

## 1 - 3 AUGUST 1965 SIGHTINGS

| DATE            | LOCATION                                                                        | OBSERVER                                                                               | EVALUATION                                        |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| 9624 Aug        | Hamilton, Ohio                                                                  | [REDACTED]                                                                             | INSUFFICIENT DATA                                 |
| 9625 Aug        | Waynesville, Ohio                                                               | [REDACTED]                                                                             | INSUFFICIENT DATA                                 |
| 9626 Aug        | Pierz, Minnesota                                                                | [REDACTED]                                                                             | Astro (METEOR)                                    |
| 9627 Aug        | Charles City, Iowa                                                              | [REDACTED]                                                                             | INSUFFICIENT DATA                                 |
| 9628 Aug        | Avon, New York                                                                  | [REDACTED]                                                                             | Other (MISINTERPRETATION OF CONVENTIONAL OBJECTS) |
| 9629 Aug        | Bakersfield, California                                                         | [REDACTED]                                                                             | AIRCRAFT                                          |
| 9630 Aug        | Albuquerque, New Mexico                                                         | [REDACTED]                                                                             | AIRCRAFT                                          |
| 9631 Aug - Sept | Yonkers, N. Y.                                                                  | [REDACTED]                                                                             | INSUFFICIENT DATA                                 |
| 9632 Aug to Dec | Houston, Texas Area (Ellington AFB) (one PHOTO) (Negative requested, Not Rec'd) | Carried as ONE file and evaluated as Other (MISINTERPRETATION OF CONVENTIONAL OBJECTS) |                                                   |
| 9632-1          | West of Topeka, Kansas                                                          | (RADAR)                                                                                | Other (GROUND TARGETS).                           |
| 9633-1          | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania                                                        | [REDACTED]                                                                             | Other (UNRELIABLE REPORT)                         |
| 9634-1          | Chicago, Illinois                                                               | [REDACTED]                                                                             | SATELLITE                                         |
| 9635-1          | Hereford, Texas                                                                 | [REDACTED]                                                                             | Astro (METEOR)                                    |
| 9636-1          | Kansas City, Kansas                                                             | [REDACTED]                                                                             | SATELLITE                                         |
| 9637-1          | Ent AFB, Colorado                                                               | [REDACTED]                                                                             | Astro (STARS)                                     |
| 9638-1          | Idaho Falls, Pocatello, Idaho                                                   | [REDACTED]                                                                             | Astro (METEOR)                                    |
| 9639-2          | Auburn, New York                                                                | [REDACTED]                                                                             | INSUFFICIENT DATA                                 |
| 9640-2          | Ft. Worth, Texas                                                                | [REDACTED]                                                                             | SATELLITE                                         |
| 9641-2          | Kansas City, Missouri                                                           | [REDACTED]                                                                             | SATELLITE                                         |
| 9642-2          | Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio                                                            | [REDACTED]                                                                             | AIRCRAFT                                          |
| 9643-2          | Dayton, Ohio                                                                    | [REDACTED]                                                                             | 1. Astro (MARS)                                   |
| 9644-2          | Kettering, Ohio                                                                 | [REDACTED]                                                                             | 2. Astro (SPICA)                                  |
| 9645-2          | Kansas City, Kansas                                                             | [REDACTED]                                                                             | Astro (METEOR)                                    |
| 9646-2          | Alexandria, Virginia                                                            | [REDACTED]                                                                             | Astro (SATURN)                                    |
| 9647-2          | Albuquerque, New Mexico                                                         | [REDACTED]                                                                             | Other (REFLECTION)                                |
| 9648-2          | Florence, Arizona                                                               | [REDACTED]                                                                             | Astro (METEOR)                                    |
| 9649-2          | Algodones, New Mexico                                                           | [REDACTED]                                                                             | 1. AIRCRAFT                                       |
| 9650-2          | Austin, Texas                                                                   | [REDACTED]                                                                             | 2. SATELLITE                                      |
| 9651-2          | Honolulu, T. H.                                                                 | [REDACTED]                                                                             | INSUFFICIENT DATA                                 |
| 9652-3          | Brooklyn, New York                                                              | [REDACTED]                                                                             | SATELLITE                                         |
| 9653-3          | Colorado Springs, Colorado                                                      | [REDACTED]                                                                             | Other (MISINTERPRETATION OF CONVENTIONAL OBJECTS) |
| 9654-3          | Santa Ana, California                                                           | (PHOTOS)                                                                               | INSUFFICIENT DATA                                 |
| 9655-3          | Gregory, Texas                                                                  | [REDACTED]                                                                             | Astro (METEOR)                                    |
| 9656-3          | Albuquerque, New Mexico                                                         | [REDACTED]                                                                             | Other (HOAX)                                      |
| 9657-3          | Sioux City, Iowa                                                                | [REDACTED]                                                                             | Astro (VENUS)                                     |
| 9658-3          | Schenectady, New York                                                           | [REDACTED]                                                                             | Other (FLARES/FIREWORKS)                          |
| 9659-3          | Chicago, Illinois                                                               | [REDACTED]                                                                             | AIRCRAFT                                          |
| 9660-3          | Laredo, Texas                                                                   | [REDACTED]                                                                             | AIRCRAFT                                          |
| 9661-3          | Cocoa, Florida                                                                  | [REDACTED]                                                                             | Other (IMAGINATION)                               |
| 9662-3          | Salt Springs, California                                                        | [REDACTED]                                                                             | AIRCRAFT                                          |
| 9663-3          | Honolulu, Hawaii                                                                | Multiple                                                                               | Other (INVERSION/REFLECTION) (MIPAGE)             |
| 9664-3          | San Mateo, California                                                           | [REDACTED]                                                                             | Astro (METEOR)                                    |
|                 |                                                                                 |                                                                                        | Astro (METEOR)                                    |
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② SEPARATE FOLDER

# ENGINEERING SUPPORT WORK REQUEST

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ENGINEERING ANALYSIS

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PHOTO ANALYSIS

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MACHINE COMPUTATION

PPT NUMBER: A6010301

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: Request photo interpretation of the attached alleged flying saucer newspaper clipping. This information is needed by 1500 hours, 22 Sep 65, as the Secretary of the Air Force, Office of Information must be prepared to make a news release at 1530 hours regarding this newsclipping.

REFERENCE MATERIAL: Newsclipping of photos allegedly taken 3 Aug 65. Request all material be returned upon completion of analysis.

REQUESTED BY

Maj H Quintanilla, Jr

SYMBOL

TDEW/UFO

PHONE

69216/66378

I CERTIFY THAT THIS WORK IS AUTHORIZED BY ME AND THAT IT HAS THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY AND DEADLINE WITHIN MY DIVISION.

PRIORITY

1500, 22 Sep 65

DEADLINE DATE

SIGNATURE OF APPROVING DIVISION CHIEF

22 Sep 65

DATE

ENGINEERING SUPPORT MONITOR

ASSISTANT

FINAL WORK TO BE IN FORM OF:

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ENGINEERING NOTE

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COMPUTATION

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PROGRAM

WORK REQUEST APPROVED BY:

DEADLINE DATE

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THREE

WORK ORDER NUMBER

NOV 2 1965

TDEW/UFO

Request for UFO Information, Captain Reichmuth

Hq USAF SAFOICC (Mrs Hunt)  
Wash D C 20330

Analysis of data submitted by you concerning the photos taken by Mr Heflin on 3 Aug 65 at Sanna Anna, California, has been completed. We are attaching two copies of the photo analysis report. It is suggested that one copy be retained for your file and the second copy given to Mr Heflin. This evaluation was based on enlargements of the polaroid pictures. If the original prints are received, this analysis may be altered.

FOR THE COMMANDER

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

1 Atch  
Photo Analysis Report

ORIGINATOR

TDEW/UFO

*H. Quintanilla, Jr.*  
Maj H Quintanilla, Jr

DATED

*1 Jul 65*

## Blue Penciled

Every time flying saucer believers think they've got the Air Force pinned down, the boys in Project Blue Book at Wright-Patterson come up with an answer.

The latest saucer to get smashed belonged to Californian Rex Heflin, an Orange county highway department inspector. He nailed an unidentified flying object with his Polaroid camera in August.

Mr. Heflin said the thing was 30 feet in diameter and eight feet thick. The Air Force, checking the saucer against highway pavement in the two pictures, estimated its size at less than one foot in diameter.

Apparently the Air Force doesn't believe in Mr. Heflin's observations. No doubt he doesn't believe in theirs.

Assuming the Air Force is right and Mr. Heflin is wrong, however, what about that teeny-weensy pilot and his tulip-high navigator?

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Heflin Photos

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

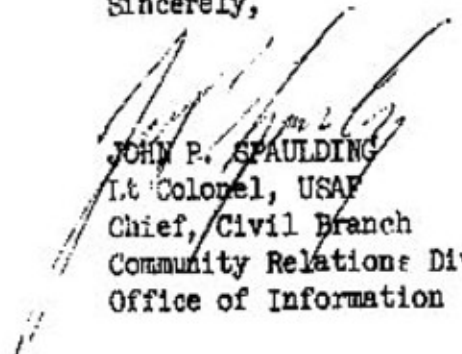
6 Dec 65

Dear Mr Rankow

The Air Force evaluation of the three photographs of an alleged unidentified flying object taken by Rex Heflin of Santa Ana, California, is based on enlargements made from copies of the original prints.

The camera was probably focused on a set distance and not on infinity as the terrain background was blurred in all three photographs. The center white stripe on the road and the object appeared to have the same sharp image. Therefore, it is believed that the object was on the same plane as the center white stripe (or closer) to the camera and could not possibly be the size reported. Using the width of the road as a factor, the size of the object was estimated to be approximately one to three feet in diameter and 15 to 20 feet above the ground.

Sincerely,

  
JOHN P. SPAULDING  
Lt Colonel, USAF  
Chief, Civil Branch  
Community Relations Division  
Office of Information

Mr Ralph Rankow  
1145 Broadway  
New York 1, NY

# RALPH RANKOW

*Photographic Illustrations*

1145 BROADWAY • NEW YORK 1, N. Y. • MU 4-6660

Nov. 30, 1965

Maj. Hector Quintanilla, Jr.  
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Branch  
Wright-Patterson AFB,  
Ohio 45433

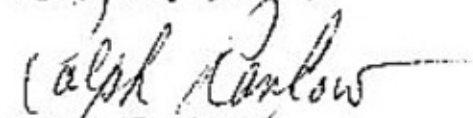
Dear Sir:

On Oct. 28 th, I wrote to you, requesting information on the Rex Heflin photographs. To date, I have never received your reply.

I would appreciate knowing the results of your photo analysis and your reasons or whatever conclusion you have come to.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

  
Ralph Rankow

RALPH RANKOW

*Photographic Illustrations*

1145 BROADWAY • NEW YORK 1, N. Y. • MU 4-6660

UFO

Nov. 30, 1965

Chief, Public Information Div.  
Dept. of the Air Force  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Can you give me information on the following?

What was your evaluation of the Rex Heflin photographs  
taken in California this past August?

How many photographs did Mr. Heflin submit to you?

Has Mr. Heflin's character been checked into, to determine  
if a hoax is likely?

Thank you for the information.

Sincerely yours,

*Ralph Rankow*  
Ralph Rankow

No Case, Information Only  
Source: Saucer News, Vol. 12, No. 4  
Dec 65

Santa Ana, California  
3 Aug 65

**FLYING OBJECT CAUGHT ON FILM IN CALIFORNIA:** On August 3rd, a county highway department investigator in Santa Ana, California, took three photographs of a UFO which was flying near the Marine Corps Air Force facility there. According to the photographer, the object was close enough for him to be able to estimate its dimensions. He said that it was 30 feet in diameter and 8 feet thick. It was in sight for only about 15 seconds.

The highway department investigator, named Rex Heflin, added that the object made no sound, and had a beam of white light which rotated underneath it. He also stated that he tried to communicate by two-way radio with his supervisor, to tell him about the UFO; but he found the radio inoperative, though it has worked well since then. This is apparently still another case of electromagnetic disturbances caused by the presence of UFOs.

The pictures, which are in our files, were taken in broad daylight, but are not clear enough to reproduce here. They show a flat-topped object with a rim below the main portion, something like a hat. Somehow we get a skeptical feeling about these pictures, though Mr. Heflin has stated that he is willing to take a lie detector test regarding their authenticity.

At least one other sighting was made in the vicinity of the Marine base at about the same time as Mr. Heflin's.

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PHOTO ANALYSIS REPORT

NR 65-48

PAGE 1 OF 1 PAGES

DATE OF REPORT 14 August 1965

SUBJECT UFO Report

LOCATION Santa Ana, California

DATE 3 August 1965

PHOTOGRAPHY

AF \_\_\_\_\_ IR \_\_\_\_\_ QUALITY \_\_\_\_\_

PRINTS 3 - 8X10 Prints & Investigating Reports

1. PURPOSE: This report is in response to work order No. 65-106 submitted by Major Quintanilla, Jr., (TDEW/UFO) requesting photo analysis of attached three photographs showing alleged unidentified flying object. The following analysis was conducted from three cropped, blown-up copies and not the original prints.

2. ANALYSIS: Although it is not possible to disprove size of the object from the camera information submitted and distances to the object quoted in the report by Mr. Rex E. Heflin, we feel that the following is the true case. The camera was probably focused on a set distance and not on infinity, as the terrain background was blurred on all three photographs. The center white stripe on the road and the object appeared to have the same sharp image. Therefore, it is felt that the object was on the same plane as the center white stripe or closer to the camera and could not possibly be the size quoted in the report. Using the width of the road as a factor, it was estimated the size of the object to be approximately one to three feet in diameter and approximately fifteen to twenty feet above the ground.

3. A test was conducted by the FTD Photo Analyst and Photo Processing personnel with the results shown on the attached photos. The photographs were taken with a Polaroid Camera, Model 110A using 200 ASA film. Focal length 129mm, aperture F32 at 300th of a second, focused on a distance of 15 feet. The object seen in the photographs was a 9" in diameter vaporizing tray, tossed in the air approximately 8 to 12 feet high at a distance from the camera of approximately 15 to 20 feet. The result of the test shows surprising similarities between the object on the test photography and the object on Mr. Heflin's photography.

PHOTO ANALYSIS BY:

Frank E. McPeak  
FRANK E. MCPEAK  
Intelligence Research Specialist

APPROVED BY:

ROBERT L. BASE  
Captain, USAF  
Chief, Photo Analysis Division

WILBER PRICE, JR.

Director,  
Photo Exploitation Directorate

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Air Force Unit Post Office, Los Angeles, California 90045



REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: SSFA (Capt Reichmuth/643-3310)

30 September 1965

SUBJECT: (U) Investigation Report, UFO Sighting, 3 August 1965, Santa Ana,  
California

TO: FTD (TDEW) Attn: Major Quintanilla  
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. Transmitted herewith are the results of the subject UFO investigation conducted by Captain Charles F. Reichmuth, USAF, Space Systems Division (SSFA), Los Angeles Air Force Station, Los Angeles, Calif.

2. This report involves the sighting and photography of a UFO by Mr Rex E. Heflin, employed by the Orange County Road Department, offices located in Santa Ana, California. Original Polaroid photographs are not available as of this date, and will be forwarded when and if made available.

FOR THE COMMANDER

*William J. Trigg*  
WILLIAM J. TRIGG  
Lt Colonel, USAF  
Asst Deputy for Foreign Technology

6 Atch

1. Basic rpt IAW AFR 200-2
2. Narrative rpt and assessment
3. Copy of USMC G-2 (El Toro Marine Air Facility) Investigation Rpt
4. 3 8X10 glossy prints of UFO
5. Zerox copies of Atch 4
6. Zerox copies of newspaper articles re UFO

copy to:

SAFOI, Washington DC, Attn: Miss  
Sarah Hunt, w/Atch 1, 2, 3, 5 & 6

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## INVESTIGATION REPORT

NAVMC 10451-05 (REV. 1-61)

SUPERSEDES PREVIOUS EDITION WHICH WILL BE USED

|                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SUBJECT<br><br>UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT; REPORT OF                                                                         | DATE OF REPORT<br>22 September 1955<br>REPORT MADE BY<br>Lt. Col. H. P. Dolyak<br>REPORT MADE AT<br>El Toro (Lemo, Ind), Calif. |
| REFERENCE<br><br>(c) CONCLUSION THAT SUBJECT OF 14750                                                                        | ORIGIN OF CASE<br>Lt. Col. H. P. Dolyak, USMC, MCAS, El Toro<br>CHARACTER OF INVESTIGATION<br>Special Inquiry                   |
| ENCLOSURES<br>(1) Photograph of UFO<br>(2) Photograph of UFO<br>(3) Photograph of UFO<br>(4) Enclosure (1) - Information (1) | PERIOD COVERED<br>12 September 1955<br>STATUS<br>Open                                                                           |
| COPY TO<br>Commanding Officer                                                                                                | FILE NO.<br>65-1-110                                                                                                            |

## SYNOPSIS

1. This investigation was initiated upon receipt of SUBJECT from Lt. Col. H. P. Dolyak, USMC, MCAS, El Toro, California, and was directed by the Commander, Marine Corps Air Group, Western Area to determine the circumstances surrounding SUBJECT.

1. On 14 September 1955 the subject reported to the 100th, 2nd Inspector, Marine Corps Air Group, Western Area, El Toro (Lemo, Ind), California that the brother-in-law of his neighbor had seen and taken several photographs of an unidentified flying object (UFO). The subject had obtained copies of the photographs from his neighbor Mr. William E. Wilson, 1107 West Myrtle Street, Santa Ana, California. (Enclosures 1, 2 and 3)

2. Mr. William E. Wilson was interviewed at his place of employment, Union 70 service station, Garden Grove and 1107 West Myrtle Street, Santa Ana, California on 13 September 1955. Mr. Wilson furnished the photographs by his brother-in-law Mr. Ron E. Wilson, 1107 West Myrtle Street, Santa Ana, California.

3. Mr. Ron E. Wilson was interviewed at his residence, 1107 West Myrtle Street, Santa Ana, California on 13 September 1955 concerning his knowledge of the UFO sighting.

4. Mr. Wilson stated substantially the following:

a. That he saw the UFO on 9 August 1955 between approximately 1100-1130. When he first saw the object, he thought that it was a jet from the 4th, El Toro. However, he then realized that it appeared to be hovering at approximately 100 feet and 1/3 to 1/4 of a mile away. He picked up his camera and started taking pictures. As he was taking the pictures, the object, accelerated eastward toward the Saddleback mountains. He lost sight of the object due to the haze and distance.

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| SIGNATURE<br>H. P. DOLYAK | APPROVED<br>G. D. WOLVERTON |
| SSGT. USMC                | COL. USMC                   |

G-2/INSPECTOR, MCAS, El Toro

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ATTACH 45

The object was in view approximately 15 minutes. The only action he heard was from the headquarters of the Marine Corps Air Facility, Santa Ana, California. The object was silver in color, 25 to 30 feet in diameter and approximately 6 feet thick.

b. During the time that the UFO was in sight, Mr. (HARLIN) attempted to contact his supervisor by radio, but was unable to do so. In his opinion there was interference on the whole county radio department net. After the object disappeared from view, HARLIN was able to make contact with his supervisor by radio. The radio worked perfectly before and since the incident.

c. He is 37 years old and presently employed as an investigator for the Orange County Road Department. Prior to his present position, he was a surveyor for the Road Department, and was a deputy sheriff for a short time.

d. After taking the pictures home he decided to send the photographs to LIFE magazine. He contacted the LIFE office in Los Angeles, California and they advised him to send the photographs to the New York headquarters, which he did. The photographs were returned to him with a letter thanking him for the opportunity to publish the photographs and the subject was compensated for their publication.

e. HARLIN further stated that after his investigation and a friend had expressed a desire to have copies of the pictures. He sent them to a drug store to have copies made. He placed in the copies and shortly thereafter was contacted by a reporter from the Santa Ana Register concerning the photographs. He turned the originals to the newspaper, and was interviewed on 13 September 1962. The photographs were returned the same day.

f. HARLIN has no idea how the reporter turned off the photographs, but assumed that the drug store was called.

g. During the interview with the Register reporter, the question was asked whether he (HARLIN) would submit to a polygraph examination, concerning the UFO. HARLIN stated that he would be willing to submit to a polygraph examination only if the Register or someone put up \$1,000.00 with no results guaranteed. HARLIN feels that from his experience as an investigator that the polygraph is not reliable enough and that if the examination turned out negative, it would endanger his job.

h. The original polaroid photographs were supplied to be copied and subsequently returned to Mr. HARLIN.

#### ANALYSIS

i. Mr. HARLIN appears to be a well adjusted person, with no obvious personality quirks. He was quiet, cooperative, and logical at all times during the interview.

He is a model and electric train enthusiast, with a very extensive collection. On a shelf in his living room were some outstanding models of 2 old automobiles and 3 airplanes, all though they were the commercial plastic type, they were extremely well done in detail, even and above the average model builder.

Mr. Berlin did, however, avoid answering 2 questions.

Why the delay in reporting the sighting and the name of the store where he had the photographs copied.

2. A check with the Federal Communication Agency at Santa Ana, California reported that they had received no complaints of interference on UHF or VHF on 3 August 1965.

3. Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro (air control center log has no record of any unusual flight patterns or sightings on 3 August 1965.

4. Enclosure (4) answer 121 of enclosure (1) of reference (a).

END OF REPORT

DESCRIPTIVE DATA - SIGHT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Description of the object

- a. Circular
- b. Disc (Approximately 25 to 30 feet diameter - 8 feet thick)
- c. Silver
- d. One (1)
- e. Not applicable
- f. Rotating beacon light on underside of object
- g. None
- h. None (sound covered by helicopters at MCAF, Santa Ana)
- i. None

2. Description of course of object

- a. Refraction of light
- b. 100 feet high - 45 degrees magnitude
- c. Climbing - 70 degrees magnitude
- d. Hovering to acceleration straight line
- e. Disappeared in distance and home
- f. Approximately 15 seconds

3. View of observation

- a. Ground view
- b. No optical aids
- c. Not applicable

4. Time and date of sighting

- a. 031000Z-031000Z/NOV65
- b. Day

5. Location of observer

- a. Approximately 500 yards south of Santa Ana freeway on Myford Road

6. Identifying information on all observers

- a. Rex E. HEFLIN  
1107 West Myford Street  
Santa Ana, California.  
Investigator, Orange County Road Department

7. Weather and wind aloft conditions at time and place of sightings

- a. Bright, clear with slight haze
- b. 

|         |             |            |
|---------|-------------|------------|
| Surface | 100 degrees | at 3 Knts  |
| 6,000   | 320 degrees | at 4 Knts  |
| 10,000  | 230 degrees | at 9 Knts  |
| 16,000  | 250 degrees | at 25 Knts |

ENCLOSURE (4)

ITEM 17 Cont'd

|        |             |             |
|--------|-------------|-------------|
| 20,000 | 150 degrees | at 32 knots |
| 30,000 | 200 degrees | at 31 knots |
| 50,000 | 250 degrees | at 15 knots |

- e. Unlimited
- d. 5 miles with haze
- e. None
- f. None

8. Observer reported radio net of County Road Department out during observation.

9. No interception or action taken.

10. No air traffic reported by observer (traffic in pattern at MCAS, El Toro).

11. NC016 Counterintelligence section, MCAS, El Toro.

a. Comments: Although the observer was cooperative during interview, and seemingly honestly tried to answer all questions, observer did avoid answering question of delay in reporting, sighting and reproduction of photographs. After looking at photographs and at actual sight of observation, it appears as though there are some discrepancies, as listed below.

- (1) Size, distance and altitude from observer
- (2) No other observer, although object reported hovering over or near heavy traffic on freeway (7 motor vehicles in background)
- (3) FCC report of no radio interference.
- (4) Rotating beacon light does not appear on underside of object as it should on a photo.

12. 3 photographs of object were taken of object with a polaroid model 1015 on black and white film, speed 3000/207. Focal length 4 5/8" (from film).

BASIC REPORT IAW AFR 200-2

UFO, 3 August 1965, SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA

1. Description of object:

a. Object has a basically circular shape not unlike a man's flat, summer straw hat (see photographs, Atch 4).

b. Size of object: estimated to be about 30' in diameter with a vertical dimension of about eight feet.

c. Color was silver or metallic except for dark areas which appeared to be black.

d. One object only.

e. Not applicable.

f. See Atch 4 for details on features. Observer stated that when the UFO was tilted so that he could see the underside that he observed a small, narrow, rotating beam of light which began at the center of the underside of the object and ran to the outside edge of the object. The color of the light appeared to be either whitish or metallic such as that which could indicate light reflection from a relatively slow moving propeller or other rotating blade. In photo Nr 2 there is a faint indication of such a line running from the center outward at a relative bearing of about 280°. Officials in the G-2 office at El Toro stated that the light line was clearly visible in the original photo.

g. None observed.

h. No sound heard.

i. See photographs in Atch 4.

2. Description of course of object:

a. Object first noticed out of corner of observer's eye while driving an Orange County Road Department vehicle.

b. See photographs.

c. See photographs.

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Initially, object appeared to observer to be flying on a straight and level path in an ESE direction at about 150' altitude at a relatively low speed and at an estimated range of about 1/3 mile. Three photographs taken while object was on this flight path. After last photograph, object appeared to turn to a northeasterly heading and accelerated while climbing slightly.

c. Observer's attention was diverted for about two seconds; when he turned to look for the UFO again it had disappeared into the haze.

f. Observer estimated total period of observation to be about 15 seconds. Based on test of observer's ability to measure time, it is believed the duration of sighting would be closer to 25 seconds.

### 3. Manner of observation:

- a. Ground - visual.
- b. Not applicable.
- c. Not applicable.

### 4. Time and date of sighting:

- a. 3 August 1965, 1830Z (1130 PDT).
- b. Day.

5. Observer was driving vehicle on Myford Road (heading NNE) and was approximately 3/8 miles to the SSW of the Santa Ana (San Diego) Freeway, which at that point runs from WNW to ESE direction. Mr Heflin stated that he was about one-fourth of the way from Robert Avenue to the freeway on Myford Street. A check with the Road Department's official map shows that the streets in that area are laid out in one-half mile squares. This would substantiate Mr Heflin's estimate that he was about 3/8 mile from the freeway. Based on the photographs, the G-2 investigator from El Toro went to the observation site and confirmed that these distances were essentially correct. This is in the general area of the city of Santa Ana and was within the flight pattern area of the El Toro Marine Corps Air Station, and ENE of the USMC Air Facility.

### 6. Identifying information on observer:

Name, Rex E. Heflin; age 37; date of birth, 18 October 1927; place of birth, Ottumwa, Iowa; address, 1107 W. Myrtle Street, Santa Ana, California (observer has moved to 1008 N. Parton in Santa Ana); telephone number, Area Code 714, 543-5049.

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Occupation: Employed by Orange County Road Department as a highway traffic investigator. Mr Heflin has been with the department for 15 years.

Background, education and experience:

a. Completed three and one half years of college towards Business Administration degree. OJT with Road Department - traffic engineering, surveying, drafting, and inspection techniques with varying degrees of experience in all subject areas. His supervisor, Mr Herman Kimmel (400 W 8th Street, Santa Ana, telephone number 547-0547), considers him best qualified as a traffic investigator. Mr Heflin is also a former reserve police officer. He dropped his police duties because of increase in responsibility with his job in the highway department.

b. Mr Heflin's supervisors consider him to be a valuable employee possessing a good personality (friendly, good-natured, alert, mature, and normal in all respects). Based on a three and one half hour interview with Mr Heflin, the investigating officer could find no evidence to disagree with this estimate. Mr Heflin's supervisors also felt that his experience as a traffic investigator and inspector qualify Mr Heflin as an experienced, if not trained, observer.

7. Weather conditions: See Atch 3 of basic letter.

8. There was helicopter activity to the south (behind) of the location of Mr Heflin during the time of the UFO observation. Mr Heflin did not look for or see the helicopter since this was a common activity, however, he could hear the helicopter operating. In addition to the above weather conditions, it was confirmed that the weather was generally sunny, clear overhead, but that a large amount of ground haze existed which obscured vision in a horizontal direction or at angles of elevation below  $30^{\circ}$ . Visibility in a horizontal direction was estimated to be less than one mile.

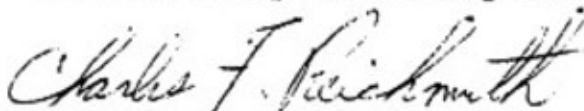
9. No interception or identification action was taken on the date of sighting, however, a check made by the Marine Corps investigators indicated that no UFO was observed on the Marine Corps Air Facility radar at the time of the reported UFO observation.

10. See paragraph 8.

11. Investigating officer was Captain Charles F. Reichmuth, USAF, Director, Technical Support Directorate, Deputy for Foreign Technology, Space Systems Division, Systems Command.

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12. Three photographs of the UFO were taken. Blow-up copies of the original prints are included as Atch 4 to the basic letter. The photographs were taken with a Polaroid camera Model 101 which is a standard item of equipment for Orange County Road Department officials. The camera has a focal length of 114 mm (about 4.134 inches); has a variable aperture varying from f8.0 to about f42.0; speed unknown but variable; picture format 3 1/4" x 4 1/4". The camera is fully automatic and utilizes a built-in light meter which automatically adjusts camera speed and aperture. The only controls are a black and white or color select and a shutter release button. The camera utilizes a black and white film pack utilizing film with a speed of ASA 3000.



CHARLES F. REICHMUTH  
Captain, USAF  
Investigating Officer

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## NARRATIVE REPORT AND ASSESSMENT

UFO, 3 AUGUST 1965, SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA

1. The following is based upon investigation conducted personally by the Investigating Officer and from comments obtained from U.S. Marine Corps investigators and various press representatives, and includes a "guesstimate" of the chronological evidence involving the UFO sighting and the interplay of activities involving news media, the Marine Corps, the Air Force, and other unconfirmed agencies and officials.
2. At approximately 1130 hours PDT on 3 August 1965, Mr Rex E Heflin was driving SSW on Myford Road to check out a matter (not identified) pertaining to his job for the Orange County Road Department. After checking the item he turned his vehicle (Ford "van bus") around and began to head NNE, still on Myford Road. He was still traveling at only a few MPH (three to ten) when he first observed something out of the corner of his eye, out of the left side window of the vehicle. At first he assumed that it was a helicopter until the object was almost directly in front of his vehicle. Because of the unusual shape of the object, Mr Heflin quickly stopped the vehicle and grabbed the Polaroid camera which was on the front seat (SOP for traffic investigators), and took one picture of the object through the windshield. (NOTE: Marine Corps investigators determined that the object was at a bearing of 10° magnetic at the time the photograph was taken.) The UFO continued on an ESE course at slow speed. Mr Heflin was able to take two additional photographs of the UFO through the ~~left~~<sup>rear</sup> door window of his vehicle. (NOTE: Marine Corps investigators estimate that the bearing of the UFO in picture nr 2 was about 90° magnetic, and that the bearing of the UFO in picture nr 3 was about 70° magnetic.) This would indicate that picture nr 3 was taken after the UFO had changed course to a NE heading.
3. Mr Heflin's comment to the Investigating Officer varied somewhat from those given to the Marine Corps investigator. However, it is believed that the undersigned conducted a more thorough investigation and that Mr Heflin's comments which are noted below are essentially correct. Mr Heflin stated that he had attempted to use his two-way radio once or twice just before he sighted the UFO and could neither transmit nor receive any signal although the radio panel lights indicated that the radio was operational. Detailed questioning indicated that this definitely occurred before the UFO sighting and not during the UFO sighting. Mr Heflin stated that after the UFO had disappeared that he attempted to use his radio and found that it was working normally. He also stated that he had not had any other radio malfunctions in the preceding weeks.

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4. Just after taking the third picture of the UFO, Mr Heflin heard a vehicle approaching from the rear. Concerned that he might have parked in an awkward position, he turned around to see if there was enough road clearance for the vehicle to pass him. Noting that he was on the shoulder of the road, he immediately turned again to look at the UFO but found that it had "disappeared into the haze".

5. The Investigating Officer has noted some skepticism on the part of several individuals as to whether or not Mr Heflin could have observed the UFO, stopped his vehicle and taken three photographs - all in a 15 to 25 second time period. A check was made with people who are familiar with this particular model camera, and it was determined that an experienced man could easily take three photographs within a 12-second time period.

6. At the end of the working day, Mr Heflin returned to his office in the Road Department building and showed his photographs to several co-workers. They were subsequently filed in a desk drawer. After a few days (and after several duplicate photographs, conversations, comments, and general bull sessions), a friend of Mr Heflin who is a former employe of the Road Department convinced Mr Heflin that they should try to sell the photographs to LIFE Magazine. The friend was unidentified, however Mr Heflin's supervisor, Mr Kimmel, substantiated this bit of the story. The friend called the LIFE Magazine office in ~~New York~~<sup>Los Angeles</sup>, and was informed that they were interested. Subsequently, the friend mailed the pictures to the Los Angeles office and presumably the photographs were forwarded to the main office in New York (or Chicago?).

About two weeks later the photographs were returned from New York(?) directly to Mr Heflin without written comment. At about the same time the Los Angeles office telephoned Mr Heflin to say that the main office had declined to utilize the pictures "because it was too controversial at the time". Time passed and apparently more copies of the pictures were made and handed out to various friends and friends of friends, until most of Santa Ana was saturated with the UFO pictures.

One of these pictures was obtained by a druggist who then apparently showed it to a friend, a customer who worked for the Santa Ana Register. On or about 18 September, Frank Hall of the Santa Ana Register contacted Mr Heflin, borrowed the three original prints, returned the originals to Mr Heflin, and wrote an article which was published with the UFO picture (Nr 1) in the Santa Ana Register on 20 September 1965. Two of the three photographs were released by the Register on 20 or 21 September to UPI. One or both of these pictures and accompanying articles were published by various newspapers on 21 September 1965.

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Mr Heflin states that at no time did he verbally agree to the release of the photographs or sign a statement of release. He also stated he wished it had never happened.

On 14 September 1965, the G-2 office at the El Toro Marine Corps Air Station learned that the photographs existed and contacted Mr Heflin on 18 September. See their report in Atch 3 to the basic letter.

Mr Heflin stated that following the publication of the UFO reports on 20 or 21 September, he received several telephone calls, including apparent hoax calls and two bomb threats. He also received two additional calls: one from a man who identified himself as a representative of Boeing and the other who identified himself as a representative of MORAD. According to Mr Heflin, both callers requested that he comment no more on the item "for reasons of national security", and that they would contact him personally as soon as possible. Mr Heflin said he was quite concerned about all of the phone calls for several reasons, the primary one being that his telephone number was unlisted and that he did not know how all of these people managed to get his telephone number. Although Mr Heflin's name was mentioned in the press releases, neither his address nor telephone number was mentioned. A check with the Orange County ~~Real Estate~~ <sup>Telephone</sup> Department verified that Mr Heflin's telephone number is unlisted.

The Marine Corps G-2 investigator who had borrowed the original prints of the photography from Mr Heflin returned them to him at noon on 22 September. Both Frank Hall of the Santa Ana Register and Sergeant Dolyak of the G-2 office confirmed that Mr Heflin had given them the photographs without any hesitation, without attempting to verify their stated positions by closely examining their credentials, nor did he ask for any receipt for the photographs.

According to Mr Heflin, on the evening of 22 September a man in civilian clothing visited his house, flashed an identification card, and announced that he was an "investigator" from the North American Defense Command". Mr Heflin said that he did not examine the man's credentials closely but recalled that the man's I.D. card was in a special cardcase about 4"x5" (Comment: About the same <sup>size</sup> card carrying case normally used by OSI, CIA, and other investigating officials.), and that the single I.D. card appeared to consist of two sections - the upper half being orange or pink in color, and the lower half being blue or bluegreen in color in the dimness of the porch light. Mr. Heflin stated that he gave the original prints of the photographs to this man, again without receipt (he being a trusting soul), and assumed

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that he would eventually get the pictures back. He told the investigating officer that he would forward the photographs to SSD when they were returned (if they are returned).

Initially, the investigating officer was not able to contact Mr Heflin directly. On 23 September the investigating officer went to the Road Department offices in Santa Ana and asked how he could contact Mr Heflin. About one hour's conversation ensued with Mr Heflin's supervisor, Mr Kimmel, and one or two other officials in the Road Department. All vouched for Mr Heflin's character, etc., etc., which is described earlier in this report. At 1600 hours Mr Heflin returned from the field and the investigating officer interrogated him for about three and one hours, during which time most of the above information was obtained.

It was also determined that following the UPI press release the Road Department was swamped with telephone calls from all over the United States, and reached such a point that the officials and Mr Heflin had agreed to the following actions effective 22 September:

- a. That Mr Heflin keep his vehicle radio off so that his daily duties would not be disturbed;
- b. That his telephone number would be given out to all callers who were informed that they could contact him at his residence after 1730 hours;
- c. That in certain instances, appointments would be made with the callers with Mr Heflin at his residence during evening hours.

One such appointment was made by a man who called the Road Department and identified himself again as a Boeing representative. The appointment was made for the evening of 24 September. During the investigating officer's conversation with Mr Heflin, it was requested that in the event that the Boeing official or the NORAD official contacted Mr Heflin, he should obtain their name, office address, and try to determine their official status. Mr Heflin stated that he would do same or that he would not talk to them. A subsequent check showed that the "Boeing man" did not show up.

Based on the investigating officer's conversations with Mr Heflin, it appeared that he was a normal, upright and tolerant citizen. From all appearances he is not attempting to perpetrate a hoax. Based on knowledge of Mr Heflin's testimony to the Marine Corps investigator, it was obvious that some of the minor points in his story had changed. However, his basic story remained very consistent. It is believed

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that the discrepancies in Mr Heflin's statements were due to both of the following reasons:

a. The Marine Corps investigation was generally cursory while this investigating officer went into detailed questioning.

b. That Mr Heflin, while trying to provide as much information as possible, was faced with the problem of trying to recall a considerable number of specific points which had been observed some seven weeks' earlier.

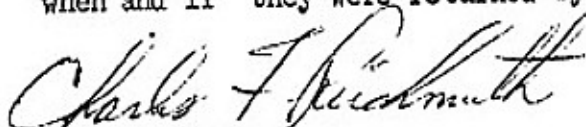
It is considered probable that although Mr Heflin was doing his honest best to recall details, that he would have had some difficulty in trying to separate "fact from memory" from general discussions and suppositions put forth by all of the people who have talked with him prior to the investigating officer's contact with him.

Prior to the contact with Mr Heflin, the investigating officer had been informed by Mrs Sarah Hunt, SAFOI, of FID's initial P.I. estimate. Based on this information, the investigating officer attempted to effect a minor ruse by stating that he personally had tried to perform analysis of the newspaper print of the UFO and that he personally had estimated that the UFO had a diameter of about three feet. Instead of being insulted or arguing or acting as though he had been caught in a hoax, Mr Heflin politely made the following comments:

a. That this was quite interesting since a man from North American Autonetics Division in Anaheim (who had gotten a copy of the photograph) had called him to say that it was only about four feet in diameter;

b. That he was still convinced that the object was about 30 feet in diameter and that he did not think he could make that great a mistake in observation. The investigating officer commented to Mr Heflin that he personally was rusty in analyzing photography and naturally had to work with a newspaper print which had obviously be retouched and that it obviously would be to everyone's benefit if we could obtain the original prints and have an accurate analysis performed by people more qualified to effect photo interpretation.

As stated above, Mr Heflin agreed to forward the original prints when and if they were returned by the alleged NORAD official.



CHARLES F REICHMUTH  
Captain, USAF  
UFO Investigating Officer

# PHOTO #1 BEARING OF UFO ~ 10° MAGNETIC

## CAMERA DATA:

MODEL: POLAROID 101  
 FOCAL LENGTH: 114mm (~4.13")  
 PHOTO FORMAT: 3 1/4" x 4 1/4"  
 AUTOMATICALLY SET BY EXPOSURE METER  
 SHUTTER SPEED: f8 → ~f42  
 FILM: GYM FILM PACER  
 ASA 3000

(TAKEN THROUGH WINDSHIELD)

REGISTRATION CARD HOLDER

1 1/2"

4 3/16"

TELEPHONE POLE  
 SPACING: ~ 300'

TRAFFIC ON SOUTH AND FREEWAY  
 DISTANCE ABOUT 3/8 MILE

TELEPHONE POLE SPACING

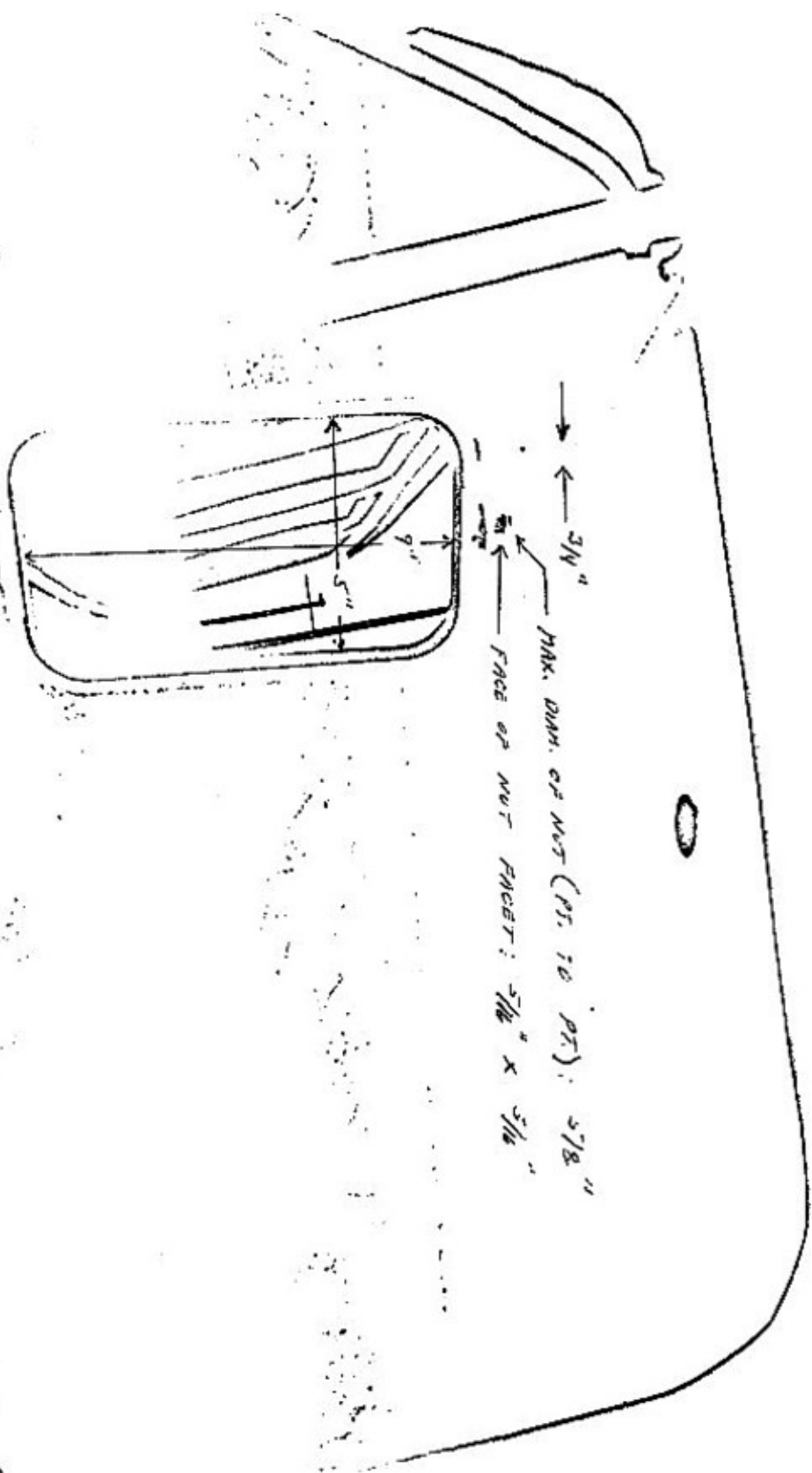
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PHOTO #2 BEARING OF UFO ~ 90° MAGNETIC

TAKEN THROUGH RIGHT DOOR WINDOW  
WINDOW BELIEVED CLOSED

INTERNAL WINDOW DIMENSIONS:  $19\frac{3}{4}" \times 14\frac{1}{2}"$

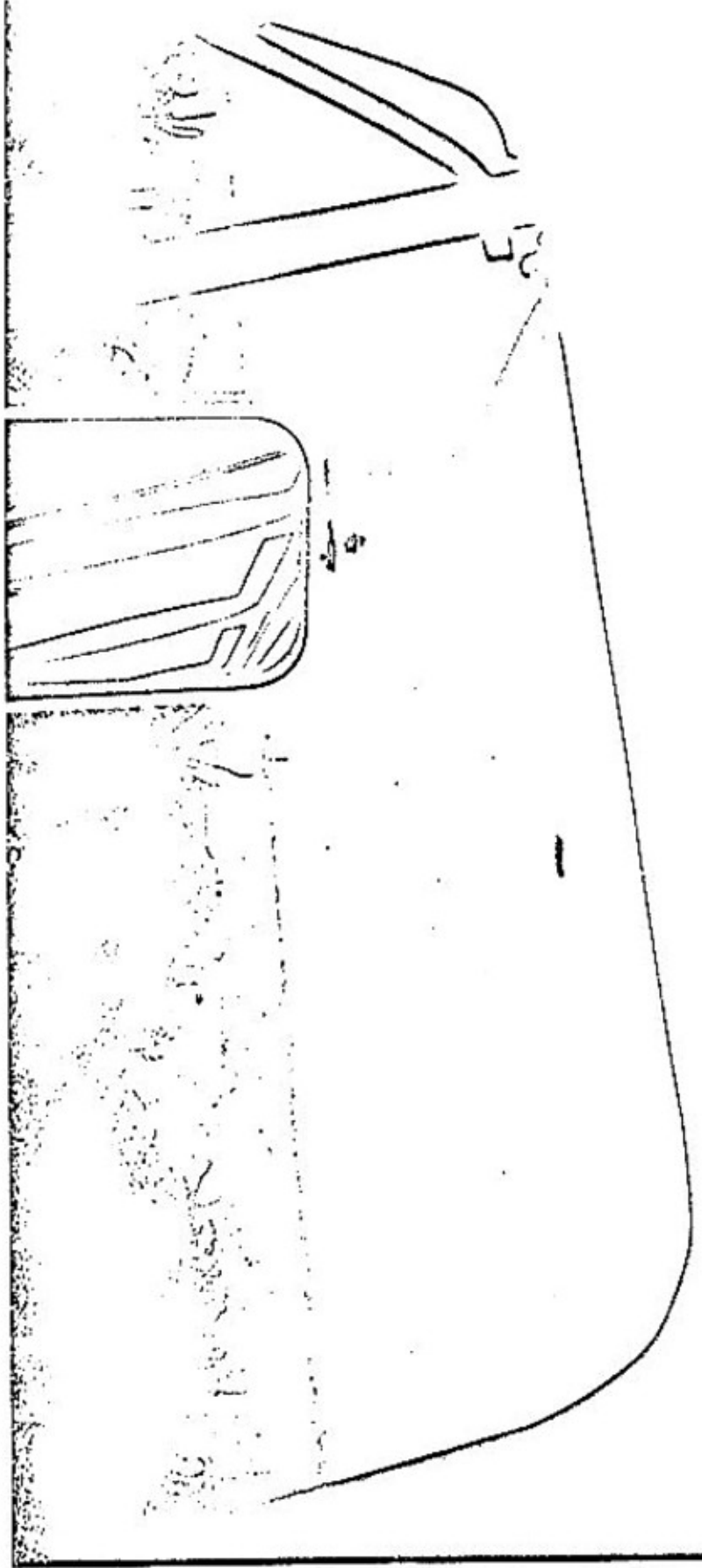


ATTN. #2 #3

~~SECRET~~

PHOTO #3 BEARING OF UFO ~ 70° MAGNETIC

TAKEN THROUGH RIGHT DOOR WINDOW  
WINDOW BELIEVED CLOSED



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## WHAT'S THIS IN SOUTHLAND SKY? A FLYING SAUCER OR AN OLD HAT?

Rex Heflin photographed this saucer-shaped unidentified object near Santa Ana with a polaroid camera

### 'Unbeliever' Takes Photo Of 'Saucer'

An Orange County Highway Department investigator who doesn't believe in flying saucers has photographed a saucer-shaped flying object that has yet to be identified.

Rex Heflin, 37, has released three photographs which he

says were taken Aug. 3 when the Midwestern and Southeastern portions of the nation were flooded with reports of unidentified flying objects.

Heflin said he was working near the Santa Ana Marine Corps air facility when he caught a glimpse of a silver object which he estimated to be 30 feet in diameter and eight feet thick.

He said it was visible for 15 seconds and moved from west to east, accelerating at about the same speed as a jet.

He said the object made no sound, but a beam of white light rotated underneath the saucer. He claims that under

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a magnifying glass the beam is discernable in one of the photographs.

Heflin said he carries a camera with him for his work, and that during the time the object was in sight, he was able to take the three pictures.

During the time the object was near, Heflin said he tried to communicate with his supervisor over a two-way radio in his vehicle, but the radio was inoperative. He said the radio has since worked perfectly.

Despite the object's proximity to the Marine base, radar operations failed to report any mysterious identification on Aug. 3.

Heflin said he was willing to take a line detector test in reply to skeptics who may say the pictures are products of trick photography.

ATTACH 26

### 3 Photos

# Air Saucer Mystery Stirs Row

By TOM NEWTON

Herald-Examiner Staff Writer

Controversy continued today over pictures of a "flying saucer" reported taken near El Toro Marine Base by Rex Heflin, Orange County Highway Department investigator.

Heflin told The Herald-Examiner he had received a call from a man identifying himself as a colonel with NORAD (North American Air Defense), asking him to refrain from comment at present.

The highway investigator said he intended to check the validity of the call later today.

Heflin, 37, Monday released three photos of "a silver object" he spotted at 11:30 a.m. Aug. 3 while working in an area between the El Toro Base and the nearby Marine Corps Air Facility.

Neither air station reported any unidentified objects on the radar that day.

He told investigators he "glimpsed the silver object and estimated it to be 30 feet in diameter and about eight feet thick."

#### 'NO SOUND'

Heflin said it was visible for about 15 seconds and moved from west to east, accelerating at about the same speed as a jet plane.

"It made no sound," he said, "but a beam of white light rotated underneath the saucer."

Authoritative sources confirmed his claim that "the light was visible in the last of the three pictures, using a magnifying glass." The "saucer" was slightly tipped in the third picture, revealing its underside.

The county employee said he carried the camera as part of his work. Photographers said it would have been possible to take the three pictures within 15 seconds with the camera Heflin carries.

#### 'RADIO DIED'

Heflin, who says he "doesn't believe in flying saucers," said that during his sighting of the object he tried to contact his base station in Santa Ana.

He said: "The radio went dead twice while I was trying to contact the station, but it has worked ever since without trouble."

The incident occurred during a period when numerous sightings of UFO's (unidentified flying objects) were reported throughout the Midwestern and Southeastern sections of the country.

Heflin said he is willing to take a lie detector test regarding the pictures.

He said the NORAD officer tentatively set up a meeting for tonight or Thursday night in Santa Ana.

Officials at the El Toro Base said they were copying the pictures for a full report to the 11th Naval District in San Diego. The report will eventually reach Washington.



### A Flying Saucer?

Some people don't believe in flying saucers, but what's this? The picture was taken near Santa Ana by a government worker.

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## UFO Photo Released

SANTA ANA, Calif. (UPI)—A flooded with reports of unidentified flying objects.

investigator who doesn't believe in flying saucers has photographed a saucer-shaped flying object that has yet to be identified.

Rex Heflin, 37, has released three photographs which he says were taken Aug. 3 when the midwestern and southeastern portions of the nation were

near the Santa Ana Marine Corps air facility when he caught a glimpse of a silver object which he estimated to be 30 feet in diameter and eight feet thick. He said it was visible for 15 seconds and moved from west to east, accelerating at about the same speed as a jet.



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30 September 1965

SUBJECT: (U) Investigation Report, UFO Sighting, 3 August 1965, Santa Ana, California

TO: FTD (TDEW) Attn: Major Quintanilla  
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. Transmitted herewith are the results of the subject UFO investigation conducted by Captain Charles F. Reichmuth, USAF, Space Systems Division (SSFA), Los Angeles Air Force Station, Los Angeles, Calif.

2. This report involves the sighting and photography of a UFO by Mr Rex E. Heflin, employed by the Orange County Road Department, offices located in Santa Ana, California. Original Polaroid photographs are not available as of this date, and will be forwarded when and if made available.

FOR THE COMMANDER

SIGNED

WILLIAM J. TRIGG

Lt Colonel, USAF

Asst Deputy for Foreign Technology

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2. Narrative rpt and assessment
3. Copy of USMC G-2 (El Toro Marine Air Facility) Investigation Rpt
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November 5, 1965

The Commander  
North American Air Defense Command  
Ent Air Force Base  
Colorado Springs, Colorado:

Re: HEFLIN, Rex  
UFO Photographs

Dear Sir:

This concerns the above-named constituent, residing at 1008 North Barton Street, Santa Ana, California, who had taken some pictures of an unidentified flying object.

Two men came to Santa Ana and contacted Mr. Heflin in this regard. They represented themselves as being from NASA and took the photographs with them for a study at your command. To date these photographs have not been returned to Mr. Heflin, and he has had no word from your representative.

If this matter is not top secret, I would appreciate it very much if you would advise me if these men were ordered to pick up the photographs and furnish me with a report of the results of the study.

Thank you for your courtesy in this matter.

Very sincerely yours,

James B. Utt  
Member of Congress

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NORTH AMERICAN AIR DEFENSE COMMAND  
ENT AIR FORCE BASE, COLORADO 80722

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF

Honorable James B. Mc  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Utt

In reference to your letter concerning the 2 photographs taken by M. Hailis of South and, this is an investigation by this Headquarters which is giving information.

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For your information, USAID and the State Department are currently for evaluation of JMWAVE and its impact on the economy of the country. The results of the evaluation will be reported to the President and the Congress.

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18—THE WASHINGTON DAILY NEWS; WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1965



—UPI Telephoto from the Santa Ana Register

**WHAT IS IT?** — Rex Heflin, an Orange County, Calif., Highway Department investigator who said he didn't believe in flying saucers, has released this and two other photos he said were made with a Polaroid camera Aug. 3, about the time a rash of unidentified flying object reports were being made in the Midwest and Southeast. He said he saw a silver object, about 30 feet in diameter and eight feet thick, near the Santa Ana Marine Corps air facility, streaking overhead at supersonic speed. It was visible for 15 seconds, he said, and made no sound. There was, he said, a bright white light rotating under the object, and his two-way radio was inoperative while it was overhead — he said.

Story A-4 for this edition

# Countian Photographs 'Flying Saucer' Near



SAUCER'S ROUNDED DOME, LIP REFLECT SUN IN COUNTIAN REX HEFLIN'S PHOTO



IN THIS PHOTO UFO PRESENTS TILTED ATTITUDE



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"It can not be too often reiterated that education is a process contemplating intelligence and wisdom, and employing formative knowledge for its purposes; while training is a process contemplating security and cleverness and employing instrumental knowledge for its purposes."  
—Albert J. Nick  
MEMOIRS OF A SUPERFLUOUS MAN

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# Countian Took Pictures Of Unidentified Object

BY FRANK HALL  
Register Staff Writer

SANTA ANA—Rex Heflin doesn't believe in flying saucers. Never has.

But he has photographed a saucer-shaped flying object that has still to be identified.

Skeptics may say his pictures are products of trick photography, but Heflin is prepared to submit to a lie-detector test to prove their authenticity.

Heflin, 37, county highway department investigator, was working on Myford Road between the Santa Ana Freeway and Valencia when a circular, silver object caught his attention. He estimated it to be 30 feet in diameter and 8 feet thick.

It was visible about 15 seconds, he said.

It silently moved from west to east then accelerated "about the same speed as a jet" toward Saddleback.

The only sound heard was the helicopters at the Santa Ana Marine Corps Air Facility, said Heflin.

A beam of white light rotated underneath the saucer, said Heflin. (Under a magnifying glass, the beam is discernable in one of the photographs.)

Despite the mysterious object's proximity to the Marine base, radar operators failed to report any unidentified objects on Aug. 3, the day Heflin saw the saucer.

Heflin said he tried to communicate with his supervisor via two-way radio in his vehicle when the saucer was near, but his radio was inoperative.

After the saucer disappeared, the radio functioned perfectly and has since the incident, he said.

The investigator said at first he didn't pay any attention to the saucer. "I thought it was another jet," he said.

Heflin, who carries a camera in his vehicle for his work, said he again looked out and realized it wasn't a jet.

He then grabbed his camera and took three pictures before the saucer sailed off over the horizon.

Heflin said he submitted his pictures to editors of a national magazine, but they returned them saying the subject was too controversial.

However, they added that his photos were the best they had seen, Heflin said.

He photographed the saucer while reports of UFOs were flooding the nation.

Numerous reports of UFOs were made on Aug. 1 from residents of Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Kansas.

On Aug. 5, a flurry of reports of UFOs were made in California.

Heflin doesn't believe the saucer is an extra-terrestrial product.

He believes the United States is testing a new flying machine.

He qualified his belief by saying sooner or later man-made aircraft crash near populated areas.

"I have never heard of a saucer crashing, and they have been sighted for a long time."

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METROPOLITAN ORANGE COUNTY'S

WATCHFUL NEWSPAPER

SANTA ANA, ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA WEDNESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 22, 1965

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## Marine Brass Fix Gaze On Heflin UFO Photos

SANTA ANA — The Marine Corps is taking a close look at photographs which purportedly show a flying saucer hovering over the Irvine Ranch.

The photos which Rex Heflin, 37, a county highway investigator, said he took last Aug. 3 will be forwarded to the 11th Naval District Headquarters in San Diego after El Toro Marine intelligence officers complete their scrutiny, it was learned.

Marine spokesmen said they would make no effort to identify the object in the photograph.

Meanwhile, Heflin was in a quandary over orders which he has received by telephone.

One call, he said, came from a man who identified himself as a colonel with the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD). This man, Hef-

lin said, asked that no further statements be made about the UFO.

"He requested that I not discuss the matter further with the press," Heflin said.

Heflin also said he had been contacted by telephone by a man who said he was a Boeing Aircraft Co. engineer.

A check with both NORAD headquarters and the Boeing

Co. offices disclosed that no body officially representing these agencies had contacted Heflin.

Col. D. R. Dinsmore, an Air Force official in the Pentagon, said the photos have not come to "our official attention yet," but if they do, a special team at Wright-Patterson Air Force

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## Saucer Photos

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Base, Dayton, Ohio, will be responsible for the investigation.

Since The Register first published the three photos taken by Heflin, the road investigator has been deluged with inquiries and three invitations to join "flying saucer" clubs.

Heflin said he would like to get his photos back from the Marine Corps.

Heflin said he took the pictures on Myford Road between the Santa Ana Freeway and Valencia with a camera he carries in his truck for his work.

Heflin said he spotted the "saucer" hovering at about 150 feet. He said he was about an eighth of a mile from the object.

He estimated it to be 30 feet in diameter and 8 feet thick. Heflin watched it about 15 seconds before it "accelerated like a jet" and disappeared over Saddleback peaks east of Santa Ana.

Heflin said he was reticent to report the flying saucer incident to the press or the military because "I knew I'd be branded some sort of a nut."

At the urging of a superior in the county highway department, Heflin sent his pictures to Life Magazine soon after they were taken, but they were rejected because the topic was "too controversial," he said.

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