

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 4 March 65 05/0230Z	2. LOCATION Corvallis, Oregon
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION UNIDENTIFIED
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Three	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Several Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Three lights similar to roman candles, yellow-orange rising from ground several seconds apart. Observed from car. Went to area next morning and found oily spot. Dirt with oil submitted for analysis. No tracks or markings in the area. Flight was almost straight up to altitude of about 200 ft. Witness farmer and a hired hand on farm. Incident occurred within 10 miles of Adair AFB. No additional reports of the nature. COMMENT: Physical specimen analysis of dirt indicated that only il was present and no additional chemicals such as nitrates or sulphur. Sighting similar to fireworks display, however no evidence to indicate that anyone was shooting flares or fireworks from the area under observation. Case carried as UNIDENTIFIED.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Rising	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

PUBLICATION REVIEW

This report has been reviewed and is approved.

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CORVALLIS, OREGON

4 MARCH 1965

Two observers, a driver and a passenger, in an automobile, were driving slowly on Toria Road, southeast of Corvallis, Oregon, when they sighted three lights, similar to roman candles, rising from the ground, several seconds apart. The lights appeared as yellow balls, about the size of a tennis ball and emitting light. The flight path was almost straight up to an altitude of about 200 feet where it disappeared.

Observer stated that on the next day he went back to the area where the object was spotted and there was a dark spot on the ground. There were no other visible tracks or markings to the observer. The observer obtained a dirt sample from the darker area in his field.

COMMENTS

Although the sighting is similar to a fireworks display, no evidence was uncovered that anyone was shooting flares or fireworks. Meteorological personnel and personnel of the Portland Air Defense Sector have revealed no correlation of this sighting with known air activity or natural phenomena. An analysis of the dirt indicated it contained a petroleum hydrocarbon base oil and no additional chemicals, such as nitrates or sulfur. Considering the information available, there is no explanation for the alleged sighting and the case is carried as unidentified.

INCOMING
MESSAGE

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
STAFF MESSAGE BRANCH

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AF IN : 36564 (9 Mar 65) I

ACTION: NIN-7
INFO : XOP-1, XOPX-7, SAF-OS-3, DIA-1 (20)
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FM POADS ADAIR AFS ORE

TO RUWGALE/ADC

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BT

UNCLAS POODC-I 00942 MAR 65. FOR AFCIN - HQ USAF; SAFOI-
SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE. UFOB REPORT. THE FOLLOWING UFOB
REPORT IS SUBMITTED. PART I.

PART A.

1. ROUND LIGHT SIMILAR TO ROMAN CANDLE
2. TENNIS BALL
3. YELLOWISH ORANGE
4. THREE
5. ROSE FROM GROUND SEVERAL SECONDS APART
6. YELLOW BALL, SIZE OF TENNIS BALL, EMITTING LIGHT

SIMILAR TO ROMAN CANDLE.

7. TENNIS BALL WITH ROMAN CANDLE-LIKE LIGHT.

8. SOUND: NONE

9. OBSERVER STATES THAT THE NEXT DAY HE SAW ONE DARK SPOT ON HIS SILT-COVERED FIELD, AND THAT THE SPOT LOOKED LIKE OIL. NO OTHER TRACKS OR MARKINGS. HE HAS SOIL SAMPLE WITH WHAT APPEARS TO BE OIL.

PART B.

1. THE LIGHT IN UNUSUAL AREA ASSOCIATED WITH THIS SIGHTING DREW THE ATTENTION OF THE OBSERVER.

2. ALMOST STRAIGHT UP.

3. DISAPPEARED AT ABOUT 200 FT ALTITUDE.

4. ALMOST STRAIGHT UP, VERY FAST

5. AS IF SOMETHING CAME BETWEEN OBSERVER AND OBSERVED LIGHT.

6. SEVERAL SECONDS.

PART C.

1. VISUAL. OBSERVER WAS IN PRIVATE CAR, DRIVING SLOWLY ON ROAD.

2. NO OPTICAL AIDS USED.

3. NOT APPLICABLE.

PART D.

1. 050230Z MAR 1965.

2. DUSK

PART E. TORIA ROAD, SOUTHEAST CITY OF CORVALLIS, OREGON,
BENTON COUNTY, ON OBSERVER'S FARM.

PART F. MR. [REDACTED] AGE 60, [REDACTED] ROAD, CORVALLIS,
OREGON. FARMER. RELIABILITY CANNOT BE JUDGED.

MR. [REDACTED] ALSO OBSERVED THE PHENOMENA; HE WAS A PASSENGER
IN SAME CAR AS MR. [REDACTED] MR. [REDACTED]S 40 PLUS YEARS OLD,
LIVES AT [REDACTED] CORVALLIS, OREGON. HE IS A FARMHAND
EMPLOYED BY MR. [REDACTED] RELIABILITY CANNOT BE JUDGED.

PART G.

1. CLEAR WEATHER--TWILIGHT.

2. WIND DIRECTION AND VELOCITY.

SURFACE	CALM	CALM
5000	200 DEG	13K
10000	160 DEG	11K
16000	120 DEG	28K
20000	120 DEG	31K
30000	130 DEG	21K
50000	220 DEG	21K

80000 240 DEG 09K

3. CEILING UNLIMITED.
4. VISIBILITY 30 MILES.
5. AMOUNT OF CLOUD COVER: 0
6. NO THUNDERSTORMS IN AREA.
7. NORMAL TEMPERATURE GRADIENT.

PART H. NO UNUSUAL CONDITIONS WHICH MIGHT ACCOUNT FOR SIGHTING.

PART I. NONE

PART J. NONE WHICH MIGHT ACCOUNT FOR SIGHTING.

PART K. MAJOR ARTHUR F. SHIFLETT, STAFF INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, PORTLAND AIR DEFENSE SECTOR. THE UFO SIGHTING CONTAINED IN THIS REPORT IS ALLEGED TO HAVE OCCURRED WITHIN TEN MILES OF ADAIR AFS AT A POINT NEAR THE CORVALLIS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT. EFFORTS COORDINATED WITH AIRPORT PERSONNEL, METEOROLOGICAL PERSONNEL AND PERSONNEL OF THE PORTLAND AIR DEFENSE SECTOR HAVE REVEALED NO CORRELATION OF THIS SIGHTING WITH KNOWN AIR ACTIVITY OR NATURAL PHENOMENA. ALTHOUGH A PASSENGER IN MR HARRISON'S AUTOMOBILE VERIFIED HIS SIGHTING, THIS HEADQUARTERS HAS RECEIVED NO OTHER REPORT OF THE INCIDENT. THE RELIABILITY OF THIS SIGHTING CANNOT BE VERIFIED. MR. [REDACTED] WAS ADVISED TO RETAIN SOIL

SAMPLES IN THE EVENT SAMPLES ARE REQUIRED FOR FORMAL INVESTIGATION.

PART L. MR. [REDACTED] HAS SOIL SAMPLE FROM DARK SPOT OBSERVED FOLLOWING DAY ON HIS FIELD.

BT NOTE: ADV CY DELIVERED TO NIN AND DIA.

4 MAR 05/0230Z

JOINT MESSAGEFORM

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

PORTLAND, OREGON

UNCLASSIFIED

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ACTION PRIORITY	BOOK	MULTI	SINGLE	AF		
INFO			X			

FROM:

FTD, W P AFB, OHIO

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

TO:

POADS ADAIR AFS ORE

UNCLAS/TDEW(UFO) ³⁴⁹⁵ 13495 MAR 65.

FOR MAJOR ARTHUR F SHIFLETT. REFERENCE YOUR UNCLAS POODC-I 00942 MAR 65. REQUEST SOIL SAMPLE BE OBTAINED AND FORWARDED TO FTD (TDEW/UFO), WRIGHT-PATERSON AFB, OHIO 45433. NO OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED AT THIS TIME.

DATE	TIME
9	
MONTH	YEAR
MAR	65

WRITER	SYMBOL	SIGNATURE	
	TDEW(UFO)	<i>[Signature]</i>	
	TYPED NAME AND TITLE (Signature, if required)	TYPED (or stamped) NAME AND TITLE	
	Hector Quintanilla, Jr	ERIC T de JONCKHEERE Colonel, USAF Deputy for Technology and Subsystems	
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SECURITY CLASSIFICATION	UNCLASSIFIED		

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POADS
Adair AFS Corvallis Ore 97333

SOIL SAMPLE FROM FARM OF
 MR. [REDACTED], AS
 REQUESTED IN FTD MSG 13495
 MAR 65. ORIG REPORT
 CONTAINED IN POADS MSG UNCLAS
 POODC-I 00942 MAR 65.

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RECEIVED
 MAIL ROOM
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SUBORDER (Ref ASDR 80-4)

1. TO (Supporting Element)	2. DATE	3. FOR SERVICE IN SUPPORT OF: SYSTEM NO.	4. FILE OR LEDGER NO. INITIATING ELEMENT
5. DATE COMPLETION REQ.	6. PRIORITY	PROJECT NO.	SUPPORTING ELEMENT 5-628
7. SECURITY CLASSIFICATION OF WORK REQUESTED	8. PRECEDENCE RATING	TASK NO. G-68002	
9. A/C TYPE, MODEL AND SERIAL NO.		PROGRAM STRUCTURE	OTHER
		TITLE	

10. DESCRIPTION OF WORK

ORGANIC
 DETERMINE CHEMICAL COMPONENTS *PRESENT* IN DIRT.
 It is suspected to be an oil.

CONTINUED ON REVERSE SIDE

FOR USE OF RESPONSIBLE ELEMENT

11. INITIATED BY SGT Maddy FTD. ORGN SYMBOL EXT 69216	12. APPROVED BY ORGN SYMBOL EXT	13. CHIEF (Responsible Element)
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FOR USE OF SUPPORTING ELEMENT

14. ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE	15. PROJECT ENGINEER OR PLANNER N T McDermott ORGN SYMBOL EXT 21219	16. CHIEF (Supporting Element)
MAN-HOURS		

CLOSING ACTION

17. REASON: <input type="checkbox"/> COMPLETED <input type="checkbox"/> CANCELLED	18. DATE COMPL 14 April 65	19. M/HR5 EXP 6	20. CHIEF (Supporting Element) Foster J Penning Capt USAF	21. CHIEF (Responsible Element)
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AIR FORCE MATERIALS LABORATORY, RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

MATERIALS PHYSICS DIVISION
AF MATERIALS LABORATORY

EVALUATION REPORT
Analysis of Earth Sample

REPORT NR: MAY 65-13

DATE: 14 April 1965

PROJECT NR:

TYPE EVALUATION:

MANUFACTURER:

SPEC NR:

SUBMITTED BY: FTD (Sgt. Moody)

ITEM SERIAL NR:

I. PURPOSE

To analyze the sample for organic components that would be foreign to the sample.

II. FACTUAL DATA

A sample of dirt was submitted to the Analytical Branch and assigned Analytical Branch number #5-628. Approximately half the sample (105 grams) was extracted with carbon tetrachloride. The solvent was evaporated and an infrared spectrum obtained of the residue. The spectrum showed the residue to be a petroleum hydrocarbon base oil. About 10 c.c. of residue was extracted from the sample showing the dirt contained an appreciable amount of oil.

III. CONCLUSION

The dirt sample was analyzed and found to contain a petroleum hydrocarbon base oil.

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