PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 2300L 7 Sapt 68 08/0300Z	2. LOCATION Aiken, South Carolina
3. SOURCE - Civilian	10. CONCLUSION INSUFFICIENT DATA FOR EVALUATION
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	All listed observers were sent 117's. As of 6 Nov 68, none were returned.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
4 - 10 Minutes	SEE CASE PILE
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION	
Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE	
Not Reported	
8. PHOTOS	
2000	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE	
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L, AGE 27 AIKEN S.C. HOUSEWIFE,	
RELIABLE, EXCELLENT CHARACTER, WIFE OF RADAR OPERATOR. (3)	
, AGE 16, AIKEN SC, HI SCHOOL	
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STUDENT, EXCELLENT CHARACTER. (4) PROFESSOR	
AT UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AGE 50, WIRGINIA	
ACRES, AIKEN S.C. RELIABLE, EXCELLENT CHARACTER. (MILITARY) (5)	
SSGT, USAF SUPERVISOR, AGE 40,	
, AIKEN S.C. RELIABLE, EXCELLENT CHARACTER. (6)	
SGT, AGE: 39, COMPARAGE, AIKEN SC, RELIABLE, EXCELLENT CHARACTER.	
G. WEATHER AND WINDSTALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTINGS:	
(1) OBERVERS ACCOUNT OF WX:CLEAR-NIGHT-FULL MOON-NO ATMOSPHERIC CON7.	
JITIONS. WEATHER: CLEAR, VISIBILTY; 13PLUS MILES WINDS ALOFT AT SURFACE	
Ø40DEGREES-4 KNOTS. SURFACE TEMPERATURE 68 DEGREES DEW POINT 59	
DEGREES. (2) REPORT FROM 2AD AWS:	
ALTITUDE WIND DIRECTION VELOCITY IN KNOTS	
6,000 FEET 75 DEGREES 10 KNOTS	
10,000 FEET 3 DEGREES 4 KNOTS	
16,000 FEET 245 DEGREES 13 KNOTS	

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20,000 FEET

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245 DEGREES

15 KNOTS

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30,000 FEET

265 DEGREES

35 KNOTS

50,000 FEET

275 DEGREES

26 KNOTS

83,000 FEET

270 DEGREES

10 KNOTS

(3) CEILING: HI SCATTERED. (4) VISIBILITY: 10 MILES. (5) CLOUD COVER: PAGE 4 RUCLEDKØØØI UNCLAS

SCATTERED. (6) NO THUNDERSTOMS (7) VERTICAL TEMPERATURE GRADIENT:

DEGREES ALTITUDE 6,000 FEET PLUS 12 10,000 FEET PLUS 8 MINUS 4 16,000 FEET 20,000 FEET MINUS 13 MINUS 7 Ø,000 FEET 50,000 FEET MINUS 68 80,000 FEET MINUS 60

H. ASTRONIMICAL ACTIVITY: NONE I. NO INTERCEPT MADE J. (1) CHECKED WITH SAVANAH RIVER PLANT FOR POSSIBLE LAUCH OF BALLONS-NONE LAUNCHED LAST NIGHT. (2) CHECKED WITH SHAW AIR FORCE BASE WING COMMAND POST AND BASE OPERATIONS FOR POSSIBLE NIGHT FLYING-NONE(3) NO COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS FROM COLUMBIA S.C. AIRPORT, AUGUSTA AIRPORT IN THE GENERAL DIRCETION OF FLIGHT OF THE UFO SIGHTING. K. UFO OFFICER: JAMES V.

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EXT-247, 648-1102 HOME PHONE. COMMENTS: PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF POSSIBLE CAUSE OF THE SIGHTINGS WERE A POSSIBLE STAR OR DC-9 THAT FLYS FROM COLUMBIA AIRPORT TO ATLANTA GEORGIA. HOWEVER IN ACCORD7 ANCE WITH AFR80-17 AND CHANGE NO. 80-17A, A PERSONAL INVESTIGATION PAGE 5 RUCLEDK0001 UNCLAS

WAS INITIATED BY THE UFO OFFICER. EACH OF THE SIX PERSONS CONCERNED WAS PERSONALLY CONTACTED AND INTERVIEWED. ALL WERE EXPLICIT, CONCISE, LUCID, RELIABLE, COMPETENT AND ALL HAD A KNOWLEDGE OF CENTURY TYPE AIRCRAFT, SPACE SATELLITES, BALLOOF, FLASHING LIGHTS, WING TIP AND TAIL LIGHTS OF AIRCRAFT. THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES WERE CONTACTED TO DETERMINE IF THEY HAD ANY FLYING OR LAUNCHING OF BALLOONS DURING THIS PERIOD: SHAW ARFB, WING COMMAND POST AND BASE OPERATIONS, AKRON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, AUGUSTA AIRPORT, COLUMBIA AIRPORT, SAVANAH RIVER PLANT: THERE WAS NO FLYING OR LAUNCH OF BALLOONS DURING THIS PERIOD. BEACUSE OF THE VARIED BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE OF THE OBSERVERS, I FEEL THEY ARE COMPETENT, RELIABLE OBSERVERS; THAT SINCE NO CONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT OR AERIAL OBJECTS CAN ACCOUNT FOR THE SIGHTING-THIS IS AN UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PJENCHENA. THREE (3) OF THE OBSERVERS IN DIFFERENT LOCATIONS DESCRIBED THE SIGHT-

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ING IN THE SAME WAY. THERE WAS NO, RADAR PICK UP OF THE OBJECTS
THAT COULD BE ASCERTAINED. SHOULD A SIMILIAR INCIDENT OCCUR IN
THIS VICINITY, I FEEL FUTHER INVESTIGATION IS REQUIRED.

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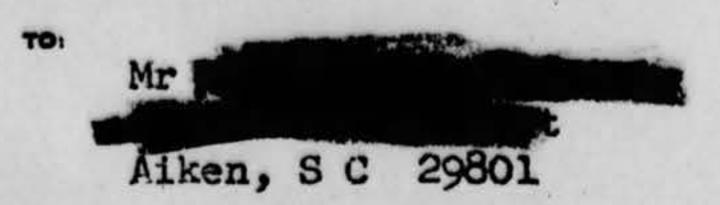
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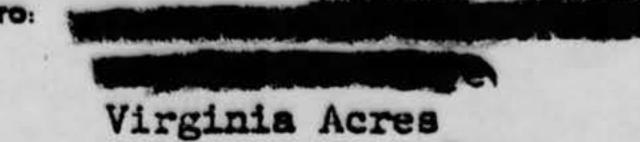
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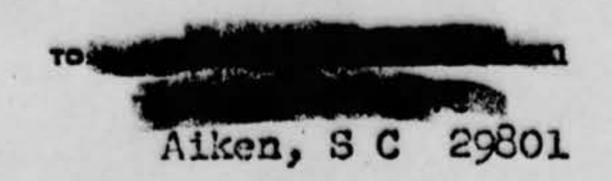
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FM 861 RADAR SQUADRON AIKEN AFS SC

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UNCLAS 8610DC SEP 68. SUBJ: UFO SIGHTING. AT APPROXIMATELY 08/0315Z

OR 2300 LOCAL THE 861ST RADAG SQUADRON AT AIKEN AFS, S.C. RECEIVED

OVER THIRTY (30) CALLS, (6) SIX PEOPLE IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES. THE REST

REFUSED TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES BUT INSISTED ON RAPORTING THE SIGHTING

AND ASKING WHAT IT WAS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR80-17 AND CHANGE 80-17A,

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED. A. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT;

3 SAID ROUND/3 SAID OBLONG. (2) SIZE OF A GRAPEFRUIT OR ORANGE HELD

AT ARMS LENGTH. (3) FIREY RED7THAN ORANGE-THAN-WHITE-THAN FIREY RED

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AGAIN. (4) FROM 1 TO 4 AT DIFERENT PARTS OF AIKEN. (5) NONE. HOWEVER ONE SIGHTING WAS REPORTED AS: (A RED CENTER WITH 24 LITTLE LIGHTS PAGE 2 RUCLEDKØØØ1 UNCLAS AROUND THE OUTSIDE OF THE RED CENTER. (6) NONE (7) NONE (8) NONE (9) NONE B. DECRIPTION: OF COURSE OF OBJECT: (1) LOOKED UP DUE TO ALTITUDE AND COLOR OF OBJECTS UNUSUAL. (2) 45 DEGREES. (3) 45 DEGREES AND 90 DEGREES. (4) 2 PATHS: IST: OBJECTS JOINED, SEPERATED, ONE STATIONARY THE OTHER ERRATIC, THEN JOINED THE STATIONARY OBJECT. 2ND: 1 OBJECT HOVERED FOR A SHORT TIME THAN TOOK OFF RAPIDLY TOWARD THE HORIZON. (5) INSTANTANEOUSLY TO THE NORTH EAST, (6) FROM 4-10 MINUTES. E. MANNER OF OBSERVATION: (1) GROUND VISUAL (2) TSGT GREEN, SSGT ERGLE, THOMAS RUSSELL ERGLE USED BINOCULARS. (3) N/A D. TIMEAND DATE OF SIGHTING: (1) Ø8/Ø315Z OR 2300 LOCAL. (2) NIGHT-CLEAR-FULL MOON. E. LOCATION OF OBSERVERS: S75 MINUTES NORTH FROM DOWNTOWN AIKEN S.C.; TSGT L.C. GREEN-5MILES NORTH OF SAVANAH RIVER PLANT; SSGT HARVEY L. ERGLE71 MILE MORTH WEST OF AIKEN COUNTY HOSPITAL; WRS -2MILES SOUTHWEST OF DOWNTOWN AIKEN; PROFESSOR SMILES SOUTH EAST OF AIKEN S.C. F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSER-VERS: (1) (CIVILIANS): AGE S.C. RELIABLE, ELECTRICIAN AT THE SAVANAH RIVER PLANT. (2) MRS

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