanted like to report that on April 20, about 4:30 a.m. I observed a green or blue-green "cloud" or luminous mass. It moved from east to west and had a definite shape that did not change as it moved.

There was also a white light that disappeared as I watched.

I have made reported to the
Banning Police Department.

Sincerely

[redacted]

Banning, Calif

CAMP PENDLETON, CALIF 21 APR 66 2/[illegible]

PENDING RADAR REPORT FROM AREA. 1320Z

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE (SAC)
MARCH AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA, 92508

REPLY TO ATTN OF: DIC

19 May 1966

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects (Ltr, DIC, 28 Apr 66)

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

Additional information has been received by this headquarters reference sighting of UFO in subject letter, and is forwarded for your information and action.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Russell Powell

RUSSELL POWELL, Lt Col, USAF
Chief, Combat Intelligence Division
Directorate of Intelligence

2 Atch
1. Ltr, USN, 22 Apr 66
2. Ltr, USN, 12 May 66

Copy to: SAC (DI)

may have been a missile or missile
search
mail. —

[illegible]

U.S. NAVAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE OFFICE
SAN DIEGO
3250 FORDHAM STREET
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92110

IN REPLY REFER TO:
NISO-SD/2F/DCS:jhg
Ser 1538
22APR1966

From: Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Investigative Service Office, San Diego
To: Director of Intelligence, March Air Force Base, Riverside, California

Subj: Unidentified Flying Object; Report of

Encl: (1) Details of subject sighting (prepared by NISO-SDiego) undated

1. Enclosure (1) is forwarded as a matter of possible interest.

2. As previously mentioned, the Naval Investigative Service Office frequently receives reports of Unidentified Flying Objects. Existing local directives provide that these report be forwarded to the nearest Air Force activity. In view of this, enclosure (1) is forwarded for your information and retention.

E. M. MURPHY
By direction

Subj: Unidentified Flying Object, information concerning

Ref: (a) Provost Marshal's Office, MCRD, Camp Pendleton Memo of 21 Apr 1966, s/s

1. At approximately 1030, 21 April 1966 NISRA, Camp Pendleton was informed by the Criminal Investigation Section of the Provost Marshal's Office, MCRD, Camp Pendleton of the report of an unidentifed flying object at Camp Pendleton. The subsequent paragraph will reflect verbatim the contents of the memo as reflected in reference (a).

2. "At approximately 0745 hours, 21 April 1966, upon being notified that a member of the Provost Marshal's office Duty Section, observed an "unidentified flying object", SGT J. EASTERBROOK, 1574093, USMC, an investigator from the Criminal Investigation Section, interviewed the Provost Marshal's Office Desk Sergeant, Staff SGT M. A. MOAK, 1137233, USMCR Military Police Company, Service Battalion, Headquarters Regiment, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, California. Staff SGT MOAK related that at approximately 0420 hours, 21 April 1966, he had received notification by radio from a Patrol Unit that there was a large, pale green, fluorescent object hanging in the sky over the Lake O'Neill area. Staff SGT MOAK then went outside to the upper parking lot adjacent to Building 1231 and observed the object, which he described as being a "horseshoe shape", pale fluorescent green in color with two trailing edges; the center of the object was a big, roundish shape. At this time the object appeared to be spinning in a circular motion, and staying in one position. He estimates the size of the object as 15 to 20 feet in length, 10 to 12 feet in width, and was observed on a bearing of 327 degrees northwest from the fork in the white traffice line adjacent to the southwest corner of Building 1231. Staff SGT MOAK stated that it was very difficult to estimate the elevation or distance of the object; however, he would guess that it was 1500 to 2000 feet in elevation , and appeared to be approximately 1½ (1-1½) miles away. Upon sighting the object, Staff SGT MOAK returned to the Desk Sergeants area and

awoke the Provost Marshals' Office Duty Officer, Staff SGT R. E. LEE. They returned outside and at this time the object appeared to have taken a solid roundish shape, with one trailing edge. The trailing edge was pointing eastward. They observed the object in this position for a period of approximately 5 to 10 minutes, and while observed, tt changed to a "tear drop" shape and stayed in this shape until approximately 0510 hours, when it could no longer be seen due to the oncoming daylight. This object was sighted by approximately 7 members of the Duty Section of the Military Police Company. Brief statements were obtained from each of the above individuals.

3. Reference (a) will be forwarded ASAP to OF2 via OF1 by mail today. NISRA/Camp Pendleton will coordinate any further information regarding this matter with the Provost Marshals' Office and the Base G-2 Office.

U.S. NAVAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE OFFICE
SAN DIEGO
3250 FORDHAM STREET
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92110

IN REPLY REFER TO:
NISO-SD/2F/DCS:jhg
Ser 1778
12 MAY 1966

From: Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Investigative Service Office, San Diego
To: Director of Intelligence, March Air Force Base, Riverside, California

Subj: Unidentified Flying Object; Report of

Encl: (1) SRA, NISRA, Camp Pendleton Memo of 27 Apr 66, w/encl

1. Enclosure (1) is forwarded for your information and retention.

S. K. ZIMNY

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
5010-104

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : OF2
VIA : OF1 QD 4/25 X 5504 S

DATE: 27 April 1966

FROM : SRA, NISRA, Camp Pendleton, California

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object; information concerning

Ref: (a) TELECON to OF2 w/SRA, NISRA, on 21Apr66, s/s

Encl: (1) Copy of PMO Memo dtd 21Apr66, s/s

1. Pursuant to reference (a), enclosure (1) is hereby forwarded for information and evaluation. It is noted that this incident was not reported to NISRA at the immediate time of observation, however, was relayed upon preparation of enclosure (1).

2. SRA, NISRA, Camp Pendleton, advised CIS personnel to be certain to provide such information expeditiously in the same manner as that of a submarine sighting. They advised that they would comply. SRA further verbally apprised Base G-2 personnel regarding contents of enclosure (1).

J. P. BYRD

24 APR 66

statement of SGT William C GERHARDT 1571452
At or about 0420, F.D. 2-4. Radioed in To Dispatcher.
That He saw an unID. Flying OBJect in sky
over Lake ONeil and USAF. Area I went To
That Area and saw A Light Green Haze
That was changing Shapes and Fading out.
FD 2-5 called in That He saw it clearly
out at penlights pts station I Roll To That area
and what 2-5 saw was morning star.
This statement is True To The Best of my
Knowlge

William C Gerhardt
SGT 1571452.

Statement of [redacted] F. 4pL

At approximately 0430 wordwas recieved from F.D. 2-4 that there was AN UFO in the AREA above LAKE O'NEIL AND USAH. I went out side and saw AN oblong green shaped object that was moving very slowly back and forth and kept changing shapes from oblong to round.

Respectfully submitted

[redacted]

Statement of Jos Herrera, Jr. Cpl., USMC

At 0420 on 21 April, 1966 while on duty as 2-3 Driver, my RIDER NOTICED A MINT green, horseshoe shaped, silent, Apparently immobile object in the Northeastern section of Camp Peddleton. The shape REMAINED stable for three minutes AND then started to change into a "teardrop" shape. It Kept moving from the preceded description to a "jointed ball and cue stick" form. The transformation took Approximately (7) Seven minutes. At the time of the latter formation daybreak replaced twilight AND the form faded from eyesight.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jos Herrera Jr

21 April 66

Statement of Anderson, David H. Pvt USMC

At approximately 0435 hr, returning a report on a sighted U.F.O., I went outside the mess hall and observed a glowing, horseshoe shaped object hovering in the air over the north-eastern area of the camp. Over the course of approx. 3 minutes, the object slowly changed shape from horseshoe to teardrop. It appeared to luminish in glow and then glow strong off and on. It then seemed to emit a tail (downward) approx. three times its original length. The tail appeared, disappeared, appeared, disappeared etc.... This object appeared to move very slowly when I first observed it, stop, remain stationary, then move north. It appeared to be a very large green light.

David Wilkinson Pvt
Det Cmd 3rd Del Team

21 APRIL 66

AT ~~0400~~ LCPL TUDOR FLAGGED DOWN 141 UNIT (2-4) AND INFORMED ME OF A UFO IN THE ARIA. I OBSERVED A GLOWING GREEN LIGHT SHAPED LIKE A HORSESHOE. WHICH WAS OVER LAKE O'NEAL. I RADIOED IN THAT THERE WAS A REPORT OF A UFO AND THAT I COULD OBSERVE SAME.

I WAS TOLD TO KEEP SAME IN VIEW AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. I OBSERVED THE GLOWING GREEN "CLOUD" FOR ABOUT AN HOUR BUT WHEN THE SUN BEGAN TO ROME UP THE GLOWING CLOUD DISSAPEARED. THERE WAS NO NOISE AND THE OBJECT CHANGED SHAPES FROM A "HORSESHOE" SHAPE TO A "TEARDROP" SHAPE.

AS THE SUN CAME UP THE OBJECT FADED AND DRIFTED OUT TOWARD THE OCEAN.

C. A. Bassett
CPL 1972885

STATEMENT OF JOHN MCKEON JR SGT [redacted]

AT APPROXIMATELY 0420 ON 21 APRIL 1966 PATROL PARTNER A-2-W SPC BASSETT NOTIFIED DISPATCHER OF AN UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT IN THE SKY.

I WALKED OUT INTO THE UPPER PROVOST MARSHALLS OFFICE PARKING LOT AND SAW WHAT APPEARED TO BE A GREENISH COLORED OBJECT OR LIGHT IN A HORSE SHOE SHAPE OVER THE NORTH EASTERN AREA OF CAMP PENDLETON AS THE OBJECT WAS PLAINLY VISIBLE AT THIS TIME I CAME BACK INSIDE AND AWAKENED THE PMPO SGT LEE WHO ACCOMPANIED ME OUTSIDE AT THIS TIME THE OBJECT APPEARED TO HAVE CHANGED SHAPE IT WAS ROUND WITH A LONG ARM OR LIGHT EXTENDING FROM THE BOTTOM OF OBJECT ARM WAS POINTING TO THE EAST AND AS WE WATCHED THE ARM DISAPPEARED AND THE OBJECT CHANGED TO A TEAR DROP SHAPE.

THE OBJECT WAS VISIBLE FOR APPROXIMATELY (UNK) FORTY FIVE MINUTES AND FADED OUT AS THE SKY BECAME LIGHT WITH THE APPROACH OF DAYLIGHT.

[redacted]
SGT USMC