PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 4 Dec. 66 . 5/0015Z	2. LOCATION Honda Canyon Road, Calif. (120 37W, 34 37N) two witnesses
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION Other(Ground Lights)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 7-10 seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observers watched an oval shaped red-orange glowing object ahead of their automobile. The object appeared to be hovering above the creek bed and appeared to be following the creek. The object disappeared around the side of a hill. When the observers rounded the hill to a point where the object should again be visible, they could not locate it. A visual check of the area by helicopter revealed a dirt road in the valley where the UFO was sighted. The road follows the valley floor and runs parallel to the Honda Ridge Road. It appears the observers observed a ground vehicle such as a truck or camper that was traveling up the dirt road into the hills.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE N/A	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 4392D AEROSPACE SUPPORT GROUP (SAC)
VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA, 93437

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: BOB

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO)

22 DEC 1966

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

In accordance with AFR 200-2 as supplemented, the following Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) Report is submitted for your action.

a. Description of the object(s):

(1) Observer number 1 - oval.
Observer number 2 - eggshape.

(2) Observer number 1 and 2 - compared to the size of a half dollar held at arms length.

(3) Observer number 1 and 2 - red - orange and glowing.

(4) Observer number 1 and 2 - one.

(5) N/A

(6) Observer number 1 - no details.
Observer number 2 - it gave off a light like a fire but had no discernible features.

(7) Observer number 1 and 2 - no tail, trail, or exhaust observed.

(8) Observer number 1 and 2 - no sound heard even after the trucks engine was shut off, however both observers stated that the wind was quite strong, and would have drowned out any moderate noise the object could have made.

(9) Observer number 1 and 2 - both observers claimed familiarity with aircraft, helicopters, blimps, and missiles. Both stated the sighted object did not resemble any of these common air vehicles.

b. Description of course of object(s):

(1) Observer number 1 and 2 were driving down Honda Ridge Road. Observer number 2 was looking down into the valley for deer, when he saw what appeared to be a fire. He immediatly brought it to the attention of observer number 1.

(2) Observer number 1 and 2 - Approximately thirty (30) degrees below the horizon and slightly ahead of the vehicle.

(3) Observer number 1 and 2 - On the same plane (zero degrees elevation) and approximately twenty (20) degrees ahead of the vehicle.

(4) Observer number 1 and 2 - Object seemed to be hovering above the creek bed at approximately 15MPH into the wind, and appeared to be following the creek.

(5) Observer number 1 and 2 - Object disappeared around the side of a hill. When the observers rounded the hill to a point where the object should again be visible, they could not locate it.

(6) Observer number 1 - Twice visible. Once for 4 seconds and once for 3 seconds for a total of 7 seconds.
Observer number 2 - Twice visible. Once for 6 seconds and once for 4 seconds, for a total of 10 seconds.

c. Manner of observations:

(1) Observer number 1 and 2 - Ground - visual.

(2) N/A

(3) N/A

d. Time and date of sighting:

(1) Observer number 1 and 2 - 5 Dec 1966, 0015Z.

(2) Dusk.

e. Location of the observers:

(1) Longitude 120° 37' W., Latitude 34° 37' N. Approximately 1 mile east of the Honda Canyon Railroad Bridge on the Honda Canyon Road.

f. Identifying information on observer(s):

(1) Observer number 1 [redacted] AF14918121, [redacted] Duty: Motion picture photographer, tracking missiles launched at Vandenberg. [redacted] has been on active duty a little less than a year. He stated that he was familiar with conventional aircraft, but could not identify the object with anything he had seen before.

(2) Observer number 2 - [redacted], 1369 Photo Sq. Duty: Motion picture photographer, tracking missiles launched at Vandenberg. [redacted] has been on active duty one year. He stated that he was familiar with conventional aircraft, but like observer number 1 he also could not identify the object with anything he was familiar with. Their supervisors stated both observers felt reluctant to report the UFO for fear of redicule.

g. Weather and Winds - Aloft conditions at time and place of sightings:

(1) Observer number 1 - Ceiling 1000 ft. haze and rain, poor visibility.

Observer number 2 - Visibility in the valley in the direction of the object was good due to the wind velocity which he guessed to be about 35 knots.

(2) Surface wind at Vandenberg AFB which is the closest weather station was 140° at 12 knots.

(3) 6000° ceiling

(4) 7 miles

(5) Overcast

(6) N/A

(7) N/A

h. Contact by the preparing officer with local airports, base air police, range operations and Battelle Northwest; A company operating in the area of the sighting, failed to produce any unusual occurance.

i. N/A

j. The Base Weather Station, the Boat House at Point Arguello, and South Vandenberg reported numerous weather balloon launches before, during and after the time the UFO was sighted. However, none of the agencies launched a red or orange balloon or a balloon of a color that could have been identified as the UFO.

k. Cy L. Asta, Captain, USAF, FV3109301, Helicopter Pilot, 4392 Aerospace Support Group, SAC, Vandenberg AFB, California.

Analysis by preparing officer: A visual check of the area by helicopter revealed a dirt road in the valley where the UFO was sighted. This road follows the valley floor and runs parallel to the Honda Ridge Road. It is the opinion of the preparing officer that the object observed was a ground vehicle i.e. truck, car, bus, camper, that was traveling up

the dirt road into the hills. Due to the existing weather conditions, and the foliage in the area, it would be possible to erroneously identify a vehicle.

1. N/A

FOR THE COMMANDER

DICK DIXON, Lt Colonel, USAF
Director of Operations