

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 28 July 61 20/0630Z	2. LOCATION Lake Chelan, Washington
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION 1. AIRCRAFT 2. GROUND LIGHTS
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION One hour	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS  High intensity light rising from ground. Light was visible for about 15 seconds. Shortly after a light from the air shining on the ground appeared. Light assumed to be about a mile away. Light from air lasted for about 15 seconds also. Light from air estimated at 1,500 to 3,000 ft. Sequence was repeated twice and then the air light made a "U" turn and landed. Thought a jet a/c made a pass at 500 ft about this time. 45 minutes later the object rose from the ground.  COMMENTS: See case file. Conclusion was that lights were misinterpretation of ground lights from unknown source such as car lights. Also believed that a/c involved.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE West	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

25 July 1964  
William L. ...

TEEW/UFO

Chelan County UFO Sighting

Commander  
462D Combat Support Group (SAC)  
Larson Air Force Base, Washington

1. Wish to commend you on your comprehensive investigation and evaluation of the Chelan County UFO Sighting.
2. Project Blue Book agrees with your evaluation; however, believe a light aircraft of some sort also involved in the sighting.
3. Agree with your conclusions. therefore, no further investigation is necessary.

FOR THE COMMANDER

ERIC T. de JONCKHEERE  
Colonel, USAF  
Deputy for Technology  
and Subsystems

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462D COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP (SAC)  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
LARSON AIR FORCE BASE, WASHINGTON



5 AUG 1964

REPLY TO  
ATTN OF:

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SUBJECT:

Report of U. F. O. Sighting

TO:

AFSC(FTD)

Wright Paterson AFB, Ohio, 45433

1. At approximately 1115 hours on 29 July 1964, a telephone call from the Sheriff's office of Chelan County, Washington was received at this installation informing the Wing Intelligence Division of the sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object in the area of Lake Chelan, Washington. The Base Commander, Colonel Clyde W. Owen, was notified and Colonel Owen designated Lt Colonel Earl E. Ellis, the Wing Intelligence Officer, to initiate an immediate investigation in accordance with AFR 200-2.
2. A check with the Seattle Air Defense Sector; local weather stations, and local control towers disclosed that there was no activity being conducted in the area.
3. In an interview with the Chelan County Sheriff, the following information was received: The report of sighting came from two Chelan County residents. A Mr. [REDACTED] and a Mr. [REDACTED]. The sighting took place at 2230 hours on 28 July 1964. The Chelan County Sheriff, Mr. [REDACTED], made a ground search of the area in question on the morning of 29 July 1964. He stated that there were no tire or foot marks in the area. It must be pointed out that this area is a heavily forested and highly inaccessible area. Sheriff Nickell could find no signs of any activity in the area. The exact area of the sighting has been determined to be 47-57.5N 119-47W.
4. In an interview with Mr. [REDACTED], one of the witnesses to the sighting, the following information was received: During the evening hours, Mr. [REDACTED] and an employee, Mr. [REDACTED] were working on the farm of Mr. [REDACTED]. They were baling hay in an open field when the sighting first took place. The first thing that the two men saw was a high intensity light coming up from the ground in a cone shape; this was approximately one mile away. The light remained on for about fifteen seconds. After the light from the ground went off, a similar light from the air came on for the same period of time. Mr. [REDACTED] estimated that the altitude of the airborne light was between fifteen hundred and three thousand feet.

This was repeated in the same sequence once again. After the light came on from the airborne object the second time, it was seen to land by the two witnesses. Mr. ██████ stated that the lights appeared to be a signal of some type. The airborne object was seen coming in from a westerly direction, made a "U" turn when the ground light was observed and then made its landing. At this time, Mr. ██████ stated that he heard and saw what he thought to be a jet fighter aircraft make a pass over the area at approximately five hundred feet altitude and disappear in an easterly direction. He also stated that the fighter aircraft was in what he thought, an apparent chase of the object. After a period of forty to forty-five minutes, the object was seen and heard to rise from the ground and disappear in a westerly direction. Mr. ██████ agreed with the statement as given by Mr. ██████

5. An official interrogation of Mr. ██████ as outlined in AFR 200-2 provided the following additional information:

a. Description of Object.

- (1) Shape? Appeared to be round or elliptical.
- (2) Size? Estimated to be thirty feet in diameter.
- (3) Color? Light in color, such as aluminum.
- (4) Number? One
- (5) Any discernable features or details? Red and White lights. The lights were approximately thirty six inches in diameter.
- (6) Sound? A loud hissing sound, similar to a strong wind through the tree's or a small jet engine.
- (7) Other pertinent or unusual features? Voices were heard in the area. The voices were high and shrill, sounded like children at play. The voices were heard after the object appeared to land.

b. Description of Course of Object:

- (1) What first called attention to object? The high intensity lights.

(2) Angle or elevation when first observed? Between fifteen hundred and three thousand feet.

(3) Angle or elevation upon disappearance? Appeared to land, after forty to forty-five minutes departed in a westerly direction.

(4) Description of flight path and maneuvers of object? Came in from the west, hovered and landed.

(5) How did object disappear? It landed, saw and heard it leave in a westerly direction of 280 degree's true.

(6) How long was object visible? Approximately one hour.

c. Manner of observation:

(1) Ground-Visual? Yes.

(2) Aids used? No aids.

d. Time and date of sighting:

(1) 2230 hours.

(2) 28 July 1964

6. Mr. [REDACTED] is approximately forty-seven years of age. His mailing address is [REDACTED], Chelan, Washington. He owns and manages the resort facility mentioned above, plus he owns a rather large farm located ten miles north of the town of Chelan. He is considered by the people who know him to be of above average intelligence and a reliable person. He was a pilot in the Navy during World War II and presently holds a private pilots license and participates in frequent flights in light aircraft.

7. The official interrogation of Mr. [REDACTED] provided the following information:

a. Description of Object:

(1) Shape? Round or elliptical.

(2) Size? Approximately thirty feet in diameter.

(3) Color? Not observed.

(4) Number? One

(5) Any discernable features or details? Appeared to emit a yellow light.

(6) Sound? Sounded like a propellor driven small aircraft.

b. Description of Course of object:

(1) What first called your attention to object? Heard a sound, saw the bright lights.

(2) Angle or elevation when first observed? Estimated object to be five hundred feet off the ground.

(3) Angle or elevation when object disappeared? Didn't see it leave.

(4) Description of flight path? Came in from the west, made a "U" turn over the ground light and landed.

(5) How did object disappear? When the airborne lights went out, object disappeared.

(6) How long was object visible? Thirty to forty-five seconds, watched the area for an hour.

c. Manner of observation:

(1) Ground-Visual? Yes

(2) Aids Used? None

d. Time and date of sighting:

(1) 2230 hours

(2) 28 July 1964

8. Mr. ██████████ is approximately twenty-five years of age; he resides at ██████████ in Chelan, Washington. He works for Mr. ██████████ on his farm and does odd jobs around the Resort. Mr. ██████████ was recently released from the Air Force with an Honorable Discharge. He is considered by the people he associates with to be a reliable person.

9. On 31 July 1964, accompanied by Sheriff Nickell, the investigating Officer made a thorough helicopter search of the area from tree top altitude. There was no sign of any activity in the area and no area was noted that would accommodate an object of thirty feet in diameter. As mentioned before, the area has a heavy tree coverage.

10. On 1 August 1964, an intensive ground search of the entire area was accomplished by the investigating officer for a period of three hours in the early morning. At 0800 hours a very heavy rainfall began. The rain was accompanied by rather extensive lightning and thunder making any further search impractical. No evidence of any activity or persons were discovered during any of the searches of the area in question.

11. A check with the State and Forestry people disclosed that there were no personnel working in the area at the time of the sightings.

12. A check with the weather bureau at Larson AFB and the residents of the Chelan area indicated that it was an extremely hot evening, with temperatures in the high eightys and the wind was perfectly calm. There were very few clouds, estimated at less than two tenths high cirrus by the weather bureau at the time in question and the visibility was unlimited.

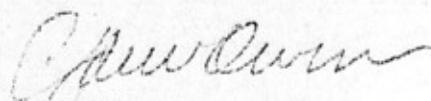
13. Results of this investigation reveals that no object of the size reported could have possibly landed in the area in question.

14. The lights observed can be explained as coming from the headlights of the numerous automobiles driving to and from the local resort areas of Lake Chelan. As mentioned before, the terrain is very mountainous. This fact plus the good visibility and the few clouds in the area can give the illusion of signal lights when the automobile headlights are reflected from the clouds present at the time of the sighting.

15. The sounds reported by the two witnesses can easily be explained. On the night of the sighting and also on the night of 29 July, the atmospheric conditions were such that even the sounds produced by normal conversation could be heard for a great distance.

16. It is the opinion of the investigating officer that nothing of significance to the Air Force or to the security of the United States was involved in the sightings reported to this installation on 29 July 1964.

17. This report is submitted in accordance with AFR 200-2, paragraph 13B dated 30 March 1964.



CLYDE W. OWEN  
Colonel, USAF  
Commander

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1. Map-area of reported  
sighting.



*Area of Reported  
Sighting*

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*47-57.5N  
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27-31 JULY 1948. SIGHTINGS (CONT)

LOCATION

OBSERVER

EVIDENCE

Dayton, Ohio  
 Dayton, Ohio  
 Dayton, Ohio  
 Dayton, Ohio  
 Dayton, Ohio  
 Dayton, Ohio  
 Dayton, Ohio  
 Dayton, Ohio

Hambert  
 Rosen  
 Civilian & Military  
 Localcraft  
 Brown  
 Watson  
 Spina  
 Lafferty, Horton

UNIDENTIFIED  
 Astro (METEOR)  
 Satellite (ECHO I)  
 Satellite (ECHO I)  
 UNIDENTIFIED  
 Satellite (ECHO I)  
 Astro (JUPITER)

31.100 17.300 (Pacific)  
 1-2 Aug. 1948, Florida  
 43.100 17.300 (Pacific)  
 Cleveland, Ohio  
 Cleveland, Ohio  
 Franklin, Massachusetts  
 Dayton, Ohio  
 11-8 Aug. Kansas City, Missouri  
 Celina, Ohio  
 Washington, Missouri  
 Wilbar, Washington or Los Angeles, California  
 1 Binghampton, New York

Military Air  
 Merrick  
 Military Air  
 Williams  
 Barrows  
 Piselli  
 Harper  
 Copeland, Watson, Jones  
 Ruble  
 Lutort  
 Brown

1. Aircraft  
 2. Ground Light  
 Satellite  
 Satellite (ECHO I)  
 Satellite  
 Aircraft  
 Insufficient Data  
 Insufficient Data  
 Satellite (ECHO I)  
 Astro (SPICA)  
 Satellite (ECHO I)  
 Aircraft  
 Satellite

Multiple (PHOTOS) \*  
 (Photos, and time exposures of light)

Misinterpretation  
 Conventional Object  
 1. Aircraft  
 2. Satellite  
 3. Astro (METEOR)  
 4. Astro (STARS/P)  
 Satellite (ECHO I)  
 Satellite (ECHO I)  
 Satellite (ECHO II)  
 Satellite  
 1. Ground Light  
 2. Satellite (ECHO II)  
 3. Insufficient Data

Dayton, Ohio  
 Kansas City, Missouri  
 Polson, California  
 33.000 17.300 (Pacific)  
 Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Wallace  
 Purvis  
 Tieby  
 Military Air  
 Horton

ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

LOCATION

SOURCE

OBSERVER

Flemington, New Jersey

Saucer News

Hall

\* SEPARATE FOLDER

## 27 - 31 JULY 1964 SIGHTINGS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
8969	27 Norwich, New York	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
8970	27 Roxbury, New York	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
8971	27 Laredo AFB, Texas	Civilian & Military	SATELLITE
8972	27 Dayton, Ohio	[REDACTED]	SATELLITE
8973	27 Denver, Colorado	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
8974	28 Kansas City, Missouri	[REDACTED]	SATELLITE
8975	28 Kansas City, Missouri	[REDACTED]	Astro (JUPITER)
8976	28 Lake Chelan, Washington	[REDACTED]	1. AIRCRAFT
8977	28 31.10N 117.30W (Pacific)	Military	2. Other (GROUND LIGHTS)
8978	28 Jul-8 Aug Miami, Florida	[REDACTED]	SATELLITE
8979	29 45.10N 172.30W (Pacific)	Military	SATELLITE
8980	29 Cleveland, Ohio	[REDACTED]	SATELLITE
8981 DR	29 Cleveland, Ohio	[REDACTED]	AIRCRAFT
8982	29 Franklin, Massachusetts	[REDACTED]	INSUFFICIENT DATA
8983	29 Dayton, Ohio	[REDACTED]	INSUFFICIENT DATA
8984	29 Jul-8 Aug Kansas City, Missouri	Multiple	SATELLITE
8985	29 Celina, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Astro (SPICA)
8986	29 Washington, Missouri	[REDACTED]	SATELLITE
8987	29 Wilbur, Washington or Los Angeles, California	[REDACTED]	AIRCRAFT
8988	29	[REDACTED]	SATELLITE
8989	29-31 Binghampton, New York	Multiple (PHOTOS) (1) (Photos are time exposures of light)	1. AIRCRAFT
8990	30 Dayton, Ohio	[REDACTED]	2. SATELLITE
8991	30 Ft. Huachuca, Arizona	[REDACTED]	3. Astro (METEOR)
			4. Astro (STARS/PLANET)
			SATELLITE
			1. BALLOON
			2. SATELLITE
			3. INSUFFICIENT DATA
8992	30 Kansas City, Missouri	[REDACTED]	SATELLITE
8993	30 Dayton, Ohio	[REDACTED]	SATELLITE
8994	31 Kansas City, Missouri	[REDACTED]	SATELLITE
8995	31 Folsom, California	[REDACTED]	SATELLITE
8996	31 33.00N 176.30W (Pacific)	[REDACTED]	SATELLITE

## ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
8997	Jul Universe	Science News Ltr	
	27 Defiance, Ohio	News Clipping	
	28 Monterey, Calif.	" "	
	29 Livingston, Montana	" "	
	30 Flemington, New Jersey	" "	

(2) SEPARATE FOLDER