PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 9 Nov 57 10/0630Z	2. LOCATION Las Vegas, Nevada One
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Insufficient Data 164 not returned
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4 Hours	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS SEE CASE FILE
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE Northward	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☐ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☐ No	

FORM

(Astro (Venus))

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION (AFSC)
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO 45433

REPLY TO ATTN OF: TDET/UFO

24 May 1967

SUBJECT: UFO Observation , 9 May 1967

TO: Mrs. [redacted]
Las Vegas, Nevada 89108

Reference your unidentified observation. The information which we have received is not sufficient for a scientific evaluation. Request you complete the attached FTD Form 164 and return it in the envelope provided. Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

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

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FTD Form 164 w/envelope

9 MAY 67

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
STAFF MESSAGE BRANCH
INCOMING MESSAGE

AFIN: 53043 (11 May 67) R/ap

ACTION: RDC-4
INFO: XOP-1, XOPX-2, SAFOS-3, DIA/JCS-1 (12) ADV CY DIA

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FM USAFTFWC NELLIS AFB NEV

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RUEDHQA/OSAF WASH DC

ZEN/UNIV OF COLORADO BOULDER CO 80302

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UNCLAS CDI 00025 MAY 67.

FOR FTD WPAFB OHIO (TDETR), CSAF (AFRDC), OSAF (SAF-OI). ATTN: DR CONDON

SUBJ: UFO REPORTS.

THE FOLLOWING THREE (3) REPORTS ARE IAW AFR 80-17.

1. REPORT NOT 1. PARR 11A: (1) TOO FAR AWAY TO TELL (2) LARGER THAN THE EVENING STAR (3) BRIGHT WHITE TO ORANGE (4) ONE, TWO, OR THREE (5) NONE. (6) NONE. (7) NONE. (8) NONE. (9) NONE. PARA 11B: (1) MRS CRAMERS' CALL TO THE RADIO PORGRAM "OPEN LINE." (2) 45 DEGREES (3) 45 DEGREES, STOPPED OVER MR CHARLESTON (4) STEADILY

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ORTH (5) BINOCLLARS 7/35 (3) NA. PARA 1 ID: (1) 10 MAY 0700Z,
9 MAY 2300 LOCAL (2) DARK. PARA 1 1E: 801 6TH ST, BULDER CITY,
PAGE 2 RUWJBMA0205 UNCLAS
NEVADA. PAPA 1 1F: (1) MRS [redacted]: 55; [redacted],
BOULDER CITY, NEV: PLUMBING AND HEATING; ONE YEAR COLLEGE AT SANTA
BARBARA; SEEMS VERY RELIABLE.
2. REPORT NO 2. PARA 1 1A: (1) ROUND AND SPARKLING (2) BIG AS A
STAR (3) WHITE TO YELLOW TO A LITTLE GREEN SPEAK AND BACK THROUGH
THE SAME CYCLE AGAIN. (4) ONE (5) NONE (6) NONE (7) NONE (8) NONE
(9) NONE. PARA 11B: (1) THE RADIO PROGRAM "OPEN LINE" (2) 45
DEGREES (3) 45 DEGREES (4) NONE (5) INSTANTLY (6) ONE MINUTE.
PARA 1 1C: (1) GROUND-VISUAL (2) NOEN (3) NA. PARA 1 1D: (1)
10 MAY BETWEEN 0630 AND 0700Z, 9 MAY BETWEEN 2230 AND 2300 LOCAL
(2) DAR. PARA 1 1C: ONE BLOCK SOUTH OF TONOPAH HIGHWAY. PARA 1 1F:
(1) MRS [redacted]R; 39; [redacted]R, LAS VEGAS, NEV;
HOUSEWIFE; HIGH SCHOOL; SEEMS FAIRLY RELIABLE (2) NA.
3. REPORT NO 3. PARA 1 1A: (1) ROUND (2) SIZE OF AUTOMOBILE (3)
WHITE-YELLOW (4) THREE OF FOUR (5) NA (6) NONE (7) NONE (8) NONE
(9) NONE. PARA 1 1B: (1) FRIEND AT THE WINDOW. (2) 22 DEGREES
(3) 22DEGREE (4) OBJECT CAME UP, GOT BRIGHT THE SPLIT; THE OTHER

ONE DID MANY 90-DEGREE TURNS (5) OBJECT DID NOT DISAPPEAR--THE INDIVIDUAL BECAME FRIGHTENED AND LEFT. (6) FOUR HOURS. PARA 11C: (1) GROUND-VISUAL (2) NONE (3) NA. PARA 11D: (1) 10 MAY 0530Z TO

0930Z, 9 MAY 1730 LOCAL TO 10 MAY 0130 LOCAL (2) DARK. PARA 113: DRIVING AROUND IN THE DESERT TRYING TO GET CLOSER TO THE OBJECT. PARA 11F: (1) MR [redacted] 24; ONE YEAR FULLERTON JR COLLEGE, CALIF; UNEMPLOYED; NOT VERY RELIABLE (2) NA.

4. NOTE: ITEMS 11G THROUGH 11K ARE THE SAME FOR ALL THREE REPORTS. PARA 11G: (1) DARK (2) SUFACE-220 DEG 22K; 6000 FT 210 DEG 31K, 10,000 FT 220 DEG 24K; 16,00 FT 260 DEG 32K; 20,000 FT 250 DEG 48K; 30,000 FT 240 DEG 100K; 20,000 FT WWP DEG 65K. (2) 9000 FT SCATTERED (4) 15 PLUS (5) 3/10 (6) NONE (7) SURFACE TO 5000 FT ZERO C/1000; 5000 TO 11,000 FT MINUS 3 DEG C/1000; 11,000 TO 13,000 FT MINUS ZERO C/1000; 13,000 TO 28,000 FT MINUS 2.3 DEG C/1000; 28,000 TO 30,000 FT PLUS 2.3 DEG C/1000; 20,000 TO 43,000 MINUS 2.3 DEG C/1000: 45,000 TO 49,000 FT PLUS 1.4 DEG C/1000; 49,000 TO 53,000 FT MINUS 1.5 DEG C/1000. PARA 11H: NONE. PARA 11I: NONE. PARA 11J: NONE. PARA 11K: 2LT PETER B THATCHER, UFO REPORTING OFFICER, NELLIS AFB NV 89110. ALL THREE OF THESE

PEOPLE CALLED IN THEIR SIGHTINGS TO A LOCAL "OPEN LINE RADIO PROGRAM. THE HUSBANDS OF THE TWO WOMEN ALSO WERE WITNESSES TO THE UFO SIGHTINGS, AND THREE APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN MANY OTHER PEOPLE WHO SAW THE UFO AND DID NOT CALL INTO NELLIS AFB.

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AN ASTRONOMER CALLED INTO THE RADIO SHOW AND EXPLAINED IT AS THE PLANET VENUS. THIS APPEARS TO BE THE MOST LIKELY EXPLANATION.

OFFICIAL MAILING ADDRESS FOR 2LT PETER B THATCHER SITFWC (CDI) (2LT THATCHER), NELLIS AFB NV 89110. BUSINESS PHONE IS 702-382-1800 EXT 21598. HOME PHONE: 702-649-1100.

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9 May 1967
Los Lunas
New Mexico

26 May 1967

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]31
Los Lunas, New Mexico 87031

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Captain Van Diver in our Safety Office sent me your letter in which you requested information and books on UFOs. I would first recommend consulting the public library and, if they are not able to satisfy your requirements, you might write to:

SAF-OIC
Washington, D.C. 20030

That agency, part of the Secretary of the Air Force's Office, is geared to answer specific questions and provide more information than we can.

In regard to your questions about helicopters, they can descend in a straight line, hover at a standstill and then take off in a straight line. As you can see in the attached photo, one of our Kirtland helicopters is at a standstill fighting a fire.

The search lights used on the night in question are a series of lights rather than one single light of the World War II searchlight variety. Thus, the lights would appear to be a glow rather than be a single beam. Dust would also make it glow. Helicopters when nearing the earth create large clouds of dust from the wind generated by their rotating propeller blades. Helicopters are also equipped with blinking red and white lights as well as red and green lights.

One of our helicopters should be in the Los Lunas/Valencia area next Thursday evening (1 June) and you might be able to compare what you saw earlier.

We in the Air Force are doing our best to answer UFO queries in an open and honest manner. We try to explain each sighting. Your sighting is an example of our efforts to investigate and determine what was sighted.

If we can be of more assistance, please write.

Yours truly,

JOHN W. DUEMMEL, Captain, USAF
Director of Information

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Valencia, N. Mex.

Charles H. Van Meter Capt. U.S.A.F.
Chief of Safety.

Dear Sir:

I received your letter in which you state that the sighting I witnessed was a helicopter operating high-powered search lights, and that the atmosphere contained large amounts of blowing sand and dust.

I'm sorry to say this but I cannot possibly accept this as what I saw. In the first place the light was not a directed beam of light and it was a very large sphere of very very bright light that turned orange and red, getting dimmer as it descended. I'm sure I can tell the difference between a search light and a steady glow that does not blink or change colors, it first seemed to fade from bright yellow to orange to red at it stopped in mid-air. Can a helicopter descend in a straight line straight down, then hover at a standstill for a few seconds before taking off in a straight line ~~through~~ rather fast?

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these sightings seem to want to be
quieted so badly. For instance the
sighting at Socorro. They had a plausible
story from a man that was not
merely someone who didn't know the
difference between a searchlight and some-
thing else. When I was 17 years old
I saw three U.F.O.s but I feared
ridicule so I kept it to myself. Aut-
side of my parents I told no one.
I assure you, I'm not the type of person
who makes up tales to draw attention
to myself. I'm an average housewife
that stays to home. I'm too much to
keep me occupied I have no time
to run around telling tales of things
I "thought" I saw.

I've read books by Major Kehoe
and Frank Edwards and I'm convinced
that there is something to these U.F.O.s.
Please could you get me a list of the
best books to read on this subject?

Please let me hear from you.

Sincerely
Mrs. [redacted]

SWS

16 MAY 1967

Identified Flying Object

Mrs. [redacted]
Los Lunas, NM

Reference your letter of 10 May 1967, on your sighting of an unidentified flying object.

Investigation revealed that one of our Air Force helicopters was flying in the same area and at the same time you mentioned in your letter. The pilot stated he was operating his high-powered search lights at the time and the atmosphere contained a large amount of dust and blowing sand.

I would like to thank you for your interest and if you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at Kirtland AFB; Telephone 247-1711, Extension 3061.

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CHARLES H. VAN DIVER, Capt, USAF
Chief of Safety

Valencia, N. Mex.
May 10, 1967.

Air Police Operations
Kirtland AFBSE, Albuq.

Attention Someone:

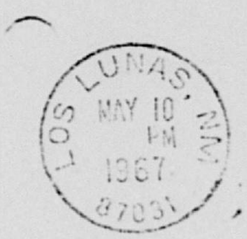
I don't know who to contact but I would like to know what the "thing" I saw was last nite at 8:30 P.M.

I saw a big bright yellow sphere of light descend from the top of the Sandia Mountains straight down to tree-top level. It was very, very bright and as it descended it got dimmer until it was an orange then a red glow. At tree-top level it was red, then it took off in a straight line north towards Albuquerque.

Please answer and let me know what it was. Thank you.

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Los Lunas, N. Mex.
Phone [redacted]

[redacted]
Los Lunas, N. Mex.





Important

Inspector General of the U.S. Air Force
Air Police Operations
Kirtland Air Force Base
Albuquerque, New Mexico

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3. Lauer

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Quiet music
Sounds delightful