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REPLY TO

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9 NOV 1965

SUBJECT:

Initial Report of Investigation of UFO

TO:

AFSC(FTD)

Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

- 1. The following information is presented as directed by AFR 200-2, paragraph 14.
 - a. Description of object:
 - (1) Shape: Round (star-like).
- (2) Size: Compared to pea held in the hand at about arm's length.
- (3) Color: Bright white light; sometimes with flashing red and green light on either side.
 - (4) Number: One.
 - (5) Formation: None.
- (6) Discernible Features: Bright white light dimmed slightly periodically.
 - (7) Trail, etc: None.
 - (8) Sound: None.
 - b. Description of Course of Object:
 - (1) Coast Guard personnel were standing routine tower watch.
- (2) Object reported to be approximately 10 to 20 degrees above a "discernible horizon," and approximately east southeast from the observers.
 - (3) The object seemed to only move slightly up and down.
- (4) The object was visible all the while the observers were on duty (approximately 2300 to 2400 EST).

- c. Manner of Observation:
 - (1) Ground-visual, from a tower 50 feet high.
 - (2) 7 x 50 power binoculars were used.
- d. Time and Date of Sighting:
 - (1) 0400 to 0500 Zulu, 8 November 1965.
 - (2) Night.
- e. Location of Observers:

The observers were in a tower (50 feet high) at Ocracoke Coast Guard Station, N. C. (35-07 north and 75-59 west).

- f. Identifying Information on Observers:
 - (1) O'Neal, R. B., BM3, USCG, Ocracoke CGS.
 - (2) Chamber, C. T. EN2, USCG, Ocracoke CGS.
 - (3) Burrun, W. J., SN, USCG, Ocracoke CGS.
 - (4) Ferrell, R. W., SA, USCG, Ocracoke CGS.
- g. Weather and Winds:
- (1) Observers stated that the weather conditions were so unusually clear and still that they could see the horizon to the east.
- (2) The Cape Hatteras weather station reported the following for 2400 EST, 7 November 1965:

Clouds: High = thinky scattered.

Visibility: 10 miles.

Winds:	Surface	020/04
	6 M	340/06
	10 M	330/11
	16M	300/25
	20M	300/30
	30M	300/48
	50M	300/51

h. Significant Unusual Condition:

The unusually clear night almost positively accounted for the observers sighting of the Diamond Shoal Light Ship approximately 30 miles east of Ocracoke. SOI Powell, Assistant to the Duty Officer at Coast Guard District #5, 431 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, Virginia, confirmed the existence of the Diamond Shoal Light Ship at 35-05.3 North and 75-19.7 West. SOI Powell also stated that the Diamond Shoal Light Ship has a 16,000 candle power light which is mounted 66 feet above the water. This light is full bright for 21 seconds and dimmed for 12 seconds. It can normally be readily seen for 14 miles from the surface, and with the naked eye.

- i. Interception or Identification Action Taken: None.
- j. This report was prepared by First Lieutenant Robert R. Dockum, USAF, 4500 Air Base Wing (DOO-H), Langley AFB, Virginia. The description of the object sighted was given by BM3 R. B. O'Neal in the presence of EN2 L. T. Chamber, SN W. J. Burrun, and SA R. W. Ferrell. EN2 O'Neal estimated the distance of the object to be greater than 20 miles. All statements seemed to confirm that the object sighted was the light on the Diamond Shoal Light Ship, except the red and green flashing lights. Such red and green lights are used as running lights on the Diamond Shoal, but are normally off as the ship is anchored. However, it is possible that they were on the night of 7 November 1965, and would be visible if the ship was headed toward the observers.
 - k. No physical evidence was reported to exist.
- 2. This sighting was reported to QML K. E. McFelea at the Norfolk Rescue Coordination Center, who relayed it to AFSC (FTD), Wright-Patterson AFB and to the 4500 AB Wing Command Post, Langley AFB, Va.

FOR THE COMMANDER

B. W. WATTS, Lt Col, USAF

Deputy Commander for Operations