

AERIAL SIGHTING REPORT

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Time: 2335

No. Obs.: 2

Altitude: 8,000 ft

Comm. Prvt. Military

USA Foreign

Rec.d. 12-23-98

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Part I. DETAILS OF THE ANOMALOUS PHENOMENON:

DATE OF EVENT: 17 Feb 1969

1. Please describe what you witnessed. Be as complete as possible (use opposite side of page if necessary).

See attached narrative

2. Now draw a sketch of what you saw. If you were able to see it from two or more different angles simply draw what you saw and label each sketch (A), (B), etc. to indicate the order in which you saw it. Also, draw an arrow pointing gravitationally upward and aircraft windshield struts (frames, etc.).

If the Earth's horizon was visible draw it in also.

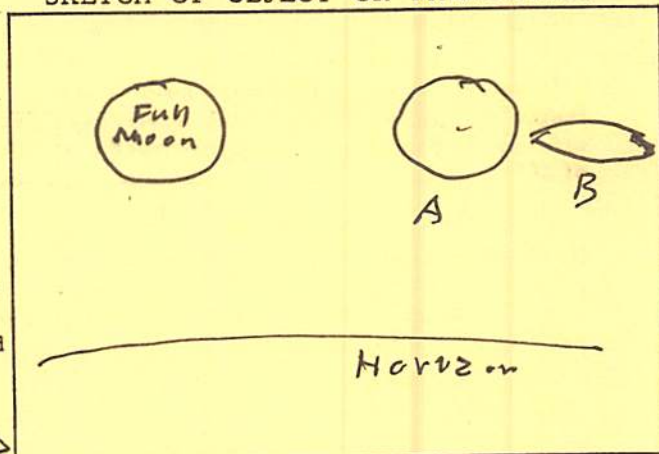
Finally, draw magnetic compass heading tick marks across the bottom of the box and label several according to your heading-related to your sketch.

3. Did the object (phenomenon) appear to move relative to your aircraft's window frame(s) during your sighting? (check one)

If "yes" please use a dashed line to indicate this apparent motion in the box to the right. Mark an "a" at the location object was first seen, a "b", "c", etc. for subsequent locations. Be sure to include aircraft window frame(s) if present to allow angular estimates to be made. For uneven, jerky motion try to place the "a", "b", etc. at one-second intervals.

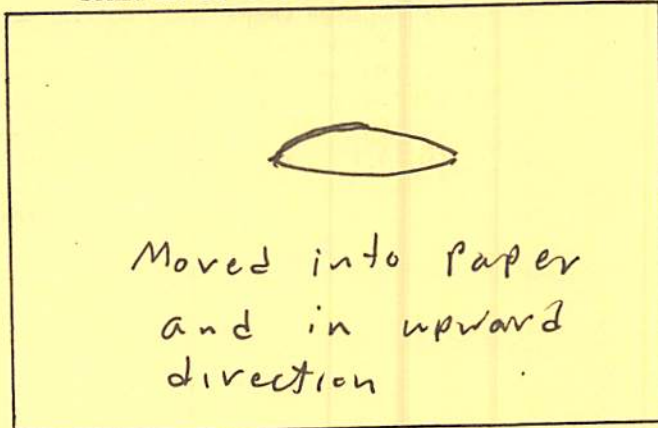
4. Did the object (phenomenon) appear to move relative to any stable background detail during your sighting? (check one)

SKETCH OF OBJECT OR PHENOMENON



No Unsure Yes

SKETCH OF OBJECT'S APPARENT MOTION



No Unsure Yes

(Continue narrative here)

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4.1 If the object appeared to move please estimate its apparent angular velocity. Deg/ Sec. Motion seen in relation to: Full Moon

4.2 Did the object move behind in front of (circle) anything? No Unsure Yes

4.3 Did the object (phenomenon) appear (check) Solid Transparent Couldn't tell

4.4 Did you observe the object through (check) Binoculars Telescope Camera viewfinder Other: _____

4.5 About how large did the object appear as compared with one of the following items held at arm's length? [Note: The equivalent visual angles are based upon an average arm-reach distance of 26"].
(If object changed size during the sighting just place a "1", "2", "3", etc. in the boxes to represent the order in which the size change occurred).
Equiv. Visual Angle
 Head of pin _____ [0° 4.1'] (Assume .031")
 Pea _____ [0° 8.2'] (Assume .062")
 Dime _____ [1° 31']
 Nickle _____ [1° 47']
 Quarter _____ [2° 3.9']
 Half-dollar _____ [2° 37']
 Baseball _____ [6° 17']
 Grapefruit _____ [10° 53'] (Assume 5" diam)
 Basketball _____ [20° 10']
 Other: Equal in size to Full Moon

4.6 How certain are you of your answer to question 4.5? (check one) Very sure Fairly certain Not very sure Uncertain (only a guess)

4.7 Did the object (phenomenon)? (check all that are appropriate)

(a) Change shape _____	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
(b) Flicker, throb, pulse _____	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
(c) Break up into parts or explode _____	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
(d) Suddenly accelerate _____	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
(e) Give off smoke, vapor, trail _____	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
(f) Appear to stand still whole time _____	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
(g) Change color(s) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
(h) Appear on your aircraft's radar _____	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If "yes" elaborate)
(i) Appear on any ground radar _____	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes (If "yes" please elaborate here: <u>See Narrative</u>)

4.8 Did you experience any buffeting which you think was caused by the encounter? No Possibly Yes (If "yes" elaborate)

5. How did the object first become noticed? (check all appropriate boxes)

- It was already present and I happened to look at it.
- Someone else saw it first: [Give name: _____]
- It suddenly appeared at or near where I was looking.
- It gradually faded into sight where I was looking.
- Other (specify): It appeared after rolling out of 180° turn

6. How did the object disappear? (check all appropriate boxes)

- I looked away and when I looked back it was gone.
- It suddenly disappeared from sight for no reason, i. e., it didn't pass behind a cloud, etc.
- It gradually faded from sight without changing size.
- It faded from sight by becoming smaller and smaller.
- It faded from sight (apparently) by travelling away.
- Other (specify): Accelerated out of sight

7. What distinguishable detail(s) did you see on or nearby the object? (check all appropriate boxes)

- None
- Sharply defined edge(s)
- Fuzzy edge(s)
- Darker porthole-like areas: [Shape was _____]
- Lighter intensity portholes: [Shape was _____]
- Seam(s), rivets, etc.
- Markings
- Atmospheric effect(s): [Describe _____]

8. Did you notice anything unusual happen in the cockpit just before, during, or just after the sighting? (check one)

- No
- Unsure
- Yes

If "yes" describe as fully as you can.

9. What do you think made the object visible? (check all appropriate boxes)

- It reflected ambient light (sun; moon) (circle)
- It emitted its own light (If checked elaborate on colors, brightnesses, etc. seen)

10. Where was the Sun Moon (circle) during the sighting?

- At 60 degrees elevation above horizon, and at 0 degrees bearing relative to aircraft heading to Right Left (circle one).

11. If you experienced any physiological sensations during the sighting check all appropriate boxes to the right.

- Eye strain due to very high brightness _____
- Eye strain for any other reasons: [Explain _____]
- Tingling sensation(s): [Body location _____]
- Mild pain: [Body location _____]
- Intense, acute pain: [Body location _____]
- Heat _____
- Odor(s): [Describe _____]
- Tastes: [Describe _____]
- Sounds: [Describe _____]
- Other [_____]

If you experienced any non-normal sensations within 24 hrs after the sighting please place an X at the right of the appropriate line(s) provided.

12. What do you think the object (phenomenon) was? Be as precise as possible including whatever supporting facts you desire.

A disc-shaped UFO

13. Have you ever seen anything while flying or on the ground that you thought was an unidentified flying object prior to this?

- No
- Unsure
- Yes (If "yes" please give details: Tracked unknown blips on Airborne radar at 1700 mph)

Part II. AIRCRAFT FLIGHT DETAILS: (Spatial)

14. Where did you take off from? Airport Name (Initials): Ubon Air Base, Thailand
 Lat. _____ ° _____ ' _____ " N S; Long. _____ ° _____ ' _____ " E W (if known)

15. What was your intended final destination? Ubon Air Base, Thailand
 Lat. _____ ° _____ ' _____ " N S; Long. _____ ° _____ ' _____ " E W (if known)

16. Sighting location. Where were you when you first sighted the object? Be as precise as possible.
35 miles east of Ubon

(If appropriate, specify)

Lat. _____ ° _____ ' _____ " N S;
 Long. _____ ° _____ ' _____ " E W

From _____ VOR _____ RADIAL _____ DME

Elaborate if necessary: _____

17. Check box to indicate where you were during the sighting.

- Taxi to takeoff
- During takeoff
- Climb to cruise altitude at [_____ ft/min]
- At cruise altitude of [8,000 ft] (approx)
- Descending for approach to land at [_____ ft/min]
- Final approach (i. e., within outer marker)
- Landing or rollout
- Other: [Specify _____]

18. Check all appropriate boxes to indicate what you did as a direct response of sighting the object (phenomenon).

- Nothing that was not already planned
- Changed heading by turning right left (circle)
- Changed altitude by climbing descending (circle)
- Took immediate evasive action [Describe _____]

(Please elaborate on all items on the opposite side if necessary)

- Turned my landing lights on off (circle)
- Used my radio to contact: [Specify whom _____]

- Changed my power setting
- Pointed it out to [Specify name(s) _____]

- Attempted to follow chase (circle) it for the following reason(s): [_____]

Other: Agreed not to report anything

19. Please use this space to add any other details/observations/facts that are related to the geographic/spatial location of your sighting.

Part III. AIRCRAFT FLIGHT DETAILS: (Temporal)

DATE OF EVENT: _____

20. When did you takeoff? _____ (1930) PM (local) [GMT _____ Z]

AM
 Daylight savings
 Standard time

21. When did you plan to land (scheduled)? _____ (~~0000~~) PM (local) [GMT _____ Z]

AM
 Time zone (if different from above)

22. When did you first see the object (phenomenon)? _____ (2335) PM (local) [GMT _____ Z]

AM
 PM (local) [GMT _____ Z]

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23. When did you last see the object (phenomenon)? 2335 AM (local) [GMT Z]
 (Calculated total sighting duration) [20 sec.] Comments: _____

24. What did you look at (or do) to determine the above times? _____
 Looked at my wristwatch: [Est. accuracy to _____]
 Looked at cockpit clock: [Est. accuracy to _____]
 Radioed to crewmember for time
 Radioed to ground for time: [Info. rec'd. from _____]
 I did not determine initial final (circle) time(s)
 Other: _____

25. Did you have any indication (real or imaginary) of a loss of time, i.e., a period for which you cannot account? _____
 Possibly yes
 Definitely yes: [Elaborate _____]
 Unsure but probably no
 Definitely no

26. Did you land at your pre-planned or scheduled time? _____
 Yes (within normal tolerance limits)
 No: [Please explain why _____]

27. Use this space to add any other details/observations/facts that are related to the timing of your sighting.

Part IV. SIGHTING AIRCRAFT DETAILS:

28. Type of aircraft (check) _____
 Single engine
 Multi engine [no. 2]
 Propeller
 Jet
 Rocket
 Glider
 Balloon

29. Model name/number/airframe mfr. Cessna O2A (military designation)

30. Aircraft registration number. 67-21393

31. Airline name (if appropriate). Super SkyMaster (civilian)

32. Scheduled flight number. OIA Night Combat

33. Object (phenomenon) was seen through the following window(s). Front windscreen

34. Describe as precisely as you can the apparent clarity/scratches/etc. of these windows. Windscreen clear

35. About how familiar were you with this particular aircraft and its "peculiarities" of flight control?
 Very familiar: [I had about 600 hrs in O2A 3300 total hrs. flt. time]
 Reasonably familiar: [Comments _____]

36. Use this space to add any other pertinent details about the aircraft in which you were located during this sighting.

37. What was your indicated airspeed? 105 (mph) knots (check one)

38. What was your ground speed (if known)? _____ mph knots (check one)

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Part V. WEATHER DETAILS:

39. I obtained the following weather information from:
(check all that apply)

- Flight service station
- Terminal forecast
- SIGMET or AIRMET
- FD (winds-temp. aloft)

40. Visibility and clouds: (check)

- Other: Eyeball. WX Clear to the West
- Clear (visibility greater than 15 miles)
- Clear (visibility from 3 to 15 miles)
- Broken clouds - sky cover in tenths was _____
Cloud type(s): Cumulus
 Stratus
 Cirrus
 Other: _____
- Heavy overcast below above (circle) my aircraft
- Flying in clouds at the time
- Other: _____

41. Did you file a flight plan? (check one)

- No
- Yes

42. Were you flying: (check one)

- IFR
- VFR

43. Sky condition was: (check one)

- Bright daylight
- Dull daylight (slight overcast, smog)
- Twilight
- Trace of daylight
- Dark - no Moonlight
- Dark - Moonlight present from: Full
 3/4 visible
 1/2 visible
 Crescent
- A few stars visible
- All stars visible (very clear)
- Don't remember

44. Outside air temperature was:

TAT = unk

45. What was the wind direction and velocity?

Westerly as we landed to the West

46. Use this space to add any other details about the weather at the time and location of the sighting.

Part VI. EYEWITNESS DETAILS:

[Note: This information will be kept confidential unless you indicate in the space below that it may be disclosed publically.]

47. Your full name:

Wayne O. Mattson

48. Your mailing address:

1901 Ocotilla Dr Alamogordo NM 88310
Street City/Town State/Province zip

49. Your age at time of sighting:

39 yrs

50. Your sex: (check) Male Female

51. Occupation: (at that time) Forward Air Controller
(now retired)

52. Marital status: (check one) Single Married Divorced/widowed

53. Telephone: area code [505] number [434-1653]

54. Highest education level: U.S. Naval Acad. BS

55. Describe military aviation experience (if any):
U. of Wyoming BS Mech Engr
Flew as instructor, B-47s in SAC, C-130
and others in flight test O2A in combat

56. During the sighting were you wearing: (check)

- Prescription eyeglasses (no tint)
- Prescription eyeglasses with tint
- Contact lenses
- Polarizing sunglasses only
- Non-polarizing sunglasses
- No eye-glasses of any kind

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

[Sign one of the two statements that expresses your wishes.]

"I hereby permit my name to be publically associated with the information I have freely given on this 6 page form"

"I do not permit my name to be publically associated with the information I have freely given on this 6 page form"

Wayne O Mattson

This is to protect the other person who was in the plan with me. He wants no... would give it away

WHAT WAS IT?

Crossing over the "fence" in our unmarked O-2A that full-moon night of 17 February 1969, we relaxed as we were now out of Laos and over friendly territory. We were at the proper altitude, we had positive radar contact with the site at our home base, and there were no clouds in the sky. A full moon was staring us in the face at an elevation of about sixty degrees above the horizontal. Not a care in the world now -- all we had to do was to get back, land, debrief, and then we could hit the club for a couple of cool ones with our meal.

Suddenly radar came up on the air and asked if we were "holding hands." Holding hands means that you have another bird in formation with you and maybe he has his IFF (Identification Friend-Foe) turned off. Of course, the answer was "no." We were a single ship! Radar responded that he was painting something behind and above us. Since we had several instances of the "bad guys" trying various tricks including having either a fixed wing bird or helicopter fly out of Laos and hang on our tail, we were concerned. So, we slapped a clip in one of the M-16 rifles, armed the remaining "Willie Pete" (White Phosphorous) rockets that we had left, and, on the count of three switched off all the lights and did a fast climbing one hundred and eighty degree turn to the right. Nothing unusual to our "Mark I" eyeballs. Radar was informed that we had made the turn and had negative contact. Radar then responded to the effect that he had caught our turn and, as we turned, the blip on his scope disappeared. "Roger, turning back to base" was the next radio call.

We then did another one hundred and eighty degree turn to head back to the base. When we rolled out we looked up, shook our heads, and uttered a few obscenities. The sight was unbelievable. There, in front of us and up at a sixty degree angle were two moons! More blinking, head shaking, and muttering. Suddenly the right hand moon seemed to rotate ninety degrees and when it did it became disc shaped. Then it accelerated away from us and in a matter of seconds it was lost to sight. More blinking, head shaking, and muttering. Then we looked at each other and made remarks to the effect that "I didn't see anything. Did you?" We both agreed that we didn't see a thing. Not that we really hadn't seen anything, just that we both knew about all the paperwork involved and the grilling we would have to undergo if we reported such a sighting. Discretion is the better part of valor, or so the saying goes. Thus we never reported this sighting of a UFO and merely retained the knowledge to ourselves.