

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 2 - 3 September 1965	2. LOCATION Exeter, New Hampshire
3. SOURCE Civilians (MULTIPLE)	10. CONCLUSION UNIDENTIFIED
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Multiple	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 Hour Period	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS SEE CASE FILE
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	There were aircraft in the area of the sighting between 03/0444Z and 03/0535Z on <u>OPERATION "BIG BLAST"</u> .
7. COURSE Varied, Stationary	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

FORM

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

MEMO FOR THE RECORD: 9 Mar 66, Call from Major David H Griffin,
124 School - Class P-201, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma,
Extension 5317

Major David Griffin had investigated the reports in New Hampshire.
The reason that reports were not submitted on sightings other
than the Exeter, New Hampshire case of Bertrand, Hunt and Muscarello
was that they were identified on the spot.

He went out with Mrs Pierce for several nights, what she called
flying saucers no one else saw. All that were visible were aircraft.

According to AFR 200-2 if objects are identified it is not necessary
to submit a report.

A Colonel Stnaley A Ensberg at Base Ops has records on the UFO
sightings for this period of time.

Standard Form 63
November 1961
GSA Gen. Reg. No. 27

MEMORANDUM OF CALL

Date

Time

TO—

☐ YOU WERE CALLED BY— ☐ YOU WERE VISITED BY—

SGT REA. STARVAS
(SUSAN SMITH)

TELEPHONE: Number or code Extension

☐ PLEASE CALL ☐ WAITING TO SEE YOU
☐ WILL CALL AGAIN ☐ WISHES AN APPOINTMENT
☐ RETURNING YOUR CALL
☐ IS REFERRED TO YOU BY

LEFT THIS MESSAGE:

972-6142

VIRGINIA HALE ✓
MRUDY PIERCE ✓ 19TH
RON. SMITH ✓
TAUBERT ✓

Received By—

Mr. 926-2373 (phone)
① VA HALE, THOMSON CO, HAMPTON, ^{New Hampshire} 7 OCT.

Night 6 OCT. 1825 Δ OBJ IN EAST.

Moving from S to SE at 3,000 FT.

Turned NE came inland stopped
over Coast Guard Station. for 4 min.
Made sharp turn to SW toward Exeter
picked up speed. Blue green, No flash
lights, No noise, defined shape.

Missing total duration. mission possible change
in intensity or shape. Size. age.
Occ. Missing disappearance. Missing WX.

② Mrs Ruby Pierce, came into office
Blonde 35-40. ^{1st} Excitable (understatement)
Griffin said on 2-3 occasions w/ L/Cox Grubing
feel of lights from Base.

Major Griffin Hadmark Apts D-11
P-201

③	TALBERT.	NOTHING
④	SMITH	NOTHING

3 Sep 65, Exeter, N Hampshire

7 Sep 65, Leon, N York

TSgt David Moody called Griffis AFB, N York and talked with Sgt Hunt, 416 SW of the 4028 Operations Squadron. Informed that Farmer Boy refueling route had been changed to Fur Trapper. Records were checked and revealed that no refueling operations were conducted on the nights of 2-3 Sep and 6 Sep. The route Fur Trapper was closed from 03/0500 to 03/0600Z for an 8th Air Force Operation "Big Blast". Sgt Hunt informed Sgt Moody that a refueling area "Down Date" controlled at Loring AFB, paralleled "Fur-Trapper" adjacent to the old Farmer Boy area. Sgt Moody called Col Smith at Loring AFB. No flights were conducted on the morning of 3 Sep and one operation of a B-47, KC-135 from Loring entered the Speedway refueling area near Indianapolis at 07/0110Z. There were no refueling operations in the New England area during the time in question. Any information on "Big Blast" should be obtained from the 8th Air Force. Sgt Moody called Major Benanders at Westover AFB at the 99th Bomb Wing, DCOI, and requested him to obtain information pertaining to the lighting and type of aircraft used in operation "Big Blast" and their positions during the time period of 03/0500-0600Z.

The above was accomplished by telephone on 28 September 1965.

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TO AFSC WPAFB OHIO

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UNCLAS BDXI 00284 FEB 66.

FOR FTD. REFERENCE TELECON BETWEEN PROF. HYNEK, YOUR
H.S., AND LT. BRANDT, THIS H.S., RE UFO INCIDENT OF 3
SEP 65 IN EXETER, H.H. CHECK WITH PEASE BASE OPERATIONS
HAS REVEALED THAT NO PILOT REPORTS CONCERNING UNUSUAL
SIGHTINGS WERE MADE BY CREWS LANDING DURING PERIOD IN
QUESTION. ALSO NOT LIKELY THAT AIRCRAFT IS AREA
WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OR SPECIAL ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT DURING
THIS TIME.

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[Signature]

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MEMO FOR THE RECORD

FROM: Lt Alan P Brandt, Director of Information
SUBJECT: U.F.O. Sighting
DATE: 9 Sep 65

Received call from June Micholas, wife of Major Micholas, Resident Auditor, stating that her son had seen an unidentified flying object while in the back seat of the family car on 4 Sept 65 near Nashua, N.H., on Route 101.

Her son, Burke, age 13, a student at Portsmouth Junior High, saw the object after waking from a nap while lying in the back seat of the car. He told his parents about it after "coming to". He said he was too shocked to say ~~xxx~~ anything at the time. He described the ~~object~~ object as oval, football-shaped, with red "and other" lights at about 2045 to 2100 hrs.

Phoned above information to Maj David Griffin, BDO, and he said he would make no formal report.

Alan P Brandt

TDEW/UFO

MAR 3 1966

UFO Information, Exeter, New Hampshire

RADC (EMYS)

Attn: Major Barnside

1. Reference your request for information on the Exeter, New Hampshire unidentified flying object report. A summary of the incident is as follows:

a. The sighting was made on the morning of 3 September 1965. Initial investigation was made by officers from Pease AFB, New Hampshire following wide spread publicity in the local newspapers from the New Hampshire area. A copy of the initial report, dated 15 September and two newspaper articles from 6 and 7 September are included in the case file. Information received in the initial report regarding description of the object and newspaper coverage was not sufficient for a firm evaluation of the sighting. The general description of flashing lights is consistent with previous reports of aircraft, refueling operations or low level photographic missions using infra-red lights. On 28 September an investigation attempting to place a specific aircraft of these types over Exeter was made. Results of this investigation indicated that an 8th Air Force operation "Big Blast" was conducted in the New England area and B-47 aircraft from Pease AFB were also involved in the operation. Letters were written to Patrolmen Bertrand and Hunt and to the Hqs 8th Air Force at Westover AFB. A reply from the 8th Air Force indicated that ten B-47 aircraft landed at Pease AFB between 0045 and 0135 local time. The major portion of the sighting occurred subsequent to two a.m. Articles in the Saturday Review of Literature, January 1966 issue and the Look magazine, February 1966 issue, further stimulated public interest in this particular sighting. After consultation with project consultant, Dr. J. Allen Hynek of Northwestern University, a telephone call was made to Lt. Brandt at Pease AFB requesting that the B-47 pilots be interrogated regarding unusual observations and also to determine if infra-red photography was being conducted in the area. A TWX received on 11 February 1966 indicated that no unusual sightings were made by crews during the time period of the unidentified flying object report. His statement regarding night photography is inconclusive. Copies are included in the case.

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b. Both articles from the Saturday Review and Look Magazine are authored by John C Fuller. The article is essentially factual, however, it is apparent that poetic license and a flair for the sensational has been incorporated into the articles. The only report, submitted to the Air Force for evaluation, is the observation made by the police officers and Mascarello. The other reports, contained in the Look article, have never been reported to the Air Force. Analysis of the report indicates that it is possible for aircraft of a conventional type with rotating beacons or aircraft utilizing infra-red lights in photographic missions to have been the cause of this sighting. Since we have been unable at this time to identify a specific aircraft as the cause of the sighting, the case is regarded for statistical purposes as unidentified. There was no indication that the object presented any evidence whatsoever, of scientific or technical development beyond the present state-of-the-art. There is a total lack of evidence to indicate that the sighting could not have been caused by conventional aircraft.

2. Information on the conduct of the Air Force Project Blue Book was forwarded to your office at an earlier date.

FOR THE COMMANDER

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

1 Atch
Case File, Exeter,
New Hampshire

COORDINATION

ORIGINATOR:

TDEW/UFO

M. Quintanilla, Jr.
MAJ H QUINTANILLA, JR

DATE *2 Mar 66*

Neil H. Persh...
f TDEW

DATE *2 Mar 66*

RADC (EMYS)

Griffis AFB, N York
13440

May Bernardi

February 9, 1966

Mrs Hunt/sh/SAFOICC/72842/9 Feb 66

Gentlemen:

Based on the additional information you submitted to our UFO investigation office at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, we have been unable to identify the object you observed on September 3, 1965.

I am inclosing a copy of a letter to Mr. Raymond Fowler of Wenham, Massachusetts. I hope this will help to clarify our initial statement regarding the sightings in Exeter.

In 19 years of investigating over 10,000 reports of unidentified flying objects, the evidence has proved almost conclusively that reported aerial phenomena have been objects either created and sent aloft by man, generated by atmospheric conditions, or caused by celestial bodies or the residue of meteoric activity.

Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force and for your subsequent cooperation regarding the report. I regret any inconvenience you may have suffered as a result.

Sincerely,

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Letter

Mr. Eugene F. Bertrand, Jr.
Mr. David R. Hunt
Exeter Police Department
Exeter, New Hampshire

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

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January 25, 1966

Mrs Hunt/sh/SAFOICC/72842/25 Jan 66

Dear Mr. Fuller:

I am inclosing our file on the Exeter, New Hampshire, UFO sightings.

Our office at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base has not received a report on an observation at Hampton, New Hampshire, on August 2, 1965. It is possible that a report was submitted to Pease Air Force Base and identified locally as a known natural or conventional object.

The photograph taken by Mr. Lucci of Beaver, Pennsylvania, was not turned over to the Air Force for evaluation.

Sincerely,

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

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Exeter Case File

Mr. John G. Fuller
c/o Saturday Review
380 Madison Ave
New York, NY

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Dr. JOHN G. FULLER
% SATURDAY REVIEW
380 MADISON AVE, NYC, NY

① EXETER, N.H. - Sept 3, 1965

PH. Eugene Bertrand ± 3:00 AM

PH. David Hunt

② HAMPTON, NH 0400

Reported to Pease AFB 2 AUG 1965
by Hampton Coast Guard Station
(Wally Shipman - sighted UFO
with friend)

③ BEAVER, PENNA. 8 AUG 1965
11:50 PM

James Lucci

John Lucci

Saw and took Pix of
UFO

3 SEP 65

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JAN 11 1966

Request for UFO Information

Hq USAF SAFOICC (Mrs. Hunt)

1. We have delayed our reply to Mr. Fowler concerning the Exeter, New Hampshire sighting until our final investigation into this matter could be completed. The initial investigation from Pease Air Force Base was submitted to our office on 15 September 1965 and contained statements from the principle witnesses. This data indicated that a refueling operation might have been the cause of the sighting. Refueling area "Fur Trapper" and refueling area "Down Date" are controlled through Loring Air Force Base and located over the area of the sighting. A call was made to the controller of this refueling area and we were informed that they were offed from 03/0500Z to 03/600Z for an 8th Air Force operation Big Blast. A call was placed to the 99th Bomb Wing at Westover Air Force Base for information on this operation.

2. The initial impression was that aircraft from an 8th Air Force operation "Big Blast" was the cause of the lights observed during this incident. Information received from the 8th Air Force indicates that ten B-47 aircraft from Pease Air Force base involved in operation Big Blast "Coco" were in the traffic pattern over Exeter, New Hampshire between 03/444Z and 03/535Z. A copy of this information is attached. Since this information conflicted with the time of the sighting and eliminated these aircraft as a possible evaluation of this incident, a letter was forwarded to Mr. Eugene Bertrand and Mr. Dave Hunt of the Exeter Police Department requesting clarification of the time of the sighting. A copy of our letter to these gentlemen and a copy of their reply is attached.

3. The earlier sightings of two unnamed women and those of Mr. Muscarillo are attributed to aircraft from operation Big Blast "Coco." The subsequent observation by Officers Bertrand and Russel occurring after 2 A. M. are regarded as UNIDENTIFIED. It is requested that you send

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a carbon copy of your reply to Mr. Fowler, Patrolman Bertrand, Patrolman Hunt, and Dr. J. Allen Hyssek.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Eric T. de J...
ERIC T. de JUSCHKE, Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology and Subsystems

5 Atchs

1. Ltr 8th Air Force
2. Ltr Raymond Fowler
3. Ltr to 8th Air Force
4. Ltr to Easter Police Dpt.
5. Ltr fm. Pt. Hunt and Bertrand

ORIGINATOR

TDEW/UPO

M. Quintanilla Jr.
Maj. H. Quintanilla, Jr.

DATED

7 Jan 66

for TDEW

N.H. Perkins

DATED

10 Jan 66

December 28, 1965

Hector Quntanilla, Jr., Major, USAF
Chief, Project Blue Book
Wright Patterson AFB
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Since we have not heard from you since our letter to you of December 2, we are writing this to request some kind of answer, since we are still upset about what happened after the Pentagon released its news saying that we have just seen stars or planets, or high altitude air exercises.

As we mentioned in our letter to you, it could not have been the operation "Big Blast" you mention, since the time of our sighting was nearly an hour after that exercise, and it may not even have been the same date, since you refer to our sighting as September 2. Our sighting was on September 3. In addition, as we mentioned, we are both familiar with all the B-47's and B-52's and helicopter and jet fighters which are going over this place all the time. On top of that Ptl. Bertrand had four years of refueling experience in the Air Force, and knows regular aircraft of all kinds. It is important to remember that this craft we saw was not more than 100 feet in the air, and it was absolutely silent, with no rush of air from jets or chopper blades whatever. And it did not have any wings or tail. It lit up the entire field, and two nearby houses turned completely red. It stopped, hovered, and turned on a dime.

What bothers us the most is that many people are thinking that we were either lying or not intelligent enough to tell the difference between what we saw and something ordinary. Three other people saw this same thing on September 3, and two of them appeared to be in shock from it. This was absolutely not a case of mistaken identity.

We both feel that it's very important for our jobs and our reputations to get some kind of letter from you to say that the story which the Pentagon put out was not true; it could not possibly be, because we were the people who saw this; not the Pentagon.

Can you please let us hear from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Eugene Bertrand, David R. Hunt
Patrolman Eugene Bertrand, Patrolman David Hunt

Exeter Police
Exeter, New Hampshire

David Hunt
9 Charles St.
Exeter N.H.



AIR MAIL

Hector Quintanilla Jr. Major, USAF
Chief, Project Blue Book
Wright Patterson AFB
Dayton, Ohio

David Hunt
9 Charles St.
Exeter N.H.

December 2, 1965

Hector Quintanilla, Jr., Major, USAF
Chief, Project Blue Book
Wright Patterson AFB
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Sir:

We were very glad to get your letter during the third week in November, because as you might imagine we have been the subject of considerable ridicule since the Pentagon released its "final evaluation" of our sighting of September 3, 1965. In other words, both Ptl. Hunt and myself saw this object at close range, checked it out with each other, confirmed and reconfirmed the fact that this was not any kind of conventional aircraft, that it was at an altitude of not more than a couple of hundred feet, and went to considerable trouble to ~~confirm~~ confirm that the weather was clear, there was no wind, no chance of weather inversion, and that what we were seeing was no illusion or military or civilian craft. We entered this in a complete official police report as a supplement to the blotter of the morning of September 3 (not September 2, as your letter indicates). Since our job ~~is~~ depends on accuracy and an ability to tell the difference between fact and fiction, we were naturally disturbed by the Pentagon report which attributed the sighting to "multiple high altitude objects" in the area and "weather inversion." What is a little difficult to understand is the fact that your letter (undated) arrived considerably after the Pentagon release. Since your letter says that you are still in the process of making a final evaluation, it seems that there is an inconsistency here. Ordinarily, this wouldn't be too important except for the fact that in a situation like this we are naturally very reluctant to be considered irresponsible in our official report to the police station.

Since one of us (Ptl. Bertrand) was in the Air Force for four years engaged in refueling operations with all kinds of military aircraft, it was impossible to mistake what we saw for any time of military operation, regardless of altitude. It was also definitely not a helicopter or balloon. Immediately after the object disappeared, we did see what probably was a B-47 at high altitude, but it bore no relation at all to the object we saw.

Another fact is that the time of our observation was nearly an hour after 2:00 AM, which would eliminate the 8th Air Force operation Big Blast, since as you say this took place between midnight and 2:00 AM. Norman Muscarello, who first reported this object before we went to the sight saw it somewhere in the vicinity of 2 AM, but nearly an hour had passed before he got into the police station, and we went out to the location with him.

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We would both appreciate it very much if you would help us eliminate the possible conclusion that some people have made in that we might have A) made up the story, or B) were incompetent observers. Anything you could do along this line would be very much appreciated, and I'm sure you can understand the position we're in.

We appreciate the problems the Air Force must have with a lot of irresponsible reports on this subject, and don't want to cause you any unnecessary trouble. On the other hand, we think you probably understand our position.

Thanks very much for your interest.

Sincerely,

Eugene F. Bertrand
Ptl. Eugene Bertrand

David R. Hunt
Ptl. David Hunt

Mr Eugene F Bertrand Jr
Mr David R Hunt
Exeter Police Department
Exeter, New Hampshire

Gentlemen,

The sighting of various unidentified objects by you and Mr Norman Mascarello was investigated by officials from Pease Air Force Base, New Hampshire, and their report has been forwarded to our office at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. This sighting at Exeter, New Hampshire, on the night of 2 September has been given considerable publicity through various news releases and in magazine articles similar to that from the "Saturday Review" of 2 October 1965. A portion of this article is attached for your information. This information was released by the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, a private organization which has no connection with the government. As a result of these articles, the Air Force has received inquiry as to the cause of this report.

Our investigation and evaluation of this sighting indicates a possible association with an 8th Air Force operation, "Big Blast." In addition to aircraft from this operation, there were five B-47 type aircraft flying in the area during this period. Before a final evaluation of your sighting can be made, it is essential for us to know if either of you witnessed any aircraft in the area during this time period either independently or in connection with the objects observed. Since there were many aircraft in the area, at that time, and there were no reports of unidentified objects from personnel engaged in this air operation, we might then assume that the objects observed between midnight and 2 A. M. might be associated with this military air operation. If, however, these aircraft were noted by either of you, then this would tend to eliminate this air operation as a plausible explanation for the objects observed.

Sincerely,

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HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Major, USAF
Chief, Project Blue Book

1 Atch
Article "Saturday Review"

Atch #4

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE (SAC)
WESTOVER AIR FORCE BASE, MASSACHUSETTS 01022



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: DOOTO

24 NOV 1965

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting

TO: AFSC (TDEW/UFO)

1. In reply to your letter, same subject, 16 Nov 65, and telephone conversation between SMSgt Heffley, 8AF, and Sgt Moody, Hq AFSC, on 19 Nov 65, the following information is furnished.
2. Big Blast "Coco", a SAC/NORAD training mission, was flown on 2 - 3 September, 1965. By 03/0430Z, the operational portion of the mission was complete and participating aircraft were enroute to their home stations.
3. Ten B-47 aircraft from Pease AFB were involved in Big Blast "Coco" and were estimated to arrive at their initial approach fix (Pease TACAN 320° Radial, 10 DME fix), between 03/0444Z and 03/0535Z. The town of Exeter is within the traffic pattern utilized by Air Traffic Control in the recovery of these aircraft at Pease AFB, N.H. During their approach the recovering aircraft would have been displaying standard position lights, anti-collision lights and possibly over wing and landing lights.

FOR THE COMMANDER

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "William A. McGilpin Jr.".

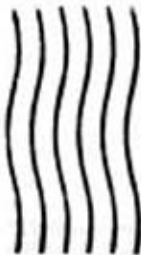
WILLIAM A. MCGILPIN JR
Lt Colonel, USAF
Directorate of Operations

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UFO Sighting

Hq 8th Air Force

1. A report of an unidentified flying object was submitted to our office at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base by the 817 Combat Support Group, Pease Air Force Base. This report was submitted to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in accordance with AFR 200-2. Evaluation of information submitted indicates that the observation may be associated with the military operation, Big Blast. The location of the observation was the New Hampshire area, in and around the town of Exeter. Time of the reported UFO was the night of 2-3 August 1965 and specifically 03/0500 to 0600 Zebra. This UFO report has received considerable publicity in newspaper and magazine articles, and the Air Force has received numerous queries regarding the cause of this sighting.

2. We would like to know the specific types of aircraft used in this operation and possible location of these aircraft at the time of the report.

FOR THE COMMANDER

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

ORIGINATOR *M. J. Quintanilla, Jr.* (DATED) *15 Nov 65*
TDEW/UFO *Maj J Quintanilla, Jr.*

TDEW *Louis DeRogge*

TDEW

OCT 19 1965

Unidentified Flying Objects

Directorate of Information
817th Air Division (SAC)
Pease AFB, New Hampshire 03803

1. Reports which have been received by our organization from Pease AFB during the past year have contained sufficient information for us to provide an evaluation of the reports without subsequent consultation with the exception of the Exeter, New Hampshire report of 3 Sep 65. Preliminary analysis by personnel at our organization indicated a possible refueling operation. A call was made to the "Fur Trapper" refueling area and "Down Date" refueling area. We were informed that these areas were closed for operation from 03/0500Z to 03/0600Z for an Eighth Air Force operation "Big Blast". It is our belief that aircraft from this operation and various stars and planets were the causes of the various reports on the night of 2 - 3 September from this area.
2. AFB 200-2 specifically states that only those objects which are unidentified are to be reported. Therefore, objects such as satellites, aircraft, balloons, etc are not covered by this regulation and such information may be released by your organization to the press or radio, in answer to questions regarding specific reports. If the sighting is not evaluated as a known or conventional object by your organization the release of this information is made by the Air Force through the Secretary of the Air Force, Office of Information.
3. Investigation of unidentified flying object reports is made only in those cases where the observer contacts the Air Force directly. No investigation is made of newspaper reports or rumors to the effect that an object has been sighted.
4. The Air Force does not, as a rule, provide speakers to private groups on the subject of UFOs. Past experience has indicated that talks on this subject only serve to generate additional requests for speakers and creates additional interest in the subject.

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5. Should you feel that the problem in your particular instance is sufficient to justify an Air Force representative from this project to visit your organization a request may be made through Hq USAF (SAFOIOC), Washington, D C 20330, attention Mrs Hunt.

FOR THE COMMANDER

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

ORIGINATOR:

H. Quintanilla, Jr DATED *19 Oct 65*
TDEW/UFO Maj H Quintanilla, Jr

EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

3 SEPTEMBER 1965

One observer (Muscarello) was hitch-hiking on Route 150 at 0200 hours when a group of five bright red lights appeared over a house about 100 feet from where he was standing. The lights were in a line at about a 60° angle and they were so bright they lit up the area. Only one light would be on at a time. Observer watched these lights for approximately 15 minutes when they finally disappeared behind some trees and seemed to go into a field. At one time the objects came so close that observer jumped into a ditch to keep from being hit. Observer caught a ride to Exeter Police Station and reported what he had seen.

Second observer (Bertrand) arrived at Police Station after consoling a lady in a car who claimed a light had been following her and stopped over her car. Bertrand and Muscarello left for the area where Muscarello had seen lights. After arriving in the area a group of five bright lights came from behind a group of trees. These lights were extremely bright and flashed one at a time. The lights started to move around over the field. At one time the lights came so close Bertrand fell to the ground and started to draw his gun. The lights were so bright Bertrand was unable to make out any distinct form. There was no sound or vibration but the farm animals nearby were upset and making a lot of noise. When the lights started coming near again, Muscarello and Bertrand ran for the car.

Third observer (Hunt) arrived after having been called by Bertrand. Hunt also observed the lights which were still over the field but not so close

as before. The lights moved out across the field at an estimated altitude of 100 feet and finally disappeared in the distance at the same altitude. The lights were always in line at about 60° angle. When the object moved the lower lights were always forward of the others. Total time that the lights were in the area was approximately two hours.

COMMENTS

The general description of flashing lights is consistent with previous reports of aircraft, refueling operations or low level photographic missions. An investigation was made as to the possibility of aircraft in the area at the time of the observation. Results of the investigation indicated that an 8th Air Force operation "Big Blast" was conducted in the New England area and B-47 aircraft from Pease AFB between 0044 and 0135 local time. The crews were questioned and they reported no unusual sightings during the time period of the unidentified flying object report. Although several reports were noted, the only report submitted to the Air Force for evaluation, was the observation made by the police officers and Muscarello.

The preliminary impression was that an aircraft from "Big Blast" was the cause of the lights. These aircraft were in the traffic pattern over Exeter between 0044 and 0135, which does not correspond to the time of the observation. Since no aircraft can be placed in the area at 0200 hours the case is listed as unidentified by the Air Force.

HEADQUARTERS
817th AIR DIVISION (SAC)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
Pease Air Force Base, New Hampshire 03803



15 OCT 1965

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: Directorate of Information

SUBJECT: Request for Information Concerning Speakers

TO: Information Officer
Foreign Technology Division, AFSC
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. There have been an unusually high number of reported sightings of unidentified flying objects in the Pease AFB, N.H. area which have been the subject of much discussion and numerous newspaper, radio and television reports. Many of these sightings have been reported to this base, and your records will show that we have performed thorough investigations of them. Other reports which we have learned of second hand have been made to local police departments and, in a few cases, to newspapers. Several members of this command have actually been called to view UFO's, by sincere and sober citizens, but as yet we have always been too late or "unlucky." The most interesting sighting, in the nearby town of Exeter, aroused special interest as two policemen saw the object at very close range (reference our report). It is the subject of an article in the current issue of the "Saturday Review of Literature."
2. This office has, of course, not commented on sightings reported to the Air Force other than to say that they are being or have been investigated, that the reports will be sent to your organization, that further releases will be made from the Public Information Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, etc. The fact that we cannot comment on the investigations has led to somewhat alarming suspicion of Air Force motives and interests in this area, the most popular belief being that "...the Air Force won't release the truth, because if the truth were known everyone would be panicked." I have attempted to counter this by explaining the USAF's interest in this matter every time I speak to the press or private citizens about this matter. I have obtained statistics from the "They'll Ask You" pamphlet concerning our success at identifying the vast majority of these sightings and released them in news release format. Still, however, an alarming number of people remain unconvinced.
3. Many members of the two nearby military affairs committees and key citizens from surrounding towns and cities have inquired concerning the possibility of an Air Force speaker on this subject.

Do you operate a speakers' bureau or would you be able to suggest where I might obtain a knowledgeable Air Force spokesman who could explain the Air Force UFO program and what happens to reports sent to your organization? If speakers from your organization are available, it might be possible for us to arrange transportation via a Pease-based C-47. Billeting poses no problem.

4. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Alan B. Brandt

ALAN B. BRANDT, 1st Lt, USAF
Director of Information

Can you take care of this?

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: BDO

SUBJECT: Initial Report of Unidentified Flying Object (UFO)

15 SEP 1965

TO: AFCS (FTD)

The following report of an unidentified flying object is hereby submitted in accordance with AFR 200-2.

a. Description of object.

- (1) Round.
- (2) Baseball.
- (3) Bright red.
- (4) Five red lights in a row.
- (5) Lights were close together and moved as one object.
- (6) None
- (7) None
- (8) None
- (9) Extremely bright red.

b. Description of course of object.

- (1) Visual sighting.
- (2) Object was at an altitude of approximately 100 ft and moved in an arc of 135 degrees.
- (3) Object disappeared at an altitude of approximately 100 ft on a mag. heading of approximately 160 degrees.

(4) The object was erratic in movement and would disappear behind trees and houses in the area. It would then appear at a position other than where it disappeared. When in view it would act as a floating leaf.

(5) Object departed on a heading of 160 degrees and was observed until it disappeared in the distance.

(6) One hour.

c. Manner of Observation.

(1) Ground - visual.

(2) None.

(3) N/A.

d. Time and date of sighting.

(1) 03/09/0600Z

(2) Night

e. Location of observer.

(1) 3 N.M. South West of Exeter, N.H.

f. Identifying information on observer.

(1) Civilian. Norman J. Muscarello. Age, 18. 205 $\frac{1}{2}$ Front St, Exeter N.H. Unemployed (will join Navy on 18 Sept 65). Appears to be reliable.

(2) Civilian. Eugene F Bertrand Jr. Age, 30. Exeter Police Department, Exeter N.H. Patrolman. Reliable.

(3) Civilian. David R Hunt. Age, 28. Exeter Police Department, Exeter N.H. Patrolman. Reliable.

g. Weather and Winds.

(1) The weather was clear with no known weather phenomenon. There was a 5 degree inversion from surface to 5000 ft.

(2) Winds at Pease AFB, N.H.

<u>ALTITUDE</u>	<u>WINDS</u>
Surface	290/03
6000	310/03
10000	270/77
16000	270/56
30000	260/49
50000	250/33
80000	Not Rec.

(3) Clear (unlimited).

(4) 30 N.M.

(5) None.

(6) None.

(7) See SKEW T. Log P diagram.

h. None

i. None

j. None

k. Major David H. Griffin, Base Disaster Control Officer,
Command Pilot.

(1) At this time have been unable to arrive at a probable cause of this sighting. The three observers seem to be stable reliable persons, especially the two patrolman. I viewed the area of the sighting and found nothing in the area that could be the probable cause. Pease AFB had 5 B-47 aircraft flying in the area during this period but do not believe they had any connection with this sighting.

1. None.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Ray E. Muscarello

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Captain, U.S. Air Force
Director of Administrative Services

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1. Statement, UFO Sighting,
Eugene F. Bertrand Jr.
2. Statement, UFO Sighting,
David R. Hunt.
3. Statement, UFO Sighting,
Norman J. Muscarello.
4. SKEN T, Log P Diagram