PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 13 Jan 67 18/2355Z	2. LOCATION Lafayatte Hill, Pennsylvania 1 witnesses
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION 1. Possible (AIRCRAFT) 2. Photo: (INSUFFICIENT DATA)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION None Stated	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object was a bright Blue-white light, round, and with a bluish tinge to it's edges. Observer went in the house to get her camera, and when she came out the blue-white light had disappeared, and instead, there was a dim reddish-orange light about one-eighth the diameter of the moon. The reddish light moved in the same direction as the blue-white light for a short distance, and then stopped.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual (BX)	
7. COURSE NW - SE	
8. PHOTOS [X] Yes [ ] No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE [ ] Yes [X] No	

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

[redacted]
Lafayette Hill, Penna.
19444

February 18, 1967

Commandant
Willow Grove Naval Air Station
Willow Grove, Penna.

RE: U F O - spotted Jan. 18 and Feb. 3rd, 1967

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Yours truly,

[redacted]

C.C. to
Maguire Air Force Base

PHOTO ANALYSIS REPORT

NR 67-34 (1)

DATE OF REPORT 1 May 1967

SUBJECT UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT ANALYSIS

LOCATION LAFAYETTE HILL, PA. DATE 18 January 1967

PHOTOGRAPHY

AF _____ IR _____ QUALITY _____

P NRS Six 35mm slides

1. PURPOSE: This report is written in response to Work Order Number 67-44 submitted by Major Quintanilla, TDETR, requesting photo analysis of six slides to determine what the unidentified objects may be.

2. ANALYSIS: The six slides submitted are from two separate processing dates. Five slides, numbers 13 through 17 were apparently processed in January 1967, and one slide, number 17 was apparently processed in May 1966. The image located near the corner of slide number 17, May 1966, described by [redacted] as "a strange bluish cylindrical object" is possibly the result of a processing defect. When viewed under 50 power magnification, three separate images are visible. The other five slides having a January 1967 processing date, all appear to have a very small image located near the center of the frame. Image size precludes a detailed analysis and a satisfactory explanation as to their origin.

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A/C (POSSIBLE)

PHOTO (INSUFFICIENT DATA)

18 JAN 67

TDET/UFO

22 May 1967

UFO Photographs

18 Jan 67

18/2355Z

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Lafayette Hill, Pennsylvania 19444

Lafayette Hill, Penn.

1. Reference your unidentified observation and subsequent photographs. Please excuse the long delay; however, our present heavy workload has prevented an earlier reply.

2. Examination of the slides revealed that the image located near the corner of slide number 17, May 1966, is possibly the result of a processing defect. When viewed under 50 power magnification, three separate images are visible. The other five slides having a January 1967 processing date, all appear to have a very small image located near the center of the frame. Image size precludes a detailed analysis and a satisfactory explanation as to their origin.

3. Although a positive explanation has not been made, investigation revealed that an aircraft could have been responsible for the sighting. Of course, without essential data such as flight characteristics, angular velocity, etc., such an explanation would be only a possibility.

JAMES C. MANATT, Colonel, USAF
Director of Technology and Subsystems

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Six (6) slides

TDET/Ltr to Lafayette Hill

[redacted]
LAFAYETTE HILL, PA.
828-4546 19444

To: UDT/UFO
Wright-Patterson AFB
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Sirs:

About two months ago, I sent you some color slides of a UFO, and have had no word from your office since. Of course, there are probably thousands of sighting reports ahead of mine, and I realize that you must have quite a job on your hands,but I am concerned about my slides, so I am sending you a description of these slides, and the UFO itself.

I sighted the UFO on the night of January I8, I967 at 6:55PM, it rose out of the North-west, it was a bright blue-white light, round, and with a bluish tinge to it's edges,and I cannot state it's exact size, and can only say that it seemed to be about one-quarter or one-half the diameter of the Moon.

I though it was some sort of sattelite, that rose in the north-west and set in the south-east, and from what I could make of it's course, it seemed as though it would pass close by the Moon, so I went inside to get my camera, in order to photograph what I though would be a satellite passing by the Moon.

When I came back out however, the blue-white light had disappeared, and,instead, there was a dim reddish-orange light about one-eighth the diameter of the Moon,maybe smaller.

This reddish light moved in the same direction as the blue-white light, for a short distance, and then stopped. I verified this by watching it through a pair of 7x50 binoculars, the UFO stopped just opposite a small star, and did not move in relation to that star for several minutes, and it did not move out of the 7x50's field of vision either. It stayed motionless for several minutes.

When it did move again, it moved off to the south-west, and then gradually swung 'round to a southerly course, which it maintained till I lost sight of it.

The slides of the UFO are on Anscochrome D-200, exposure was I/4 of a second, at aperture F/2, the slides are numbered I3, I4, I5, I6, & I7 respectively

There is also a separate Anscochrome slide that was taken through a three-inch astronomical telescope at about thirty power. It is a picture of the Moon in it's crescent phase,but in one corner of the slide, a corner marked with a black arrow, there is an unidentified object.

In conclusion, would you please tell me what I saw? The suspense is killing me.

Yours Truly:

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[redacted]

C.C. to
Maguire Air Force Base

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18 Jan 67

Proposed reply to letter from Jeffry Thorpe, 18 February 1967

Dear Mr. [redacted]:

Reference your letter of 18 February concerning your observation of an unidentified flying object. Your letter was forwarded to this office for necessary action.

We would be interested in receiving the photographs and negatives so that a photographic analysis can be made. A comprehensive photographic analysis will be made. On completion the photographs and negatives will be returned to you.

TDET/UFO OFFICIAL FILE COPY

Sent to
photo Analysis

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AD:rf
22 February 1967

Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Lafayette Hill, Pa. 19444

Dear Mr [redacted]

Receipt of your 18 February letter relative to your having sighted an unidentified flying object on 18 January and your mother's having sighted a strange object on 3 February 1967 is acknowledged.

The United States Air Force has established a central data collection and evaluation agency at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio for the express purpose of screening such data. Your letter has been forwarded to that agency for study.

The interest you have evidenced by providing this information is greatly appreciated. It is probable that officials of Wright Patterson Air Force Base will contact you in the near future with regard to the matter.

Sincerely,

N. R. CHARLES
Commanding Officer

Copy to:
Wright Patterson AFB
(with basic letter)
McGuire AFB

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LAFAYETTE HILL, PA.
828-4546 19444

To : TDET / UFO
Hq FTD (AFSC)
Wright-Paterson AFB, Ohio 45433

Dear Sirs:

In reference to your letter of March I6, requesting photos of, and information on, the UFO I saw at seven o'clock the night of January I8, I am enclosing all available information, and five color slides, in this letter.

I will attempt to answer the questions in the order in which they have been asked.

A. The camera is the BESELER TOPCON AUTO IOO, a 35 mm. single-lens reflex, with a behind-the-lens light meter

B. To answer this question, I will quote from my camera manual
"The standard UV Topcor lens is a 53 mm. focal lenght optic, with a fast speed of f/2, and has 6 elements in four groups. The lens focuses down to a close distance of 70 cm."
" All UV Topcor lenses have been specially coated to cut the ultra-violet rays."

C. ANCOSCHROME D-200 color slide film, with an ASA rating of 200

D. Because of the darkness, I used a shutter speed of I/25th. of a second. It was the slowest speed I could shoot at, and still keep the camera steady.

E. I used the largest lens opening of which my lens is capable, that is, F/2

F. Filters used: none

I must, however, apologize for the poor quality of the five slides I am sending you, because of the cold, I could not hold the camera steady enough.

I am enclosing a separate slide that was taken last year, unfortunatly, I can't remenber when. It is a picture of the Moon in it's crescent phase, but a few months ago I projected it under high magnification, and found in one corner, a strange bluish cylindrical object. When I took these pictures of the Moon through my 3-inch reflector telescope , i had made sure that there were no aircraft around, I have marked the corner of the slide where the UFO is located with a black arrow.