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15 JUL 1997

Mr. John Greenewald, Jr.
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Greenewald

This letter responds to your February 23, 1997, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request mailed to USSPACECOM/PA, Peterson AFB CO, for all documents pertaining to UFOs, or the UFO Phenomenon. (Case #97-U-009)

FACT SHEET (07/96) and Summary of Unusual Sightings responsive to your request are releasable and attached (attachment 1).

Portions of records (log entries) are exempt from mandatory disclosure and are being withheld because they contain personal data, which if released to the public would result in a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The authority for this exemption may be found in United States Code, Title 5, Section 552(b)(6). The notation "b6" has been inserted for portions withheld using this exemption. Releasable portions are attached (attachment 2).

All other systems of record within USSPACECOM have been searched and no other responsive records were located.

Should you decide to appeal this decision, you must write to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs) at the address below in sufficient time that the appeal reaches us no later than 60 calendar days after the date of this letter. Include in the appeal your reasons for requesting reconsideration, and attach a copy of this letter. Address your letter as follows:

Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense
(Public Affairs)
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660 Mitchell St, STE 500
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We apologize for the poor quality of some of the records, however, you have been provided with the best available copies.

There are no chargeable fees associated with your request.

Sincerely


RODNEY S. LUSEY
Colonel, USA
Joint Secretary

Attachments

1. FACT SHEET (07/96) and
Summary of Unusual Sightings
2. Portions of Log Entries

UFO FACT SHEET (07/96)

On Dec. 17, 1969, the Secretary of the Air Force announced the termination of Project Blue Book, the Air Force program for the investigation of UFO's.

The decision to discontinue UFO investigations after 22 years of gathering data was based on an evaluation of a report prepared by the University of Colorado entitled: "Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects." This report was a review of CU's report by the National Academy of Sciences; past UFO studies; and the U.S. Air Force's experience investigating UFO reports during that period from 1947 to 1969.

As a result of these investigations and studies and experience gained from looking into UFO reports, the conclusions of Project Blue Book are: (1) no UFO reported, investigated, and evaluated by the Air Force has ever given any indication of a threat to our national security; (2) there has been no evidence submitted to or discovered by the Air Force that the 700 out of a total of 12,000 sightings categorized as "unidentified" represent technological developments or principles beyond the range of current scientific knowledge; and (3) there is no hard evidence to suggest that sightings categorized as "unidentified" are extraterrestrial vehicles or spacecraft.

With the termination of the Blue Book, the Air Force regulation establishing and controlling the program for UFO investigations and analysis was rescinded. Documentation regarding the Blue Book investigation has been permanently transferred to the Modern Military Branch, National Archives and Records Administration, Eighth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C. 20408, and is available for public review and copying (charged per page).

Since the termination of Project Blue Book, no evidence has been presented to indicate that further investigation of UFO's by the Air Force or **other government agency** is warranted. In view of the considerable Air Force commitment of resources in the past and the extreme pressure on the Federal budget, there is no likelihood of renewed government involvement in this area.

There are a number of universities and professional scientific organizations, such as the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which have considered UFO phenomena during periodic meetings and seminars. Additionally, a list of major private UFO organizations can be found in Gale's Encyclopedia of Associations (edition 8, vol 1, pp. 432-3). Finally, the two major national centers, National UFO Reporting Center, tel: (206) 722-3000, and the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) at (512) 379-9126, encourage the public to call them with reports of sightings.

Summary of Unusual Sightings

- 16 Feb 95 1920Z Received a call about a fireball SE of Denver and E of Colo Spgs. Report by phone at 0415 am from Denver.
- 16 Jun 95 2107 MDT 31st Avenue, Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Couple saw bright descent light near Bull River Dam at high speed, then faded to two second duration, traveling west.
- 19 Jun 95 0501Z Received by phone. Single bright circling light in SW Calgary, Alberta, Canada.
- 19 Jun 95 0540Z Calgary, Alberta, bright light flying east , orange to red to purple, huge and silent 2-3 second duration.
- 30 Jul 95 0420Z Reported UFO sighting in Victoria BC. Bright white light hovered above a house for several minutes.
- 31 Jul 95 0736 New York. Red and blue light in the sky. The star appeared to break into two stars. No correlation found.
- 16 May 96 0800Z Received call of UFO sighting at Griffiss AFB NY. Four enlisted men observed circular orange light just above tree line ESE of their location. Five minutes total hovered and then disappeared. Reported via CONR/NEADS.
- 22 Jun 96 0515Z Received call of falling star which exploded in Eastern Colorado.
- 14 Jul 96 Six people saw rotating object with three lights in Missasauga, Ontario, Canada time - 15 Jul 96 0230Z. Weather clear, no noise, observed one mile away for 30 seconds, then object reversed direction and disappeared over horizon.

ALL REDACTIONS WITHHELD UNDER FOIA EXEMPTION b(6)

16 Feb 95 1920Z

1920 Received call from [redacted], Denver History Museum Community Report Reel Fireball
415 am local SE Denver (E. Co Sp5), Telephone # 303-370-6445 if we learn anything call.

16 JUN 95

0512

at 0345z so took a call from Mr. [redacted] Calgary, AB. T.3B. 1K2. [redacted] with the following report: At 2:10 PMDT Mr. [redacted] and his wife were driving near Bull River Dam in Alberta when they saw a bright light in the sky. He described the light as "incandescent" and "as bright as the sun". He said it appeared high in the sky, moving westward at a high rate of speed. The light faded slightly then disappeared completely. The duration of the sighting was estimated to be 1-2 seconds. Mr. [redacted] stated that he worked for the Canadian Fish & Game Service (an organization to that effect). He also requested a call or letter if possible when we had identified this object. CL 210 opened. 0405z Capt [redacted] (Sp 4) notified. They will send msg to the [redacted] Institute in Ottawa. This is the Canadian agency that investigates this type of report. [redacted] at weather contacted and said that we're in a period of detectable meteor showers. The most likely possibility is the meteor cluster Eta Perseids during the period 1-17 Jun. This would be visible in that area. Second possibility is a meteor cluster called Ophiuchids from 17-26 Jun. We think this sighting is likely a meteor streaking through the atmosphere. Public Affairs, Maj [redacted] notified at 0425z. He'll call Monday to see if we have anything else. Then he'll probably send a letter to Mr. [redacted]. NODC notified at 0425z. MWC implemented site reporting at all sites at 0435z. All sites reported negative. De-log was not requested. Note: label could NOT find a Bull River anywhere in Alberta.

0508

at about 0530, Capt [redacted] notified of above activity because [redacted] Eng Gen [redacted] could not be reached.

19 JUN 95 0501Z

0503

0501 [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) [REDACTED] - [REDACTED] CALLED TO REPORT AN UNUSUAL SIGHTING. SHE DESCRIBED A SINGLE BRIGHT LIGHT CIRCLING IN AND OUT OF THE CLOUDS. SHE WAS UNABLE TO DETERMINE THE DISTANCE TO THE OBJECT/LIGHT OR THE RELATIVE SIZE. SHE LIVES IN OAKRIDGE, A SMALL TOWN SE OF CALGARY ALBERTA CANADA AND DESCRIBED THE LIGHT AS BEING TO THE EAST. AT THE TIME OF THE CALL SHE HAD BEEN WATCHING THE LIGHT FOR 1/2 HOUR WITH HER NEIGHBOR. EVENT BRIEFED TO CENTERS DURING NOUIS BRICK.

0525

MRS [REDACTED] AT PA NOTIFIED, NOOC ALSO NOTIFIED OF ABOVE UNUSUAL SIGHTING.

19 JUN 95 0540Z

0546

0540 [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) [REDACTED] - [REDACTED] CALLED FROM CALGARY ALBERTA AND DESCRIBED A BRIGHT LIGHT FLYING VERY FAST ACROSS THE SKY. HE FURTHER DESCRIBED THE OBJECT AS CHANGING FROM ORANGE TO RED TO PURPLE TO ^{SPR} LIGHT AND FLYING LOW FROM NORTH TO SOUTH. HE ALSO DESCRIBED THE OBJECT AS HUGE AND SILENT. HE STATED HE SAW THE LIGHT AT 1100 PM LOCAL TIME AND IT ONLY LASTED FOR 2-3 SECONDS.

30 JUL 95

1746 U 0420 UFO SIGHTING IN VICTORIA BC, A LADY STATED
A BRIGHT WHITE LIGHT MOVED ABOVE HER
HOUSE FOR SEVERAL MINUTES. WEATHER STATED
THERE WAS HIGH METEOROL ACTIVITY AT THAT TIME

31 JUL 95

0730 U [REDACTED] (REDACTED) [REDACTED] called from
New York. At 0510 approximately he saw a
red and blue light in the sky. The "star"
appeared to then break into two stars.
No correlation found. DMLC

16 MAY 96

1040 U 0800Z UFC Sighting @ Griffiss AFB
4 enlisted Airman observed Circular Orange light
Just above tree line ESE from their location, 5 minutes
total time. Moved & then disappear. Reported via
CONR/VEADS. No actions taken MMT

12 JUN 96

0515 U RX'D UNUSUAL SIGHTING REPORT FROM [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], FALLING STAR WHICH EXPLODED IN EASTERN
COLORADO, WITH NOISE PA ON MONDAY. FZ

14 JUL 96

4 U Unusual Sighting (UFO) [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] (Ont, Canada). 6+ people saw
 Round Rotating Object with 3 lights, Mississauga area,
 Time: approx 05/0230Z, Wx clear, no noise
 1 mile (approx) away, observed ~30 secs then object
 reverse direction & disappeared or went over horizon
 PA notified, ADAC notified. (Mail [REDACTED] @ PA) 7/17/96